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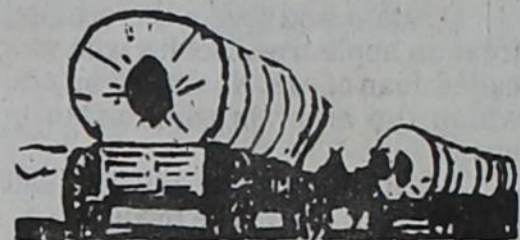


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Historic Roaring Springs hotel now open for business Traveler's Inn Bed and Breakfast to hold Open House Saturday

The old hotel in downtown Roaring Springs is alive again and now open for business. Traveler's Inn, the original name of the hotel, now operates as a Bed and Breakfast. Owners Glennard and Edith Daniell will hold Open House Saturday, June 8. The event will be a come and go affair and the Daniells extend an invitation to everyone to stop by and see the progress made on the historic building.

The Daniells purchased the building about a year ago from Marian Alice Mitchell Jones. They immediately went to work. The large, brick building was in complete shambles inside and almost every-

thing had to be repaired or replaced. The building now has a new roof, all new wiring, new plumbing, new and beautiful wood floors, in addition to windows, doors, painting, etc. The Daniells restored all original aspects of the building that could be salvaged.

Two rooms are completed and ready for guests. In fact, the Inn has already had guests, and one room is booked for this weekend. One room has a private bath with handicap accessories. The other room is located just across the hall from a bathroom.

The original staircase in the lobby leads to the upstairs, where Mr. Daniell is busy with his restoration work. A honeymoon suite with its

own private bath is almost complete and already booked for its first encounter, hopefully ready for Old Settlers. A bath (only) room is complete with a claw foot tub. Just to the right is a long, narrow room, a HIS "toilet" closet with window, and on the left, a similar HERS "toilet" room with frosted glass. These common rooms for personal needs and individual corner wash basins, original in the hotel in 1914, will serve guests in the seven other upstairs rooms.

The large dining room, with its many, large, sunny windows, offers neatly set tables for guest to enjoy their breakfast. The room also boasts an antique organ and piano for those

with musical skills.

The kitchen, with all the modern conveniences, houses the only original piece of furnishing to the building - an old cupboard, complete with flower bin.

The words of Agent Henry Black, as he described Roaring Springs, in his 1914 land promotion booklet, hold true today, 86 years later, for this Motley County landmark —

"Roaring Springs boasts of a large brick hotel, wired for lights, plastered throughout, each room fitted with stationary wash stands, a bath, sewerage — in fact, this hotel will be found to be modern and up-to-date in every respect."



A PIECE OF HISTORY — Edith Daniell, co-owner of The Traveler's Inn Bed and Breakfast, is pictured here standing near the antique kitchen cupboard, the only original piece of furnishing left in the historic hotel in downtown Roaring Springs. The hotel, built in 1913, is being restored by the Daniells and is now open for business with two rooms available for guests. Mr. and Mrs. Daniell will host an Open House on Saturday. See more pictures on page 3.

Postal rates to increase June 30th

Mailing a letter, bill payment or birthday gift will cost more starting June 30.

Higher postal rates, including a 3-cent boost to 37 cents for first-class mail, were approved in February. The effective date was announced last Tuesday by the Postal Service board of governors.

"The governors recognize that raising rates is not the long-term solution to retaining universal service," board chairman Robert Rider said. He said the higher rates will help the agency cope with the economic downturn and the cost of last fall's terrorist attacks.

The increase will give the cash-strapped postal service a boost as it tries to cope with declining business and hundreds of millions of dollars in costs from the terror attacks and anthrax contamination last fall.

Postmaster General John Potter said last week that there won't be another increase until at least 2004.

The Postal Service suffered a \$1.6 billion loss last year, before the terror attacks that cost it hundreds of millions more. The agency has halted new construction and cut its staff by 12,000 over the last year.

While the rate increase is expected to provide some financial breathing room, officials continue to stress that to achieve long-term health the agency needs changes in the way it operates.

Potter has announced an end to the self-imposed freeze on closing small post offices and sent a transformation plan to Congress seeking more flexibility in changing rates, adding new services and negotiating charges to large mailers.

While the cost of the first ounce of first-class mail goes up 3 cents, each additional ounce will cost 23 cents, the same as currently.

Some other rate increase changes taking effect include:

- Post card: 23 cents, up 2 cents.
- Priority mail, 1 pound: \$3.85, up 35 cents.
- Express Mail, 8 ounces: \$13.65, up \$1.20.
- Parcel Post (varies), typical 2 pound: \$4.14, up 69 cents.
- Certified Mail: \$2.30, up 10 cents.
- Signed return receipt: \$1.75, up 25 cents.
- Money order up to \$500: 90 cents, unchanged.
- Bank Statement, 3 ounces: 83 cents, up 3 cents.
- Presorted utility bill: 27.8 cents, up 2.3 cents.
- Weekly news magazine, presorted, 5.8 ounces: 17.5 cents, up 1 cent.
- Household magazine, presorted, 13.8 ounces: 27.4 cents, up 1.5 cents.
- National newspaper, presorted, 10 ounces, 30.3 cents, up 2.6 cents.



Athletic Royalty

Chasity Holman and Brandon Moore were crowned 2002 Athletic Queen and King at the Athletic Highlight Video showing last week. Chasity is the daughter of Lee J. and Brenda Browning of Turkey and Brandon is the son of Kyle and Jeannie Moore of Matador. Chasity will be a Senior next year and Brandon is a member of the graduating class of 2002.

Motley County School Board members receive training

The Motley County School Board went back to school on May 28 when David Backus, General Counsel for Region 17, offered two hours of training on duties, requirements, and restrictions of school board members.

The school board, "a citizen-led corporate leadership," manages and oversees management of the public schools. Backus explained that the Legislature and the State Board of Education dictate just how that is accomplished through policies and statutes collected in several large volumes.

The local board adopts policies and, with the help of the superintendent, files a budget, two of its most important tasks. They also levy and collect taxes, acquire or dispose of property, receive donations or bequests, make contracts and leases, sue and be sued, select a depository, serve as an election authority, and hire a superintendent.

Backus emphasized that while the school board sets policy, the educational leader or Chief Executive Officer is the superintendent who manages the day-to-day operations of the school district. He is responsible for assignment of personnel and annual performance evaluation of the staff. The superintendent makes recommendations to the board, initiates termination or suspension of personnel, prepares a budget, organizes central administration, develops regulations, and is leader for AEIS performance. He and the principal are accountable for student performance. The site-based committee

is a useful tool, but strictly an advisory one. The superintendent strives to do what the board wants, collectively, because otherwise, it would be similar to having a seven-headed boss.

The lawyer advised the group about grievances that are channelled through three, or counting the teacher, four levels. First, the teacher is consulted. Then the principal, and if that doesn't resolve the problem, the superintendent, and lastly the board hears the problem. A board member should always remain objective or neutral when approached by a parent or student with a grievance because ultimately the board will have to hear the complaint in a board meeting, Backus cautioned. "Never make promises, individually or collectively," he said. There have been instances where local districts were required to have a monitor, master or management team, at local expense that could cost \$600 a day, because the board members disregarded the statutes of governance or violated the open meetings act.

Other subjects Backus discussed were "zero tolerance," mandatory removal, student code of conduct, discipline appeals, budget, and agenda items. He urged the board to complete the sixteen hours of training required for new members and ten hours for experienced members at either the Region 17 training center, in-house, or conventions designed for the purpose.

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AROUND THE COUNTY

News briefs of area events

MC Cheerleaders will sponsor Mini-Camp

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders will sponsor a Mini-Cheerleading Camp, June 10 and 11. Fee for the camp will be \$20 and will include a tee-shirt and two days of camp.

Camp will begin Monday, June 10th at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. each day. Anyone in grades Pre-K through 8th grade may attend. Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch for both days.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mrs. Bingham at 347-2817, to pre-register and give shirt sizes. There will also be registration at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning.



STORM DAMAGE — This downed tree near the home of Paul Gonzalez is only part of the damage residents in north Matador reported from high winds and hail on Tuesday afternoon. Baseball size hail and winds as high as 70 miles per hour were reported. Several homes suffered broken windows and roof damage. Two residents reported broken windshields to their vehicles. Rainfall totals were not available at newstime. See picture on page 4.

Hackberry Creek Care Center progress continues

Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. has hired the Jones & Rowntree architectural firm out of Lubbock, and plans are being drafted for the facility. The Hackberry Creek Care Center Board would like to remind the public that the purpose of this facility is to create the opportunity for anyone who needs around the clock care to receive it; regardless of ability to pay, race, age, religion or sex. The only criterion for admission to the Care Center is medical need. Plans are being drafted for a

22,000 square foot facility to offer intermediate care. The Center will house its own full scale kitchen and laundry facility as well as an interior landscaped courtyard and beauty shop. Both private and semi-private rooms will be available. The center will also provide a recreation room of at least 300 square feet and a 1,200 square foot dining and recreation room. The goal is to provide a facility that offers excellent medical care in a spacious and caring atmosphere.



This is another funny e-mail. If you know the Bible, even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Catholic elementary school. Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected (i.e., incorrect spelling has been left in).

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pairs.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Gentils.
5. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delliah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Manga Carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.



Arts & Crafts club members enjoy doll making project

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club enjoyed a very special workshop at its regular monthly meeting, May 6th.

Mrs. Betty Simpson was instructor for the class on making potpourri dolls. She was assisted by Joy Archer and Vee Gordon for the preparations. Mrs. Simpson made the garments, Mrs. Archer painted the faces, and Mrs. Gordon furnished the bodies for the dolls.

Joy Archer, Club President, presided over the business meeting at 10:00 a.m., reminding the members, "It's time to begin planning programs for next year, and to present new ideas to the yearbook committee." The business meeting adjourned and members eagerly began working on the dolls.

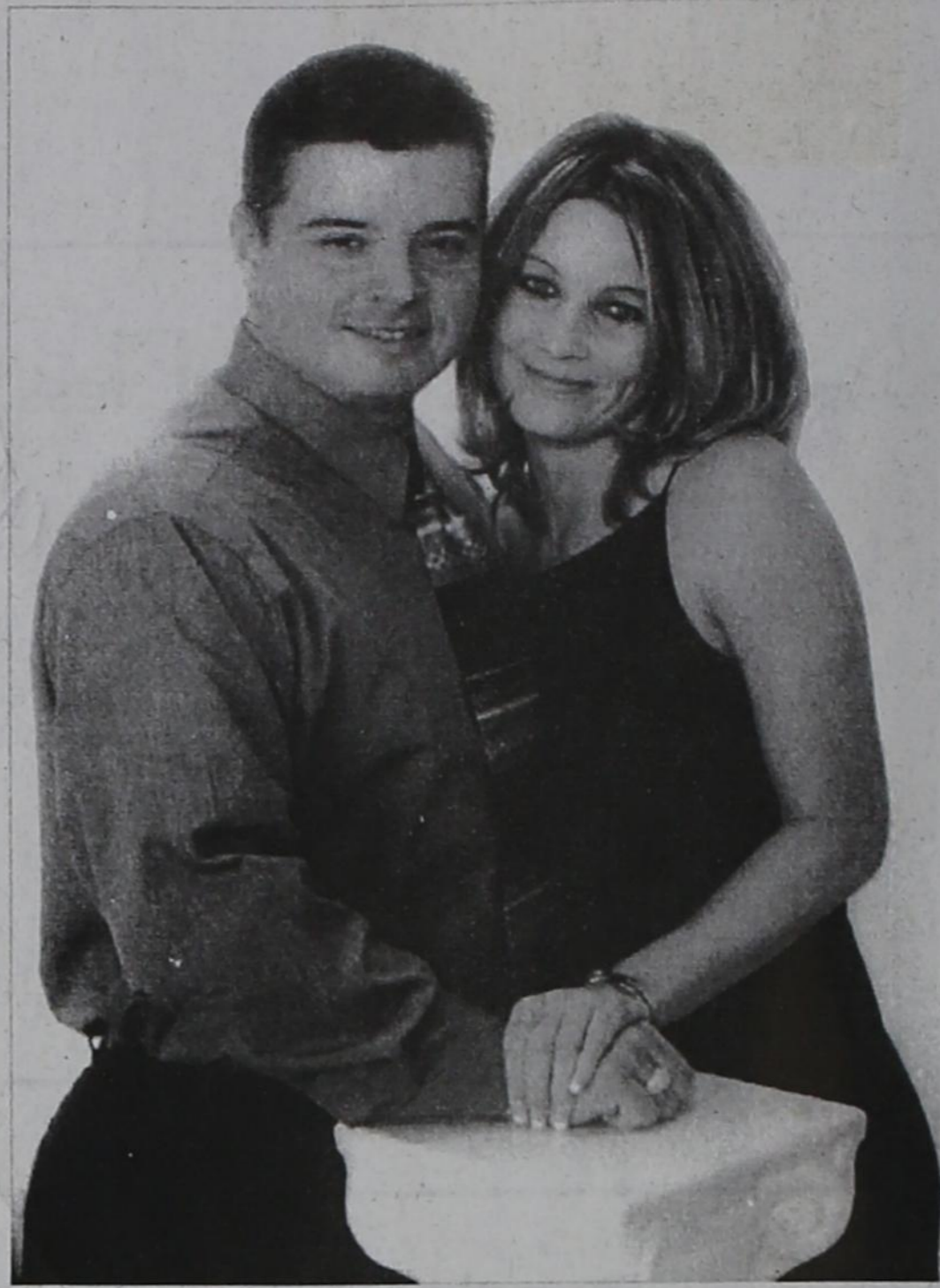
Noontime and lunch came soon. The club dined with the Senior Citizens on turkey, dressing, green beans, salad, and cake. It added to the pleasure of the day.

The class was wonderful, everyone finished their doll, and was very pleased with the finished product. The members felt like a jockey does when he wins the Triple Crown at the Spring races. Watch for these darling potpourri dolls at the Fall Bazaar, they may be the crowning glory of the day.

The members were grateful to Betty for the beautiful work she did on the garments, and instructions on how they were assembled, to Joy for outstanding talent on painting the faces, and to Vee on hard work of making the form for the body.

Members present were Joy Archer, Lays Campbell, Vee Gordon, Geraldine Key, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Grace Garrison, Linda Rhul, Pat Smith, Shirley Smith, Betty Simpson, Jo Trammell, Nova Dell Turner and Winifred Darsey.

Shirley Smith will teach the club how to make decorative pillows at the June meeting.



Jason Stanley & Tamera Armes

Engagement announced

Bruce and Selena Dirickson of Whitharral and Gary and Cathy Armes of Brownfield are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tamera Armes to Jason Stanley. Jason is the son of James and Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, formerly of Matador. Tamera, a 1990 graduate of Whitharral High School, is employed by Food Concepts in Lubbock. Jason is a 1992 graduate of Motley County High School and is employed by Life/Run Centers for Independent Living in Lubbock. The couple will be married on August 17, 2002, at Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary



The ladies met at the club house on May 30th for a luncheon. New member, Dortha Westbrook, was welcomed to the club. Attending were Judy Renfro, Frances Hobbs, Virginia Nunn, Dortha Westbrook, Jeanette Case, Louise Barton, Olivia Barton, LaVoe Thacker and Geneva Wilson. Plans for the Ladies Partnership Golf Tournament to be held June 29th were made. We encourage all the ladies to get a partner and sign

up for the tournament at the club house.

Play day was for greenie on #6. Playing 18 holes were Louise Barton, Olivia Barton, LaVoe Thacker and Geneva Wilson. Olivia won the ball.

Playing 9 holes were Nell Berryman, Frances Hobbs, Judy Renfro, Marihelen Wason and Dortha Westbrook. There was no greenie on #6, so no ball won.

Walking in faith keeps you from drowning in fear

"Man Overboard! (How Walking in Faith Keeps You from Drowning in Fear)" will be the third of six sessions of the "Living a Life of Love & Laughter" Bible study series at First Baptist Church, Matador, this Sunday evening, June 9, at 7:00 p.m.

The video series, which features Christian humorist Dennis Swanberg, provides spiritually sound instruction for facing life, accompa-

nied by plenty of lighthearted moments along the way. Facilitator for the study is Pastor Jack Boggs.

Everyone in the community is invited to be a part of this study. Each session is self-contained, so anyone may attend any or all of the sessions. (There is no cost and no homework). For information, please call the church office at 347-2345 or 347-2782.



50th Wedding Anniversary observed

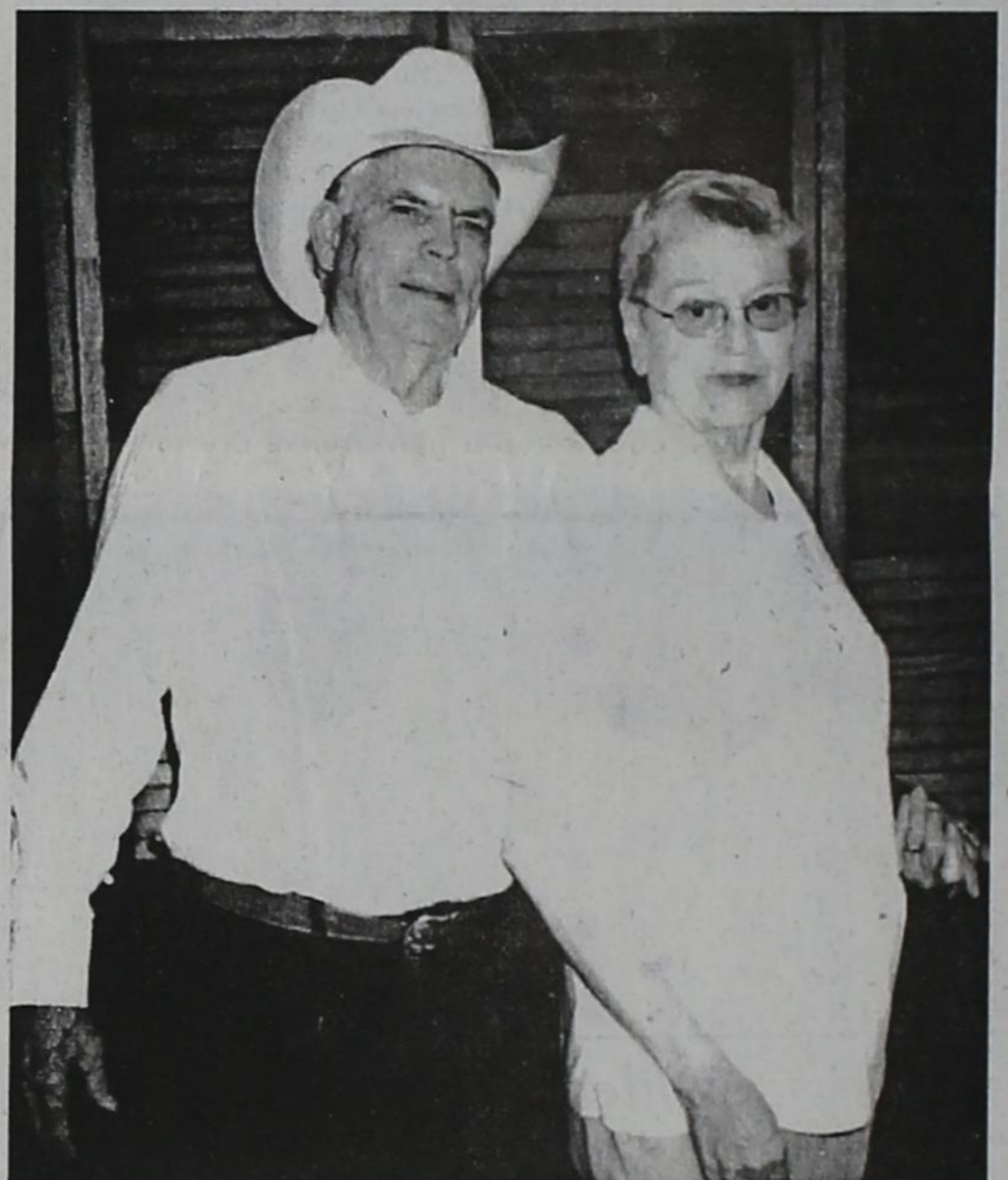
Ellis and Geraldine Key celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family in Childress on Friday, May 24. A luncheon at K-Bobs Restaurant was hosted by their children and her sister and husband, Barbara and Jimmy West.

Children of the couple are Toni and Dennis Ratliff of Paducah and Floyd and Denise Key of Childress. The couple has four grandchildren, Eric Key, Alysia Fulton, Scott Fulton and Kristen Key.

Ellis and the former Geraldine Waybourn were married in Tucumcari, NM on May 24, 1952. They retired from managing the 3-Bar Ranch in Childress in 1986 to move to Matador and care for ranching interest there.

Following the luncheon the group moved to the home of Floyd and Denise Key for cake and punch. Joining the group was Mrs. Juanita Barfield, mother of Denise Key.

Mr. and Mrs. Key are pictured at left on their wedding day, and on the right at the 50th Anniversary celebration.



A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank those who remembered us with flowers, food and prayers.

The family of Alvin Garrison

"Keep On Keeping On"



"Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." Ephesians 5:10

What an amazing verse! Truly this verse captivates what we should be doing, for it describes our focus - the goal of pleasing the Lord. Such a statement verifies our belief and practice that we do not focus on any man or group of men, but desire only Jesus as our Lord and Master. The method by which we are to do this is also described in this verse. We must learn what is pleasing to the Lord. This concept involves diligent Bible study and application. We still never "arrive" at

knowledge but must continue steadfastly learning, growing, and expanding our understanding of the Lord and His Will for our lives.

Finally, even the proper attitude or spirit is mentioned in this verse. Our learning and growing into what is pleasing to the Lord is here described as trying. Such a word does not allow any arrogance or self-righteousness on our part. We are continually trying, struggling to learn and live closer to the Lord each day. We experience frustration and failure in our walk with God, yet we live in His grace as we continue to grow. We must desire to learn, we must have in our hearts the burning need to know about God and His Will.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr

Radio Programs, K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am

Look Who's New

Jillian Delayne York

Randy and Kalli York of 29 Palms, California would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Jillian Delayne. She was born May 21, 2002. She weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Vic and Kristi Read of Dougherty and Jimmy and Dalene Burns of Abernathy.

Great-grandparents are Richard and Wilma Ward of Dougherty, Bill

and Elena Hopper of Floydada, Truitt and Chelsea Read of Matador, Carla Burns of Hereford, Buddy and Dale Henson of Hereford, Jack and Mary York of Wyoming.

Great-great grandparents are Marguerite Ward of Dougherty, Gloria Barkowsky of Lamesa and Mrs. O.H. Culpepper of Hereford.

Her very proud uncle is Rusty Hopper of Dougherty.

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Lawn Mower Parade - downtown RS
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Stick Horse Derby ★ Stick Horse Steeple Chase
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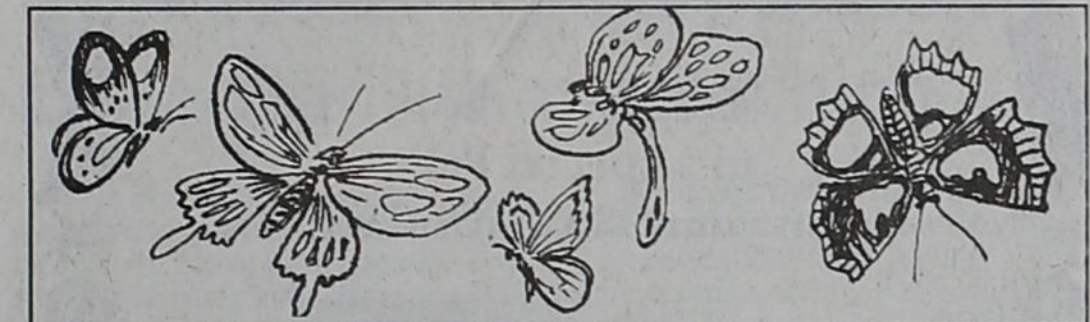
Guests may enjoy breakfast in style in the spacious dining room. Mrs. Daniell stands near one of the dining areas featuring an antique set.



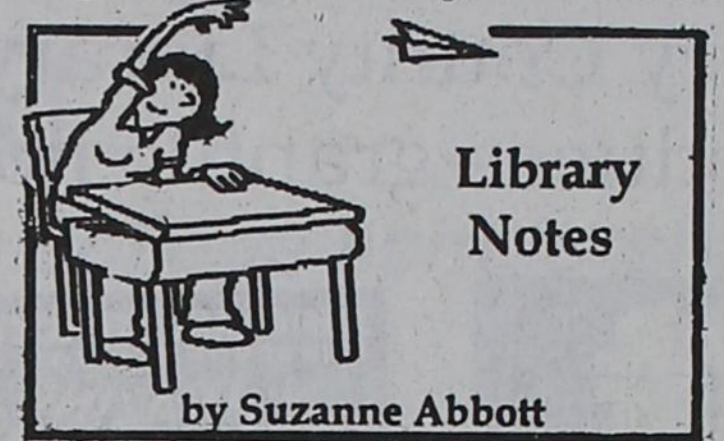
An antique quilt spreads across the bed in one of the rooms now ready for guests.



Mrs. Daniell stands near the antique organ and piano in the large dining room of the Traveler's Inn Bed and Breakfast.



Skippers, blues, coppers and hairstreaks are all kinds of butterflies.



by Suzanne Abbott

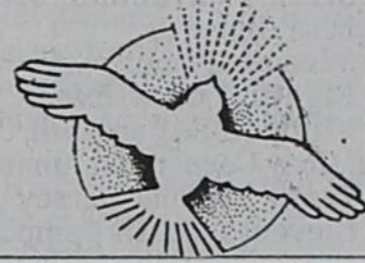
What a treasure the library received Friday! Ron (Beetle) Bailey brought in a copy of his book *John Bailey (1748-1816) and his descendants*. Ron wrote this book about his ancestors and has donated this copy to the Motley County Library. The book is very professional, with footnotes and everything. We appreciate the gift of this book. It will be in the genealogy section of the library.

New books in the library include several new Texas books. We have *Canyons of the Texas High Plains*, photography by Wyman Meinzer. We have *The Quilt and the Spur* by Edgar Rye. This is a reprint of an older book about the Texas frontier. Also new in the Texas Collection is *Recipes of a Pitchfork Ranch* Hostess the Culinary Legacy of Mamie Burns. *Whatever the Wind Delivers* is a book of poetry by Walt McDonald with photographs from the Southwest Collection at Tech.

Another new book in the library is *Three Strides Before the Wire* *Dark and Beautiful World of Horse Racing* by Elizabeth Mitchell. We also have *Walnut Grove* by Jane Gilmore Rushing. This book is a novel set in West Texas.

Sonbeams

by June Keltz



"Tie a string around your finger" was a familiar phrase years ago. It was a literal demonstration of remembering important duties or events. Our minds today are inundated with information, appointments, records, etc. that they are beeping, "Overload, Overload." The danger lies in focusing on the demands of life and forgetting the Giver of Life.

God bless the person whose heart was in tune with Jesus, who strategically placed a cross on a hill in the canyon between Cone and Floydada. It remains somewhat obscure until darkness falls, then just like the one it represents, it lights up so that every sojourner can look upon its beauty. Its message is ostensive and indisputable. It cries out, "Remember Me? I'm the One who loves you. Accept my love, invite me into your heart. Let me be a part of who you are and all that you do. Glory in me, joy in me, rest in me."

Being omnipotent, our Creator knew we would need reminders of His great love. Before His betrayal, Jesus gathered His twelve disciples together and observed what we refer to as "the Lord's Supper." It was, and is, all about remembering. What a shame if even one day we forget His broken body and shed blood. He instituted communion to remind us, not only of His death, but also of a

precious promise that He will return for those who have personally made Him Lord and Saviour.

We wear the cross around our necks, on our fingers, dangling from our ears, inside and outside our churches. God forbid that it should ever become just another bumper sticker symbol. Do we really remember? If so, we will be willing to die to self, take up our cross and follow Him in faithful obedience.

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

1 Cor. 1:18

School Board

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Board members attending were new members Tina Brooks and Pat Smith, and Shonda Elliott, Les Woolsey, President Marisue Potts, Vice-President Coy Franks, and Secretary Douglas Campbell. Superintendent Rick Copp and Principal Sonya Herrell also attended the presentation.

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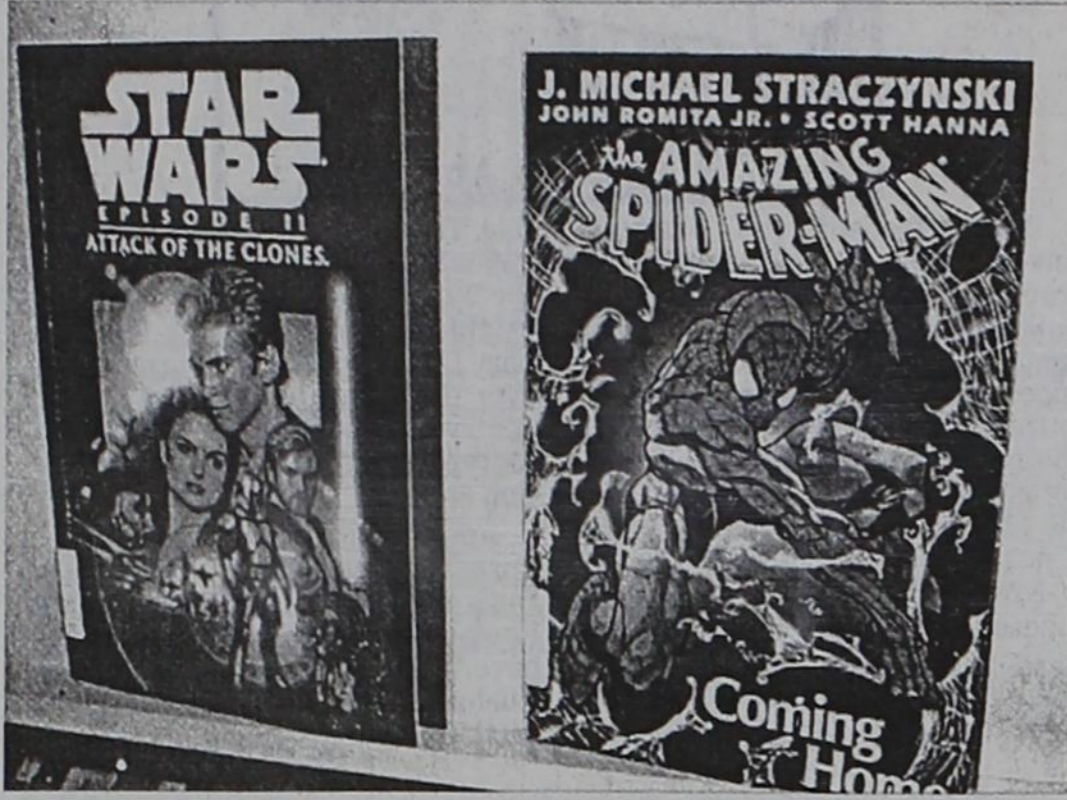
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Motley County Library introduces graphic novels



Graphic novels featuring Star Wars and Spider Man are now available at the Motley County Library.

Cat Woman, Batman, Superman, the Green Lantern, Justice League of America are all heroes of our childhood comic book days. Now, the latest thing in public libraries across the state and nation is the graphic novel that features our beloved plus many more updated ones such as G.I. Joe, the X-Men, and Star Wars.

The Motley County Library used some of its Texas Book Festival grant funds to bring these high-tech comic books to its patrons, both adults and

children. The graphic novel uses text and pictures to tell a story. The super hero wins over the bad guys.

There are two graphic novels featuring now-popular Spider-Man and his exploits to save the city. The library also has Star Wars II, Attack of the Clones in graphic novel form. These books are colorful and action packed. Adults and kids will enjoy them. Come to the library and check out one of these fun books. They will provide a fun reading for all ages.



STORM IN PROGRESS — While it may not be obvious by this picture, taken in downtown Matador, a storm was in progress Tuesday afternoon. High winds, heavy, blowing rain, and large hail was taking a toll on some areas of Matador when the picture was taken. Reports indicate that north Matador suffered more damage than other areas in town.

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Second: Christian Brooks, Clarissa Elizondo, Reagon Elliott, Brett Fletcher, Garrett Jenschke, Keyan Kautz, Cody Martin, Pablo Martinez, Braden Mason, Alexis Osborn, and Nayo Santos.

Third: Adrian Walker and Sara Ferguson.

Fourth: Xavier Elizondo and Kaleigh Kerns.

Fifth: Laura Marinex.

Sixth: Savannah Rose and Mylissa Gilmore.

Seventh: None.

Eighth: Ashlee Green.

Ninth: Kittie Campbell, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper and Annie Green.

Tenth: Dumont Darsey.

Eleventh: Cassie Campbell, Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie and Chantry Meyer.

Twelfth: Kayla Copp, Courtney Hays, Justin Jameson and Brandon Moore.

HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Andy Arocha, Aayrn Brandon, Noah Guerrero,

James Horton, Dillon McCleskey, Matthew Mount, Celeste Sims, Kolby Williams and Jacob Woolsey.

First: Hance Davey, Juan Flores, Stormy Guerrero, and Dominique Quilimaco.

Second: Gabriel Espinoza, Johnathon Osborn, Mari Simmons and Chase Buckner.

Third: Kyla Simpson, Leslie Alvarado, Jay Potts, Colby McCleskey and Leanne Jameson.

Fourth: Melissa Flores, Sam Fletcher, Jessica Reyes, Eric Simpson and Kortney Williams.

Fifth: Sergio Espinoza, Kayla Hollinsworth, Shane'a Russell and Jasmine Porter.

Sixth: Magdiel Alvarado, Bradley Brown, Malcomb O'Daniel, Stacy Perryman and Christy Smith.

Seventh: Cameron Jeffcoat, Angelica Mendoza and Jerry Whitaker.

Eighth: Jose Martinez and Colton Russell.

Ninth: Jesse Blanton, Maria Martinez, Veronica Mendoza and Brittany Moore.

Tenth: Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Susana Mendoza, Mandi Ream and Aleda Ross.

Eleventh: Brittany Donaldson and Sara Fuston.

Twelfth: Arturo Flores, Jose Flores, Sergio Flores, Mylinda Gilmore, Ramiro Martinez, Tony Salazar and Kelsi Wallace.



Eighth grade Keyboarding class learning to make PowerPoint presentations.

Motley County students create autobiography slide shows

Motley County ISD eighth graders in Mrs. Darsey's Keyboarding classes not only learned to use Microsoft Word software this year, but also learned the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint. PowerPoint is a presentation graphics program that enables students to prepare slide shows and present them with style and impact.

Eighth graders Ashlee Green, Levi Buckner, Chance Bingham, Matthew Martin, Jose Martinez, and Colton Russell created PowerPoint slide shows jazzed up with animation, sounds, digital photos, and clip-art graphics to accompany the autobiographies they had composed and keyed using Microsoft Word. They presented their life stories and

achievements to an audience of parents and teachers on May 14.

The students' autobiographies are just one component of the work-based portfolios they have been developing for the past two years in Beverly Darsey's business education classes. The portfolios include samples of student work and lists of skills and competencies addressed in each class. The students' autobiographies and portfolios may be updated throughout high school classes so that students will have a complete list of skills and achievements to refer to when writing college, scholarship, and employment applications, as well as actual proficiency samples to present to potential employers.

Kandi Keltz named to Dean's List

Kandi Keltz has been named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the Spring Semester. Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA to be named to this list.

Kandi, a Junior at Tech, is a 1999 graduate of Motley County High School, and the daughter of Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs.

BEWARE! SNAKES ARE CRAWLING

Motley County residents are urged to use caution when working or playing outside. The snakes are crawling! Several rattlesnakes have been reported in the area. Mrs. Joyce Campbell, who lives on Eubanks street, killed one on her back porch last week. Jim Meador killed one in the back yard of his home in north Matador.

Mary Ann Potts was airlifted to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Sunday, after being bitten by a rattlesnake near her pool at her home west of Matador. She is reported to be recovering well.

Again, readers are urged to be on the look out. Snakes can hide well. The snake at Mrs. Campbell's house was coiled around a flower pot. Use caution!

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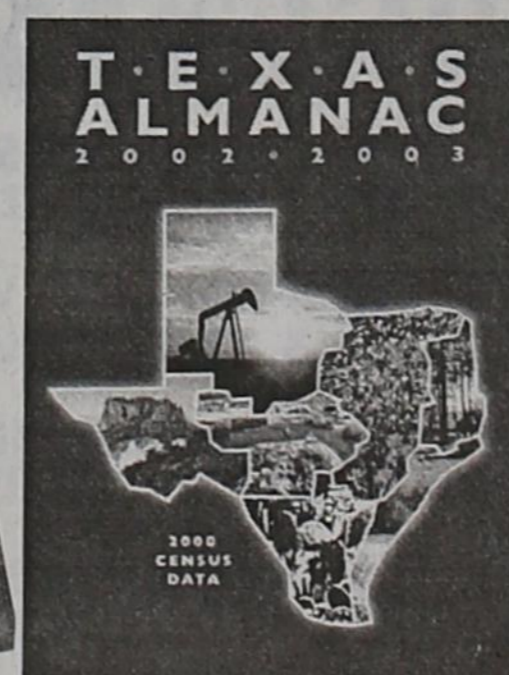
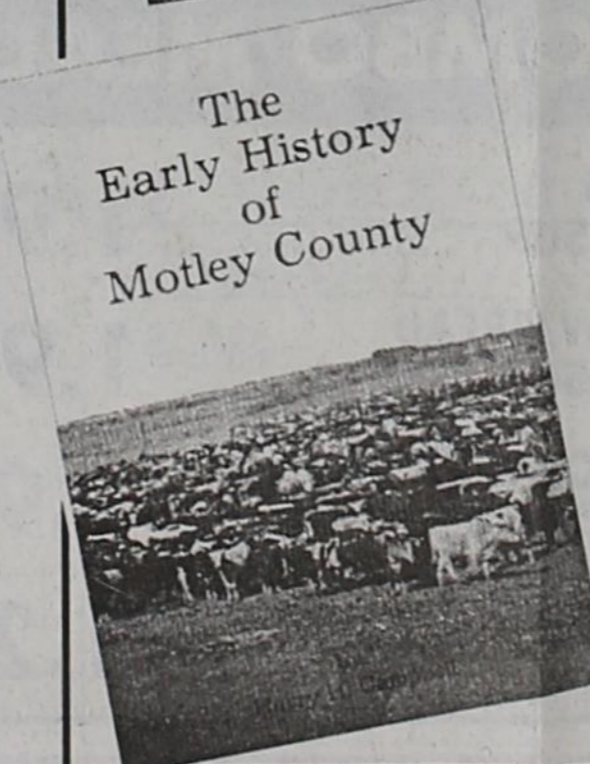
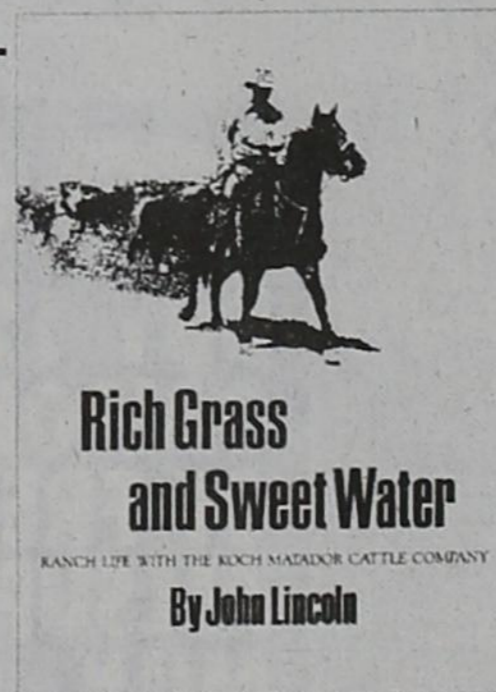
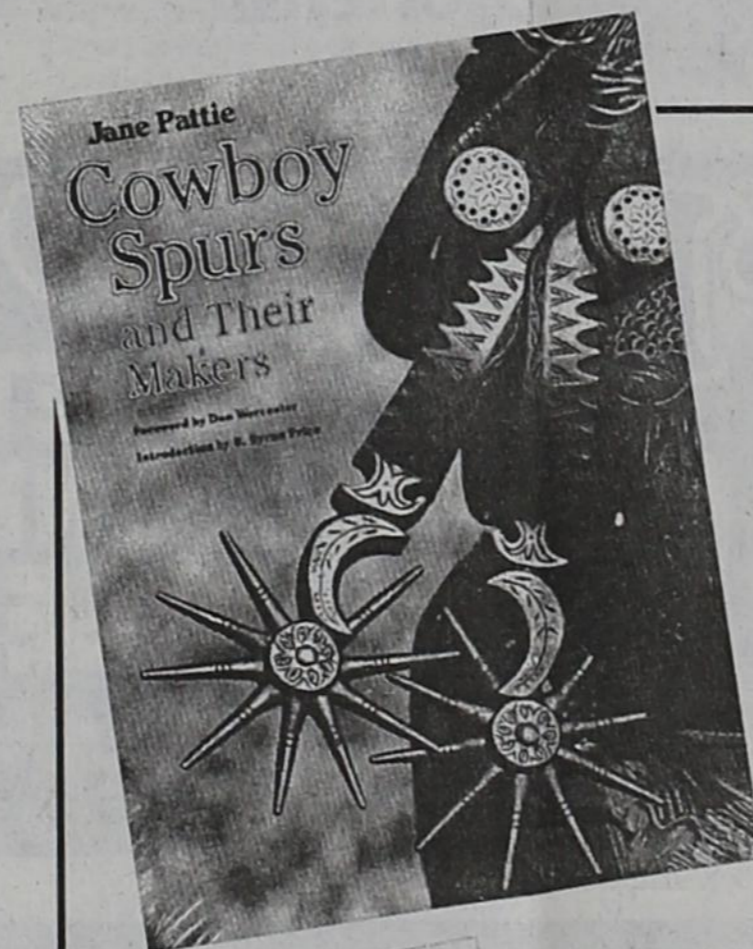
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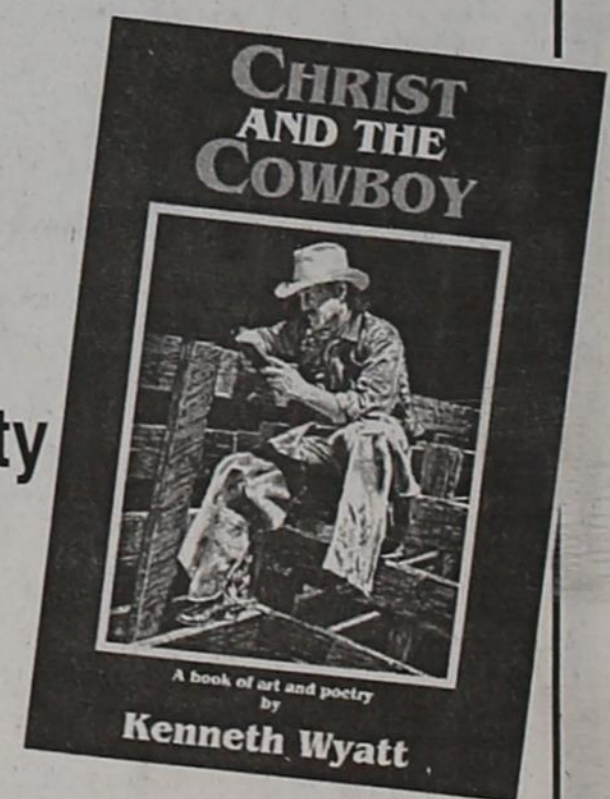
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Making them proud

Golfer overcomes tragedy to earn college scholarship

NOTE: This article is taken from the *Hood County News*, May 25, 2002, by Jeff Blackmon.

Rachael is the granddaughter of Billie Dean Smith and the late Joe Smith of Matador.

When Rachael Smith heard the news on April 30th that she had received a golf scholarship offer, she could not hold back the tears.

"I was overwhelmed," Smith said.

Smith a 2002 graduate of Happy Hill Farm Academy/Home, said she felt a rush of excitement along with a flood of memories because her parents, Smith's original pair of golf teachers, had been killed in a car accident four years ago on the same date.

"I thought that it was totally ironic that four years ago I felt like my life was devastated, and four years later I was getting some of the greatest news of my life," Smith said.

Smith was only in third grade when her parents took her to a golf course for the first time, she said she remembers heading out to the links to learn how to play golf and her parents made it a family outing. It wasn't long though before the family ritual became addictive.

"My parents started me and my two brothers," Smith said. "Playing golf was just a family thing that we did, and I caught on to it very easily."

As soon as she began swinging the golf club for the first few times Smith said she knew she found a sport she loved and a game she couldn't get enough of. Smith said thinking about earning a scholarship seemed a long ways off but was always a dream.

"I didn't really think I could be successful at it then, but I knew I had the talent to be able to play," Smith said. "It was a dream to think of doing something with (that talent) then."

Smith, a Matador native, will get a chance to live out her golf aspirations after accepting a scholarship award to play for golf coach Ed Bethea at Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kan. The Texas golfer will leave her home state to pursue what she hopes is a successful golf career but also desires to get her hands on a college degree.

"I would love to play for the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association)," Smith said. "I am going to major in mass communications."

Dodge City Community College is just a two-year school, and Smith said she wants to come back to Texas to play at Sam Houston State after her time in Kansas is up. Smith caught interest from the Texas college and was offered a chance to walk on but declined after the scholarship offer.

"Sam Houston State gave my name to the college I am going to, because they said I just needed more experience," Smith said. "The coach at Sam Houston) wants me to transfer back next year."

The Lady Pioneer golfer caught the eye of college scouts after posting a second-place finish at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) state golf meeting 2001.

Smith followed that performance up with a fourth-place finish at the state meet in 2002 which took place in Breckenridge.

"I really enjoyed (going to state)," Smith said. "It was good to get more exposure and more competition."

Smith said she knows she has a long way to go with her game and is glad to be going to a college where she knows she will see lots of playing time; however, getting to go to college with a scholarship has helped erase any doubts about her ability to take her game to the college level.

"I thought I could get a scholar-

ship, but I had those doubts that I was not good enough to," Smith said. "I didn't think it was going to happen, because I've had a lot of obstacles to overcome."

Smith said she hopes to improve on her scores, which average in the low 80s, but is confident in her long-ball abilities averaging an eye-popping 270 yards from the tee.

"I love driving the ball," Smith grinned.

Her love of driving the golf ball has made her golfing mentors take measures to ensure that the playing field is leveled.

Happy Hill athletic director and head football coach Brad Clanton said it just wouldn't be fair to his other golfers if Smith were to play from the women's tees so he likes to try to even the odds and make her play from the men's tees instead.

"She hits the ball farther than most guys I play with," Clanton praised.

Playing from the men's tees is something the golfer said she is used to though. While golfing with her father, Smith said he would get her to play from the men's tees as well to make it more difficult for him to get beat.

"My dad did not like it that I could beat him, so I started playing from the men's tees to make it fair," Smith laughed.

Following the tragedy of her parents' death, Smith lived in Littleton, Colo., with an aunt and uncle but decided to make the trip back to the Lone Star State and attend Happy Hill after learning about the school on her own. She said the school seemed like the place to go after struggling through the first half of her sophomore year in Colorado.

She said it didn't take long for her to realize Happy Hill was just what she needed after moving to the school in the middle of her sophomore year.

"I had gone through a lot with my parents dying, and it just didn't work out with my guardians," Smith said. "This really was the best place for me, because it provided a good home and a good Christian environment."

When she tees up today, Smith said she always feels like her parents are with her. She said she believes the main reason she has continued to play golf for such a long time is for the feeling of being close to her parents and remembering the good times they had together.

"I continue to play golf, because it is a part of me and I can go back and think of my parents and my family because they played a part in getting me started," Smith said. "It is a little piece of my parents that I can hold on to."

Clanton said he is especially proud of Smith getting an opportunity to play on the college stage. The coach said he has been able to become acquainted with Smith since both have a passion for golf, and when he got the call about the scholarship offer he felt like a proud parent.

"I was excited for her, and even though I am not her father, when I got that phone call I could barely fit through the office door my head was so big," Clanton said. "I knew she could do anything she wanted to."

While Smith knows Clanton is just like a proud father in her corner she said she knows if her parents were still alive they would be happy for her and her achievement. Just like they were when they took her to the golf course for the first time when she was a third grader.

"I know my parents would be very proud of me for being able to overcome so much," Smith said.

"They would love the fact that I got to go to college with a golf scholarship because that was always their dream for me — to grow up and be a golfer."



Matador native, Rachael Smith, will take her golf game to Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kansas. Smith placed second in the TAPPS state golf championships in 2001 and placed fourth in 2002.

Hood County News photo by Jeff Blackmon

Blair Thacker starring in Post Garza Theatre play

Blair Thacker stars in the play, "Night of January 16th", now playing at the Garza Theater in Post. The play performances are June 7, 8, 15 and 16 at 8:00 p.m.

The audience decides "who dunnit" in this interactive courtroom melodrama by Ayn Rand. The play focuses on the events that occurred on the night of January 16th, when a prominent businessman falls or is

pushed to his death. His mistress is now on trial for his murder, but it seems that no one has the answers to what happened that night. It's up to the audience members playing the jury to decide the ending of the play! Two endings are possible.

Blair, a 1999 graduate of Motley County High School, is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan deadline approaching

Fort Worth, TX -- Businesses in some Texas counties have until June 25, 2002, to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to fire and excessive temperatures that occurred on July 23, 2001. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Childress, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King and Motley. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

To report Roaring Springs news, PLEASE call Odessa Mullins at 348-7962 before Monday, to be included in that week's paper. You may also call the Motley County Tribune office at 347-2400 if you miss Odessa

Those enjoying coffee and visiting at the Methodist Church fellowship hall, Monday, June 3, were Corky Marshall, Dean McInroe, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Lea Peacock, Reba Swinney, Linda Hotchco from Dickens, J.N. Fletcher, Ruby Hipp and Paul Stearns. Lula Swim, who is usually hostess, is homebound from surgery, and was missed very much. Lea and LaVoe were hostesses.

Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Jeff and Pam and Brad Thacker all attended the Saturday night performance of "Night of January 16th" at the Post Garza Theater. Blair Thacker performed in the mystery play.

The relatives of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sedgwick met for the yearly get together at the Roaring Springs welcome

center. Some 51 people attended. Coming the farthest was Laura Sedgwick Holland, Kyle Walker and Kate Zawisza from Greenwood, Arkansas. A great time was had by all.

Pearl Patten, Jo Ann and Bryce Reagan spent several days in Boyd attending the graduation of granddaughter, Tara Parker.

Mary Lumsden drove to Lubbock Monday morning to get her car worked on and visited son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins visited in Lubbock Saturday afternoon.

Spending last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton were his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burton of Levelland. They helped build a porch on the front of the Burton's home. Thursday evening her brother, Lindon Haney came and spent the night. He went on to Memphis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Lubbock had lunch with his mother, Zella Palmer, Sunday.

Lula Swim returned home Friday after spending two weeks in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She is recovering at home from gall bladder surgery.

R.S. Community Volunteers plan upcoming events

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met Tuesday, May 14 in a regular meeting. Superintendent of Schools, Rick Copp and wife Lana, were guests. Mr. Copp explained a Community Networking Grant that he is in the process of applying for. The grant would provide 30-35 computers throughout the county for public use. The Volunteers voted to accept a share of the computers and to provide the cost of the required lines for internet lines into the Community Center. There will be a need for volunteers to come to the building and monitor the use of the computers when the installation is complete.

The South Plains Food Bank sent information on a prescription drug plan by the Phizer Company where

persons who do not have a prescription drug coverage can obtain their prescriptions for a 30 day supply for \$15.00. To be eligible a person must be on Medicare, not have a drug coverage plan and have less than \$18,000.00 annual income for an individual or \$24,000.00 for a couple. The Volunteers voted to have the applications available and to help fill them out and sent in to Phizer for anyone who is eligible. There will be forms available at the Motley County Library and Roaring Springs City Hall.

Plans for the Paul Milosevich workshop were finalized and plans for the July 4th celebration and Kids' Camp were discussed. The remainder of the meeting was spent putting together a Roaring Springs Ex-Student newsletter and getting it ready to mail.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, former resident of Flomot and Turkey, had knee replacement surgery Tuesday, May 28 at the Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

With her during the surgery and hospitalization was her daughter, Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, son and wife, E.J. and MaryAnn Browning of Rising Star and granddaughter and husband, Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited in Thornton, Colorado last weekend. Joining them there was Mrs. Linda Lee March of Klackmas, Oregon and they attended the outdoor wedding of Kelly Pate and Tony Mymen held at the Jackson Lake Reservoir.

Mrs. Geneva Martin visited at Lake Conroe last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhodes and attended the wedding of Russell Rhodes and Kimberly Holt.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers Tuesday were Bill and Patsy Rucker and Mrs. Christeen Gilbert of Quitaque. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers enjoyed Trail Days in Quitaque, Saturday.

Mrs. Jimmie Ballinger of Fortuna, Ca. visited last week with her sister and family, Erma and Bill D. Washington. Their brother, Richard Nall of Wellington visited them during the week. Mrs. Ballinger also visited in Canyon with son and family, Dr. Rob Ballinger and attended Randall High School graduation of her grandson, Brent Ballinger.

Mary Ellen Barton was in Plainview, Friday for an optical appointment.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited Saturday and Sunday with her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey. They enjoyed Trail Days in Quitaque, Saturday.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Keane and Derrick Sunday were Mrs. Monica Smith and Clutter of Floydada and Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Tuesday for her cardiac medical appointment. Her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited them on Sunday.

Mrs. Clois (Kathy) Shorter was in Lubbock, Friday to be with daughter, Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville who had carpal wrist surgery at the Covenant Medical Center. Mrs. Sehon and son, Brian returned home with Mrs. Shorter and visited Friday and Saturday night. Visiting them Sunday were Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg. Mrs. Sehon and Brian returned to Petersburg with Mrs. Milam where her husband, Kevin Sehon met them for their return home to Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in Childress, Monday for his medical tests. They attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall. They enjoyed Trail Days in Quitaque, Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay visited in Clifton from Tuesday until Saturday with daughter and family, Lori, Kevon, Kylene and Karlee Kleibrink. Lori was on the sick list. Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Clay attended the first birthday celebration of grandson, Parker Carson held in the home of his parents, Tina and Pat Carson of Turkey. He blew out his candle on a farm animal decorated cake.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

"What's that?" my two year old grandson kept asking his mother while they were driving along the road.

After identifying a horse, a billboard and a tractor, she answered the next "what's that" by saying she hadn't seen it. "That's okay mom," he assured her. "It was a bird."

KOBBI RISSE BLAIR PHOTOGRAPHS FEATURED IN COUNTRY WOMAN MAGAZINE

Kobbi Risser Blair of Salem, Oregon had photographs featured in the June 2002, edition of Country Woman magazine. On pages 4-5-6 she shows the country kitchen of Mrs. Debbi Oeltjen of Keizer, Oregon with the article, "She Cooks Up a

Fun Green Thumb Look!"

Kobbi was awarded her degree in Photo Journalism at the University of Texas of Arlington in 1998. She is a staff photographer with the Statesman newspaper in Salem, Oregon. She is a graduate of Motley County High School and earned many awards with her 4-H Photography entries.

She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Dixon and the daughter of Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador.

Ryan Martin is home for the summer from Tarleton University in Stephenville to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and help with the farming operations. Visiting the family, Sunday was Jamie Pigg of Lubbock.

Matador News

Charles "Chuck" Ream had surgery Friday at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Gail Ream and her sister, Jill of Ashland, Wisconsin joined Pat and Ray

Rice of Reno, Nevada in Victorville, California, Sunday to visit and enjoy tourist attractions. Dr. Pat Williams of Pryor, Ok. is working at the Motley County Clinic in the absence of Mrs. Ream, PA at the clinic.

Motley County Senior Citizens news

by Frances Hobbs

The Motley County Senior Citizens Board of Directors would like to inform the community of changes that have been made at the Center. It is our desire to keep everyone informed of the Center's activities.

The Center has a new look, and personnel changes. Georgia Witcher began duties as cook on May 15. Her home-cooked meals have been enjoyed by all who have been served. If you haven't tried her cooking we invite you to join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon.

Tommie Keith is serving the center as Director-Bookkeeper and brings with her vast knowledge and experience which will be a great asset to the center.

Pearl Patten began duties as Director June 3. We look forward to

working with her and are pleased to have her.

The PCA has graciously donated their "old" office furnishings to the Center. It has given the Senior Citizens building a completely "new" look. We appreciate Alan's and Judy's generosity, and the Board of Directors would like to publicly thank them.

Thanks also goes to Joy Archer for painting the Senior King & Queen reserved parking space sign. Bill and Billy Koon have enjoyed their special place.

A site council has been selected for the Center and its activities. We look forward to even better things to be happening at your Motley County Senior Citizens in the near future. Please feel welcome to join us at any time for a meal or for fellowship or both.

Senior Citizens form Site Council

Marihelen Wason was elected president of the newly formed Site Council of the Senior Citizens of Motley County.

Vice President is Elaine Hart; Secretary, Winifred Darsey; co-chair-

men of activities, Marion Woodruff and Vee Gordon.

Other members of the Site Council are Judge Ed D. Smith, John (Sonny) Russell, Bobby Brown, Frances Hobbs and Jimmy Watson.

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Grandson graduates from U.S. Naval Academy



Adam Green

Luther and Edna Ruth Green joined all their children and grandchildren in Annapolis, Maryland the week of May 18-25. The family spent the week attending events connected with the graduation of grandson, Adam Green, from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

They especially enjoyed attending Baccalaureate services at the Chapel, performances by the Blue Angels, and touring Washington, D.C.

The week concluded with the commencement address by Vice President Dick Cheney and Adam's commissioning as an Ensign in the

United States Navy.

Adam will report to Pensacola, Florida in November to begin aviation training. Luther and Edna Ruth are very proud grandparents!

Bring on the rains, Motley County is thirsty

by Earlyne Jameson

We can't remember when we have had so many promising rain clouds that disappeared leaving no moisture and the cool temperatures Motley County had during the month of May. Dry, windy weather hampered the planting of cotton until the last week in May.

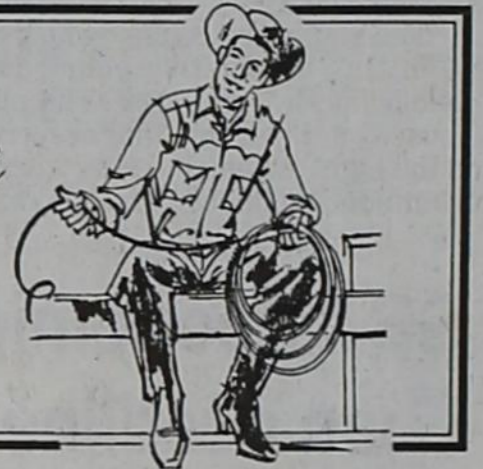
The lack of rain is not only a concern of farmers, but also the cattlemen experiencing dry grassland and

the decline of the water level in stock tanks and lakes. As Motley County begins the 2002 cotton crop, weather is the wild card on the production side, so good rains are needed.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers registered the total rainfall for the month of May: Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 0.74; Betty Simpson of Northfield 0.97; Jim Stockton of Whiteflat 0.80; Kelly Meyer of Matador 0.45 and Buzz Thacker of Roaring Springs 0.57.

Recollections

by John Duff Green



EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story is from the book, *Recollections*, by John Duff Green, and edited by granddaughter, Joan Green Lawrence. The Motley County Tribune previously printed stories from Mr. Green's writings several years ago, before they were compiled into a book. As space permits, we will again share Mr. Green's "recollections."

John Duff Green was born in 1874 in Lampasas County, Texas, the son of John Archibald and Susan Lewis Green, who had migrated to Texas from Lampasas, Bosque and Stone-wall counties. John A. Sue and their family settled in Dickens County, Texas in 1891. Duff was a cowboy on some of the large ranches in that area, when he met and married a young school teacher, Myra Kelly, in 1901. They purchased land in Motley County, Texas and lived there the rest of their lives. Mr. Green died in 1960 and Mrs. Green in 1973.

TEXAS

(part 1)

The word Texas wherever seen or heard, possibly offers to the average mind as many suggestive thoughts as any word in our English language.

To a native Texas cattleman, it is a perennial stream of content for his fondest hopes and dreams to float upon, as he relives his life amid scenes that have passed away, but whose halo lingers still, after the sun is down.

Texas in its primeval state has never had its equal as a livestock habitat, or natural breeding ground. No place is found on the world maps of equal size that could combine so many necessary attributes, with fewer disadvantages than Texas had - climate, altitudes, rainfall, natural shelter or protection from any extreme weather in summer or during winter's frosting regime.

Interpersed with rivers and creeks that flowed with an ample water supply the year round, fed as they were by gushing springs that rushed down the hills and over the pebbles with a gurgling cadence as they went their way to the sea, the hills and vales were covered with an abundance of the most luxuriant grasses and weeds that any part of the face of the world was ever carpeted with.

Surely the Creator, with his Divine Wisdom, touched the part of His creation we know as Texas with an extra touch of His aesthetic wand, and left it clothed with loveliness, for the sterile, inhospitable features one may see today is the handiwork of man as he rudely disturbed nature as created.

People who are at all conversant with Texas history will recall that after its annexation to the United States, and the Mexican War which followed and closed about 1847, the U.S. government shortly established a chain of forts across the State, primarily for the protection of its citizens from Indian raids.

This line of forts began at Fort Sill in the old Indian Territory on south to Fort Richardson in Jack County,

Fort Belknap on the Brazos River in Young County, Fort Griffin on the Clear Fork in Shackelford County, Camp Cooper on the same stream and on to Fort Phantom Hill on the Clear Fork in Jones County, thence south by west across the watershed between the Brazos and the Colorado Rivers to Fort Chadbourn in Coke County to Fort Concho and on to the Rio Grande.

At the time of their establishment, they were of course somewhat in advance or in the background from the settlements proper and it can be stated with assurance that the country east and south of these forts were teeming with cowmen and their herds of cattle, dammed back as it were and kept below the forts because of the wily Indians who held undisputed control of the country north and west from those forts. It is true that a few hearty souls pushed out beyond, but a few entirely covered them and they were not distant.

The Indian country was also the buffalo range, literally alive with antelope and deer, mustang horses being more than plentiful, with wild turkey and quail by the millions, some bear, and infested with predatory animals that took first from the wild game and later trespassed on the cattle herds.

The annual loss from Lobo wolves and panthers could never be reckoned and Coyote wolves made a feast on the baby calves hid and left by their mothers while they hid away for water and a morsel to eat.

I believe it is generally conceded that the buffaloes were migratory animals - that is, they shifted or moved their feeding grounds somewhat on the order of wild geese and ducks. A sort of latent instinct ruled them. Texas in the main was the winter range, and each spring, as nature smiled and sent her gentle rains upon the earth and the grass began to green, the buffalo herds were on their trek northward.

It was a slow daily movement, as they fed through, some say to the Arkansas River, others say to the Black Hills and beyond. It makes little difference so far as this story goes. The point in question is that Texas was free or comparatively free of buffalo during the grass-growing season and, with just an average rainfall, the land produced a wonderful turf and an abundant growth of succulent grasses for the maintenance of the millions of buffalo on their southward migration in the fall.

Below the forts, the cattlemen ever found a crowded condition and naturally viewed from afar the Indian and buffalo range with a longing and desire to possess.

To be continued....

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FARM AND RANCH NEWS

County Agent's Report



by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent

CATTLE OF THE FUTURE HOW BIG?

Recent industry targets specify carcass weights of 650 to 850 pounds, although there currently are no discounts from 600 to 900 pounds, or 550 to 950 on some price grids. But one of the major packers, IBP (now owned by Tyson), says their ideal target is 600 to 735 pounds, in order to balance portion size and thickness. Using an average dressing percent of 63.5, that equates to live weights of 945 to 1155 pounds, which would be frame scores of 2 to 4 for steers and 3 to 5 for heifers. For that to happen, we'd have to downsize considerably. Targets for ideals have a place, but it's unlikely that the average size of cattle will be reduced that much, at least very soon.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCEPTION RATE

Montana researchers, using a computer simulation, analyzed results from yearling heifers and found that production and income were not affected much by differences in conception rate (CR, probability of conceiving per estrous cycle). Compared to CR of 0.7, weaning weight per cow exposed (WWCE) was only 19 pounds lighter for CR of 0.4 and Gross Margin (GM) was only 5% less. However, for mature cows, WWCE was 81 pounds lighter (for CR 0.4 compared to 0.7) and GM was reduced by 17%. In heifers, reduced calf income was pretty much offset by more income from selling open yearling heifers. But open heifers are just like stockers, they gain a good deal of weight up until they're sold. You usually don't get much gain out of a mature cow. Also, low CR heifers often tend to be low CR as mature cows. If you're saving heifers, keep enough to be able to save the early conceptions. Odds are, they'll make better cows.

SEXED SEMEN ARE WE GETTING CLOSER?

Accelerated Genetics, Baraboo, WI, reports a trial where 1200 heifers were inseminated with sex-sorted semen, resulting in 86% female fetuses. However, current sorting technology produces only 5 to 6 straws an hour on a \$300,000 machine, and those are "low-dose" straws containing 7% to 8% of a standard number of sperm. All this adds up to semen costs of \$40 to \$60 a straw. Also, conception rates in this study were 15% lower than with standard-dose, unsexed semen. At this point, the company thinks the technology might be used by "high-end registered herds, expansion herds that want to grow from within, and herds extremely concerned with biosecurity." Looks like everybody else will have to wait awhile.

INSECT REMAINS MAY BE USED IN PREVENTION OF CROP PESTS

Dead insects may now aid in helping to kill certain crop pests. USDA scientists have developed a coating that keeps insect cadavers intact by improving storing, handling, and environmental tolerance. Parasitic worms called nematodes are able to survive inside undamaged insect cadavers and kill other pests. The nematodes do not cause harm to humans or the environment. Furthermore, the nematodes have bacteria that live inside them. Using this bacteria, the nematodes will infect the pest and destroy it within 48 hours then feed off the recently deceased host and reproduce inside it. Currently, most nematodes are released through a liquid spray solution. This is usually more expensive than chemical pesticides. The ca-

daver method will make this cheaper, but application techniques still need to be modified before they can be used by farmers. The coating is made from environmentally friendly materials and degrades rapidly when the surface becomes moist.

RESEARCH MAY AID IN PREVENTING FUNGAL COTTON DISEASE

Cotton usually emerges well when planted under ideal conditions. But, as little-known disease, rhizopus oryzae (rhy-ZO-pus oh-RHY-za), may cause cotton to die before it even reaches the surface. If the crops do break through, they quickly decline because of root rot. Fungicide treatment of cotton seeds, which is effective against other damping-off diseases, does not affect the rhizopus oryzae, a relative of bread mold. Charles Howell, USDA plant pathologist in College Station, has used the fungus trichoderma virens to devise a biological control treatment for the disease. The treatment is grown in liquid cultures. The solids are then dried, and the granules are used to control the rhizopus oryzae by preventing germination. This research may aid in saving substantial amounts of money lost annually due to seedling diseases.

PECAN NUT CASEBEARER CONTROL DELAYED

Pecan nut casebearer moth numbers captured in the Texas Rolling Plains have been low to very low. Treatment dates have been delayed as a result of cooler temperatures during the past two weeks. Pheromone moth traps are used to provide an early warning for producers. The traps provide an indication of when moths can be expected to deposit eggs on the tops of developing nutlets and when pecan clusters should be inspected for nutlet entries. Usually in this area control measures are needed between mid-May to June 5. The first generation of the pecan nut casebearer is the most damaging, therefore control measures are timed to kill first generation larvae before they enter the nutlets. After the larvae are in the nutlets they are protected from the insecticidal application. A total of 310 nutlet clusters should be inspected to determine the need for control measures. The insecticidal application should be made when entries are found in two nut clusters. If fewer clusters are found to be damaged, the trees should be inspected again two or three days later.

Pecan nut casebearer eggs are just large enough to be seen with the unaided eye and are deposited on or just below the tip of the nutlet. Once found, eggs should be marked with tape so they can be reinspected easily. Larvae feed for a day or two after emerging from the eggs before they enter the nutlets. The nutlet entry is usually at the base of the pecan and is marked with black droppings held by silk around the entrance hole.

Insecticides should be applied with caution in backyards and urban areas, because of the potential for spray drift onto nearby gardens, pets, and living areas. Only products labeled for homeowner use for pecan nut casebearer control on pecans should be used. Commercial producers have a wider choice of products that might be used. Selection should be made carefully. Pyrethroid insecticides and carbaryl (Sevin[®]) have sometimes been followed by an aphid outbreak.

Additional information is available from the Texas Cooperative Extension office in a leaflet, L-5134 Controlling the Pecan Nut Casebearer.

COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

PCG TACKLING FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AS HIGH PLAINS CROP

With questions concerning specifics of the new Farm Program mounting Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. continues toward full implementation of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

Probably the most frustrating part for High Plains growers is the wait and see aspect of the situation. And as most observers would expect the last pieces of the puzzle continue to be the ones that are most critical to pulling together an accurate measure of the new programs impact.

The efforts of organizations like the National Cotton Council, PCG, and Texas Cooperative Extension to host meetings explaining the legislation, answering producer questions that need further clarification have been tremendously helpful to growers.

Eventually the process of identifying specific details of the new program will give way to full scale implementation and a head start for cotton producers.

The majority of the process was clearly spelled out in the Bill as to how the base and yield update process would be carried out. The only part that is really missing at this time is the final methodology that will be employed to provide yield "plugs" for a producer who experienced below average or zero production during the 1998-2001 yield update window.

USDA Farm Service Agency officials are in the process of finalizing the rules that will govern the use of yield plugs and it is hoped that the final decision will be made in this regard in the very near future.

Other decisions regarding the timing and process through which growers will enroll in the new program are also being worked on at USDA. It is likely that when many of these pending decisions are made a flurry of detail will begin to emerge from Washington.

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Zone	Acres Mapped thru 5/26	# of weevils week ending 5/26	# traps inspected week ending 5/26	Acres treated week ending 5/26
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PB	159,223	0	23,714	0
SHP	911,587	45	26,266	115
WHP	38,834	3	3,632	0

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

With temperatures skyrocketing across the Lone Star State, it once again appears we've skipped spring and jumped right into a sweltering summer.

Welcome to Texas.

Don't get me wrong, summers aren't so bad; we just need to make the best of them. Think family trips. Think fresh produce. Children are out of school and vacation is the watchword for Texans across the state. One trip that should not be missed this summer is to the local farmers markets. There are dozens sprinkled across the state, and they offer an enormous variety of fruits and vegetables. Fresh produce is the best way to celebrate summer and get a taste of what's growing across Texas.

The biggest advantage of buying straight from farmers markets can be summed up with one word - freshness. Produce at these markets is typically harvested just one or two days before. Variety is another benefit. Beyond the basics, many local growers specialize in the more unusual, hard to find produce.

How do you find farmers markets near you? TDA recently published a new brochure called the Certified Texas Farmers Markets 2002 Directory. It has a complete list of certified farmers markets in Texas, along with their locations, days and hours of operation and phone numbers. For information call 1-877-99GO-TEX or visit the TDA Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us and click the Certified Farmers Markets link.



A group of pheasants is properly referred to as a nye.

a constant dialogue with USDA, Congressional staff and the NCC during this time to insure the needs and concerns of the Texas High Plains are fully communicated.

Combined with the mixed start that many High Plains cotton fields have experienced, the ability to maintain a positive wait and see attitude toward both the crop and the implementation process will be what gets growers through the next few weeks.

PCG/TCE GRID TRAPING MAPS TO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY JUNE

Over the past several years Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has been tracking and reporting boll weevil levels across its 25 county area through its GRID trapping project.

Originally set up in conjunction with Texas Cooperative Extension as an "AgriPartners" relationship, the grid of traps goes from Deaf Smith County in the North down to Martin, Midland and Howard counties. East to West the grid covers from the Caprock edge in Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Borden and Dawson counties to the Texas-New Mexico line.

The GRID traps are relocated in the same place each year and have been set out for 2002 over the past couple of weeks. The first maps for 2002 showing weekly catches will be available online at the cotton growers website and on PCG's pages in the Cotton section of DTN starting in early June.

As cotton in each zone approaches squaring, traps will be placed around every field approximately 500 feet apart. Squaring, or appearance of the flower bud on cotton plants, will occur starting late June or early July in most fields.

Details of trap catches and treatments for all eradication zones in Texas can be found on the TBWEF web site at www.txbollweevil.org

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has been mapping and trapping cotton fields as they are planted this season. For the week ending May 26, 2002 TBWEF reports as follows:

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