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Kids at Kid's Camp

This group of kids with Camp Volunteer, Sharon Peacock, were only a small handful of the children attending the annual Kid's Camp at the Roaring Springs Community Center this week. The camp, sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, reports over 60 kids in attendance this year. See more Kid's Camp pictures on page 4.

FFA members receive State awards at annual convention

Houston was the sight for the 75th annual Texas FFA Convention held the week of July 7-15. The Motley County FFA Chapter was represented by six members who attended the convention. Activities during the week included motivational speakers and workshops, awarding of hundreds of degrees, awards, and scholarships, election of officers and a business session where members voted on bylaws for the coming year.

In a special ceremony held Tuesday afternoon approximately 1050 members were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree, the highest degree awarded on the state level. Amanda Hurt, daughter of Tommy and Kate Hurt of Matador, received her degree in this ceremony from State president Lindsay Allen. The Lone Star Degree is awarded on the basis of Leadership skills, participation in Career Events, and conducting a Supervised Project Program. Students also keep records on all of these activities and fill out an application for the degree. Amanda is a three year member of the FFA and has participated on numerous Leadership and Judging teams, has had a swine project each year and has attended several District and Area events.

Clint Cooper, son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador received a certificate of scholarship from the Houston Stock Show and attended a special luncheon for all scholarship winners. Clint was awarded a



Motley County FFA Chapter members with Gold Emblem plaque at the State Convention, (l-r) Emily Hurt, Kittie Campbell, Cody Cooper, Clint Cooper, Amanda Hurt and Clay Cooper.

\$10,000.00 scholarship by the Houston Stock Show. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of grade point average, achievement test score, and participation in chapter activities.

Chapter members walked across the stage to receive a plaque honoring the Motley County FFA Chapter as a Gold Emblem Chapter in the National Chapter Rating System.

There were sixty-two Gold Emblem Chapters from Texas and Motley County was ranked 28th. The National Chapter awards program honors chapters that are outstanding in three areas: student activities, chapter ac-

tivities, and participation in community activities.

Chapter members Kittie Campbell, Emily Hurt, Cody Cooper and Clay Cooper also attended the convention along with Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper and wife Judy.

With a total of over 800 Chapters and more than 60,000 members, the Texas FFA Association is the largest in the Nation. The primary aim of the FFA is to make a difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Chamber Banquet will feature Nostalgia theme

"Nostalgia" will be the theme for the annual Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet, to be held August 16. Flashback, a Fort Worth based vocal performing group will be featured. The group came together a couple of years ago and found they had an immediate fan base from the moment they took the stage. Their consistency in performing classic tunes from the 50's and 60's showcases their unique method of maintaining the song melody as it was originally performed while adding their signature four-part harmony.

Some of the prestigious "stages" upon which they have and will perform are Ft. Worth's Mayfest 2003, Main Street Arts Festival 2003, NASA space balloonfest in Houston, and the opening for the country western cross-over group, Asleep at the Wheel, coming in September to the Will Roger's Coliseum in Fort Worth. The Motley County High School auditorium stage will now be included in this impressive list!

Motley County is fortunate to be able to attract Flashback to the community. One of the group's four singers, Max Barton, hails from this area and is looking forward to his homecoming debut. Max was born in Matador and began singing at the age of four with his older sisters. At age eight he won his first amateur contest. After performing in various bands in high school and college, he began taking his singing more seri-

ously. He was lead singer for "The Viscounts" who performed for recording groups and opened for Bobby Vee and Glen Campbell. Max is a long time member of BMI and ASCAP and continues to write music in hopes of a publishing contract.

Glenn Urquhart was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. His enthusiasm, organizational skills and leadership have helped to bring Flashback together.

Jay Hubbard, born and raised in Fort Worth, is from a family of professional musicians. He began playing guitar at age sixteen after hearing

Chef Atkins. The group and fans often refer to Jay as the "best darn backup singer around."

Tracey Howard was born in Big Spring, and began singing at age three. In college she traveled with "Baker's Dozen" and performed with the Waylon Jennings Bluegrass band. Her versatility and experience are a perfect complement to Flashback's vocal style.

"Nostalgia" tickets will go on sale this week, available from Chamber of Commerce Board members and the Chamber office. For more information, call Barbara Armstrong at 347-2968 or Penny Pipkin at 347-2747.



The singing group, "Flashback," will perform at this year's Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Max Barton, left, is a Motley County native and a graduate of Matador High School.

Kids' Ranch Rodeo new to Old Settlers celebration

The livestock may be wooden. The contestants may be pint-sized. But when the kids and Pokey the Clown take over the Old Settlers Arena at Roaring Springs on August 30, the audience will be the winners.

"These rodeos are planned for the entertainment of the children, to teach them the ways of working ranch hands," according to Doug Smith, the rodeo clown who perfected the concept of a junior ranch rodeo.

"It is designed for them to have fun and to learn about teamwork with children of different ages. Along the way everyone who gets involved, or merely watches, will have a really fun time!"

Smith hails from Panhandle, Texas, but goes all over the state to organize and produce the popular event that sends winners to compete at the Working Ranch Cowboys Assn. finals at Amarillo in November. He walks the team through four stickhorse contests, Pony Express, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking, and Calf Branding.

Each team has four members. There will be three age groups, 3-7 (with no more than

two age 7); 8-11 (with more than one age 11); and 12-16 (with only one age 15 or 16). Age as of January, 2003, is used for the entire year.

The entry fee will be \$20 per team and the proceeds go to the Old Settlers organization. The pre-entry and practice session will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, under a shade tree at the OS grounds, but the real fun starts at 4:30. Don't you

dare miss it.

Several more sponsors are needed for a stick horse auction. A donation of \$50 will secure a stick horse airbrushed with the sponsor's name. Up to ten will be auctioned off during the junior ranch rodeo, with proceeds serving as a fund raiser to defray the cost of Pokey's expertise. For more information call Secretary Marisue Potts, 806-787-0592.

Kids, get your turtle tuned up for Old Settlers' Snappin' turtle race

It's time for kids and parents to scour the rolling plains and caprock for snapping turtles. The Old Settlers Snappin' Turtle Race will commence on Saturday, August 30 at 3 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. At a recent Clarendon rodeo, over 300 turtles were located for the race and then relocated in the wild.

With numbers on their backs, the turtles will race across a hot dance floor for Motley and Dickens Counties bragging rights. Three age divisions for the kids, up to 4; 5-9; and 10-14 years will compete for a \$50 prize in each class. For more information call Russell Alexander at 806-348-7958.

July sales tax allocations total \$305.8 million

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$305.8 million in monthly sales tax payments, June 10th, to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts. July sales tax rebates are up 1.5 percent compared to July 2002. Fiscal year-to-date sales tax allocations are down 1.7 percent compared to the same period last year.

July sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected

in May and reported to the Comptroller in June. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.14 billion, down 0.4 percent compared to a year ago.

Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$208.5 million to 1,116 Texas cities, up 2.8 percent compared to July 2002. Sales tax rebates of \$18.7 million went to 121 Texas counties, up 6 percent compared to one year ago.

In addition, \$8.4 million went to 78 special purpose taxing dis-

tricts, a 1.9 percent increase compared to last July. Only transit sales tax collections showed a decline. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$70.3 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.3 percent compared to a year ago.

In May, 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 com-

pared to a year ago.

"Regrettably, our sales tax figures didn't stay on that path and have dropped down again this month," Strayhorn said. "Unfortunately, for the first time in history, we are going to have back to back losses in sales taxes -- that's two years running."

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received \$4,124.75, compared to \$1,995.74 last year, a 106.67% change. A total of \$18,661.56 has been paid this

year, compared to \$17,638.58 at this time last year, a 5.79% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received \$1,608.26, compared to \$2,755.74 last year, a -41.63% change. To date \$16,544.06 has been paid this year, compared to \$15,554.82 at this time last year, a 6.35% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 8.

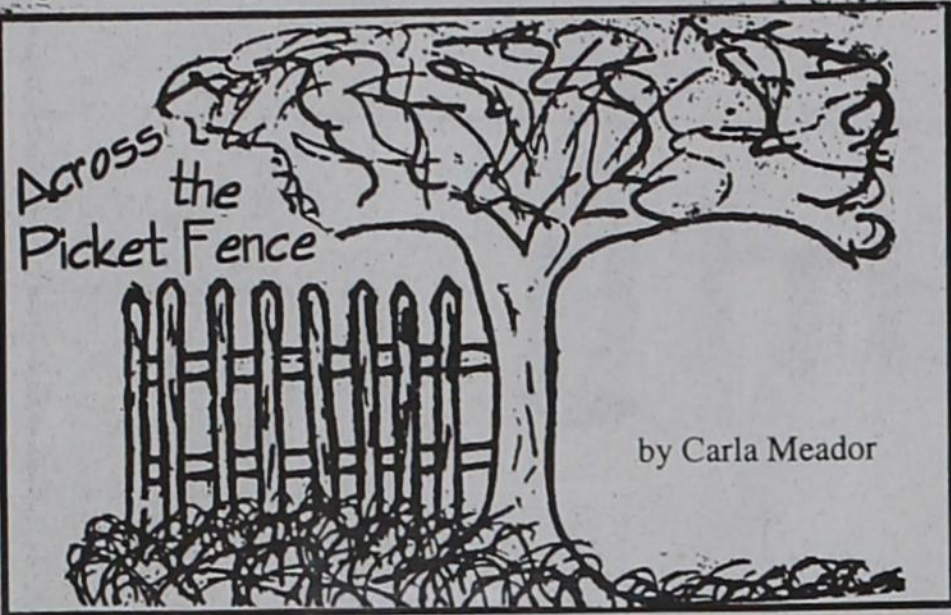
High School Registration August 4

Motley County high school students should register for classes, Monday, August 4. Parents are asked to attend if possible to sign papers.

The registration schedule is as follows:

Seniors - 9:30 a.m.
Juniors - 10:00 a.m.
Sophomores - 10:30 a.m.
Freshmen - 11:00 a.m.

The 2003-04 school year will start Monday, August 18.



Whew! I'm tired. We had a wild party at our house Saturday night! A sleep-over, pizza party! My grandchildren, Morgan, 6, and Judson, 3, and myself hosted the event. Our guests were my niece Angelica, 9, and nephews, Jonah, 8, and Parker, 7. Five little ones, pizza, movies, five baths, and then a late night of story telling keeps you on your toes. The morning was even more fun, with a flurry through my house to get Jim off to the Sheriff's convention early Sunday morning, while getting five kids and myself ready for Sunday School and Church. I haven't had a sleepover like that at my house since Jeremy was in elementary school. I must tell you the weekend brought a new, deeper respect for my mother. The mother of five, she did this sort of thing every day! Bless you, Mother!

This was the first time that all five had stayed at the same

time. I have always enjoyed doing fun things with kids, and even though I was tired, and the event made me realize that I'm not as young as I thought I was, it was so much fun and an experience I wouldn't trade for the world. I hope we have lots more sleep-overs like this. They're only little once!

"The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called JESUS, you will make it to a place called Success."

— Anonymous

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for helping with our sister Madge's funeral and for Rita's 90th birthday celebration the next day. You know who you are, there are too many to list.

Rebecca Mary LeFleur
Rita Groves

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding, In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

— Proverbs 3: 5, 6

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Mark Your Calendar For Savings

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently reminded shoppers that they can stock up on clothes and shoes without paying sales tax August 1-3.

During the Sales Tax Holiday most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes.

Strayhorn estimates Texans will save \$43.8 million in sales tax, including \$34.6 million in state sales tax and \$9.2 million in local sales taxes.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, visit the Comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/bc96_237_2_03.html#holiday

SOURCES: Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and the Texas Water Development Board.



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In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus told about the life of two men. One was a rich man, clothed in purple and fine linen, who fared sumptuously every day. At his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores. He ate the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table and the dogs

came and licked his sores. This poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried and was tormented in Hades. He called for mercy, asking Lazarus to be sent to dip his finger in water and cool his tormented tongue, for he was in great torment in the flame. But Lazarus was not sent. Then he begged for someone to be sent back to tell his five brothers, so they would be warned and would not come to this terrible place. That also was denied. So, two men lived and two men died. Each went to his eternal abode, depending on the preparation made while here on earth.

A Bible class teacher told a class of young children this story. She then asked the class, "Which had you rather be, Lazarus or the rich man?" One lad said, "I had rather be the rich man while I'm alive and Lazarus when I die."

I wonder how many live by that philosophy expecting to be able to live for the world while here and have God take them to heaven when they die. I'm afraid such will not happen. The Bible is plain. We reap what we sow. Galatians 6: 7-8.

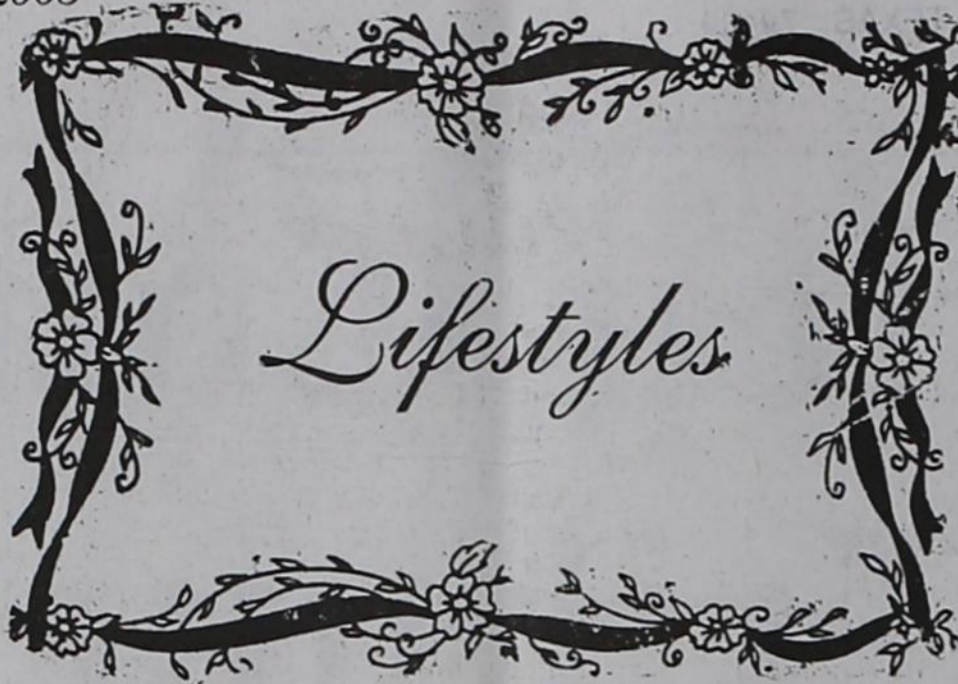
How is it with you? Where do you fit? What destiny do you have to look forward to when this life is over for you? We all need to think seriously! Make preparation while there is yet time.....

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



Pivots & Divots

by Mary



Ladies playday on Thursday, July 24, was for a greenie on #3.

Playing 18 holes were Francine, LaVoe, Liv and Louise. Liv won.

Dartha W and Dot G. played 9 holes in the morning and Dartha won.

Playing 9 holes in the afternoon were Frances, Judy R., Nell, Tempie and Tommye. Frances won.

Floyd County Fair extends invitation to participate in Flower Show

The Floyd County Fair Flower Show will be held August 14, 15 and 16. The show is open to all amateurs wishing to exhibit. Entries must be made between 9 a.m. and noon, Thursday, August 14. Late entries will be accepted for show but will not be judged. All single entries must be in glass or clear plastic bottles or vases. Plastic bottles will be available. Speci-

men definition - a single bloom, spike, stalk. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor and the grower must know the variety by name. Potted plants must have been grown in a pot and in the possession of the exhibitor at least 3 months. Only the judges and clerks will be allowed in the area during judging. Awards for first, second and third place will be given.

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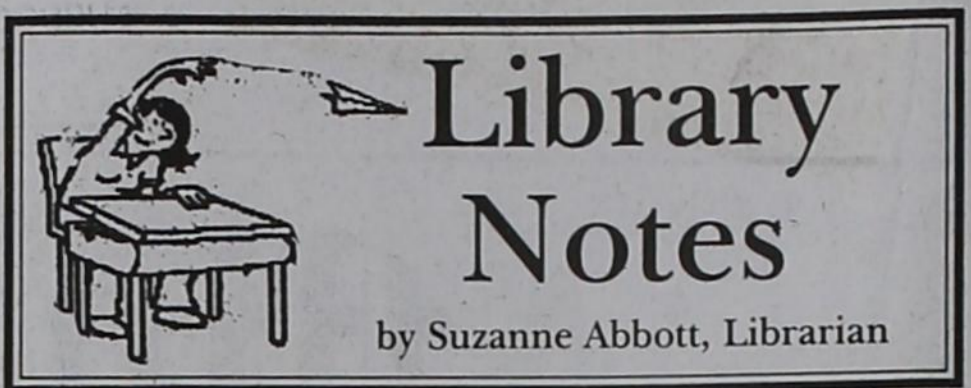
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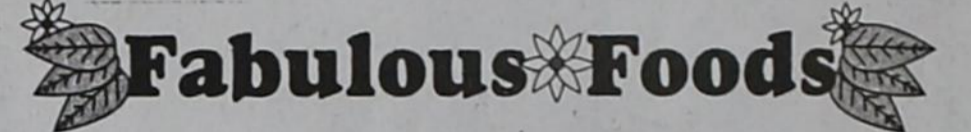


The library received a donation this past week from Minnie Kathleen Stephens Dennis in memory of Joe Martin and Frances McCary Berryman Gainer. Mrs. Dennis told me in her note that Mr. Martin and Mrs. Gainer used to live in Motley County. We appreciate this memorial very much.

There has been a little set back in the carpet laying at the library. The men are having difficulty finding something that will seal the floor so that the black spots won't bleed through again. Dana Graham has been wonderful in helping with this problem and we appreciate her expertise and patience.

NOTICE: We will have a Friends of the Library meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, at the library. I don't know if I can find my postcards and labels to send out notices so please tell everyone you see the time and day for this meeting. We usually meet on Thursdays but there is a conflict, so we will try a Friday afternoon meeting instead.

We will plan to meet in the library, hoping that the new carpet will be laid. The Friends will have the first-hand look at the new floor. Maybe we can persuade Betty Henry to give us a preview of the first kid's mural. Please read this column next week for any change of meeting place. Also, I will put a sign in the library window.



Salads Make Summertime Meals Sensational!

Auntie M's Deviled Egg Salad
Nancy Hale, Fresno, CA (Low-Carb)

10 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
¼ cup mayonnaise
¼ cup sweet pickle relish
1 tsp. mustard
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper

1 cup sliced kosher dill pickles (½-inch slices)
2 large scallions, sliced
¼ cup cider vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and chill. Serve on lettuce, or with crackers.

German Pickled Potato Salad
1½ pounds red potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 package (8 ounces) sliced bacon, diced

Shop at Home!

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Mrs. Russell Fritsch
(nee Beth Bingham)

Couple exchanges vows in Las Vegas ceremony

Beth Bingham and Russell Fritsch, of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows in a Las Vegas, Nevada ceremony, July 19. The bride is the daughter of Charlie and Fronye Morris of Spur and Alan and Kay Bingham of Matador. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is a second year Nursing student at the Covenant School of Nursing. The groom is the son of Melody Jeter of San Angelo and Charlie and Marsha Fritsch of San Antonio. He attends Texas Tech University.

The double ring ceremony was held at the beautiful Flamingo Las Vegas before friends and family. The bride selected an elegant gown of diamond white matte satin from the collection of designer Maggie Sottero. The gown featured an asymmetrically tucked waist and a full a-line skirt. Crystal, silver and ice beads, as well as crystalline sequins adorned the bodice from bustline to neckline in a vine motif. The same beading was applied heavily on a ribbon running from the waistline to the floor. To the right of the ribbon, an inset of soft netting was accented with beading to match the bodice. In the back, ribbons of beading ran from the top of the lace-up closure to the hem of the chapel train. In the space between the ribbons, below the lace, another inset of soft net was beaded to match the front. The bridal bouquet was a cascade of white roses, Lily of the Valley and Baby's Breath.

Maid of Honor was Alana Carr of Littlefield, the bride's sister. Bridesmaid was Christie Cargile of Lubbock, the bride's friend. They wore black strapless satin gowns, accented with metallic silver-tone embroidery and a contrasting band. Each carried a bouquet of white roses and baby's breath.

Best Man was Steven Carter of San Angelo, and groomsmen were Dave Wardlaw, also of San Angelo. The groom and groomsmen were attired in black tuxedos.

A reception, hosted by the bride's parents, was held following the ceremony. The welcome was given by the bride's stepfather, Charlie Morris. A toast to the bride and groom was given by groomsmen, Dave Wardlaw. A three tiered cake and punch was served.

After a wedding trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the couple is at home in Lubbock.

Bridal Shower

The bride was honored with a Bridal Shower in the home of Mrs. Gary Key, May 31. Special guests were Fronye Morris, mother of the bride, Kay Bingham, step-mother of the bride, and Melody Jeter, mother of the groom. The hostess gift was cookware.

Engagement Party

An engagement party was held in honor of the couple on the evening of May 31 at the Dickens County Livestock Pavilion. The party was hosted by the bride's parents, Charlie and Fronye Morris. A delicious meal of brisket and all the trimmings was served. A dance was held after the meal, with music provided by Mike Porter.

Bridal Luncheon-Shower

A bridal luncheon and shower was held in the bride's honor in San Angelo at Miss Hattie's. A lovely meal of quiche, salad and assorted cheese cakes was served. Hostesses were Kakkie Carter and Anna Wardlaw.

BBO at Spring Creek

A barbecue was held in honor of the couple, June 14. The event was hosted by Claudia and Sonny Cleere, Janie and Ron Giddens, Fran and Tom Gregg, Kay and Chase Holland and Kay and Louis Rork.

Bridesmaid Luncheon

A bridesmaid luncheon was held June 28 at the home of Mrs. Al O'Brien with Cinda Givens co-hosting. The bride presented gifts to Alana Carr and Christie Cargile, bridesmaids. Special guests were Fronye Morris, mother of the bride, Melody Jeter, mother of the groom, Betty Bingham, aunt of the bride, Holly Fine and Amy Zachery.

Lingere Shower

The bride was honored with a Lingere shower in the home of Mindy Dorman.

Hays and Fowler recite wedding vows

The First United Methodist Church in Matador was the scene for the July 5, 2003, wedding of Miss Courtney Ann Hays and Mr. Blair Douglas Fowler. Officiant for the ceremony was Michael G. Crowley, minister of the Matador Church of Christ. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaden Hays of Matador. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Fowler of Midland.

Guests were greeted in the foyer by Stachia Baxter at the registration table, which set the theme for the afternoon with red, white and blue candles atop a navy tablecloth crossed with a patriotic runner. Another table, also decorated with a patriotic runner, featured pictures of the bride and the groom from early childhood to present. Centering the display was a hand-stitched sampler, made by the groom's aunt with the quotation, "From this day forward - To love and to cherish" followed by the date.

Miss Hannah Fowler of Midland, sister of the bridegroom, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids included Mandi Ream, Charli Ream, Brittany Donaldson, all of Matador; LeAndra Couvillion of Lohn; Amanda McFarland, Canyon; and Leah Fowler, sister of the groom, of Midland. The honor attendants wore burgundy red floor length two-piece sleeveless dresses and carried nosegays fashioned of burgundy red and navy blue roses, with white accents. Wearing a miniature version of the bridesmaids' dresses, Miss Keosha Hall of Midland was a charming flower girl, scattering white silk rose petals from a white basket embellished with roses and pearls.

Serving as best man for the bridegroom was Albert Hall of Midland. Groomsmen were Michael Fowler of Lubbock, Logan Fowler of Midland, brothers of the groom; Lane McFarland, Johnny Dopp, and Robin Brannon of Canyon; and Preston Peterson of Amarillo. Ring bearer Jonathan Nesbitt of Searcy, Arkansas. The groom and his attendants wore black

tuxes with black vests accented with royal blue pocket kerchiefs. Ushers were Quinn Hays of Lubbock, brother of the bride, Nathan Shannon of Matador, Travis Holland of Midland and Eric Barry of Sundown.

For her wedding, the bride chose a sleeveless gown featuring a deep V neckline in front and back. The bodice was Alencon lace over white satin, highlighted with beads and pearls. The Basque waistline tapered to a full, floor length skirt, which was heavily embellished with lace medallions, encrusted with crystal beads and tiny pearls, and flowed into a Cathedral length train. Her veil, fashioned by her mother, was two-tiered fingertip length bridal illusion with rolled edges, attached to a lace and beaded headpiece. Her bouquet, made by Colleen Baxter, was a cascade of white and burgundy red roses, accented with ivy, ribbons and pearls. Courtney's something new was her gown, her something blue was her garter. For something borrowed and something old, Courtney chose a heart shaped locket, which had belonged to her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Drue Nell Clancy. The locket contained a high school photo of Mrs. Clancy.

The front of the church was festooned with white tulle, lighted with blue tipped miniature lights. A three tiered brass candelabra, flanked by two arched brass candelabrum lighted the dais. The unity candle and tapers were to the bride's left on a specially designed brass candelabra. Satin and tulle bows decorated the pews.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall. The bride's table was covered in a white lace cloth and decorated with white silk roses. The cake, a three-tiered cake topped with lovebirds, was made by the groom's mother, Sara Fowler. The American flag was a featured part of decorations for the bride's table. Gail Ream, Ronda Miller and Stachia Baxter pre-



Mr. and Mrs. Blair Fowler
(nee Courtney Hays)

sided at the bride's table. The groom's table was covered in white with a runner of patriotic fabric down the length of the table. Behind the table was a wreath covered in the same patriotic material, with the couple's engagement picture in the center. Cousins of the

groom, Emily Ramirez and Ann Ramirez of Lubbock, served the monogrammed devil's food cake, also made by Mrs. Fowler.

After a trip to Red River, New Mexico, the couple is at home at 808 B West Kansas in Midland.

...Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy!...

Isaiah 66:5 (NIV)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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SPECIAL ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I would like to say a few words about someone who worked very hard to improve Matador, Rodney Williams. I would also like to say a few words to those who didn't appreciate the hard work and time he worked for his town, if you would have given your name when you complained to his boss. I would guess you are the ones who do nothing for your town but complain about those who are doing something to improve it.

Rodney and Glenda are two of my best friends and I know Glenda was behind Rodney all the way in his hard work for improvement in Matador. Rodney also worked with me to improve Roaring Springs and improve the relationship between the two towns.

I would also say that not one

of you who complained and caused Rodney to resign would put in even part of the time Rodney has for your town. Look around your town and see what has been done while he was Mayor and I believe you will truly be sorry for what you did.

Hang in there Rodney and Glenda. Don't let a few old do-nothing complainers get you down.

Corky Marshall
Mayor
Roaring Springs

PS. If any of you want to call or write my boss about what I am doing as Mayor of Roaring Springs, please do! You see I don't have a job you can call my boss about. My only Boss is God and you probably need to talk to Him anyway.

Calculators will be distributed to MC students

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.

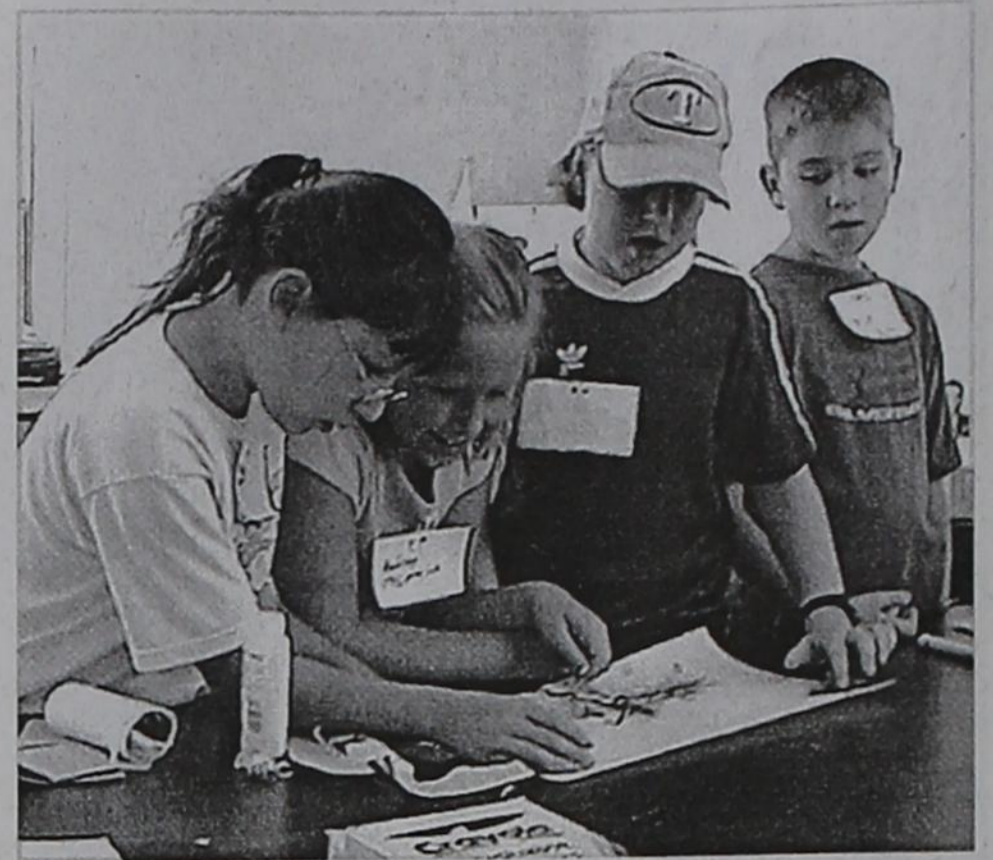
Each student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will make a deposit to MCISD which will be held in escrow until the end of the school year. Each student is responsible for maintaining the calculator in good working order, abiding by the district's technology acceptable use policy, and returning the calculator 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, parents, 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.



These boys get ready to send their cars down the ramp. As part of Kid's Camp activities, children were taught to make these derby cars by camp volunteer, Ken Abbott.



Arts and Crafts activities are enjoyed by this group of kids.



These two boys do their part to paint this year's Kid's Camp Mural. The mural features heroes from yesterday and today. They are painting a drawing depicting Frank Mitchell, local war hero.



These boys practice first aid on a volunteer as part of the learning activities at Kid's Camp.

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- 1 pair of Scissors
- 2 Pencils
- 1 Watercolor set
- School Box
- Beach Towel/Little Pillow
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Big Back Pack
- Sleeping Mat (optional)
- Construction Paper (asst. colors)

KINDERGARTEN

- 2 - #2 Pencils
- 1 pkg. Manila Drawing Paper
- 2 pkg. Construction paper
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Elmer's School Glue
- 1 Small Box of Crayons (8 ct. - not big ones)
- 1 pair of Scissors
- School Box
- Back Pack
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Watercolor Set

FIRST GRADE

- School Box with Back Pack
- 2 First Grade Tablets
- Set of Watercolors
- 3 - #2 Pencils
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 1 pair of Blunt Scissors
- 2 Spiral Notebooks (70 page)
- 1 pkg. Manila Paper
- Kleenex
- Box of 8 Crayons
- 2 Pocket Folders/no brads
- 2 School Glue

SECOND GRADE

- School Box and Back Pack
- Spiral Notebook
- Set of Watercolors
- 2 - #2 Pencils
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- White Construction Paper
- Assorted Construction Paper
- Kleenex
- Crayons (24 or more)
- Bottle of School Glue

THIRD GRADE

- 2 pkgs. of Pencils
- 1 - 12 Inch Ruler (inches & centimeters)
- Crayons (16 count)
- Scissors
- Bottle of Glue
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Small School Box
- 2 pkgs. Paper (wide line)
- 1 pkg. Construction Paper
- 2 Folders/pockets (no brads)
- 1 Five Subject Notebook
- 1 - 3 ring Notebook
- 2 Big Erasers
- 1 Handwriting Tablet (cursive writing)

FOURTH GRADE

- 2 inch Ring Binder notebook (no Trapper Keeper)
- 2 pkgs. Dividers for Notebook
- 3 pkgs. Paper (wide rule)
- Ruler (inches & centimeters)
- #2 Lead Pencils
- Crayons (24 count)
- Scissors
- Glue
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Map Colors
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Folders with pockets
- 1 - 1" Notebook (clear plastic sleeve cover)

FIFTH GRADE

- #2 Pencils (no mechanical)
- Small Pencil Sharpener
- Pink Eraser or Pencil Cap Erasers
- Ruler
- Scissors (pointed)
- Small Glue
- 2-3 Glue Sticks
- 48 count Crayons
- 24 ct. Map Colors
- Small School Box & Pencil Zipper Pouch
- 2 Pens (blue or black)
- Yellow Highlighter
- Notebook Paper
- 2 - 1" Binders
- 2 - 1 Subject Notebooks
- 2 - pkgs. Dividers
- 6 Pocket Folders/without brads
- 1 shiny Folder for homework
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Manila Paper

SIXTH GRADE

- 2 pkgs. Notebook Paper
- Map Colors
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- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Red Grading Pens/Pencils
- 16 count Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors (sharp edge)
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- Yellow Highlighter
- 1 Dry Erase Marker

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Annual Burlleson Memorial Roping held in Flomot

Those attending the 19th Burlleson Memorial Roping Saturday, July 26, listened to special guest, Trip & Grip Fortenberry singing the National Anthem at the opening for the Play Day events. They are four year old sons of Sam and Becky Fortenberry, Lockney, Shane'a Russell, Matador, and Kody Porterfield, Brownfield, carried the flags for the opening ceremony. Kirk and Beverly Brock were coordinators of the youth events and were assisted by Marsha Phillips as barrier judge.

The youth could enter in four different events to garner points for high point boy and girl of the day. Tana Bateman, Spur,

was awarded a belt buckle as high point girl and Tye Jones, Levelland, was high point boy. First place trophy and ribbon winners were:

PeeWee
Pole Race: Kylee Martin, Levelland.
Potato Race: Llano Bateman, Spur.
Flag Race: Cianne Jones, Levelland.
Barrel Race: Cianne Jones, Levelland.

Junior Division
Pole Race: Tee Bateman, Spur.
Potato Race: Taran Bateman, Spur.
Flag Race: Taran Bateman, Spur.

Senior Division
Pole Race: Tana Bateman, Spur.
Potato Race: Tye Jones, Levelland.
Flag Race: Tana Bateman
Barrel Race: Tana Bateman.

Those individuals placing second through sixth place were Jesse Price, Turkey; Kory Bateman, Spur; Kate Reagan, Silverton; Klay Brock, Levelland; Kassi Martin,

Levelland; Shane'a Russell, Matador; Karleigh Porterfield, Brownfield; Caycee Jones, Levelland; and Kody Porterfield, Brownfield.

The Saturday afternoon Team Roping winners were: Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Lockney and Clay Ware, Floydada received Horse Breast Collars for the Average in the #3 Roping. Richard Thomas and Dean Kennedy, Matador, were winners of the "Go." In the #5 Roping, average winners were

Tanner Johnson, Lockney, and Scott Stone, Olney, receiving Horse Breast Collars. The "Go" winners were David Taylor, Matador, and Ryan Rankin, Roaring Springs, receiving Horse Blankets.

Sunday's Pasture Roping included 33 teams competing for bits for the fastest time. Winners were Todd Thomas, Matador and Ray Paul, Seymour.

John Simmons and Jacey O'Neal, both from Quanah, Texas, each received a scholarship for 2003 in the Ranch & Feedlot Operation course at Clarendon College.



Participants in the youth events at this year's Burlleson Memorial Roping held Saturday and Sunday at Flomot.

Valley Tribune photo

Turkey Jamboree August 2

The next Turkey Jamboree will be held August 2 at the Bob Wills Center gym. The Jamboree begins its fourth year and reports are that the event gets better every year.

Entertainers for the August get-together will be Euel Daniel from Amarillo, Ken Wilson from Memphis, Weldon Allard from Amarillo, and Smokey Binion Jr. (Elvis impersonator) from Stinnett. There will also be a Talent Showcase and the Turkey Gems.

Entertainment is free and great door prizes are given. Lee Insurance will sponsor a \$50 prize, which will be given to the entertainer who receives the most votes from the audience.

Jay and Martha Bradshaw, owners of Windmill Collectiques are donating \$25 to be given away at the end of the show.

Foot long hot dogs with all the trimmings will be served for \$4.00 a plate, and will benefit the Turkey Roost Museum.

Showtime is 7:00 p.m.



Richard Thomas, left, of Matador, and Dean Kennedy were winners of the "Go" in the #3 Roping at Burlleson Memorial Roping held last Saturday and Sunday. They received horse blankets.



Ryan Rankin, left, of Roaring Springs, and David Taylor of Matador were winners in the "Go" in the #5 roping. The men received horse blankets.



All Around Boy, Tye Jones of Levelland.

Valley Tribune photo



Todd Thomas of Matador and Ray Paul of Seymour were the winners in the Sunday Pasture Roping event. Their prize was bits.



All Around Girl, Tana Bateman of Spur.

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BY DOUGLAS MEADOR

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Visiting Pearl Patten over the weekend were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Tara, Erica, and Lisa from Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen from Pampa, JoAnn and Bryce Reagan of Quitaque. Bryce went home with the Parkers for a few days.

Mr. R.J. Marshall of Hedley returned home this past week after spending several weeks in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Kay Jones.

Miss Lula Swim kept a doctor's appointment in Plainview on Friday.

Miss Kelsey Hladik of Austin is here this week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Robena King.

Mrs. LaVoe Thacker celebrated her birthday on Friday.

The Bible group, being taught by Mrs. Clint Burns, met in the home of Mrs. Ruby McGuire on

Monday, July 28, with seven ladies present, Mrs. Ken Young gave a talk on Abigail and Mrs. Joyce Hunter gave the life of Mary the Mother of John the Baptist. Mrs. Hunter gave a prayer and Mrs. Joyce Hunter gave the closing prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker spent last week in Ruidoso, NM vacationing. They were joined for the weekend by grandson, Brad Thacker and wife Weslyn, from Amarillo, enjoying golf at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Blair Thacker, Lubbock, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker.

Amy Thacker, from Abilene, visited her grandparents, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker on Friday afternoon, also with Jeff and Pam Thacker.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
In high school during World War II, we used textbooks that were not always new. One book that I used had this statement on the back page. "In case of fire throw in!"

DERRICK CRUSE COMPETES IN ALL AMERICAN BOWL GAME

Derrick Cruse was a member of the Texas Six Man All American football team that competed against chosen team members from Norway, Canada, Australia and U.S. states, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Montana and Nebraska. The eighth annual All American Bowl game was held Saturday night, June 26 at the Memorial Stadium in Big Spring. The Texas team had control of the game with a final score of 64-14.

Attending the game were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot; brother, Keane Cruse of Turkey; aunt and uncle, Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco.

ATTEND WEDDING

Attending the wedding ceremony of Shahala Marricle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Marricle of Snyder and Allen Hoelscher of Lubbock held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 26, 2003, at Christ The King Cathedral in Lubbock was her grandmother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; aunt and uncle, Mrs. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot and children, Leah Cruse of Lubbock, a bridesmaid, and Keane Cruse of Turkey, an usher. They also attended the rehearsal dinner Friday night at the Science Spectrum Center in Lubbock.

The Cruse family continued to Big Spring following the wedding, but Mrs. Wason and Leah attended the wedding reception dinner held at the Science Spectrum Center Saturday evening.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Donnie Rogers honored his daughter, Natalie Rogers of Monterey, California on her 15th birthday with a luncheon in his home, Sunday. She was presented a decorated cake, gifts and cards.

Those attending the celebration was her sister, Brooke Rogers of Monterey, Calif.; grandparents, Mr.

and Mrs. Howard Rogers of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary; Kyle Degan of Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel and son, Seth and Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock; Mrs. Shawna Abernathy of Abilene; Mrs. Louella Davis of Childress and Donnie Cruse of Flomot.

Kayla and Colton Barclay, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay of Jacksonville, visited from Friday until Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay who accompanied them to Nocona Sunday where they met Lance for their return home.

Shannon Jackson was first place winner in the Modified Street Class recently at the Motorsports Drag Race in Idalou in his '66 Chevelle.

Mary Ellen Barton attended the Burleson Roping Saturday.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was accompanied by daughter and husband, Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco to Rising Star Saturday night following the football game in Big Spring and visited her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning returning home Monday.

Mrs. Fred (Marilee) Cooper of Borger visited Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Arriving Sunday to visit this week with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnnie Starkey are Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, Oklahoma; Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma; Johnna Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri; Arica Autry of Wichita, Kansas and Jewel Starkey of Clyde.

Visiting Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington Saturday were her cousin and husband, Myrna and Bill Robinson of Iowa Park.

The Flomot Church of Christ had their 5th Sunday covered dish luncheon at the Community Center, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee met her niece, Mrs. Shannon Jones of Carlsbad, N.M. in Lubbock, Sunday to enjoy visiting and entertainment.



Amanda Hurt was awarded the distinguished FFA Lone Star Degree at the State Convention.



Clint Cooper with his scholarship certificate. He was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship through FFA from the Houston Stock Show.

Matador News

Luther and Edna Ruth Green drove to Whiteface to the home of their daughter, Virginia, who accompanied them to Ruidoso, N.M. for a few days vacation.

Roy and Gloria McMahan and granddaughter, Shanea of Dumas, and daughter and grandson, Sandra and Chance Moody of Jacksonville, FL visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Faulkner, July 21. They enjoyed lunch and sight-seeing in Matador.

Shirley and Dickie Garrison and daughter, Brooke of Red Rock, visited from Wednesday until Sunday with his parents, Evelyn and C.D. Garrison. Sue and Richard Lancaster of Breckenridge visited

them Saturday night and Sunday.

Clay and Melinda Jameson returned home recently from a vacation trip to Colorado. They visited with friends in Gunnison and enjoyed tourist attractions in Pagosa Springs.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited Saturday in Lovington, NM with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher. They attended the Baker family reunion Sunday held at the Community Center in Denver City before returning to their respective home.

Lonnie Harmon of Hedley visited his sister, Mrs. Juanita Cooper on Friday, July 26.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

West Nile Virus and Encephalitis a threat to Motley County horses

A few moments with your local veterinary practitioner can help protect horses, mules and donkeys in Motley County against mosquito-borne diseases, advises Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Vaccines are available to protect horses against three viral diseases that pose a risk to Texas horses:

West Nile Virus (WNV), and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and (WEE). The three diseases are forms of "sleeping sickness," that can cause infected horses to develop debilitating fever, swelling of the brain, muscle tremors, weakness and extreme fatigue, and in about a third or more of cases, death of the animal.

"As of June 24, twenty-five cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds, and horses," said Dr. Conger.

In June of 2002, Texas had its first case of WNV, and by the year's end, 1,699 equine cases had been reported. Motley County had two equine cases. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases," explained Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "More unreported cases undoubtedly occurred across the state, as owners may have been reluctant to ask their veterinarian or the TAHC for assistance. Only laboratory-confirmed cases are included in the state's database. Most private veterinary practitioners send blood or tissue samples for WNV testing to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station or Amarillo."

"Sporadic outbreaks of WEE and EEE also occur throughout

the U.S., and this year we may have cases in Texas, as South Carolina, Florida, Georgia have already confirmed EEE in horses. Because Texas has a large mosquito population and history of infection in past years, it is prudent to have equine animals vaccinated against WEE and EEE every year," said Dr. Conger.

"WNV, EEE, and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquito-borne diseases still needs to be part of the routine horse health maintenance," said Dr. Conger.

Dr. Conger explained that the WNV vaccine for horses requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart.

After the second injection, several more weeks must pass before full immunity is developed. Equine animals vaccinated last year should receive a single WNV booster this year.

"EEE and WEE vaccines are available in a combined product. To develop disease protection, the animal will need two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Conger. "In most cases, horses can be vaccinated for WNV, EEE/WEE at the same time."

Dr. Conger said equine animals infected with WNV, EEE, or WEE, may exhibit similar signs, including fever, irregular gait, teeth grinding, drowsiness, an inability to swallow. Affected animals may be paralyzed and be unable to rise. He said TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have sick animals tested to diagnose the disease that caused illness or death, because rabies always must be considered when an animal is disoriented or staggers.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

HEDGING AGAINST LOWER 2003 CC PAYMENTS TOPIC FOR AUGUST 5-6 TCE WORKSHOPS

Producers across the Cotton Belt are taking a closer look at the direction cotton prices are heading and wondering whether or not the 2003-crop counter-cyclical payment rate could start dropping.

The possibility of a lower counter-cyclical payment rate for the 2003-crop creates the potential for another economic hit to growers already facing either a total loss of production in 2003 or severely reduced crop prospects. The High Plains region suffered widespread damage due to cool temperatures, hail and high winds brought to the High Plains region in May and June.

To help growers, who may be needing a full 2003 counter-cyclical payment to make ends meet, the Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) service and Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) have worked to put together a program specifically aimed at educating growers about how they can offset an income loss if the 2003 counter-cyclical payment is less than the maximum rate.

The program will help growers identify and take advantage of market opportunities that can offset possible decreases in counter-cyclical payment rates.

TCE economists Dr. Carl Anderson, Dr. Jackie Smith and TCE Risk Management specialist Jay Yates will be covering a variety of topics including an overview of how the counter-cyclical program works within the framework of the current farm program, determining the most effective strategies to hedge against a possible drop in counter-cyclical payment rates, and figuring out when the best opportunities exist for implementing a hedging strategy.

age loan rate, and (2) the payment rate for the direct decoupled payments for the commodity.

The payment rate for counter-cyclical payments is equal to the difference between the target price and the effective price for the commodity. Smith notes that with the volatile nature of the current cotton market there are still opportunities for growers to be proactive in their efforts and to protect themselves against a drop in the 2003 counter-cyclical payment rate.

The trick, he explains, is in having the information necessary to formulate a workable plan that can be put in place as soon as the market provides the opportunity to act. Helping growers understand what their options are and how they can develop a workable plan, he says, is the reason for holding the workshops.

The Counter-cyclical Payment Workshops will be held at three locations around the High Plains on August 5 and 6:

August 5 - 9:00 a.m., Plainview, Ollie Liner Center.

August 6 - 9:00 a.m., Brownfield, Terry County Livestock Barn (2 miles north of Brownfield on FM 137).

Advance registration is not required to attend the workshops. Anyone interested in obtaining additional information may contact Dr. Jackie Smith or Jay Yates at the Lubbock Research and Extension Center at 806-746-6101.

TEXAS PRODUCERS VISIT MID-SOUTH JULY 26-31

Cotton farmers from across the Southwest production region leave July 26 to participate in the 2003 Producer Information Exchange Mid-South Tour.

This year's Southwest Region participants will tour operations across the Mid-South over the next week, returning home July 31.

Tour stops include locations in West Monroe, Louisiana, Portland, Arkansas, Greenville, Mississippi, and Tribbett, Mississippi.

The Producer Information Exchange Tour is sponsored by FMC Corporation and fosters the exchange of information and the creation of friendships among producers throughout the Cotton Belt.

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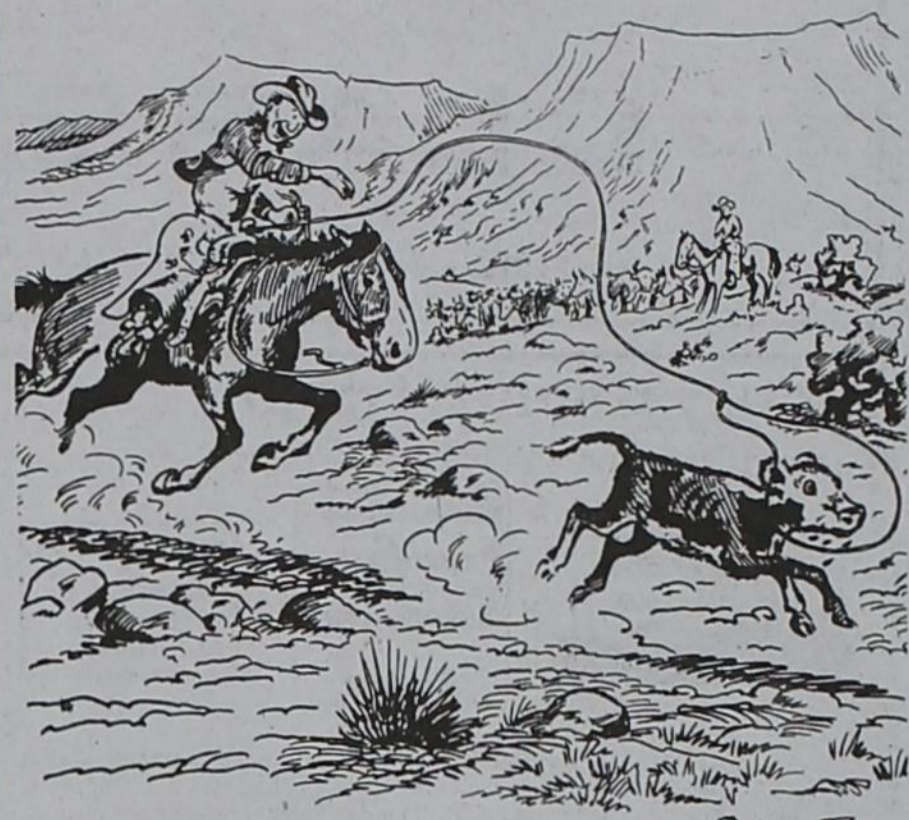
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As the price received by growers approaches 52 cents per pound the potential for a reduction in the counter-cyclical payment rate increases.

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