

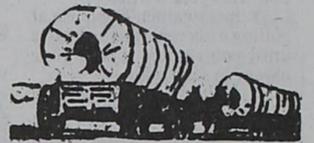
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Chamber Banquet is Saturday Surprise celebrities scheduled to appear

It is rumored around town that some Hollywood-types have graciously accepted the Chamber of Commerce's invitation to assist with this year's annual banquet, to be held this Saturday night, August 16, in the high school gymnasium.

Unfortunately, names of the stars cannot be released at this time because of their strict film studio contracts. However, they have assured us they will be here to help with the door prizes drawing.

With well-known celebrity guests, information business

booths, fabulous door prizes, awards for outstanding service, food by River Smith's, and reunion Ft. Worth group, FLASH-BACK, singing "oldies" from the 50's and 60's, this is an event you do not want to miss!

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m., giving everyone plenty of time to visit booths before dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by entertainment at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door, but please call Barbara Armstrong or Penny Pipkin for reservations as soon as possible.

Motley County ISD classes will begin Monday

Students who will attend Motley County Schools during the 2003-2004 school year will start classes on Monday, August 18, 2003.

Classes will begin at 8:15, but students will be allowed into the building at 8:12. No students will be in the building until the 8:12 bell. Elementary students will report to the playground on the south side of the school when they arrive. Secondary students

will need to wait in front of the building.

Parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten students are invited in with their children if they desire, the first day.

Any high school students, or new elementary or junior high students, who have not completed enrollment need to do so on August 11th in the afternoon or on August 12th.

Booster Club meeting to be held Thursday

The Booster Club will meet Thursday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the School. This will be an organizational meeting and to plan the upcoming Spirit Rally.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Motley County Booster Club and supporting our sports program and other school activities is encouraged to attend.



FAMILY BUSINESS — These cousins, pictured left to right, Parker Meredith, Morgan Jones, Judson Jones, Jonah Meredith and Angelica Meredith, recently invested in a family business enterprise when they set up their Koolade/Lemonade stand. The kids sold the cool drinks for only 10¢ a cup. A cool bargain on a hot day.

Matadors begin 2003 season with 2-a-day football workouts

by Amanda Hurt

It's already football season again and the Matadors are in full swing for 2003 action. Twenty players have come out for this year's team, including four seniors: Quinten Rose, Lorenzo Salazar, Brandon Martin and newcomer Sam Stapleton.

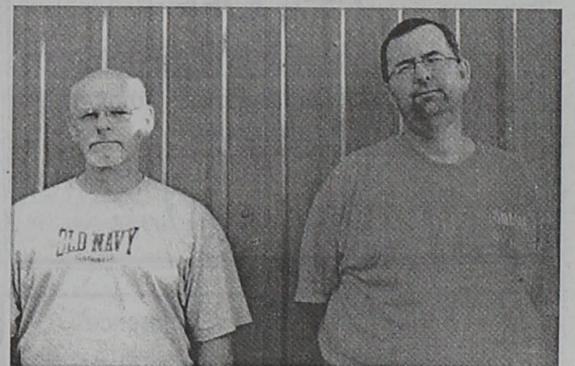
With a disappointing first year in six-man football for the 2002 season, the Matadors are ready to show everyone what they can do. "I feel that the team will be more adjusted to six-man football and will be much better than last year," had football coach Rick Cooper commented.

The team will be running a 2-3 defense as the main defense and a 3-2 and 3-1-2 also. They will be running a multiple formation offense and the team hopes to pass the ball more to take pressure off the running backs.

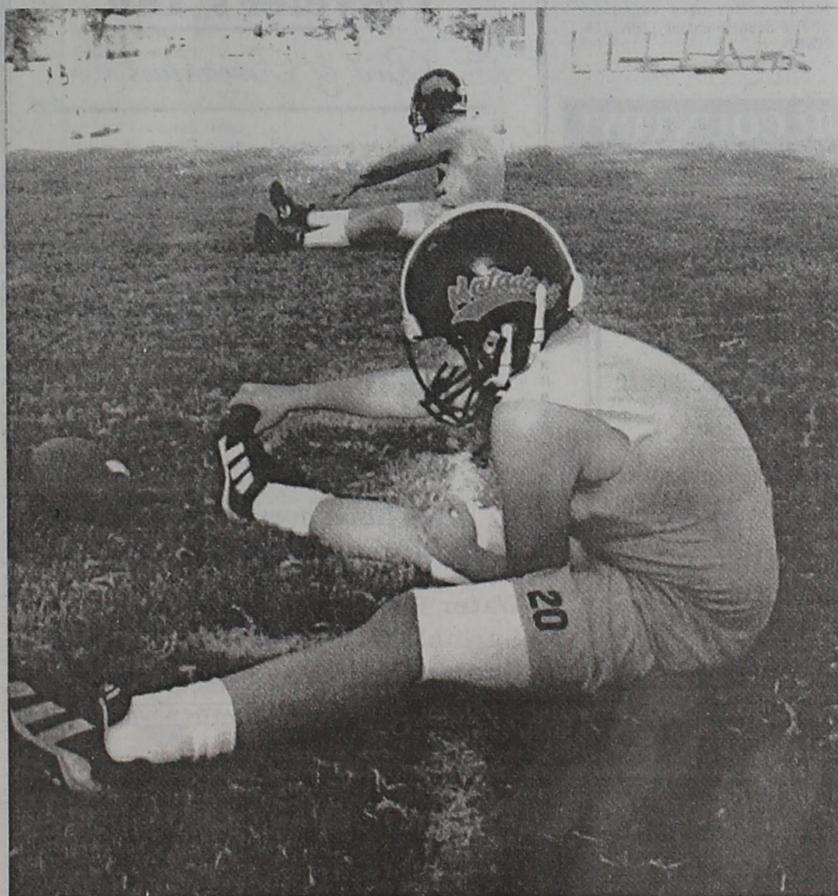
This will be Coach Cooper's second year with the Matadors. Coach Tony Dodson, who recently moved here with his family from Mississippi, will be the assistant football coach and head boy's basketball coach.

Coach Cooper also stated that everyone on the team has a good attitude and are looking

forward to the upcoming season. So everyone come out and support the Mighty Matadors!!



FOOTBALL COACHES Rick Cooper and Tony Dodson are looking forward to beginning the 2003 season.



STREEEEETCH ... These Motley County Matadors are stretching during 2-a-day football workouts which are now in full swing. The Matadors are practicing in the mornings and afternoons. Coach Cooper and Coach Dodson, along with the MC Matadors, are looking forward to a successful 2003 football season.

State emphasizes safety for school children

Austin -- To increase safety in school zones along state highways, state transportation officials have approved a measure expanding the hours of operation for flashing school zone signs.

The Texas Transportation Commission, at its July 31 meeting, approved the use of flashing school zone signs for school-related events occurring during non-traditional school hours, such as athletic and other events.

Commissioners said the change will improve safety for Texas school children and thanked State Rep. Vilma Luna for suggesting the idea to extend the hours flashing school zone signs could operate.

"We as motorists must also do our part to ensure our children's safety in their travels back and forth to schools all over the state," said Carlos

Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises motorists to help increase school zone safety by following these steps:

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.

- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking about getting there safely.

- Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in a neighborhood.

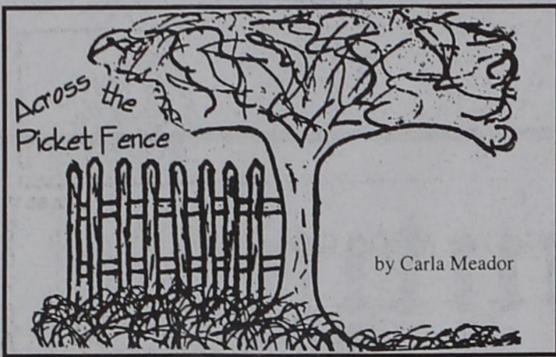
- Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.

- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traf-

fic. • Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions.

In Texas, motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
Monday,
August 18!**



The Washington Post's Style Invitational asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, a letter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter and supply a new definition. This year's winners:

1. Intoxicant: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
3. Bozone (n): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating.
4. Cashtration (n): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
5. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
6. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
7. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
8. Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.
9. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease.
10. Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like a serious bumper.
11. Decafalon (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
12. Glibido: All talk and no action.
13. Dopeler effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.



Photograph albums featured at Do Gooders club meeting

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, August 5th at the Community Center in Flomot.

An interesting program was presented by Mrs. Erma Washington on different arrangements and styles when assembling photograph albums. She showed vintage family photos and those of her great granddaughter, Madison, daughter of Cory and Amy Franks of Lubbock.

Madison is 21 months old and when she sees her father, Cory and her uncle, Cary together, identical twins, she exclaims with a big smile, "My Daddies!"

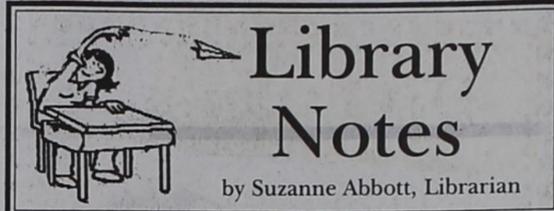
In the absence of president, Mrs. Waydette Clay who had a dental appointment, vice president, B. Rogers conducted the business meeting. The minutes of July 1st were read by Mrs. Alma Shorter and approved. They voted to have their annual Club Bazaar Saturday, November 8th at the Community Center and again The Country Store theme.

Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert and Erma Washington presided at a red and white designed service and had refreshments of peanut butter crackers, cookies and iced tea with choice of lime, lemon or cherry flavor.

The table was laid with a white cloth and centered with an unique horseshoe banana tree made by Glen Calvert for his mother, Mrs. Calvert. Intermingled on the table were crocheted place mats with a loveable white bunny rabbit sitting in the middle of each one. Other tables in the Center had red and white checkered cloths adding to the colorful decor.

In the raffle ticket drawing, Mrs. Leona Degan won two large crocheted snowflakes.

Members attending the entertaining afternoon were Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Judy Stark, Erma Washington, Alma Shorter, B. Rogers, Mary Jo Calvert, Tommie Jo Cruse, Nada Starkey, Leona Degan and Connie Franks.



The Friends of the Library met Thursday and planned the Third Annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans Fund Raiser Lunch at the Library. This fun event will feature Celebrities of Motley County as they serve the beans and cornbread and take donations. Proceeds go to the library. Be ready to eat those good beans on Friday.

The Friends of the Library also voted to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the library. This new cleaner will help keep the carpet looking like new. We appreciate everything the Friends do for the library.

Last weekend and on Monday of this week the Library

Board of Directors cleaned the library. They dusted the top of the lights and the top of the air conditioner vents and vacuumed the new carpet. These hard-working people really have the library shining.

Tuesday, we moved all of the furniture back into the library. As soon as we get the computers up and running we will be open every afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. We won't have our new shelves or most of our books, but patrons will be able to use the computers. We do have a few books that we will be able to check out. Watch the Tribune and the library windows for opening dates.

Pivots & Divots

By Mary



Ladies play day on Thursday, August 7, was for most birdies. Playing 18 holes were Louise, Geneva, Liv and LaVoe. Liv won the ball with 6 birdies! Dot joined them for 9 holes. Playing 9 holes in the afternoon were Judy R., Tempie and Tommie. There were no birdies.

Tuesday scramble on August 5th had 29 players. Conway was closest to the pin with 13 ft. 5 in. Winning first, with a score of 29, were Larry Morris, Mary Morris, Kyle Moore and Conway Clary.

Winning second, with a score of 30, were Ken Marshall, Lavern Silar, Geneva Wilson and Roncho Grundy.

Winning third, with a score of 31, were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Kenny Barton and Liv Barton.

Others playing were Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Shane Taylor, Louise Barton, Wendi Taylor, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Stan Hanesworth, Casey Lawrence, Kelly Keltz, Corky Marshall, Dot Grundy, Derrick Cruise, Russell Alexander, Lori Alexander, Judy Potts and Tye Potts.

Some of our members have recently played in tournaments held by other clubs. On July 25th, LaVoe and Liv won the Championship Flight at Lorenzo with a 6 under par! Geneva and Louise won third in the Second Flight. Dot and Francine also played in this tournament. On August 2nd, Geneva and LaVoe played in the Jayton tournament and won second in First Flight. Congratulations to all these ladies.

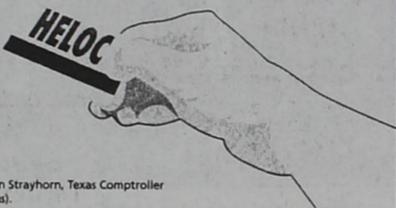
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Amendment election set

The election to determine whether 22 proposed Constitutional Amendments become law in Texas is scheduled for September 13. Among the proposed amendments is a provision that would allow Texas homeowners to utilize Home Equity Lines of Credit (HELOC).

A HELOC is essentially a credit account based on a homeowner's equity. The Comptroller's Office estimates that homeowners could save as much as \$741 million annually on interest charges and federal income tax deductions if HELOCs are authorized by Texas voters.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us)

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While He was on this earth our Lord illuminated several precepts that would help all mankind have a better life. For example: "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." That is found in John 10:10. Now there is a precept. Do we find ourselves

sometimes asking this question, "are we really living the life that Jesus describes? We know we are alive. But are we living the abundant life? To help answer this here are some more precepts that might help all of us make a difference in our every day lives.

1. Let's begin by putting the Beatitudes to work in our lives. In Matthew 5: 1-12 we find successful living principles for all ages.

2. From God's Word learn about Him and His will for our lives. Romans 1:19-22 will teach of His power and John 4 and John 17 will help us learn His attributes (powerful precepts are found in these passages).

3. We need to realize that we have been created for a purpose. Our purpose is revealed to us in the Bible.

4. Let's admit that this life has its burdens. Job 14:1 tells us of shortage of days and filled with troubles.

5. Acknowledge that God is faithful when He has promised that "all things work together for the good of them who love the Lord," Romans 8:28.

6. Why not just accept what Jesus promised? The abundant life in John 10:10.

There are many precepts like these in the Bible. We have touched on six of them. Why not put these precepts to work in your life? They will make a difference. "Through thy precepts I get understanding..." (Psalm 119:104)

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

HEALTH AWARENESS

Tips On Safe Herb Use

(NAPS)—Millions of Americans take herbal supplements, but how do you know which ones are safe? What about any drug interactions or potentially harmful adverse reactions? Rachel Agnew, M.S., R.D., continuing education specialist for Nature's Resource herbal supplements, is an expert who frequently advises consumers and pharmacists on herbs.

Agnew suggests the following tips to help consumers use herbs safely.

1. **Talk to your doctor or preferred health care professional**

If you are taking prescription medication, or are scheduled for surgery, be sure your physician is fully aware of any herbal supplements you may be taking. Like oil and water, some combination of medications and supplements may not mix.

2. **Know your Herbal ABCs**
Always read product labels, follow dosage directions, and heed any warnings. Some quality manufacturers, such as Nature's Resource, have new booklet labels right on the bottle. These informative labels have detailed herb information, including: historical use, scientific support, potential interactions with prescription and over-the-counter drugs, contraindications and pregnancy and lactation guidance.

3. **Do your homework**
It's important to know about the herbal supplements available. Surf the Web sites of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at www.fda.gov, or The American



New booklet labels offer a wealth of information to help you use herbs safely.

Botanical Council (ABC), a non-profit herbal medicine education and research organization, at www.herbalgram.org.

4. **Look for a recognizable name brand**

Purchase herbal supplements from a reliable manufacturer. Conduct research on the company, or ask for your doctor's recommendation. Be leery of potential false or outrageous claims on product labels such as "miracle cure" or "cure-all." If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

5. **Take caution if pregnant or nursing**

If you are expecting or nursing, be sure to tell your doctor what supplements you were using and for how long. The ingredients in supplements can be passed on to a nursing infant.

For more information, visit www.naturesresource.com or call Nature's Resource consumer affairs department at 1-800-314-HERB.

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PTO Plans



by Mary Ann Potts

Yes, the Motley County PTO is still alive and well and looking forward to another great year. The best reward after any task well done is for a child to look at you with an expression of joy and appreciation, hence the phrase "a look is worth a thousand words." If that isn't the best reason for being involved in your child's school, perhaps learning about everything the PTO assists with throughout the school year will sway you to lend a helping hand.

For starters, the PTO signed up for the Lowe's Register Tapes for Education School Program. A whopping 81,000 bonus points allowed MCS to receive 17 educational items. And, of course, Campbell Soup Labels, Tyson A+ Labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education Labels were collected throughout the school year. And between cookie dough, cutting

board and book cover sales, not to mention, Harvest Carnival Booths, Basketball Concession Stand, 2 Book Fairs, UIL Scholarship and Booster Club donation, Motley County PTO contributed more than \$2500 to MCS last year.

But Motley County PTO also strives to inform Parents and Teachers of existing programs, Taks Test Dates, Title I Conferences, upcoming school events, and provide an extra pair of hands when needed.

In order to achieve and continue achieving all this and more, the Motley County PTO needs supportive parents and teachers. The price, your time, precious I know. The reward, "a look worth a thousand words," priceless!

PTO officers for 2003-2004: Pres. - Tina Brooks; VP - Lara Davey; Sec./Reporter - Mary Ann Potts; Treasurer - Brooke Barton.

THE MATADOR

SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS



Student Calculators will require deposit

In an effort to guarantee that all students have equal access to technology insuring ample opportunity to complete homework assignments and prepare for exams, MCISD will issue calculators to every HS/JH student for use throughout the school year according to the terms of the calculator contract.

Each student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will make a deposit to MCISD which will be held in escrow until the end

of the school year. Each student is responsible for maintaining the calculator in good working order, abiding by the district's technology acceptable use policy, and returning the calculator according to the contract.

High school students will be issued a TI-83 Plus Graphing Calculator and the deposit will be \$125.00. Junior High students will be issued a TI-82 Graphing Calculator and the deposit will be \$100.00.

This notification is being made before the beginning of the school year in order to give every student, parent, or guardian ample time to prepare for the deposit. The deposit is being collected because the loss or abuse of the calculator would be detrimental to the school's future ability to provide the technology for each student. The amount of the deposit is based upon the cost to replace the calculator.

MENU



MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, French Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Soft Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Red Beans, Pickle, Onion, Bread Slice, Jello, Fruit, Milk.

Mary Engelbreit Books available at the Motley County Tribune 724 Dundee • 347-2400

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they ALL do learn. Do you know of an infant, child, or young adult who does not learn easily or has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life? Do you know that public school programs can serve these children from birth to age 22? For more information, call the Special Education Director in your school district, or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806/792-4000. PUBLIC EDUCATION IN TEXAS IS FOR EVERY CHILD. DON'T LEAVE ANY CHILD BEHIND.

LOS NIÑOS DE TEJAS VIENEN EN DIFERENTES TAMAÑOS, FORMAS, COLORES, Y HABILIDADES. ELLOS NO APRENDEN EN LA MISMA MANERA, PERO TODOS APRENDEN. CONCERN UN INFANTE, NIÑO PEQUEÑO, O UN JOVEN QUE TIENE PROBLEMAS PARA APRENDER O TIENE UN EMPEORAMIENTO QUE LE AFECTA A ELLA/ELLA PARA ENAR EXITO ENSUS VIDAS? SABIA QUE LA ESQUELA PUBLICA PUEDE SERVIR LOS NIÑOS, DE RECEN NACIDOS HASTA LA EDAD DE 22? PARA MAS INFORMACION, LLAME AL DIRECTOR DE PROGRAMAS ESPECIALES EN SU DISTRITO, O CONTACTE EL COORDINADOR DE ENCONTRANDO NIÑOS EN EL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER EL TELEFONO ES 806 (792-4000). LA EDUCACION PUBLICA DE TEJAS PERTENECE A TODOS LOS NIÑOS. NO EXCLUYAN A NINGUN NIÑO.

Pointers For Parents

Tips On Keeping Your Young Scholar Well-Supplied

(NAPS)—Here's something parents may be pleased to learn: Keeping youngsters well-stocked with school supplies doesn't have to be difficult or expensive.

Consider these tips: **Teach them healthy habits.** Remind kids to wash their hands frequently and to keep pencils and pens out of their mouths as they can easily spread germs. Hand sanitizers come in convenient smaller sizes that fit nicely in pencil boxes and lockers.

Studies show that children learn better when they're not hungry. Encourage your child to eat a nutritious breakfast before leaving for school. Pack lunches the night before to ease the morning rush. Individually wrapped puddings and other food items can be great time-savers and are popular treats for snack time and lunches.

Experience the thrill of the hunt. Try browsing a few thrift shops for gently worn children's clothing. Look into such alternatives as dry cleaners that often sell nice clothing that has been left unclaimed.

When it comes to school supplies, many thrifty parents shop closeout stores, such as Big Lots, for merchandise at substantially lower prices. Closeouts are the same first-quality, brand-name products found at other discount retailers, but at a savings of 20 to 40 percent. It can be a way to stock up on paper, notebooks, binders, pens and other essential products.

Lighten their load. Backpacks are terrific for stowing kids' stuff, but if the packs are overloaded or carried improperly they could cause injury. Look for back-



Buy an extra calculator to keep at home. A small investment can result in a more efficient use of available backpack space.

packs with wide, padded straps and make sure your child always wears both straps so the load is evenly distributed.

Buy an extra calculator and stock up on everyday school supplies to keep at home. A small investment can result in a more efficient use of available backpack space—not to mention minimizing the effect of lost items.

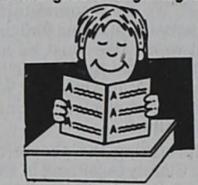
Keep your home homework-friendly. Create a positive homework area for your child. Make it free of clutter and distractions like the television set. If you have a computer in the house, set up a family workspace where activity on the computer can be monitored.

Encourage breaks and stretching exercises to avoid stiff muscles and eyestrain. You may be able to find lots of comfortable, affordable desks, tables and chairs in the furniture department at Big Lots stores.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.biglots.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

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2003 Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY COUNTY

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for MOTLEY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 483,964.41	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 483,964.41	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$6,495,555.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.80000/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 483,306.35	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$58,702,798.00	\$	\$
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.82331 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.82331 /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.84800 /\$100		

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 483,306.35	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$58,702,798.00	\$	\$
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.82331/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.88917/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.88917/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.88917/\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If MOTLEY COUNTY adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.80000 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2002 taxes by \$ 11,261.10

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at MOTLEY COUNTY TAX A/C OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, MATADOR, TEXAS
Name of person preparing this notice ELAINE HART
Title MOTLEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
Date prepared AUGUST 4, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:30 PM AUGUST 26, 2003 in MOTLEY CO. I.S.D. BOARDROOM MATADOR, TEXAS. 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.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$.00	\$ 1.50000	\$ 5,374.00	\$ 4,176.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.6283	\$.00	\$ 1.6283	\$ 5,691.00	\$ 3,859.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$.00	\$ 1.5000	\$ 5,109.00	\$ 3,661.00

* 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.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$15,357.78	\$ 15,896.28
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 357.78	\$ 896.28
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.500000	\$ 1.500000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 5.36	\$ 13.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 8.08 (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 1.65273. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.65273.

Fund Balances

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

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In regards to the resignation of Rodney Williams as Mayor: Sometimes we need to be reminded of the good in mankind, especially since everything bad that is going on in our world since 9-11!

I realize that because I haven't lived in Matador for fifteen years that I don't know all the current events and small town talk. Because of this I can honestly and objectively state what I do know.

What I do know is on May 1, 1984 at 8:55 pm, a tornado raged through the southern residential section of Matador. Several homes were damaged or destroyed along with the new school building. Several families, including my family and I, lost everything. Even though there was a lot of destruction and debris we all survived that horrible night because we had plenty of warning!

Now, here's a test for you! See if you know the answer! Who was the fire chief in 1984? Who was responsible for the early emergency alert system? Who was responsible for the training of the volunteer fireman and making sure they were prepared for such a disaster? Who was responsible for the new fire station, the new fire trucks, and the new equipment? Who was responsible for the new housing project that enabled the citizens in need to receive better housing?

There is only one right answer to all of these questions! If you guessed right the answer would be: Rodney Williams. You get an A+!

You should be proud that the Lord blessed Rodney with the gifts of visions and the willingness to make a difference in his hometown of Matador!

Life is all about choices and in America we are free to choose. You can choose to be the problem, or you can choose to be the solution to the problem. In the end it doesn't matter what other people do, it matters what you do! There are people who act and people who react! Which are you? Thank you Rodney for making a difference! May God bless you and your family!

Sherry Paschal

Dear Editor,

I am writing to all the concerned citizens of Motley County.

We have a grave injustice that is taking place in our community. We have a admitted child molester in our midst and no one seems to care! Our District Attorney's Office and our District Judge has dropped the ball on a very heinous crime that was committed on a helpless young child.

Our children do not have the right to vote. We must stand up for our children! We must be their voice! Your child could be next, because we are sending a message that crimes against children are not as important as murders and other crimes in our county.

Sexual assault is, in my opinion, one of the most horrible crimes our society has to face. The scars that are left are never completely healed.

In our county we are allowing the victims to be re-victim-ized repeatedly and no one cares. It has come to my attention that this case was "handed off" to a "special prosecutor" because our DA was too busy with more important cases. The "special prosecutor" has now found full-time employment and does not have time for this case.

Some of our elected officials are passing the buck. I have tried repeatedly to speak with the people who have the power to stop this injustice and they inform me it is someone else's responsibility. Who is in charge? We as a community must demand that our judicial system works. We must be allowed to have this case come to trial and be decided by a jury. We must hold our elected officials accountable.

I am asking the people of Motley County to join me in letting our elected officials know that children matter in Motley County.

I would also like to add that this case was handled expeditiously by the Motley County Sheriff's office. This case has been in the District Attorney's office for almost 2 years. It is entirely the responsibility of the District Attorney's Office and the District Judge to hold predators accountable.

Thank you,
Signed - the parent of a victim

Dear Editor,

I have been informed that TDCJ Parole Division is currently processing Larry Fortenberry's case for parole review by the Board of Pardons and paroles.

Most of you know who Mr Fortenberry is. He is one of the men who murdered my husband, Sheriff Jinks Wilson.

To assist the Board in reaching a decision, they have asked for my input. I am asking for the input of others in this community, also. Letters and comments should be mailed immediately to the following address:

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Victim Services Division
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Austin, TX 78711-3401
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E-Mail:
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Web Site:
www.tdcj.state.tx.us

Please indicate that you are writing in regards to:
Offender: Fortenberry, Larry
Carnell
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TDCJ ID: 00292345
Placed in Parole Review on 08-05-2003.

All letters should be mailed quickly! I appreciate your concern.

Thank you,
Geneva Wilson and family

Here are some foot care tips from the APMA:

- Properly fitted shoes are essential. Shoes that don't fit can cause serious foot problems.
- A shoe with a firm sole and soft upper is best for daily activities.
- Shop for shoes in the afternoon, feet tend to swell during the day.
- Walking is the best exercise for your feet.
- Pantyhose and stockings should be the correct size and free of seams.
- Do not wear constricting garters or tie stockings in knots.
- Never cut corns and calluses with a razor, pocket knife or other such instruments.
- Bathe your feet daily in lukewarm (not hot) water, using a mild soap, preferably one containing moisturizers, or use a moisturizer separately.
- Trim or file your toenails straight across.
- Inspect your feet every day or have someone do this for you. If you notice any redness, swelling, cracks in the skin or sores, consult your physician.
- Have your feet examined by a DPM at least twice a year.

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Austin -- Texans are getting the "Click It or Ticket" message.

For the first time since Texas' safety belt law went on the books in 1985, safety belt use in the state's urban areas is nearing 90 percent, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced today.

On TxDOT's behalf, the Texas Transportation Institute has conducted multiple traffic surveys in 10 urban areas of Texas, tracking safety belt use prior to and after the "Click It or Ticket" education and enforcement campaign, beginning in April, 2002. Successive survey results show that more Texans are buckling up after TxDOT, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration launched the state's largest ever public education campaign and safety belt enforcement crackdown.

For a two-week period, from

May 19 to June 1, an unprecedented barrage of TV and radio commercials, billboards and movie theater slides warned Texans to buckle up or face hefty fines. Thousands of extra law enforcement officers patrolled Texas streets and highways to locate and ticket safety belt violators.

"Our efforts paid off, and we're delighted that so many more Texans got the message to buckle up," said Sue Bryant, TxDOT safety director. "In cities with heavy 'Click It or Ticket' advertising and stepped up law enforcement, we saw significant increases in the number of drivers and passengers using their safety belts."

In 10 Texas cities, observational studies conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute indicated a safety belt compliance rate of nearly 90 percent, up from 81 percent just a year ago.

"For every percentage point that safety belt use increases, we can save an additional 25 lives and prevent almost 600 injuries every year in Texas," Bryant said.

Not all motorists heeded the "Click It or Ticket" message. State troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies issued more than 50,000 citations for safety belt and child safety seat violations during the special enforcement period. Officers also arrested 2,200 safety belt violators who also had outstanding warrants for felonies and misdemeanors.

"Click It or Ticket" campaign supporters included the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Municipal Police Association, the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Sheriff's Association of Texas, hundreds of local law enforcement agencies and scores of community organizations.



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2003 West Nile outbreak ahead of 2002

As this year's West Nile virus cases begin to mount, the CDC is urging Americans to "fight the bite."

2003 has now seen four human cases of West Nile virus: Three in Texas and one in South Carolina. That number is sure to rise. Last year there were 4,156 reported cases -- and 284 deaths.

So far this year, 32 states have confirmed West Nile activity -- that is, virus detected in mosquitoes, birds, horses, and/or humans. At this time last year there was activity in only 20 states. Eventually, the virus hit 44 states.

'Stay Tuned' for Upswing in Activity

CDC director Julie Gerberding, MD, warned that it might be a big year for West Nile virus.

"What is concerning us is we have more states reporting activity than last year at this time," she said. "Last year we anticipated an upswing during July and August -- so we have to stay tuned to appreciate the full scale and magnitude of this year's activity. We need to be prepared. The signs all say there is reason to anticipate a problem."

West Nile virus is spread by mosquito bites. Gerberding urges people who think they may have the virus to see a doctor.

"If you're worried about whether you might have West Nile virus, infection typically presents with fever, very serious headache, muscle aches, and fatigue out of proportion to what you would feel with normal viral infections," Gerberding says.

Most of all, she urges people to "fight the bite." That means

wearing DEET-based insect repellent, long sleeves, and long pants when out of doors. It means avoiding being out of doors in the morning and evening, when mosquitoes best like to bite. And it means policing your yard and neighborhood to get rid of standing water in old tires, flower pots, rain gutters, and other places where water pools.

Testing for the Virus

Some things have changed. Now there are two blood tests for West Nile virus, notes Jay Epstein, MD, director of the FDA's Office of Blood Research and Review. And there's also a quick test that doctors can use to identify people who might have the virus.

"The test takes only a few hours," Epstein said. "Although it's not a screening test, it is used if someone presents with symptoms of West Nile infection. But it's not a definitive test. It must be confirmed by other lab tests."

Better testing of blood and patients is sure to increase the number of mild cases that get reported to the CDC. So it's very likely that many more cases will be reported this year than ever before. Gerberding says the CDC will also track blood donors who have no symptoms at all, but whose blood tests positive for the virus.

"We have made an enormous advance in terms of improving the safety of the blood supply," Gerberding said.

Promising Research

James Meegan, PhD, virology program officer for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said at the

teleconference that vaccines and treatments for West Nile virus are on the way.

While there's no drug yet, Meegan said that some 20 compounds show promise. Meanwhile, the FDA will permit experimental use of immune globulin -- antibodies from the blood of people who recover from West Nile infection -- to treat serious cases of West Nile encephalitis.

And the first West Nile vaccine is likely to start human safety tests later this year. The vaccine uses yellow fever vaccine virus genetically engineered to look like West Nile virus.

"It's a live vaccine made by mixing West Nile virus with yellow fever vaccine virus," Meegan says. "So now we can take advantage of a vaccine (that) has been used safely for around 70 years. We've already tested it in hamsters, horses, and monkeys. So far, it is safe and efficacious ... But it will be quite a while until it is developed

for widespread use. Right now that vaccine looks like our best bet."

Two other vaccines are in earlier stages of development.

Meegan says that nobody knows for sure whether a person becomes immune after getting natural West Nile infection. But similar viruses -- yellow fever, for example -- give a person lifelong immunity. Meegan expects that this will be true for West Nile virus, too.

"I'd love to say that everybody will develop natural immunity, but West Nile prevalence is still low," Gerberding says. "Most of the U.S. remains vulnerable. I don't think we will be able to achieve human population immunity through natural infection alone."

Meanwhile, Gerberding says, the U.S. should be prepared. And with two other deadly mosquito-borne viruses on the loose -- St. Louis encephalitis virus and Eastern equine encephalitis virus -- the CDC's motto is "Fight the Bite."

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

WORKING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Unlike the rest of the year, August is a quiet month in our nation's capital. Members of Congress leave Washington to head home and spend time listening to their constituents, hearing their views and concerns firsthand. For your "light" summer reading, I will give you a mid-year report on what Congress has accomplished.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

In May, Congress passed the 2003 Jobs and Growth package to provide the American people with \$350 billion more in tax cuts, building on the 2001 tax relief. The legislation accelerates many of the reductions from 2001 that were being phased in over several years. Taxpayers will immediately benefit from the lower marginal rates, marriage penalty relief, expansion of the 10-percent tax bracket and an increase in the child tax credit. In July, the IRS began issuing \$400 per child advance refund checks to approximately 25 million families. Taxpayers also experienced an increase in their paychecks because of the lowered marginal rates. The bill also provides important relief for small businesses and \$20 billion to states where many are facing difficult budgetary shortfalls. I increased Texas' share of this state aid form what had been originally proposed, knowing the severe budget crunch Texas is in. Texas received \$1.3 billion.

MEDICARE REFORM

After many years of unfulfilled promises, each house of Congress passed Medicare reform including a prescription drug benefit. It is now in a conference committee to work out the differences. Medicare has not kept pace with the times. The 38 year-old program does not take into account the modern miracles afforded by new medical technologies and pharmaceuticals. By bringing this venerable program into the 21st century, we will better meet the needs of our nation's seniors and help ensure that Medicare will be solvent for generations to come.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

For three years the Senate has been working to pass a comprehensive policy to make our nation energy independent and create jobs for American workers. The clock ran out in 2002 and we were unable to pass a bill that balanced production, delivery and conservation. I'm pleased that this year Congress finally passed an energy bill, which is now in conference committee. The legislation will help protect and create more than half a million American jobs and provide for a number of diverse options from ethanol to crude oil production to meet our nation's growing energy needs. It will also go a long way in releasing us from the grip of dependence on the Middle East.

NATIONAL SECURITY

September 11th crystallized how vulnerable our nation is to terror and showed what the enemies of freedom and democracy are willing and able to do. The president promised he would not stand idly by while the American people were menaced. In March that promise brought us to Baghdad to eliminate the threat of Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction. Saddam possessed and used weapons of mass destruction, repeatedly defied the will of the international community and sponsored and harbored known terrorists and terrorist groups. Thanks to the might of the U.S. military and the support of allies like Great Britain and Australia, his regime is dead. Our troops are still in danger and we pray daily for their safety and the stability of the region, as Iraqis begin to take control of their own destiny.

LOOKING FORWARD

When Congress returns to Washington, D.C. in September, it again assumes a heavy load. Among the many agenda items, finding more ways to bolster our economy and put Americans back to work tops the list. This August, as you enjoy the last weeks of summer, know that Congress is gearing up for a busy fall and making our voices heard on behalf of the people we represent.



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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. Bobby Fletcher of Matador, his son, Andrus Peyton Fletcher of Arlington, and Victoria and Andrus of Frankfort, Germany visited Mrs. Cleo Watson, Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas visited in the home of Mrs. Zella Palmer this past week.

Mrs. Ginny Ladue and daughter Jenah of Clearwater, Florida visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Young this past week. Rev. Paul Stearns drove Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock on Thursday to have an eye check up.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim attended funeral services at the First Methodist Church in Quanah for Claude Nichols on Friday.

Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim for the weekend. He was here to attend the funeral services for Mrs. Zona Ruth Cammack in Matador, Monday.

Mrs. Nona Long drove Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock on Monday to see her eye doctor.

The Senior Citizens held their regular pot-luck lunch on Thursday. Mrs. Pearl Patten was in charge. Walter Trammel gave the blessing. After singing, those enjoying the meal were Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Carl and Shirley Barton, Mrs. Kay Jones, Walter and Jo Trammel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Lumsden. They enjoyed lunch at the Hitchin' Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Zella Palmer, recently.

Word was received Saturday that Mrs. Vera Mitchell was conveyed to Covenant Hospital, Friday night. On Sunday it was reported that she was doing pretty good.

Mrs. Monta Marshall was in Lubbock helping her niece prepare for an Estate Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall were in Lubbock Sunday to visit Mrs. Vera Mitchell.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
We had three boys and when I was pregnant with my fourth child, a friend of my husband remarked that this one would surely be a girl. "No," my husband jokingly replied, "once you have three boys, I'm sure the pattern is not likely to change."

His friend, however, was sure and bet \$25 the baby would be a girl. When our fourth son was born, I received a package from the friend containing a lovely card, a pair of knitted booties and a check for \$25 with this accompanying note that said, "What some people won't do for \$25."

WASHINGTON FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Washington held their annual family reunion, Saturday, August 9 at the Community Center in Flomot. Hosting the event were Seab Washington and Travis Kendall of Flomot. They served hamburgers with all the trimmings, assorted desserts, iced tea and lemonade.

Mrs. Edith Washington of Flomot was recognized as the oldest family member attending and Brazos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington of Roaring Springs the youngest family member attending. Others enjoying the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Farris Martin and Brenda and Jerry Smith of Turkey; Tim and Dena Washington and Matt Washington of Roaring Springs; Burl and Florea Jones of Tulia, Mrs. Linda Kendall and Mrs. Dianne Washington of Flomot and Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador.

appointment. She is scheduled for surgery, Wednesday, August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter met daughter and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petrolia in Vernon Saturday and Emily and Haley returned home with them to visit until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited overnight Saturday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn. Other guests were Michelle and Mark Jefferies and Kirt of San Marcos.

Mrs. Lori Kleinbrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Kyler remained to visit. Also visiting this week is their grandson, Tanner Clay of Panhandle.

Coy Franks enjoyed the Motorsports races in Idalou during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob visited in Spring this week, Aug. 7-14 with Jerry Banueski and attended his college graduation, Saturday.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Tim and Dena Washington, Matt Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Cara Franks of Canyon and Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited at Lake Conroe from Friday until Sunday with daughter, Mrs. Judy Rhodes. Other guests were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rhodes and twin daughters, Katherine and Kristen who are in the process of moving from San Antonio to Houston. They celebrated the second birthdays of Katherine and Kristen, Saturday.

Mrs. Linda Kendall and father, Richard March of Quitaque visited Sunday in Midland with Cory and Janet Kendall, Chancey and Connor. Monday, Linda, Janet and children accompanied Mr. March to Springfield, Missouri to visit his brother, Fred March.

Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited overnight Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Brian remained to visit until Sunday as his parents attended the Classic Car Show in Vernon Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Connie Franks accompanied her parents, Bill and Erma Washington to Lubbock, Thursday for Bill an ocular laser treatment. He is scheduled for additional laser treatment August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay helped son and family, Larry and Angelia Clay, Sarah, Tanner and Kelsey move from Flomot to Panhandle, Tuesday. Angelia will begin working as the School Nurse at the Panhandle Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Dimmitt, Friday for her medical

OBITUARIES

Zona Ruth Cammack

Funeral services for Zona Ruth Cammack, 81, of Lubbock, and formerly of Matador, will be at 2:00 P.M. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating will be Rev. Paul Sterns and Rev. Roger Scaff. Interment will be in East Mound Cemetery at Matador, under direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cammack died early Friday at a Lubbock nursing home.

She was born May 22, 1922, at Clarksville, Texas, and was a resident of Matador from 1925, until moving to Lubbock in 1998. She was a retired school lunchroom manager and a member of the Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryan Cammack, in 1966.

Her survivors include: Four daughters, Stella Swim of Abilene, TX; Mary Martin, Lubbock, TX;



Jackie Smith, Gruver, TX; Etta Walker, DeLeon, TX; one son, Charles Cammack of San Antonio, TX; 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Apolinar Paul Torres

Graveside service for Apolinar Paul Torres, 71, of Matador were held Friday August 8, 2003, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Father Phily's De Freitas of our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Matador. He is survived by: 2 sons, John Paul Ramrizz of Grand

Prairie, TX and Capolinar Torres of Big Springs, TX, 4 daughters, Maria Saldana of Matador TX, Anna

Romero of Irving, TX, Rosa Urtega of Irving TX and Terry Herrera of Grand Prairie, TX; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Don Monk

Graveside services for Don Monk, 59, of Flomot will be held Thursday, August 14, at the Flomot Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Arnie Smith will officiate.

Mr. Monk is survived by two children, daughter, Leslie Monk Ballew of Duncanville, Texas, and son, Jeff Monk of Booker, Texas; a brother, Calvin Monk of Parkump, Nevada; two sisters, Nell Pope and

Rosella Cannon, both of Tulia; and also a special friend, Pat Noble, of Tulia; and four grandchildren, Zara and Hanna Ballew and Ciari and Tassie Monk.

The family suggests that any memorials or donations be made to the Fairmont Baptist Church, Hospice Hands of West Texas, or the Flomot Cemetery Association.

Claude Nichols

Quanah -- Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 8, at the First United Methodist Church for Claude Nichols, 87, of Quanah, who died Tuesday, August 5, 2003, in a local nursing home.

The Rev. Bud Kidwell officiated. Interment was in Quanah Memorial Park under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Nichols was born April 15, 1916, in Paint Rock, a son of the late Arthur B. and Eunice Virginia Morton Nichols. He moved to Roaring Springs in 1924 with his parents, when he was seven years old. He attended Roaring Springs grade school and high school and was a Roaring Springs high school graduate. He had owned the grocery store in Roaring Springs and was a mail carrier. He worked as Depot Agent before moving to Quanah. He mar-

ried Eva Joy Robbins on April 15, 1950, in Quanah.

A retired railroad clerk, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church and Quanah Masonic Lodge No. 689, where he served as a past Grand Master and received a 50-year service pin. He also served on the Quanah city council for two terms and was a member of the Quanah Housing Authority board.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Becky Lynn Barker and Brenda Tabor of Quanah; a brother, Jack Nichols of Pampa; a sister, Rita Groves of Roaring Springs; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Heather Mabelle Barker on June 24, 1981.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin of Midland were luncheon guests Sunday in the home of sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. They had visited Friday and Saturday in Amarillo with her mother, Mrs. Susie Sain and Rhonda and Mike Webb. En route home they

visited in Lubbock with B.B. Bristow and daughter, Mrs. Lanette McClain.

Mrs. Frances Dixon, daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser and Kaci met Adrian Risser of Wheeler in Childress, Thursday for lunch to visit.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Motley County Commissioners' Court will be in session in a Public Hearing Monday, August 25, 2003 at 8:00 A.M. for the purpose of adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Subsequent to adopting the budget there will be a session to adopt the 2003 tax rate.

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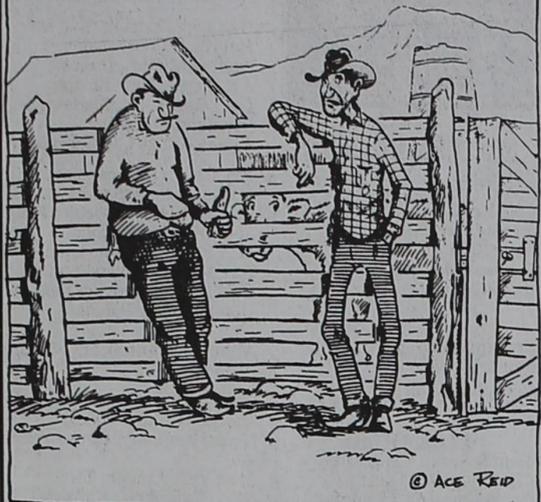


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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Cotton News
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

COTTON INDUSTRY URGING ACTION ON CHINA TRADE

One of the key components of the 2001 China World Trade Organization accession agreement was a safeguard designed to protect U.S. manufactures from a rapid and disruptive increase in imported goods.

Since the agreement was signed the U.S. textile and apparel industry has seen just how devastating a sudden increase in imported goods can be.

Since 2001 Chinese textile and apparel imports have doubled, primarily in product categories that have already been released from quotas, and the U.S. textile and apparel industry has been the primary victim.

With all U. S. quotas scheduled for elimination in 2005 the situation will only accelerate if nothing is done.

Fortunately the rules governing the implementation of the safeguard provisions included in the China WTO accession agreement have been finished and corrective action can be taken. The only hurdle that remains is for the U.S. to find the resolve needed to enforce the rules both sides agreed on.

It is critically important that additional contact be made with Congress and the Administration to encourage them to do the right thing, take the steps necessary to fully implement the safeguards agreed to in the China WTO accession agreement, and to take additional action to prevent future occurrences.

The American Textile Manufacturers Association is working to gather support from allied industry and members of Congress to request that the Bush Administration take the following steps to prevent further damage to the U.S. textile and apparel industry.

- 1) Immediately implement the China Textile safeguard provision. This would send a clear message that the U.S. will not allow China to unfairly gain control of the U.S. textile market through currency manipulation and highly subsidized, state-owned textile sector.
- 2) Reject any tariff preference levels or other exceptions in the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and other free trade agreements.
- 3) Maintain U.S. textile tariffs in the Doha Round of trade talks and reject the current proposal for zero duties on textile tariffs.

Any and all contact with the Administration and Congress

will help reinforce this message and demonstrate that strong support for taking these actions currently exists.

Anyone interested in the issue is encouraged to contact their representatives in the House and Senate, as well as the Bush Administration, and voice support for the immediate implementation of the China safeguard provisions.

PCG has already made contact with the offices of Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison as well as House members Mac Thornberry, Charlie Stenholm, and Randy Neugebauer to voice the support for the effort. PCG is encouraging each of the members to sign onto a letter to President George W. Bush on the issue as well.

STENHOLM/ NEUGEBAUER TALK AG ISSUES

U.S. Congressmen Charles Stenholm and Randy Neugebauer made the rounds in Lubbock August 7 discussing agriculture issues and touching base with commodity groups from across the High Plains/Pandhandle region.

Stenholm, meeting with the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce's Agriculture Committee, visited the area and touched on a number of important issues working their way through Congress and also offered his thoughts on the nagging issues of U.S. trade policy and the simmering Texas Congressional redistricting issue.

Stenholm delivered his usual frank assessment of the issue and made it clear that whatever happens he intends to continue to work to serve the residents of rural West Texas in whatever district he is drawn into. He made it equally clear that the best thing for rural Texas was to leave district lines as they are now.

Nineteenth District Representative Randy Neugebauer, met with representatives from Plains Cotton Growers, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Texas Wheat Producers, National Grain Sorghum Producers, Texas Cattle Feeders and the Texas Peanut Producers Board for a roundtable discussion designed to further his knowledge of the different commodities and their issues of interest.

The meeting was hosted by Plains Cotton Growers and held at the organization's Lubbock office.

Neugebauer briefed the group on his activities in Washington since winning the May Special Election and updated them on some of the key issues that Congress is focusing on in the coming months.

Cattlemen's Concerns



Japanese Trade: After a year of deliberations, Japanese officials announced their decision to increase tariffs on U. S. chilled beef imports to 50% from 38.5%, effective August 1. NCBA strongly believes this increase is misguided use of international trade safeguard measures. Any increase in imports reflects simply a return of consumer demand for beef to normal levels, following the September 10, 2001, discovery of BSE in Japan. NCBA joined forces with the USDA and the U.S. Meat Export Federation to rebuild consumer confidence in Japan, and invested \$9 million in campaigns. To impose these high tariffs will harm both U.S. beef production as well as a wide range of Japanese consumers. The unnecessary increase in the price of beef for Japanese consumers will negate important progress in mutually beneficial trade between our nations. NCBA will continue negotiations to fight this unwarranted increase.

Cattle Industry Conference: Nearly 1,000 cattle producers from across the country gathered in Dallas last week for the 2003 Cattle Industry Summer Conference. During the in-depth issues forums on Thursday, producers had a chance to discuss key issues before committee meetings. At Saturday's meeting of NCBA's Board of Directors, resolutions were passed on issues dealing with cattle health, live cattle marketing, county-of-origin-labeling, environmental management and conservation programs, and nutrition. These new resolutions and policy initiatives will serve as a "road map" for NCBA staff, members, and state affiliates. For more details on each issue discussed, please contact NCBA's D.C. office.

Rangeland Monitoring: The U.S. Forest Service is supporting public lands ranchers' need for enhanced rangeland monitoring, according to an agreement signed at last Friday's meeting of the Public Lands Council and Federal Lands Committee of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in Dallas.

Death Tax: NCBA continues to work with the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition to discuss strategy for death tax legislation in the Senate. NCBA scored a major victory for cattle producers and small business owners when the House passed legislation June 18 that calls for permanent repeal of the Death Tax, by vote of 264 to 163.

The Memorandum of Understanding, signed by USFS Chief Dale Bosworth and PLC President and Montana cattle producer K.L. Bliss, details a cooperative rangeland monitoring program which will provide for more accurate information to be collected regarding the condition of forage and rangelands within National Forest Service grazing allotment.

Healthy Forests: The Senate Agriculture Committee has voted to go with the House bill on Healthy Forests, as all parties agree that this is a priority of this Congress. The bill will now be available for floor consideration. NCBA and Public Lands Council are extremely supportive of the President's Healthy Forest initiative, which will facilitate more effective management of potential threats to forest health such as fire and disease.

Seven Stewardship Awards: Cattlemen, as individuals and as and industry, are actively working to protect and improve the environment because they know environmental stewardship and good business go hand-in-hand. Environmental Stewardship Award Program winners are prime examples of how environmental management benefits both the cattlemen's bottom line and the resources in their care. Established in 2001 by the NCBA, and sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, the program provides an opportunity for the beef industry to showcase the stewardship and business practices that exist together on progressive farm and ranches. The seven regional winners of the 13th Environmental Stewardship Awards have been selected and will be formally announced and will be formally announced to the public early next week.

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Melons taste great with chicken or seafood salads, cottage cheese and various flavored sherbets or sorbets. In fact, the Texas Department of Agriculture's produce Web site, www.picktexas.com, has a recipe for cantaloupe sorbet that is a cool and fat-free way to end a barbecue meal or picnic this summer. Another recipe that can be found on the site is for skewered cantaloupe, which calls for lightly grilling chunks of the fruit and serving them with a honey sauce.

Melons have a natural sweetness that makes them a perfect addition to salads, desserts, drinks or even salsas. Halved cantaloupe, honeydew and watermelon provide great bowls for filling.

Consumers who choose to include melons in their diets are also reaping the health benefits of eating these low-calorie, no-fat, no-cholesterol fruit. Most melons are also a great source of vitamins A and C.

Texas is a leading melon production state with a \$152 million market having a statewide economic impact of \$298 million. Texas ranks third in the U.S. production of cantaloupes and honeydew melons and second in watermelons.

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