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A Look Back Call

SEPTEMBER 7, 1950
HEAVY RAINS LASH COUNTY

Muddy waters from a quick 3 1/2 inches rainfall Monday morning changed Matador streets into rivers that overflowed and flooded many areas of the community. Matador's deplorable dirt street system was almost destroyed as rushing waters cut new channels to reach Ballard Creek.

TRAIL DUST
By Douglas Meador

Laughter of a deceitful fate is hidden in the soft thunder of autumn rains and echoes in the whispering of wet leaves. The years confront me like headstones in the cemetery and my lonely pear tree bows its head in shame.

Around Town

News Briefs of
Area Events

Fleming Post schedules first Fall meeting

Fleming Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 of the American Legion will hold a joint meeting on Monday, September 25, at 7 p.m. at the Matador Senior Citizens Center. This is the first meeting since last May and will feature a formal installation of the new Post officers with the new District 18 Commander and other district-level officers in attendance. There will be the usual, and delicious, covered-dish supper prior to the business meeting.

The remainder of the meetings scheduled for calendar year 2000 will be October 23 and November 20, so please mark your calendars! The planning has begun for a Veterans Day Program at the Motley County High School, with the exact date to be coordinated with the school administration.

The District 18 Convention will be held in Amarillo on October 21-22. The Post and Auxiliary want a great representation to support Jerry Green as the new District 18 Vice-Commander.

For further information, please call Jerry or Patricia Green at 348-7953.

2000 Homecoming celebration to get underway with next Thursday's bonfire

The 2000 Matador/Motley County Homecoming Celebration will be held next weekend, September 22-23. Events will kick off on Thursday night with the Bonfire, beginning at dark, on the grounds of the 4-H building (VFW).

The Matadors will go up against the Lorenzo Hornets for the Home-

coming football game, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Student Council members will be serving hamburgers, with all the trimmings, before the game.

The 2000 Football Sweetheart will be crowned immediately before the game.

Registration will take place at the school on Saturday morning, begin-

ing at 9:00 a.m. A barbecue lunch will be served at noon, in the school cafeteria. The business meeting will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Ed D. Smith, Matador graduate, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

For more information, please contact Reneigh Burns at 347-2754.

Motley County ISD given recommended award

Motley County ISD High School has been given a recommended rating award for having all tests passed with a 90% or above on last year's TAAS (Texas Academic Assessment Skills) tests.

This was reported during the regular meeting of the Motley County School Board on September 11 by Superintendent Rick Copp. The accountability rating of Academically Acceptable was released by the Texas Education Agency.

Other items reported in Mr. Copp's informational report are as follows:

— Information about the DEC (District Effectiveness and Compliance) visit during the week of September 11.

— An agenda of the DEC visit for the school board with their prospective roles during the visit.

— A report on transfers that was gathered by the Site Base Team, as requested by the board, was presented. A variety of reasons were given, ranging from stricter discipline; more courses offered; inappropriate behavior by peers; living closer to the school; differences with teachers; friends attend that particular school; the new school has more pride in school and students; to the transfer has nothing to do with any Motley County student or teacher. These statements were made by parents of the students who transferred.

— A report given on the Technology Integration in Education grant, which Motley County was awarded. The TIE grant was for \$1.2 million dollars to be shared with 15 other schools in Region 17. The majority of the money will be used for training teachers in the use of the Distance Learning Labs and equipment for the rooms.

Motley County ISD will be sending three teachers to Denver, CO, to attend the National School Board Association Technology & Learning Conference in October. Shelly Cox will be attending a Distance Learning workshop called VTEL in Austin in October. These workshops and conferences are all a paid portion of the TIE Grant and will allow MCISD teachers to attend functions that would not be feasible for the District without this Grant.

During open forum, Jeannie Navarro from Austin explained the process and benefits of the tax appeal she completed for the school during the 1999-2000 school year. Rusty Deaton was also present to explain the new insurance company and its benefits over last year's policy.

Penny Pipkin presented a presentation about the Israel foreign exchange students that will be hosted during October. She inquired about the possibility of the students coming to school with their host family's child during this time and having an assembly for the students sometime during their stay. They will be in Matador during the week of October 9. The board was in favor of allowing the foreign students to attend and present an assembly on their country.

Attending the meeting for the

Motley County staff were Yolanda Kautz and Walter Taylor. Also attending was D'Anna Russell.

All board members were present for the meeting. Also attending was Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Bob Hand and Betty Stevens.

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved. The expenditure report was approved and financial statements were reviewed.

The Board approved the Tech-Prep contract with South Plains College. The contract will allow students to take Career Classes such as accounting and computer courses for dual credit.

NOTICE

Parents who feel their child qualifies for the Gifted and Talented program should contact coordinator Tommy Gleghorn at MCISD for more information on testing.

Commissioners discuss employee insurance problems

The Motley County Commissioners met in a called meeting, Monday, August 31, to discuss health and life insurance for Motley County elected officials and employees. The court made decisions based on the best use of the Motley County tax dollar. The funds are limited. Motley County has provided health and life insurance for all elected officials and employees for many years. This is a benefit the official or employee receives in addition to his or her salary. The insurance company the county had insurance with, is now defunct.

The Court searched extensively for other insurance and received bids in the amounts of \$570 to \$684 per person. It was the decision of the court to cancel health insurance for the officials and employees due to the extremely high rates.

At this time, the court agreed to give all elected officials and employees an increase in salary. The proposed salary increase is \$200 per month per elected official or employee. The members of the court realize this will not pay for a good health insurance policy, however, the \$200 increase will provide approximately the same money benefit as the official and employee were receiving during the 1999-2000 FY budget. Motley County had been paying \$189.00 per person for health insurance for 17 persons for a group plan. There are 4 persons that do not participate in the county plan.

As required by Local Government Code, Chapter 152.013, any increase in salary of an elected or appointed official must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. This is not a requirement for employees. The employees received a proposed \$200 per month in salary also.

The Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, September 11. All Commissioners were present, in addition to County Judge Laverna Price and County/District Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

Minutes of the regular session, held on August 14, were read and approved.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Reports were given from the County Treasurer, County Agent, County Tax Assessor/Collector, Justice of the Peace, and

the Library. They were approved.

With weather conditions in Motley County and most of the State of Texas being extremely dry, many local citizens have expressed the fear of grass fires. A motion was made by Commissioner Fletcher and seconded by Commissioner Turner to issue Prohibition of Outdoor Burning in all unincorporated areas in Motley County. This will be in effect until the weather conditions warrant it to be rescinded with approval of the Matador Volunteer Fire Department.

The court was unanimous in approval of second Monday of each month as the designated day the court will convene in a regular term.

The Court was unanimous in approval of the Motley County Sheriff's fees.

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Supervisor with the Department of Transportation, met with the Court and reported on future plans for the use of gravel in Precinct #2.

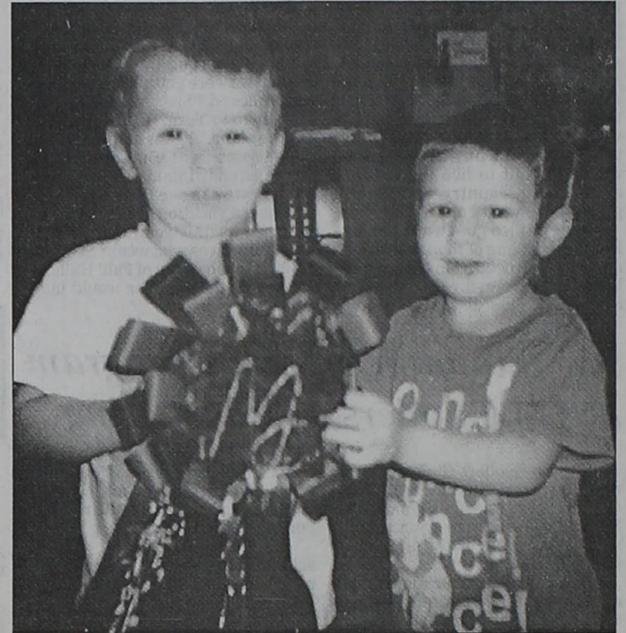
Monday, September 18, was set for the Public Hearing of adoption of tax rate and approval of 2000-01 FY budget for Motley County.

Class pictures needed for Homecoming edition

If your class is planning a reunion for the 2000 Homecoming Celebration, the Motley County Tribune would like to print your class picture in the Homecoming edition, which will be the Thursday, September 21st edition.

We would also appreciate the use of other class or school pictures or items pertaining to school, such as old banquet programs, etc. If you have any of these items, and would not mind the paper using them, please bring them to the office no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, September 15.

Thank you.



GETTING READY FOR HOMECOMING — Caleb and Mickey Clary are getting ready for Homecoming as they check out a Mum from their grandmother's shop, L&T Flowers. Caleb, 3, and Mickey, 2, are the sons of Conway and Lacey Clary of Matador.

Wildlife Management Field Day set for Saturday

There will be a Wildlife and Habitat Management Field Day at the Tongue River Ranch Headquarters located between Matador and Paducah on Saturday, September 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This field day is aimed at helping landowners and managers learn basic wildlife management techniques that can be applied to their property. Topics during the day will include: Quail Management by Dr. Dale Rollins with TAEX, Leasing Your Land for Hunting & Recreation by Greg Simons with Wildlife Systems, Inc., Pond Management by Mark McDonald with Pond Bass. Results of a Feral Hog Research project done in Cottle County will be presented by Duane Lucia of TPWD. The project involved looking at the food habits, reproduction, and diseases of feral hogs. There will also be programs on turkey and deer management, endangered species and private land issues. You will also have the opportunity to see first hand what the Tongue River Ranch has done to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

This field day is being sponsored by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and The Texas Wildlife Association. If you have an interest in wildlife, then we invite you to come join us. Pre-registration is \$15 per person or \$20 at the gate. This includes a chuckwagon dinner cooked by Skipper Shepherd and refreshments throughout the day. For more information or to register call Dana Wright at Texas Parks & Wildlife (806) 492-2264 or Sharron Jay at The Texas Wildlife Association (800) 839-9453.

Roaring Springs City Council to enforce clean-up ordinance

The Roaring Springs City Council plans to enforce City Ordinance #3 (Privy Maintenance), which reads as follows: Be It Ordained by the City Council of Roaring Springs, Texas: Sec. 1: Each owner, lessee or occupant of any lot, block or parcel of land within the city limits shall forthwith clean up said lot, block or parcel of land, by removing therefrom all decaying, unwholesome or offensive matter, and thereafter keep the same clean, so that deposits or accumulations shall not be offensive or deleterious to the health of the people. The council discussed this ordinance at their regular meeting, held September 11.

The council adopted the tax rate of (.46049), an increase of 3% for the year 2000.

Minutes of the August 28 meeting were approved. Bills were approved.

The Board of Directors for the Economic Development Sales Tax was tabled until the council could contact people who would be willing to serve.

Plans are to have members appointed by the middle of December

or sooner. The composition of the corporation's board of directors and the length of a member's term differ between 4A and 4B. Tax. Under 4A: The City's governing body must appoint a five-member board. Each member is appointed to a term not to exceed six years. Under 4B: The city's governing body must appoint seven directors. Three of the seven directors cannot be employees, officers, or members of the city's governing body. The other four directors may be — but are not required to be — members of the governing body or city employees. All directors are appointed to a two-year term under 4B. There is no city residency requirement for 4B directors in cities with fewer than 20,000 population as long as the director is a resident of the county in which the majority of the city is located. The board of directors authorized under 4A and 4B serves at the pleasure of the governing body and must conduct meetings within the city's boundaries.

All council members were present, with the exception of Mayor Joey Thacker.

★ MC Matadors ★
vs.
★ Smyer Bobcats ★
Friday, there, 7:30 p.m.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Keeping cool in the Texas heat

The temperature in Texas is rising, and with high temps comes heat-related illness and even death. The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention.

Heat precautions include:

- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home, go to a mall or other public place with air conditioning.
- Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or shut in.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking certain prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.
- At first signs of heat illness—dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps—move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Health.



Jim and I enjoyed a fast and furious vacation last weekend to Las Vegas, Nevada. We went to visit my brother and family, my cousin and wife, and, of course, do some sight-seeing. If you have never been to Las Vegas, you need to go if you have the chance, just to see it. They don't know the meaning of the words, "Conserve Energy" there. A city of lights - everywhere. A 24-hour party town. It's really unbelievable. I just can't imagine living there. But my family members seem to like it there. It does have some really beautiful areas, and lots and lots to do. But it takes lots and lots of money. It's definitely one of those places that is "a nice place to visit, but you wouldn't want to live there." Or, I'll put it this way, I wouldn't want to live there. Do I sound like a country girl? Well, I guess that's what I am.

It was a nice get-away weekend. But it wasn't one of those restful vacations we all need from time to time. I'm still tired from my short, fast and furious vacation. It was so good to

visit with family members. Especially my little niece and nephew. My niece just turned 7 and my nephew is 5. We had not seen them in over a year. They had grown, but they were their same little sweet selves. I wanted to pack them in my suitcase and bring them home with me.

All the time we were there, we told them we were bringing them home with us. And they were ready and willing to go. But, when we were in the airport about to leave for home, we had to ride a shuttle to our gate. When we boarded the shuttle, they thought we were getting on the plane, and panicked. "Sissy, we don't really want to go to Texas on the plane. Is this the plane." I guess Mommie and Daddy come first! But, believe me, we are already thinking about when and how we can see them again.

I guess vacation season is winding down for this year. Can you believe Fall arrives next week? September 22 is the first day of Fall! Hallelujah! If only the weather would indicate such.



Do Gooders Club to sponsor Fall Bazaar October 14

The Do Gooders' club of Flomot will sponsor a Fall Bazaar, Saturday, October 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 4:00 p.m., at the Community Center in Flomot.

A large variety of arts and crafts, quilts of all sizes and designs, clothing, leather works, paintings, flea market items and jewelry will be available to the public.

A concession stand will be serving sandwiches, soft drinks and dessert goodies during the day.

Booths are available for \$10.00.

For more information contact B. Rogers, 806-469-5255; Suzie Shannon, 806-469-5357; Leona Degan, 806-469-5352.

All members of the club are selling chances for \$1.00 on a Winning Hands designed quilt. The name of the winner will be drawn at the bazaar and doesn't have to be present to win.

All profits from the bazaar and chances sold will be used for improvements at the Flomot Community Center.



James Martin and Kelly Trammel

Engagement announced

James Howard Martin, Jr. and Kelly Renee Trammel would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. They will marry on Saturday, September 23, 2000, at 4:00 in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Jayton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Jayton High School and attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She is the daughter of Pam Huddleston of Jayton and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Trammel of Jayton.

James is a graduate of Motley County High School. He is training to be a nurse's aid at Kent County Nursing Home in Jayton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Martin, Sr. of Matador and the grandson of Peggy Jane Martin of Saginaw, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Tilt of Carlsbad, California.

Sue Shannon presents program at Do Gooders' Club meeting

The Do Gooders Club met Tuesday afternoon, September 5, at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Sue Shannon of Roaring Springs presented a program on the art of quilting.

She gave demonstrations using rotary cutters, strip quilting and quilting patterns. She had different designed quilt tops with her. Highlight was a friendship quilt she had purchased in Floydada that was made by women in Flomot in 1934. Each block had the name of the woman who completed the quilt. Mrs. Shannon gave the quilt to the club and they have it on display at the Center.

Hostesses, Mesdames B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon and Barbara Payne, featured the color red with decor and service. The table was laid with a white cloth, a table runner depicting large red apples, and centered with

a red candle in crystal. The ladies served finger sandwiches, German chocolate cake squares with red fruit punch and iced tea.

Names were drawn for chances sold for a red aromatic candle in a metal basket, and Suzie Shannon was the lucky winner.

Mrs. Connie Franks, president, presided at the business meeting. They appointed committees in preparation for the club's Bazaar, Oct. 14.

Members attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, Mary Jo Calvert, Tommie Jo Cruse, Erma Washington, Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Edith Washington, Alma Shorter, Trula Martin, Waydette Clay, Christeen Gilbert, Judy Stark, Anna Beth Clay, Annie B. Cloyd and those previously mentioned. Guests were Mrs. Ernestine Payne and Mrs. Ruby King of Quitaque.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva

Tuesday Scramble
Sept. 5

Winners:
First, with a score of 29, were Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham and Geneva Wilson.

Second, with a score of 31, (play-off on card), were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker and Robin Darsey.

Alfred Barton got closest to pin on #3, 11' 6".

Others playing were Louise Barton, Ken Marshall, Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Roy Grundy and Gene Brannon.

Ladies Playday
September 5

Eighteen-hole players were Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, LaVoe Thacker and Olivia Barton.

Olivia and LaVoe won, most pars on even holes.

Nine-hole players were Nell Berryman, Mary Jones, Marihelen Wason and Olivia Barton.

No ball was given.

I am sorry that Nell's and Frances' names were omitted from last week's column.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Patricia Green, Edna Ruth Green, Beverly Witcher, and Marjorie King. Ruby McGuire coordinated the volunteers and had every day covered. We thank these and all our Friends who are so very willing to volunteer their time to keep the Library open for our patrons.

Happy Birthday!

Kenneth



New Texas Ornament

Motley County Librarian, Suzanne Abbott, is pictured here with the new, beautiful 2000 Texas Christmas ornament, now available for sale at the Library.

The Library also has past ornaments for sale, if you would like to have a complete set. The ornaments are on display at the Library.

We appreciate the donations to the Library by Roy and Joanie Stephens in memory of Madge Gunn and in memory of Forrest Campbell. These donations will make lasting memorials to these special people.

New books in the Library include Tom Clancy's newest, *The Bear and the Dragon*. This is a Jack Ryan novel, and it has 1028 pages of Ryan's adventures. We also have *Winter Solstice* by Rosamund Pilcher and Sandra Brown's *The Switch*.

The Texas Capitol Ornaments for 2000 are here. The new ornament sells for \$17.00, and the proceeds go the Library. We have a good supply of the ornaments for all five years. If you haven't started your collection yet, you can purchase all five ornaments here at the Library. The 1996-97-98, and 99 ornaments sell for \$16.00 each. These prices include tax. The ornaments make lovely gifts, not just for Christmas but for graduation, birthday, wedding or anniversary. The date on the ornaments makes a wonderful keepsake for a special occasion.

Betty Moore and Jo Scott have volunteered their time to keep the Library open on Mondays for many years. Earline Vaughn also helped on Mondays until she went to Austin for an extended visit. We appreciate the efforts of these three ladies very much. This summer, Betty took a vacation from her Monday Library work in order to keep (have fun with) her grandkids who visited a bunch.

We appreciate the ladies who helped out at the Library in Betty's place. These summertime, Monday helpers at the Library were Rita Groves, Winifred Lee, Gerry Jones,

Church of Christ

What: A Series of Bible Based Lectures for the Young Adults of our Area.

Where: MATADOR CHURCH OF CHRIST, Matador, Texas

With: Mike Crowley, Jr. of Modesto, CA

**When: Sunday, September 17
Wednesday, September 20**

**Sunday Bible Classes - 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.**

Monday evening through Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and all are invited to attend this series of Lectures designed to strengthen all of us, but with a special emphasis on dealing with the problems faced by young adults and their children

If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves.
—Carl Gustav Jung

"Faith is Beautiful"

Our great God wants our lives to be beautiful. The reason is simple. God is glorified by beautiful things. A life lived in faith is a beautiful thing. I speak of that inner beauty that reveals itself in gracious character and good conduct. A beauty which is the result of close contact with the Scriptures.

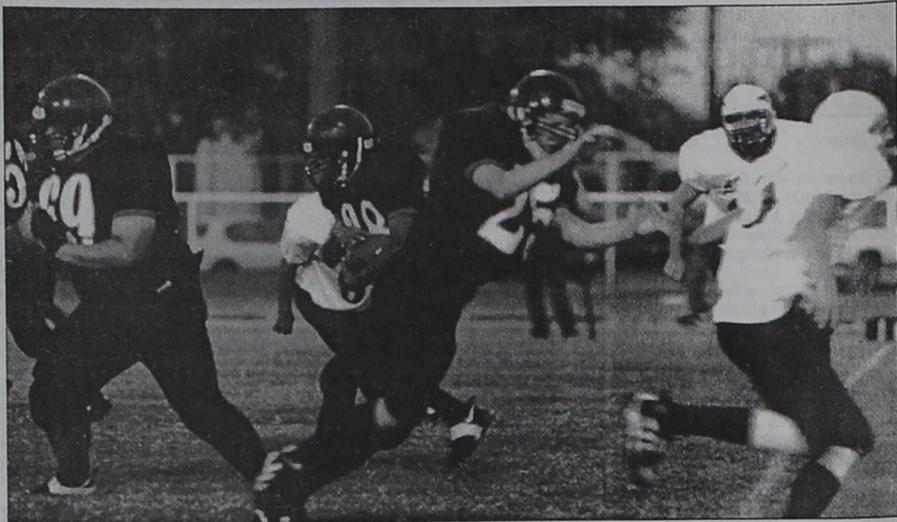
The inner beauty is not something which comes easily or automatically. But rather it is the result of the difficult process of living this life by faith. The beauty of which we speak can never be purchased at the cosmetic counter or at the beauty shop. It comes from within the heart. A heart which finds its beat in the Son of God. How do we access this inner beauty?

The first step for us is to become a child of God, a Christian. This allows God to cleanse us from the ugliness of sin and to fill us with the beauty of holiness that is found in Jesus. The beauty of Jesus will captivate those who place their trust in Him and who will obey Him. Those who believe in Jesus and who live according to His word will have the inner beauty that glorifies our God.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96FM
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Hints for the Homeowner

- To hammer in a nail without splitting plaster or drywall, drop the nail in a pot of boiling water for 15 seconds, drain, remove and hammer in.
- Keep apple and banana slices from turning brown by placing them on a plate containing a small amount of lemon-lime soft drink.
- To silence creaky floors, sprinkle talcum powder between the floorboards.
- To keep the bathroom mirror fog-free after a shower, clean it regularly with shaving cream instead of glass cleaner.
- A little rubbing alcohol on a rag will remove felt-tip ink stains from kitchen countertops. Hair spray removes ink from most fabrics.



Motley County Matadors, Julio Davila, #69, and Chris Paul, #25, block for the ball carrier, Ysef Alvarado, center, during last Friday night's game against Meadow. The Matadors lost that game, 21-7. They will face the Smyer Bobcats this Friday night, there, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Motley County School News



What's to Eat?



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Burritos, Tossed Salad, Corn on the Cob, Salsa, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Pickles, French Fries, Orange Slices, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Veggie Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Potato Chips, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Breakfast: Cereal, Donuts, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Fruit Cobbler, Milk.

Motley County Matadors 2000 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 15	Smyer	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 **	Lorenzo	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Anton	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 *	Kress	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 *	Munday	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 *	Aspermont	Here	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3 *	Knox City	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 *	Crowell	Here	7:30 p.m.

* District Games
 ** Homecoming

Jr. High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 14	Smyer	Here	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Lorenzo	There	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Anton	Here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Kress	Here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 *	Paducah	There	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 *	Munday	Here	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 *	Aspermont	There	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 2 *	Knox City	Here	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 9 *	Crowell	There	5:00 p.m.

Cross Country Schedule

September 23: At Copper Breaks, 14 miles south of Quanah on Hwy. 6. Beginning at 10 a.m. with Jr. High Boys and Girls together continuing with J.V., Varsity Girls, J.V. and Varsity boys together. Medals to the top 10 Jr. High individuals and top 15 Varsity individuals.

September 26: VARSITY ONLY, at Jayton, Kent County Golf Course, 2 miles west of Jayton, beginning at 4:00 p.m., with Jr. High Boys and Girls, Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys.

October 7: At Spur, beginning at the weight room, just below the football field. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. with Jr. High Boys and Girls together, J.V. and Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys. Medals to the top 3 individuals in each division.

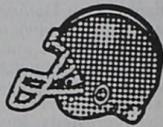
October 28: DISTRICT at Spur.

November 4: REGIONALS at the University of Texas, Arlington.

 Performance solves problems. Attitude doesn't.
 —Dr. James Loehrer



Football Sports Page will begin next week!



If you would like to have your name included on the page, please call our office at 347-2400

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Office of National Drug Control Policy

TODAY'S TOP TEN CAREERS*

1. WEB SITE MANAGERS
2. ACTUARIES
3. COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS
4. SOFTWARE/HARDWARE ENGINEERS
5. MATHEMATICIANS
6. COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS
7. ACCOUNTANTS
8. INDUSTRIAL DESIGNERS
9. HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS
10. WEB DEVELOPERS

*Adapted from the overall rankings of 1999 Jobs Rated Almanac DeVry Institutes' Success Fundamentals workshop

WORD of GOD

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3:11, 12

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 Sept. 15, 16 & 17

Who Gets The

House
 Rated G

Concessions Available

Drive-in opens at 8:00 p.m.

Show starts at 9:15 p.m.

Adults - \$4.00

806-423-1166

12 & Under - \$2.00



Eric Green won "Best of Show" at Kids Fest 2000 held August 12 at the Garza County Historical Museum. Eric's entry was a pencil drawing entitled "Picasso", pictured left.

Grandson wins "Best of Show"

Eric Green, grandson of Betty Bearden of Matador, recently won "Best of Show" honors for his pencil drawing of "Picasso," at the Kids 'N' Art annual youth art show held in conjunction with Kids Fest 2000 at the Garza County Historical Museum. Eric also won honorable mention

in the Landscape and Structure, Portrait, Miniature, Animal/Fowl/ and Caricatures categories.

Eric is the son of Jackie and Rickey Green of Tahoka. He is also the grandson of Ted and Nelta Green of Plainview.

A Note of Thanks

Letter of appreciation from the family of Pauline Hand

Thanks to all our cherished friends for your outpouring of love and support for mother, dad, and our entire family during the progression of her illness. Thanks for your thoughts, prayers, and continual acts of kindness and support over what would turn out to be nineteen months of emotional highs and lows. We seemed to repeatedly find ourselves a step behind her aggressively spreading disease. We all hoped and prayed for the best as we knew God's will would prevail.

Thanks to the very special nurses of home health care who provided such gentle and caring support as mother began needing assistance with the little things we all take for granted. Thanks to the neighbor who built a special bird feeder and positioned it perfectly to bring beautiful migratory birds to mother's picture window when she could no longer get outside to enjoy them.

Thanks to all who called and came by as she was hospitalized for the final six weeks and a day of her life. The voices and visits of lifelong friends always cheered her up and helped her through yet another day. She cherished visits from the pastors she loved, the readings of scriptures, and singing and listening to old hymns which provided such spiritual uplifting.

As someone from our immediate family was with her the entire time, we all drew strength from this outpouring of love and encouragement from all her faithful friends and neighbors. What a blessing this time with her turned out to be and what a legacy and testimony she provides for us.

Thanks to all who continually sent cards, flowers, and words of inspiration. We were especially touched by each carefully selected message, and the beautifully hand painted cards and bird house made from a gourd that were crafted, painted, and autographed by the loved members of the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club. Her spirit was renewed as she read each and every card before they were stapled to the wall before her. The wall was completely covered and the bird house hung from the traction bar above her bed. She frequently reached for it as it was often the focus of her attention.

Thanks to all who provided so much of what Dad needed while traveling back and forth to Lubbock by himself each day throughout her hospitalization. Thanks to all those who lovingly prepared and provided wonderful meals from this discovery of her illness through the day of her funeral service. Thanks to the pastors, churches, congregations, musicians, pall bearers, and all the incredible friends who came together to honor our wife, our mother, and our family in such a beautiful way.

Thanks for the incredible display of flowers that seemed to fill the sanctuary and remind us of the extraordinary beauty of life and the magnificent days to come. Mother's love of flowers and natural things of beauty are second only to her love of God, her family, and her love for all of you.

In our loss we are confidently reminded that what the caterpillar calls the end, God calls a butterfly! Thanks so very much and God Bless you all.

Billy Hand and the families of Trudy, Kelly, Bonita, and Kim

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Letter to the Editor

To: Motley County ISD Board of Trustees and Residents of Motley County

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the article in the School News section of the Motley County Tribune of September 7, 2000 wherein the Motley County ISD School Board requested a survey to determine the reasons for the large number of students transferring to other schools.

I congratulate the Board for initiating this action but wonder why the school administration had to be directed to do so and why it has taken so long. This trend started some four to five years ago with not only transfers but also increases in home-schooled children. Being very interested in seeing that the students in Motley County receive the best possible education and as a concerned resident and tax payer I am of the opinion that the board members themselves should find the time to obtain first-hand information by contacting all the parents and students in question. The board members are elected to represent the members of the community and to ensure that the educational program meets the needs of the community, and that means students, residents, and local businesses.

In general terms, I think it is safe to say that Motley County ISD is experiencing the same exodus of students as Lubbock ISD. Students are transferring from schools with low performance records to those who have aggressively upgraded their academic curriculums, such as honor programs, dual credit and/or college credit courses.

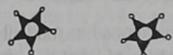
I would further suggest that parents and/or students who have graduated in the past three to four years from Motley County ISD, especially those still enrolled in college, be interviewed in regard to their opinions relative to the quality of the academic programs and education they have received. At the same time suggestions could be solicited for improving weak areas.

As stated in the beginning, I commend the Board for taking this action, but I still wonder (as it was common knowledge early on that a large number of students would be transferring) why this investigation was not done prior to the approval of contract extensions and pay raises.

Many of you will have a different view on this subject and should you wish to offer your opinion in either phone calls or letter form, please have the fortitude to identify yourselves and I will be happy to discuss our differences.

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by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Home Economics



THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY TO AMERICANS
Americans place strong emphasis on the family -- but are they actually practicing what they preach?

Some experts believe that there's a huge gap between what Americans say about their family and what they actually do. People say that the family takes priority over everything, yet most people are concerned about what they're personally getting out of their marriages.

Traditional family relationships are in trouble. People are less likely to tolerate unsatisfactory marriages. About two out of three marriages that began this year are expected to end in divorce if current rates continue.

Although, the importance people attach to marital happiness has increased, achieving marital happiness has become less likely.

Happy family life seems to be the key to overall happiness. But a poor marriage may be worse than no marriage at all.

The connection between strong family ties and overall happiness indicates that family should be more important than anything else. However, many Americans will sacrifice traditional family ties for activities they claim are less important.

Surveys indicate that ideas about the family are changing. Economic, technological and demographic trends contribute to the gap between professed family values and life choices.

The media also plays a role, emphasizing negative trends and events of American family life. People also are unwilling to admit that there are problems within their own families.

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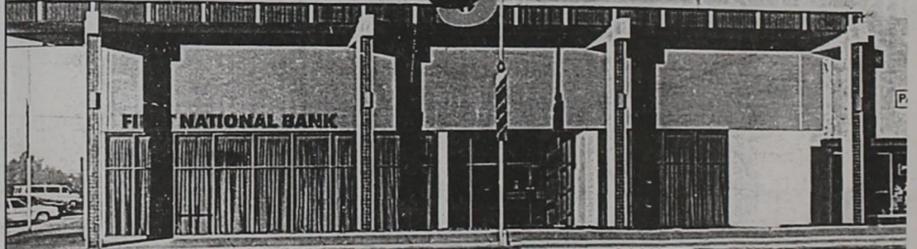
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Ag Appropriations Crop Loss Assistance

High on the list of "To-Do" items for Congress this September is the naming of conferees to work out a final Agriculture Appropriations package for the 2001 fiscal year that begins October 1.

In addition to Agriculture several other appropriations bills are also unfinished and could set the stage for development of a single Omnibus Bill to include all the appropriations bills not yet finalized.

Informally, work has probably already begun and Ag Appropriations conferees should be officially named very soon.

Once that step is completed, staff and the Committee members themselves can get down to the business of reconciling the House and Senate appropriations bills into a single document.

One key item that is sure to be discussed at great length is the fate of some \$450 million that was included in the Senate's version to fund a 2000 Crop Loss Assistance Program (CLA).

As a result of the quick decline in crop prospects across the nation over the past month there is some speculation that additional funds will likely be allocated to the Crop Loss Assistance Program.

The possibility exists that eventually the 2000 CLA program could be funded at a level similar to what was provided in 1999. CLA payments in 1999 totaled about \$1.5 billion.

Either way, it appears that additional help will be on its way to producers hit again by drought and other adverse situations.

High Plains Pre-harvest Activities Gearing Up

It's not a common sight yet, but cotton strippers are already beginning to roll into some High Plains cotton fields. More common now are airplanes taking to the sky to apply a first round of harvest aid materials to a rapidly maturing crop.

This first trickle of cotton has been coming primarily from early

planted, dryland acreage that got a jump on the season. These fields were able to set and hold bolls before beneficial June moisture completely gave out in July and August.

The results so far hold promise for other early planted dryland fields. Irrigated fields on the other hand continue to look good even though yields may not be able to keep pace with expenses at the end of the year.

So far irrigated producers have dealt with steadily increasing fuel and electricity costs on top of ongoing battles against worms, weevils and aphids.

Weather permitting, however, the harvest season is primed for a quick start and an early conclusion as fields have matured rapidly. Generally speaking, that could be the best thing to happen for many reasons.

A short harvest season will cut short the chances for weather and insect related quality losses, reduce expenditures in active boll weevil eradication zones and possibly restrict the ability of blossoming weevil populations in non-active zones to fully prepare for the winter.

Once it is all said and done a summary of the 2000 crop will probably recount how the crop promised much and disappointed many before even making it to the gin.

A short, efficient harvest period would go a long way toward ending the "Farmer Fatigue" that etches the faces of producers across the High Plains.

September Event Calendar

September 14: Avenis FiberMax Field Day at Avenis Research Site, at intersection FM 40 and FM 1729, 4 miles east of Lubbock.

Monsanto Center of Excellence Tour, Ag-Cares, Lamesa.
September 19: Floyd County Crop Tour.

September 27: Crosby County Harvest Aid/Variety Tour.

September 28: Paymaster Field Day, Hale Center.

Contact the appropriate county Extension office or company to get additional details.



News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

Hormone May Be Early Livestock Disease Marker

Agricultural Research Service scientists have found that a recently discovered hormone could act as an indicator of disease stress in livestock. This hormone marker could make it easier to keep some contamination out of meat processing as well as save producers money. Increases in this hormone appear to be associated with some forms of infection in cattle, goats, pigs, and sheep. The hormone is a naturally occurring amino acid peptide produced in many tissues, including lung, kidney and heart. It is involved in many physiological and pathological processes. In experiments, calves that harbored internal parasites had more of the hormone in their pancreatic tissue and blood than healthy calves. Livestock producers may be able to use a test based on higher hormone levels as a screening marker, indicating animals that may not be acceptable for meat processing.

Safe Pest Control

Repairing broken screens, caulking window seals and changing a few light bulbs can save homeowners a few headaches in dealing with insects. The dry summer weather has left many insects searching for moisture in our homes and gardens, but homeowners and gardeners should think twice before using kill-all methods like insecticides and bug zappers.

Most insects have no effect on our lives and many are even beneficial. There is only a small percentage of those insects out there that are actually pests. Bug zappers should not be used because they kill beneficial insects as well as pests. The best way to deal with pests is to keep them from entering the home.

Weather stripping and caulking around the doors and windows should be the primary way to keep pests out of your home. Changing to non-ultraviolet light bulbs will also keep bugs away. If insects do get in the home, sticky traps and fly paper are safe alternatives to insecticides.

Proper Maintenance Key Principle In Reducing Irrigation Requirements

Proper maintenance is a key principle in reducing irrigation requirements in the landscape. Maintenance practices, such as mulching, mowing and fertilizing greatly impact the water efficiency of any landscape, as well as the landscape's ability to survive a drought.

Field Day focuses on crops, livestock, water

Farmers can learn more about relay strip cropping as a means of pest control at a Sept. 28 field day on the Smith Farm near Munday. In relay strip cropping, producers plant a series of crops in strips to provide food and shelter for beneficial insects during the winter and spring.

By interspersing strips of vetch, canola or grain sorghum amongst their cotton, producers can provide a continuum of suitable habitats for beneficial predatory insects that later move into adjacent cotton during the summer. These beneficials then prey on cotton pests during the growing season.

Dr. Jeff Slosser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist based at Vernon, will outline relay strip cropping research conducted on the Rolling Plains at the field day.

"Our researchers and Extension specialists will present a wealth of crops and livestock information at this event. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the program begins at 9 a.m.," said Galen Chandler, Texas Agricultural Extension Service district agriculture director for the Rolling Plains. "The Smith Farm is 2.6 miles east of Munday on U.S. Hwy. 277, and about 1/2 mile south on County Road 4780."

"Our noon speaker is Wyman Meinzer, wildlife writer and photographer. He will share a slide show and review his new book *Rivers and Ranches of Texas*, after a complimentary lunch. There is no charge to attend."

The 9 to 10 a.m. morning session will focus on livestock production and grazing alternatives utilizing wheat and cool-season grasses, Dr. Bill Pinchak, Texas A&M associate professor of range animal nutrition, Vernon; water districts update, State Rep. Rick Hardcastle, Vernon; and conservation tillage, Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas A&M professor of systems agronomy and weed science, Lubbock.

The field day will also include a crops tour hosted by several Extension specialists and research scientists. Tour presentations will focus on cotton tillage, cropping systems, cotton varieties, BT cotton seeding rates, and insect pests. Producers can earn three Continuing Education Units (CEUs), including one in laws and regulations, by attending this

Research at Texas A&M University has shown that unmulched soil may lose twice as much water to evaporation as mulched soil. Mulch is a layer of material covering the soil surface around plants. Mulches can be organic materials, such as shredded bark, compost and wood chips; or inorganic materials, such as lava rock, limestone and woven plastic.

Use a mulch wherever possible. A good mulch preserves soil moisture, prevents soil compaction, keeps soil temperatures more moderate and reduces weed populations. In case weeds do get a start, they are much easier to pull if a mulch has been used.

Organic mulches will decompose and sometimes wash away, so make checks regularly and replacements when necessary.

In addition to mulching, other maintenance practices help save water in the landscape. Mowing turfgrass at the proper height helps conserve moisture. For example, the optimum height to mow St. Augustine grass for water conservation is three inches. The typical mowing height is two to two and one-half inches. However, the taller height promotes a deeper, more water efficient root system. Taller grass acts like a living mulch, shading the ground, thus reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. Also, grass that is allowed to grow taller grows slower; therefore, needing less water and mowing.

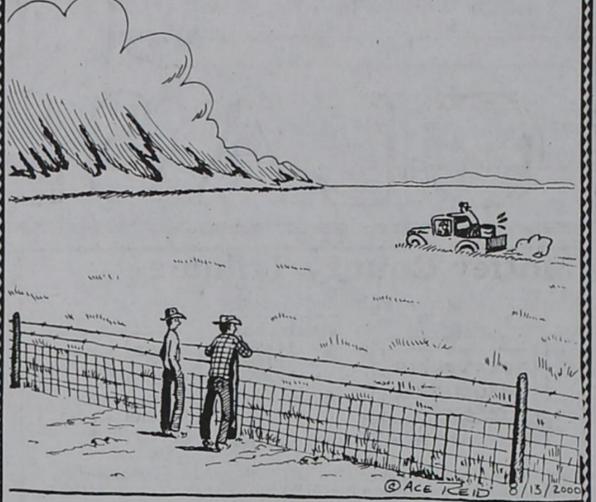
Another maintenance practice that adds to the efficient use of water by plants is proper fertilization. Applying fertilizer to the lawn at the proper time and in the proper amount can save time, effort and money through reduced mowing and watering. Fertilizers can also be a major source of pollution of streams and groundwater if excessive amounts are applied.

Fertilize the lawn once in spring and again in fall to produce a beautiful turf without excess growth which demands frequent watering. Use a slow-release form of nitrogen in spring and a quick release form in fall. Apply only one pound of actual nitrogen fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of lawn at one time. By using this fertilizer schedule, no other fertilizer is needed for most shrubs and trees in the lawn area.

Other cultural practices that add to the efficient use of water by plants are periodic checks of the irrigation system, properly-timed insect and disease control and elimination of water demanding weeds.

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Spraying a field costs the Foundation \$4.00 per acre. With fewer applications throughout the duration of the program, the financial burden becomes lighter and assessments to cotton producers will terminate sooner.

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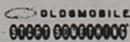
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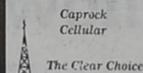
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