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Roaring Springs July 4th celebration plans underway

Donations needed for fireworks

Plans are underway for the July 4th celebration in Roaring Springs. Community Volunteers sponsor the event each year. The day is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. with a memorial program at the Roaring Springs Memorial Park with Senator Robert Duncan as speaker.

After the program the third annual Lawn Mower Parade will begin, at about 10:30. This parade is fun for everyone with some very unique entries. Prizes will be given for the best decorated lawn mower, bicycle and the most original entry.

The Hitchin' Post Cafe will serve their delicious fried chicken buffet meal at noon. After a lunch break, the afternoon activities will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center. A more complete schedule for the afternoon events will be announced later.

A barbecue brisket supper will be served at the Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Homemade ice-cream will follow. A stick horse race and steeple chase will be held for the children.

The fireworks will begin at dark. A big crowd enjoys this very beautiful display every year.

According to Community Volunteers' president, Corky Marshall, the organization has experienced some unexpected expenses this year and are in need of funds to purchase fire works. Mr. Marshall said that last year's show costs about \$800, but with an increase expected this year, it is thought that the fireworks will cost about \$1,000.

Donations are being accepted and may be mailed to:
Roaring Springs Community Volunteers
c/o Corky Marshall, President
P.O. Box 307
Roaring Springs, TX 79256

Rainfall still below average in Motley County

by Earlyne Jameson

Optimism was not a word tossed with abandon as the rainfall situation in Motley County was pretty bleak up until the rain began to fall the last of May. The moisture was a plus and welcomed, but not enough to break the drought and continued winds.

Rain totals varied across Motley County. Some cotton and feed planters are moving over plowed land to start the upcom-

ing season. What is needed for 2003 is a good crop, low input costs and a good market price!

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report rain totals for May 2003:

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 1.44

Betty Simpson, Northfield, 2.63

Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 2.83

Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 1.10

Kelly Meyer, Matador, 0.76

The Russians came, they saw, and they didn't want to leave

by Penny Pipkin

A group of 13 young adults from various locations in Russia, visited Matador and Roaring Springs, Saturday May 24. They enjoyed our West Texas hospitality so much, that after spending the night in the spacious and comfortable Turner Hunting Lodge, they decided they didn't want to leave at the 9:30 appointed hour on Sunday morning, but wanted, instead, to return to the Roaring Springs swimming pool and barbecue another meal over an open fire.

Hosted by the People to People International West Texas Chapter, the lively group is part of the Product Enhancement Program (PEP), operated by the San Francisco Center for Citizens Initiatives, a variant of the historic Marshall Plan Technical Assistance Program.

PEP's goal for Russia, which is in a difficult transition from a centrally-planned

economy to a free market, is the same as the Marshall Plan's goal for Europe in the 40's and 50's: to stimulate domestic manufacturing, production, and services to ensure economic and political stability vital to America's future trade relations and strategic welfare.

The members of the group visiting Matador are all involved in the wholesale foods industry. They spent three weeks in Lubbock training with various companies in food production, distribution, and marketing.

The PTPI Chapter would like to thank the following for the Russians' successful visit: Judy Renfro and Sondra Francis for help with lunch and dinner; Bob and Wanda Kilmer of the Matador Ranch for an informative tour; Gerald Pipkin, Pat Seigler and Lee Smith for the music; The Roaring Springs Ranch Club for the venue and cooperation; and the Turner Outfitters' Lodge for the wonderful accommodations.



Russian visitors at the Matador Ranch, pictured here with ranch employees, J.D. Russell and Bob Kilmer, pictured at right.

Second Bob's Oil Well work day scheduled for Saturday

by Marisue Potts

The first Bob's Oil Well work day was so successful another has been scheduled for this Saturday, June 7. Those wishing to be part of this community beautification project can call Shane Jones (347-2820), Rodney Williams (347-2857), or Brian Marshall (347-2290).

Good progress was made on trimming trees, hauling off blown-in trash, tearing down and hauling off a store house, readying a frame house for demolition and carrying off junk iron and old tires.

Stan Hanesworth, a former Houstonian, led the crew in limb loading and junk iron sorting. His stamina was astounding. Shane Jones, sporting a bum leg, showed the most heart, continuing to work despite her graduation load at Matador Va-

riety and obvious discomfort with an ulcerated leg. Brent and Brian Marshall gave their usual 200% and kept the John Deere front end loader smoking. Ken Marshall and grandkids tackled the front of the service station with a weed eater and shovel.

Rodney Williams was everywhere. Ralph Powell and Marisue Potts rounded out the support team for Princess Skaggs and her prince Danny and son Billy Bob as they sorted through four generations of living. Many unique personal

treasurers were found or rediscovered through their hard work and diligence.

The historic corner is showing definite signs of improvement, obvious to all who stop or drive by the corner of Texas Hwy. 70 and US Hwy. 70.

Kid's Camp Organizational Meeting June 17th

An organizational meeting for Kid's Camp will be held Tuesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. Those who have volunteered and those who would like to volunteer to help with Kid's Camp are urged to attend this meeting.

Kid's Camp is scheduled for July 28 - August 1.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 7, at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

All men, of every denomination, are invited to attend.

May sales tax payments delivered to local governments

(Austin) — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$380.9 million in monthly sales tax payments, Friday, May 9, to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, down 0.6 percent compared to May, 2002. So far this year, local sales tax revenues are down 1.5 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

May's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March by monthly sales tax filers and in January, February and March by quarterly sales tax filers, and reported to the Comptroller in April. The state's share of sales tax reported in April was \$1.1 billion, down 0.5 percent compared to a year ago.

"For the first time since the sales tax was enacted in 1961, state revenue from the sales tax is down for the tenth consecutive month. This is unprecedented," Strayhorn said. "We are also going to have another historic unfortunate first in Texas — two consecutive years of losses in sales tax revenue."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent May sales tax rebates of \$261.9 million to Texas cities, up 0.8 percent compared to May 2002. Texas counties received sales tax rebates of \$21.1 million, up 0.6 percent compared to one



Bob's Oil Well in its heyday. Matador City Council and Motley County Chamber of Commerce, along with volunteers, are in the process of working to restore the historic structure.

(Tribune file photo)

City Wide Cleanup Program underway

City of Matador Council members would like to encourage all landowners to join the City of Matador, Chamber of Commerce and others in a city-wide cleanup. As Matador begins the next phase of economic development one of the most pressing tasks will be to improve the appearance of the city.

Concerned persons and leaders are asking that citizens help cleanup trash, junk, abandoned vehicles, etc., to make Matador more appealing to its neighbors and visitors.

The City of Matador has trailers and other equipment to assist any landowner in their cleanup efforts. The city will destroy old buildings and dispose of the debris free of charge; contact City Hall and request this service. Tires, batteries and other materials will be accepted for disposal, again free of charge to the citizens of Matador.

Mayor Rodney Williams said, "It is time we take pride in the appearance of our city and with the help of our friends and neighbors we can accomplish this project."

year ago. Seventy-six special purpose taxing districts saw their sales tax revenue increase. They received \$10.2 million dollars this month, up 1.3 percent compared to May 2002.

May sales tax allocations dropped for Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems. They received \$87.6 million in sales tax rebates, down 5.3 percent compared to last May.

With a rate of 2.000%, Matador received a net payment this period of \$3,315.90, compared to \$2,656.17 at this time last year, a

percent change of 24.83%. Matador has received a total of \$11,384.83 for 2003, compared to \$10,570.88 at this time last year, a 7.69% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$1,340.23, compared to \$3,793.31 at this time last year, a -64.66% change. The town has received \$12,313.37 in 2003, compared to \$10,954.80 at this time last year, a 12.40% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made Friday, June 13.

Library receives grant

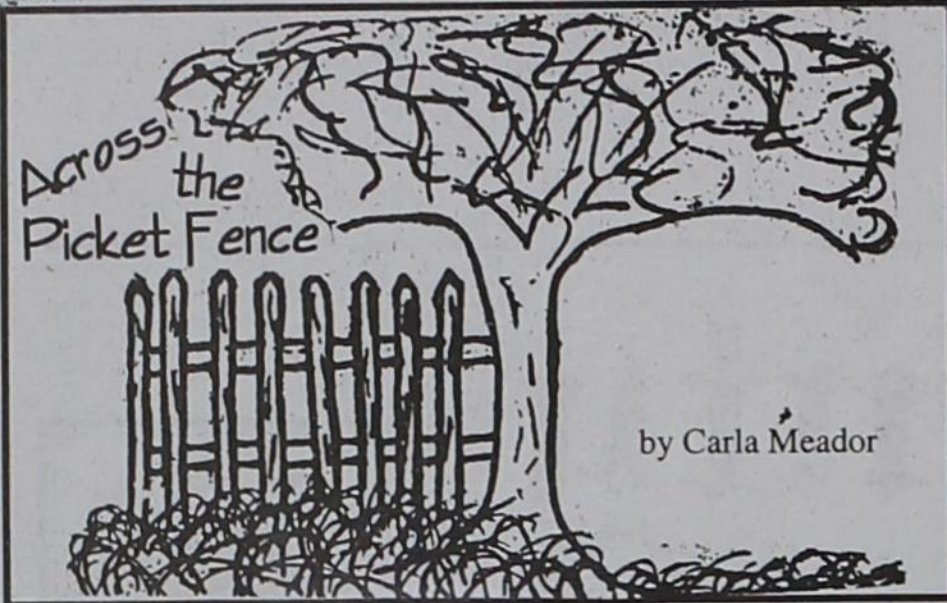
The Motley County Library has received a grant from the Tocker Foundation in Austin for \$29,365.00 for new shelves and murals in the kids' section. The library will also be getting new carpet.

The Tocker Foundation was established in 1964 by Phillip and Olive Tocker. In 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small rural libraries in Texas, serving a population of 12,000 or less.

The Motley County Library has received several grants from this foundation but none as extensive as this one. The make-over supplied by this grant will be appreciated by library patrons for years to come.

The library will be selling the old metal shelves and some of the wooden ones. If anyone is interested in buying any of these shelves, they should go to the library as soon as possible and

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There was a time that I was a very organized person. Really! Really, I was! I keep reminding myself of that. But the vision of that is growing dimmer every day, as my piles of 'things to go through' increases. I watch every "Get Organized" program I can catch, read every article I see and I even have a great book about getting organized, but I can't seem to find it. I suppose it's in one of my 'piles.'

I recently found these organization tips on the internet. They sound good and I hope to use them. I thought some of you formerly organized people might also get some good ideas.

Cyndi Seidler, author, columnist and organizing expert, suggests that procrastination is the primary cause leading to stress. "When individuals put things off, they feel hurried, overwhelmed, and stressed. They try to buy time by extending it, but end up running out of time, and then rush to beat the clock."

Seidler says a person can change their style of living to obtain greater achievement, more satisfaction, and reduce the amount of stress they experience.

Seidler, who runs HandyGirl

Matador Methodist Church to hold Contemporary Worship Service

A Contemporary Worship service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Matador, Sunday, June 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Paul Stearns extends a welcome to everyone to attend.

Professional Organizers in Burbank, CA, offers these 6 tips in getting things done:

1. Make a list of all the activities you currently put off that you strongly want to complete. Prioritize these and write a deadline date next to them. Mark your calendar with these deadlines, and incorporate the "due" tasks into your daily "to-do" list. Make the decision to do the task that day.

2. Structure your day to get small tasks done and out of the way quickly. Control your activities using a routine agenda. You can be flexible, but be firm in your commitment to carrying out your scheduled activities.

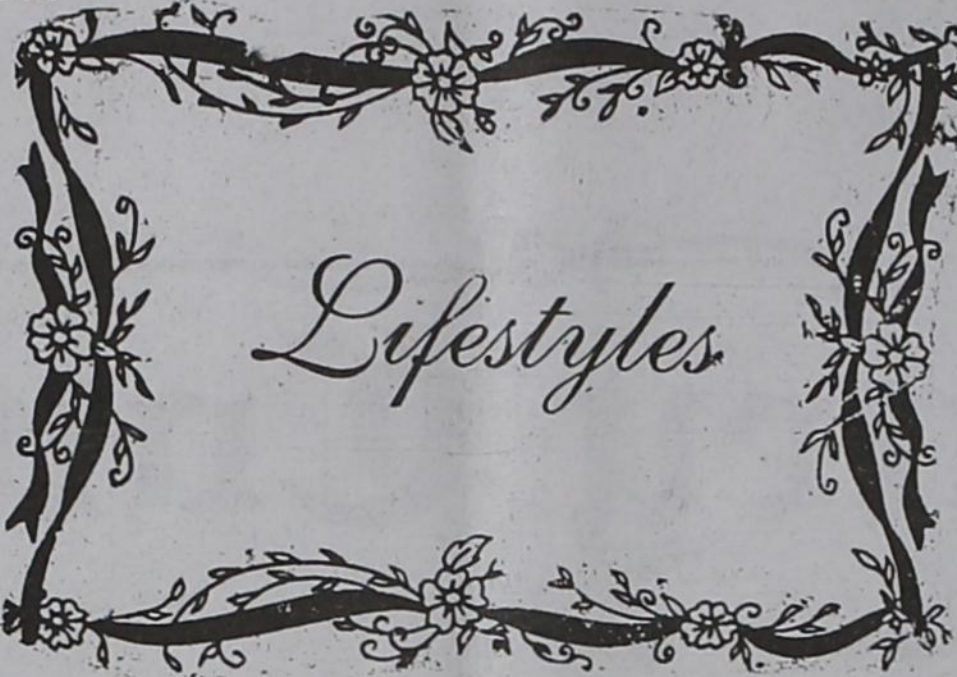
3. Set clear goals of what you want to achieve. Make your action plans align with these goals, and focus on one commitment at a time.

4. Get organized, especially with finding ways to manage regular affairs such as bill paying, handling mail, returning calls, and so on.

5. Make decisions to keep yourself reasonably active on your goals. You can do this by identifying the purpose for the activity and establishing a good estimate for accomplishing them.

6. Identify your procrastinating patterns and examine them. Imagine yourself going through the steps to doing something, particularly the things you have put off. This productive stimulation helps you bring about change.

Making a goal to accomplish something is a promise to yourself to achieve it. It isn't a good thing to break promises to others, so why break them with yourself? If you intend to do something, make the decision to do it, then tell yourself to do it.



Arts & Crafts

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met May 5 at the Senior Citizens Center for its regular meeting.

President Loys Campbell conducted the business meeting, plans were made for various items of business and members were ready for a class on painting.

The class was planned and prepared by Shirley Smith, who was unable to attend. The remaining members were assisted by several members, Joy Archer, Lorene Lancaster and Nova Dale Turner.

It was a unique and wonderful plan, to use the antiquated metal shingles from the old

Mercantile Building at Whiteflat for a decorative painting. It was unbelievable that such beautiful plaques and pictures resulted from these old mementos of the past.

The members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens. The bill of fare was Taco Salad, pinto beans, tossed salad with thousand island dressing and fruit. It was "mui bien" for "cinco de Mayo."

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Knight, Nova Dale Turner and Winifred Darsey.

House of Faith meetings will break for Summer after June 25

The House of Faith children's ministry, which meets each Wednesday afternoon at the Roaring Springs Memorial Park, will break for the summer vacation. Meetings

will continue through June. A party will be held at the park on June 25 at 4:30 p.m. to close the last meeting for the summer. Meetings will resume again in September.

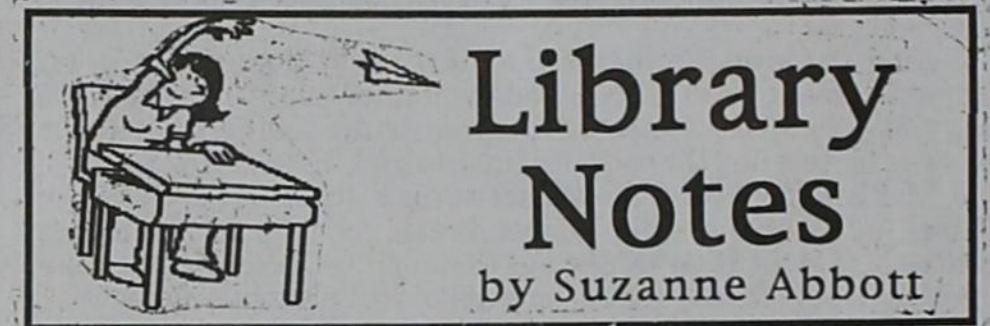


Jordan Moore, Hannah Mason, Marcus Ortiz, Tanner Bearden and Kaylee Woolsey show off the elephants they decorated at the Motley County Library's Summer Program.

Kids enjoy summer library program

Twenty-one children listened to a story about Elmer the elephant and then decorated their own "Elmers" at the library's Summer Reading Program, Tuesday. They enjoyed delicious refreshments made by Winifred Darsey. Helpers at the first program were Ashlee Green, Annie Green, Rachael Bartlett, Mrs. Jan Jones, Mrs. Pam Thacker, Mrs. Ruby McGuire, and Mrs. Betty Henry.

Children who attended are Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Colby Gilbert, Chloe Gleghorn, Jamie Jameson, Talor Karmazyn, Evan Mata, Hannah Mason, Leslie Mayo, Mandy Mayo, Parker Meredith, Alexis Moore, Jordan Moore, Marcus Ortiz, Neal Potts, Gage Renfro, Dominique Quilimaco, Thalia Quilimaco, Cassidy Turner, Jacob Woolsey and Kaylee Woolsey.



We had a great bunch of kids at the library Tuesday for the first of two days of the summer reading program. There is one day left, June 10, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the library. Kids in grades K-2 are welcome to attend.

This week's featured section of the library is the Texas Collection for adults. **Forever Texas: Texas, the Way Those Who Lived It Wrote It** features the writing of President George W. Bush, Dale Evans, Lyndon B. Johnson, Stephen Austin, Sam Houston and many more. **Frontier Blood: The Saga of the Parker Family** by Jo Ella Powell

Exley tells the tale of the "stubborn, strong, contentious" Parker family, of which Cynthia Ann Parker was a member.

Texas Cowboy Cooking by Tom Perini, with a foreword by Robert Duvall, presents much more than delicious recipes. For example, on page 156, there is a history of the Swenson Ranches and family. **Texas Quilts, Texas Women** by Suzanne Yabsley gives the history of many famous Texas quilt designs.

Come in and browse our fine Texas Collection. You are sure to find something of interest. It's too hot to do anything but read, anyway.

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Dedication services

for the

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at the

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Greatness

Greatness comes through service to others. That concept is almost beyond our comprehension. It just is! The very idea of serving others achieves greatness? Where did this one come from we ask? In reading Matthew 20: 25-28 we find our Lord Jesus is the one teaching this concept to His disciples. They are finding it difficult to absorb.

In the Bible we find such as Abraham, Moses, Elijah, King David, Paul and especially Jesus serving those about Him. Based on these biblical examples, God really wants us to understand His concept of "greatness." We read our Bibles to strengthen ourselves and to grow in grace and knowledge. The knowledge comes easily but the grace to accept the Lord's "excepts" sometimes is difficult to summon. For example: "the last shall be first and the least will be the greatest, and the one serving will be rewarded highly," is one of those "greatness" teachings that is hard on humanity.

To be a servant of Jesus Christ we are to humble our selves. There is the key. Humility. We are to serve Christ supremely but in that service to Him we will find our opportunities to serve one another. In reading Gal. 5:13 we read, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty, only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serving one another." In so doing "greatness" will be found. It will be measure by God's standard.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Pivots & Divots

by Mary

The Ladies Golf Association met for lunch at Billie Dean's Restaurant May 29. Attending were Liv, Louise, Francine, Judy, Tempie, Frances, LaVoe, Dartha, Marihelen, Geneva, and Mary.

Playing 18 holes were Liv, Louise, Francine, Tempie, Dot, LaVoe, and Geneva. Playing 9 holes were Nell, Frances, Tommye, Olivia, Wendy, Marihelen and Dartha. We are happy to have Olivia Osborn join us! Play was for a greenie on #6. Nobody got a greenie!

The Tuesday afternoon scramble, held on May 27, had 24 players. Shane Taylor won closest to the pin on #3. First

place, with a score of 31, were Alan Bingham, Geneva Wilson, Jim Watson and Cady Dodson.

Second place, with a score of 31, were Roncho Grundy, Cole Grundy, Chance Bingham, and Matt Washington.

Third place, with a score of 33, were Robert Osborn, Shane Taylor, Corky Marshall and Tempie Francis.

Others playing were Terry Westbrook, Tyler Westbrook, Louise Barton, Stan Hanesworth, Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Casey Lawrence, Kelly Keltz, Mickey Hurt, Dot Grundy, Sut Braselton and Francine Braselton.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,

The children's ministry, House of Faith that meets on Wednesday afternoons in the Roaring Springs Memorial Park will continue through June. On June 25th at 4:30 p.m. we will have a party. That will be the last meeting until we resume in September. We will not meet during July and August.

This has been a fun time for the children as well as the adults that help. I would like to thank everyone that has helped with the lessons, games, refreshments, fun ideas, and workers that have helped the children have a safe play time. We have never had to ask for cookies and kool-aid or fruit drinks. Someone has called and volunteered each week to provide the refreshments.

Another neat thing is that we have learned to know the

children and they find they have new friends in the adults too. A lot of mutual respect is developing between the children and the adults. This is a good thing for our community. Incidentally we have had no discipline problems, a few gentle corrections is all.

We appreciate the Methodist Church for allowing the children to use their restroom facilities and the monitors who have seen to it that that was expedited quickly. We would like to thank the Baptist Church for allowing us to store play equipment, refreshments and visual aids in their storage room.

If you haven't been by to watch one of these Bible Study sessions, I invite you to drop by. Kids are fun and they are learning so much.

Sincerely,
Monta Marshall

WTU offers tips on energy efficiency

As the summer months quickly approach, Texans can start planning now to keep energy costs low and comfort levels high. WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips to help you keep air conditioning costs down as the temperatures rise.

Annual maintenance

Have your air conditioning unit checked annually to keep it running efficiently. Check coils and belts for wear, and make sure the refrigerant is fully charged. Keep your outside unit free of debris like leaves and

grass.

Don't overlook insulation and ductwork

Insulation and ductwork are often overlooked, but having them checked for leaks is another way to save on energy costs.

Close the damper

Close your fireplace damper during summer months to save on your cooking bills. Installation of a glass fireplace screen will also prevent cool air from going up the chimney.

Stay in the shade

Shade your windows and awnings, solar screens, shutters, blinds or drapes. Trees and shrubs outside your windows also help to reduce your air conditioner workload.

Switch to fluorescent light bulbs

You can also help trim en-

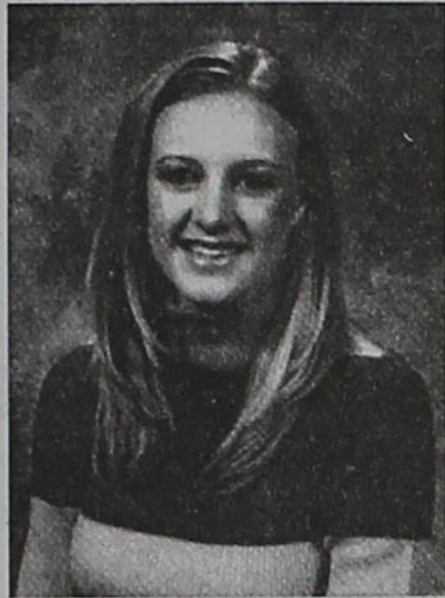
ergy costs by installing compact fluorescent light bulbs, which save energy and give off much less heat than incandescent bulbs.

Turn up the thermostat

Raising your thermostat just 5 degrees can lower your bill by about 15 to 25 percent.

Granddaughter named to US Achievement Academy

JoBeth Campbell, the granddaughter of Mrs. Joyce Campbell of Matador, has been recognized for her achievement as a national Leadership and Service Award winner.



Jo Beth Campbell

JoBeth, who attends Idalou High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Leadership and Service Awards provide students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

JoBeth is the daughter of Billy and Lori Campbell. She is also the granddaughter of C.R. and Mary Taylor of Louisville, Kentucky.

Always Shop at Home first!

Former resident graduates

Laura Beth Kreusel, daughter of Rex and Angie Kreusel, former Matador residents, graduated May 10, 2003.

Laura obtained her education through home and dual credit study and earned nineteen hours of credit from Amarillo College.

In August, Laura will attend Southwestern Assemblies of God University with plans to major in Business Administration and Missions.

Laura was employed at the Motley County Tribune while living in Matador.



Laura Kreusel

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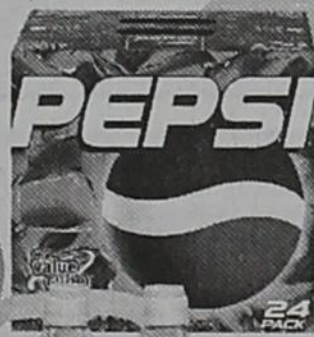
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

SON GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE

Joshua Elliott, the son of Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the University of Texas, May 17. He graduated with high honors, and has been offered a full scholarship to McGill University in Montreal, Canada where he will attend graduate school. He will work in the lab in the Physics department.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The postal group had their birthday luncheon at the Hitchin' Post last Thursday for R.C. Giesecke and Mrs. Juanita Cooper. Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke and Mrs. Juanita Cooper, of Matador, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski and Lula Swim, of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie D. Dillard attended a Carpenter family reunion in Palo Pinto over the weekend. All her brothers and sisters were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock vis-

ited in Lubbock last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock.

HOUSE OF FAITH MEETING

Attendance at the House of Faith Children's ministry was good last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Walter Trammell gave the Bible Study on Peter. Those assisting with the meeting were Corky Marshall, Ken Abbott, Walter Trammell, Lea Peacock, Joyce Meredith, Laura Long, Jill Brooks, Tina Brooks, Monta Marshall and Casey Fletcher.

Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. JoAnn Reagan and Bryce attended the graduation of Mrs. Patten's granddaughter in Boyd last weekend. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Allen of Lubbock.

Mrs. Darleen Fletcher attended graduation exercises for her granddaughter at Bay Town recently. Mr. Ray Zabielski was conveyed to Lubbock by ambulance last week. He was a patient at Covenant Medical Center four days.

Mrs. Pearl Patten was called to Floydada Saturday night to be with her husband, Harry, who was reported to be in poor health.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The marriages we regard as the happiest are those in which each of the partners believes that he or she got the best of it.

ATTEND GRADUATION

Joan and Joe Edd Helms and grandchildren, Callie and Sunny Helms attended the Tascosa High School senior graduation of their granddaughter, Katie Hamilton of Amarillo. It was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 31, at the Civic Center in Amarillo. Katie is the daughter of Mrs. Seritha Pearce of Amarillo.

Other family members attending the graduation were Mrs. Kellie Martin of Whiteflat and Mrs. Paula Phillips and daughter, Autumn of Quitaque.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

The birthday of Cary Franks of Lubbock was celebrated with a party Sunday afternoon in the home of his parents, Connie and Coy Franks. He was presented gifts, cards and a decorated birthday cake served with freezer ice cream and punch. Those enjoying the fun and frolic were grandparents, Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot; his sister, Cara Franks of Canyon; Deana and Tim Washington and Matt Washington of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Lacy Clarey, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie of Matador.

Keri Sehon of Ropesville enjoyed a birthday celebration Wednesday night with a family supper, colorful decorated birthday cake and all the trimmings in the home of her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Those attending the happy occasion were grandparents, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot; sisters and families, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Carrollton and Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg; her son, Brian Sehon of Ropesville and friends, Judy and Lynn Stark of Flomot.

ATTEND REUNION

Nada and Jack Starkey attended the Durham, Oklahoma reunion last Saturday held at the Community Center. They enjoyed renewing friendships, the banquet and musical program.

En route to Oklahoma, Thursday, they visited in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid. They were guests from Thursday until Sunday

with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon in Durham. Before returning home, they visited in Higgins Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy, Tanya and Jackie and had good luck fishing.

DERRICK CRUSE NAMED TO 6-MAN ALL AMERICAN TEAM

According to *Six-Man Illustrated*, the world's number one source for 6-man football news, Derrick Cruse was named to the 2003 Six-Man All American second team. Derrick, a 2003 graduate of Valley School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cruse of Flomot and grandson of Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended the enjoyable "Texas In The Swing" last Saturday night held at the Gem Theatre in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Thursday and Friday in Santa Anna with Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones. They visited overnight Friday in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. Moss and also visited Mrs. LaRay Gilbert and Mrs. Nona Anglin before returning home Saturday.

Mrs. Gail Roads of Canyon and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse attended the funeral of Mrs. Cruse's aunt, Mrs. Ola Browning of Amber, Oklahoma, May 16. Mrs. Browning was a former Quitaque resident. Mrs. Cruse and her brother, E.J. Browning of Rising Star, attended the funeral of Lester Kuykendall of Midwest City, OK, May 27.

James Cypert of Abilene visited Saturday with his grandmother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey. Visiting this week with Mrs. Starkey is her daughter, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross went to Plainview, Sunday after attending church services, to attend to business.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited during the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mrs. Shay McDaniel and son, Seth of Lubbock accompanied her grandmothers, Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. B. Rogers to Plainview Thursday for lunch and entertainment.

J.W. Eubank of Farewell visited overnight Saturday with his daughter and family, Gina and Tim Shannon and daughter, Nellie Bly. He was enroute to Oklahoma on business.

Obituaries

Patty Lane

Memorial services for Patty Edwards Lane, 51, of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 30, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating were Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor, and Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church at Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Lane died early Wednesday, May 28, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born at Matador, November 24, 1951. She was a graduate of Matador High School and Texas Tech University and was presently working on a Masters Degree. She was a teacher at Iles Elementary in Lubbock until failing health forced her retirement.

She was an avid photographer. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and had attended the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church since returning to Matador.

She had lived in Abernathy and Lubbock prior to returning to Matador about two years ago.

Survivors include her daughter and light of her life, Kristen Lane, a



Patty Lane

Freshman at Motley County High School; a brother, Tom Edwards of Montgomery, Texas; and her parents, Jake and Marguerite Edwards of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Leona Smith

Graveside rites for Leona Smith, 78, of Matador were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah.

Mrs. Smith died Thursday, May 29, at Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton.

She was born May 11, 1925, at Paducah and was a resident of Lake City, Colorado from 1961 until 1983 when she moved to Matador.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E.B. "Mike" Smith in 1995.

Survivors include two sons, Lee Smith of Matador and Dennie Smith of Paducah; one sister, Bonnie Porter of Paducah; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Pallbearers were Jeff Scott, Levi Buckner, Tim Porter, Jim Porter, Donnie Jackson, and Don Smith.

A NOTE OF THANKS

There are no words that can adequately describe our thanks to you, our many friends for your love, prayers and compassion on the death of our Patty. Also, the cards, flowers and all that abundance of food is deeply appreciated. The Memorial Service was perfect. Thanks to Rickey, Bro. Jack and all those others from Matador and Lubbock who gave their time in the care of Kristin.

The Edwards:
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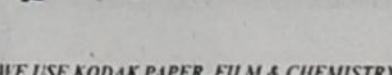
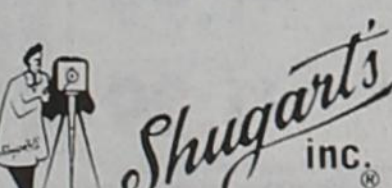
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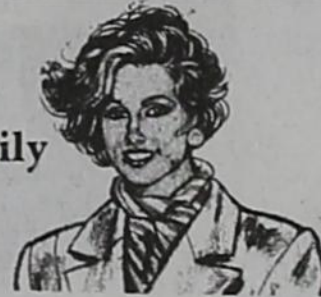
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**Back to Basics:
How to Start Seeds Indoors**
(From "Today's Garden,"
published by the
National Garden Bureau)

Gardening is a wonderful pastime and filling your garden with plants you started yourself from seeds simply doubles the pleasure. If you think growing from seed is difficult and takes too much time and equipment, the steps and tips here will dispel those apprehensions. Basically all you need to know about specific seeds is whether or not they require light to germinate and the number of days germination takes. With a light garden or a very sunny window, a few containers - purchased or "found" - and a good germinating mix, you will be on your way. The reasons for starting seed indoors are many. For much of the country the growing season is too short to allow many annual plants that need warm soil and hot weather, such as tomatoes, peppers, petunias and salvias to mature and bear flowers or fruit if you sow them directly in the ground. Some plants produce very tiny seeds, which are easier to sow and care for indoors; begonia seeds, for example, are so fine they look almost like powder. And then there's the magic: watching a seedling push up above the soil surface creates a bond between you and nature.

Materials you need:
Containers - any shallow receptacle that holds soil, such as flats with or without individual cells, peat or paper pots, egg carton bottoms or halved milk cartons. For transplanting seedlings, 2 1/2 to 4-inch diameter plastic, clay or peat pots. To ensure even moisture for seeds - and save yourself time - look for self-watering seed-starting kits. Germinating mix - commercial or homemade. Mix your own with a 50-50 combination of fine sphagnum peat moss and vermiculite. Seeds of annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, plastic bags or plastic wrap, spritzer (mister).

Transplanting mix - a good potting soil will do, but a mix specifically formulated for young seedlings is better. The latter usually contains a coarser grade of sphagnum peat moss than a germinating mix and often contains fertilizer.

Fertilizer - balanced all-purpose fertilizer. Fertilizer labels always list the main nutrients plants need - nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium - in the same order, with numbers to indicate percentages, such as 5-10-5, 20-20-20. If you prefer to grow with organic rather than chemical fertilizers, use fish emulsion, which is very odoriferous but nutritious for plants.

Getting Started:

1. Wet the germinating mix thoroughly and let it drain. It should be moist but not soggy.
2. Fill flats or individual pots with the mix to within about an inch of the top.
3. Make shallow row indentations with a ruler or your finger in the flats. It's easier to separate seedlings when transplanting time comes if you sow in rows. Sow thinly so you do not waste seed. If using pots make shallow holes and set 3 to 4 seeds in each.
4. Check seed packet to see if the seeds need light to germinate. If they do, press them lightly into the surface. If they require darkness, cover with 1/4 to 1/2 inch of mix or vermiculite and tamp it down.
5. Mist the surface with water to settle the seeds.
6. Cover the flats with a sheet of plastic wrap or set them in plastic bags. Set pots in plastic bags and close with twist ties. This keeps the mix from drying out while the seeds germinate, but check the mix occasionally and moisten if necessary by spritzing with water.
7. Place the flat in a warm, bright location or in a fluorescent-light garden. Check the seed packet for specific soil temperatures for germination. Generally, seeds germinate with soil temperatures of 70-75 degrees F.
8. When the seedlings emerge, remove the plastic covering. Seed packets give you an idea of germination time, usually 7 to 10 days, sometimes as long as 2 to 3 weeks.
9. Keep the mix evenly moist, not soggy. Water from the bottom by setting flats and pots

in a sink filled with a couple of inches of water; remove them when you see moisture on the surface of the mix.

The first leaves on a seedling are cotyledons, not true leaves. Their shapes usually do not look like the plant's familiar leaves. When seedlings in flats grow at least two sets of true leaves, transplant them into pots.

Moisten the transplanting mix and let it drain. If you use an all-purpose potting soil, add a handful of vermiculite for each quart of mix to lighten the texture.

Fill 2 1/4 inch pots about three-quarters full.

Use your fingers or a pencil to pick each seedling out of the flat, carefully holding each by the leaves not the stem (plants readily grow new leaves but not broken stems.)

Set the transplant in the pot, filling in around the roots with more mix and firming the mix down. Place pots on a sunny windowsill or in a light garden.

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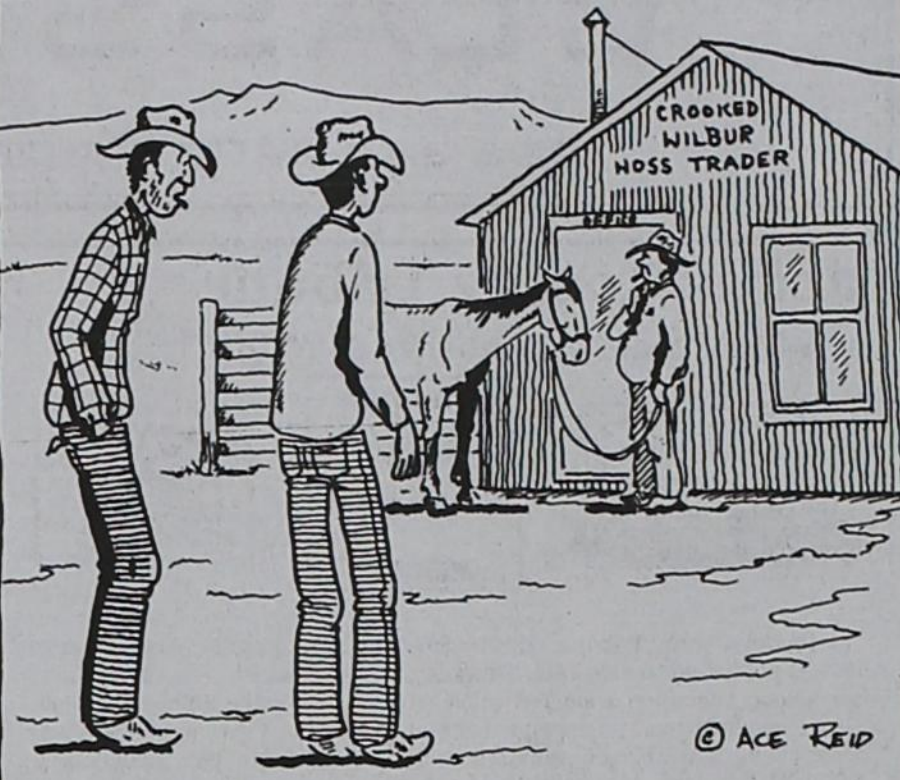
Water transplants regularly from the bottom until they grow 3 to 4 inches tall. Then you can begin to water from the top, if you want.

Feed as you water by diluting a water-soluble fertilizer, such as fish emulsion, to half the strength recommended on the label. Or, feed at regular strength every week to 10 days.

You do not need to move most flowering plants into larger pots before setting them outdoors in the garden. Some vegetables, such as tomatoes, produce extensive root systems and grow quickly into lush plants; transplant them at least one more time into larger pots before the weather warms up enough to put them in the garden.

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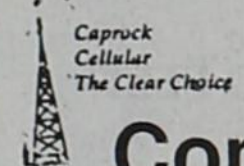
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