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First Baptist Church Choir to present Easter Cantata

The Choir of the First Baptist Church of Matador will present their annual Easter Cantata, Easter Sunday, April 15, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The special musical, "Calvary's Story - the Message of Sins, Forgiven and Forgotten," is a beautiful selection of songs, old and new.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service. Although no nursery will be provided, children are welcome to attend.

Second Annual Flomot Bluegrass Festival set for April 20, 21, 22

Washington Cattle Company of Flomot will sponsor the Second Annual Bluegrass Festival, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 20, 21 and 22, on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. The official show will begin on stage at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21. The show continues until 11:00 p.m. on both nights. Tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$10 each day.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning there will be a short devotional by Nathan Mueller, pastor of the Flomot Baptist Church, followed by gospel music until noon. Sunday events are free.

The main stage will be outside on the west end of the Community Center gym. In the event of bad weather, the festival will move into the gym. Spectators are asked to bring their lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Nine bands will be playing during the festival. The bands playing on both Friday and Saturday include Yellowhouse Shortgrass, Red River, Now and Again, Pecos Valley Bluegrass, Rocky Creek, and Sundown. The South Plains College Band will play on Friday only. Buddy and Tina Wright & Co. will join in the fun on Saturday. But the official bands are just half of the fun. All over the festival grounds will be groups playing and jamming at all hours. Everyone

that plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. Even if you just like to listen, you are welcome to wander the grounds and listen to the various groups.

The festival is an event that the entire family can enjoy. In addition to the music on Friday there will be food booths and arts and crafts. On Saturday there will be a car show, a square dancers exhibition and a barbecue added to the festival. The barbecue will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be catered by Leslie Pigg of the Sportsman at Quitaque. Tickets to the barbecue can be purchased at the gate.

The emcee will be Bill Myrick from Odessa. Bill is a long time bluegrass personality. He played with Bill Monroe in the fifties and currently has a bluegrass radio program on an Odessa radio station. Frank Cleveland will again provide the sound from Lawn, Texas. Frank is one of the best bluegrass soundmen around.

A large group of Rv'ers is expected to start arriving on Wednesday, April 18, at the RV Park in Flomot. RV parking is \$7.00 per night with a festival ticket purchase. Tickets are \$10 each day with children 12 and under admitted free. Everyone is admitted free on Sunday.

For more information call 806-469-5278 or chase down Seab or Max Washington.

Senior Citizens board meets with Commissioners

Board members of the Motley County Senior Citizens organization met with Commissioners Court, Monday, April 9, at their regular session, to discuss future plans for serving meals. The organization plans to serve meals Monday through Friday of each week. Board members are working with SPAG with this project. Board members present were Jerry Green, Wilburn Martin, Lucretia Campbell, Loys Campbell and Frances Hobbs.

On motion by Judge Price and a second by Commissioner Turner, the Court elected to pay the insurance on the Senior Citizens building and contents for a period beginning April 13, 2001 to April 13, 2002, in the amount of \$583.00, to Germania Insurance Company.

Commissioners also discussed Motley County's intent to contract with a depository bank. Roy G. Hobbs, President of the First State Bank of Matador, submitted a bid and a request that the First State Bank of Matador, be designated as the depository bank for the funds of Motley County for the coming term.

On motion by Commissioner Fletcher and a second by Commissioner Turner, the Court elected to accept First State Bank of Matador as the depository bank for the funds of Motley County. The motion carried

with Commissioners Turner, Jameson, Fletcher and Judge Price voting in favor of Commissioner Davis abstained, as he is a member of the board of directors of the bank.

A mandate from the Texas Legislature to appoint a Victim Assistant Coordinator was discussed. Texas Criminal Code, Section 56.04, requested funding to pay a Motley County Crime Assistant Coordinator. Commissioners discussed an amount to be paid per month for this position. This item was tabled.

Jeffrey Rainbolt, with the National Family Care Life Insurance, met with the court to discuss payroll deduction for payment of insurance premiums for Motley County employees. Court elected to allow payroll deductions from the employees salary for insurance premiums.

Reports were reviewed and approved from the Motley County Treasurer, Tax Assessor/Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent, and Library. Bills were reviewed and approved. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Attending the meeting were County Judge Laverna M. Price; Ronald Davis, Precinct #1; Donnie L. Turner, Precinct #2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct #3; J.N. Fletcher, Precinct #4; and County Clerk, Lucretia Campbell.



EASTER PRACTICE — Hannah Mason, left, and Macie Marshall, were practicing their egg hunting techniques when these pictures were taken. They, along with children everywhere, are anxiously awaiting the Easter Bunny's arrival on Sunday. Hannah is the daughter of Wes and Elizabeth Mason and Macie is the daughter of Brent and Jana Marshall, all of Matador.

Superintendent reports on students' success to School Board members

Motley County Superintendent, Rick Copp, reported much success for Motley County students when he gave his informational report to the School Board during their regular meeting, April 9. Mr. Copp gave athletic results for Girls Golf - First in District, Regional Qualifiers, Brooke Decker, Rachelle Renfro, Leigha Burns, Cassie Campbell, and Stachia Baxter. The boys received 2nd place in the District Golf meet. Regional qualifiers are Casey Lawrence, Brad Baxter, Chris Paul, Ben Ridgley, and Brandon Lee.

In Tennis, the girls placed first in district and the boys placed second. Regional qualifiers are: Boys Doubles, Tony Salazar and Brandon Moore; Girls Doubles, Ashley Stevens and Leigha Burns, Denise Shannon and Brittany Donaldson. Girls' Singles, Kayla Copp.

Junior High Track, Boys placed second and Girls placed fifth in District. High School boys placed second in the District Track Meet and the girls placed 3rd. Area qualifiers are Jermaine Hendrix, Tony Salazar, Ben Ridgley, Clint Cooper, Scott

Jones, Casey Lawrence, Ysef Alvarado, Brittany Donaldson, Shandra Jones, Rebecca Morris, Courtney Hays, Denise Shannon, and Brenda Gillespie.

Denise Shannon played in the Golden Triangle All-Star Basketball game at Amarillo, April 5, 6, and 7.

Mr. Copp also reported that Ashley Stevens was chosen as a South Plains College Cheerleader.

The One Act Play performed on March 22. All-Star Cast went to Leigha Burns and Charity Bartlett. Honorable Mention All-Star Cast

went to Benjamin Ridgley and Dumont Darsey.

Academic UIL Regional Qualifiers were as follows: Science Team, 1st, Clint Cooper, Leigha Burns, and Chantry Meyer; Math, Leigha Burns, first; Spelling, Dumont Darsey, 1st.

Mr. Copp reported that preliminary TAAS results for the Exit Test have been received. There was a 100% passing rate for the reading and a 94% passing rate for Math. Writing scores have not been received.

The Horse Judging Team and the

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Roaring Springs City Council approves paying yearly Trapper fee

The Roaring Springs City Council voted unanimously to pay a fee of \$500 for one year to the County Trapper's Association when they met for their regular meeting, March 19, 2001. James Gillespie of Matador attended the meeting to represent the County Trappers Association and explain the set fee for farmers, ranchers and cities. James Timmons, County Trapper, was present to explain what his job consists of. Mr. Timmons explained that his time spent in the city of Roaring Springs will determine how many complaints he receives.

City Secretary Zella Palmer said that if residents of Roaring Springs have a problem with skunks, etc., they should call City Hall, 348-7231, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, and she will contact Mr. Timmons.

Other items discussed at the

meeting included complaints received about the swings at the City Park. After discussion, Council decided that Water Manager Robert Osborn will examine the swings and do any needed repairs.

The Council also discussed distributing dumpsters over the city so that 4 or 5 houses could share one dumpster. The council agreed that it would cost too much, per household, to distribute the dumpsters over the city.

Council approved the minutes of the February 19 meeting and voted to pay bills.

Council members present were Corky Marshall, Kelly Keltz, Venita Sedgwick and Gary Simpson. Also present were City Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Zella Palmer. Mayor Joey Thacker and Council member James Adams were absent.

Ashley Stevens selected as South Plains Cheerleader



Ashley Stevens

Ashley Stevens, a Motley County High School Senior, has been selected to be on the South Plains College Texan Cheerleader Squad for the 2001-02 school year.

Ashley was among 25 other young women trying out for the squad, Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, at South Plains College in Levelland.

Ashley will graduate in May and will major in Communications/Law at SPC.

She is the daughter of Betty Stevens of Matador and Steve Stevens of Childress. Grandparents are John V. Stevens of Abilene and the late Helen Stevens; Dorothy Hamilton of Paducah and the late Homer Hamilton.

RS Community Volunteers to sponsor Easter Egg Hunt

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Prizes will be given in two age groups. All children of the county are invited to participate in this fun activity.



Rodeo Queen contestants sought for 2001 Old Settlers celebration

Motley -Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association is seeking candidates for the 2001 Queen's Contest. Enthusiastic and entrepreneurial young ladies, age ten and up, will be eligible to earn recognition, incentives and awards by selling tickets to a Burl Perkins handmade saddle to be given away at the Old Settlers Reunion on August 23-25. The more tickets the girls sell, the more they

can earn. The winning candidate will be crowned in a special ceremony during the rodeo of the three-day celebration.

For more information, girls or their parents may contact President Truitt Read (347-2837), Secretary Marisue Potts (787-0592), or other board members: Bill Smith, Wayne Smith, Bob Forbis, Russell Alexander, Corky Marshall, and Mike Jones.



I received the following, very touching story from a friend of mine. In observance of Easter, I thought it was the appropriate time to share it with my readers. I hope you all have a wonderful, blessed Easter holiday.

THE EMPTY EGG

Jerry was born with a twisted body and a slow mind. At the age of 12 he was still in second grade, seemingly unable to learn. His teacher Mrs. Miller, often became exasperated with him. He would squirm in his seat, drool, and make grunting noises. At other times, he spoke clearly and distinctly, as if a spot of light had penetrated the darkness of his brain. Most of the time, however, Jerry just irritated his teacher.

One day she called his parents and asked them to come in for a consultation. As the boy's parents entered the empty classroom, Mrs. Miller said to them, "Jerry really belongs in a special school. It isn't fair to him to be with younger children who don't have learning problems. Why, there is a five year gap between his age and that of the older students."

Jerry's mother cried softly in a tissue, while her husband spoke. "Mrs. Miller," he said, "there is no school of that kind nearby. It would be a terrible shock for Jerry if we had to take him out of this school. We know he really likes it here."

Mrs. Miller sat for a long time after they had left, staring at the snow outside the window. Its coldness seemed to seep into her soul. She wanted to sympathize with the boy's parents. After all, their only child had a terminal illness. But it wasn't fair to keep him in her class. She had 18 other youngsters to teach, and Jerry was a distraction. Furthermore, he would never learn to read and write. Why waste any more time trying?

As she pondered the situation, guilt washed over her. Here I am complaining when my problems are nothing compared to that poor family, she thought. Lord, please help me to be more patient with Jerry.

From that day on, she tried hard to ignore Jerry's noises and his blank stares. Then one day, he limped to her desk, dragging his bad leg behind him. "I love you, Mrs. Miller," he exclaimed, loud enough for the whole class to hear. The other students snickered, and Mrs. Miller's face burned red. She slammered, "Why that's very nice, Jerry, now please take your seat."

Spring came, and the children talked excitedly about the coming of Easter. Mrs. Miller told them the story of Jesus, and then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg.

"Now," she said to them. "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you un-

derstand?" "Yes, Mrs. Miller," the children responded enthusiastically, all except for Jerry. He listened intently; his eyes never left her face. He did not even make his usual noises. Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment? Perhaps she should call his parents and explain the project to them.

That evening, Mrs. Miller's kitchen sink stopped up, she called the landlord and waited an hour for him to come by and unclog it. After that, she still had to shop for groceries, iron a blouse, and prepare a vocabulary test for the next day. She completely forgot about phoning Jerry's parents.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in the large wicker basket on Mrs. Miller's desk. After they completed their reading lesson, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Mrs. Miller found a flower. "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life," she said. "When plants peek through the ground, we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arm. "That's my egg, Mrs. Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a butterfly, which looked very real. Mrs. Miller held it up. "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that's new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Mrs. Miller, that one is mine." Next, Mrs. Miller found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Billy spoke up from the back of the classroom, "My daddy helped me," he beamed.

Then Mrs. Miller opened the fourth egg. She gasped. The egg was empty. Surely it must be Jerry's she thought, and of course, he did not understand her instructions. If only she had not forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set the egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly, Jerry spoke up, "Mrs. Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg? Flustered, Mrs. Miller replied, "But Jerry, your egg is empty." He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too."

Time stopped. When she could speak again, Mrs. Miller asked him, "Do you know why the tomb was empty?" "Oh, yes," Jerry said, "Jesus was killed and put in there. Then His Father raised Him up."

The recess bell rang. While the children excitedly ran out to the school yard, Mrs. Miller cried. The cold inside her melted completely away.

Three months later, Jerry died. Those who paid their respects at that mortuary were surprised to see 19 eggs on top of his casket...all of them empty.



Health Screening Clinic held at Do Gooders Club

A Health Screening Clinic sponsored by the Do Gooders' Club was held at the Flomot Community Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 3. The Covenant Home Health Care nurses, Kathy Fuston of Quitaque and Christina Ascencio of Floydada were in charge of the medical tests.

Sparkling springtime color and Easter decor brightened the Community building. Pastel cloths covered the tables, adorable bunny rabbits, colorful eggs, candles and a beautiful red bud blossom bouquet were on display. Hostesses, Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter and Nada Starkey presided at a buffet luncheon and served iced tea and coffee. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert brought her savory

homemade rolls.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon conducted a short business meeting. They made plans to mow the grass and clean the outside location of the Community Center.

Adding to the Springtime cheer, they exchanged April Fool Day gifts. The name of Mrs. Waydette Clay was drawn for the Gerber Daisy plant in a beautifully crafted basket.

Members attending were Mesdames Tommie Jo Cruse, Trula Martin, Barbara Payne, Geneva Martin, Connie Franks, Leona Degan, Edith Washington, Anna Beth Clay, B. Rogers, Erma Washington, Christine Gilbert and those mentioned above. Guest was Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton.



The Motley County Arts and Crafts club enjoyed a stupendous day, April 2, at their regular meeting, held at the Senior Citizens Center.

President Joy Archer called a business meeting at 10:00 a.m. and many were the items on the agenda. New officers were elected; plans for work for the Fall Bazaar programs and plans were made and the date was set.

The workshop was taught by Joy. It was enjoyable. The members were enthusiastic over the pretty angels made from glass ornaments. The results were great. Watch for these at the Bazaar. The angels will add to any arrangement for Christmas or otherwise. They are bright and colorful.

The covered dish luncheon was tasteful and plentiful.

Donalda Letkeman, our Canadian member, brought her art work she made during her stay here for the winter. It was lovely indeed, a very great accomplishment for her. She studied under Betty Henry and Teresa Whitaker. She also said "goodbye" for the summer and presented each member a new Canadian nickel to treasure. The members are expecting her back for the October meeting and to participate

in our Fall Bazaar.

The present panel of officers retained their offices. President Joy Archer; Vice-President, Loys Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Vee Gordon; Reporter, Winifred Darsey; telephone committee, Dorothy Knight and Joyce Meredith.

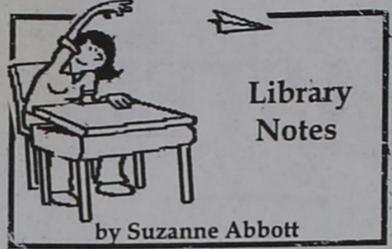
The hostesses for the day were Kathryn Russell, Joy Archer and Lorene Lancaster.

The luncheon table was decorated for the Easter season with rabbits, eggs, baskets, a blue tablecloth, an assortment of ceramic, alabaster, and marble eggs. A beautiful white rabbit skin and a gorgeous Emu egg were displayed on a gilded easel. They were a work of art themselves.

The date for the Fall Bazaar is November 17, and will be a Saturday. Make plans to attend.

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Geraldine Key, Billie Koon, Lorene Lancaster, Leola McKelvey, Joyce Meredith, Gerri Jones, Kathryn Russell, Donalda Letkeman, Betty Simpson and Winifred Darsey.

Lorene will teach a painting class at the May meeting. Bring a sack lunch.



We appreciate the donation to the library in memory of J.C. Martin. We thank Lucretia Campbell for this lasting memorial.

We have a cute new book for kids. It is called *Emma's Yucky Brother* and it was written by Jean Little. An added bonus to this book is that it is an "I Can Read Book," so if you have a fledgling reader, he or she will enjoy reading this book about a brother and sister. You will enjoy sitting with your young reader and listening to the story.

Coming soon to the Motley County Library — E-Books. The "E" stands for "Electronic," which means you read the book on the computer. Now don't picture someone sitting in front of the computer reading *War and Peace*. That's not what the E-Books are all about. The E-Books are mainly reference books and how-to books.

I learned all about E-Books when I went to the Librarian's Workshop last week in Lubbock. We were told that nationwide the most popular E-Books for the last two months have been, first, *The Idiot's Guide to Playing the Guitar*, and second, *The Idiot's Guide to Planning a Wedding*.

The State Library of Texas has purchased 5,600 of these E-Books, and as part of the state system, the Motley County Library patrons will be eligible to use them. Watch the Tribune for more information.

Thanks to all who attended yesterday's Easter Hat Tea Party at the library. I hope everyone had a good time. Special thanks go to our hostesses, Marihelen Wason and Freida Burns for all their good food and hard work.

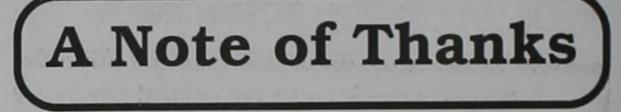
The Library will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday. We will be open at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 16.



THURSDAY LADIES PLAYDAY
April 5
18 hole players were Louise Barton, LaVoe Thacker, and Olivia Barton. Louise won the ball, most bogies on even holes.
Nine hole players were

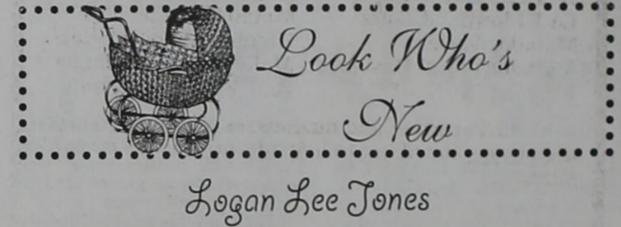
Marihelen Wason, Mary Lou Williams, Frances Hobbs and Nell Berryman.

Marihelen and Nell tied for most bogies on even holes. Each won a ball.



I would like to thank everyone for the cards, words of concern, and especially your prayers during my illness and hospitalization. God bless you.

Kenneth Ashley



Lee and Misty Jones of Wichita Falls, would like to announce the arrival of their son, Logan Lee. He was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at 5:40 p.m. in United Regional Health Care hospital in Wichita Falls.

Logan weighed 9 pounds 7 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerry and Shane Jones of Matador and Billy and Cory Easter of Abernathy.

Great grandparents are Bill and Mary Jones of Matador, John V. Stevens of Abilene, L.C. Easter of Lubbock and Jean and James Burton of Lubbock.

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"Blessed are the Merciful"

Mercy (or "compassion") speaks of being gentle, having concern, showing pity where we read that God "had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place," i.e., He spared them. It is written that "the Lord is full of compassion" (James 5:11), and that "just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him" (Ps. 103:13). "Mercy is a distinctive Bible word characterizing God as revealed to men.

Mercy is an essential quality of God and of His people in dealing with others. It describes one who is merciful and is associated with forgiveness, being forbearing and gracious. It shows itself in graciously and lovingly helping. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy"; Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Compassion is literally a feeling with and for others. As God is full of compassion/mercy, so should each of us be. Christianity really is distinctively the religion of Compassion - receiving it and giving it. Be sure and give what you've received.

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Motley County School News

MC students compete at District UIL meet

Motley County students traveled to Jayton on March 29 and 31, to participate in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) District Competitions. The following are the places in all events for individuals and teams.

Computer Science: Tony Salazar, 5th place; Elizabeth Ho-Gland, 6th place.

Computer Applications: Dumont Darsey, 6th.

Current Events: Rachelle Renfro, 4th.

Mathematics: Leigha Burns, 1st. Mathematics team: 2nd, Leigha Burns, Ashley Stevens, Brooke Decker, Jermaine Hendrix.

Ready Writing: Courtney Hays, 4th.

Science: Clint Cooper, 2nd; Leigha Burns, 3rd.

Science Team: 1st place, Clint Cooper, Leigha Burns, Chantry Meyer.

Spelling: Dumont Darsey, 1st. Spelling Team: 2nd place, Cassie Campbell, Mandi Ream, Dumont Darsey.

News Writing: LeAnnndra Wallace, 6th place.

Also participating were: News Writing: Shandra Jones, Stachia Baxter.

Persuasive Speaking: Kevin Elder.

Accounting: 5th place team.

Denise Shannon, Rachelle Renfro, Brooke Decker, Jermaine Hendrix.

Feature Writing: Brooke Decker.

Headline Writing: Rachelle Renfro, Stachia Baxter.

Editorial Writing: Charlie Ream, Susana Mendoza, Stachia Baxter.

Literary Criticism: 3rd place team, Ben Ridgley, Amanda Hurt, Sandy Russell, Kayla Copp.

Computer Science: Justin Jameson, Elizabeth Ho-Gland, Frank Martinez, Tony Salazar.

Ready Writing: Susana Mendoza, Sandy Russell.

Science: Brenda Gillespie, Brandon Lee.

Spelling: Brandon Martin

Prose: Kelsi Wallace.

Poetry: Ben Ridgley, Scott Jones, LeAnnndra Wallace.

Calculators: Tony Salazar, Jermaine Hendrix, Brenda Gillespie, Brittany Donaldson.

Number Sense: Tony Salazar, Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie, Jermaine Hendrix.

Leigha Burns, Clint Cooper and Chantry Meyer advance to Regional Competition at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on April 20-21.

Leigha also advances in Mathematics. Dumont Darsey qualified for regional competition in Spelling. Alternates to regional were Rachelle Renfro in Current Issues and Events and Courtney Hays in Ready Reading.



One-Act Play performs at Zone competition

One Act Play, "A Rose For Emily," competed in the Zone competition at Jayton. Receiving honors at the zone level were Leigha Burns, All-Star Cast; Charity Bartlett, All-Star Cast;

Benjamin Ridgley, Honorable Mention, All-Star Cast; and Dumont Darsey, Honorable Mention, All-Star Cast.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, APRIL 16
Easter Holiday!



TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pizza (Cheese, Pepperoni), Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Beef Tips, Brown Gravy, Fluffy Potatoes, Corn Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon & Eggs, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion Rings, Peach Cup, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: King Ranch Casserole, Fried Okra, Garden Salad, Texas Toast, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

Class of 2001 Senior Spotlight



LEIGHA NICOLE BURNS

Nickname: Princess, Miss, Nickel
Age: 18
Birthday: March 2, 1983
Parents: Reneigh and Steve Burns
Siblings: none
Who do you most admire and why: My dad, because he left Matador and started his own business.
Most embarrassing moment:

When I puked on the lunch table in 6th grade. Now ask me why I don't eat in the lunchroom!

What material thing do you most treasure: My lip gloss.

Extracurricular activities: Golf, Tennis, Track, UIL, One-Act Play, NHS.

Special honors: District Champions in 2000 in Golf and Tennis, All-Star Cast in One Act Play, 98 - 2000, NHS.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Respect your elders! And suck-up to them as much as possible.

Plans after graduation: Go to Tech and become rich and famous.

Favorites:

Food: Mom's Ranch Potatoes

Soft Drink: Cherry Coke

Hangout: Anywhere where guys are found.

Book: Harry Potter

Movie: To Kill A Mockingbird

Song: Faded

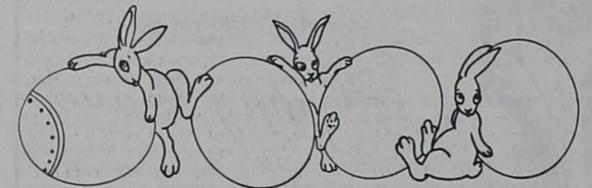
Teacher: Mrs. Gillespie

Color: Silver

Sport: Tennis

Past Time: Sleep

Quote: Don't ever frown, because you never know when someone is falling in love with your smile.



We would like to say Thank You to the following individuals and businesses who donated to help sponsor Jermaine and Ashley in the Greenbelt Bowl this year.

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Whiteflat exes gather for annual reunion

by Frances Dixon

The annual Whiteflat Homecoming was held at the Senior Citizens building Saturday, April 7, with 48 registering. Those attending enjoyed the usual visiting, reminiscing and lots of good food. A short business meeting was held, with Troy Perkins, president, presiding. Doc Cross was elected to serve as vice-president and Jim Watson will serve as president. Frances Dixon was elected as secretary-treasurer. Jim Watson, with the help of Luther Green, will be in charge of the maintenance of the Cemetery, but families with loved ones buried there should try to do weed control around the graves.

A list of those who have passed away since the last reunion was read and are as follows:

Bruce Browning
Ruth Simpson Cooper
Velma Lisenby Lacy
Maurice "Cotton" Cox
Arlene Murphy
Ethel Jameson Baker
C. Lawton Smith
Addie Murphy
Bertha Doran
Ruth Whitaker Smith
Morris Stephens
J.W. Pritchett
Maggie Donaldson Terry
Artie Dennis
Kenneth Sims
Reggie Anderson
Lennie Mae Slover

Attending from out of the county were: Charlie Kimbell, Roland and Willena Wilkinson Hurt, J.C. Murphy, Lenna McWilliams, Glynda McWilliams Groves, Alvin Garrison,

Allan and Oneita Kimball Titus, Truett Pritchett, Annette McWilliams Wilkerson, Emella Allen Blackmon, Doc and Mary Helen Stephens Cross, Nora Belle Dunning, Vernon and Jolene Bloodworth Higginbotham, Doris Stephens Piper, Clyde Smallwood, Ed and Ruth Simpson Noel, Troy and Evelyn Perkins, Norman and Barbara Spray, and Dora Watson.

Local residents attending were Spencer and Wilda Dixon, Frances Casey Dixon, Dan Browning Barton, Inez Clifton Bailey, Gid Simpson, C.D. and Evelyn Garrison, Katheryn Martin, Art Green, Jim and Jerry Watson, James and Dorothy Morriss Meador, June Keltz, Dan Tilson, Grace Tilson Zabielski, Elaine Dixon Risser, E. and Dorothy Henderson Day, Mary Murphy Jones, and Laverna Murphy Price.



SPRING IN BLOOM — This beautiful fruit tree in full bloom is only one of many around the county. Spring has definitely arrived in Motley County - the mesquite trees are beginning to bud and wildflowers are beginning to bloom.



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Family & Consumer news



by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

EASTER EGGS

Eggs are a year around food but when springtime comes, they move from everyday fare to celebrated foods. At Easter, jewel-colored eggs nest side by side with chocolate bunnies in cheerful baskets, or hiding in places waiting to be discovered, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent. Eggs should be handled properly to prevent foodborne illness. Raw eggs with cracked shells should be discarded. However, eggs with clean, uncracked shells can occasionally be contaminated with bacteria. Proper cooking will destroy the harmful bacteria. Proper handling will prevent bacteria from developing and multiplying.

Cleanliness is key. Wash hands with hot, soapy water before handling the eggs. Do this at every preparation step, including cooking, cooling, and dyeing, as well as before hiding them for an Easter egg hunt. Kitchen surfaces and cooking equipment should receive the same careful cleaning. Otherwise, cross contamination can spread bacteria from one food or surface to another.

To reduce the risk of cracked shells, use this method to boil the

eggs. Place a single layer of eggs in a saucepan. Add water to at least one inch above the eggs. Cover the pan, bring the water to a boil, and carefully remove the pan from the heat. Let the eggs stand (18 minutes for extra large eggs, 15 minutes for large, 12 minutes for medium). Immediately run cold water over the eggs. When they are cool enough to handle, place them in an uncovered container in the refrigerator where they can air-dry.

When handling the eggs for dyeing, be careful not to crack them, as bacteria can enter the eggs through the cracks. Use food grade dyes, such as commercial egg dyes, liquid food coloring, or frit drink powders. Hard-cooked eggs should not sit out

unrefrigerated for more than two hours. Refrigerate eggs until just before distributing Easter baskets. Store them on a shelf inside the refrigerator, rather than on the refrigerator door so they stay fully chilled. If this is not possible, buy one set of eggs for decorating and hunting, another set for eating. To keep small hunters happy, exchange found eggs for trinkets or safe-to-eat goodies.

Citizens meet, discuss forming Hwy. 70 Corridor organization

A meeting was held at the Roaring Springs Community Center, Thursday, April 5, to discuss the possibility of forming a Hwy. 70 Corridor organization. Thirty people attended from Roaring Springs, Spur, Dickens, Matador, Turkey and Flomot.

The group discussed ways to improve and benefit these towns and

areas along highway 70.

An organizational meeting has been set for Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Roaring Springs Community Center, to form an association, in hopes of improving all the small towns in the area.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

School Board

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Land Judging Team competed at the Area FFA contests held at Texas Tech.

The General Service Commission has rejected all bids for a new bus because they did not meet state requirements. The bid process will have to be re-installed before a new bus can be ordered.

A small school reading grant for \$10,100.00 from Educational Technology Service has been received. This grant will go toward the purchase of a reading program for K-12 and the ESL program. At the present the attendance rate for Motley County ISD is 96.10% and enrollment is at 194.

Items for board action included approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the expenditure report and reviewing the financial statements.

Board set May 10 as the date to canvass votes for the May 5 election, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. The regular board meeting will be held May 10 at 7:30 p.m., at which time the board will reorganize.

The 2001-02 school calendar was approved. School will begin for students on August 20, 2001.

Transfer student, Keyan Kautz, was approved for the 2001-02 school year.

Board members, Douglas Campbell and Vaden Hays were approved to present diplomas at the Junior High Graduation on May 25.

Jeff Thacker and Bill Luckett will present diplomas at the Senior Graduation on May 26.

Yolanda Kautz, ESL Instructor, requested the opportunity to present a program on Cinco de Mayo as a multicultural experience to the students of Motley County ISD on May 4. The request was approved by the board.

Superintendent Rick Copp was approved as the representative to the Region 17 Advisory Committee.

Principal Sonya Herrell was approved to participate in the Texas School Improvement Initiative sponsored by the Texas Education Agency.

Board approved calling for bids for the Rolling Plains Shared Services Agreement building.

Possible changes in the football alignment for the 2001 season were discussed. It was decided that due to the number of boys in the program it would be best to look at playing 6-man football at the next alignment. The Board decided to begin with the Junior High in 2001 and prepare them for the 2002 season.

Board entered into executive session at 8:40 p.m. They exited executive session at 9:02 p.m. and approved the following personnel contracts:

— Approved recommendation to offer para-professional employees reasonable assurance positions for the 2001-02 school year.

— Approved substitute list for 2001-02 school year.

— Accepted resignation of Kelli Jackson, Special Ed. Aide.

All board members, with the exception of Douglas Campbell, were present for this meeting. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Sonya Herrell, and Betty Stevens. Representing the Motley County staff were Yolanda Kautz and Marci Bateman.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



TRACKING SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS

Texas parents, Texas teachers, Texas school boards and the state government have put a lot of thought and energy into improving our schools. Their efforts have paid off. The Lone Star State is leading the way in setting academic standards and holding schools accountable for achieving positive results.

Students' scores are improving across the board in reading, language skills and math. We have made amazing strides in showing it is possible to boost the performance of all students, regardless of income, background or ethnicity.

The centerpiece of Texas' educational renaissance has been the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exams; more than 78 percent of all students passed their TAAS exams in 1999, compared to 55 percent in 1994. We know we're doing better. The next part of the challenge is to effectively convey to parents the strengths and weaknesses of their children's specific schools and to identify the strategies used in successful schools so they can be shared with those that are not as strong.

The availability of fair and accurate information is essential to empowering parents with the information they need to make the best choices for their children. Here's why, in the words of Joe Humphry, Director of Academic Programs for the Abilene Independent School District:

"For many years, the testing data we received compared our schools to high-profile schools in Plano or Highland Park. We knew our teachers and students were doing well in some areas, poorly in others, but a fair comparison was not always possible."

So Mr. Humphry hooked up with an organization called Just For Kids, which, since 1997, has been analyzing and publishing data on the performance of each school in the state. They provided the Abilene district with information on schools in similar communities.

"Once we could show our staff how we were performing in a fair comparison to similar schools, we were able to convince everyone involved that we had room for improvement," Mr. Humphry said.

"This information let us identify the districts with which we could share information... A number of our teachers visited schools in districts with high test scores that were identified as our peers."

"The final step... (is) for our staff to incorporate the 'best practices' we have seen into our instruction."

It's a simple but profound concept: determine what approaches are working in the most successful schools, and help them to share their methods.

I am introducing legislation, entitled "The Parents' Right-to-Know Act," which would allow states to meet the existing, burdensome, federal data-collection requirements by issuing a clear and comprehensive "report card" on every public school. This would include accurate records of school performance, teacher certification and other information relating to educational achievement. States would then make that information available to parents and the public on the Internet and through other means that ensure its broad distribution.

The bill also provides \$50 million for FY 2002 to help states which choose to make this information available to parents.

One of the most important lessons we've learned in Texas is that accomplishment is possible in all schools. We've put a lie to the idea that only some kids can meet high standards, and that only some schools can be improved.

The Just for Kids organization took raw data and put it into a user-friendly format that allowed the Abilene Independent School District and others throughout Texas to strengthen their programs. We want to replicate that success nationally, so all children will have the advantage of the teaching methods and educational experiences that work best.

(To find out how your child's Texas school is doing, go to the Just For Kids website at www.just4kids.org and enter the name of the school. The site contains information on all of Texas' elementary, middle and most high schools.)

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder were hostesses to the coffee drinkers at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship hall on Monday morning, April 9. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker and Lula Swim helped with the eats. Those enjoying coffee and refreshments, in addition to those already mentioned, were the following:

Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Mrs. Reva Sweeney, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mr. Buzz Thacker, Mrs. Ruby McGuire, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Lee Peacock, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mr. Corky Marshall, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mrs. P.K. Green, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Bennie Dillard, Mr. Ken Abbott, Mrs. Grace Zabielski and Mrs. Kay Jones.

Pearl Patten and Lula Swim went to Lubbock Friday for a doctor's appointment. She received a good report.

Odessa Mullins spent Saturday night in Plainview with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS PLANT WILDFLOWERS

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are busy doing things around town. They cleaned out the flower bed in the City Park, planting flowers and thinning out the Iris. They are also working on Shiny draw, planting bluebonnet seeds, which were donated by Joan Lawrence. They have planted 30 seedlings, which were donated by Dr. Craig of Floydada, and planting other wildflower seeds, donated by Dinah Young. Some of those working are Mr. and Mrs. Corky

Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder and Lee Cook.

MARSHALL FAMILY REUNION SET FOR APRIL 21-22

The Marshall Family Reunion will be held April 21 and 22, 2001, at the Volunteer's building in Roaring Springs. Come join the group for good food, good singing and lots of visiting. Come prepared to have a good time.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. R.C. Giesecke on Wednesday night, April 4, with the President, Mrs. Pearl Patten, in charge. Mrs. Noma Wike gave the opening prayer and blessed the food. Happy Birthday was sung to Mrs. Dennis Letkeman.

Mrs. Jo Crowder gave the devotional, "With Love and Gentleness," using First Corinthians for scripture. Mrs. Chelsea Read continued the study in First Corinthians, also using scriptures from Romans and Ephesians. Those enjoying the delicious meal were Mrs. Noma Wike, Mrs. Donald Letkeman, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. JoEtta Bumgardner, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Miss Lula Swim and the hosts, Mrs. Callie Giesecke.

Mrs. Pearl Patten gave the closing prayer.

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

ATTEND GINNERS' CONVENTION

Roger Lee attended the Texas Cotton Ginnners' Association Convention at the Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock from Wednesday through Friday, April 4-6.

He also attended the 44th annual Plains Cotton Growers meeting Friday at the Civic Center. John Maguire, the National Cotton Councils vice president of Washington operations provided legislative update on important agricultural issues. Others reported on Texas Boll Weevil Eradication, electronic cotton marketing and research funding.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited in Dallas last Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard. Other guests were Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Mesquite, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Rhodes and Chase of Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited last weekend in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor. Cory and family moved into their new home recently.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay met Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink and granddaughter, Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton in Lubbock last Monday and Karlee returned home with her to visit.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay last weekend were grandchildren, Ashton and Lane Barclay of Borger. They accompanied them home Sunday night and visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Thursday were her cousin and wife, Wayne and Pat Smith of Woodinville, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Washington, who travel in a mobile home, visited his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington, Wednesday. They had visited in Coweta, Okla. with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton. They continued to Lubbock to visit daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hathaway and new baby son, Jacob Matthew, born March 25th.

Art Green attended the Whiteflat Homecoming in Matador, Saturday. He and Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador visited in Spur, Sunday, with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay attended the Davidson joint retirement reception honoring Jimmy and Clara Ruth held at the First National Bank in Quitaque Sunday afternoon.

Julie Clay of Lubbock visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and their houseguest, granddaughter, Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton.

Emily Milam of Petersburg and Mrs. Kerl Sehon and Brian of Ropesville visited overnight Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Saturday, were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Settiff of Plainview and Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney.

Cara Franks of Dallas, Cary Franks and Sorrell Schmidt of Lubbock visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Obituaries

Udyene "Jean" Morriss

Funeral services for Udyene "Jean" Morriss, 80, of El Paso were held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2001 at the Martin Chapel. The Rev. Kevin Bushart officiated.

Burial was in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery under the arrangements of Martin Funeral Home Central.

She died March 25, 2001. She was born August 18, 1920, in Sebree, Kentucky and was the eldest daughter of the late Rhoden and Mabel Rhodes. She was a longtime resident of El Paso. She married Brown "Bill" Morriss in 1948 in El Paso.

She retired from Mt. Bell Telephone Co. She was a member of Tobin Park United Methodist Church, Telephone Pioneers, Ladies Auxiliary UTU, Narve Del Norte Unit 64 and AARP. She was an active leader in Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Rainbows and Wesleyan Service Guild.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Chuck Morriss; three daughters, Tricia Wells, Diane Smith and Billie Jean Morriss Smith; one brother, Wayne Rhodes; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

Should I risk counting a few Blessings? Will I be forgiven if I leave you out?

— To all those who write, send cards, and say "Call me anytime."

— Monte and Cleo Watson, who are such inspiring neighbors.

— Donna Kennedy who did my altering when I lost a bunch of weight.

— Jimmy Childers, who comes regularly and cleans for me - even to ridding my porch and outside windows of spider webs, washing down spider dens, and getting rid of fresh Yellow Jacket nests, then brought groceries when she came home from work.

— Pat Groves, Monta and Corky Marshall, who e-mail and conspire to keep me in line.

— Lula Swim who works down to dark feeding the helpless and anyone that will accept food.

— Bruce Lefevre who lifts the heavy Sunday paper to the porch rail.

— Joe Martinez family who go the limit of their strength to help.

— Ruby Hipp, who appeared at my door with a plate of goodies from the MM Coffee.

— Alvis Kingery who calls from North Carolina, and doesn't regard the time difference and will "send me a column."

— Inez Bailey who appeared at my door on Sunday to get two jugs of Roaring Springs Water that "tastes so much better" to her, and to report on attending the Whiteflat Reunion. Nora Bell Dunning able to come!

— Mrs. L.D. Martin, niece calling to invite me to the Nichols Easter Sunday celebration, offering sister Rita Little to come get me, and brother Carroll Dennis to bring me back. It would be nice, but I'll keep to my satin pillowcase and hope to finish the antibiotics that will bring good health again.

— Pat, Kathy, and Cortney Groves will fly out May 3 and drive the Honda back to Park City, Utah, to a permanent home. Pat is a Masonic Brother.

— and the good ladies who furnish the food at the cafe.

— and all those who ask me to call them at any time,

— and so many others!

I found the following when I read the Scottish Rite Journal that came too late for Algie to read it:

LIVING IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Merry Browne - How to Live Life from A to Z

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Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Report

by Rita Groves

Present to enjoy first Thursday regular potluck lunch with Senior Citizens were leader Odessa Mullins, pianist Mary Lumsden, Zella Palmer, Carl and Shirley Barton, Vera Mitchell, Ruby Hipp, Dorothy Lee, Royce Jennings, recently retired (again), Bobby Brown, and her guest Ruth Stone, and Secretary Rita Groves. Following the opening prayer and the

delicious meal, including Shirley's fried pies, a short business meeting was conducted by Odessa, who gave a good financial report. Carl Baton reported that the rattlesnakes are out. One crawled across his back steps last week. Watch for them. Remember first Thursday, and join us in May.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

There is no reason why adversities happen to any of us. Our bodies are not punished for some sin or mysterious reason by God. Our bodies are but the physical, sometimes frail, temples of our souls. Keeping hope in our hearts is the answer.

Right beside us God's hand rest over ours. It is up to us to fight each day, shoving upward with all the strength our minds and souls can muster.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited from Friday until Monday last week in Amarillo with daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Courtney Dunnam. She had a medical appointment Monday before returning home. Visiting her Sunday afternoon was Jack Samford of Littlefield.

Mrs. Frances Dixon, daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador, and granddaughter Kaci Risser, student at Wayland University in Plainview, enjoyed the

Plainview Civic Theater performance of "Your Man, Charlie Brown," Thursday night. It was held at the Black Box Theater in Plainview.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle attended the Little Dribblers Tournament in Matador that was held April 3-7. Fannin and teammates played Friday night. Mrs. Gwinn was general manager and made the arrangements for the annual tournament.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were son, Cobey, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, and Janell Kilmer, student at South Plains College in Levelland. Mr. and Mrs. Turner attended the Jimmy and Clara Ruth Davidson joint retirement reception Sunday afternoon held at the First National Bank in Quitaque. Mr. Davidson retired as vice-president of the bank and Mrs. Davidson is a retiree of the U.S. Postal System.

MATADOR NEWS

Alvin Garrison of Kermit visited the weekend with his brother and wife, C.D. and Evelyn Garrison. They enjoyed the Whiteflat Homecoming Saturday.

Mrs. Gerry Jones is a patient in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where she was conveyed Saturday. She is listed in serious condition.

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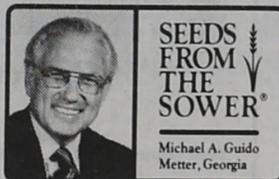
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Farm and Ranch News



Foot and Mouth Disease outlined

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a severe, highly communicable viral disease of cattle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer, and other cloven-hooved ruminants. FMD is not recognized as a zoonotic disease.

This country has been free of FMD since 1929, when the last of nine U.S. outbreaks was eradicated.

The disease is characterized by fever and blister-like lesions followed by erosions on the tongue and lips, in the mouth, on the teats, and between the hooves. Many affected animals recover, but the disease leaves them debilitated. It causes severe losses in the production of meat and milk.

Because it spreads widely and rapidly and because it has grave economic as well as clinical consequences, FMD is one of the animal diseases that livestock owners dread most.

WHAT CAUSES IT

The disease is caused by a virus. The virus survives in lymph nodes and bone marrow at neutral pH, but destroyed in muscle when in pH < 6.0 ie. after rigor mortis. The virus can persist in contaminated fodder and the environment for up to one month, depending on the temperature and pH conditions.

There are at least seven separate types and many subtypes of the FMD virus. Immunity to one type does not protect an animal against other types.

HOW IT SPREADS

FMD viruses can be spread by animals, people, or materials that bring the virus into physical contact with susceptible animals. An outbreak can occur when:

- People wearing contaminated clothes or footwear or using contaminated equipment pass the virus to susceptible animals.
- Animals carrying the virus are introduced into susceptible herds

- Contaminated vehicles are used to move susceptible animals.
- Raw or improperly cooked garbage containing infected meat or animal products is fed susceptible animals.
- Susceptible animals are exposed to materials such as hay, feedstuffs, hides, or biologics contaminated with the virus.
- Susceptible animals drink common source contaminated water.
- A susceptible cow is inseminated by semen from an infected bull.

SIGNS

Vesicles (blisters) followed by erosions in the mouth or on the feet and the resulting slobbering or lameness are the best known signs of the disease. Often blisters may not be observed because they easily rupture, leading to erosions.

Some of these other signs may appear in affected animals during an FMD outbreak:

- Temperatures rise markedly, then usually fall in about 2 to 3 days.
- Ruptured vesicles discharge either clear or cloudy fluid and leave raw, eroded areas surrounded by ragged fragments of loose tissue.
- Sticky, foamy, stringy saliva is produced.
- Consumption of feed is reduced because of painful tongue and mouth lesions.
- Lameness with reluctance to move is often observed.
- Abortions often occur. Milk flow of infected cows drops abruptly.
- Conception rates may be low.
- Meat animals do not normally regain lost weight for many months.
- Recovered cows seldom produce milk at their former rates. FMD can lead to myocarditis (inflammation of the muscular walls of the heart) and death, especially in newborn animals.

CONFUSION WITH OTHER DISEASES

FMD can be confused with several similar, but less harmful, diseases, such as vesicular stomatitis, bluetongue, bovine viral diarrhea, and foot rot in cattle, vesicular exanthema of swine, and swine vesicular disease. Whenever mouth or feet blisters or other typical signs are observed and reported, laboratory tests must be completed to determine whether the disease causing them is FMD.

WHERE FMD OCCURS

While the disease is widespread around the world, North America, Central America, Australis, New Zealand, Chile, and some countries in Europe are considered free of FMD. Various types of FMD virus have been identified in Africa, South America, Asia, and part of Europe.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL

FMD is one of the most difficult animal infections to control. Because the disease occurs in many parts of the world, there is always a chance of its accidental introduction into the United States.

Animals and animal by-products from areas known to be infected are prohibited entry into this country.

Livestock animals in this country are highly susceptible to FMD viruses. If an outbreak occurred in the United States, this disease could spread rapidly to all sections of the country by routine livestock movements unless it was detected early and eradicated immediately.

If FMD were to spread unchecked, the economic impact could reach billions of dollars in the first year. Deer and wildlife populations could become infected rapidly and

could be a source of reinfection of livestock.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
You can support U.S. efforts against FMD by:

- Watching for slobbering, lameness, and other signs of FMD in your herd; and
- Immediately reporting any unusual or suspicious signs of disease to your veterinarian, to State or Federal animal disease control officials, or to your county agricultural agent.

If FMD should appear in your animals, your report will set in motion an effective State and Federal eradication program.

Your participation is vital. Both the early recognition of disease signs and the prompt notification of veterinary officials are essential if eradication is to be carried out successfully. Your warning may prevent FMD from becoming established in the United States, or, if it does spread, reduce the time and money needed to wipe it out.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about FMD, contact:

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services Emergency Programs
4700 River Road, Unit Riverdale, MD 20727-1231
Telephone (301) 734-8073
Fax (301) 734-7817

Current information on animal diseases and suspected outbreaks is also available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

District Supervisors named in new Eradication Zone

(Abilene) -- The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation recently named the following individuals as district supervisors in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication zone: Sam Barnett, Morton; Donna Foster, Levelland; Dianne Rampy, Lubbock; Ken Stice, Tahoka; and L.D. Clark, Ralls.

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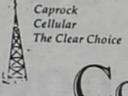
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