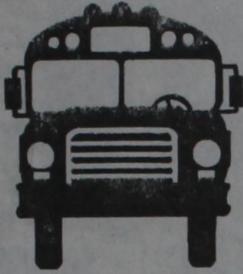


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Drug Policy is possibility at Motley County schools

by Amanda Hurt

For the past year, Motley County School Board members have discussed the possibility of implementing a drug testing policy for students. Some area schools have already adopted a policy.

School Principal, Mrs. Marilynn Hicks said, "The school board is still reviewing the drug testing policy and have not come to a decision at this time."

If the drug testing policy is put into effect Mrs. Hicks said that there are a few options on how the testing policy could be carried out. The drug tests could be administered to students involved in extra-curricular activities or all students could be tested. Most schools give their tests spontaneously.

Mrs. Hicks said that Motley

County ISD is still under contract for random drug searches by specially trained drug dogs.

When and if a policy is adopted, the public will be informed.

Motley County students pre-registered on August 3 and Mrs. Hicks said there was a very good turnout and about half of the high school students pre-registered. Seven new students have enrolled in school.

There is a new First Grade teacher, Mrs. Chad (Bethany) Overton, and a Special Ed teacher, Coach Rainer. Loretta Thompson has been hired to work in the Cafeteria.

Mrs. Hicks said the school welcomes the new employees and hopes to make them feel at home.

The school still has an opening for the custodian position.

Will the 2004 Kids' Camp be the last?

Lack of volunteers and funding puts annual camp in danger of discontinuation

Alex Crowder, 2004 Motley County Kids' Camp coordinator, fears this year's camp may be the last. Mr. Crowder, a 78-year-old retired Texas Tech College of Education professor, who moved to Roaring Springs about 4 years ago, says the lack of volunteers and funding has put the camp in danger of discontinuing.

The camp was established by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers in 1993. Hundreds of area children have attended the summer week-long camp, which is held the last week of July each year.

"We had 86 kids register this year, but there were others showing up each day," said Mr. Crowder. He says there were probably about 100 kids on any given day of the week.

"This children's camp is so important to this area," Mr. Crowder explained. "Some of these kids may never get the chance to experience some of these activities."

Each day of the camp is filled with entertaining, fun and interesting activities. "The Science Spectrum presentation is one of the most anticipated by the kids," Crowder continued.

"This is probably the only time some of these kids will have the opportunity to experience the Science Spectrum."

"The Science Spectrum is my favorite thing at camp, said Jonah Meredith, 9, of Las Vegas, Nevada, who is visiting his grandparents in Roaring Springs. Jonah and his cousin, Parker Meredith of Roaring Springs, said their favorite day was when they got to see the big tarantula, lizard and snake. Jonah and his sister, Angelica, have attended the camp for the last three years while visiting here their summer vacation.

Camp volunteer, Joyce Meredith, said "This camp provides so much entertainment and fun for the kids - they look forward to it every year." Mrs. Meredith is Jonah, Parker and Angelica's grandmother.

"Living in a big city, with working parents, Angelica, 10, and Jonah, don't have the opportunity to be a part of something like this camp," Mrs. Meredith continued. "The camp offers the children the chance to run in the grass, hunt for treasures like feathers and rocks, and play with country kids."

Mrs. Meredith also ex-

pressed her feelings about the daily devotionals, which she and the other camp volunteers feel are a very important part of the day camp. "Some of these children may not ever hear stories from the Bible, if not for this camp," she said.

At a cost of only \$5.00 per week, children, ages 6 through 11, are offered the opportunity to learn and enjoy a scheduled regime of activities each day. Volunteers work with groups of children for various activities. If a child cannot afford the \$5.00 charge, there are individuals who donate funds so that no child will be left out.

Roaring Springs Community volunteers raised about \$4,000 for this year's camp. Most of the funds were raised locally. Most of the food is also donated by sponsors including Lowe's Pay & Save, Stafford Bros., Mrs. Bairds, United Supermarkets and Gary's Frozen Foods.

In the past the camp has received some funding in the form of grants. But, due to stipulations, organizers did not apply for the grants this year. "The grants stipulate that there cannot be any religious activities in-

volved," Mr. Crowder explained. "We feel that this is just too important to do away with," he said.

In addition to funding, the camp will also need new volunteers next year. "Some of our volunteers who have helped since the camp was established, have decided that they just can't do it next year," Mr. Crowder said. "Some of us are getting a little older and the work gets a little harder."

Each year the camp must have a Director, Team Leaders, Team Assistants, Kitchen workers, and a clean-up crew, in addition to those who volunteer their time to lead various activities. "We won't try to fool you and say that this is a piece of cake," Mr. Crowder laughed. "But, although it's work, it's also an experience that I wouldn't trade."

Motley and Dickens County clubs and organizations are encouraged to volunteer or donate to this worthy program. "Another idea is for someone to schedule their vacation for that week," Mr. Crowder said. "They are promised a week full of activities and excitement."

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Chamber picnic will feature surprise

There will be a special surprise for all the young (and not so young) folks at the 10th annual Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Simon Simple, clown personality of Lubbock, will make a special appearance at the picnic to bring alive all those endearing creatures born out of the wildest imaginations.

The Matador City Park will be the red, white and blue scene for the annual banquet which will be held September 11, 2004. The patriotic theme banquet is dedicated to all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The banquet, catered by B&C Catering Service, will be served picnic-style, but will include all the trimmings expected of a true banquet. Ticket price is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6 through 11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets are available at local businesses or from Chamber Board of Director members. The meal will open the Chamber event at 6:00 p.m.

The Texas Highway 70 Band will provide music for the event. Members of the band include Gerald Pipkin, Kelly Keltz, Billy

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Commissioners say no to DPS weigh station

The Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, August 9. Members of the Court present were Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; County Clerk Kate Hurt. Sheriff Jim Meador also attended the meeting.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting and Commissioners reviewed outstanding bills, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, and Library. Commissioners approved the minutes, bills and all reports.

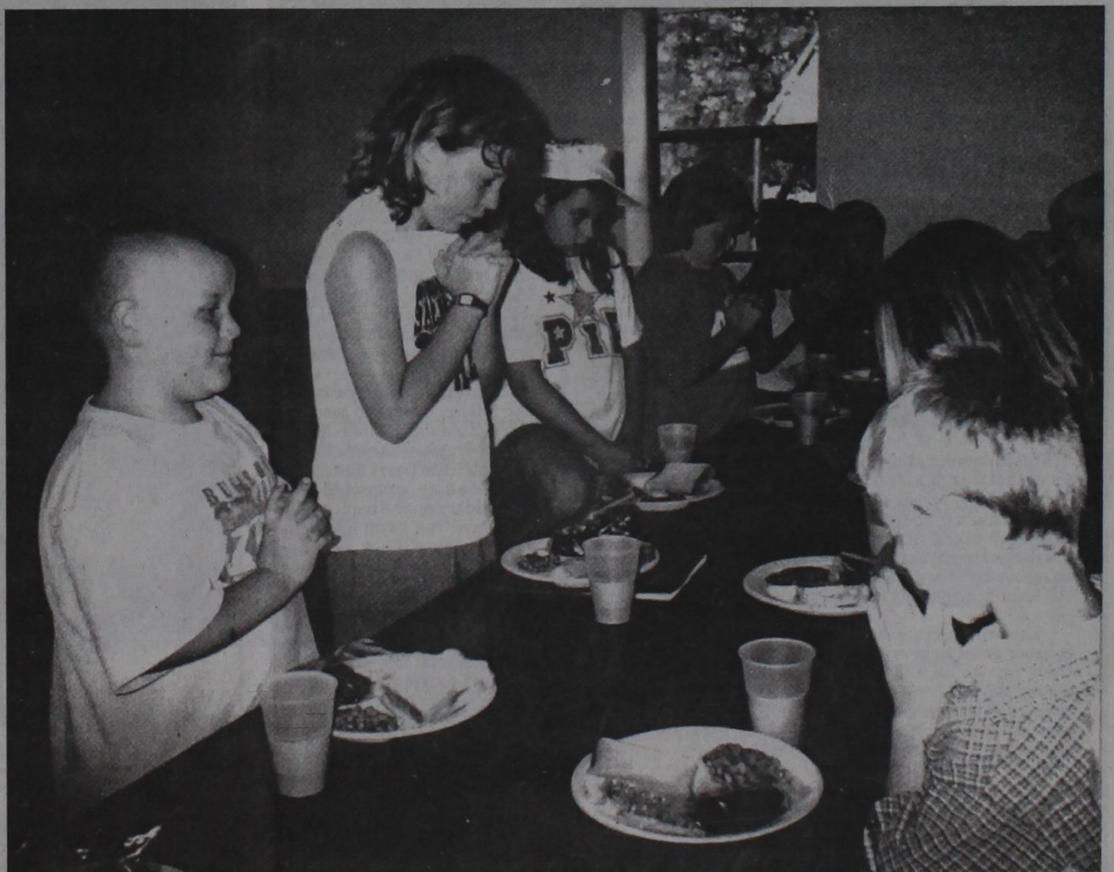
The Court approved the

budget line item transfer of \$3,221.28, which was the amount for payment on the Courthouse air-conditioning system recently installed.

Judge Smith reported that the cost to the county to install the weigh station scales from the DPS Department would be \$30,441.00. Commissioner Turner made the motion to decline this offer based on cost to the County, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

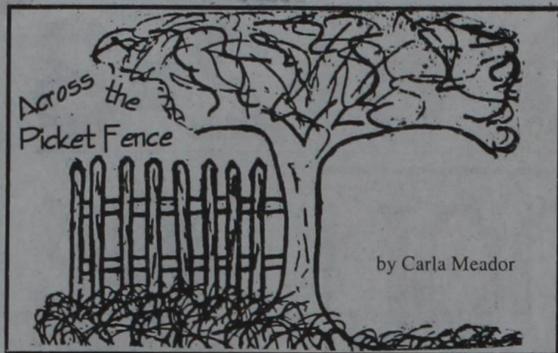
Douglas Campbell from TxDOT met with the court to discuss the new bridge construction which is in progress in the county. He also reminded the Commissioners how important it is that all signs are in

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SAYING GRACE — This group of kids at the recently held 2004 Kids' Camp are saying grace before lunch. Grant stipulations against religious activities has led camp organizers to the decision of not applying for grants for the annual camp. The week-long camp, held each year the last week of July, is in danger of discontinuation unless there are enough volunteers and funding to operate the camp.

(contributed photo)



I know the last few weeks it must seem like I don't have a thought of my own. But, I have received so many interesting and touching emails, that some of them are just too good not to share with my readers.

Some of you may have also received the following, but it touched me to the heart and soul. Maybe because I am the mother of a son, and it seems like only yesterday, that he was a little stinker getting into whatever he could.

Every night we said a prayer together, from the time he was a baby until he married and left home. Even when he was in college, when he came home for a visit, we prayed together. Those memories are sweet and will forever be some of my favorite shared with him.

This week's column is dedicated to my son, whom will always be my little boy, and will always be in my prayers.

A Child's Prayer

Dear God, are You still awake? Have You got a minute or two?

You're pretty good at understanding and I really need to talk to you.

You see, Mommy came to tuck me in, like she does every night. I was trying to play a trick on her, since she can't see without the light.

I was going to close my eyes, and pretend to be asleep. But when I heard her crying, I didn't dare let out a peep.

She started talking to you, God. Did You hear the things she said? Could You hear what she was saying as she stood beside my bed?

Why would Mommy be so sad? I wondered just what I had done. And then I began to remember it all as she named them one by one.

This morning we worked in the garden, but honest, I really didn't know, that if I picked all those little yellow blooms the tomatoes wouldn't grow!

Charlie and I were trying to be helpers, cause I know that's what Mommy needs. But I don't think she was too happy with us when we pulled up carrots instead of weeds. Mommy said we should stop for the day, she decided we had helped quite enough.

I sure had worked up an appetite. I didn't know gardening was so tough!

We had peanut-butter and jelly for lunch, and I shared too much, I guess... But I didn't realize until I was done that Charlie had made such a mess.

Mommy said she needed a

nap. She had one of her headaches today.

She told me to keep an eye on my sister and find something quiet to play.

Well, God, do You remember all those curls You gave my little sister, Jenny?

We played barber shop...very quietly...and now, well, she doesn't have any.

Boy, was Mommy mad at me..I had to go sit on my bed.

She said never to cut "peoples' hair" again. I guess I'll practice on Charlie instead.

We sat and watched poor Albert, I just knew he must be so bored going round and round in the same place all day.

Wouldn't You think so, Lord? I didn't think it would hurt to let him out for awhile, I mean, mice need exercise, too.

By the way, have You seen Albert lately? He's been sort of missing since two.

Mommy sent us outside for the rest of the day. She said we needed fresh air.

But when Daddy came home she told him she was trying to get something out of her hair.

We thought Mommy needed cheering up, so we decided to brighten her day.

But, God, did you see the look on her face when we gave her that pretty bouquet?

We had gotten a little bit dirty, so Mommy said to get in the tub. "Use soap this time," she reminded, "And please don't forget to scrub."

Charlie didn't like the water too much, but I lathered up real good. I knew Mommy would be so proud of me for cleaning up like I should.

I went downstairs to the table, but during dinner it started to rain...I'd forgotten to turn off the water, it seems, and I hadn't unplugged the drain!

I decided right then it was just about time to start getting ready for bed, when Mommy said, "It's sure been a long day," And her face began turning all red.

I lay there listening to Mommy as she told You about our day.

I thought about all the things I had done and I wondered what I should say.

I was just about to tell her that I'd been awake all along. And ask her to please forgive me for all of those things I'd done wrong.

When suddenly, I heard her whisper, "God, forgive me for today..."

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Bridge - Wallis exchange wedding vows in formal ceremony

Dr. Becca Pat Bridge of Afton, Texas, and Dr. Tyson Wayne Wallis of Amarillo, Texas, were married Saturday, July 10, 2004, in a formal ceremony held at 5:30 p.m., at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs. Brother Rickey Lawrence, pastor of the bride's church, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

Becca is the daughter of Gary and Jane Bridge of Afton. Grandparents of the bride are Dumont and Margaret Bridge and Dolores Fox, all of whom attended the wedding, and Maxine Bridge of Springhill, Louisiana. Also, Becca is the granddaughter of the late Archer and Virgie Powell of Spur.

Tyson is the son of Marty and Ricki Wallis of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Wayne and Jeanne Wallis and Eddy and Vonna Lueders, all of whom attended the wedding.

Maid of honor was Hillarye Hightower, cousin of the bride. Bridal attendants were Cassidy Sherrill, Stacy Weatherbee and Kandi Keltz, lifelong friends of the bride, Kelli Davis, college friend of the bride, Amber Surguy, childhood friend of the bride. The bridal attendants wore two-piece dresses of designer fabric of cotton blend. The fabric was "garden" print pastel roses and bouquets on a champagne-colored background created in the top and skirt style of their choice. They carried bouquets of yellow "Judy" roses displaying the chosen ivory and yellow colors of the wedding. Flower girl was Jayna Lueders, cousin of the groom. She wore an ivory satin dress with an organza overlay and wide sash. She carried an ivory satin basket trimmed in tulle and yellow satin petite rosebuds.

Best man was Dr. James Gober, college friend of the groom. Groom's attendants were Clayt Bridge, brother of the bride, Dr. Travis Arledge, Dr. Will Totten, Dr. Johnny Faight, all college friends of the groom, and Chris Henderson, childhood friend of the groom. The groomsmen's attire consisted of black tuxedos with deep wine-colored vests, ivory shirts and long satin ties accented with boutonnières of yellow "Judy" roses. The ring bearer was Zack Lueders, cousin of the groom. He carried an ivory satin ring pillow and he and the ushers were attired like the groomsmen. Ushers were Dr. Waylon Ivie, Justin Mueller, and Dr. Andy Rosberg, all college friends of the groom.

As guests arrived, they were registered by Dr. Renee Gober, friend of the couple. The entryway table was decorated with a silver standing family tree complete with photos, a gift from the bride's aunt, and the bride's "bride doll," a gift from the bride's maternal grandmother.

Pewter candelabras holding tapered ivory candles and decorated with fresh English ivy were lit by Shelby Stokes and Machaia McClenny, both friends of the bride. The candlelighters wore identical floral patterned dresses accented with wrist corsages of pastel roses.

The sanctuary was decorated with pewter vases containing yellow and ivory rose arrangements, given in memory of the bride's maternal grandparents, sat atop pillars. Candles of various heights and sizes exhibited in celebration candle sets were positioned among ivory tulle and beading.

They were lit in memory of Virgie Powell (bride's Grams), Archer Powell (bride's Granddaddy), Hortense Goodwin (bride's Gamy), Britany Bridge (bride's cousin), Vanessa McMath Allen (bride's friend), Sister Edna Dillard (bride's childhood pastor), Dorothy Canady (groom's Cootsie), and Jewel Bookout (groom's Grandma).

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory, strapless, floor-length satin A-lined dress embellished with intricate pearl and iridescent beading, accented with embroidery on the bodice, skirt and train. The gown had a low asymmetrical back adorned with three rosettes and an organza inset. The veil was a double layer of elbow length illusion scattered with pearl and iridescent beads. The bride wore a crystal and pearl necklace and earring set designed and created by her cousin, Misty Hollingshead. She carried a handkerchief decorated with blue embroidery which was carried by her mom at her wedding in 1971. Becca wore a pair of ivory cowboy boots borrowed from a friend at church. The bride's bouquet was a cluster of three dozen pastel roses of pinks, yellows, and ivories.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo accented with an ivory vest and shirt, a long satin ivory tie, and an ivory "Escimo" rose boutonniere.

Pennie and Kelly Keltz, friends of the bride, sang "When You Say Nothing At All" and Dumont Darsey, cousin of the bride, served as pianist for the ceremony. Prelude music included "The Father Theme," "One Day," "Day Without Rain," and "The Rose." The mothers of the bride and groom each lit an ivory tapered candle sat on a crystal stand, and the couple lit the unity candle atop a crystal holder during the special music. The attendants entered the sanctuary to "Canon in D" and the bride entered to "The Bridal Chorus." Other special components of the ceremony were a scripture reading by Kevin Keltz, friend of the bride. Kevin carried a red bible which was used by Sister Dillard and given to the bride by the Dillard family. A "thank you letter to our parents" was ready by Hillarye Hightower, and the bride and groom's first communion as a couple was shared. The recessional was "Blessed" Rachel Lampa, a Christian musician. Videographer for the ceremony was Ricky Martinez, cousin of the bride.

Under a clear West Texas sky, the wedding reception was held at the Matador Ranch Headquarters near Matador. The bride and groom arrived by horse and carriage, provided by the Elliott family of Guthrie, friends of the bride. The parking of guests' cars were directed by Clint, Cody and Clay Cooper, church friends of the bride. Reception attendants were Lesa Keltz and Kalico Leech, both friends of the bride, and Mindy Hollingshead, cousin of the bride. Decorations included white twinkle lights entwined in the trees and outlining the fence, gates, and porch, tulle, roses, and fabric bows draped on the porch posts, and homemade quilts adorning the tables of the Cookhouse. Candid photos of the bride, photographed by the bride's mother, were displayed at the Cookhouse. Decorators for the reception were Susan Gahr and Deanna Washington, members of the bride's church. Balloons with wedding messages were tied at various locations by Leigh Ann Darsey. The cakes were decorated by

Leesa Hightower, cousin of the bride. The bride's cake was a four-tier stacked white cake with ivory butter cream icing, decorated with white icing dots and fresh roses. White porcelain kissing-angel figurines, a 60th wedding anniversary gift to the bride's great-grandparents, the late Curtis and Hortense Goodwin, served as the cake topper. The groom's cake was a two-layer square chocolate cake with chocolate-dipped strawberries and chocolate icing drizzled over the top. Both cake tables were decorated with framed pictures of the bride and groom.

Mike Porter of Dickens provided live music for the dance which was held under the ranch's pavilion and decorated with hay bales, enamelware, and flowers. The couple danced



Mrs. Tyson Wallis ~ (nee Becca Bridge)

their first dance to "I Cross My Heart." The father-daughter dance was "Can I Have This Dance?", and the mother-son dance was "Amarillo by Morning." Kelsey Stokes, friend of the bride handed out rose petals and Indian blanket seed packets gathered from Dickens County. A barbecue meal was catered by Nancy and Tom Hale, aunt and uncle of the bride.

The couple departed the reception to the tossing of rose petals. The bride and groom left the ranch in a black limousine which was made available as a gift from the groom's parents.

The bride graduated in 1996 from Patton Springs Independent School District in Afton and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science in 1999 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She graduated in May of 2004 from the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine in College Station. She is an equine veterinarian at Oakridge Equine Hospital in Edmond, Oklahoma.

The groom graduated in 1998 from Randall High School in Amarillo and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science in 2001 from Texas A&M University in College Station. He graduated in May of 2004 from the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. He is also an equine veterinarian at Oakridge Equine Hospital in Edmond, Oklahoma.

For their honeymoon, the couple went on an Eastern Caribbean cruise to the US Virgin Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Wallis reside in Arcadia, Oklahoma.

A rehearsal dinner was held at the Matador Ranch Cookhouse on Friday, July 9. The party was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Wallis. The delicious steak meal was catered by TC's Ponderosa of Dickens.

A memory video for the bride and groom was created by Dumont Darsey and presented at the dinner.

Bridal Courtesies

A bridal shower was held for the bride and groom in the home of Cristy McClenny of Afton. Special guests were the bride's mother, the groom's mother, the bride's grandmothers, Dolores Fox and Margaret Bridge, and the bride's aunts, Dorothy Wilson, Nancy DeShan, Pat Hightower, Beverly Darsey, and Nancy Hale.

A bridal shower was given for the couple by Sherry and Ken Kelley of Amarillo.

Guests of honor, besides the bride and groom, were the bride's parents, the groom's parents, the groom's grandparents, Eddy and Vonna Lueders, and Jeanne Wallis, and Pat Hightower, the bride's aunt.

A lingerie shower/bachelorette party was held in honor of the bride by her bridal attendants at the Matador Ranch Cookhouse on Friday, July 9.

A bridal luncheon was hosted by Kalico Leech at the church the morning of the wedding ceremony. The menu consisted of deli-spirals, fresh fruit and veggies, and an assortment of delicious desserts served to the bridesmaids and special guests.

Look Who's New

Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Garrison of Red Rock, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Layton Caul. He was born July 30, 2004, and weighed 9 1/2 pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and

Mrs. Dickie Garrison, Mrs. Joanna Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Collier and Mr. Gary Kasper.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Mary Ann Johns and Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison.

Something for Everyone



I recently read a story of a wife watching her husband trying to sew a button on his shirt. After observing for a few moments she told him that he had the thimble on the wrong finger. To which he replied, "I know dear, it should be on yours."

This humorous story makes a very good point. There are times that we might find ourselves being critical of the way someone else is doing some particular task. He or she may not be doing it in the same way that we would. So, we point the finger of criticism in his or her direction. Relief from this danger might be found in our own willingness to be found doing our fair share of life's little tasks and in doing so lighten our brother or sister's burden.

The work serving Jesus and living a good Christian life is never going to be easy. But it could be much more effectively carried on if the work was to be distributed evenly among the believers. It is easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize. It is something else entirely to get into the game of serving the Lord. Why not let each one of us, put a thimble on our finger and sew on the buttons together.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered,

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Remember:

- Hell's Hot
- Life's Short
- Death's Sure
- Eternity's Long
- and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"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

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon the name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you **believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**. By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are **saved!** Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."** By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want you to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only**. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing**. John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. " But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." **You don't fool Jesus**. Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein— nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe**. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

1 All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge) 1769.

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Kids and the West Nile Virus

How can I protect my children from the West Nile Virus?

The best way to protect your family is to educate yourself on how the virus is transmitted, what the symptoms look like, what treatments are available if one of your loved ones get sick, and to avoid being bitten in the first place.

For starters, try to keep things in perspective. In the few years since the West Nile Virus first emerged in the United States, it has spread quickly and attracted plenty of press. But despite all the attention, it's important to remember that the virus is still extremely rare, and very difficult to contract, and poses very little risk to children or healthy adults, including pregnant women.

Here's what you should know:

How it's spread

The West Nile virus is spread by mosquitoes that catch the virus from infected birds and transmit it when they bite humans or animals. So far, infected mosquitoes are the only known carriers of the West Nile virus - it can't be passed from person to person or from other animals to people.

The virus is most common when the weather is warmest, typically between July and mid-September. But in the Southern United States and other warm climates, West Nile can be transmitted year-round.

The Symptoms

The odds of getting bitten by an infected mosquito are very slim, and the odds of becoming seriously ill following a bite are even slimmer. About 20 percent of infected people experience mild, flu-like symptoms (muscle aches, fever, headaches, swollen glands, and sometimes a rash).

Fewer than one percent of the people who are bitten by a mosquito carrying the West Nile virus develop the most serious West Nile complication - a potentially fatal brain inflammation known as encephalitis. This more severe infection may be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis. It typically takes between three and 15 days from the time of infection for symptoms to develop. The good news is that once you're infected, you become immune to the virus.

Who's Vulnerable

The West Nile virus is most deadly to the elderly, and to anyone who has a compromised immune system (from AIDS or cancer, for example). Luckily, it's rare for a child to contract the West Nile virus. A few children have become infected, but they developed only mild, flu-like illnesses. According to research, the virus poses no increased risk to pregnant women.

How it's treated

Unfortunately, no treatment for West Nile virus currently exists, although researchers are looking at a number of potential drug therapies. Mild cases of the disease tend to resolve on their own within a few days, but patients with severe cases must be treated with a regimen of intravenous fluids, a ventilator, and careful monitoring. Scientists are working to develop a West Nile virus vaccine. Several possible vaccine

candidates are currently under investigation.

What's being done

In the meantime, state and local health departments are working hard to curb the spread of the virus by monitoring mosquito and bird populations, reporting all incidences of human infections to a national computer database, spraying to kill adult mosquitoes, and chemically treating standing pools of water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

What you can do

The best way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes. Follow these simple guidelines:

- Keep children indoors at dawn, dusk, and the early evening during the warm months, when mosquitoes are most voracious.
- To protect babies and toddlers under age 2, cover them up. They're too young to use the most effective weapon against bug bites - DEET repellants. So dress them in loose, long-sleeved clothes and long pants before they go outside.
- Dress your children over the age of 2 in loose, long-sleeved clothes and long pants before sending them outside. And then spray them - right over their clothing - with an insect repellant containing not more than 10 percent of the active ingredient DEET. This is the only repellant known to keep mosquitoes away for several hours at a time. DEET is generally considered safe and effective for use on children over age 2, but only when the repellant contains no more than 10 percent DEET (the concentration is printed on the label). When you apply the repellant to your children's skin, be careful to avoid any open cuts or sores. Also avoid your children's hands and face, because it could get into their mouth or eyes and cause irritation. Rinse off the repellant with soap and water as soon as your children come inside.
- If you're pregnant, health officials advise that you use an insect repellant containing DEET sparingly. Check the label to make sure it contains 35 percent or less of the chemical. Nursing moms are advised to wash the repellant off their hands and breasts before handling their infants. To be on the safe side, you may want to talk to your healthcare provider before using DEET. It is the most effective repellant against mosquitoes, but there isn't much research into the possible harmful effects of the chemical on human pregnancy.
- Install screens on all your doors and windows to keep mosquitoes out.
- Remove or regularly empty all sources of standing water, where mosquitoes are known to breed including clogged gutters, flower pots, cans, old tires, wading pools, and any other containers you may have lying around in your yard.

When to call a doctor

Don't be concerned if your child comes down with a mild, flu-like symptoms, because most likely, it will be the flu. But, if your child has an unrelenting high fever, seems disoriented or dazed, or is extremely sensitive to light, call your pediatrician immediately.

- If you have questions on the West Nile virus, call the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) toll-free hotline: (888) 246-2675.

Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



Teachers at Motley County ISD had a treat this Monday morning. They started the day with breakfast prepared and served by Mr. Copp, Ms. Marrs and me. The culinary skills of the three of us will certainly not earn us a TV spot, but we enjoyed having the first opportunity of the year to let the teachers know that they are appreciated. We then had a "Fish" philosophy presentation. Lindsae Snider from the Service Center did a great job of getting us motivated and moving. Ask any of the teachers about "fish", and he/she can give you information. As we implement the ideas from the training, we hope that you will see a positive difference in the school.

On the first day of school, August 16th, each student will be bringing home an envelope with papers that need to be signed and returned. Here is a list of the forms and some explanation of why we need each one.

- **Demographic information ...** This will be a regular sheet of paper that goes into the folder of each child each year. It has general information about the student and the family.
- **Bright orange card ...** This is the card we must often refer to in order to get fast information on a student. If a student gets sick, this is the card where we get a phone number to call. One of the most important parts of this card is on the back. This is where you say who can pick up your child. If the name is not there, we will have to have a verified call from you before someone else picks up your child.

• **Compact ...** This paper is signed by the principal, parent and student and outlines the responsibilities of all. It is required as a part of our being a Title I school. This is kept in the student's file.

• **Acknowledgment Form ...** Parents sign this to show receipt of the handbook, the student code of conduct and the electronic communications systems agreement and to indicate if there is any demographic information they do not want released.

• **Photo Release Form ...** This must be signed before any pictures or videos of a student can be released to the newspaper or media.

• **Web Site Media Release Contract ...** Parents must give permission in order for the school to post pictures of their child on the school web site.

• **Free and reduced lunch application ...** We need this form from each family. It is important that you complete the form even if you know you won't qualify. This information is not put into the student's file, and it remains confidential. It is necessary, however, that the district have an application on file for each student. Some funding is based on the information on these forms.

Please return all of these forms on Tuesday, August 17, in the envelope. Please seal the envelope to maintain confidentiality. Thanks for the time I know this takes. Each of these forms has a specific purpose in funding, legal qualifications, or safety for the children.

Cinnamon Oil kills mosquito larvae

Cinnamon oil is an environmentally friendly way to kill mosquito hatchlings, a Taiwanese study shows.

It might even make bug-repelling better smelling - although whether cinnamon oil keeps adult mosquitoes from biting has yet to be tested.

The findings, from Sen-Sung, Cheng, a natural products chemist at National Taiwan University, and colleagues, appear in the July 14 issue of the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.

Current mosquito-control efforts often rely on organophosphate insecticides. Use of these agents has raised health and environmental concerns, Cheng and colleagues note, so they looked for a different approach. They noted that cinnamon leaf oils have been shown to inhibit bacteria, termites, mites, mildew, and fungi.

Cheng's team derived various oils from the leaves of a type of cinnamon tree that grows in Taiwan. They tested the oils - and their main ingredients - against the larvae of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. This is one of the mosquito species spread-

ing dengue fever - a viral illness transmitted to humans by mosquitoes during the feeding process.

They found that one chemical in the oil, cinna maldehyde, worked the best. At less than 50 parts per million, it killed half the mosquito larvae. That's better than DEET, currently the best-known mosquito repellent which is applied on the skin and repels insects rather than kills them.

"We think that cinnamon oil might also affect adult mosquitoes by acting as a repellent," Cheng says in a news release. Cheng says his team plans to test his theory.

Cinnamon oil - which has not been tested for use of bug repellent - is sold in small bottles as an aromatherapy.

According to the National Toxicology program, cinamaldehyde is used in foods, beverages, medical products, perfumes, cosmetics, soaps, detergents, cream, and lotions. It's also been used as an animal repellent, as an insect attractant, and as an antifungal agent. It may have toxic effects at high concentrations.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

The Friends of the Library met last week and decided that they would offer for sale the new "Keep Texas Beautiful" ornament that was designed by Nelda Laney. The Friends will also continue the Texas Capitol Ornament Series with the 2004 ornament that will come out in September. Check the library for these beautiful ornaments. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Library for library projects.

Also at their meeting the Friends planned for the annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon. As in the past, this fundraiser will take place 11:30 to 1:30 on the Friday of Old Settlers at the library. The date this year is August 27. This fun event offers all the beans, cornbread, fixin's and tea you want, all for a donation.

All food is donated so all pro-

ceeds go to the Friends to fund library projects such as the special Mysteries of the Sea program that was part of the library's summer reading program for kids this past June.

At last week's meeting the Friends also heard a report on its Read to Your Bunny project. The Friends present a soft story book to each Motley County new born. Since January 1, 2004, the Friends have presented 14 books to new babies. Betty Moore and Deb Spray, both Friends of the Library members, make these soft, cuddly books for new babies.

Present at last week's meeting were Marihelen Wason, Winifred Darsey, Lindy Stafford, Jeanette Case, Betty Moore, Greta Smallwood, Deanie Edwards, Charley Johnson, Lula Swim and Suzanne Abbott.

SPAG offering transportation to seniors

South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) Area Agency on Aging has announced special funding is available to assist seniors in the rural area for transportation services. These services are offered to seniors, sixty years of age or older, who need roundtrip transportation for appointments or errands such as com-

munity physicians, pharmacies, or grocery stores. Arrangements can be made for seniors needing to travel into Lubbock for physician appointments or other important errands, too.

For further information on transportation services, contact SPAG's Area Agency on Aging at (806) 685-0940 or 1-888-418-6564.

Pivots & Divots



by Mary

RSRC ladies playday on Thursday, August 5th, was for Most Birdies. Playing 18 holes were Liv, Francine, Dot, Louise, Geneva and LaVoe. Liv won

with two. Playing 9 holes were Frances, Marihelen, Mary, Tempie, Judy R., Tommye and Lindy. Tempie won with one.

★★★★★

"The Lord is near to those whose hearts are humble. He saves those whose spirits are crushed."

Psalm 34:18 (God's Word)

Kid's Camp in danger

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Motley County ISD, Patton Springs ISD and Spur ISD have provided a bus each year to bring the children from that area to Roaring Springs each day to attend camp.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will continue to be the official sponsors of Kids' Camp, and will allow the camp to continue to be held at

the Community Center.

Any club, organization, or individual who thinks they can help with next year's camp in the way of daily volunteer work or donations, should contact Alex Crowder at 806-348-7336 or Corky Marshall at 806-348-7000 as soon as possible, so that preparations can begin for next year's camp.

Picket Fence

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For not being more understanding when those problems came my way...

For not handling situations in the way You wanted me to...

For getting angry and losing my temper, things I know You don't want me to do.

And, God, please give me more patience, help me make it through another day, I'll do better tomorrow, I promise.

In Jesus' name I pray."

Wiping her eyes, she kissed me and knelt here beside my bed. She stroked my hair for a little while... "I love you, precious," Mommy said.

She left the room without ever knowing, that I'd been awake all the time. And God, could we make it our little se-

cret? You know, just Your's and mine?

I'm sorry I was so much trouble today, I really didn't mean to be ...

Daddy says, "It's tough being a kid sometimes,

But I think it's harder on Mommy than me.

Well, goodnight God. Thanks for listening. It's sure nice to know You're there.

I feel so much better when I talk to You, 'cause You always hear my prayer.

And I'll do better tomorrow, I promise... Just You wait and see! I'll try not to be much trouble again. But, God, Please give more patience to Mommy." Just in case! Amen



2ND PLACE GOAT — Kortney Williams and her goat, Pinto, after winning 2nd place at the Howard County Junior College Goat camp. There were over 60 competing in Kortney's age division. Kortney and her brother, Kolby are both competing in the Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit. At this time Kortney is first in the Intermediate division and 2nd in Showmanship. Kolby is 2nd in the Jr. division and is winning Showmanship.

NOTE OF THANKS

THANK YOU

Thank you for your expressions of appreciation for the Whiteflat Cemetery article. I thank Kate Hurt, D'Anna Russell and Nathan Shannon for their interest and help. Also we are appreciative of your donations to the Whiteflat Cemetery fund.

Earlyne Jameson

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Kids' Camp this year. To all the Volunteers who worked hard to make a great week for the kids. And to everyone who made donations, with money or food, we appreciate your help so much. The 2004 Kids' Camp was made possible because of your help!

Alex Crowder,
Camp Director

WOW! Thanks for the great birthday party! Family and friends are awesome! A special thanks to Lee and Misty!

Shane Jones



Kortney Williams, second from left, is pictured above with her teammates of the 12 & under Hoop 10 Team. This picture was taken after they won the Floydada Tournament in June. The team has competed together in tournaments through the Spring and Summer. Pictured with Kortney are (l-r) Jordan, Kortney, Stephanie, Micah, Cheyanne and Coach Dane Sisemore; (front l-r) Becca Sisemore, Becca Spain, Kamber and Jessa. Kortney is the daughter of Larry and Kelli Williams of Floydada, and a 7th grade student at Motley County ISD.

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MCYAO raises money for Motley County Youth Center

by Cynthia Stafford

The Motley County Youth Ag Organization (MCYAO) is closing its summer of fun with an Interstate Batteries Fund-raiser. The purpose of MCYAO is to provide a Youth Center for Motley County. The organization is selling batteries ranging from hearing aid batteries to battery organizers filled with batteries used in every house-

hold. The Interstate Batteries Fund-raiser began August 7 and will continue through September 7.

If you have not been contacted by a member of the MCYAO and would like to see the products being offered, please contact Cynthia Stafford at 347-2636 or 347-2087.

The MCYAO has had a very fun and educational first year with the horse program. Colton

Russell, son of J.D. and D'anna Russell began the horse program as a leadership project for 4-H and it was a big success for the summer of 2004.

MCYAO hosted four Playdays this summer at the future home of the MCYAO Youth Center and Arena. Throughout the summer, the Organization had more than 20 young riders ranging in age 3-18.



MOTLEY COUNTY HORSE CLUB PARTICIPANTS — Pictured left to right, (beginning at back) Kelby Williams, Shane'a Russell, Youth Leader Colton Russell, Andrew Martin; (middle row) Caleb Clary, Cassidy Turner, Mickey Clary, Jamie Jameson, Kyla Simpson, Leanne Jameson; (front) Brody Rankin, Cade Drum, Carley Turner, Sage Guerrero, Chloe Gleghorn. Also participating, but not pictured, are Cameron Stafford, Savannah Young, Blyne Young and Catherine Ward.

Chamber Banquet surprise

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Donaldson, Brandt Bearden and Lee Smith. Mike Porter of Dickens may also appear.

The annual award presentations will be made at 8:00 p.m., as well as the announcement of the winning name for the Motley County Cowboy. Be sure to have your nomination ballots submitted by the August 16th deadline at any one of the following businesses: Matador Variety, Senior Citizens' Center, First State Bank, Anna's Restaurant or Graham Supply.

A few tables and chairs will be provided, but it is requested that everyone bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. The park has been sprayed for mosquitoes, but it would be wise to bring bug repellent. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the Motley County high school gymnasium.

The merchants of Motley County, as well as the Chamber, will once again graciously donate door prizes, which will be

presented throughout the evening. To be eligible for a door prize, you must be present and be a ticket holder.

Rain or shine, Chamber members hope to see all families of Motley County, all ages, dressed in red, white and blue picnic attire, armed with lawn chairs, bug balm and big appetites. Don't forget the date - 6:00 p.m., September 11, 2004, at the Matador City Park.



Local 4-H'ers compete at State Horse Show

Colton and Shane'a Russell, pictured at left (top picture) recently competed at the State 4-H Horse Show held July 25-31. Colton and Shane'a are the children of J.D. and D'anna Russell.

Dewayne Daniel of King County and J.D. Russell of Motley County, both District 3 Adult volunteers, were recognized at this year's State Horse Show for their years of service to the Horse Program and the State 4-H Show.



Please use safety! School will soon be back in session!

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Commissioners meeting

place on the bridges.

Judge Smith presented a request from Market Matador to the Court to sign a resolution to forgive \$146.01 of back taxes on lots that have been donated to the organization. Commissioner Davis made the motion to sign the resolution, #2004-02, and approve transfer of the lots to Market Matador. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed by full approval of the Court.

Jeanette Case and Mary

Helen Wason representing Friends of the Library met with the court to invite the elected officials of Motley County to help serve Beans and Cornbread on Friday, August 27, at the Library.

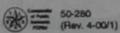
Judge Smith informed the Court that counties are getting close to having to comply with the new HAVA laws that have been mandated to all counties. By 2006 all voting precincts have

to furnish an electronic voting machine. The State will give each county some reimburse-

ment but the counties will have to furnish the balance of the cost.

County Treasurer, Eva Barkley, met with the Court to request time sheets on all road hands. The reason for her request is to comply with State Labor Laws on overtime.

The Court set Thursday, September 2, at 9:00 a.m., for the Public Budget Hearing and vote on approval of the new fiscal year proposed budget that is on file for viewing at the County Clerk's office.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 P.M. AUGUST 30, 2004 in THE MOTLEY COUNTY I.S.D. BOARDROOM. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$.00 *	\$ 1.50000	\$ 5,079.00	\$ 3,946.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4225	\$.00 *	\$ 1.4225	\$ 5,062.00	\$ 3,964.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.49594	\$.00 *	\$ 1.49594	\$ 5,337.00	\$ 3,975.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 15,896.28	\$ 15,909.66
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 896.28	\$ 909.66
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50000	\$ 1.49594
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 13.44	\$ 13.60
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$.16 (INCREASE)

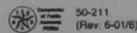
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.53247. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.53247.

Fund Balances

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

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



2004 Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY COUNTY

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for MOTLEY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 472,554.85	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 472,554.85	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 59069356.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.80000 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 471,920.33	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 62846189.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.75091 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.75091 /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.77343 /\$100		

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 471,920.33	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 62846189.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.75091 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.81098 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.81098 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.81098 /\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If MOTLEY COUNTY adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.75091 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$ 792.91

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at MOTLEY CO. TAX OFFICE COURTHOUSE MATADOR, TEXAS. Name of person preparing this notice ELAINE HART. Title MOTLEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. Date prepared 30, 2004.

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith and grandchildren, Angelica and Jonah visited in Sudan last weekend with Mrs. Meredith's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ashley, Kimberly Ashley and son Jubal. Visiting with the family Saturday night, was the Ashley's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Ashley and their new baby son. The group attended church Sunday morning at the Rocky Ford Baptist Church, near Amhearth, where Mr. Ashley is pastor. On their return trip home, they met Daphne Meredith and son Parker in Plainview for entertainment. Parker had spent the weekend in Hale Center with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Farmer.

Mrs. Debbie Marshall of Hedley visited her mother, Mrs. Kay Jones, Sunday. Her son, R.J., returned home with her after spending the

week visiting his grandmother.

Mrs. Cleo Watson, Miss Sherry Harris and Mrs. Bobby Williams attended the funeral services for Wayne Russell of Floydada held on Sunday.

Bible Study Group Meets

Thirteen ladies had an enjoyable meeting Monday morning in the home of Mrs. Virginia Taylor. Mrs. P.K. Green had charge of the business meeting. Mrs. Evelyn Garrison gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Freida Burns led the group in the Bible study using the 13th and 14th chapters of Acts.

Mrs. Taylor gave the closing prayer. The group enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Caroline Marble. Mrs. Burns blessed the food. The menu was enjoyed in the beautiful backyard.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

My mother was entertaining my granddaughter with stories of her younger days. She told her there were no stores where they could buy a chicken or beef for Sunday lunches.

Mom told about how her great aunt would catch a chicken and wring its neck by swinging it around.

The granddaughter listened, wide-eyed, then asked, "Now tell me how she killed the cows."

PIONEER TURNER FAMILY HELD ANNUAL REUNION

The descendants of Benjamin Franklin and Symatha Emaline (Fannie) Vaughn Turner held their annual family reunion, Saturday, August 7, at the Community Center in Flomot. They enjoyed visiting and reminiscing with family members. The good food included savory smoked brisket roasts with an assortment of vegetables and desserts brought by everyone.

B.F. and Fannie married in 1887 in Bell County, Texas and the younger Turner family moved to Motley County in 1891. They settled four miles southwest of Flomot. The family home was an early landmark and is still in the family as Richard and Dorothy Ann Turner of Matador own this homestead.

The 49 family members attending were 5 from Abernathy; 5 Amarillo; 1 Flomot; 3 Follett; 4 Gatesville; 2 Idalou; 10 Lubbock; 13 Matador; 2 Petersburg; 2 Plainview and 2 from Incline Village, Nevada.

Travis Lyles of Lubbock visited last Monday afternoon with his sister and family, Mary Jo and Doyle and Glen Calvert. He also visited with relatives and friends in Turkey.

Visiting Mrs. Leona Degan, Sunday were son and wife, Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound. Leona visited Mrs. Christeen Gilbert of Quitaque, a patient at newstime at Mangold Hospital in Lockney who is under medical treatment for congested heart failure.

Cory, Amy, Madison and Hudson Franks of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon visited from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson and sister, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey. They spent an enjoyable day in Lubbock, Saturday.

Visiting the past week with Johnie Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and at the C.W. Starkey home were Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin; Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla.; L.T. and Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls; Mrs. Ersie Van Cleeve, Kellie and Shellie of Dougherty; Kenneth and Sandra George and Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla. and Mrs. Debra Autry

of Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited Friday night and Saturday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Gwen, Peyton and Mrs. Calvert attended the funeral services of Roscoe Smith held Saturday morning at the Baptist Church in Matador.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter from Friday until Sunday were grandchildren, Brian Sehon of Ropesville and Emily and Haley Milam of Petrolia.

Mrs. Janice Hughes has visited during the week in Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Marsha Blake, who is ill.

Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Davis and son, Michael of Fritch visited Tuesday night and Wednesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey. They had just returned to their respective homes from a Carnival Cruise tour to Old Mexico with pictures and fun filled events.

Danielle Gwinn visited Saturday night and Sunday in Turkey with friend, Katie Fuston. They celebrated the birthday of Katie Saturday night with a party in the Fuston home.

Those from Flomot enjoying the Turkey Jamboree at the Bob Wills Center Saturday night were Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and weekend houseguest, Mrs. Betty Stewart of Lovington, N.M.; Ruth and Orville Lee and granddaughter, Kacee; Glen D. and Lavern Tiffin; Daria and James Gwinn; Joe Edd and Janelle Smith; Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert; L.B. and Elizabeth Monk.

Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay of Panhandle, visited the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Julie and Neal Edwards, Cagen and Jaxon and in Turkey with the Pat Carson family.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers, who visited their summer vacation here, to Amarillo Airport Tuesday. They explained to Tyler to visit their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin before returning to their home in Warrington, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited in Houston from Thursday until Sunday with daughter, Mrs. Judy Rhodes, grandson, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rhodes and twin daughters, Katherine and Kristen. They celebrated the third birthdays with all the trimmings of the twins Saturday afternoon. They also visited Mr. Shorter's sister and husband, Opal and Thurman Kirtley.

Mrs. Pete Meyer of Turkey and Mrs. Janice Hughes visited the past week in Royce City with Janice's son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn. They attended Sunday morning the Christening services of Kaitlynn held at the United Methodist Church.

Obituaries

Roscoe Smith

Funeral Services for Roscoe Smith, 77, of Matador, Texas were held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday August 7, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Tommy Wilson, Rev. Lonnie Tipton, and Chaplain Claude Brittan officiating. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Smith passed away on Wednesday August 4, 2004, in Lewisville, Texas.

Roscoe was born May 8, 1927, in Matador, Texas. He was employed by Jameson Company in Matador about 45 years. He also worked at Kinney Oil Company in Paducah, Texas as a bulldozer operator until he retired in 1982. He was married to Pauline Sims Richardson for over 40 years.

He is survived by: two daughters, Sharlene Smith Brittan of Lewisville and Joann Scott of San Antonio; two step-daughters, Linda Daniels of Dallas, Theresa

Richardson of Amarillo; two sons, Clede Harris of Schrepport, Louisiana, Ledel Harris of San Antonio; three step-sons, Wilburn Richardson of Inglewood, California, Marcellus Richardson of Amarillo, Gary Richardson of Houston; six sisters, Gertrude Thompson of Phoenix, Arizona, Jean Campbell, Doris Lee, Carolyn Washington, Barbara William, and Varlena Goodman all of Amarillo; five brothers: James Smith of Seaside, California, Jimmy D. Smith, Matador, David Lee of Amarillo, Jerry Lee of Austin, Harvey Lee of Brownwood; seven grandchildren and fifteen step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: David Lee, Jerry Lee, Harvey Lee, Carl Sims, Ron Brittan, Leroy Petteway, and Benny Brown. Honorary Pallbearers were: Terry Brittan, Kenneth Daniels, Gary Richardson, Marcellus Richardson, Donovan Brittan, Sheldon Richardson and Wilburn Richardson.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider: Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.

-- Alexander Hamilton

Motley County is fortunate to have a lot of people who stand for something, and community service is part of what many of them stand for. They make all of our lives better, and our communities better places to live.

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Since you may have noticed and appreciated acts of service that escaped some others, you

need to make a nomination for that person to be recognized. There are boxes for your suggestions located around Matador at the Senior Citizens' Center, Anna's Restaurant, New to You, Matador Variety and the Bank, and in Roaring Springs at Graham's Supply. The deadline for the submission of your suggestions for these awards has been put back to August 15th, but now is your very last chance to make your nominations.

Don't forget that our cowboy, seen on the signs around the county and at the head of this column, also still needs a name, and this is your last chance to think up the right name for him.

This is not the place to put in a plug for my favorite nominees, nor is stuffing the ballot box allowed. But it is the last chance for you to have a say in the awards process, since you only have until Sunday. Suggestions offered on Monday, the 16th might even have a chance to be included, but don't wait until the last minute. Please do it now.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson of Northfield and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Multer, Cory, Amy and Katy of Garden City, flew to Portland, Oregon recently. Cory participated in the Jr. Olympics discus throw held at Eugene, Oregon. There were 5600 participants from the US. Cory went into competitor standing at 25th in the US and finished 14th, meeting his dream of finishing in the top 20.

The families enjoyed touring Portland and Mt. St. Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, accompanied by Katy and Amy, drove to Rogue River, Ore., where they visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Davis, and to Oakley, CA, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Hays, the brother of local resident, Vaden Hays. They enjoyed touring Sacramento and San Francisco. The Multers and Cory returned to their home in Garden City on Monday and the Simpsons returned to their home Thursday.

GARRISON REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Steen of Plainview represented the John

Monroe Garrison family by hosting the J.B. Garrison reunion with about 50 people attending. They met at the Matador Senior Citizens building, August 7. Other descendants of the original family were represented by members of the Charley Garrison family, Coke Garrison family, Gabe Garrison family, Lena Garrison Fisher family, Emma Garrison Bourland family. Local family attending were Eugenia Barton, C.D. and Evelyn Garrison, Edna Ruth Green, and Dixie Campbell. Guests were Winifred Darsey and E.A. and Dorothy Day.

The covered dish luncheon was delicious, great memories were shared and family records were brought up to date.

Preston's wife, Sylvia displayed a beautiful Family Tree of Monroe's descendants. An abundance of apples were hung on branches of the tree, each bearing the name of a family member.

Mrs. Doyle Parks sent her books, "The Garrisons of West Texas." A genealogy published and with a year '2000' copyright.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS



Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



USDA SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CRP

In 2007, 16 million acres under CRP contract will expire. Another 6 million acres will follow in 2008, 4 million in 2009, and 2 million in 2010. President Bush's directive to offer early re-enrollment and extensions of existing contracts to current CRP participants underscores a commitment to full enrollment of CRP up to 39.2 million acres.

A request for public comment on various aspects of CRP will be published in the Federal Register in early August 2004. Among other issues, USDA is seeking public comment on the following:

- How to manage the large acreage set to expire from CRP;
- How to manage future CRP sign-ups and acreage;
- How to evaluate the program's environmental effectiveness;
- How to better utilize information technology such as Geographic Information Systems that evaluate acreage for enrollment; and
- How to improve CRP, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, through partnerships that better address local environmental issues.

The Federal Register notice seeking public comment on CRP is available on FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and also will be available soon at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. Comments on the

issues must be received in writing by 120 days after the date published in the Federal Register. Comments may be submitted in writing or electronically via the means provided in the notice.

TDA ACCEPTING FAMILY LAND HERITAGE APPLICATIONS

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program is seeking farms and ranches for recognition by the Family Land Heritage Program, which marks its 30th anniversary this year. Since the first ceremony on Oct. 14, 1974, the program has honored almost 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties for being kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2005. The history of the farm or ranch will also be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

Texas' only outdoor Farm & Ranch Show set for August 24-26

On August 24-26, the High Plains Ag Expo returns to Dumas, Texas for its second year with FREE admission and parking to all attendees.

This outdoor agriculture expo features "hands-on" demonstration including application equipment, livestock equipment, precision ag, tillage, alfalfa cutting, baling and handling equipment, ride & drivers, veterinarian services and more.

The demonstration along with more than 250 exhibits and seed plots will cover 100 plus acres.

"We are thrilled to be hosting this enormous event, we are expecting thousands of the area's top farmers and ranchers to visit Dumas.....I am amazed to see the size of the site and the number of companies participating in this event" said Robert Worley, Executive Director, Dumas Economic Development.

Because the success of American agriculture is largely dependent on obtaining information and education, those attending the High Plains Ag Expo have the opportunity to attend a number of educational sessions that offer CEU and CCA credits for Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. Educational sessions are primarily provided by the Texas A&M University System, Texas Cooperative Extension. Topics include Cotton Growers Workshop, Corn Conference, Beef Conference and a Dairy Conference.

Several leading associations

have endorsed the High Plains Ag Expo including the Texas Corn Producers, Texas Wheat Producers, Grain Sorghum Producers and Plains Cotton Growers. These associations along with Dairy Max are sponsoring a FREE Chuck Wagon breakfast to kick-off the event on Tuesday, August 24 at 7:45 a.m. Seating is limited, to reserve your seat, register early at www.highplainsagexpo.com or call at 866-279-7755.

Another supporting organization is the Texas Yes! program. Texas Yes! Educates the public about all that rural Texas has to offer and encourages communities to share and promote successful ideas. Membership in Texas Yes! is free and open to rural communities, businesses and other organizations devoted to the success of rural Texas. Texas Yes! is a program from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Extended show hours on Tuesday offer the entire family a chance to attend the expo. Concessions are available all three days along with entertainment by Country Classic on Tuesday from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The show hours are Tuesday from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm., Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The High Plains Ag Expo is hosted by Moore Farms, just East of Dumas and is sponsored by KVII TV. For additional information, visit: www.highplainsagexpo.com or call 866-279-7755.

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The two-day 12-hour course is required by law for all hunters born after September 2, 1971. Proof of course completion must accompany hunting licenses.

Enrollment is limited, with participation by reservation only. Participants must be 12 years old to receive certification. Younger hunters may attend the course if accompanied by an adult, but they cannot be certified.

Course meeting times run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday with a half-hour lunch

break. It is recommended that participants bring a sack lunch for the first day. The course resumes from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

A non-refundable advance payment of \$10 per person is required for reservation in the course. Park admission is \$2 per person will be waived for class participants. Hunting licenses are also available at the park headquarters during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For more information, or to sign up for the hunter safety course, call Copper Breaks State Park between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 940-839-4331. Copper Breaks is located 12 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

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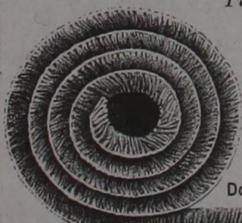
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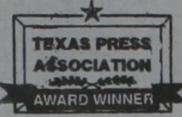
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The 2004-2005 Proposed Budget has been filed in the County Clerk's Office and may be inspected during normal business hours.

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