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July 4 Celebration time is here!

Join the parade and join the fun for the third annual event

"Join the Parade!" Roaring Springs July 4th Celebration coordinator, Alex Crowder, encourages everyone to come 'join the parade' Friday, July 4th. The third annual Lawnmower Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to participate need not register - just show up. Any small vehicle, bicycle, lawnmower, etc. will meet

parade standards. Or just use your imagination. With each parade there have been many unusual and unique entries. Anyone who would like to take part in the parade but does not have a small vehicle, may do so by walking the course which will run through downtown Roaring Springs. Prizes will be given for best entries in various divisions. The parade is just one of the fun activities planned for this bang-up July 4th celebration. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial park. Senator Robert Duncan is scheduled to speak and plans to be there

depending on the Special Session.

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Schedule of July 4th festivities

- ★ 9:00 a.m. - Memorial Services at the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park.
- ★ 10:30 a.m. - Riding Lawnmower Parade in downtown Roaring Springs.
- ★ 12:00 noon - Fried Chicken Buffet at Hitchin' Post or bring your own picnic lunch.
- ★ 2:00 p.m. - Dog Style Show at Roaring Springs Community Center.
- ★ 2:30 p.m. - Sack Race and other activities at Community Center.
- ★ 3:30 p.m. - Patriotic Sing-Sing at Community Center.
- ★ 6:00 p.m. - Bar-B-Q Supper (\$7.00 adults, \$4.00 children) at Community Center, or have a picnic in the park.
- ★ 8:00 p.m. - Homemade Ice Cream for all at Community Center
- ★ 8:45 p.m. - 2nd Annual Stick Horse Derby in age groups 2-3, 4-5 & 6-7.
- ★ 9:00 p.m. - 2nd Annual Steeplechase Run in age groups 2-3, 4-5 & 6-7.
- ★ 9:45 p.m. or Dark - FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

Motley County School Board meets

New Board members to attend training sessions

by Tina Brooks,
School Board reporter

Motley County ISD board of trustees met Monday, June 9 for a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present, with the exception of Les Woolsey.

Mr. Copp informed the board of the Texas professional Reading Initiative. All students showed improvement, with the exception of two. The two students were not tested in September, but these students are on grade level according to the end of the year tests.

Mr. Copp is still working on the Texas Reading Grant; this grant could be a great asset.

Ted Davey and David Stafford will be attending new board member training at the school, July 14. Board members are required to attend 16 hours; experienced board members are required to attend 8 hours.

Mr. Copp reported on TAK tests with a special mention of Yolanda Kautz's third grade and Lacy Rankin's sixth grade, with a 100% passing.

Applications are still being reviewed for the coaching position.

Douglas Campbell, board president, spoke with board

members about working as a team, and having more involvement at school functions. Mr. Campbell would like for the parents and community to be able to communicate with the Board.

Minutes were approved from the last board meeting.

Denise Ford reported that because of problems still in the new finance system, checks were not ready to sign. Board members elected to hold a called meeting, Friday, June 13, to approve expenditures.

Contracts with Education Service Center were reviewed and discussed for approval. Board voted to approve contracts.

The board also approved the 2003-04 Chemical Hygiene Plan and the PDAS calendar.

A Calculator Loan contract was approved, which will allow students to check out and use calculators.

The Student Code of Conduct and the Student Handbook were discussed and approved.

Two bids were received on the Roaring Springs property. Board rejected both bids.

The Shared Services Arrangement was approved.

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Lawnmower Parade ...

This entry in the first Lawnmower Parade, held in 2001, was a winner. Ruby McGuire of Roaring Springs, and granddaughters were the drivers of the patriotic decorated lawnmower. The 2003 parade promises to feature many unusual and unique entries. The parade has grown each year and event organizers are hoping for an even bigger and better one this year.

Bequests made to Cemetery Association, Scholarship funds

Myra Jessie Spears, who died June 6, 2003, was a life-long resident of Motley County. She was pre-deceased by her husband Tom, who moved to Motley County after graduating from high school in Oklahoma in 1926. They loved Motley County and its people, and because of that they bequeathed funds to help the community, particularly the young people.

First, \$10,000 was left to the East Mound Cemetery Association to be placed in a Certificate of Deposit with the income derived from the fund to be used solely for cemetery maintenance.

Second, \$100,000 was left to Wayland Baptist University to establish and fund The Tom and Myra Spears Endowed Scholarship

which shall be managed in accordance with the University's scholarship and endowment policies and procedures as they exist. Priority and preference shall be given to an academically qualified student from Motley County with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, based on a 4.0 grade system. Priority in awarding its scholarship shall be made to residents of Motley County. In the event no student from Motley County attends Wayland or does not attain the required grade point average, Wayland will award the scholarship to qualified students from the nearest county to Motley County.

Third, the residual of the estate was left to Texas Tech University to establish and fund

two scholarships. The first, The Tom and Myra Spears Presidential Endowed Scholarship, which will be managed in accordance with the University's scholarship and endowment policies and procedures. Priority and preference in awarding this scholarship will be made to residents of Motley County.

The second, The Tom and Myra Spears Presidential Endowment, will be available to students on the basis of financial need and will be managed in accordance with the University's scholarship and endowment policies and procedures. Priority in awarding the scholarship will be made to residents in Motley County.

MC ISD offers Summer Computer workshops

Motley County ISD will offer a series of Summer Computer workshops, beginning July 7. Mrs. Shelley Cox will be the instructor. There will be no charge.

The first, Intermediate Word, will be held July 7 and 8, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Beginning Excel will be held July 9, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A Beginning Excel class will also be held July 10 and 11, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Intermediate Excel will be held July 24 and 25, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Beginning Powerpoint will be held August 4, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information call 347-2676.

Local Fire Departments respond to Roaring Springs fire

The Matador and Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Departments responded to a structure fire at the home of Dean McInroe in Roaring Springs, Sunday afternoon, June 29.

The fire was located in the garage and was quickly extinguished with minimal damage to the garage.

Vacation Bible School will feature SonHarvest County Fair theme

First Baptist Church, Matador invites all children between the ages of three to 6th grade in Motley County to join them at SonHarvest County Fair!

This promises to be a Vacation Bible School children will never forget. SonHarvest County Fair is a fun and exciting place where children learn to apply Biblical teaching in their lives. Children will have a great time singing, creating

crafts and playing games. Most important, they'll discover Bible truths about growing the fruit of God's Spirit.

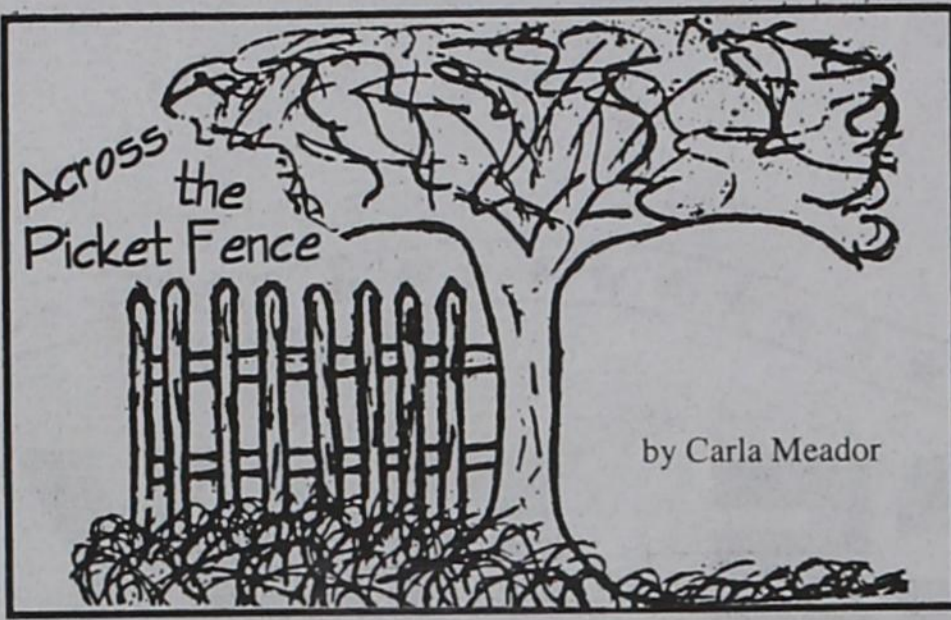
VBS director, Jalie Crawford, said, "We want to share this exciting event with children and parents in our neighborhood. We hope they will join us at SonHarvest County Fair!"

SonHarvest County Fair begins, Monday, July 14 and continues through, Friday, July 18

at First Baptist Church, 1401 S. Main Matador. It begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. All children age 3 to 6th grade are

invited to come. For information or to pre-register, call Jalie Crawford, VBS Director at (806) 347-2038.

SonHarvest County Fair is a great way for kids to learn about the fruit of the spirit.



It is with many mixed emotions that I print the classified ad for the sale of the Tribune this week. I have cried many tears over this decision. I have been a part of this newspaper, for the most part, since I graduated from high school in 1976. I knew from the beginning that ink ran through my veins and I truly love newspaper work.

This type of work is one that is either loved or hated. There's no in-between. It's a very demanding, time-consuming job and takes much dedication to the business, the county as a whole and to its people. I hope that I have provided that dedication to Motley County and its residents. I have tried with all my heart.

Of course, as with any classified ad, there's no way of knowing when or if there will be a buyer. My prayer is that God will send the person that He has in mind for this newspaper. I am sure that He knows who should be the next publisher and editor of the Motley County Tribune. I ask for your prayers in this matter, also. This job is one that requires a love and under-

standing of this county, the people, and the area. I also pray that God will lead me in the direction that He would want me to go for my next phase in life. I know He has everything already worked out in His perfect plan.

I have spent more hours in this office than I have spent at my home, with my husband, my grandchildren and family, than I care to even think about. I think a time comes in all our lives that we long for family and home time, and some real rest. That time has come for me. Week after week of very late hours eventually takes a toll on your body and your health.

As long as I am publisher and editor of this paper, I will continue, with all my effort, to publish a quality newspaper, with the same dedication and love that I have always had. I truly have a love for the readers of this newspaper. I think of each one of you as a part of my family, because a part of me goes into each issue.

I ask for your continued support during this time, and again, for your prayers.



Pivots & Divots

by Mary

Ladies' playday on Thursday, June 26th, was for low putts. Playing 18 holes were Francine, Geneva, LaVoe, Liv, and Louise. Geneva won the ball. Playing 9 holes were Dortha, Frances, Judy R., Nell, Olivia O., Tempie and Tommye. Frances won the ball.

There were 21 players in the Tuesday, June 24th, Scramble. Roncho won closest to the pin on #3 (33 ft. 6 in.).

First, with a score of 30, were Rob Francis and Geneva Wilson.

Second, with a score of 32, were Roncho Grundy, Cole Grundy, Cody Dodson and Kendra Dodson.

Third, with a score of 33, were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Jim Watson, Tommye Keith and Gerald Pipkin.

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Stan Hanesworth, Louise Barton,

Gene Brannon, Dot Grundy, Corky Marshall and Kelly Keltz.

The RSRC Ladies Golf Association hosted a two-lady scramble on Saturday, June 28. Twenty-two teams entered. Closest to the pin on #3 was Adi Attaway (6 ft. 11 in.). Closest to pin on #6 was Dee Dee Wallace (7 ft. 2 in.).

Winners were:

Championship flight - Barbara Hardin and Kasey Hardin, 63; Mollie Fairbutter and Mary Laughlin, 66; Pat Lewis and Marnelle Moss, 67.

First flight - Barbara Willis and Elayne Farrar, 72; Mineola Stewart and Deborah Harris, 73; Lucy Locke and Barbara Way, 73.

Second flight - Leslie Thompson and Angie Goodman, 76; Nell Berryman and Frances Hobbs, 76; Ouida Gage and Glenna Ross, 76; Billie Bass and Gladys Hinson, 78.



Brandon Blanch & Laurie Ferguson

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ferguson of Jourdanton and Mr. and Mrs. George Blanch of Nixon proudly announce the engagement of their children, Laurie Lynn Ferguson to George Brandon Blanch. The bride-elect is a graduate of McMullen County High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development from Texas Tech University. Laurie's grandparents are Mrs. Lanell Neumann and the late Mr. Alfred Neumann of Big Foot and the late Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Ferguson of Buda. Brandon is a graduate of Motley County High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Texas Tech University. His grandparents are Mr. Clarence Kasner and the late Mrs. Edna Kasner of Port Aransas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blanch of Nixon. The couple will be married Saturday, July 19th at the home of Larry and Lois Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Flays
and
Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Fowler
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at the marriage of their children
Courtney Ann
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All day festivities beginning at 9:00 am. and concluding with a spectacular Fireworks display at dark!

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"Freedom Declared... At Calvary"

As you and I are celebrating the holiday commemorating our freedoms, we are reminded of the many courageous men and women who gave their lives in order to make us a free nation. How ungrateful we would be, if we failed to acknowledge the sacrifices they made to insure that the Declaration of Independence would be known as the foundation of freedom.

And yet, there is One who made an even greater sacrifice than those of our nation's forefathers. It was in a far away land. Where it happened is also historical. That place is called "Calvary." There, through Jesus' sacrifice we enjoy an even greater freedom than that which is our nation's heritage.

Jesus. He died to free us from sin, to give us liberty of serving God as we were created to do. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death and condemnation. It was through Calvary that we are given the hope of eternal life. How ungrateful we would be if we failed to acknowledge the great sacrifice of Jesus at the Cross.

The Bible tells us, that Jesus ... "gave His life as a ransom for many." In the celebration of our nation's freedoms, let us declare the freedom we have found through Jesus Christ. The freedom from the power of sin.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Happy Fourth of July to all of you! We hope you enjoy all the activities that will be going on in the area - and be safe!

We appreciate the memorial donations that we received this past week. We thank Donna and Larry Hoyle for their donations in memory of Myra Spears, Leona Smith, Harry Patton, and Patty Lane. We also thank Neal and Debbie Haralson for their donation in memory of Patty Lane.

The library is closed now for renovation. We know that every-

one will be pleased with the new shelves, carpet and kids' section murals. Hopefully we will be open again by the end of August. If you have books or videos checked out, please get them back in so we can pack up and move.

One of the new books that will be ready to check out is the new Harry Potter. It is called Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix. This book has 870 pages and looks to be spellbinding for kids of all ages.

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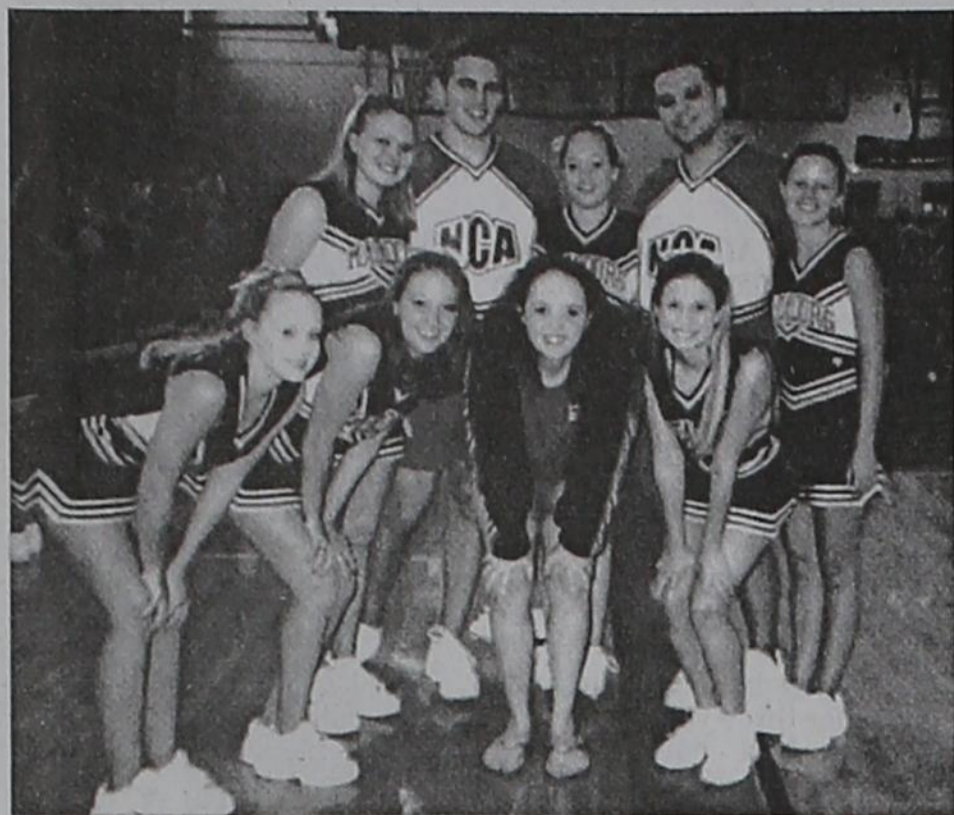
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Dinah Elliott-Young



Motley County Cheerleaders with camp instructors. Pictured left to right, (front), Kittie Campbell, Mandi Ream, Amanda Hurt, Mascot, and Emily Hurt. Standing are Angie Marvel, camp instructor, Charli Ream, camp instructor, and Sabrina Osborn.

MC Cheerleaders attend camp

The 2003-04 Motley County Cheerleaders attended camp this summer at Trinity Community College in Athens. The NCA camp was held June 17-20. The squad, consisting of Mandi Ream, Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Amanda Hurt (mascot), Sabrina Osborn, Emily and Kittie Campbell, did very well. Amanda received the All-American Mascot award, the Unity Award, a superior ribbon for skits and a spirit stick.

The cheerleaders came home with 12 superior blue ribbons, one excellent red ribbon, two stunt safety awards, and one superior technical skills award.

Kittie, Angie, Sabrina and Mandi received a nomination for All-American Cheerleader. And the squad, being the smallest squad there, was one of the three teams who received a bid to nationals.

2003 All-Night party enjoyed by MC students

The annual All-Night Drug and Alcohol Free Party was held for Motley County high school students and their guests, May 24. The event, which is sponsored by the Motley County Booster Club, provides students an entertaining night free of drugs and alcohol and a chance to party all night.

Students enjoyed dancing with a real-live D.J. from 10:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. For those who didn't want to dance, a

Movie Room was available with a great selection of movies. Also during this time, a game room consisting of a pool table, ping-pong, pin-ball, table games (i.e. cards, checkers, etc.), was enjoyed by several students.

At 3:00 a.m. the most-anticipated event of the evening, Casino games, got underway with an authentic dealer all the way from Las Vegas, Nevada. Mickey Hurt, a 1977 MC graduate, and full-time Las Vegas

dealer, who was in town for the graduation of his niece, Brittany Perryman, was kind enough to make this part of the evening even more exciting.

Some great gifts were given to Seniors. Some lucky 2003 graduates received prizes such as a microwave, a dorm refrigerator or a DVD player.

A big class prize, determined by the luck of the draw, was given to a freshman, sophomore and junior.

Breakfast was served from 4:30 until 5:00 a.m. when the 2003 party came to an end, and some very tired students went home in anticipation of crawling into bed.

This event is made possible, not only by the sponsorship of the Booster Club, but with the many donations of prizes and money given by Motley County and area businesses and individuals.

Brittany Moore will compete in National Tournament

After an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition, Brittany Moore, daughter of Kyle and Jeannie Moore of Matador, who is currently a Junior at Motley County High School, has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals Championship Sports Festival July 21-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

Based in Madison, WI, the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur compe-

titions in the United States and offers its program to all athletes who have a high interest in basketball and are interested in developing their skills and techniques through statewide, national and international competition. This is a unique opportunity for all athletes to improve their basketball talent through

highly organized competition. Information about participating athletes is provided to educational institutions throughout the U.S. and Canada.

School Board

When the board met in May, it was asked that the board go into Executive Session to discuss appointees to the board. Mr. Copp said that the board could not go into Executive Session. At a later date it was found that it is lawful for the board to go into session over the matter. Mr. Smith wanted this matter discussed in Executive Session

at the June meeting. Mr. Copp requested the board not enter Executive Session, and the matter was resolved in regular meeting.

The board met in a called meeting, Friday, June 13. All members were present, with the exception of Les Woolsey and David Stafford. Also present were Rick Copp, Denise Ford, and Marilyn Hicks.

Board elected to pay all bills.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by Debbie Shaw, CED



PREVENTED PLANTING

Due to rainfall Motley County has been experiencing. If you have been prevented from planting any intended acres of a spring crop, a Notice of Loss must be provided within 15 calendar days after the 1) latter of the occurrence of prevented planting or end of the planting period and 2) the disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer. Monday, July 17th is the final date to file prevented planting for cotton.

Proof of your intention to plant the crop must be documented by seed receipts, fertilizer receipts and/or pesticides/herbicide receipts.

ACREAGE REPORTS

Tuesday, July 15th is the final date to certify all cropland acreage or request measurement service.

WHEAT LOANS AND LDP'S

Hard red winter wheat prices are at the point producers are eligible for a Loan Deficiency (LDP) payment. Since the price of wheat changes daily, so does the amount of the POP payment. March 31, 2004, is the final date to request a 2003 loan payment or LDP for wheat.

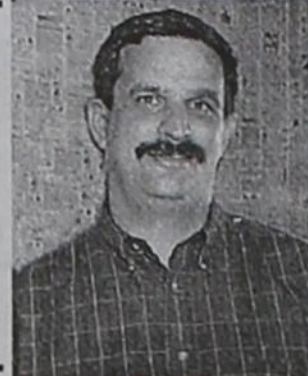
Grain - you must apply for the LDP or Loan before you lose beneficial interest.

Wheat that has been totally Grazed Out is eligible for Graze Out LDP payment, if you do not intend to receive an indemnity from the NAP program or Federal Crop Insurance. The wheat must have been timely certified for grazing or a late-filed certification must be completed.

Wheat hay and wheat silage are also eligible for LDP's. You must apply for these LDP's prior to being fed. If you do not have a grain yield, then a yield must be established.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



PLANTS AS LIFE SUPPORT FOR MARS SPACE MISSIONS

Cultivating crops such as lettuce and potatoes could help keep astronauts alive on a mission to Mars. Texas A&M University is teaming up with NASA to find plants that will provide food and clean air during long flights. Production rates, photosynthesis rates, carbon dioxide and oxygen levels are being studied at different air pressures to see which plants are best suited for space travel. NASA has already identified many edible plants that grow quickly on long space missions.

TROUT DNA MAY HELP IMPROVE FISH

USDA scientists are currently studying the genetic material of rainbow trout that could help fish grow faster and resist disease. DNA from each of the 145 families of rainbow trout is being added to a genetic map. This will be used to identify production trait differences and allow the development of a fish more useful to producers and consumers. The first generation of breeder fish, formed by cross-breeding two commercially-used strains, is complete. The breeder fish siblings were shipped to different locations to evaluate their performance under varied conditions.

BIRD BARRIER DECREASES CORMORANT POND PLUNDERING

Cormorants are migratory birds that feed on catfish fingerlings in farm ponds from September to mid-April. Also known as "water-turkeys", these birds injure catfish, disturb feeding patterns, and carry disease. A study done by the USDA found twine strung at 100 feet intervals about three feet above water in the middle of a pond reduces damage done by cormorants. The USDA is trying to reduce cormorant damage by

dispersing their populations away from areas of high catfish production. An average of two birds an hour were counted on ponds where this technique was used. As many as 10 birds were spotted every hour in ponds that were not using this technique.

TERMITES MAKING DEEPER INROADS INTO TEXAS

Formosan termites are the most aggressive and economically devastating termites in the country, and they are now spreading through Texas. Once they have infested a structure they are very hard to eradicate. Where a typical native termite infestation may consist of a few hundred workers, Formosan colonies may have 10 million or more. Formosan termites can burrow deep into timbers and remain hidden from view. Since they are weak fliers, they rely upon man and commerce for transportation. They can also infest mulch which is shipped all over the state. Always use caution when investigating an infestation since unlike native termites, Formosan termites bite.

WIRELESS NETWORKING SYSTEM DELIVERS AGRICULTURE DATA

A wireless networking system developed by the USDA allows farmers to use aerial photography to distinguish between healthy and sick plants. This system uses the aerial photographs to get detailed overviews of croplands, and then downloads the images onto a personal computer or PDA. In the past, farmers could only see results of these photographs after they were printed and delivered because the files were so large. This system could eliminate time consuming steps, reduce the chance of human error, and allow farmers to take care of whatever ails their crop in minutes. It could also be used to download application maps directly to tractors or other machinery.

COW POKES® By Ace Reid



"Hey, clumsy, turn off that saw 'fore you tear it up!"

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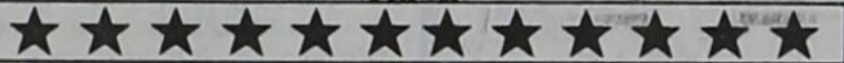
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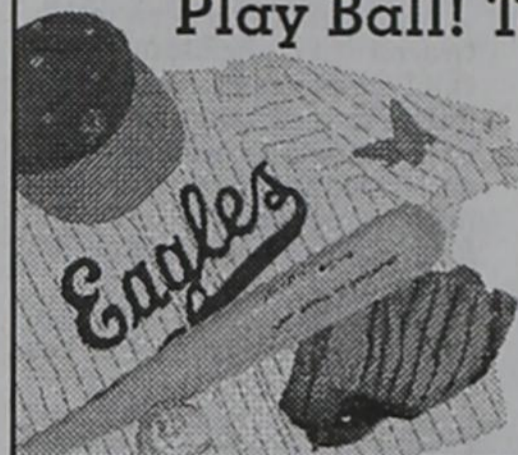
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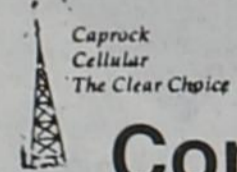
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