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Commissioners Court discuss problems with County Health Insurance

Motley County Commissioners held a lengthy discussion concerning health insurance, with many of the elected officials and employees of Motley County attending, when they met for their regular session, Monday, August 14.

The county had health and life insurance with West Texas Rural Counties Association. WTRCA is now defunct, so county employees have not had health insurance for several weeks. A motion was made by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner Jameson to apply for short term medical insurance for a period through September 30, 2000, and supplemental insurance for all officials and employees over 65, through September 30. Commissioners discussed the fact that due to the rising costs of insurance the County is looking into whether they will provide insurance for county employees and elected officials. This matter will be discussed further and a decision will be made with the Commissioners meet for the budget meeting.

Commissioners discussed a change of date for spraying mesquite. No action was taken on the matter and it will be discussed further in the September meeting.

Elaine Hart, Tax Assessor/Collector presented the Delinquent Tax

Roll to the court. All members reviewed the delinquent tax roll. Approximately \$14,000 is outstanding for Motley County.

Judge Laverna Price reminded the court of uniform election dates, which are local elections and any state or federal election, held in the county. Election dates will be held on the third Saturday in January, the first Saturday in April, the second Saturday in August, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, with some exceptions.

Items for the 2000-01 FY budget were reviewed. The 2000-01 FY proposed budget will be filed within the next few days.

All Commissioners attended this meeting. Also attending, in addition to the several county employees and elected officials, were Judge Laverna Price and County Clerk, Lucretia Campbell.

Do you have pictures for the Old Settlers edition?

The annual Old Settlers edition of the paper will be published August 24. If you have old pictures that we have not used before or have not been printed in a very long time, we would appreciate the use of them for this special edition. Or if you have a story to share, please give us a call or come by the office.

We will also be selling special Old Settlers ads as we have done in the year's past. We will be calling those who have advertised in the past. If you would like to purchase a special Old Settlers ad, please call our office at 347-2400.

The deadline for pictures, stories, and advertisement for this edition will be Thursday, August 17.

Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

"West Texas Watchmen" to be featured at Matador First Baptist Church

"The West Texas Watchmen," an all-male Southern Gospel quartet from Andrews, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church, Matador, on Sunday evening, August 27, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Stanley Martin, a former Matador resident, is a founding member of the group, which began in 1991 as a mixed quartet. The group became an all-male group in 1995 and adopted its current name in 1996. During this time, they have opened for several well-known artists. In addition, they have presented concerts in many churches and other venues around West Texas.

Girl Scouts to host Ice Cream party

The Motley County Girl Scouts organization will host an Ice Cream party to celebrate the new school year, Thursday, August 17, at the Motley County Courthouse Gazebo. This will be a time for girls to sign-up for Girl Scouts. All girls in grades first through third grade are invited to join in the fun!

For further information call Brenda Ferguson at 347-2041.

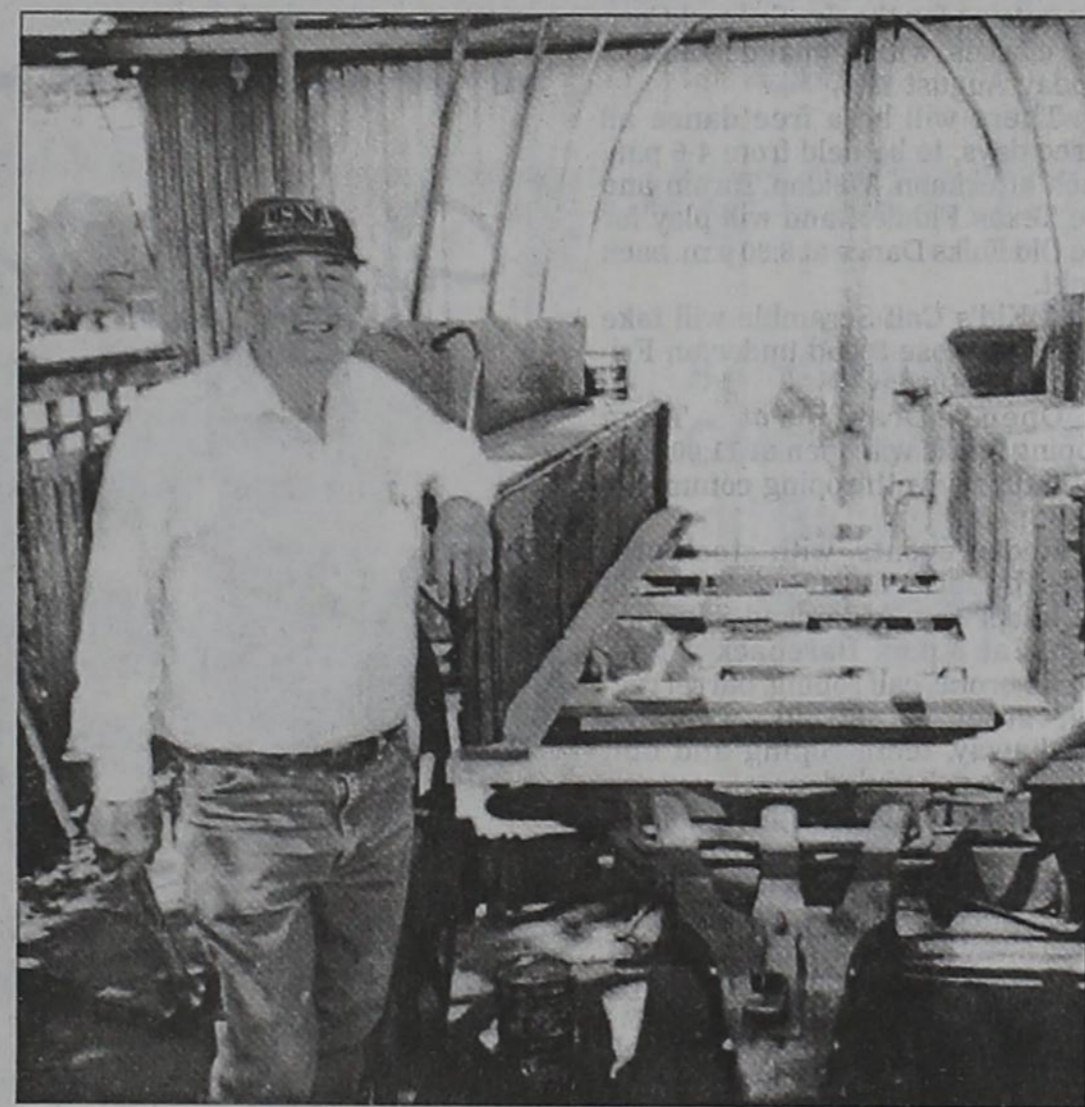
Booster Club meeting set for August 21

The first Motley County Booster Club for the 2000-01 school year has been set for Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the School Cafeteria.

All old members and any new members who would like to become a part of this very important organization are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Spirit Rally will be planned, as well as other Booster Club projects, including the Athletic Banquet, the All-Night Party and the Senior Scholarship.

Refreshments will be served.



Luther Green has a special interest in repairing the floor in this School Wagon since he and seven other gentlemen attending the Matador Cowboy Reunion on Saturday, August 26 will also be riding in the Old Settlers parade in Roaring Springs on Thursday, August 24.

Matador cowboys to meet for 7th annual reunion

The 7th Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion will get underway at 11:00 a.m. on Old Settlers Saturday, August 26, 2000, at Green's place in Roaring Springs.

This is a get-together of old-timers who worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company and/or any of its successors, plus folks currently on the Matador Ranch payroll. Spouses and guests of eligible participants are welcome.

Jerry Slaton of Afton is fixing dinner. His wagon will be easy to spot, 200 long paces from the southwest end of Dutchman Creek Bridge. Chuck will be served at High Noon.

Moore Maker knives will be given away to a lucky few.

For additional information, telephone Dave Keith at (806) 623-5270, or Green at (806) 348-7953.



First Day of School

The 2000-01 Motley County ISD Pre-K Class look happy to be in school, as they posed for this picture last week, on their first day of school. The class is taught by Mrs. Barbara Parks. They are pictured left to right (back) Noah Guerrero, Dillon McCleskey, Conner Mason, Andy Arocha, Jacob Woolsey; (front) Taylor Traywick, Jamie Jameson, Celeste Simms, Stormy Darnel and Gabie Santos. This class will be the high school graduating class of 2015.

No Carnival booked for 77th Old Settlers Reunion

Three days of activities to kick-off Thursday

Can Old Settlers really take place without a Carnival? As of Tuesday evening, the Old Settlers Board did not have a Carnival booked for this year's celebration, which is to take place next weekend, August 24, 25 and 26, in Roaring Springs.

The annual celebration has had a Carnival as part of the festivities for decades.

According to Truitt Read, Old Settlers Board President, and Mike Jones, Old Settlers Board Director, board members have called several Carnivals in Texas and have not found one available to set up for next

weekend's festivities. The two men said they are still making phone calls and hoping to find one, but at this short notice, are not real hopeful.

Not having a Carnival for the first Old Settlers Celebration of the new century, really puts a damper on the anxiety of local children as they look forward to a day off from school for Old Settlers Day, on Thursday, August 24.

This year's celebration also does not include a Young Folks Dance on Thursday or Friday night. The dance was cut down from three nights to two nights a few years ago, but this is the first year, for many years, that there will be only one Young Folks Dance. The Dance will feature "Cow Jazz", a band from Lubbock, and will

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Cowboy Church services to be held at Old Settlers Reunion

Ron Brunson and the Cowboy Church Band of Plainview will hold Cowboy Church during Old Settlers. The group will play music and have brief testimonies at the Rodeo Arena on Friday and Saturday evenings before the rodeo begins. This will be Ron and his wife Marianne's seventh year to hold Cowboy Church at the

Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs.

The group has been holding Cowboy Church at rodeo arenas in Plainview and Tulia once a month for the past year. Ron Brunson is the pastor of the New Covenant Church in Plainview.

Have you planned a Parade entry?

This year's Old Settlers celebration will mark 77 continuous years of the annual reunion. And this 77th year will mark the first one for a new century! Wouldn't you like to be a participant in the first Old Settlers Parade of a new century?

The Parade will be held, as in years past, at 10:00 a.m., in downtown Roaring Springs. If you would like to be a part of the Parade, all you have to do is show up, get in line, put on a big smile and give a little wave to friends as you pass by.

Motley County residents, past and present, are encouraged to be a part of this year's Parade by making a float, driving your old vehicle, riding your bicycle, or just strut your stuff in downtown Roaring Springs.

The 1999 Parade was bigger and better than it had been in recent years past. Wouldn't it be great to have a better one for the first Old Settlers Parade of the new century?

Remember, all you have to do is show up with your parade entry, 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24, in downtown Roaring Springs.



The Brunson family preaching and singing at a recent Cowboy Church service.



My mother made her first plane flight Tuesday. She flew to Las Vegas, Nevada. No - not for gambling, but to visit my niece and nephew, and of course their parents, also. The family moved there last year. And it's been that long since we have seen them. Our entire family were very attached to my little niece and nephew. Angelica celebrated her 8th birthday Wednesday, and Jonah is 6. They had always spent a lot of time with us, since they were babies, and we all had a big adjustment when they moved away.

My mother used to say that she would never, never fly on a jet airplane, after being half scared to death years ago on a flight on my uncle's small plane. Of course, we all tried to assure her that a jet was nothing like a small plane, she still argued that she would never, never get on a jet airplane. Well guess what, a year is just too long not to see those precious little ones, and she couldn't get on that plane fast enough!

She phoned my dad that evening after getting back to their house and settled. She said she wasn't nervous for one minute. That just goes to show what family means! Holidays haven't seemed the same since they have moved so far away, especially Christmas.

An old Russian Proverb says, "Whenever the family is together, we feel at peace."

That is so true! Things are just not right when family is scattered, or there is some kind of tension between family members. Life is off-balance! God blessed us with our family members, whether it be a big family, or a small family. We should all be very thankful for the family we have.

I have never understood how some families can become so distant, emotionally, by some misun-

derstanding or silly argument, that they don't speak to each other for years. It's hard to believe that there are families like that.

How can a family member completely ostracize another member of their family? That's beyond my belief. I don't believe that God wants us to be distanced from our family members. After all, He's the one who created us, and put us in the families we are in. He meant for us to love each other greatly, through thick and thin, through sickness and health, through riches and poverty.

I wonder sometimes if I love my family members too much. My heart is overflowing with love for my son and daughter-in-law and their family, especially my precious, little grandchildren. Is it possible to love your children and grandchildren too much? I don't really think so. As much as we love our children and grandchildren, God loves us even more. Isn't that great - to think that our Heavenly Father loves us more than we can ever imagine?

I love all my nieces and nephews as if they were my own children. They are all so precious! Life is precious - our families are a great and wonderful gift. Nothing is more important than our families. A loving family is a wonderful blessing and a reason to be thankful. Remember to tell your family members that you love them.

I know my mother is having a wonderful time. I hope she plays, reads to them and tells them stories, and gives them lots of hugs and kisses. It's going to take a lot of hugs and kisses to catch up for a whole year!

"The happiest times are the times we spend with family."

— Thomas Jefferson



Jacob Allen Kendall

Tim and Melissa Kendall of Black Hawk, Colorado, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Jacob Allen, who arrived July 2, 2000, at the Avista Hospital in Louisville, Colorado. He weighed four pounds, six ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival is his

brother, Jere, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ottley Gray of Clyde, Raymond Kendall of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lang of Endicott, New York and Richard March of Quitaque.

Bridal Shower Selections for Kayla Johnson & Neil Guest

Matador Floral Designs by Vickie
Downtown Matador

GOD IS FAITHFUL



In view of the faithfulness of God, there are some things worthy of our consideration: We may be certain of His promises as given in the Bible. Whether we consider the promise of salvation from sin, membership in His Kingdom, or His provision for our needs. Our God is faithful and His promises are to be trusted. We are to trust His Holy Word as true and free from error. God cannot lie and in consequence,

His Word is truth. By this Truth we are made free from sin. When we learn the truth of a particular subject from God's Word, we are assured that it is so because of the faithfulness of God.

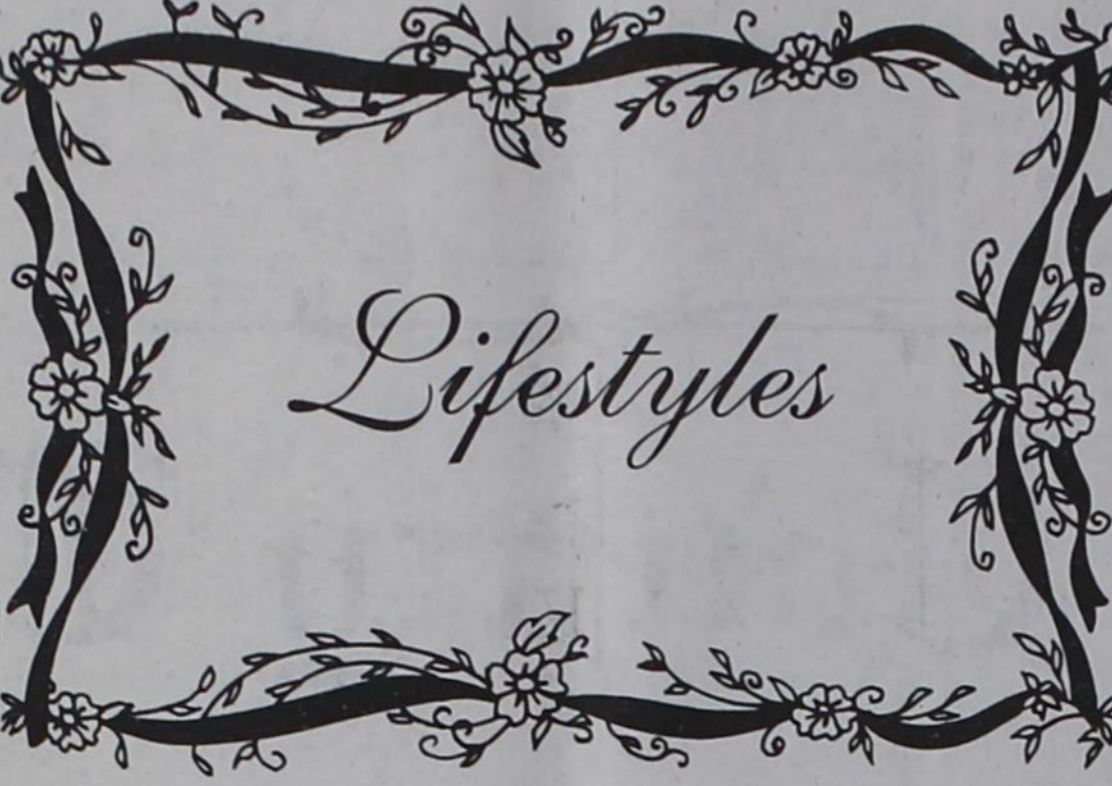
We are assured of His provision for our spiritual well-being as we follow His will. We are equipped by the Word of God for every good work.

Yes, our God is faithful who has called us into the fellowship of Jesus Christ. Our relationship with Him, guided by His will is made known to us. It is with confidence we serve with a living and victorious hope.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs K-96FM
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.



Lifestyles

Mrs. Darryn Perryman honored with Shower

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Darryn Perryman, the former Coleen McNeely of Kit Carson, Colorado, was held Saturday, August 12, in the home of Mrs. Nova Dale Turner. Guests called from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and were registered by Mrs. Pam Thacker and Mrs. Judy Woolsey.

Hostesses for the courtesy, in addition to those above, were Mesdames Janie Campbell, Linda Jameson, Colleen Baxter, Billie Dell



by Suzanne Abbott

Library Notes

Julie Alexander gave the Library a much-needed, up-to-date book on wind power and we thank her for donating this book. We also appreciate the donation to the Library by Richard Knowles.

A mystery series that is new to the Library is the "Body in the ..." series by Katherine Hall Page. The Library has one of these interesting books in hardback and two in paperback. We thank Patricia Green for discovering these delightful mysteries. Our newest in this series is *The Body in the Fjord*. All of Page's books feature some really good recipes in the back of the book. Several have said that they are going to try the ginger snap recipe.

We have another Kate Shugak mystery by Dana Stabenow. This is

entitled *Breakup* and is set in Denali Park in Alaska. It is really a good story.

New in large print is a mystery by Richard North Patterson, *Dark Lady*. Other new large print books include Iris Gower's *A Royal Ambition*, Emilie Loring's *Uncharged Seas* and Jayne Ann Krentz's *Witchcraft*.

We also have a new book by Ed McBain (of 57th Precinct fame) entitled *Driving Lessons*. A new author and a new book by her is Tamara McKinley's *Matilda's Last Waltz*. Just this week the Library has received two large shipments of new paperback books. These shipments include romance, mystery and western books. Come in and check out one of our new books.

Old Settlers Celebration

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get underway at 9:00 p.m. on the big concrete slab. Board members report that there has been a loss on the Young Folks dance for the past several years.

Several rumors are flying around that there is talk of having the celebration moved from Roaring Springs to Dickens County. Mr. Read and Mr. Jones both stated that there is absolutely no truth to this rumor.

The annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion was organized in 1923 when the Charlie Bird and John Smith families were reminiscing about old friends they rarely had an opportunity to see. Two other couples, the Duff Greens and the D.C. Keiths, also became involved. Over 300 people gathered at the Roaring Springs Falls for that first celebration. In 1933 the organization was moved from the Falls to the Roaring Springs gymnasium. Several thousand showed up in 1936 for the dedication of the new tabernacle.

Each year a Business Meeting is held at 1:00 p.m., in this same tabernacle, to elect new board members, discuss next year's activities, etc. According to Mr. Read, the meeting is open to everyone, and those with an interest in the annual celebration are encouraged to attend.

Although there are some things that will be different this year, the 77th Old Settlers celebration will still have three days of fun activities, which will kick-off on Thursday with the Parade in downtown Roaring Springs at 10:00 a.m.

Following the awards presentation on the rodeo grounds, a memorial service will be conducted at the Tabernacle at 11:00 a.m. The Business Meeting will take place after lunch, at 1:00 p.m.

Motley-Dickens County events will open at 4:30, for Cutting, Flag

Race (6 and under; 7-12 years), Open Age Barrel Race, Junior Team Roping (18 and under), and Team Roping. A handmade Ranger buckle set will be awarded to the winner of each class. Admission on the grounds will be free on Thursday.

The Ranch Horse Association's Cow Horse competition will take place on Friday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. Bill Smith (806-294-5480) is taking entries for the Jr., Sr., and Cowboy classes, with a final deadline of Friday, August 18.

There will be a free dance all three days, to be held from 4-6 p.m. each afternoon. Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band will play for the Old Folks Dance at 8:30 p.m. each night.

A Kid's Calf Scramble will take place for those 8 and under on Friday and Saturday.

Open Draw Pot Team Roping books will open at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday with roping commencing at noon.

Rodeo events, with stock produced by Terry Walls Rodeo Co., will get underway Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Bareback riding, saddle bronc, calf roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling, women's breakaway, team roping and bull riding are scheduled.

The 2000 Rodeo Queen will be crowned during Saturday night's performance of the Rodeo and a handmade Berl Jenkins saddle will be given away in a drawing. Mr. Jenkins is a cowboy and saddle maker, who lives on a ranch in Dickens County.

A new event for this year's celebration will feature a Snapping Turtle Race, with big prize money, on Saturday. Kids from 0-4, 5-9 and 10-13, will have a chance to win \$50 in each division. Water turtles will not be allowed.

The 2000 Old Settlers Reunion will wind down on Saturday night after the Young Folks Dance.

Concessions on the grounds will be provided by Charlie Carter of Dickens. A \$5 general admission fee will be charged at the gate, but children 12 and under will be admitted free.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

Winners for the Tuesday Scramble on August 8 were First Score with 30: Kenneth Marshall, Roy Stephens and Conway Clary. Second Score (Play-off on card) with 31: Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, Matt Washington and Dot Grundy. Larry McClenny was closest to pin on # 6 with 9' 2".

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Carol Williams, Dan Williams, Robin Darsey, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Geneva Wilson, Kenny Barton, Olivia

Barton, Gene Brannon, Robert Osborn, Jim Watson, Alfred Barton and Louise Barton.

LADIES PLAYDAY

On August 10 Eighteen Hole players were Louise Barton, LaVoe Thacker, Olivia Barton and Geneva Wilson. Olivia and Louise won most bogies with 10.

Nine Hole players included Marihelen Wason, Nell Berryman, Lucretia Campbell, Mary Jones, Tempie Francis, Judy Renfro and Frances Hobbs. Judy Renfro won the most bogies.

Senior Citizens center will open Monday evening

In addition to the regular Wednesday afternoon game time, the Matador Senior Citizen's Center will now be open on Monday evening,

beginning August 21, at 7:00 p.m. The frequency and particular day of these new evening hours will be determined by those who wish to take advantage of them.

Matador Baptist Church to conduct Women's Bible Study

The First Baptist Church of Matador would like to invite all women in the community to join them in an 11-week Bible Study, "To Live Is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul," by Beth Moore. The study will begin August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Ladies will meet every Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Church auditorium. Cost of the workbook is \$13.00.

Please call Lana Copp at 347-2425 to order your workbook, or if you need more information.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Ephesians 4: 31-32

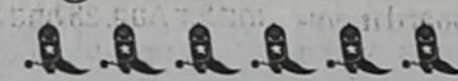


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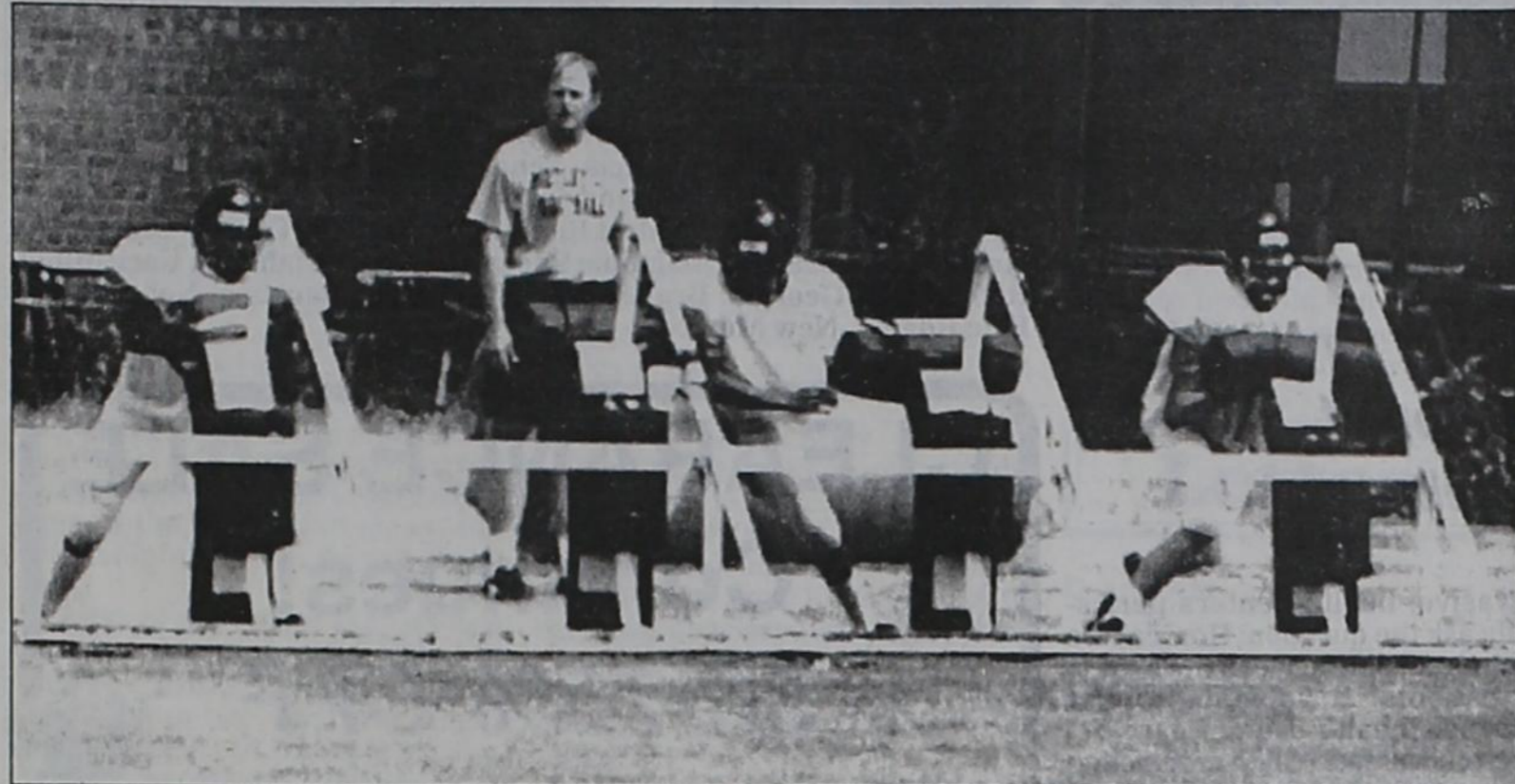
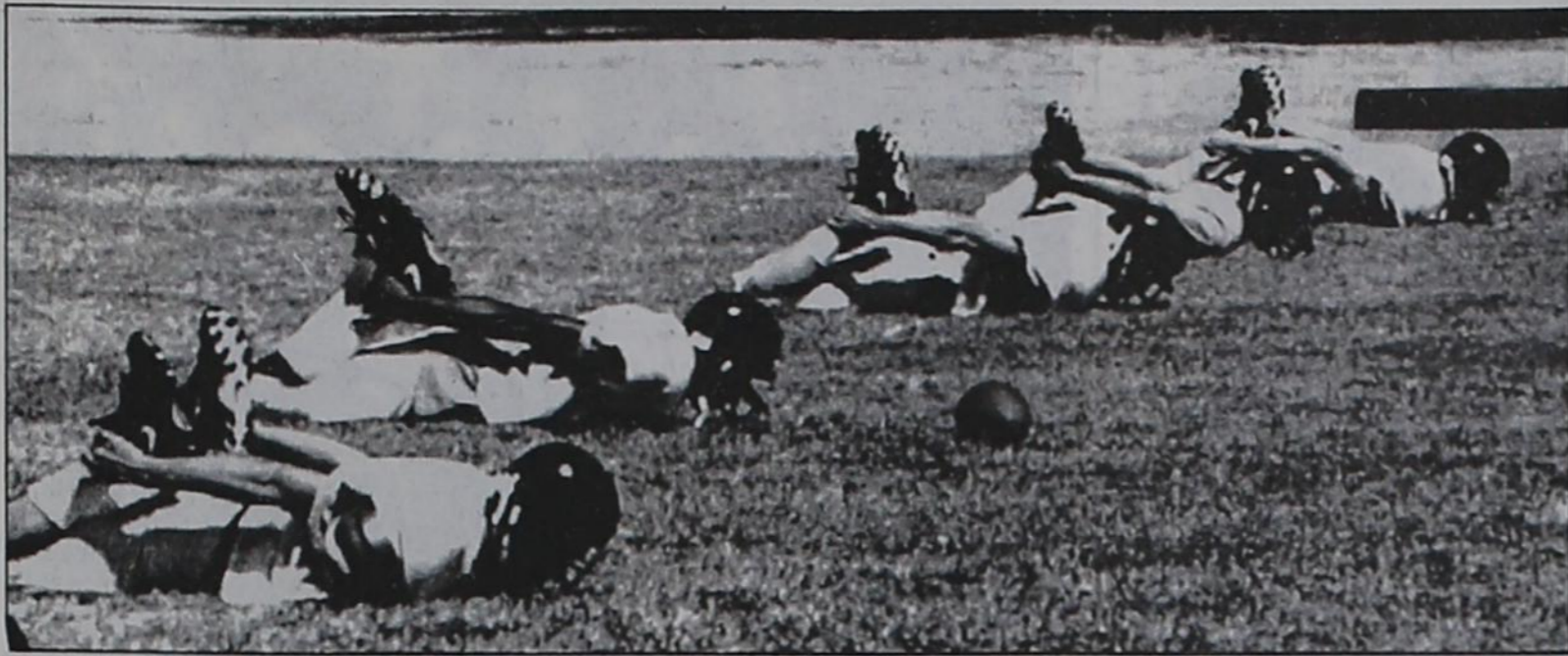
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FOOTBALL WORKOUT — The Motley County Matadors are preparing for the upcoming Football season with workouts every afternoon. The first scrimmage is set for Saturday, August 19, with Spur.

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Reserved stadium seats on sale

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders are currently selling reserved stadium seats for this current football season. The seats are being sold for \$10.00 each and may be purchased through any Varsity

Cheerleader or their sponsor, Kay Bingham. In order to have the best available seat to watch and cheer on the Motley County Matador Football teams, reserve your stadium seats right away!

This is an excellent way to support our school and athletes. The proceeds from these sales are to help with uniform and camp expenses for the Varsity Cheerleading squad. To reserve seats please call 347-2676 or 347-2817.

Motley County School Board meets

The Motley County ISD School Board met on August 14 at 7:30 p.m. in a regular meeting. All board members except Coy Franks were present. Also attending the meeting were Rick Copp, Robert Hand and Betty Stevens.

There was no one present for open forum. Attending the meeting for the Motley County staff were Kay Bingham, Barbara Parks and Carolyn Ewing.

Presenting the Superintendent's information report, Mr. Copp reported on the progress of the repairs on the track and the results of the mock DEC visit, performed by Region 17 Service Center staff in preparation for the Texas Education DEC

visit on September 11. Also discussed was Level I and Level II board training for Aug. 28 and Sept. 5 at 7:00 p.m.

An update on the times and date of the TASB Convention in Houston was also given to the members who are required by the state to secure up to 16 hours of training.

Among the items up for Board action, which were approved by all six members present, were the following: minutes with two corrections being noted; expenditure report; Campus/District plan; teacher appraisal calendar; unemployment compensation coverage by TASB; faculty and staff handbooks and student code of conduct; and Update 63 policy manual for both legal and lo-

cal policies.

Also approved were contracts for gasoline and diesel awarded to Western Marketing; L.P.G. was awarded to Meredith Gas & Supply; milk, awarded to Lowe's; and bread, Mrs. Baird's.

The board set August 28 as the date for both Level II board training and a Budget hearing, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m., respectively.

The board opted not to go into executive session. They accepted the resignations of two aides, Francis Brandon and Tina Brooks. Adjournment followed.

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Motley County School News



What's to Eat?



MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pizza (Pepperoni, Cheese), Garden Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Ribs, Barbecue Sauce, Creamed Potatoes, Pinto Beans, Pickles, Hot Rolls, Honey, Juice Bar, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dogs, French Fries, Pickles, Orange Quarters, Treat, Milk.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24:
OLD SETTLERS DAY!**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Potato Chips, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.

WORD of GOD

Worship the Lord!

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Revelation 14:7

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE



Breakfast will be served from 7:48 to 8:18 a.m.

First period: 8:20 - 9:10 a.m.
2nd period & 5th period: 9:14 to 10:44 a.m.

3rd period & 6th period: 10:48 a.m. to 12:18 p.m.

Lunch: 12:18 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.

4th period & 7th period: 12:51 to 2:21 p.m.

8th period: 2:25 to 3:15 p.m.

Friday Schedule:

8:20 to 9:05, first period
9:08 to 9:53 a.m., second period

9:56 to 10:41 a.m., third period
10:44 to 11:29 a.m., fourth period

11:31 a.m. to 12:16 p.m., fifth period

Lunch 12:48 to 1:36 p.m., sixth period
1:39 to 2:27 p.m., seventh period
2:30 to 3:18 p.m., eighth period

Early Release

8:20 to 8:51, first period
8:54 to 9:25, second period

9:28 to 9:59, third period
10:02 to 10:33, fourth period

10:36 to 11:07, fifth period
11:11 to 11:41, sixth period

11:44 to 12:15, seventh period
Lunch 12:50 to 1:30, eighth period

Pep rally will be during athletic periods. Jr. High, 15 minutes; high school, 20 minutes.

SPC to offer college classes in Floydada

Registration is August 22 for college classes offered this Fall in Floydada by South Plains College.

Enrollment is at 5:30 p.m. at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, 114 W. Virginia in Floydada.

Courses offered are College Algebra, which meets 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, and American Government Organization, which meets 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at Floydada High School.

Cost for three hours is \$171 and cost for six hours is \$309. All students

must be TASP-compliant. TASP stands for the Texas Academic Skills Program, a required assessment of basic college level skills.

Classes are scheduled August 28 through December 14.

For more information, contact Angie Lipham at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, 806-983-3434 or Jim Walker, Dean of Continuing and Distance Education at SPC, at 806-894-9611, ext. 2340.

MIDWAY DRIVE-IN

Between Turkey & Quitaque...New York & L.A.

August 18, 19 & 20

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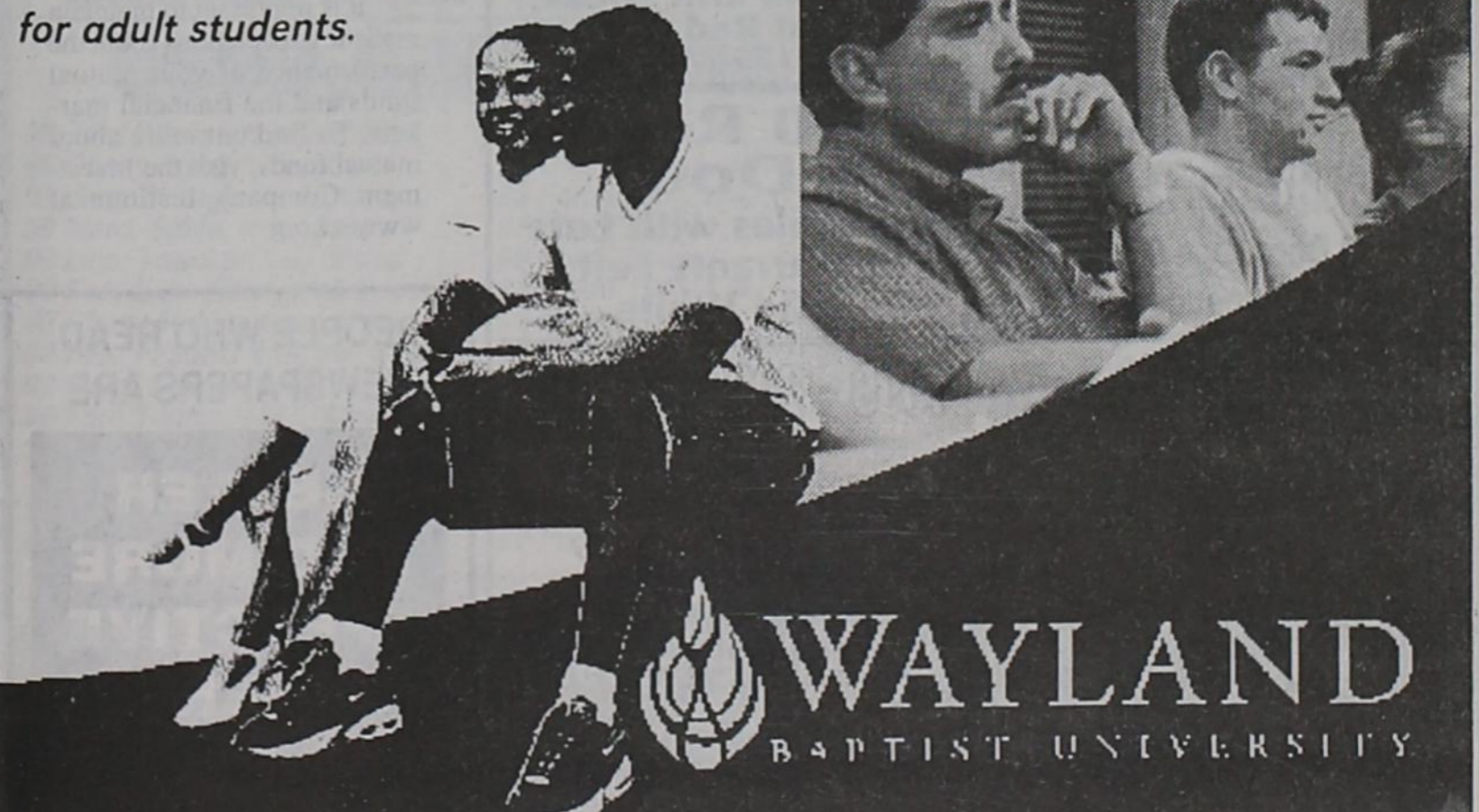
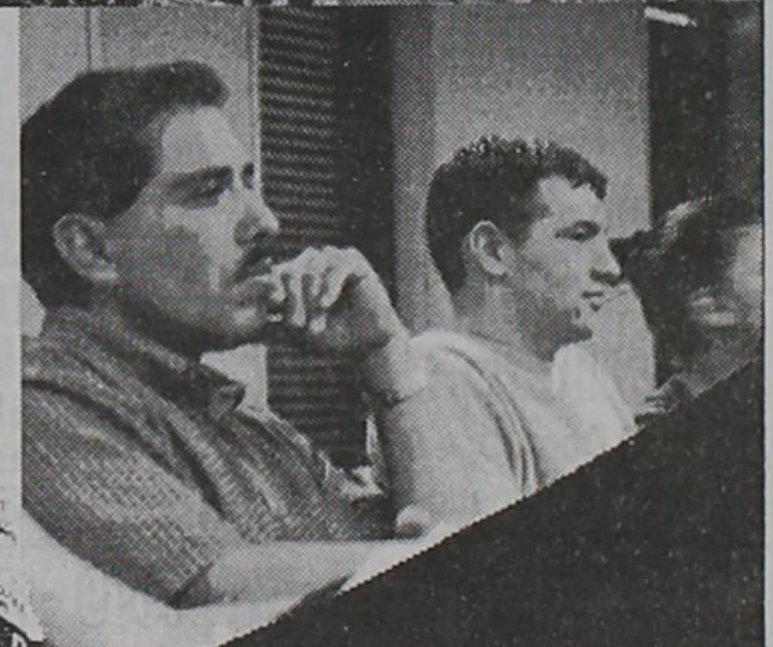
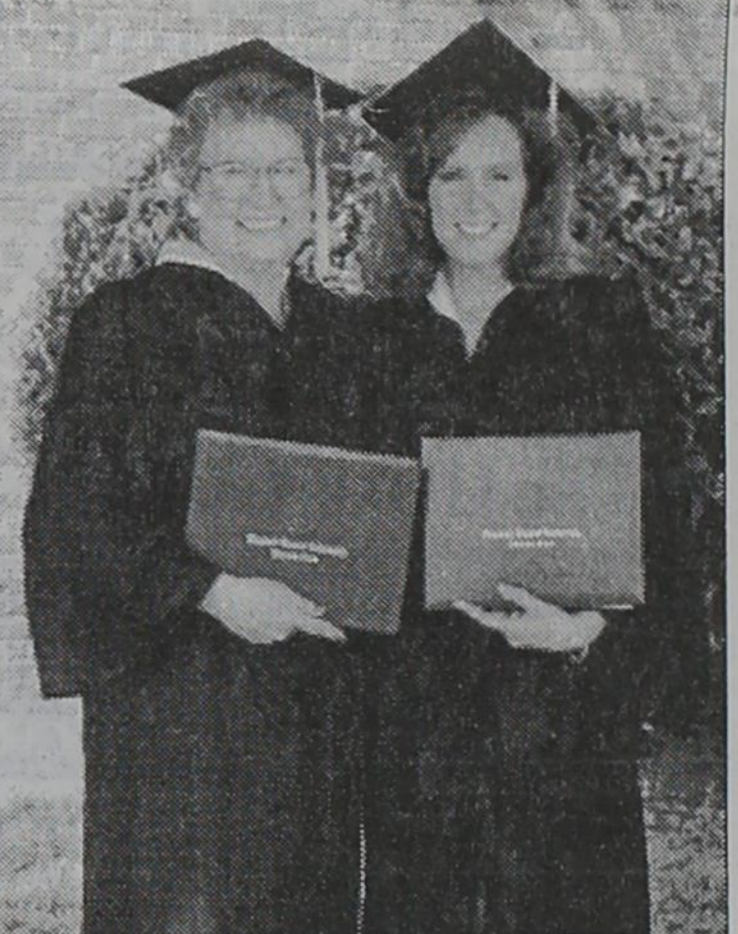
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MC graduate travels to Venezuela for Mission trip

Kaci Risser, a 1999 graduate of Motley County High School, recently returned from a two-week mission trip to Venezuela. On Monday, July 24, Kaci flew from Lubbock to Miami, where she and seven other members of her US team met for the first time before boarding a plane to Valencia, Venezuela. At the airport they were met by Southern Baptist missionaries who accompanied them to the hotel where they stayed for the first week. The next morning, the ninth member of the team joined the group. Kaci's fellow team members were college students from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, and Florida. Of the three teams from the United States, this group of nine was the only English-speaking team.

During the first week, the group attended the Latin American Youth Congress, sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, July 25-29. In addition to daily meetings and rallies, Congress participants took part in various ministry activities of their choice. On Wednesday, Kaci went to a park in Valencia to participate in street drama. On Thursday, she joined a group of about 30 participants planting trees in the mountains near Valencia. On Friday, she boarded a bus to Caracas to participate in street evangelism there, handing out tracts and visiting with people in the mall.

The second week, many of the Congress participants traveled to various parts of Venezuela to partici-

pate in follow-up crusades in several cities. These groups were made up of youth from Venezuela, Columbia, Chile, Puerto Rico, the United States, and several other countries. Kaci chose to travel to the city of Merida, in the Andes Mountains.

Travel was originally scheduled for Sunday. However, due to national elections held that day and the possibility of riots in many areas, travel was delayed until evening. After over ten hours in a crowded bus, the students were delivered to the host homes where they would stay for the week. In Merida, the group assisted with nightly church services and daily visitation and door-to-door evangelism. They also attended a classroom forum at Universidad de Los Andes.

Saturday was spent on the return bus ride, this time over 12 hours long. Boarding the plane early Sunday morning, Kaci returned with seven other members of the US group to Miami, where they each boarded flights to their respective homes. Kaci was met at the Lubbock airport by her parents, Fred and Elaine Risser, and grandmother, Frances Dixon, all of Matador.

This summer, Kaci has lived and worked as an office assistant at Plains Baptist Assembly, near Floydada. She will be returning soon to her studies at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, where she is a sophomore.



Kaci Risser, center, and Mindy Richardson, second from right, who, along with missionary Martha Beal, were visiting in the Merida, Venezuela, home of the family pictured above.



Matador native, Kaci Risser, and her mission trip teammates on arrival at the airport in Valencia, Venezuela, to participate in the Latin American Youth Congress and follow-up crusades, June 25 - July 5; April Whitmore, Florida; Matt Robbins, Oklahoma; Christy Brown, Virginia; Allison Brackin, Alabama; Becca Baugher, Oklahoma; Kaci; Mindy Richardson, Georgia; Brandi Stockman, South Carolina. Not shown is Eric Rogers, New Mexico.

South Plains Health Provider Organization in Matador to host celebration of National Health Center Week

The week of August 20-26, 2000, has been designated National Health Center Week. Community, Migrant and Homeless Health Centers in all 50 states are holding activities recognizing the 35th Anniversary of the nation's health center program that now serves as the family doctor to one out of every 10 uninsured Americans. As part of its observance of National Health Center Week, South Plains Health Provider in Matador is hosting an Open House for local residents and elected officials. Refreshments will be available each day, August 21-25, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and participants will have an opportunity to meet the clinic staff members.

Health Centers like South Plains Health Provider in Matador have a 35-year track record of providing communities with access to high quality, cost-effective health care. Eleven million Americans, including 7 million people of color; 4.5 million uninsured patients, 4.5 million children, more than 600,000 farm workers, and more than 500,000 homeless people - in every part of the country turn to health centers for primary care services. Among the services offered by South Plains Health Provider in Matador are prenatal care and counseling, childhood immunizations, treatment of diabetes and heart conditions, as well as dental care and pharmacy drug assistance.

An uninsured patient receives care at a health center for less than a dollar a day, or about \$350 each year. And because community-based needs and demands drive health centers, three-fourths of their funding comes from sources other than the federal government. One of the goals of National Health Center Week this year is to call attention to a Congressional initiative that would, over the next 5 years, double the reach of health centers to care for more low-income working families, minority populations and rural residents who represent a disproportionate number of America's uninsured.

Serving in communities, like Matador, where human needs are

pervasive, health centers persistently ask the question: How can we make a real difference in the lives of our patients? Responding to that challenge, health centers have defined their unique role and function as community-based providers.

Health centers, like South Plains Health Provider, serve all who seek their care regardless of ability to pay. Health centers bill Medicare and Medicaid as well as private insurance for patients with insurance coverage. Unlike other providers, they charge those not covered by public or private insurance on a sliding fee scale based on income. The bottom line is that no individual or family is turned away or denied medical care because of income.

Health centers are staffed by multi-disciplinary teams that include board certified physicians, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, social workers and other health professionals. They are committed and dedicated to serving all patients with dignity and respect and offering the highest quality of patient-centered, responsive and compassionate care.

South Plains Health Provider Organization in Matador is located at: 1224 Main Street, Matador. The telephone number is 347-2641.

News Briefs

(NU) - The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, an organization of 125,000 members, recently presented recommendations to Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. In its position paper, "Engineering America's Future: Economic Growth Through Technological Innovation," ASME urges the candidates to understand the link between technology development and America's economic vitality, address the issue in upcoming campaigns and push for programs that will open up a wealth of discovery and innovation in the next century.

"No student seeking post-secondary education should be left behind," said Dr. William C. Nelson, president of Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America. To find out more about Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, call 1-800-537-4180 or visit its Web site at www.csf.org.

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We would also like to thank the Jr. Rodeo Directors and all other volunteers for their hard work, dedication, and long hours spent toward the 2000 Jr. Rodeo.

Family & Consumer news



by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Getting into the new routine at school doesn't just affect the student during their school time. The entire family is affected with new schedules, fitting in new activities -- and most of all our eating habits and routines, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent for Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

If you have a student that is entering the upper levels of education, you may find yourself fitting your meals and theirs around practice times and/or games. If you are an avid follower, most likely you are also involved in extra curricular activities in support of those activities. This means you have to plan not only nutritious meals, but quick and easy ones. During this especially busy time, eating good nutritious meals is especially important to everyone's well-being and energy level. As a "graduate" of sports meals for two young men, I would like to pass along some of the meals and ideas that were helpful to me during those years.

First of all, skillet dinners are great ways to accomplish all your goals of nutrition, speed and taste. They let you use what's on hand, whether it be fresh, frozen or in cans.

Many people will eat vegetables and/or fruit cooked or in a casserole setting without qualms when they wouldn't touch an individual serving of same. This gives you a chance to add some of those nutrients to dishes that you would probably not be able to serve under different circumstances. They are generally easy to eat, requiring little cutting on the part of the eater. Much of the preparation can be done ahead of time. Most of the shopping can be done ahead of time.

There are several "basics" that you can keep on hand. As you get more creative, you will find more ways to use more things.

Ground hamburger
Boneless chicken breast (they cook faster than bone-in)
Spaghetti
Macaroni
Rice
Tomato Sauce (or paste or stewed tomatoes, whichever your family prefers)

Grated cheese (not pasteurized cheese, such as Velveeta, too high in fat). The harder cheeses have lower fat content. While your teenager needs more fat than adults, remember we are making this meal for a family.

Onions
Celery
Green or red peppers
Olives
Corn
Any green frozen vegetables (frozen will give you crisper cooked vegetables than canned)
Tortillas
Salsa
Stew Meat
Round Steak
Pinto Beans
From the ingredients above you can make any of the following meals.

Skillet Taco Salad
Brown hamburger meat, season as preferred by your family. Add chopped onion, cook until translucent. Add tomatoes at last minute, and serve over heated tortillas, or

chips. Add cheese quickly so it will melt. At the table add lettuce and fresh tomatoes. Salsa as desired. You could also add celery, olives or corn while cooking.

Quick Skillet Meal

Brown hamburger meat, with desired seasonings. Add chopped onion, cook until translucent. Add celery, green or red peppers, and cook until tender. Add whatever vegetables fit your family's tastes. Some ideas could be corn, kidney beans, zucchini or other squash, rice and/or macaroni. There are certain combinations that you will want to add to tomatoes or tomato sauce to the mixture. Make a lot of this! It takes a big skillet full to fill everyone, but it is a relatively low-fat, nutritious meal. Serve a salad on the side and hot rolls.

Skillet Stew

Brown meat and onions. Add cans of corn, potatoes and/or kidney beans (including all juices) to the mixture. Cook until starts to thicken (add a bit of flour if necessary) to make a gravy. Serve with hot biscuits and some of your homemade jam.

* Be sure to mix the flour with a little cool water before adding to the mixture.

Chicken Breasts over Rice

Brown chicken breasts in non-stick skillet with a little water. Keep adding water as needed to keep moist and brown properly. When brown, remove the chicken breast and set aside. Using browning in the skillet, add half a jar of apricot jam to the mixture. As it melts and starts to caramelize, add a handful of chopped walnuts or pecans. Serve immediately over chicken breasts over a bed of rice. A nice green salad on the side and you have a meal ready for family or company.

Stacked Enchiladas

You can make regular enchiladas ahead of time and put in the oven at the last minute. But you can also make a complete dish at the last minute. It is easier to chop all of the vegetables ahead of time, also have the cheese grated. But, it can be done while you are browning the hamburger meat. You can make your own sauce or salsa. Whichever you do, put enough into a pan to dip tortillas to cook and soften. You have to have the sauce hot and leave tortillas in only until softened, too much and they will fall apart. Use tongs or spatula to lift out.

Layer the tortillas with hamburger, cheese, lettuce, onions and tomatoes added to each layer. Make as tall as fits the particular appetite.

Creamed Ground Beef

Brown ground beef (seasoned as your prefer). Make your usual white or cream gravy and mix the two. Serve over toast or rice or mashed potatoes, whichever your family prefers.

And, of course, there are all of the old standbys that you probably have in your meal line-up all the time, like Spaghetti, Macaroni and Cheese, Tacos or Nachos.

You all probably have many more that everyone would welcome knowing about. Why don't you send them to the County Extension Office, and we will type and submit to your local paper. Happy new school year!

LETS promotes area businesses

Motley County Chamber of Commerce secretary Barbara Armstrong and treasurer Sondra Francis attended a meeting of the Llano Estacado Tourism Society at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey on August 15.

"Our land is a product," President Sandy Parker of Levelland emphasized to members of the group from Tulia, Memphis, Lake Mackenzie, Quitaque, Turkey, Lockney and Matador. LETS is a network of businesses, individuals and organizations working together to develop and promote tourism as an economic development tool for the Llano Estacado area.

A major goal of the organization, according to Parker, is to market and promote travel in our region. She explained that members can maximize limited dollars through coop-

erative efforts and combining the efforts of private business with city, state and other organizations.

Among the 39 LETS organizations who have banded together to promote their towns are Hotel Turkey in Turkey, Hotel Garza in Post, Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton, OS Museum and Old Mill Trade Days in Post, and Phil Guitarr Ranch in Dickens County, just to name a few.

Both Armstrong and Francis were impressed with the speaker and enthusiastic about the possibilities outlined at the meeting. They invite everyone to view a short video produced by LETS at the Thursday, August 17, Chamber meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Motley County Library in Matador.



WELCOME BACK — Motley County 4-H hosted a welcome back treat, serving ice cream to all the students at Motley County ISD, welcoming them to the 2000-01 school year, on Tuesday. Pictured are County Extension agents, Mozelle Montano and Lonnie Jenschke.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

This letter is about East Mound Cemetery and the other cemeteries in Motley County.

At this time, we are in need of funds to get a building at East Mound Cemetery to store the mower and other supplies. There is an 8' x 10' slab of concrete for the floor. Billy Osborn, our caretaker, says this is large enough. He just needs a place that is mouse-proof because of the damage they do to the wiring and other equipment.

The El Progreso Club of Matador has volunteered to take this as a fund raising project to help get this built.

You would think with no rain

there would not be much work, but the older parts are curbed and the only way to clean them is with the weed eater and a hoe.

As you know, this takes a lot of time. So if you go out there and find weeds or grass, just know Billy will get to them.

All donations to East Mound Cemetery may be mailed to P.O. Box 789, Matador, Texas 79244. Please indicate "Building Fund." Each donation will be appreciated and acknowledged.

Thank you,
Loys Campbell
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

The Monday Morning Coffee Drinkers enjoyed coffee in the home of hostess Lula Swim on August 14. Mary Lumsden, Rita Groves and Pearl Patten helped with the refreshments. Others attending were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Jeff Thacker, Alex and Jo Crowder, Lee Cook, Corky Marshall, Ruth Hipp and Grace Zabielski.

Visiting in the home of Lula Swim over the week-end were Ray and Mary McCallom of Bella Vista, Or, Wayne and Chris McCallom of Farmersville, Emma Harris of Cleburne, and Bill and Lola Wheeler of Plano. Joining the group for dinner on Saturday night were Jack Sanford of Afton, Juanita Cooper of Matador, and J.T. and Imogene Swim of Roaring Springs.

Ruby Hipp spent several days in Ruidoso, N.M., with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hipp of Lubbock, recently.

Pearl Patten and Mary Lumsden went to Lubbock Friday and Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent, Robby and

Cody spent the weekend at Canyon enjoying the play TEXAS and sight seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams were in Amarillo Monday. He was having a medical check-up at the Veterans Hospital.

Lula Swim, Juanita Cooper and Odessa Mullins enjoyed lunch, Monday, at Main Street Cafe in Matador.

Visiting Vera Mitchell were her daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Goss and granddaughters, Allison and Chrissie Goss of Littlefield.

Odessa Mullins attended graveside services for a cousin, J.T. Haney, in Memphis, Tuesday. He grew up in Dickens County, the son of the late Lee and Maggy Haney of the Afton area.

HONORED WITH DINNER

The Postal group honored R.C. Giesecke with a dinner at LaNita's Cafe on Wednesday. Those attending were R.C. and Callie Giesecke, Harold and Vee Gordon, Ray and Grace Zabielski, Billie Clifton, Juanita Cooper, Arthur Harmon of Amarillo, and Lula Swim.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd returned home, Sunday, August 13, from Lubbock where she was hospitalized the past week at Covenant Medical Hospital. With her during hospitalization and since her return home are her son and family, Dickie, Kim and Jason Cloyd of Memphis. Many local friends have visited her.

Weekend visitors joining Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and houseguest, her mother, Mrs. Frances Lang of Endicott, New York, were son and grandson and family, Cory Janet, Chancey and Connor Kendall of Midland.

The Gasoline Community Homecoming was held Aug. 5 at the Community Center in Quitaque, and those attending enjoyed a catered meal by Roy's Sportsman Cafe. Joe Edd Helms of Flomot was re-elected president of the association. The group voted to have the homecoming next year on the first Sunday in August. Thirty-four ex-Gasoline residents attended. The only ex-teacher of Gasoline Schools to attend was Mrs. Annette Helms of Quitaque.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee last weekend were their daughter and children, Mrs. Teresa Willey, Kacee, Kellan and Micah and friend Coby of Amarillo. Kellan and Coby remained to visit the week.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cara Franks of Dallas, Cory Franks of Bastrop, Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock.

Julie Clay of Lubbock visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse visited in Floydada, Tuesday with Monica and Tanner Smith and baby son, Cutter McRae.

Donnie Rogers took daughter, Brooke Rogers of Middletown, Tennessee to Quitaque this week to attend Cheerleading School. Joining them Friday night for the performances were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, and sister, Natalie. Donnie accompanied Natalie and Brooke to Dallas Airport, Sunday for their return trip home to Middletown after spending their summer vacation here.

Lindsay Martin of Panhandle visited Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited in Lubbock, Monday with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. They celebrated Elisa's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter met daughter and family, Kerl, Kevin and Brian Sehon of Wolforth in Matador, Friday. Brian returned home with them and visited until Sunday. Kerl and Kevin continued to Vernon with their '28 Model A Roadster and '55 Chevrolet for the Classic Car show Saturday and Sunday. Over 1000 cars entered in the show.

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



ENJOY TRIP TO HAWAII — Frances Taylor, right, and her husband, David, are pictured here on the beautiful island of Maui, Hawaii. Mrs. Taylor, manager for the local Lowe's Pay-N-Save Grocery store, won the eight-day trip (July 13-20) through Affiliated Foods and Lowe's for the success of the Matador store. The Taylors said they had a great time and that the scenery was absolutely beautiful. They expressed their thanks to Affiliated and Lowe's for a wonderful trip.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Blessings are too many to count this morning, and certainly too many to enumerate. On Saturday I was able to pull all the crab grass out of the front handkerchief-sized lawns so it wouldn't kill the fescue that grows under the pecan trees, providing such good shade, a home for squirrels, and nests for the birds.

Our house sits at least a foot over into an alley, and the retaining wall sits about midway of the alley. Moving the wall presents no problem when back-hoes are available, but moving the house is another matter. Some days these problems would be a worry, but it's better to worry about things that can be remedied. Let the Master look after the rest.

A small movable sprinkler was put out to try to bring the grass back to life. So many creatures gathered around, a watering place was needed. The top of an old plastic table (minus its movable legs) provided the perfect pan. On Sunday, Road Runner appeared at the edge of the yard and went immediately to the pan and drank without stopping for several seconds, then walked bravely across the yard to thank us. We hope the fowl can escape the cats. We love Road Runners, and we had not seen one around in months.

These meanderings may come to an end any week, because my memory fades, a dictionary is necessary (2 c's or 2 s's? - Merriam Webster says correct as is.) Sometimes a bit of reading helps one to go to sleep. A book chosen at random last evening was Eda Leshan's *Oh, to be 50 Again!* No doubt a gift when 50 was considered to be old. The first paragraph was enchanting, but other blessings are coming today - Jo to help Algie in the yard, Jimmie to come twice monthly and leave my house in spit-polish shape, and Lula's Monday Morning Coffee is only thirty minutes hence. Lula demonstrates how a Christian should live.

IN MEMORY OF

IDA LEE ARRINGTON MC INROE

Our communities have been saddened by the deaths of several loved members. The first family dinner held in the new Methodist Fellowship Hall was Thursday, August 3, for the family of Ida Lee Arrington McInroe, a long-time and much loved friend. She and Dean operated a grocery and market in Roaring Springs for thirty-five years. They were on call for every person needing help in the community. Their one child, Jimmy Don, died in 1993. She is survived by her husband, Dean; four grandchildren, Justin, Jason and Kyle McInroe, and Page Rivas; and three great-grandchildren, J.C. McInroe and Dane and Meghan Rivas. A brother, Victor Arrington of Dickens, a sister, Pat Sudderth of Arrington, and several nieces

and nephews also survive.

The little Methodist Church, built by Wes Green, early day resident of Roaring Springs, was packed to capacity with friends who came to pay their respects and to hear the simple funeral rites consisting of the congregational singing of "In the Garden," the Scripture reading from Matthew 6:19-34 by Pastor Monte Wike, and a special solo, "One Day at a Time," sung by Kenneth Marvel and accompanied by pianist Devonne Dillard. At the cemetery John 3:16 and the 23rd Psalm were read.

A treat is in store for our readers. A ten-page story, "Growing Up With Hazel," was received by Hazel Green Gordinier of Las Vegas. It contains loads of Roaring Springs history and is fascinating reading. It can be submitted in installments.

All the A.B. Nichols clan, except Madge Renfro of Carrollton, were together Tuesday, August 8, when niece Brenda Taborn of Quanah brought her parents Claud and Eva Nichols for a short visit to the home of Algie and Rita Groves. Following a stroke or two, Claude is confined to his wheel chair, motorized car or bed and isn't able to make long visits. Meeting them here were Ruby Nichols of Lubbock with three of her children, Virginia Martin, Rita Little, and Carroll Nichols; Jack Nichols from Pampa; and Maynard and Sharon (Green) Brown from Spur. Local visitors who called were J.T. and Imogene Swim. (Claud was best man at their wedding.) J.N. Fletcher and Corky Marshall came by to take Algie to Matador to assist in the Masonic Rites for Joe Smith at 2 p.m.

A card from Rosalyn Mitchell Work of Saratoga, Cal., claimed that her visit here for the Roaring Springs Schools Reunion was one of the happiest times of her life. She had surgery for the removal of a kidney on Aug. 8. In a telephone conversation with her on the 15th, we learned that she had just returned home after a week in the hospital and was doing great.

Latest letter from Lola Pohl says she is satisfied with her "home away from home" in the Lakeside Care Center in Lubbock and reminisces about the wonderful times she enjoyed in Matador when we "rode herd on the teenagers" of the late 50's, as we sponsored dances for them and their bands at the VFW building and were the broom brigade afterwards. Lola is enjoying having one of Carolyn's sons and his family living in Lubbock, and she is getting lots of rest, which she richly deserves.

CAN OLD SETTLERS ACTUALLY HAPPEN WITHOUT A CARNIVAL?

Note of Thanks

Thank you to all our friends for the food, cards, flowers, and memorials during the illness and passing of our husband and dad. The caring you showed and the comfort you gave helped us through a really difficult time. Thank you to the EMS crews who took care of him so many times. You did so much more than you know for him and the family. Special gratitude to Brother Monte and Noma and the Methodist Church for the wonderful dinner and for being there for us. To all the people of Motley County, we sincerely appreciate all you did to lift a heavy burden. There is no place like home when you need a friend. Thank you.

Billie Dean Smith
Alvin and Seven Alexander and family
Pat and Cyndi Smith and family
Jeremy, Scott, and Rachael Smith

Thank you to the Matador and neighboring fire departments, along with the Matador Highway Department, and other individuals who responded so quickly to the prairie fire, Friday, July 28, on my pastureland, west of Matador.

We are very fortunate to have the dedicated and efficient people who serve on a volunteer basis.

L.B. Campbell

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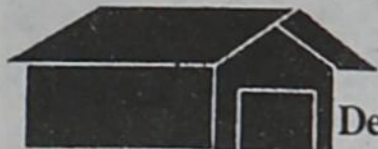
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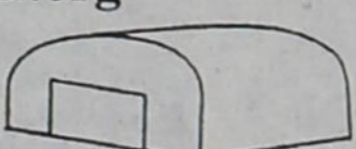
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Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Oh, for the days when politicians stumped for the votes of America...not African-Americans, Jewish-Americans or any other hyphenated segment of the nation's electorate, but those who understand that America's interests are their own.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and houseguest, brother, Arthur Harmon of Amarillo, joined their sister and husband, Lee and Brad Bradford of Gruver, at the Bradford home in Matador Sunday afternoon to visit and enjoy freezer ice cream. Other visitors were Jack Samford of Afton and Vee and Harold Gordon of Matador. The Van Bradfords attended the funeral services of his uncle, Frank "Duffy" Bradford, 94, held in Paducah Saturday morning at the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner attended the reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Darryn Perryman of Kit Carson, Colorado, held Saturday night at the Fellowship building of the Church of Christ in Matador.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited in Floydada, Wednesday with Monica and Tanner Smith and new baby son, Cutter McRae.

Johnney Turner visited in Lubbock, Thursday with Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot, a patient in Covenant Medical Hospital.

FAMILY GATHERING

Hal, Kellie and Ryan Martin joined members of her family, Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, for a fun-filled time at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alta Mae Rice of Plainview.

Other family members and friends attending were her father, Art Green of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis of Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Danny Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Campbell, Lanie and Caci of Kyle; Pat Green of Sinton; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green, Aaron, Ashlee and Annie and Robert Gillespie of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. David Wood, Amber and Haley, Mrs. Jennifer Justice and Caleb, Amanda Clark and Shane Summers of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Green, Karlie and Kylie of Pampa; and Deidra Harvey of San Jose, California.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at AUGUST 28, 2000, 8:00 P.M. in THE MOTLEY CO. I.S.D. BOARD ROOM

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.24697	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.24697	\$ 3,009.00	\$ 4,292.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.19348	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.19348	\$ 2,878.00	\$ 4,423.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.25348	\$ 0.00 *	\$ 1.25348	\$ 2,978.00	\$ 3,662.00

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

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$15,211.00	\$ 15,245.03
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 211.00	\$ 245.03
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.24697	\$ 1.25348
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2.63	\$ 3.07
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$.44 (INCREASE)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.25348. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.25348.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00



Farm and Ranch News



News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

GRUB WORMS BEST TREATED NOW IN NORTH TEXAS

To avoid a difficult battle with grub worms, now is the time to treat lawns. Treatment should be given while the grubs are small, and this is usually between the first and 20th of August. Mating flights of June beetles (the adult stage of white grubs) predict when grubs will attack your lawn. It is always wise to check for grubs before deciding to treat. Dig small holes, three to four inches deep, in several places around your yard. Grubs found during this target treatment period should be less than the length of a thumbnail. They are white, C-shaped insects that feed in the grass root zone. Treatment is necessary only when more than four or five grubs are found per square foot of turf. Most homeowners don't have grub infestations serious enough to treat. But, if you've had problems with grubs in the past and find high numbers in your lawn, you will want to treat now for the best control.

FIRE HAZARDS IN TEXAS

The director of the Texas Forest Service has issued an appeal to Texans to do everything they can to prevent wildfire after the driest July on record in many parts of the state. Dry conditions and a heavy fuel load in rural areas of the state have contributed to extreme fire danger.

"Current conditions are very severe," says James Hull of College Station. "Across the state, we're building on top of a drought that's been in existence for four to five years."

According to Dr. Travis Miller, agronomist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, "We had enough rain over a good part of the state in May and June that we had a little growth in our grass, and it's drying out now. We have an extreme fire danger now." Usually, the state will dry out from the west to the east; this year, it is opposite, the eastern side of the state is drier than the High Plains, he says. Approximately 125 counties are currently under a burn ban, and about 10 to 12 are being added each day.

"As the drought continues to build, you can expect wildfires to ignite faster and spread faster, and these are more difficult to suppress. We just must not let a big fire get started," Hull says.

Texans cannot rely on manpower and resources from other states to fight fires this year, Hull adds. That is already committed to fires in the western United States, with the federal government thinking about calling in crews from Mexico and Australia. In 1998, more than 5,000 firefighters and one-third of the aerial resources the United States had to offer were used in fighting fires in Texas. Last year, a late summer and fall dry spell caused more

than 1,000 firefighters to be called in from other states.

"Texans would rather not have wildfires in the first place," he says. "This is an all-out effort to know what the hazard is and put the right resources in the right places at the right time to put out fires if we can't prevent them in the first place." Hull says he has been identifying every firefighting or fire prevention resource the state has to offer. "You don't wait until the whole state is in a catastrophe to start trying to deal with it," he says. Texas has more than 1,800 volunteer fire departments with 42,000 to 45,000 members.

The Forest Service also has trained firefighting personnel and heavy equipment, such as heavy tankers, pumpers and fire plows. He also has asked for the assistance of:

- The Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Army National Guard to donate manpower, heavy equipment, airplanes, helicopters and aerial tankers that can be used in fighting fires.

- The Texas Department of Criminal Justice to train inmate firefighting crews. About 15 crews, each with 15 members, have been trained thus far.

Additionally, Hull says, if conditions are bad enough, federal help can be enlisted, including military firefighting teams.

The best prevention, Hull says, is not starting fires in the first place. "If it has to do with fire, just don't."

If burning is necessary, it should be done with extreme caution.

"When it gets this dry, any kind of spark causes a major fire."

Other fire-fighting tips, especially for rural areas, include:

- Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas where tall, dry grass comes into contact with hot pollution control equipment.

- Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around houses and outbuildings; closely mow lawns. Trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.

- Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.

- Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

- Monitor hay-baling operations closely; dry hay can ignite within the baler.

- Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equipment.

- Postpone outdoor burning until your area greens up. Check with the local fire department to determine if a ban on outdoor burning has been imposed.

- When debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines down to bare earth prior to lighting your fire.

Tenth Farm Credit District Reports Loan Volume Growth

Austin, Texas -- The Tenth Farm Credit District, a network of rural financing cooperatives, today reported significant loan volume growth and exceptionally strong credit quality in its second quarter financial results.

Composed of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), nine Federal Land Credit Associations, seven Federal Land Bank Associations and 12 Production Credit Associations, the Tenth District provides rural mortgage and agricultural financing in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas.

Combined loan volume totaled more than \$4.9 billion at June 30, 2000. This compares to the \$4.8 billion loan volume outstanding at December 31, 1999, while the short-term loan portfolio totaled \$880.3 million at June 30, 2000, an increase of \$63.7 million or 7.8 percent from year-end 1999.

"The mortgage financing side of our business has benefited this year from the generally strong economy and strong demand for real estate," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer, "but our competitive interest rates along with increased marketing and customer service efforts have also been contributing factors."

He attributed the growth of the short-term agricultural loan portfolio to the improved livestock industry, expansion in the integrated processing and marketing business and an increase in participation loans and point-of-sale financing.

Overall credit quality of the Tenth District's loan portfolio was 97.4 per-

cent acceptable at June 30, 2000, up from 96.6 percent at year-end 1999. "This level of credit quality is spectacular, particularly in light of the difficult weather and market conditions many of our farm and ranch customers experienced in 1999 and continue to face this year," Henson said.

From year-end 1999 to June 30, 2000, a total high-risk asset volume decreased by \$14.8 million, or 16.5 percent, to \$74.8 million.

Tenth District net income for the six months ending June 30, 2000, totaled \$41.9 million, a 5.8 percent increase from the \$39.6 million net income reported for the same period of 1999. Net income of \$17.2 million for the quarter ending June 30, 2000, was down from the \$22.3 million reported for the second quarter of 1999.

The combined assets of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas and affiliated Tenth District associations totaled \$5.4 billion at June 30, 2000, with borrowers holding approximately \$116.8 million worth of equity in the lending cooperatives. Together, these lending institutions have more than 55,000 loans with farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, and rural home owners and landowners in the district's five-state region.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$348 million and \$660 million for the three and six months ending June 30, 2000, respectively. This compares with combined net income of \$323 million and \$592 million for the same periods last year.

Cotton



News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

CROP OUTLOOK COULD CHANGE BY NEXT MONTH

The first estimate of yield and production for the 2000 crop was released August 11 without many surprises.

USDA pegged 2000 crop production at 19.2 million bales while the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service pegged the Texas production prospects at 5.5 million bales. The Texas High Plains is forecast to produce some 3.47 million bales for the season, although recent infestations of beet armyworms, a complex pest line-up and no rainfall on dryland acreage could alter that production scenario.

TASS crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S, which comprise the build of the High Plains acreage, received fairly rosy yield forecasts based on the state of the crop during the last week of July.

Yields in district 1-N were forecast at 670 pounds with only 80,000 acres of forecasted abandonment from the 890,000 acres planted in the

district.

District 1-S yields were estimated at 468 pounds per acre from 2.4 million harvested acres. The 1-S figures would indicate a final abandonment of 600,000 of the 3 million acres planted in 1-S by seasons end.

The effects of continued dry weather over much of the dryland acreage in 1-S and sustained insect pressure in fields throughout the area be seen as early as the September 1 estimate. If things don't moderate the effect could be a drop in both expected yields and harvested acreage.

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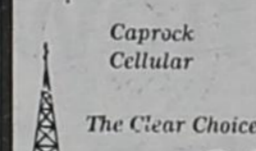
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