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Motley County will receive two Grants

Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith, was recently notified that the county will soon receive grant monies. The first grant, from the Texas Department of Health, is in the amount of \$10,500.00. The funds are intended to enhance the overall preparedness of the county by making it possible to purchase computer equipment, supplies,

internet connectivity and provide funding as needed for bioterrorism training for the county staff. These funds will also better enable Motley

County to have access to the Statewide Health Alert Network and Disease Surveillance Systems being implemented in this region. Mr. Smith said he hopes to be able to purchase computer equipment to place in the Sheriff's office and at the Motley County Clinic.

Another grant, in the amount of \$26,504.00, is a State Homeland Security Program sub-grant. The award includes \$13,252.00 to meet local needs

and \$13,252.00 to improve regional capability. It is recommended that counties donate the second half of the grant to SPAG, which will use the funds to improve communications equipment.

Grant amounts were determined using the recently completed jurisdiction and Council of Governments' assessments. The Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), State Ad-

ministrative Agency for the State Homeland Security Program, calculated the amounts for local needs and provided an amount for each Council of Governments to distribute for regional requirements.

The total estimated allocation to this region is \$2,519,671.28. Also receiving funds from this grant money, in

the area, are Dickens County, which will receive \$21,579; City of Dickens, \$9,471; City of Spur, \$13,947; Floyd County, \$28,782; City of Floydada, \$32,391; Hall County, \$21,111; City of Turkey, \$18,231; City of Quitaque, \$32,431.

Judge Smith says he plans to meet with county emergency teams to discuss the best uses for the money.

Junior Rodeo promises dust kickin' thrills at 29th annual event

Dust-kickin' thrills are promised at the 29th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo which will get underway Friday, July 11. The two-day event, which is sponsored annually by the Motley County 4-H clubs, will be held at the Old Settlers' Arena in Roaring Springs. Friday night's performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Saturday performance will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Saddles will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division which includes ages 16 through 19. A set of Kevin Elkins Spurs will be given to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Junior Division, ages 13-15. Kevin Elkins Bits will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the PeeWee Division, ages 9-12 and Trophy Buckles will be awarded in the Pre-Kids Division, ages 8 and under. Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles will also be awarded for first place in each event for all age divisions.

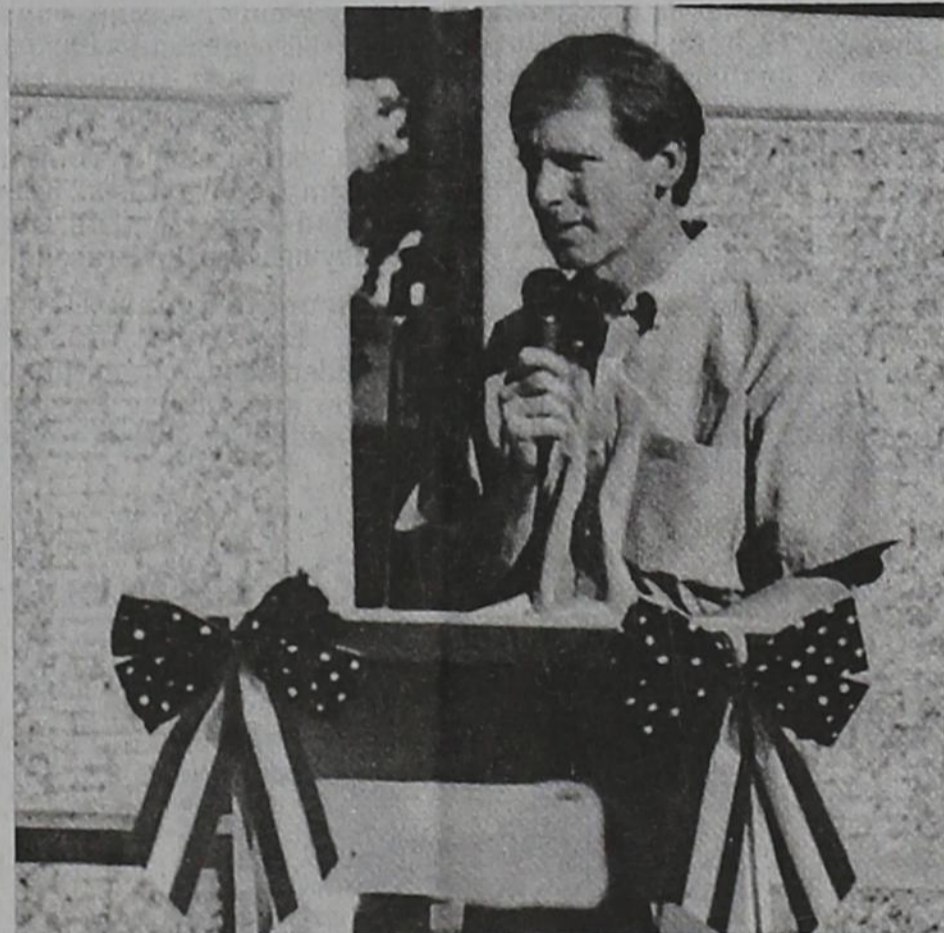
Rodeo events will include Barrel Race, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Break-away, Straight-Away Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Steer Daubing, Calf Riding and Steer Riding.

Tickets are being sold, at \$50 each, for a chance to win a 5 x 16 Half Top, Single Axle, Reyes Trailer, which will be given away during Saturday's Rodeo performance. Contact the County Extension office at 806-347-2733 for ticket information.

For more Rodeo information contact Debbie Shaw, Rodeo Secretary, 806-347-2083, or the Extension office.

Red, White & Blue Celebration ...

Jonah Meredith, of Las Vegas, NV, dressed up his bike in red, white and blue to participate in the third annual 'lawnmower parade' for the July 4th Celebration in Roaring Springs last Friday. Jonah is visiting his grandparents, Joe and Joyce Meredith in Roaring Springs for his summer vacation. He is the eight-year-old son of Cody and Leah Meredith. Pictured below, left, is Little Boy, the first place winner in the Fashion division of the first annual Dog Show, with his owners, Pat and Don Warren. Pictured at right is Senator Robert Duncan, who was the featured speaker at the morning Memorial Service.



Sales Tax Rebates total \$303.7 million

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered \$303.7 million in monthly sales tax payments, June 13, to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 0.9 percent decrease compared to June 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates are down 1.4 percent compared to the first six months of 2002. June's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April and reported to the Comptroller in

May. Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax rebates of \$205.5 million to Texas cities, up 1.1 percent compared to June 2002. Year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 0.3 percent lower than last year. Texas counties received sales tax rebates of \$17.6 million, down 4.4 percent compared to one year ago. Year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 1 percent lower than last year.

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Annual July 4th Celebration draws big crowd to Roaring Springs

Roaring Springs was all decked out in red, white and blue for the third annual July 4th Celebration held last Friday. The celebration, sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, draws a large crowd to the fine, little city and grows each year.

The event kicked off with a moving Memorial Service at 9:00 a.m. Senator Robert Duncan was the featured speaker. Senator Duncan's mother, Robena King, is now a resident of Roaring Springs.

The much anticipated 'Lawnmower Parade' was enjoyed twice, due to a little confusion. The parade trailed through downtown Roaring Springs before all the entries were lined up, so some lucky residents on neighborhood streets had a chance to enjoy the parade without ever

having to leave their homes, while participants followed the fire truck back to town to catch the remaining entries. Without a hitch the colorful lawnmowers, bicycles, four wheelers, motorcycles and other interesting entries paraded through downtown one more time, much to the spectators' enjoyment. Due to the slight confusion, the parade winners list was not to be found to report in the paper, but every entry was a winner with their patriotic displays.

When lunchtime rolled around, the pretty downtown park was enjoyed by some for a picnic, while others lined up for the finger lickin' fried chicken at The Hitchin' Post Restaurant.

The first annual Dog Show kicked off the afternoon events. The dogs and their people filled the Community Center and the

show got underway at 2:00 p.m. Prized pets were entered in two divisions, Best Dressed or Best Tricks. There were some adorable pets, and some smart ones. Winning first place in the Tricks division was Beulah, shown by

owner Dana Graham. Second place winner was Carmelita, shown by owner Marla Potess; third place went to Brody, shown by owner Keely Simpson.

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June rains good news for Motley County farmers, ranchers

by Earlyne Jameson

For the first five months of 2003, the rainfall situation was pretty bleak in Motley County up until the rain began falling in June. We need minimal wind so erosion control tillage operations can be performed and no storms to save the beautiful cotton and feed crops. It is a blessing having good moisture across the county's dryland

acres. National Weather Service Volunteers in Motley County report the total moisture for June 2003:

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 7.16
Kelly Meyer, Matador, 6.29
Betty Simpson, Northfield, 5.69
Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 7.15
Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 5.61 inches.

Local student receives FFA Scholarships

Clint Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Matador has been named as a recipient of a \$10,000.00 Texas FFA Scholarship. The scholarship, sponsored by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, will be awarded at the Texas FFA Convention in Houston on July 9th. Nearly one million dollars in scholarships is awarded to Texas FFA members each year by various sponsors through the Texas FFA Association.

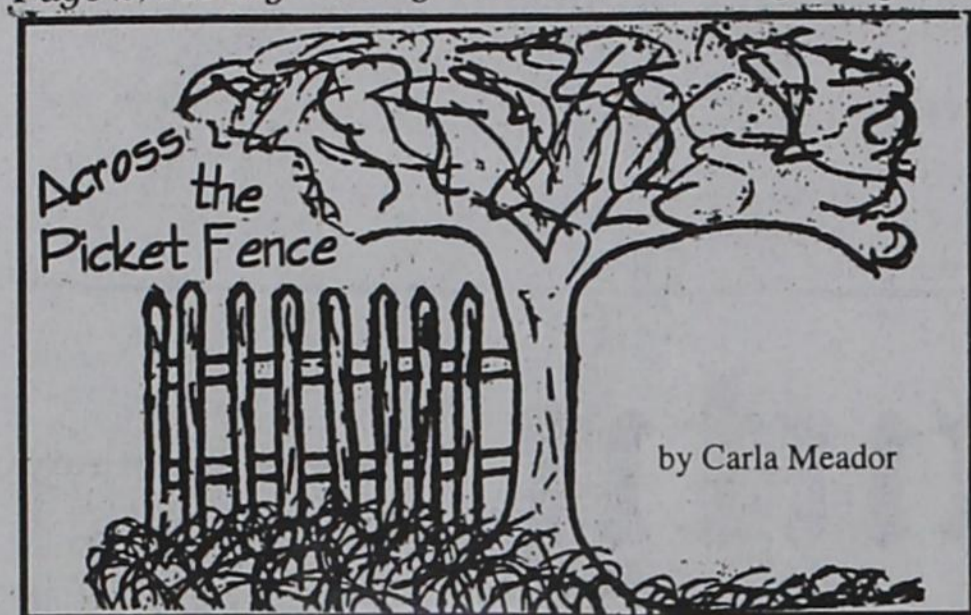
In addition to the Texas scholarship, Clint was awarded a \$1,000.00 dollar scholarship through the National FFA Foundation and sponsored by Lextron Inc., a Greeley, Colorado based company.

Clint is a four year member of the Motley County FFA Chapter. He has been active in leadership and judging events, has served as both a Chapter and District officer, and has carried



Clint Cooper

out a project program through which he has received Area and State recognition. Clint plans to attend West Texas A&M University at Canyon and major in Agriculture.



After last week's column I thought I really needed a light-hearted one this week. I'm still trusting in God and I know He knows best.

I celebrated my birthday in June, my friends, Mary and Janie, and my cousin, Shirlene, celebrated their's just last week. We have discussed how, with each year, things change. Things about your body, your thoughts, your energy. It reminded me of this little story. I first read it when Mrs. Nora Belle Dunning brought it to my office a few years ago. Shirlene sent it to me recently and although I have printed it before, it's so funny I thought it was worth another good laugh.

THE STRANGE LADY

Even though this lady is residing in MY house, she may at some time appear in yours. Be alert!.....

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly did not invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was!

She is a clever old lady and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her. And, whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body. This is very rude! I have tried screaming at her, but she just screams back. The least she could do is offer to pay part of the rent, but no. Every once in a while, I find a dollar bill stuck in a coat pocket, or some loose change under a sofa cushion, but it isn't nearly enough. I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw \$100, and a few days later, it's all gone! I certainly don't spend money THAT fast, so I can only conclude the old lady is pilfering from me. You'd think she would spend some of that money to buy wrinkle cream.

And money isn't the only thing I think she is stealing. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate - especially the good stuff like ice cream, cookies, and candy. She must have a real sweet tooth, but she'd better watch it, because she is really packing on the pounds. I suspect she realizes this, and to make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scale to make me think I am putting on weight, too.

For an old lady, she is quite childish. She likes to play nasty games, like going into my closets when I'm not home and altering my clothes so they don't fit. And she messes with my files and papers so I can't find anything. This is particularly annoying since I am extremely neat and organized.

She has found other imaginative ways to annoy me. She gets into my mail, newspapers, and magazines before I do and blurs the print so I can't read it. And she has done something really sinister to the volume controls on my TV, radio, and telephone. Now, all I hear are mumbles and whispers. She has done other things - like make my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier and all my knobs and faucets harder to turn. She even made my bed higher so that getting into and out of it is a real challenge. Lately, she has been fooling with my groceries before I put them away, applying glue to the lids, making it almost impossible for me to open the jars.

She has taken the fun out of shopping for clothes. When I try something on, she stands in front of the dressing room mirror and monopolizes it. She looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits, plus, she keeps me from seeing how great they look on me. Just when I thought she couldn't get any meaner, she proved me wrong. She came along when I went to get my picture taken for my driver's license, and just as the camera shutter clicked, she jumped in front of me!

I hope she never finds out where YOU live!

Look Who's New

Andrew James Westbrook

Randy and Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock would like to announce the birth of their son, Andrew James.

Andrew was born July 5, 2003, at 5:20 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador and David and Terri Westbrook of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Pete and Bessie Jean Williams of Matador, Jim and Wanda Stockton of Whiteflat, Andy and Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, Arkansas and Jim and Paula Westbrook of Lubbock.

Andrew also has two proud aunts, Kristi Williams and Tessa Westbrook, both of Lubbock.

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One of the greatest privileges and graces afforded the Christian is giving. Our heavenly Father gave us His Son to be the atonement for our sins. Jesus gave His life to save us from the consequences of sin. Through the Holy Spirit, God gave us the Bible in order to guide and direct us through this life.

In early Christian literature, we read of many who gave their lives to spread the Gospel to the whole world. Even today, many give of their time, money and ability to take the Gospel to foreign places. Giving is the theme behind it all. It is something all of us can do. Notice this passage:

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or necessarily: for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Cor. 9:6-7)

In giving we bless others and we receive a blessing. In giving we demonstrate the attitude and action of our Lord. It was He who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35).

Don't miss exercising your privilege. In so doing you won't miss out on your blessing.

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



Independence Day observed by Flomot Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, July 1st, at the Community Center in Flomot. In observance of July 4th patriotic decor was on display throughout the building. Mrs. Waydette Clay opened the session with stories of hope and inspiration for the nation. The American flag is red for love, white for law and blue for the hope that the forefathers saw.

The members have completed the projects of making beautiful lap robes for the Lockney Care Center and garment protectors for the Floydada Nursing Home. Mrs. Kathy Shorter delivered them Friday, July 4th.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon presented a program on the fashion accessories that would compliment different apparel. She demonstrated the use of color-

ful scarves, necklaces and bracelets.

Hostesses, Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Nada Starkey presided at a red and white service. The table was laid with a patriotic cloth, centered with a flag and white, red and blue silk flower arrangements. They served decorated cookies and fruit punch.

Mrs. Geneva Martin won the chip and dip basket gift at the ticket drawing.

Those attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Nada Starkey, Suzie Shannon, Tommie Jo Cruse, Waydette Clay, Anna Beth Clay, Alma Shorter, and B. Rogers. Guests were Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Monterey Bay, California.

Kid's Camp date nears

Kids urged to sign-up now

Kids who would like to attend Kid's Camp, which will be held July 28 through August 1, can get forms at the Motley County Library. The cost of the camp is \$5.00 per child. If a child needs assistance to attend, scholarships are available. Camp organizers encourage every child who would like to attend camp to sign up now.

Many fun activities are planned for this year's camp, including the popular Science Spectrum Shows. Representatives from the Science Spectrum will present a different show each day for four days, including a rocket show.

During this year's camp, a nursery will be provided for young parents who are working

at the camp. For more information call Alex Crowder, 348-7336.

WORKSHOPS, TRAINING SESSIONS

A work session will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center, Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m.

All those who have volunteered to work at Kid's Camp, or those who would like to work, are urged to attend this session.

A training session has been set for Saturday, July 19, for team leaders or those who work directly with the kids. The session will be held at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church Fellowship hall, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary



Ladies Playday on Thursday, July 3rd, was for most putts. Playing 18 holes were Dot, Geneva, Jeannie, LaVoe, Liv, Louise and Tempie. Jeannie won with 7 one putts. Playing 9 holes were Dartha, Debra Scott, Frances, Jennifer, Judy R., Marihelen, Mary, Nell, Olivia O., Tommie and Wendi. Mary won with 6 one putts.

Tuesday afternoon scramble on July 1st had 20 players. Winning first, with a score of 27, were Ken Marshall, Tempie Francis, Stan

Hanesworth and Roncho Grundy. Winning second, with a score of 30, were Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Buzz Thacker and LaVoe Thacker. Winning third, with a score of 30, were Alan Bingham, Geneva Wilson, Kelly Keltz and Corky Marshall. Others playing were Sut Braselton,

Dot Grundy, Ronnie Davis, Casey Lawrence, Russell Alexander, Cody Dodson, Mindy Dodson and Louise Barton. Kelly Keltz won closest to the pin.



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Jonathan Townsend & Katheryn Gilbreth

Wedding plans announced

Nathan and Carol Gilbreth of Sundown, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Katheryn Estelle, to Jonathan Michael Townsend, son of Paula Townsend of Duncanville, Texas and Tommy and Cindy Townsend of North Richland Hills, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Katheryn Martin of Matador and Estelle Gilbreth of Sundown. She is a 2000 graduate of South Plains College and a 2002 graduate of Howard Payne University. She is now attending Texas Tech Graduate School and is employed at South Plains College in the Chemistry Department.

The future groom is a 2003 Howard Payne University graduate and is also attending graduate school at Texas Tech University in the Microbiology department.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th of August, 2003, at Fairview Baptist Church in Levelland.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the memorial donation by Lola Pohl and Carolyn and Howard Limmer for Patty Edwards Lane. We also appreciate the donation of a subscription to Guideposts from Billie Beth Moore.

It is really looking strange in the library as we pack books and move shelves. Even though the library will be closed, the business of the library continues. I will keep checking the mail and the library e-mail. We will keep paying bills and depositing monies. We have reports to make to various funding entities every month and all that does not stop

just because we are closed temporarily.

The answering machine will be on at the library if anyone needs to leave us a message - or you can call me at home. I will be in Matador everyday picking up the mail and checking the drop box for returned books.

I have all my current files and correspondence packed in two crates in my car. "Have Library, Will Travel." It may be hard to write the Library Notes each week, but I bet I can think of something to say. Certainly, I will give updates on the progress at the library.

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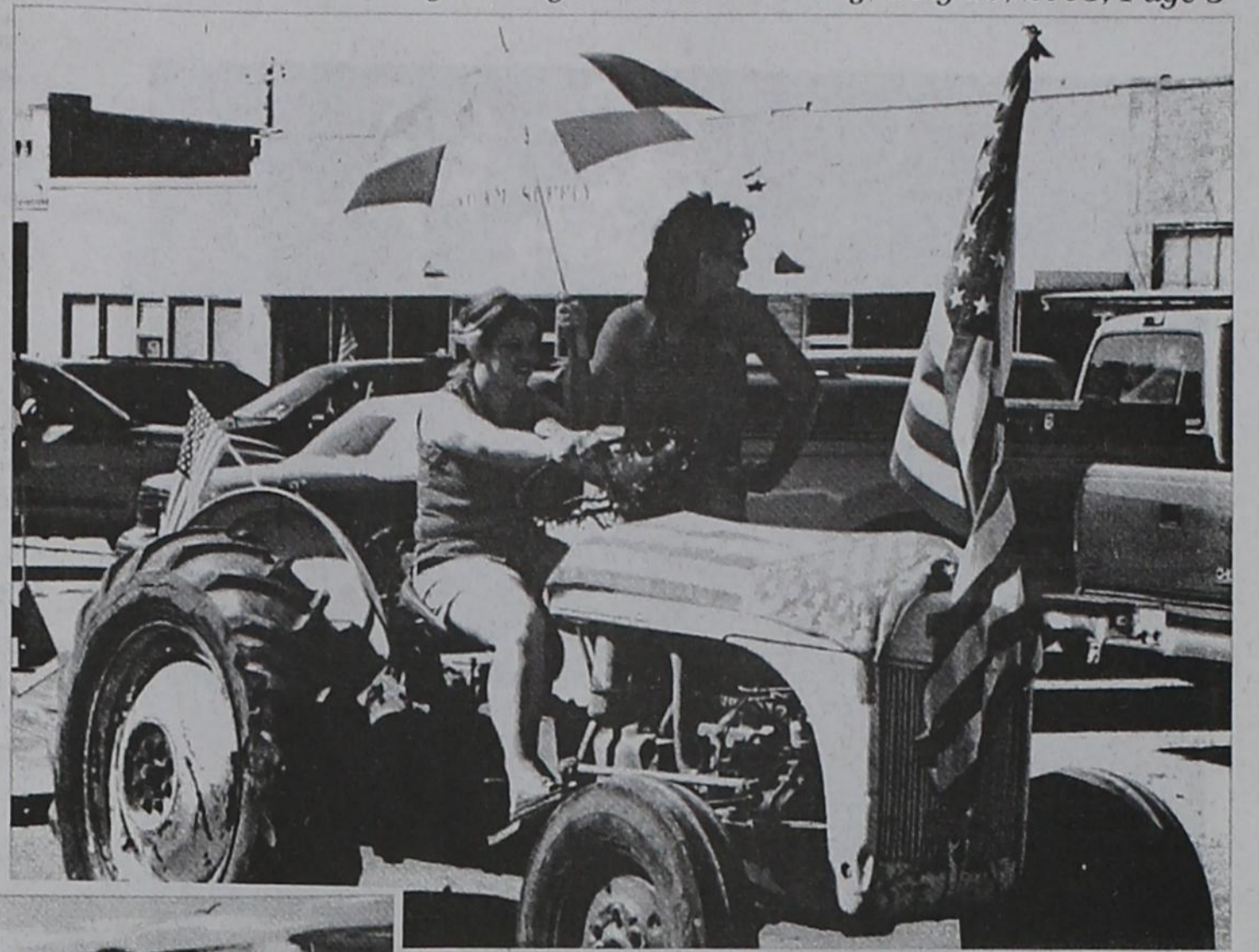
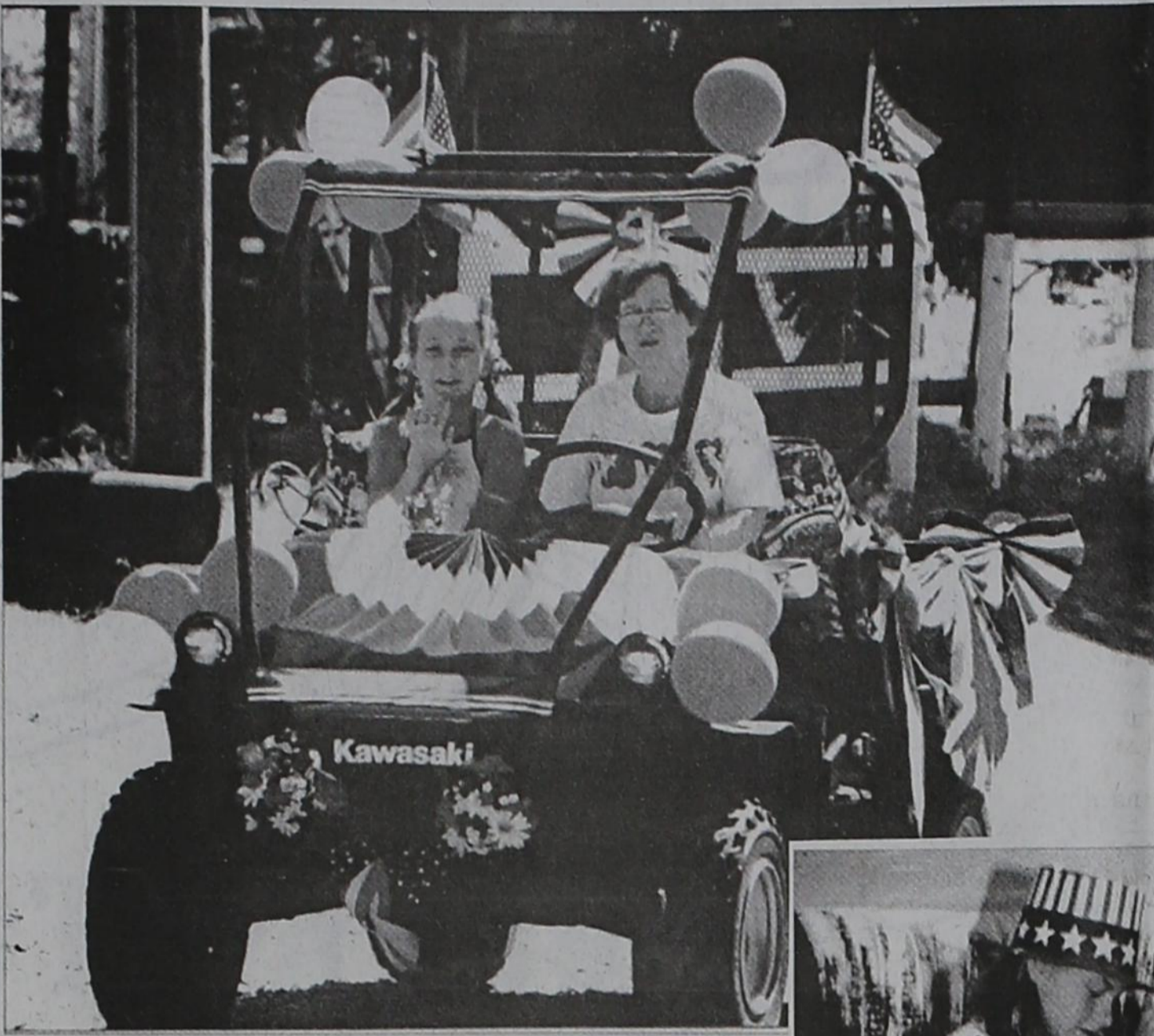
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A day of celebration ...

July 4th was a day of celebration in Roaring Springs for the third annual Community Volunteers sponsored event. Pictured above, left and right, are only two of the many unique parade entries. Far left is George, third place winner in the Best Dressed division of the dog show, with his owner, Brendan Fisk, and pictured center is Danny, second place in the same division, with owner Katy Silor.

Tax Payments

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Another \$8.3 million went to 78 special purpose taxing districts around the state, a decrease of 0.3 percent compared to a year ago. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$72.2 million in sales tax rebates, down 5.4 percent compared to June 2002.

The state's share of sales tax revenue increased, after falling for ten consecutive months. The state's share of sales tax reported in May was \$1.3 billion, up 2.9 percent compared to a

year ago. However, other state tax revenues continue to decline. Franchise tax paid by Texas businesses in May, the most critical month, was down 11.7 percent compared to last year. Motor vehicle sales and rental tax collections were also down by 8.3 percent compared to May 2002.

With a current rate of 2.000%, Matador received a net payment this period of \$3,151.98, compared to \$5,071.96 at this time last year, a -37.85% change. 2003 payments to date total \$14,536.81, compared to \$15,642.84 last year, a -7.07% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received

\$2,622.43, compared to \$1,844.28 at this time last year, a 42.19% change. 2003 payments total \$14,935.80, compared to \$12,799.08 last year, a 16.69% change.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made Friday, July 11.

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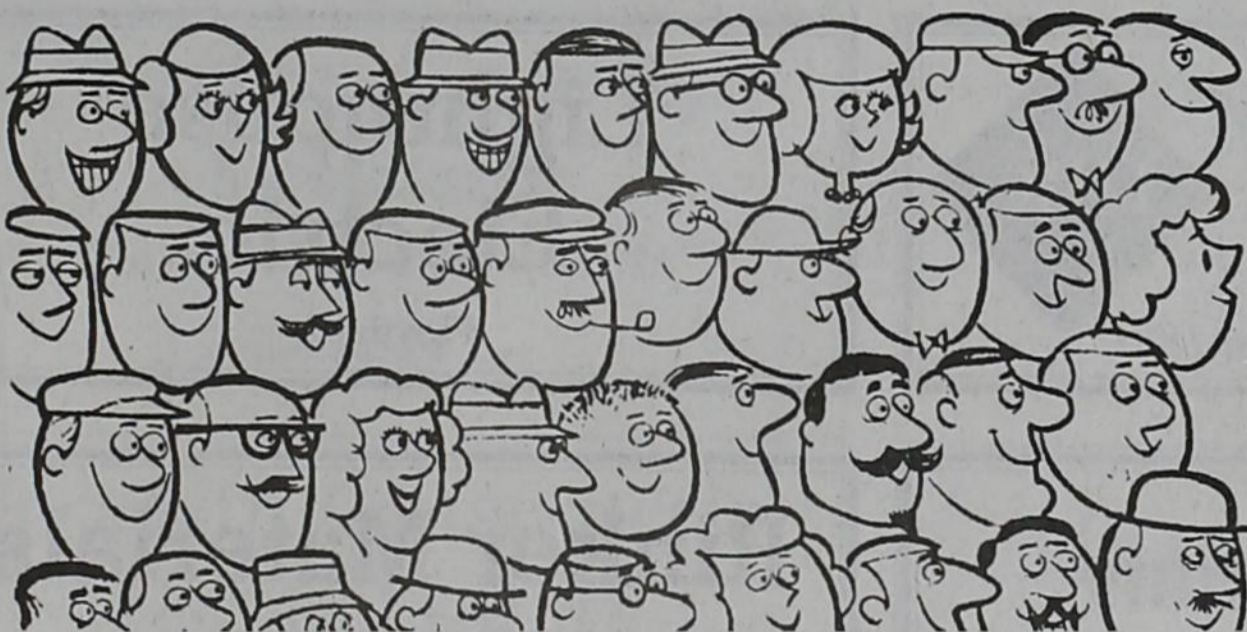
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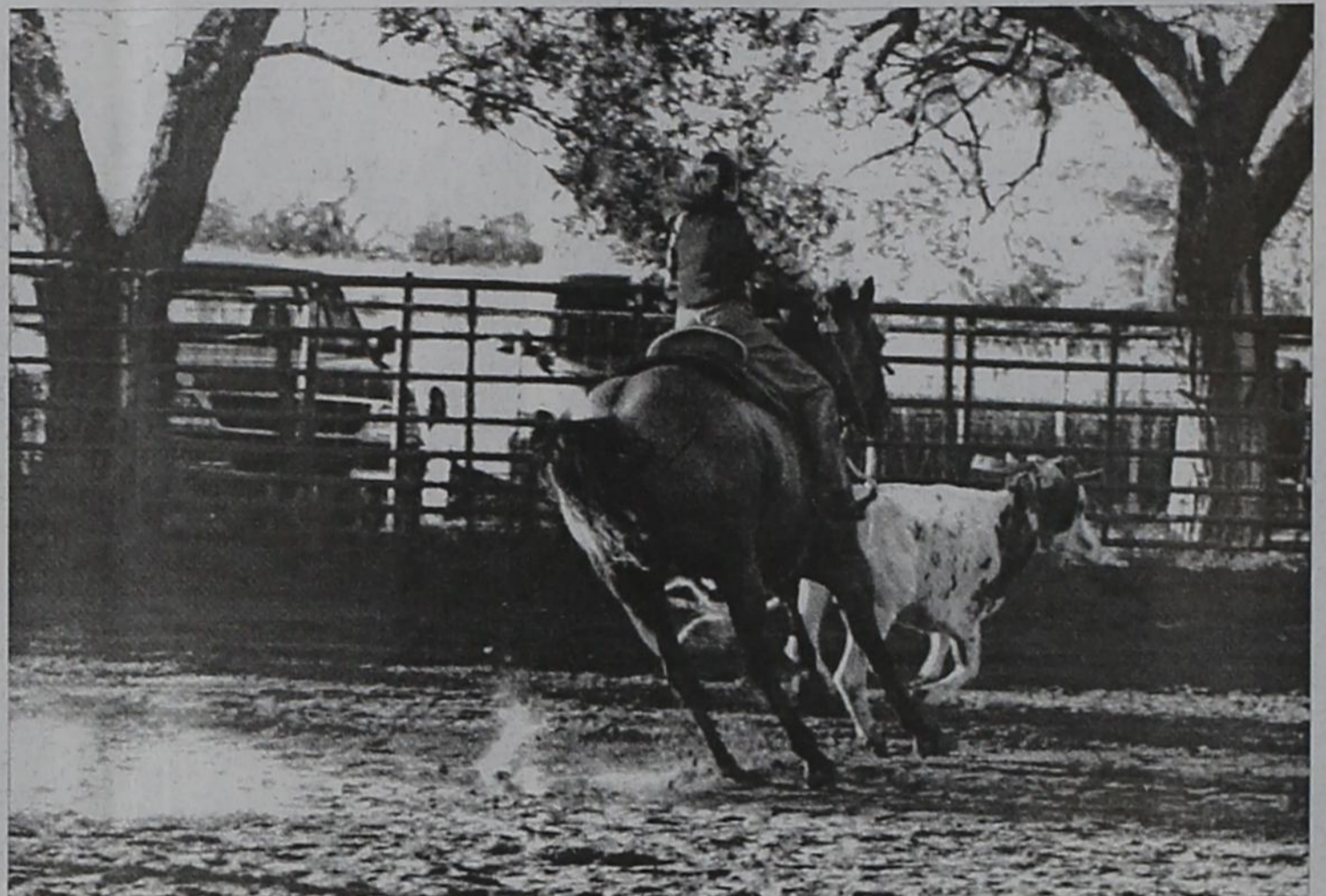
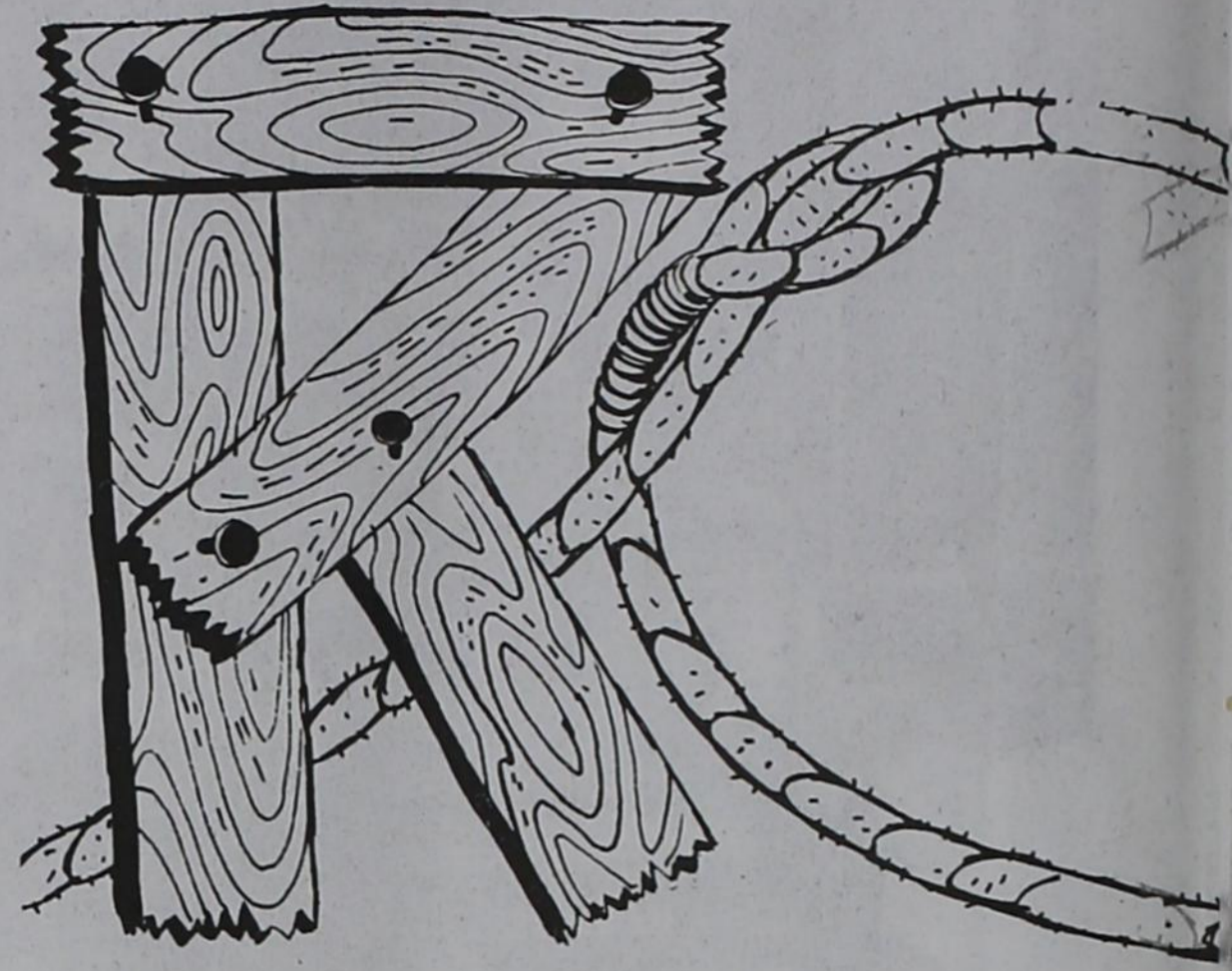
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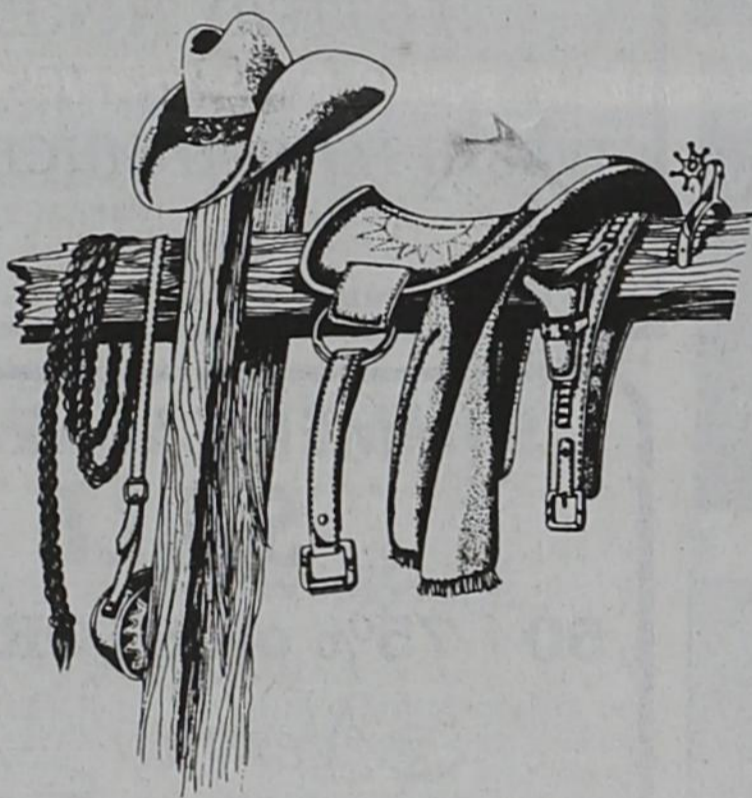
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Brad Baxter holds the Texas Flag for Grand Opening at the 2002 Junior Rodeo.



Shane'a Russell shows her skills at Roping as she competes in the 2002 Rodeo.



Shane'a Russell helps Cassidy Turner prepare for the Stick Horse Race.

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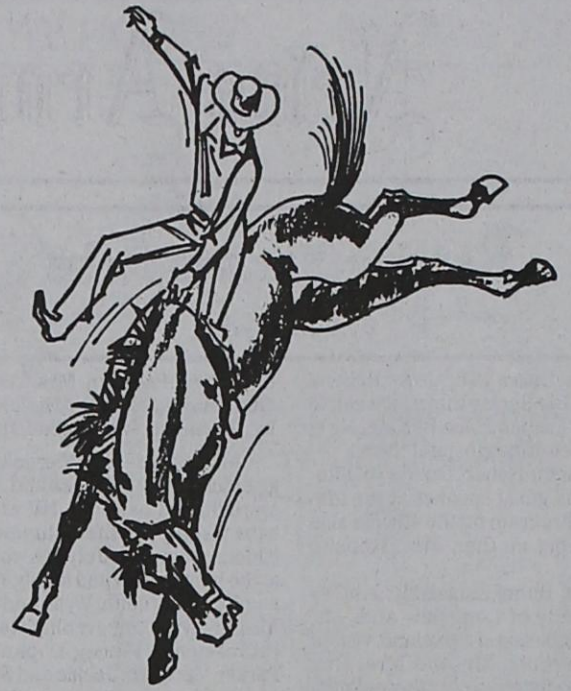
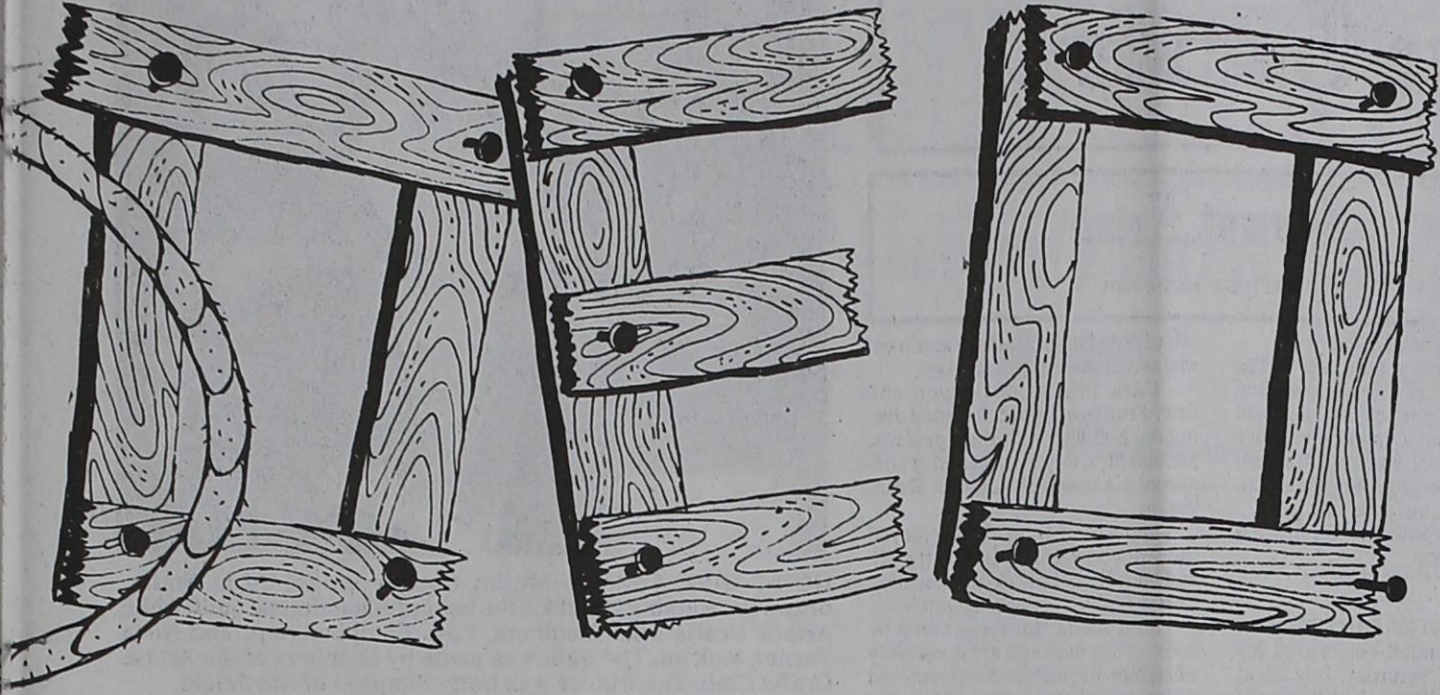
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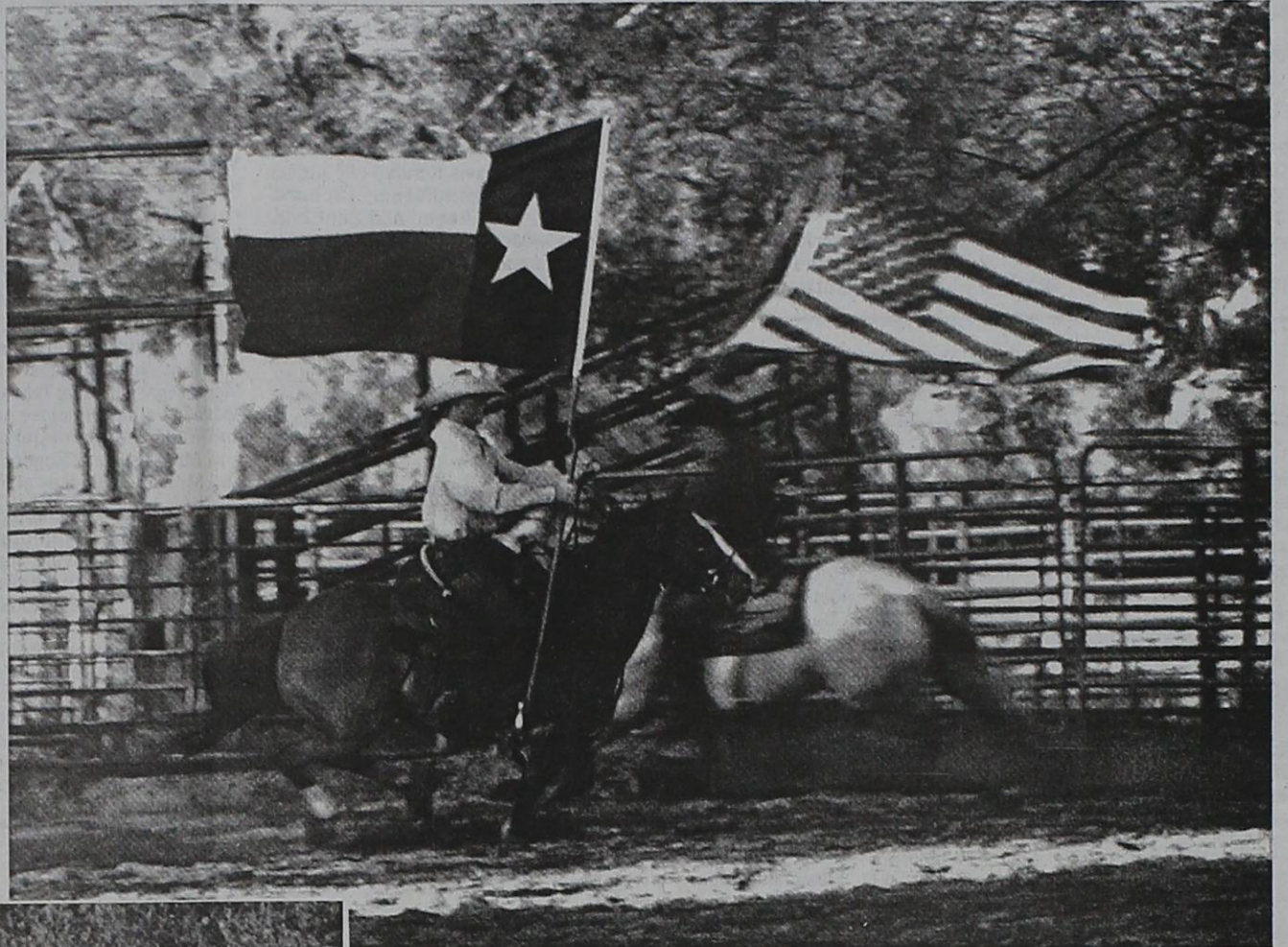

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29TH ANNUAL MOTLEY COUNTY JUNIOR RODEO

JULY 11-12



Brad Baxter carries the Texas Flag and Colton Russell, the US Flag during Grand Opening.



Junior Rodeo Directors J.D. Russell, Craig Turner and Douglas Campbell. Other directors, not pictured, are Don Baxter, Gilbert Guerrero, Matt Washington, Skeeter Smith, and Debbie Shaw, Secretary.



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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mrs. Laura Long drove Robena King to Big Spring this past week to see her husband, Joe B. King. He is in the Veterans Hospital there.

Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock was guest speaker at the Memorial Program on the 4th. He also visited his mother, Mrs. Robena King.

Mrs. Bunni Zabielski Zielinger and family of Longview and Mr. Julian Zabielski of Cleveland, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski for the July 4th weekend. Also visiting was another son, Rayworth of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith of Tulia were here for the July 4th activities. They had lunch with Lula Swim at the Hitchin' Post Cafe.

Mr. Alex Crowder was the speaker at the Lions Club meeting at their regular meeting, last Thursday at the Hitchin' Post. His theme was 'The Kid's Camp'. There was a good attendance.

Visiting Mrs. Vera Mitchell for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Pug

Mitchell of Paducah, Mrs. Veta Lou Hunt and husband of Midland and local resident, Mrs. Zella Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith and grandchildren, Angelica and Jonah Meredith of Las Vegas, NV, who are here visiting for their summer vacation, enjoyed a July 4th cookout at the home of son and family, Randy and Holly Meredith, Wylie and John. Also enjoying the evening were local residents, Yancey, Daphne and Parker Meredith; Jackie and Shirley Smith, Steve Smith, Tony, Sherry, Sean and Shea Rose, Jim and Carla Meador, all of Matador.

Mrs. Cleo Watson and Larry Watson visited family in Plainview, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton and Miss Angie Burkes of Lubbock visited Mrs. Pearl Patten on the 4th. Mr. Doug Allen visited on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Bradford of Gruver visited and attended the July 4th activities.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

When I was a teenager in the 40's, I worked in a drug store. One night after a particularly hot and busy time, I complained to my father about being all sweaty. He corrected me by saying, "Horses sweat, men perspire, but girls just glow." I always remember that when I'm overly warm.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Jacob Kendall celebrated his third birthday Saturday, July 5th at the Chuckee Cheese Restaurant in Lubbock. He had a decorated cake and all the trimmings.

Hosting the fun filled time were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall. Those attending were his brother, Jere and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall of Flomot; his great-grandfather, Richard March of Quitaque and aunt and family, Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson was in Vernon from June 27 until July 4th to be with her daughter and family, Lucretia, Breck and Brittany Dockery. Lucretia had surgery June 27 in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Johnson came home as her mother, Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque was conveyed by ambulance to the Lockney Hospital with a virus and returned home Saturday. Mrs. Johnson returned to Vernon Monday, July 7th and visited until Wednesday when Lucretia had a check-up following her surgery. She is doing fine. Her father, Arnold Johnson, was also with her during surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited Friday and Saturday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn. They enjoyed the

4th of July celebrations. Fannin remained to visit until Tuesday.

Cara Franks of Canyon and Cary Franks of Lubbock visited during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Many Flomot residents enjoyed the Fireworks display held at the Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sperry rural location Friday night, July 4th, in Quitaque. Mrs. Aleda Ross was stung by bees on her face and arms recently when mowing her yard and received emergency treatment at Mangold Hospital in Lockney.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnnie Starkey.

Connie and Coy Franks visited in Plainview July 4th with friends, Mike and Debbie Belk and enjoyed the many entertaining activities.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed vacationing in Ruidoso, N.M. from Friday until Sunday.

Donnie Rogers hosted a fish fry supper followed by a fireworks display at his home Sunday night. Those attending were his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Monterey, California; Toni and Talon Mello, Thomas Hinojose and Trent and Wanda McKay of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot.

Mrs. Charlene Smith Brittain and children, Dominique and Donovan of Lewisville visited last Sunday afternoon in the Doyle Calvert home. They visited during the weekend in Matador with Charlene's parents, Pauline and Roscoe Smith. Charlene and the Calvert's daughter, Gwen Calvert Mandrell of Lubbock were on the same Motley County High School track team and competed at the State Meet in Austin all four years.



QUILT GIVE-AWAY — Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith, draws the winning ticket for the beautiful handmade quilt, while Arts & Crafts Club members, Loys Campbell, left, and Nova Turner, look on. The quilt was made by members of the Arts & Crafts Club. The winner was Betty Simpson of Northfield.

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Matador News

Mrs. Juanita Cooper accompanied her daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Courtney Dunning of Amarillo, to Grandbury, July 4th, to visit her other daughter and husband, Pat and Lynn Minton. Also visiting the Mintons were their two daughters and families, Cheryl and Ben Rockwell, Elizabeth and Andrew of San Antonio; Carol and Matt Cooper and Jack Henry of Quantico, VA. They enjoyed the fireworks display on Lake Grandbury; a great Arts & Crafts Show, plus all the attractions around the square in Grandbury. They returned to their respective homes on Sunday.

RECENT TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson of Northfield, daughter and family, Tanya and Warren Multer and children, Cory, Amy and Katy of Garden City flew to Glendale, California, June 19th and visited Mrs. Simpson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis. They toured all

the area attractions.

The Multer family returned home June 26. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson continued to Yuba City, California and visited Mr. Simpson's aunt, Mrs. Ruth Bourland Parrish, former resident of the White Star community. Before returning home July 2, they visited in Oakland, California with Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Hays. Joaquin was a former Northfield resident.

Shannon and Bertha Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. and Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon visited during the July 4th holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin had foot surgery in Lubbock last Monday. Her daughter, Mrs. Carol Gilbreth of Sundown visited the weekend and accompanied her to Lubbock, Monday for a check-up. She is reported to be doing fine.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who donated money for fireworks, food and ice cream for the Supper, and time and work to put on the 4th of July Celebration.

Corky Marshall, President
Roaring Springs Community Volunteers

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in my fund-raisers and donated money. I have raised all the money that I need to go to the national tournament and I appreciate everyone who helped.

Congratulations to the winners of the drawings: Pocket knives, Randy Lake and Mary Ellen Farris, Lampasas, Texas; Iron, Carolyn Rose; Vacuum, Brenda Osborn; Fireworks Display, Bill Durham; Afghan, Susan Jameson.

Thank you,
Brittany Moore

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QUARTERLY REPORT
OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM APRIL 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2003

FUND	BALANCE April 1, 2003	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE June 30, 2003
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 26,913.93	\$ 102,227.30	\$ 90,959.48	\$ 38,181.75
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 6,535.11	\$ 12,675.04	\$ 13,689.28	\$ 5,520.87
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 5,660.05	\$ 14,304.56	\$ 14,781.75	\$ 5,182.86
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 5,817.61	\$ 11,176.95	\$ 11,188.85	\$ 5,805.71
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 5,931.42	\$ 12,455.14	\$ 12,826.16	\$ 5,560.40
LIBRARY	\$ 14,385.46	\$ 2,863.52	\$ 4,930.19	\$ 12,318.79
LATERAL ROAD				
BUILDING FUND	\$ 301.09			\$ 301.09
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 1,135.98	\$ 2,239.84	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 375.82
COURT COST & ARREST FEES	\$ 3,755.90	\$ 5,943.00	\$ 4,981.00	\$ 4,717.90
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 241.50			\$ 241.50
HOT CHECK	\$ 2,777.00	\$ 412.40	\$ 262.40	\$ 2,927.00
SHERIFF AUTO INVESTMENT	\$ 178.00			\$ 178.00
TOTALS	\$ 384,333.05	\$ 171,297.75	\$ 230,619.11	\$ 325,011.69

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 3rd DAY OF July, 2003

ELAINE HART
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES February 1, 2004

Elaine Hart
Notary Public

Motley County, Texas

FARM & RANCH NEWS

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by Debbie Shaw, CED



NEW MANAGED CRP HAYING AND GRAZING PROGRAM BEGINS

The 2002 Farm Bill contained provisions for managed haying and grazing of CRP acreage. CRP participants may graze or hay their CRP beginning on July 2 through October 25th. Only one cutting of hay is allowed. CRP producers who elect to participate in managed Haying and Grazing will have their annual rental payment reduced 25 percent for the applicable acres. Producers can pre-pay or counties will deduct the applicable amount from their annual rental payment in October. Managed haying or grazing is authorized 1 out of every 3 years after the cover is fully established for specific acreage grazed or hayed.

Producers who want to participate in Managed CRP Haying and Grazing need to:

- Request approval to hay or graze eligible acreage.
- Obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS.
- Producers can not hay or graze the same acres.
- Producers may rent or lease the haying or grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer located in another county or state. CRP participants must provide the lessee's name and identify the acreage to be hayed or grazed on an aerial photograph. Eligible livestock producers who are renting or leasing eligible acreage from a CRP participant, before any haying or grazing occurs must sign a statement that he or she will not sublease CRP acreage.
- Hay harvested under managed provisions may be sold.

Only one CRP participant needs to sign the request to hay or graze, but each participant on the CRP contract are required to sign the Term and Conditions for managed Haying or Grazing CRP Acreage.

This program is subject to spot-check and maintenance defaults when unauthorized haying or grazing is discovered.

GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM

On June 30, 2003, The Texas Farm Service Agency began accepting applications for the recently announced Grasslands

July 4th from page 1

In the Best Dressed division, Little Boy took home the blue ribbon. Little Boy is owned by Pat and Don Warren. Second place trickster was Danny, owned by Katy Silor; and third place went to George, owned by Brendan Fisk.

Other entertaining events for the afternoon included a

Reserve Program (GRP). FSA is partnering with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement GRP in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service.

GRP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners and operators for the preservation and conservation of the nation's grasslands. Nationally, GRP will protect up to 2 million acres of privately owned grassland, rangeland and pastureland and provide \$49.9 million in funding for fiscal year 2003.

FSA or NRCS will accept GRP applications on a continuous basis for easements or rental agreement. This program has several options: easements (Permanent or 30-year) and rental agreements (10, 15, 20, or 30-year). To participate in GRP, offers must be private land and include at least 40 contiguous acres.

Eligible landowners who enroll in GRP will receive payment for permanent easements based on the fair market value of the property less the grazing value of the land. Payment for 30-year easements will be equal to 30 percent of fair market value of the property less the grazing value.

Participants with approved rental agreements will receive annual payments that do not exceed 75 percent of the grazing value of the land. If restoration is determined necessary by NRCS, a restoration agreement will be incorporated within the rental agreement or easement.

GRP permits common grazing practices, haying, mowing, or harvesting for seed production, subject to certain restrictions.

GRP merges elements of the Conservation Reserve Program (WRP) and like its predecessor programs, GRP funds allow for restoration and preservation of environmentally sensitive land and conserve water resources.

For additional eligibility criteria and information regarding GRP, contact the Motley County office at 806-347-2263 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/grp> or <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill/2002>.

PRUNE PUREE

Prune puree may be a natural alternative for keeping processed meat fresh. Currently, chemically based antioxidants, such as BHT or BHA, keep meat from turning rancid. Researchers combined dried prune puree with pork sausage to evaluate the amount of lipid oxidation, which causes rancid flavors. Prunes have many naturally occurring antioxidants that help keep food fresh. The pork sausage was then pre-cooked, refrigerated and then reheated and served to a taste panel every few days. The study found that the prune puree at three percent levels was just as effective as BHA or BHT. Adding the puree did not significantly change the taste of the meat at this low of a percentage. However, it did decrease the salty bitter taste that some associate with cooked pork.

US HEALTH OFFICIALS RESTRICT ANIMALS FROM AFRICA

A ban has been placed on the movement of prairie dogs, which have been linked to the recent outbreak of monkeypox. This rare viral disease is capable of being transmitted to humans. The order also bans movement of tree squirrels, porcupines, and striped mice. Animals infected with monkeypox will probably have a fever, cough, conjunctivitis, and lymph node swelling followed by a rash. Humans infected with monkeypox will begin to feel sick about 12 days after exposure. The sickness begins with fever, headache, muscle aches, and an overall feeling of discomfort and exhaustion. All suspected cases of monkeypox in

animals and humans should be reported immediately to state or local health department officials. Contact: Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, (979) 845-4353, blawhorn@cvm.tamu.edu

GRILLING IRRADIATED BURGERS

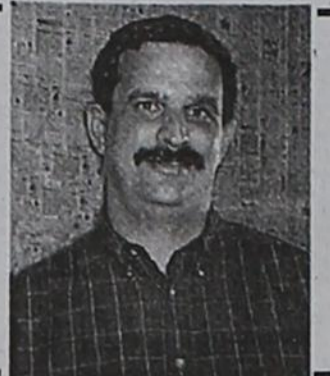
Although irradiated beef offers added protection against bacteria, USDA experts say you must still cook those burgers safely. Irradiation kills some bacteria, but there are still some risks from undercooked meat. While cooking, you should check the meat's temperature with a food thermometer to make sure it is cooked to 160 degrees. Meat should always be handled with clean hands and on clean surfaces. Never use the same plate for cooked burgers that you used for the raw meat unless it has been thoroughly cleaned. After the cookout it is important that you chill the leftovers immediately to avoid contamination of the meat.

BIO-BASED PRODUCTS

The USDA is increasing efforts to promote environmentally friendly fuels made from agricultural commodities. Recent studies found machines that used bio-diesel or bio-oil ran just as well or better than machines which ran on petroleum based products. Although bio-based products may cost a bit more, they will cause less engine wear and longer life cycles for your machine. Also, accidental bio-diesel spills are much easier to clean up. The spills are more of a house keeping issue than an environmental one. Contact: USDA-TV, (202) 720-7039.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



GRASSLANDS

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ECONOMIC IMPACT ESTIMATE HIGHLIGHTS SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNE CROP LOSSES

Oh what a difference 30 days in June can make. Following a pleasant Memorial Day weekend, highlighted by beneficial rainfall across much of the region, June promised to be just what the doctor ordered for the High Plains crop.

Unfortunately, the history books will recount June 2003 as a month that put an entirely different spin on the fate of the region's 3.6 million acre cotton crop.

During the month, High Plains cotton fields were blown, drowned, and pummed by wave after wave of June thunderstorms, an adversary that has not been a regular visitor to the region for several years. So far, some 1.2 million acres, of predominantly irrigated cotton in the region's northern tier counties, are estimated to have been lost.

Based on recent history, that lost acreage can be credited for nearly 50 percent of all High Plains production over the past couple of years.

By using the most recent 5-year averages for acreage and yield a conservative estimate of what the loss of these acres actually means in economic terms can be derived. Using the 1998-2002 numbers, the region's 2003 Farm Level economic loss is estimated to top \$320 Million as a direct result of June crop losses.

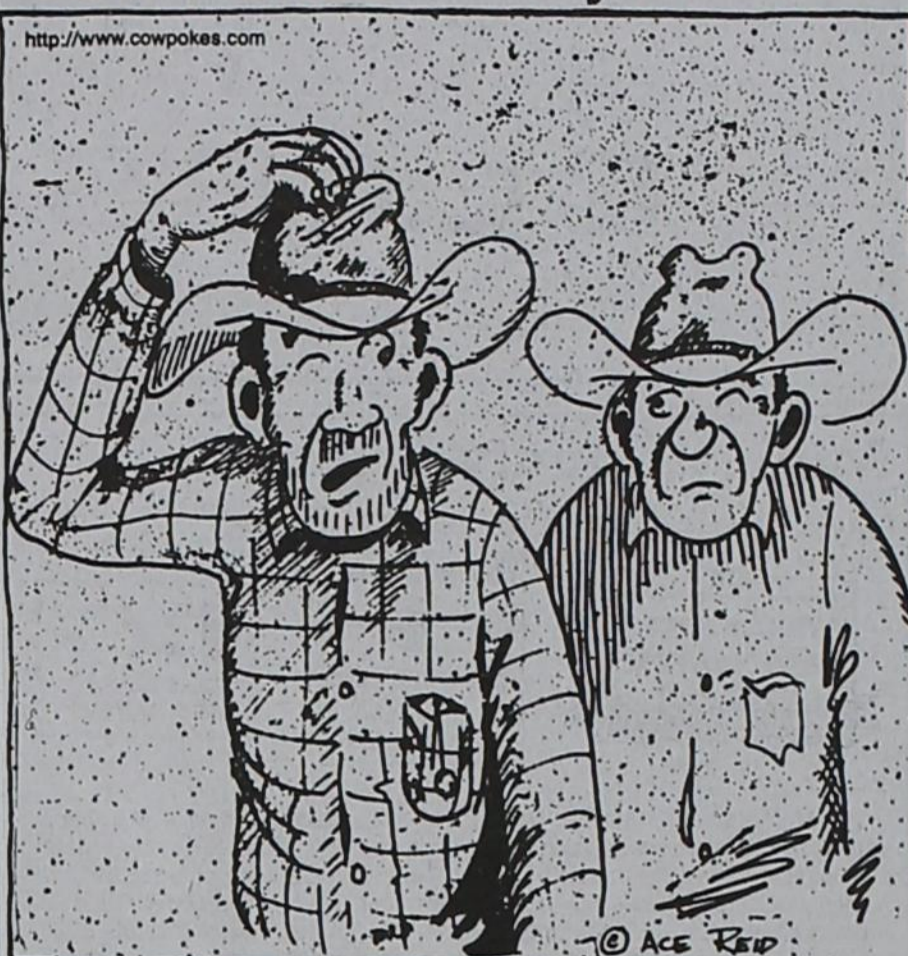
Fortunately, every cloud does have a silver lining. Extended areas of the dryland production region south of Lubbock carry a slightly delayed, but makeable, crop into the month of July for the first time in several years.

Dryland acres have been a piece of the High Plains production puzzle, all but missing for several years due to drought. Should they continue to progress, they will help make up at least a part of the area's lost production potential.

Remaining irrigated and dryland acres, for the most part, are anywhere from significantly to only slightly behind based on the calendar. Either way, producers have a complicated set of management decisions to work through in order to maximize the production potential on every acre that is left.

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County	5-Year Ave. Planted Acres	2003 Yield per HA	2003 Est. Loss (%)	Potential Economic Impact at Farm Level
Bailey	94,280	467	85.0%	\$19,462,749.83
Borden	18,880	336	0.0%	\$0.00
Briscoe	43,140	400	61.8%	\$5,554,247.00
Castro	82,960	860	52.0%	\$19,285,724.52
Cochran	136,400	454	90.0%	\$28,955,491.81
Crosby	226,060	407	43.2%	\$20,654,869.89
Dawson	293,160	413	1.0%	\$644,633.28
Deaf Smith	37,820	619	75.0%	\$9,131,631.28
Dickens	24,380	269	0.9%	\$30,775.36
Floyd	193,920	527	85.0%	\$45,200,298.32
Gaines	286,360	522	10.0%	\$7,769,701.78
Garza	44,480	333	7.2%	\$554,036.85
Hale	268,580	689	55.0%	\$52,957,715.69
Hockley	260,060	425	36.3%	\$20,847,104.41
Howard	125,060	262	0.3%	\$52,347.98
Lamb	208,620	646	85.0%	\$59,544,210.47
Lubbock	279,460	417	20.0%	\$12,114,805.89
Lynn	297,680	314	4.1%	\$1,999,798.81
Martin	150,240	349	4.2%	\$1,131,657.95
Midland	32,820	334	6.3%	\$356,369.57
Motley	32,800	201	2.8%	\$97,043.57
Parmer	89,580	868	70.0%	\$28,313,505.50
Swisher	86,740	650	64.4%	\$18,881,479.59
Terry	261,120	410	7.1%	\$3,940,835.67
Yoakum	140,020	490	14.9%	\$5,296,454.51
25-County Total	3,714,620	494	33.7%	\$321,973,349.53

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LOCAL FIRE DEPT. PHONE NUMBER NO LONGER IN SERVICE

The Motley County Volunteer Fire Department wants the public to know that to report fires you must now call 9-1-1. The local number, 347-2323, is no longer operational.

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