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Motley and Dickens County friends meet for 78th Old Settlers

Hannah Richardson crowned 2001 Rodeo Queen

Friends, old and new, gathered in Roaring Springs last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for the 78th annual Old Settlers celebration.

Horses, floats, antique cars, horse-drawn wagons and the like made up the parade, which kicked off the celebration Thursday morning. Mott Creek Ranch took home the plaque for having the best horse-drawn entry. The old wagon, led by Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell, carried some of the old-time Matador cowboys. Benny Maben of Spur won the prize for Best Antique Car. Jr. Cowgirl was Erin Baker of Spur and Jr. Cowboy was Todd Thomas of Matador. Modern Day Cowboy was Vic Read of Matador and Modern Day Cowgirl was Lacy Rankin of Roaring Springs; Old Time Cowboy, Elmer Maben of Snyder, and Old Time Cowgirl, Janna Smith of Dickens. Winning the plaque for Best Float was the Dickens County Courthouse with their funny rendition of a "Saterde" Night bath.

Loved ones were remembered at the Memorial Service, held in the historic Tabernacle, after the parade. (See Memorial List). Judge Woody McArthur of Dickens welcomed the small crowd and Kelly and Pennie Keltz presented two gospel songs, before acknowledgments were made. Plaques were presented to Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs for being the Oldest Woman in Motley County attending the service; Grant Carlson of Matador, Oldest Man, and having lived the longest in Motley County.

Flora Rich of Dickens received the plaque for being the Oldest Woman in Dickens County, while Homer Jackson was named Oldest Man. Mr. Jackson also received the plaque for having lived the longest in Dickens County.

Bob Goodnight of San Jose, California, traveling 1500 miles to attend the event, received the plaque for traveling the farthest.

Old Settlers Association Officers and directors were elected and

amendments to the by-laws were discussed at the Business Meeting held after a lunch break. Amendments were published in the *Motley County Tribune* and the *Texas Spur* three consecutive weeks prior to the meeting.

Officers for the 2002 celebration are President - Truitt Read; Vice-President, Doc Edwards; Secretary-Treasurer, Marisue Potts; Directors, Russell Alexander, Corky Marshall, Bob Forbis, Wayne Smith and Mike Jones; Nominating Committee, Jeff Braselton, Jeff Thacker and Johnny Turner.

The fans at the pavilion cooled spectators and dancers alike as the Waltz Contest heated up. At stake were the bragging rights of the best waltzing couple. Opal Kratzer of Floydada and Marlee Holloman of Slaton displayed some very fancy footwork to an appreciative crowd to edge out the experience of Mr. and Mrs. "Suckerrod" Ozborn. Tom and Sherry Cheyne of Plainview waltzed their way to the title for the 55 and up crowd when they were tapped by the judges, Vickie Arrington Sawyers and Lorrie Warren Foreman of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Ms. Foreman is a niece of the late Wild Horse Warren, a distinguished waltzer known for his trademark red suspenders.

A free dance and Motley and Dickens County arena events, (results to be announced in next week's paper), brought an end to Thursday's opening day of the celebration.

A Snapping Turtle Race added to the fun on Saturday afternoon, with \$50 being presented to winners from three divisions. Autumn Woolsey of Roaring Springs had the fastest turtle in the 0-4 division; Jamie and Leanne Jameson's turtle came out in front in the age 5-9 division; and Cody Schmidt had the fastest snapper in the 10-12 division. Each winner was also presented with a plaque.

Friday and Saturday night brought Rodeo excitement, from bronc and bull riding, to the kid's calf



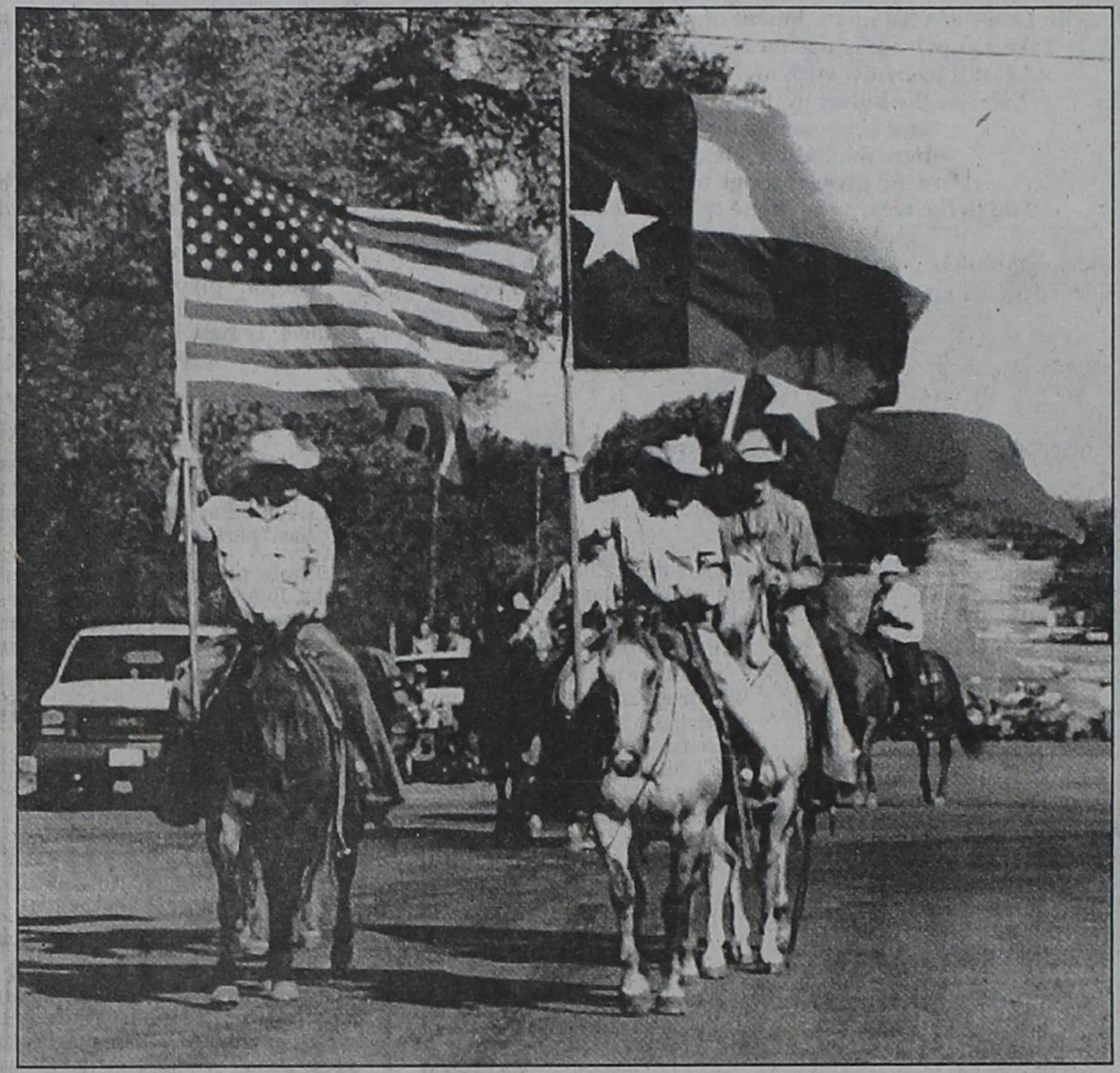
Hannah Richardson
 2001 Old Settlers
 Rodeo Queen

scramble. Rodeo performances were definitely crowd pleasers.

Hannah Richardson, the eleven-year-old daughter of Julie and Russell Alexander of Roaring Springs, was crowned 2001 Rodeo Queen, during Saturday night's performance. Sherri Thomas, 17-year-old daughter of Ray and Susan Thomas of Matador was named first runner-up. Emily Hurt, the 14-year-old daughter of Jimmy Don and Sarah Hurt of Matador was also a contestant. Edd Whitley of Henrietta, Texas, was winner of the Berl Jenkins saddle.

In spite of a much needed rainfall, Rodeo contestants continued their performance. The rain did, however, put a damper on the much anticipated Saturday night young-folks dance, featuring CowJazz, and the dance ended early.

The 78th annual celebration brought Motley and Dickens friends together once again under the cool cottonwoods of Roaring Springs, and plans are already being made for the 79th celebration, which will be held the last full weekend of August, 2002.



LEADING THE PARADE — Flag Bearers, Bill Smith and son Billy Smith, in front, and Jr. Flag Bearers, Shelby Stokes and Andy Jones, led the Parade to kick-off the 78th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion, last Thursday in downtown Roaring Springs.

School Board mulls free lunches for all Motley County students

The August 13, 2001, regular session of the Motley County ISD, produced discussion about an initiative to have all students eat free at the school. Superintendent Rick Copp informed the board that to qualify for this program, according to TEA requirements, at least 70% of the student body must be on free and reduced lunches. Currently, 65.25% of the student body qualifies for one of these programs. In order for the program to work, Motley County ISD would have to be a closed campus during lunch. This means that no students could leave unless a parent came to the school at noon and

signed the student out. It was decided to look into the program more closely and make a decision at a later date.

The feasibility and cost associated with sending a bus out of the district was discussed. Two transfers, Kortney Williams and Kilby Williams of Floydada were approved in later board action. New bus routes were assigned, with the Roaring Springs route reduced to one driver, Mrs. Judy Woolsey. Jan Martin, who resigned to operate Main Street Cafe, will relinquish her bus to Gene Chapman. Charles Ream and Mrs.

Carolyn Johnson will continue to drive their prescribed routes.

The board set August 27, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. to review, hold the public budget hearing and adopt the 2001-2002 school budget. A second public meeting will be held immediately following the adoption of the budget, to hear public opinion on the tax rate and to set the tax rate for the 2002-2003 school year.

During open forum, Mr. Copp held a public participation session on the Children's Internet Protection

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Sr. Citizens Advisory Board to host Stew Supper

The Motley County Senior Citizens Advisory Board will host a Stew and Cornbread Supper on Thursday, September 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Center.

The Board members invite the public to come and view the building modifications and new commercial equipment.

A night of enjoyment, with food, fun, and fellowship is planned to allow everyone in the community to become a part of the center's opening and its activities. You need not be a Senior Citizen, everyone - young or older, is invited.

New commercial kitchen ware items, for the October 1 operation to begin, will be on display so that everyone will have the opportunity to see where their donation dollars will be spent.

Mark your calendar and make the Motley County Senior Citizen's Stew Supper a part of your pre-homecoming weekend plans.

Commissioners hear bridge replacement plans at called meeting

Motley County Commissioners' Court met in a called session, Monday, August 20, to hear plans of bridge replacements in Motley County.

Darwin Lankford, PE., Childress District Bridge Engineer, Chris Reed, from Childress District Office, and Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor in Motley

County, presented plans to replace five bridges under the Off-System Bridge Program.

Motley County is responsible for 10% of the cost of the bridge replacements. The county does not have to escrow 10% of the costs with TxDOT. The county commits to upgrade other structures within their jurisdiction for the same 10% they would

have had to escrow. The in-kind work will be at the following sites:

- Precinct 2, CR115, construct low water crossing;
- Precinct 2, CR142, install tin horn, 40 ft. long, 4 ft. in diameter;
- Precinct 2, CR142, 30-40 loads of dirt for low water crossing;

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Roaring Springs City Council plans recreation projects for kids

Roaring Springs City Councilwoman, Amy Perryman, reported on children's recreational projects when the Council met for the regular meeting, August 13. Mrs. Perryman said that Roaring Springs Volunteers will move the poles at the tennis court to the Old Settlers grounds so that a baseball backstop can be built for children to be able to have a baseball field. She also reported that a new basketball goal is being erected at the tennis court. Mrs. Perryman suggested a community work day at the City Park. Council discussed making a place somewhere in the park for the children to ride bicycles, and possibly improve the playground equipment in the Park. Mrs. Perryman will check on prices for playground

equipment. In other business, Council approved the minutes of the July 9 meeting. Bills were approved.

Elaine Hart, Motley County Tax Assessor and Collector presented a proposal for a tax rate of .45771 per \$100.00 of value, for the 2001 tax year. The 2000 tax rate was .46049. The Council will consider adopting the 2001 tax rate at the September 13 regular meeting.

Council discussed purchasing two trailers that can be used for hauling tree limbs. City Water Manager, Robert Osborn, will locate some trailers and report on the cost of each trailer.

Mr. Osborn reported to the Council that several old houses have been

demolished and the lots are being cleaned up.

Present for this meeting were Mayor Joey Thacker; Council members Gary Simpson, Amy Perryman, Alex Crowder; City Water Manager, Robert Osborn; and City Secretary, Zella Palmer.

Motley County Spirit Rally
September 6!
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Old Settlers Honored

Receiving recognition at the Old Settlers Memorial Service were Cleo Watson, Motley County Oldest Woman; Flora Rich, Dickens County Oldest Woman; (pictured in front left to right). Grant Carlson received the plaques for Motley County's Oldest Man and Living the Longest in Motley County; and Bob Goodnight, from San Jose, California, received the plaque for traveling the farthest. Not pictured is Homer Jackson, who was recognized as Dickens County's Oldest Man and Living the Longest in Dickens County.

Kid's Praise September 5

It's Kid's Praise time again! All the children in the community, two years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, September 5, 5:00-6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

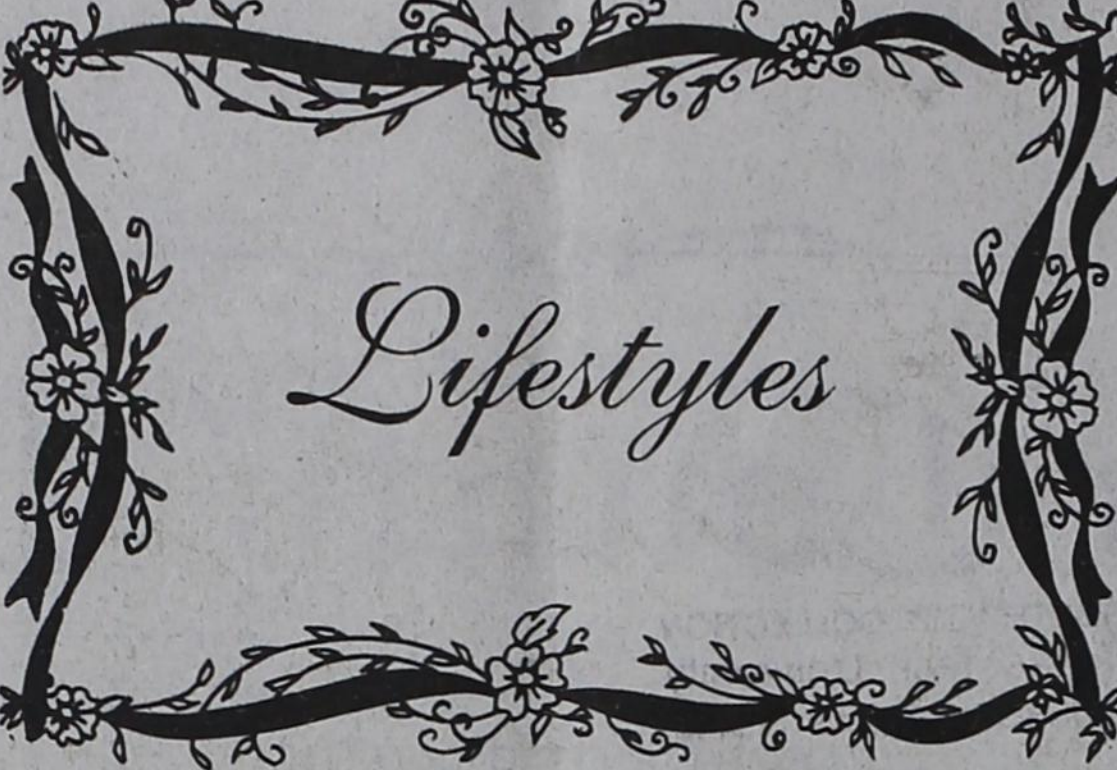
Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by Women on Mission of the church's (WMMU).



I bought a card for someone the other day that had the following "pre- scription" on it. I thought it was a good dose of medicine for everyone.

A Spiritual Prescription

Greet the morning gratefully, and let the day begin with God's eternal nourishment of peace and joy within... Take a cup of blessings measured out for you today and let it overflow with loving care to give away... Exercise the Power of the Spirit in your deeds, and keep you vision focused where the light of Heaven leads. For God gives courage to the strong and to the weary rest, hope to lead a better life, and help to do our best - And for complete assurance of our soul's good health and care, Our Lord, the Great Physician, calls us near to Him in prayer.



Pivots & Divots
by Geneva

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE
August 14
Winners: First, with a score of 29, were Ken Marshall, Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton.
Second, with a score of 31, were Conway Clary, Alan Bingham and Jim Watson. Charlie Long got closest to pin on #6, 23'10".
Others playing were Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Rob Francis, Tempie Francis and Matt Washington.

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE
August 21
Winners, with a score of 30, were Kenneth Marshall and Olivia Barton. Second, with a score of 31, were Alan Bingham, Francine Braselton, and Dot Grundy. Kenneth got closest to pin on #3 - 2'4".
Others playing were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Randy Martin, Robin Darsey, Roy Grundy and Geneva Wilson.

THURSDAY LADIES PLAYDAY
August 16
18 hole players were Francine Braselton, Dot Grundy, Olivia Barton and Louise Barton. Olivia won the ball, most pars on even holes.

LADIES PLAYDAY
August 23
Francine Braselton, Olivia Barton and Geneva Wilson played eighteen holes. Dot Grundy played 9 holes with the group. Francine won the ball.

Nine hole players were Tempie Francis, Judy Renfro, Frances Hobbs. There was a three-way tie for the ball - Frances Hobbs, Tempie Francis and Dot Grundy. Each won a ball.

Lindsey Westbrook named to College Who's Who list

Lindsey Williams Westbrook of Lubbock, daughter of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador, has been selected by South Plains College at Lubbock as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. A campus nomination committee and editors of this publication have included the name of Lindsey Renee Williams in the 2001 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934. This honor is awarded to students who display outstanding achievements, not only in scholarly endeavors but also participate and exercise leadership in extracurricular activities. Over the past 67 years, the Who's Who program has honored and rewarded the individual scholastic excellence of outstanding campus leaders. This prestigious award is one of the greatest honors annually conferred by the American academic community. Lindsey Renee Williams joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.

Family & Consumer news
by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

OSTEOPOROSIS
She's your typical Texas woman with too much to do and too little time to do it in. She's 51 with teenagers to worry about, or a career that keeps her busy, or maybe both. The last thing on her mind is how much calcium she is getting everyday. But that's an important question for women of all ages, especially those 50 and above. Almost 75 percent of osteoporosis costs occur in Texans age 75 and older. This share will increase as the Texas population ages. For many, active intervention is needed now to prevent painful and costly bone fractures. You and your doctor can easily find what condition your bones are in, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent. A bone density test is a safe, painless X-ray technique that compares an individual's bone density to the peak bone density that someone of her gender and ethnicity should have reached between the ages of 30 and 35, when bone density is at its highest. Many insurance programs will pay for all or part of the cost. Last year, osteoporosis caused 71,828 bone fractures in Texans, at a cost of almost \$977 million. That cost is expected to accumulate to almost \$11 billion over the next decade. To prevent a lot of unnecessary pain and expense, seniors and their health care providers are urged to diagnose osteoporosis early and treat the disease swiftly.

Osteoporosis is a disease in which bones become weak and are more likely to break, if not prevented or left untreated, osteoporosis can progress painlessly until a bone breaks. These fractures typically occur in the hip, spine and wrist. Any bone can be affected, but fractures of the hip and spine are especially serious. A hip fracture almost always requires hospitalization and major surgery. It can impair a person's ability to walk unassisted and may cause long-term or permanent disability or even death. Unfortunately, national statistics show that 10 percent to 20 percent of people with hip fractures die within six months, half cannot walk without aid and a fourth require long-term care. Osteoporosis is a disease of the skeleton in which the amount of calcium present in the bones slowly decreases to the point where the bones become brittle and prone to fracture. In other words, the bone loses density. Osteoporosis is diagnosed when bone density has decreased to the point where fractures can happen with only mild stress on the bone. Preventing osteoporosis is a life-long job. And even though there is no cure for osteoporosis, its progress can be slowed or even stopped. Next week we will investigate this disease further.



Local celebrities, Commissioners Franklin Jameson and Donnie Turner, and Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, pictured left to right, served beans and cornbread at the Library last Friday. The event was a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Library Notes
by Suzanne Abbott

We thank the seventy-plus folks who came to eat beans and cornbread with us last Friday. It was a great event and everyone had a lot of fun. We also appreciate the hard work and the good food that the Friends of the Library provided to make the Rootin' Tootin' Beans a success. A special thanks to our Celebrity Servers: Laverna Price, Franklin Jameson, Donnie Turner, J.N. Fletcher, Rodney Williams, Corky Marshall, and Jim Meador. They do great work not only serving beans but also serving our communities. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson for their donation to the library in memory of Mike Hoyle and Glenn Woodruff. We also thank James, Margaret, Jason Stanley and Greg and Jill Kitchens for their donation to the library in memory of Mike Hoyle, Glenn Woodruff, Sonny Jackson and Mike Groves. Donations such as these make a lasting memorial to someone special and they help the library as well. We also have some new books on tape and on CD's read to check out and enjoy as you sit at home on these hot days or as you travel down the road. We have *Echo Burning*, a novel by Lee Child on cassette and we have *Summer Moon*, a novel by Jill Landis, also on cassette. On CD we have *Enemy Within* by Robert Tanenbaum. In the near future, we will be receiving even more new materials on cassette or on CD. In the Large Print section of the library we have Catherine Coulter's newest book, *Hemlock Bay*. We have received a shipment of the Mike Groves CD piano music to sell. These CD's feature Mike on the piano playing old favorites. Those of you who have checked out the library's copy of the CD know how beautiful the music is. Pat Groves donated these copies to the library and all of the \$10.00 price remains with the library. We appreciate Pat's generosity in doing this for us.

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"Remembering Grandma"

Grandma used to get up on a Sunday morning, cook a big breakfast for her large family, milk two or three cows, churn the cream for fresh butter, clean the house, kill and dress a chicken for dinner, dress the younger children, then get into a horse drawn buggy or wagon for a four or five mile trip to church and get there early!

Today, our breakfast comes in a box, the milk man delivers the milk, butter and eggs, the fast food Deli delivers the chicken and the distance to the church building is normally just a few blocks and that to be covered in a modern automobile. Yet, there are some who just can't make it in time for Bible study.

"It is a wretched waste to be gratified with mediocrity when the excellent lies before us."
Isaac D'Israeli - 1834

Life is decisions. So, what does decision making have to do with Grandma? Simply this. Grandma was aware of our Lord's wonderful promise in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." She knew the meaning of this promise. That Jesus is actually the divine center when Christians gather together. She made a decision to be there. Grandma understood "the excellent that lies before us."

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SCHOOL MENU

"About Face" to perform at Full Gospel Church

The Christian music group, "About Face," will perform at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church September 9, for the Sunday night service. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Members of the gospel group are Kevin Keltz, former Motley County resident, and the son of Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs; Reyna Little, J.C Butts, and John Hendricks. They are from the Christian Life Assembly of God Church in Lubbock. Everyone is invited to come and praise the Lord.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Breakfast: Waffles, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pickle Spear, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Squash, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Brownie, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Honey, Milk.

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MATADOR COWBOY REUNION — Old-time Matador hands gathered for this picture at the 8th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion, held in Roaring Springs, August 25.

photo by P.K. Green

Motley County Memorial List

The following is a list of deaths, Motley County residents or former residents, August, 2000 - August, 2001.

Irene Mae Ellison
Amanda Hart
Hubert E. Gunter
Maurice Campbell
Ruth Whitaker Smith
Pauline Hand
Lucille Edna Monk
Carolyn Havis Lanece
Morris Stephens
Wynona Ford Gilbreath
Leora Barton Scrivner
Harold Thrasher
J.W. Pritchett
Vera Etta Carpenter Carmody
Lloyd Fulkerson
D.M. Cogdell, Jr.
Reba Burkes
Annie B. Cloyd
John Albert Thrasher
Winifred Lee
Lila Meador
Alton "Susie" Marshall
Don Louis Woods
Josephine Hamilton
Fay Dirickson
Hoyet Burman

Ruby Pauline Whitaker
John C. Martin
Victor Franklin
Gerry Jones
Ewell Gene Martin
Gartha Bird Dunlap
Virginia "Punk" McWilliams
Melvin "Wild Horse" Warren
Marvin Brock
Sydney Landrum
Mike Groves
Algie Groves
Lloyd Fulkerson
J.B. Cooper
Winifred Lee
Josephine Hamilton
Margaret Terry
Pauline Burkes Addison
Glenda Nelson Brock
Glenn Woodruff
C.P. (Sonny) Jackson
M.L. Hoyle
Alene Elizabeth Briscoe
James Williams
W.C. (Rosie) Deaton
Wandean Garrison Parks
Eldon Reedy
Leon Williams
Harlan Williams

The last dinner bell rings

by Marisue Potts

Robert Thornton joined friends at the Matador Cowboy Reunion on Saturday, August 25, but for him, it was to be the final time he would hear the dinner triangle. The last living chuck wagon cook of the historic Matador Land & Cattle Co., Ltd., was found dead early Sunday morning by his brother-in-law, Bill Hemphill. A Dickens native, he was visiting at the Hemphill residence, west of Roaring Springs, when he was stricken. A memorial service was held at Seigler Funeral Home in Matador, Tuesday, August 28.

Thornton joins the thinning ranks of cowboys riding for the brand who have slipped over the Great Divide for the last roundup. The memorial list of Matador hands for 2001 included Morris Stephens of Turkey, Jordan Rogers of Dumont, Rosie Deaton of Matador, "Wild Horse" Melvin Warren of Calvert, Hal Courtney of Madill, Ok., and J.B. Cooper of Matador.

Two hundred and seven hands and guests lined for the larpin' chuck wagon fare of Jerry Slaton of Afton. Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, red beans, dutch oven

biscuit, canteloupe and cobbler were the order of the day. Slaton's camp with the sheltering fly and cowboy teepee brought back memories of when cowboys stayed out with the wagon until Christmas or July 4th, but the meat hanging on the side of the wagon was never this good.

Thirty-four old hands registered as working for the old Matador Company. The out-of-town senior members of this elite group included: Slim Durham of Wister, Ok., Ike Maben of Snyder, Hawk Aills of Wheeler, J.L. Aills of Hubbard, Ted Aills of New Braunfels, Jim Cloyd of Canadian, Pic, Cox of Hedley, Leroy Webb of Santa Rosa, NM, Duff Johnson of Roswell, NM, Cliff Pritchard of Amarillo, T.W. Mahaney of Graham, and Johnrly Stevens of Abilene. In addition, 29 registered as working or having worked for Koch's Rock Island outfit and the Koch Matador Ranch. Bob Kilmer, the ranch manager of the headquarters of the Lower Division, located south of the Matador township, was an honored guest.

The fiddles of Mike Porter entertained the crowd with old favorites of the Bob Wills era. Master of ceremonies, President Dave Keith, recognized the all important sponsors of the affair, Koch Industries of Wichita

Falls, Koch Industries of Matador, Charlie Bird of Midland, The Matador Cowboy Reunion of the Upper Division (Channing), Cisco Sisson, and Odell Holly. *The Motley County Tribune* and *The Valley Tribune* were singled out for their help in getting the word around. Keith brought the house down with his anecdotes and memories of horses almost rode.

The Cox clans, Luther Cox and Puss Cox, related only by the marriage of Loys Cox to W.O. Cox, were recognized for the contribution each played in the history of the ranch. Members of each family were present and recognized. A short essay, written by Dorothy Cox Russell's daughter, Linda, was read by Marisue Potts.

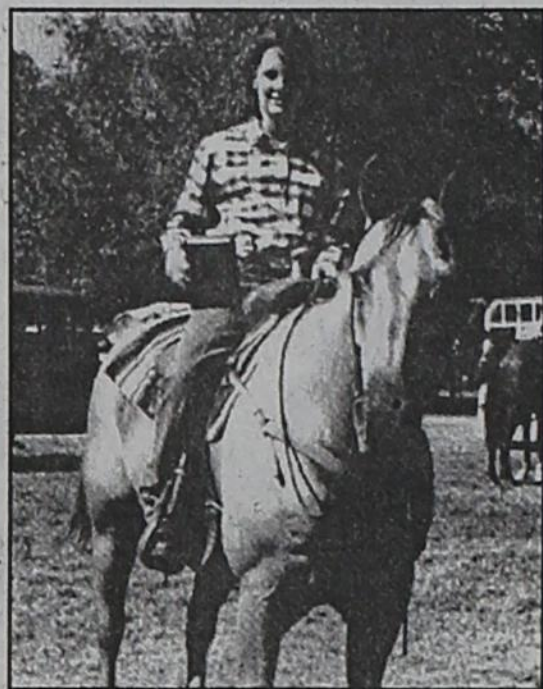
Vic Read read poems honoring Rosie Deaton and H.H. Schweitzer. He also gave presentations from the collections of cowboy poet Jack Douglas.

The lively contest for the prized yellow knives of the Moore Makers produced several new winners. The distinction for traveling the greatest distance to come went to LeRoy Webb of Santa Rosa, NM. The prize for being the earliest old time cowboy (one who has not already won a knife) went to Duff Johnson of

Roswell, NM; he worked for the outfit in 1938-1939. Johnny Davenport of Post received the lucky draw for the third knife. Charlie Martin, the earliest Rock Island employee, received a set of Jack Douglas books.

In the short business meeting, Dave Keith, president, Tom Smauley, vice-president, and Jerry Green, secretary and treasurer, were re-elected as officers. Retiring director Johnny Durham, was replaced by Luther B. Green. Luther, who worked for the Matadors in 1939 on the windmill crew, will join directors Lewis Bostick, Curtis Baby Ozborn, and Ed D. Smith.

The Arbuckle Coffee's peppermint stick for the day goes to the hoods and hoodlum's helpers. As always, they were the unsung heroes, seeing that everything went smoothly. Bert Darsey and his crew set up and broke down camp with the greatest of ease. Jerry and P.K. Green graciously provided the campground and a host of friends to carry the water, rustle up some wood, and dish out the vittles. For Jerry, who was in Houston seeking medical treatment for his daughter, Michelle, this was his first missed reunion since he, Ed D. Smith, and Banty Brandon dreamed up the concept eight years ago. He'll be sure to be on hand for the next Matador Cowboy Reunion on August 22, 2002.



Erin Baker of Spur received the plaque for Best Jr. Cowgirl in the Old Settlers' Parade. Not pictured is Todd Thomas, Jr. Cowboy.



Lacy Rankin, left, of Roaring Springs, and Vic Read of Matador, were awarded plaques for best Modern Day Cowgirl and Cowboy.



Elmer Maben, of Snyder, formerly of Spur, was named best Old Time Cowboy. Not pictured is Janna Smith, Old Time Cowgirl.

Concert will benefit Turkey Roost Museum

The Psalms IV gospel quartet of Amarillo, Texas will perform in concert September 8, in Turkey at the Gem Theater. The proceeds from the concert will go to the historical Turkey Roost Museum project. The concert is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. For further information call 806-423-1273 or 423-1240.



NEW MUSEUM SIGN — Angelica and Jonah Meredith of Las Vegas, Nevada, admire the newly painted Museum sign, when they visited the Motley County Museum recently. The sign was painted by Pat Seigler.

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Children's Health Alert

Helmets: What children are wearing this summer

Dr. John Hellerstedt, MD, FAAP

The next time your child wants to ride a bike this summer, don't let them leave the house without a helmet. In 1998, 138,000 children suffered head injuries from bike crashes.

A good helmet should fit snugly and cover your child's forehead and the chin strap should fit comfortably around his or her ears, allowing a finger's width between the chin and strap.

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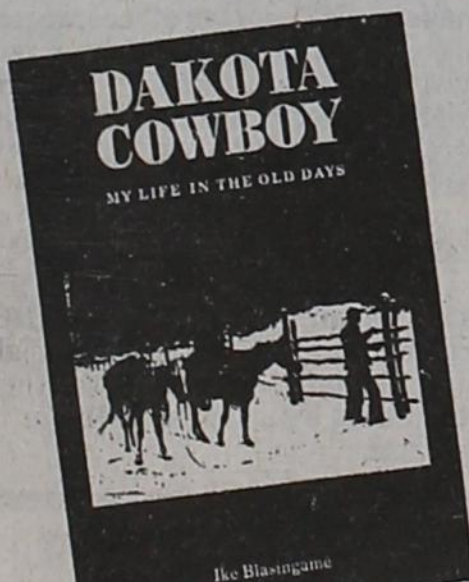
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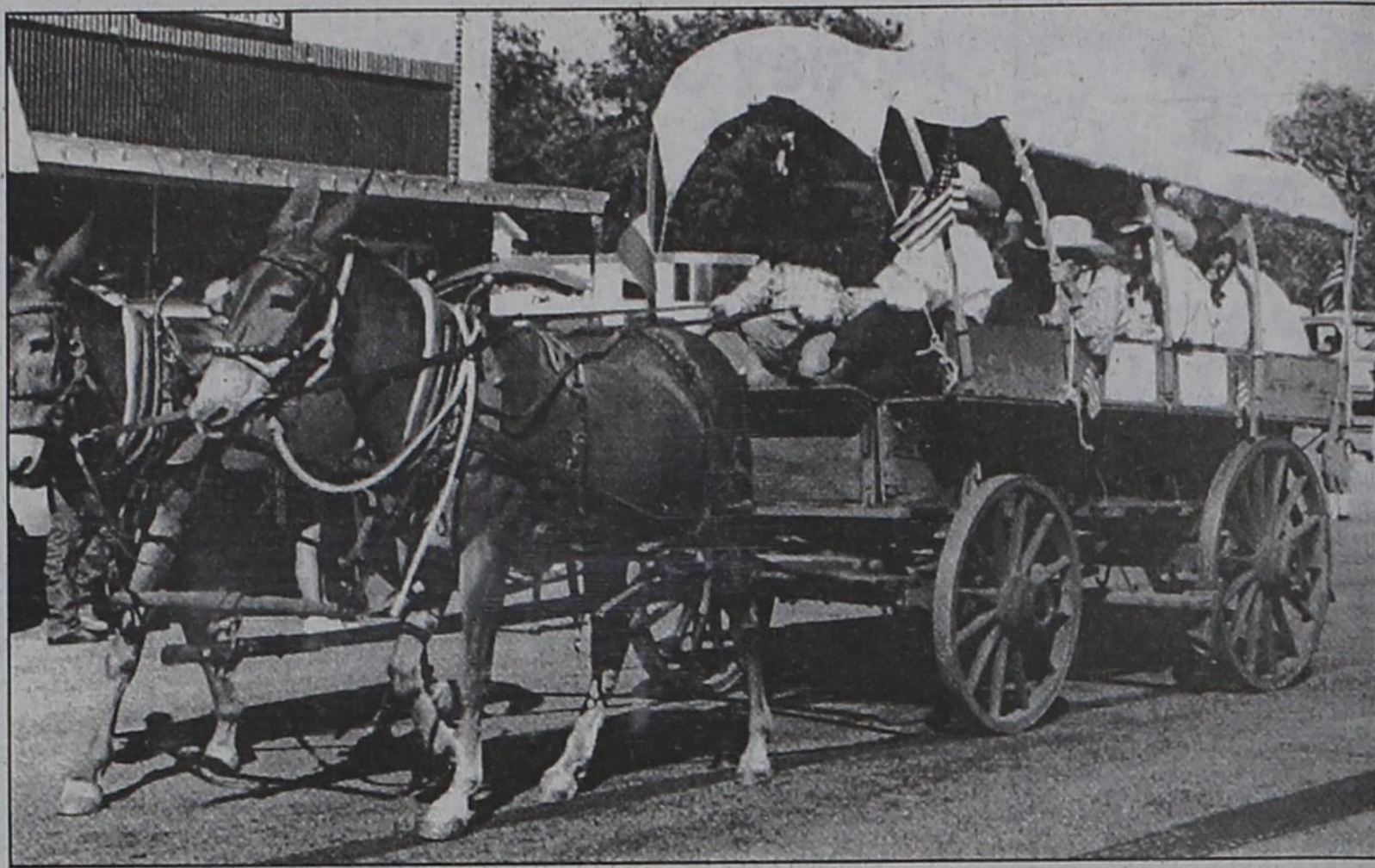


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BEST HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE — Mott Creek Ranch, with Ralph Powell at the reins, won the plaque for best horse-drawn carriage. Passengers were old-time Matador cowboys.



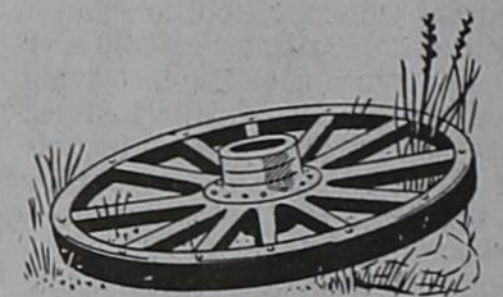
AMERICAN LEGION FLOAT — The Matador American Legion and Auxiliary members rode a very colorful float in the Old Settlers Parade.



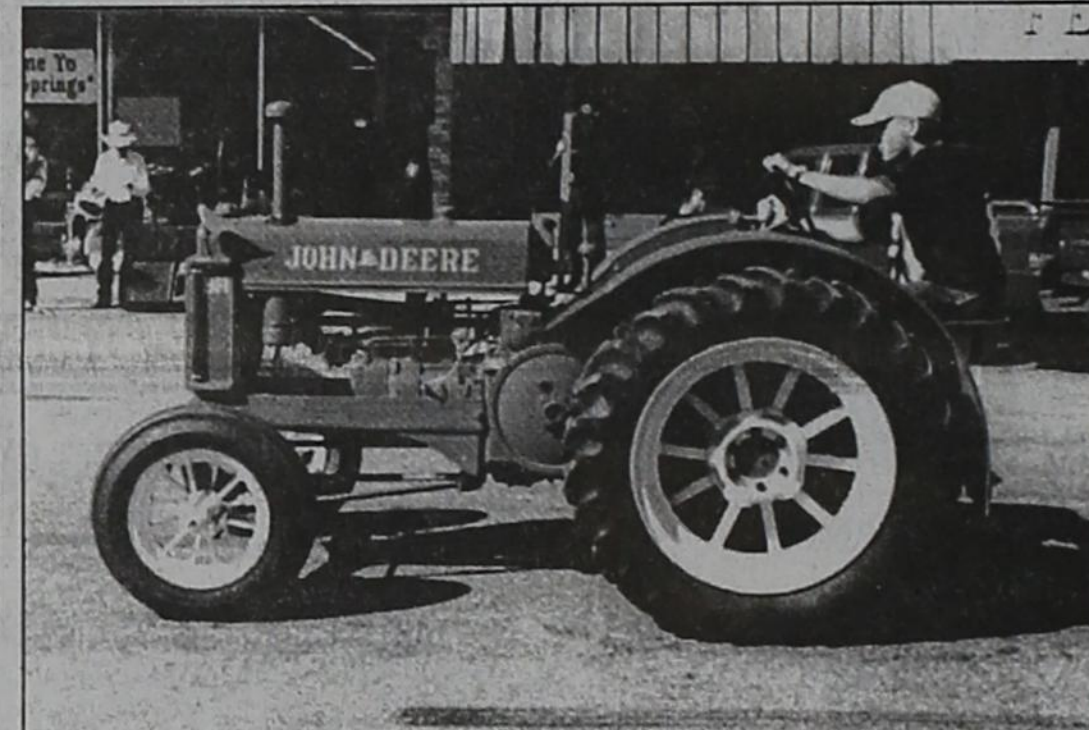
These young ladies were dressed in the latest pioneer wear, complete with covered wagon.



BEST FLOAT
Dickens County Courthouse won the plaque for having the Best Float in the Parade.



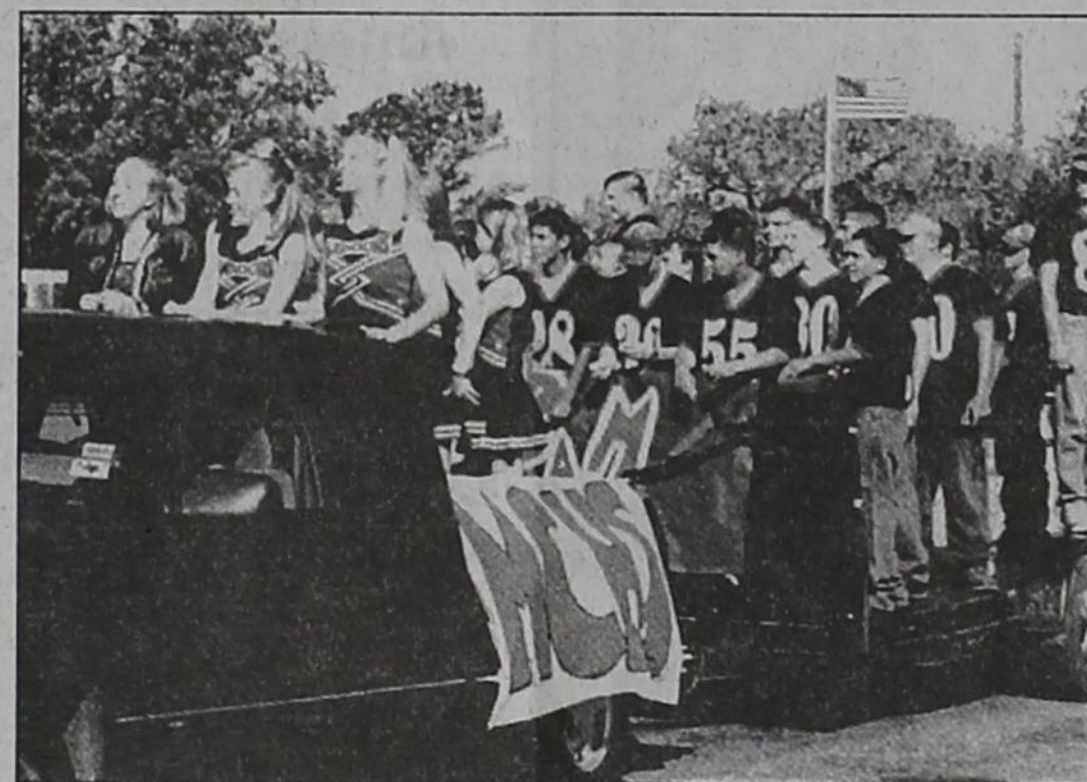
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,

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The rules of the chuck wagon is no longer used. Its like scraping your plate out before putting it in the tub. Don't bother the ropes under the

table. Set on your own bed roll and always ditch the tent.

The sound of dove in the late evening, the howling of the coyote for his mate, the sound of the bronc hitting the end of his stake rope. The faces of those we no longer see.

Yes, my old friends, yesterday is gone.

Tootie

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The Read to Succeed license plate design features a golden background on the left side of the plate with a drawing of an open book depicting the Lone Star Flag. The words "Read to Succeed" are scrawled in red and blue across the bottom of the plate. There are currently about 1,700 sets of these plates on passenger vehicles and light trucks across Texas.

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Austin attended Old Settlers and visited with his mother, Mrs. Modean Brooks, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burton and Lindon Haney of Levelland visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton over the weekend.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten and enjoying Old Settlers were JoAnn Reagan of Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burkes, Skee and Kate of McLean, and Florence Jones of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock and daughter of Anahuac visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock for the weekend, and attended Old Settlers.

The coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee at

the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 26. Those bringing food were Dan Barton, Joyce Smith, Mary Lumsden and Lula Swim. Lula cleaned up the kitchen. Those attending, other than those already mentioned, were Dean McInroe, J.N. Fletcher, Ruby Hipp, Pearl Patten, Reva Sweeney and Corky Marshall.

Joe and Joyce Meredith and Randy Meredith accompanied their grandchildren and Randy's niece and nephew, Angelica and Jonah Meredith, to Gallop, NM, last Friday, after visiting here the last five weeks. They were met by the children's parents, Cody and Leah Meredith, who after visiting, returned the children home with them to Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! HOW ELSE CAN THIS BE SAID?

The Rootin' Tootin' Red Beans and Yaller Cornbread Rally sponsored by The Friends of the Library was just that - A Spirit Rally. Memories of the day and the time spent enjoying those beans, and the illustrious citizens who came to make the day and serve the food that we all enjoyed as we grew up - the staff of life, it fed more hungry younguns when they got home from school or a day in the cotton patch, than Red Beans. They made a one-dish meal with only salt it was all that was available for seasoning.

Up early Saturday morning while the feelings of fellowship, friendship, unity, the joining of hands to help one another were still fresh, I had to share. The "butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker," the sheriff, the ranchers and framers, shopkeepers and government officials, young and old, pioneer and newcomer - all came to add to the funds pot that sat just ahead of the bean pots - spicy hot or plain, with plenty of juice and fatback - plus a table of appetizers and corn bread - slowed down the line just enough to whet our appetites. Ice water or iced tea.

Faithful Volunteer Mrs. Scott from Dickens County, who knows how the library operates, and the records that need to be kept, was on the job. Other Friends from the front door to kitchen sink, assisting just as ably as it were an everyday occurrence. Librarian Abbott keeping watch to pick up used plates and seat another patron, wearing that smile of welcome she has for everyone. All exemplify the meaning of Friends of the Library!

Many volunteers came from homes where there was sickness or sorrow, or duties left undone, came forward with loyalty to eat, and to help. You felt the Pioneer "love of thy neighbor" need for survival. Characters in a drama playing their part. Once I heard a citizen state that more people came to the library than went to the courthouse. Looking up from my plate I saw are one time County Officials, Judge, Clerk, Tax Assessor, Sheriff, a former Matador Ranch Boss, farmers, former school teachers, etc. That's the "tie that binds" and keeps bringing people back home.

On my crusade to put a pair of Moore Makers Kitchen Shears in every kinswoman's kitchen, our tour led through the east side of town. Our attention was drawn to the junked cars abandoned on acres of fertile soil. My friend saw the waste of the soil beneath the heaps of rusting metal and wondered why

the cars weren't crushed and loaded out to market. The memory of several wars when there was a market for scrap metal to furnish bullets to shoot back at out youth came to mind, and the alternative of finding a place to bury them to return to the soil for coming generations, seemed possible. Young David Moore welcomed us as if we were his first customers. He was "holding the fort" while his mother Betty served beans at the library and Wayland was with his Moore bother in Dallas. The Solidarity of the pioneer is shown by a family who has farmed the same land for a hundred years.

I seem to be the sole representative of a large Nichols Family that made it to 'Old Settlers' and the Barbecue lunch at the Depot this year. Virgie Marshall Bannister is the 'last leaf on the tree' in her Marshall family. I have a picture of my six year old granddaughter, now Kelly Rollefson, 23, struggling through sand at the rodeo grounds almost reaching the ribbon on a fleeting calf. In 1997, she was brought to me by a member of the Protective Services to whom she had sense enough to report after being bit by a Carnivore dog. She was 'chewed up' by her grandmother all the way to the Crosbyton Emergency Room at midnight, but I eased up a little when she showed her identification, authorization to be treated, and insurance cards all ready for the doctor. Cards with which all little kids should be equipped.

Sue Green Maxey of the Duff Green family, was present at this 78th reunion, and she has attended all 78 of them! She should have a medal! She was accompanied by two daughters.

The Keiths were conspicuously absent this year. That may be a 'first' in the 78 years. Charlie Keith is in and out of Hospital, home, and care center in Georgetown.

Visitors at the Groves house, other than Virgie Bannister, were Gay Hallford Henson of Arlington, her daughter and husband Ellen and Ken Scercy of Trophy Club, TX, and friend from Sailsbury, NC. They were needing entrance to THE SPRINGS. I would hope it will one day be accessible again to visitors. I believe the First Old Settlers Reunion was held there on the spot that is now the swimming pool. (I welcome having my memory challenged at anytime by mail or phone. I'm Box 8.) We are Thankful for the RAIN Saturday night and Sunday. Someone reported 2.5 inches.

Few things match the enjoyment of waking to look out and see a gentle rain falling, and water running in the gutters after a long, hot, dry summer.

Ferguson, special education aide. A 4% cost of living salary increase was approved for all para-professional staff.

Principal Ms. Herrell informed the board of upcoming staff development activities that teachers would be involved in during in-service. She invited the board members to attend a breakfast for staff on Tuesday morning, the noon luncheon on Thursday, and the cookout at the Roaring Springs Ranch resort on Friday night.

Bids were opened and awarded to Marshall Brothers for LPG, West Texas Gas for gas and diesel, Rusty Deaton for Fleet insurance/Property/General Liability Insurance/Errors and Omissions, and Mrs. Baird's for bread. The faculty, student handbooks, and student code of conduct were approved. The Option 4 Agreements with Jayton and Guthrie ISD were approved.

Motley County ISD has begun receiving the insurance refunds that were paid in 1999 and 2000 for advance claim payments. In board action, TASB was approved as the carrier for the Un-employment Compensation Coverage for 2000-2001. The board discussed the state insurance plan and approved an increase of the school's contribution from \$30 to \$45 for those on the group health plan.

Board president, James Gillespie, discussed with the board the possibility of joining TASB and other school boards in performing a Board Audit. This audit will assist the board in setting goals and helping them to guide the school in the correct direction. Since the board has already embarked on this task, they will consider the audit and decide at the next meeting whether to join this initiative.

In Mr. Copp's superintendent report, he informed board members about up-coming training for new and experienced members. Level II training will occur on September 10 for all members. On October 2, Level I training for new members will take place over the Distance Learning System; on October 2, for experienced members. The board elected not to attend the TASB Convention in Dallas this year.

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Alma and Everett Shorter were met at the Dallas Airport Friday morning by son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter and Megan and returned home to their home in Mansfield. They celebrated the birthday of Alma with an outdoor grilled red salmon supper (Louis had previously caught the salmon in Alaska) and attended the rodeo in Mesquite Friday night.

Meeting Alma and Everett at the Lubbock Airport Saturday were granddaughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville. They joined family members, Kathy and Clois Shorter of Flomot, Christi, Dwain and Emily Milam of Petersburg at the Blackeyed Pea Restaurant in Lubbock and celebrated Alma's birthday before returning to their respective homes Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended the Crawford family reunion Saturday held at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Crawford at Conroe. En route home, they encountered a severe rain and hail storm in the Silverton area.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Mrs. Sunni Parsons in Lubbock, Tuesday.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary visited Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers.

Mary Ellen Barton enjoyed the Old Settlers Parade in Roaring Springs, Thursday morning and the Matador Ranch Hands 8th reunion Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Green in Roaring Springs.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Margie and Homer Ray Cypert of Lockney visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Plainview, Wednesday for a medical check-up following recent foot surgery. She still has a cast on her leg and using crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter visited Conroe Lake with daughter and husband, Judy and Richard Rhodes from Monday until Wednesday. They visited at College Station Tuesday with son and grandson and wife, Russell and Kim Rhodes and twin daughters Katherine Michelle and Kristan Nicole who were born August 10, 2001. Russell is a senior student at Texas A&M University.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green visited in Plainview, Wednesday with Mrs. Alta Mae Rice, Mrs. Jennifer Justice and Caleb and Hayley Woods. En route home, they visited in Floydada with Don Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin met daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger in Amarillo, Sunday for lunch and to visit. Marilee had been hired as a Sociologist professor and Counselor at the Frank Phillips College in Borger beginning in September.

Johnie Starkey visited in Lebanon, Missouri from Sunday until Wednesday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Starkey. They celebrated the 14th birthday of their daughter and his granddaughter, Johna Starkey, Monday.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

A highway patrolman was parked along a highway, checking for speeders. He had been there a while when a car came down the road going well above the speed limit.

The patrolman pulled out, turned on the car's lights and siren and soon had the speeder pulled over. He got out and approached the driver. "Hello, young man," he said. "I've been waiting for you all day. What's your excuse?"

"Officer," the young man said, "I got here just as soon as I could."

The reply took the officer by surprise and he let the speeder go with just a warning ticket.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Frances Dixon, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walt

Bailey of Clyde, Kaci Risser, student at Wayland University in Plainview and Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador.

Visiting Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were their children, Heather and Scott Blount of Abernathy and Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock.

Ryan Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin, returned to Stephenville, Sunday for the fall semester at Tarleton University. Ryan had helped his father with the family's farming operations this summer.

Jack Samford of Matador accompanied Mrs. Juanita Cooper to Amarillo where she visited from Tuesday until Thursday with daughter and family, Ken, Kay and Kourtney Dunnam. Mr. Samford visited in Canyon with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray King. He had medical appointments both days.

MATADOR NEWS

Kelsey Wallace had recent cardiac surgery at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She is reported to be recovering just fine.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin visited in Spur, Sunday with her mother, Josie Martin and sister, Mrs. Raynita Newman.

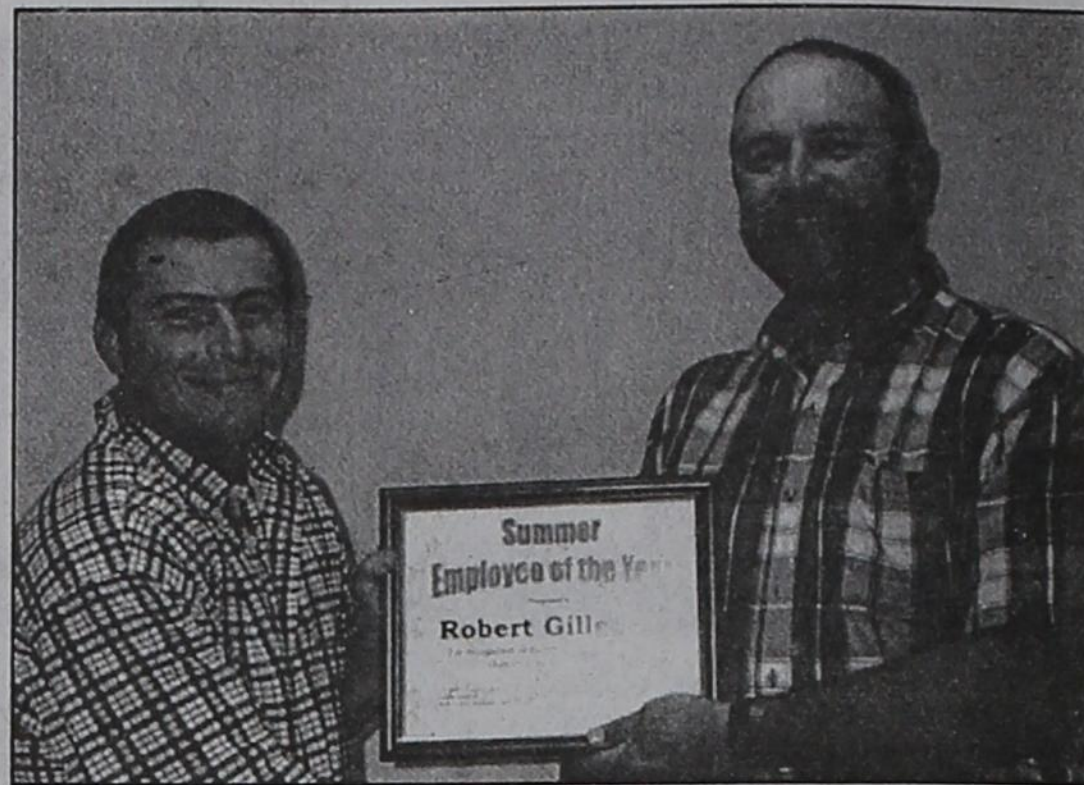
Visiting in the home of Bill and Mary Jones last week, Tuesday until Thursday, were their daughter and son-in-law, John and Jana Thacker of Abilene. Also visiting Tuesday and Wednesday was their granddaughter, Amy Thacker of Austin.

Local residents, Lewis Bostick, Cora Smallwood and son Berry Bostick of Tulsa, OK, attended funeral services in

Odessa, for Elden L. Reedy Sr. on Friday, August 24. Mr. Reedy was a former resident of Matador and Dumont.

Mrs. Billie Ray Slover was in Wichita Falls from Friday until Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Florence Angell at the Cedar Hills Convalescent Home. Joining her there was her sister, Mrs. Evelyn McPherson of Burkville.

Lewis Bostick, Cora Smallwood and Berry Bostick, were overnight guests of their sister and aunt, Frances Reedy in Odessa, last Thursday. They were luncheon guests on Friday before returning home.



SUMMER EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR — Robert Gillespie accepts award from Douglas Campbell, Motley County Maintenance Supervisor, recently being named TxDOT's Childress District "Summer Employee of the Year." Gillespie is a student at Texas Tech University and has worked for TxDOT for the last three years in their summer employee program. Motley County maintenance employees describe Robert as being a very good employee who was always congenial and willing to do what he is told. His job duties for the summer included pre-mix patching and yard and maintenance work as well as working on the seal coat operation in Dickens County. Robert is the son of James and Kathy Gillespie of Matador.

Obituaries

Robert L. Thornton

Robert L. Thornton, 73, of Arlington, died Saturday night, August 25, at the home of a friend near Roaring Springs.

Cremation was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 28, at Seigler Funeral Home. Interment will be at a later date.

Mr. Thornton was born November 11, 1927, at Matador, Texas. He worked as wagon cook for the Matador Ranch during the early 1950s, until entering the army during the Korean War era. He lived at Arlington for a number of years and

was retired as a pastry chef for Wyatt's Cafeterias in Arlington.

He moved to Dickens County from Arlington in 1991, and returned to Arlington two years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Arlington; two sons, Bobby Thornton of Newkirk, OK, and Freddy Thornton of Houston; four daughters, Elfi Stewart of Arlington, Anita Partida of Arlington, Connie Hatfield of Huntsville, and Betsy Welch of Granbury; one sister, Lillian Kuykendall of Mineola; thirteen grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Naomi May Hamm Tilson

A memorial service for Naomi Tilson, 85, will be held Saturday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Matador. She died August 14, 2001 at Englewood, Florida.

Mrs. Tilson was born January 25, 1916 in Menahga, Minnesota to Chester Munsell Hamm and Nettie May Smith Hamm. She was one of seven children and raised on a dairy farm. During World War II she worked at Lockheed Aircraft in California where she met her husband, the late William R. Tilson, son of Stella and Tom Tilson of Matador.

After retiring from the U.S. Air Force

in 1963, W.R. and Naomi moved back to Matador where they farmed until W.R.'s death in 1977. Naomi was a member of the First Methodist Church of Matador.

Survivors include a son, William R. (Bill) Tilson and his wife, Denise, of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Linda Tilson Chalify, and her husband, Morton, of Venice, Florida; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Tilson of Houston; and a brother, Gordon Hamm of Kennewick, Washington. Naomi was preceded in death by her husband, W.R. Tilson, her brother, Kenneth, and her sisters, Alice, Thelma, Dorothy, and Gladys.

Ruth Anderson

QUITAQUE - Services for Ruth Anderson, 76, of Quitaque, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25, at the First United Methodist Church with Revs. Steve Ulrey, Don McMaham and Jimmy Davidson officiating.

Burial was at Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

She died Wednesday, August 22, 2001, in Tulia.

She was born Feb. 26, 1925, in Tulia. She married Denver Anderson on Nov. 19, 1941, in Matador. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, We The Women and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Rex of Quitque; a daughter, Ginger Thurman of Hereford; a sister, Gennelle Lowrey of Canyon; and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials to the First Methodist Church in Quitque.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the many acts of friendship and love you have given us during Bill's illness. We appreciate all the prayers, calls, visits and food. May God bless you all.

Bill and Mary Jones

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Farm and Ranch News



Agricultural Commissioner seeks input from producers at town hall meeting

Austin -- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is hosting an open town hall meeting at noon, Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Unity Center, U.S. Hwy. 70 and FM 786, in Muncy between Floydada and Lockney. Combs wants to hear what is on the minds of South Plains and Panhandle agricultural producers, agribusinesses, community leaders and citizens and hopes to gather input on the best ways to address the area's agricultural and rural issues. Combs will also discuss topics such as rural economic development, the new Farm Bill, trade, agricultural marketing, transportation, rural and agricultural financing, water and the status of Texas agriculture.

"Floyd County's agricultural production and related industries generated more than \$95.4 million last year and had a statewide economic impact of \$187.2 million," Combs said. "It is imperative that we all work together to develop ideas and solutions to ensure the future growth and vitality of Floyd County, the South Plains and the Panhandle."

As the second-largest industry in the state, agriculture contributes more than \$80 billion each year to the Texas economy and produces approximately 16 percent of the gross state product. The agriculture industry also employs one out of every five working Texans.

County Agent's Report



by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent

STRONG BEEF PRICES, CONTINUED DEMAND PREDICTED

Strong beef prices and increased demand should continue due in part to new pre-cooked items. This is good news for cattle producers. New pre-cooked beef items have helped increase its beef consumption. The ready-to-eat products are a growing trend. Beef is the popular choice among today's consumers, despite concerns over animal diseases such as Mad Cow and foot-and-mouth disease. Difficult cuts are also now more easily identified by consumers. They are being labeled better on how to cook. In meat cases there are now sections like grilling and roasting. While steak continues to be the most popular grilled item, grilled meals are more popular than ever.

TEXAS SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR ODESSA

"EMERGING ISSUES AND TECHNOLOGIES IN RANGELAND MANAGEMENT"

Rangelands are one of the most important ecosystems for Texans. Over 60% of water in rivers, streams, and lakes, plus aquifer recharge comes from these areas. Most of the wildlife also occurs here. These lands are also important livestock production areas. The Texas Section Society for Range Management members are dedicated to achieving sustainable management of these landscapes. With your help we can achieve this vision. You are invited to join us in Odessa, October 10-12, 2001 to learn, share information and concerns, and network with the professionals who work daily to take care of this invaluable resource.

The program provides a look at the issues and new technologies that are influencing rangeland management and shaping the future of our profession. The program will include a tour of saltcedar control projects on the Pecos River and panel discussions on GIS/GPS/DOQ'S, summer burning, brush management for water conservation, and computer information systems.

Saltcedar spraying using new technologies will be the highlight of a tour sponsored by BASF, North Star Helicopters, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Texas De-

partment of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is the invited featured speaker. Participants will see the results of research being conducted to document water use by saltcedar along the riparian corridor, view the GIS equipped helicopter that is being used to spray the saltcedar, and visit the area being restore for the Pecos Pupfish.

The saltcedar Tour will kick off the meeting on October 10th. On October 11th we will begin the day with a Stewardship Breakfast with an inspirational and motivational message given by John Merrill, XXX Ranch, Crowley, Texas. If you attend the sessions on all three days you will receive 8 1/2 CEU'S for certified Professionals in Rangeland Management in the Society for Range Management, and 5 CEU'S for Pesticide Applicators License Certification with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Odessa, Texas on October 10-12, 2001. For registration information you can contact Darren Richardson by email: Darren.Richardson@tx.usda.gov or by mail PO. Box 611, Andrews, Texas 79714. Preregistration ends September 21, 2001.

PUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE OF - BUT NOT ALARMED BY WEST NILE VIRUS

The West Nile Virus has moved south this year. The most recent confirmed case was a dead blue jay in Kenner, Louisiana. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist Jim Olson says the general public should become aware of, but not alarmed by, this close-to-home discovery. Already this year cases have occurred in Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana. It is a bird-borne virus. It is transmitted from bird to bird and occasionally to mammals, including humans and horses. Humans and horses are usually infected after being bitten by a mosquito that has fed on an infected bird. Symptoms of the disease begins as flu-like and usually end after about 10 days. Usually you won't see a severe manifestation. The best defense against the virus is to avoid being bitten by mosquitos. Olson recommends mosquito-proofing your home as well as the surrounding area by removing any stagnant water or containers that could become a breeding place for mosquitos.

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