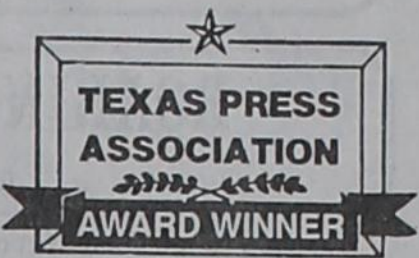


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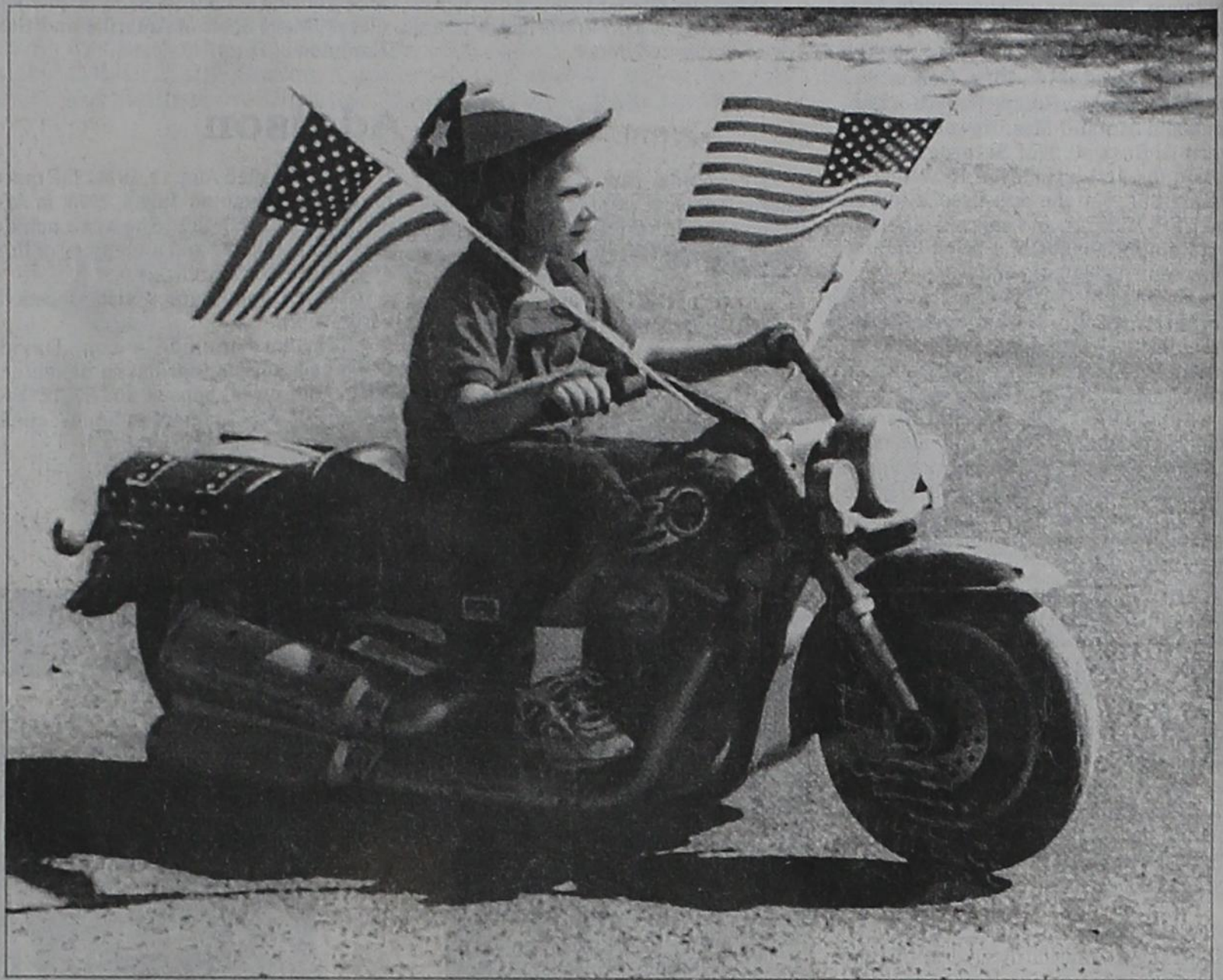
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**PATRIOTIC PARADE ENTRY** — Matthew Mount rode his little cycle, all decked out in the patriotic spirit, for the First Annual Roaring Springs 4th of July Parade, held last Wednesday. The event was only one of the day's festivities which included an early morning breakfast, a memorial service, patriotic sing-along, barbecue, homemade ice cream, and a beautiful fireworks display that night. Sponsors of the event, the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, hope to make it even bigger and better for next year. Matthew is the son of Hank and Karen Mount of Roaring Springs.

## Chamber discusses new business possibilities at recent meeting

by Marisue Potts

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met in the County Library on June 26 for their regular monthly business meeting. Three guests, Doyle Rose from the Matador City Council, Alex Crowder from the Highway 70 Association, and Gerald Pipkin from the airport project, spoke to the members.

Councilman Rose asked the Chamber to participate in helping fund a feasibility study for a Nursing Home Care Center. The study is needed to determine if the area can support such a center and how many beds would be needed. The City could possibly finance the center with Rural Development funds. The consultant for the study will arrive on July 11. The Chamber voted to apply \$1250 toward the cost of the feasibility study, with the county, hospital board and city donating a like amount.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteer and Highway 70 spokesman,

Alex Crowder, met with the group to promote two causes: the all-day July 4 celebration in Roaring Springs and the Highway 70 meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Community Center. Crowder said that people from the metro-plex are interested in "one-tankful" vacations and the towns along Texas 70 are the best kept secret. The main purpose of the Highway 70 group is to market the area, and with that in mind they plan to order brochures with each community contributing to the information therein. The July 4th celebration was set to begin with Fletcher's breakfast at 7 a.m., a lawn mower parade at 10:30, picnic or buffet lunch, a memorial service at 1 p.m., a patriotic sing-along at 3 p.m., a barbecue supper, ice cream, and fireworks for the evening. Donations for the fireworks are always appreciated, he said.

Gerald Pipkin addressed the Chamber members about his dream of flying out of Matador. According to the insurance agent, within the last

12 months the Government has released a trust fund to build airports, and millions of dollars are available. What Pipkin needs to pursue the idea of building a new airport is 20 pilots willing to commit to hangaring their planes there. Thangers, self-serve gasoline, and spin-off businesses are also possible. In addition, the national aircraft owners directory will list local attractions the aviators may visit while in town. The potential for hunters, landowners, or oil lease people is great. Anyone who is interested in using an airport in the county, hangaring a plane, and starting an aviation-related business should contact Pipkin at 806-347-2461.

Pennie Pipkin shared information about starting a People to People chapter. The cost would be \$35 a family or \$25 for an individual for a year's dues. If a chapter is started, a cultural exchange of talent, a pen-pal program with the schools, and a travel program for members could

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## Motley County Commissioners meet in regular session Monday

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, July 9. Those present were County Judge Laverna Price; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner and J.N. Fletcher; County Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

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

Jim Watson, President of Motley County Senior Citizens, and Loys Campbell, discussed future plans that are underway for the senior citizens organization. Plans for serving meals at the center and carry-out meals to shut-ins were discussed. Commissioners voted to submit ap-

plication for grant funds for this project as Motley County Senior Citizens.

Douglas Campbell, Motley County Roadway Supervisor, with Texas Department of Transportation, met with the court and discussed the new bridge replacement program rules. The county does not have to escrow 10% of the project costs with TxDOT. The county can commit to upgrade other structures within their jurisdiction for the same 10% they would have had to escrow. Motley County has five bridges that will become eligible for TxDOT's bridge replacement program on September, 2001.

Commissioners discussed Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code, relating to the registration of vehicles, which provides counties the

option of imposing, in addition to the registration fee, two extra fines. The provisions of Section 502.172 provide for a county road and bridge fee in an amount that does not exceed \$10.00 for each vehicle registered in the county. However, vehicles registered Machinery and Farm Trailer license plates and all-terrain vehicles are exempt from the County Road and Bridge Fee. Motley County does not participate in the other extra fee in an amount not to exceed \$1.50 for each vehicle registered in the county to fund a school crossing guard program. Commissioners voted to continue the \$10.00 county road and bridge fee for each vehicle registered in the county.

Judge Price distributed forms for the 2001-2002 FY budget. A special work session for the budget will be set for later this month.

## Vacation Bible School to be held Saturday

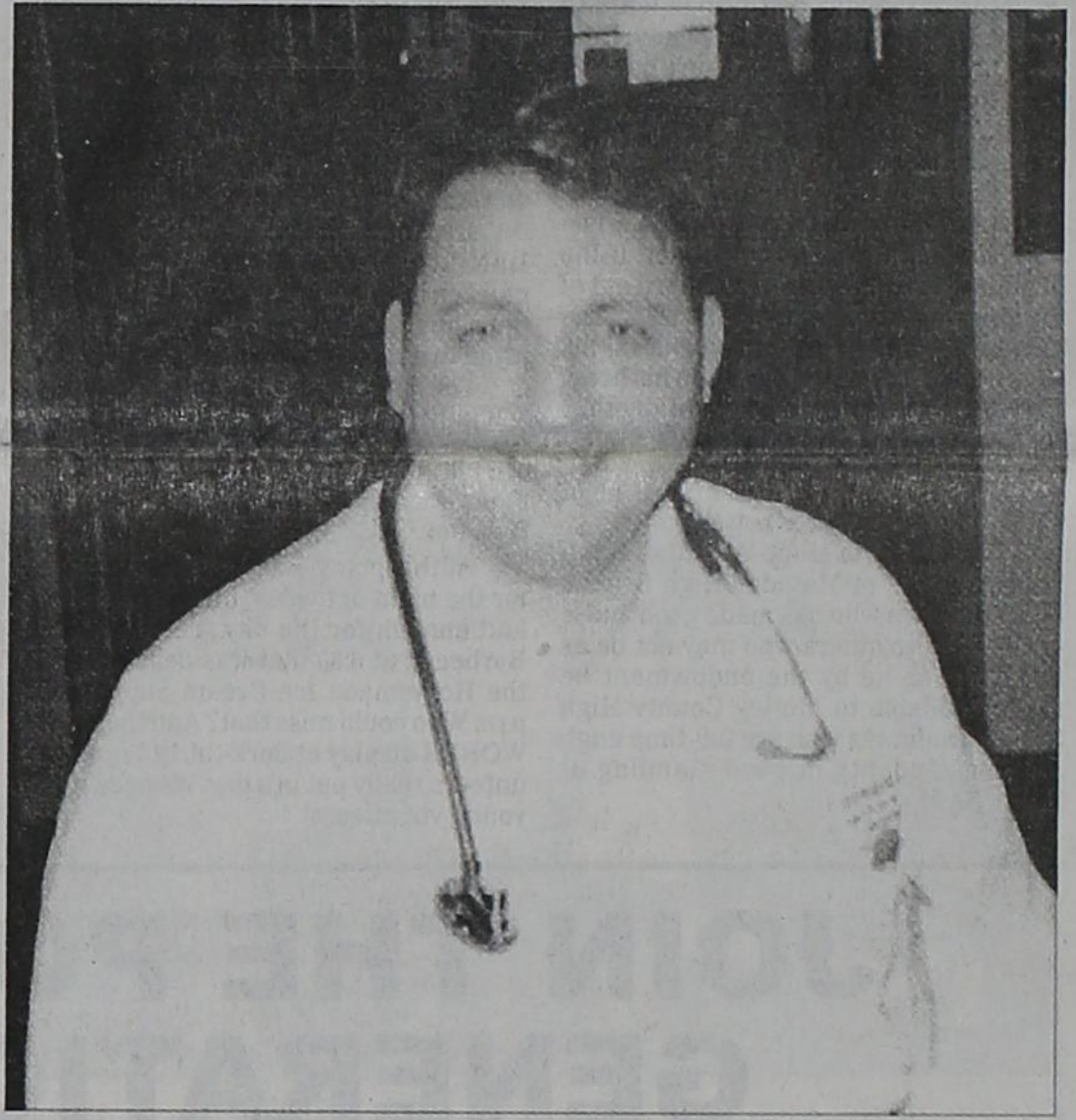
The First Baptist Church in Matador will hold Vacation Bible School, Saturday, July 14, 10:00-3:00. Registration will be held 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Children, age 3 to those entering 5th grade, are welcome. Lunch will be served.

## Blood Drive set for July 19th

The community of Matador will sponsor a Blood Drive, Thursday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Building.

For an appointment, please contact Patricia Green at 348-7953. Please bring picture Id and lists of medicines.



**NEW DOCTOR** — Dr. Jeffrey Hannel is the new doctor at the Motley County Clinic. He and his wife, Lorena, live in Crosbyton. Dr. Hannel did his residency at Texas Tech in family practice and works in cooperation with SPHPO and the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital. Dr. Hannel will be at the Clinic every other Friday.

## Slaton Economic Director addresses Highway 70 group

by Marisue Potts

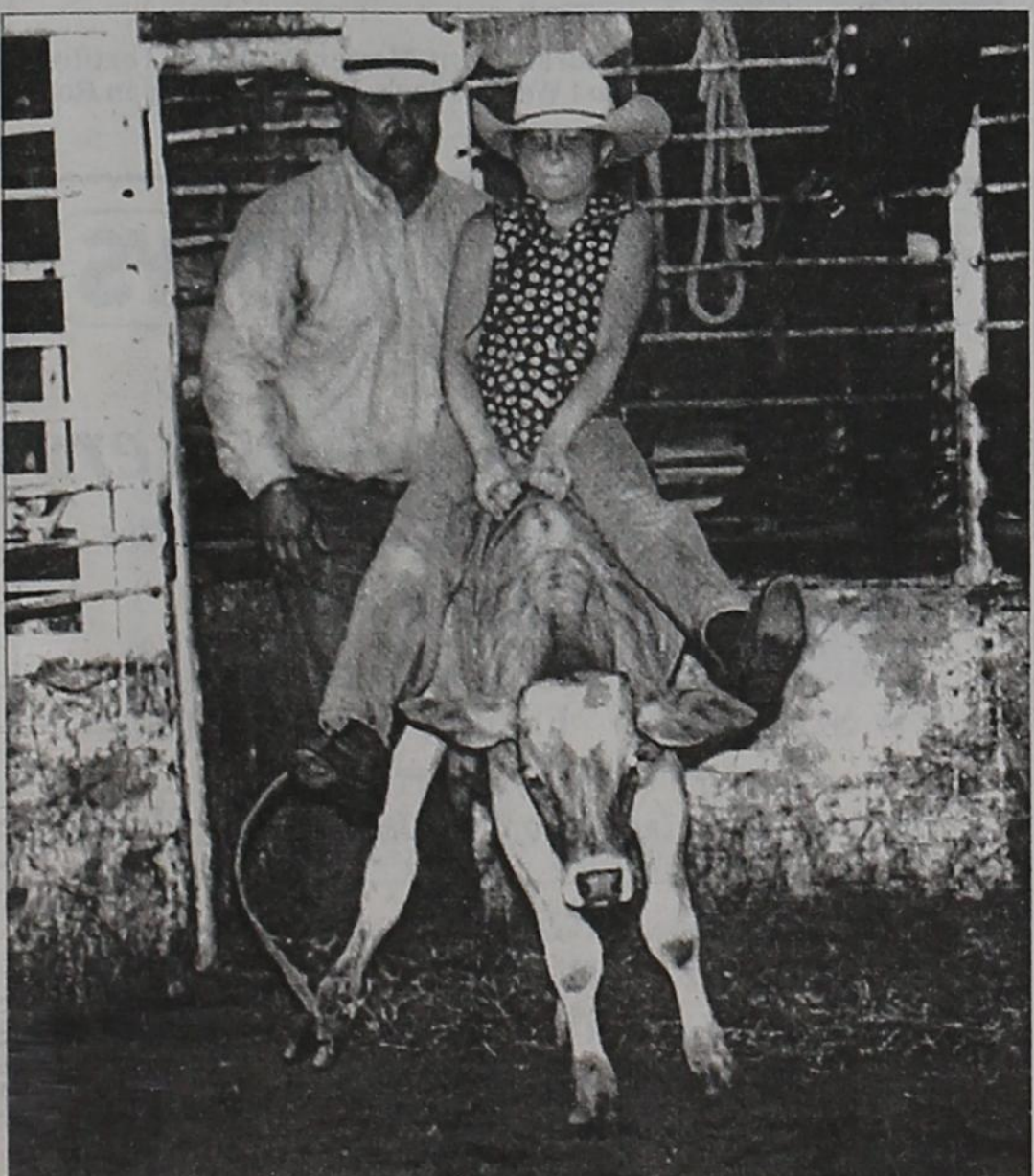
"Sell your people to shop in town and encourage them to be more loyal to their community," was part of a message delivered by Clark Self, executive director of the Slaton Economic Development Corp., to a group representing the towns along Texas Highway 70. "A dollar spent at the quick stop goes to pay the employee who spends it at the hardware store which uses it to pay their employee who spends it at the service station. That dollar will turn six times before it leaves town," he said.

The Highway 70 travel corridor could serve as a "reliever" for the recently announced Ports to Plains transportation project along I-27. Self said, "Highway 70 is a unique area. It starts at Oak Creek Lake and goes up into Kansas. You folks have a special quality of life; you live in a beautiful area away from the confusion and chaos of the cities. Give folks a way to get to your town and give them a reason to stay...Tourism brings in new dollars and those who stop may decide to live here or find they can do business here more economically."

The executive director of the Economic Development organization has been involved in various projects that are helping the City of Slaton staunch the flow of people and dollars into nearby Lubbock. A turbine engine repair for crop dusters, airport expansion and an aircraft museum, the Boll Weevil program, a housing development of 16 houses, an antique mall, and an incubator business program to encourage and educate new business owners are notable examples. In the future is renovation of the Harvey House for dining and housing through a \$1.2 million TxDOT Transportation Enhancement fund.

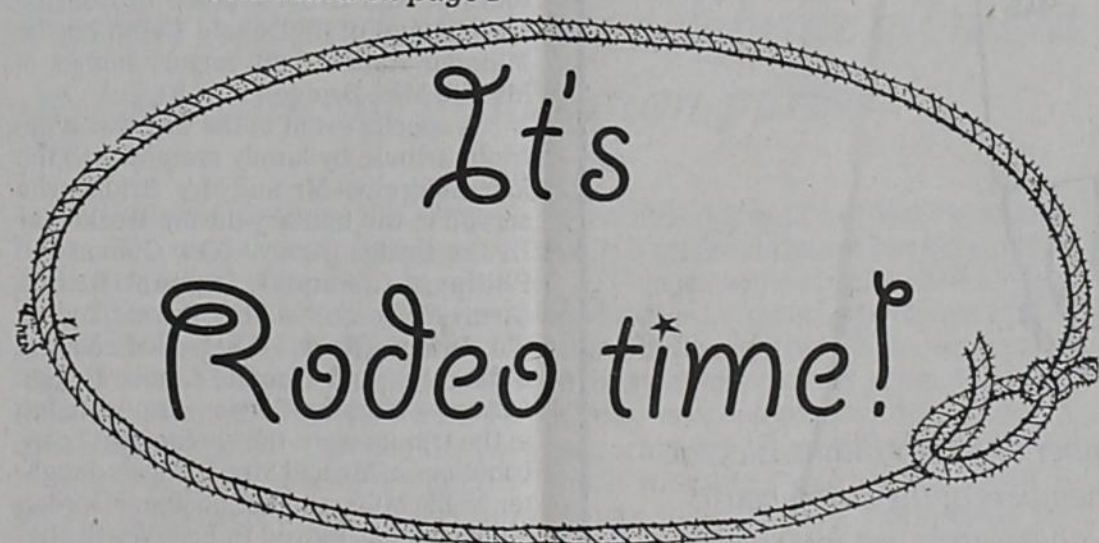
Self advised the group, "Sometimes we short change ourselves. This is a wonderful area to promote. What you think you can do, you can."

During the business meeting, the group discussed the possibilities of developing a brochure to place in visitors' centers. The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 2



**RIDE 'EM COWGIRL!** Shane'a Russell stays on the calf, as Daddy (J.D. Russell) watches closely from behind, during last year's Motley County Junior Rodeo. Shane'a won first place with this ride in the Pre-Kids division. This year's Rodeo will kick off Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Settlers Rodeo Arena in Roaring Springs.

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## 27th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo to kick-off Friday night

The 27th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo will kick off Friday night, July 13 at the Old Settlers Arena in Roaring Springs. The Rodeo will also be held on Saturday night, July 14. The event is sponsored by the Motley County 4-H clubs.

Rodeo performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday, and at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Saddles will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division (ages 16-19). A set of Rickey Trammell Spurs will be given to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Junior Division (ages 13-15). A set of Rickey Trammell bits will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and

Girl in the Pee-Wee Division (ages 9-12). Trophy Buckles will be awarded in the Pre-Kids Division (ages 8 and under) for the All-Around Boy and Girl. Montana Silversmith belt buckles will also be awarded for first place in each event for all age divisions.

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

For more information contact Rode Secretary, Cathey Turner, at 806-347-2834 or the Extension office at 347-2733.



# NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

## ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Enjoying coffee Monday morning at the Methodist Fellowship Hall were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, D.A. McGuire, Corky Marshall, Pearl Patten, Cleo Watson, Barbara Shaw, Larry Watson, Alex Crowder, Dean McInroe, Pastor Paul Stearns, and Reba Swinney. Hostesses were LaVoe Thacker, Pearl Patten and Jo Crowder. Clean-up crew was LaVoe and Larry Watson who is visiting his mother Cleo Watson for the summer. Larry teachers school at Austin.

Mr. J.N. Fletcher went to Abilene on Monday, July 2, to pick up Mrs. Jennie Lou Murphy, to come to Roaring Springs to stay with Lula Swim, and attend the July 4th celebration. Mr. Fletcher took her home on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Lea Peacock drove Lula Swim for doctor's treatment on Friday and Mon-

day. Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Palmer of Matador and Zella Palmer went to Lubbock on business, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton of Levelland visited with Odessa Mullins and checked on their lot here.

Pearl Patten, Margaret Shaw and Dudley Allen went to Lubbock Sunday on business.

Roger Ashley preached the sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning. He was accompanied by his wife, Linda, and granddaughter Savannah Rose. They enjoyed lunch at the home of his sister, Joe and Joyce Meredith, after the services. They also visited with Aunt, Audrey Jones. Visiting that afternoon were Jack, Shirley and Steve Smith.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

An exciting event for me this week was when the Clayton Bridge Reunion participants pulled up in a caravan of pickups in front of my house to see their Granny Bridge's old home that is my home now. Both Corky and Prissy (collyie) Marshall came down to be sure I wasn't being invaded but it was a joy to see some former pupils and friends, and show them the unique features of "Granny's" house, which is probably more than 50 years old. Beverly Bridge Darsey presented me with a history of the Dumont Bridge family and an ancestor chart. You will hear more about that later. Dumont Darsey who has been here many times before, sat down at the computer and ordered a computer book for "Dummies" for me. I look forward to receiving it.

Now, Kudos go to Tyler Logan, grandson of Bill and Jo Ann Durham of Matador who was recently featured in the "Spotlight on Kids" special feature of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Tyler, a second grader at Ralls Elementary, is the son of Ed and Deanna Logan.

Just a thought that brings tears to my eyes: Please take care of Logan; Children are so valuable. Why don't parents obey the law about letting their children ride in the back of a pickup. This morning I passed a pickup with a precious little boy - wearing a helmet - standing in the back of a pickup that was backing out of a driveway. I wondered why the helmet. If the beautiful little one went overboard out of the side that came about to his waist, the helmet would be absolutely useless; his neck would be broken if he hit on his head. That might be a more merciful death. I have a niece who had to pick up her child in a drive after being hit by a pickup. She can never forget that the 2-year-old's head felt like "a broken coke bottle."

And Kudos to Gary W. Markham, a 1967 graduate of Matador High School, one of our own who has made good and is giving back to others who may not be as fortunate as he by the endowment he made available to Motley County High School graduates who are full-time engineering students in good standing at Texas A&M.

His brother Larry is the custodian at the Motley County Courthouse; their father was Elwin. Larry's job is just as honorable as Gary's, but probably does not pay as well as being president and owner of Matador Services in Baytown, Texas. My closest Markham friend was the late Hillie, who with his wife Hazel, was such a wonderful help to the Groves boys while they were in school in Houston at Rice University. Hillie retired and built his dream house - a fantastic mansion - in Umpire, AR where his daughter lived. Hazel still lives in Umpire, AR.

And now to the Fourth, which happened in a bright, warm week. Weather hindered no part of the day. It began at 7 a.m. when we drove into the gate freely decorated with RED, WHITE, and BLUE from gate to barn. Everyone is invited to breakfast on the FOURTH, and J.N. and Darleen Fletcher make it happen. My first was in 1997, and I have missed only one since. The sad part is the announcement that this was probably the LAST.

The riding lawn mower parade that followed at 10 a.m. had great participation, variety of vehicles with unique and beautiful decoration, and the children and adults riding every kind of wheeled vehicle, almost, were generously tossing candy to the crowd while concentrating on their duties of staying in line.

By the time the parade ended, LaNita's was ready with their fried chicken buffet, and it was surprisingly delicious, and crowded, but everyone enjoyed that, then went home to rest awhile.

The Sing Song was well attended at 3:30 although not in an air conditioned part of the Center. The patriotic songs brought back good memories, especially to us whose memories go back to World War One.

At this point, I went home to rest up for the night activities, but decided I had had enough for the day. There was the Barbecue at 6:30 that was delicious, and the Homemade Ice Cream Supper at 8 p.m. Who could miss that? And the FIREWORKS display at dark-thirty. Some volunteers really put in a day. We need more young volunteers!

## FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

Celebrating the 4th of July with family members in the home of Deana and Tim Washington in Roaring Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dean Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and houseguest, daughter, Cara Franks, of Canyon.

Tom Ross attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Kathryn Ross Socausky, 75, of Corpus Christi, held Saturday at the family Henry Prairie Cemetery near Bryan.

Julie Clay of Lubbock visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Their daughter and children, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Tyler and Karlee of Clifton are visiting them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington enjoyed the Tule Creek Blue Grass Festival Saturday and Sunday held in Tulia.

Tom Ross was among the guests attending the party celebrating the first birthday of Branson Cruse, held in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse of Turkey at 6:30 p.m., Sunday. Special guests were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse and great-grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson following the graveside services of Bob True Sunday afternoon were Robert True, Jr. of Torrington, Wyoming, Mrs. Sandra Blakeman of Mackintosh, NM, Mrs. Mary Scott of Amarillo, the Rev. Arnie Smith of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Johnson, Derrell Johnson and sons, Ory and Shawn of Silverton, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey and many local friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Chadwick of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited in Childress, July 4th, with Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Connor, Clay and Cam. Their granddaughter, Katie was featured in the Miss Fourth of July Pageant. They attended the

3 on 3 basketball tournament that was a medical fund drive for grandson, Connor to help with his leukemia medical treatments. They were very appreciative of the good response.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colby of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, July 4th. Visiting during the weekend was son, Tye Barclay of Matador.

Mrs. Butch (Janice) Hughes attended a birthday celebration Saturday in Lubbock given for her grandson on his third birthday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes. Butch Hughes attended to business in Amarillo, Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert visited in Quitaque, Thursday with her cousin, Mrs. Betty Price.

Donnie Rogers, daughters, Natalie and Brooke of Tyler, Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Roswell, NM Saturday to celebrate the 91st birthday of Inez Rogers. Donna Sue, Natalie and Brooke toured the UFO Museum and enjoyed other entertainment concerning Alien landing. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green and Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green visited in Floydada, Friday with Art Green. Don had surgery on his injured arm Monday, July 9, in Lubbock.

Alma and Everett Shorter, son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter, attended the funeral services Saturday morning in Lubbock of Alma's sister, Mrs. Earline Dunigan, 70, held in the Resthaven Abbey Chapel. Burial was in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico July 4th and 5th.

## WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

**OVERHEARD**  
Remember when the only tanning parlor in town was the woodshed?

**STEPHENS FAMILY REUNION**  
The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stephens, who moved to Whiteflat in 1907, held a family reunion, July 8th in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. "Doc" Cross in Plainview. This was the 19th year Mr. and Mrs. Cross have hosted the annual event. They enjoyed renewing amusing past memories, meeting new family members, visiting and good food.

Among the 40 family members registering from New Mexico, Colorado and throughout Texas were Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allen were in Clarksville, Arkansas from Monday until Saturday, July 2-7, where they met friends to attend a Church Camp Meeting.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper enjoyed the Fireworks Display and other entertainment in Roaring Springs, July 4th.

Mrs. Tommie Cruse of Flomot was a guest, July 4th, of daughter and family, Darla, James, Fannin and Danielle Gwinn.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Thursday for her a medical appointment. Joining them there were Mrs. Ted Hester and Carl Hester of Lovington, NM.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper met daughter, Mrs. Kay Dunning and granddaughter, Kourtney of Amarillo in Silverton, Friday. Kourtney returned home with her to visit. They and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell had lunch in Roaring Springs after attending church services in Matador, Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon they visited in the Campbell home in Matador. Also visiting was the daughter of Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Linda Oliver of Dumont. Before returning home, Mrs. Cooper and Kourtney visited in Roaring Springs with Lula Swim who is having out-patient medical treatment in Lubbock.

## News of Local Interest

Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Murphy of Conroe visited in Plainview during the weekend with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunning and accompanied her mother, Mrs. Nora Belle Dunning, resident at West Ridge Manor to the Stephens family reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Cross. They also visited in Matador with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones and sister, Judge Laverna Price.

Names omitted attending the recent Green family reunion in Floydada were Pat and Suetta Green of Sinton and Mike, Robin and Mallie Green of Wolforth.

### BRIDGE REUNION INCLUDES PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

Descendants of Minnie Van and Clayton Bridge gathered Saturday, July 7, at the Roaring Springs Ranch Community Center for games, visiting, swimming, a delicious barbecue meal, and tours of Rita Groves' home in Roaring Springs and of McDonald Camp on the Matador Ranch (both former homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bridge).

A special event of the day was a patriotic tribute by family members to the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Bridge who served in the military during World War II: Jim Bridge (Army - New Guinea and Philippine Islands); Dumont Bridge (Army Air Force - China, Burma, India); W.J. Bridge (Navy - patrolled coast of California); and Tommie Louise Bridge (Army - Nursing Corps). Also included in the tribute were the "homefront" contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Bridge's daughter Nellie Mills, and her husband Gordon Mills who has moved to Fort Worth specifically to help with the war effort. Nellie worked at a blood bank, and Gordon worked at a Consolidated Aircraft factory and helped to build thousands of the B-24 "Liberator" airplanes.

Of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, only two are still living: Dumont Bridge and W.J. Bridge, both of Afton, who were honored during the occasion, and who were encouraged to tell some of their stories of serving in the Air Corp and Navy, as younger generations listened attentively.

Attending the reunion in addition to Dumont and W.J. were Dumont's wife, Margaret Bridge; Gary and Jane Bridge of Afton; Becca Bridge of Texas A&M at College Station; Clay Bridge of Lubbock; Robin and Beverly Darsey, Bert and Dumont of Matador; Tom and Nancy Hale of Dickens; Brian and Valerie Smithy of Rosenberg; Dillon Hale of Oklahoma State at Stillwater, OK; Mildred Bridge and Amy of Weatherford; Jason and Bevin Phillips of Weatherford; Brannon Bridge of Waxahachie; Jim and Sharon Nelson and granddaughter Taylor of Lubbock; Pat Gill of Lake St. Louis, MO; and Val and Jaminell Ellis of Ralls.

## Obituaries

### Juanita Gowin

Quitaque -- Services for Juanita Gowin, 78, of Hale Center, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 5, at First Baptist Church in Quitaque with the Rev. Charlie Styce and Woody Posey officiating.

Burial was in Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Quitaque.

She died Sunday, July 1, 2001. She was born Oct. 9, 1922, in Bonita and married James Gowin. He died in 1988.

A son, Douglas Wayne, died in 1978

and a daughter, Betty Ann Johnston, died in 1993.

Survivors include a son, James of Plattsburg, MO; a daughter, Linda Fowler of Plainview; five brothers, James Reed of Hominy, Okla., E.G. Reed of Flomot, George Reed of Silverton, Leo Reed of Amarillo and Cecil Reed of Whitesboro; two sisters, Elizabeth McDonald of Pampa and Alma Monk of Uvalde; 10 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

### Bob True

Graveside services were held for Bob True, 85, at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 8, at the Memorial Cemetery in Flomot. The Rev. Arnie Smith, pastor of the Fairmont Baptist Church, officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of the Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Quitaque.

Mr. True died Friday, July 6. He served with the Army in World War II. He was a farmer and miner.

He married Oleta Davis. She preceded him in death in 1990. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Robert True, Jr. of Torrington, Wyoming; a daughter, Sandra Blackman of Mackintosh, N.M.; a grandson; nephews, Rex Johnson of Silverton and Arnold Johnson of Flomot; nieces, Mary Scott of Amarillo and Gail Hampton of Paris.

### Pauline Addison

Graveside services for Pauline Burkes Addison, 71, of Merkel were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador with the Rev. Rickey Lawrence officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. She died Tuesday, July 3, 2001.

She was born October 9, 1929, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, moved to Matador about 1950 and had lived in Merkel for the past five years. She married Noble

Burkes, who died Aug. 19, 1974. She married J.D. Addison on July 4, 1975, in Arlington. He died in 1982. She was a homemaker and farmer and a member of the Abundant Life Church.

A son, Danny Burkes, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, David Burkes of Roaring Springs; a daughter, Paula Addison of Lubbock; and five brothers, Loyd, Oreal, Danny, Ray and Wendell Buckley, all of Ogeden, Utah.



Golf Cart winners — Lacey Rankin and passengers (right) received first place in the golf cart division, while Corky Marshall, second from left, received second, and Steve Byrd, left, received third.



Dana Graham on her All-Natural Lawn Mower, Mulcher, Fertilizer spreader, 1-Horse Power, at last Wednesday's July 4th parade in Roaring Springs.

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### SPEC Dickens Division Membership Meeting

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Dickens Division Office, FM 836, Spur, Texas

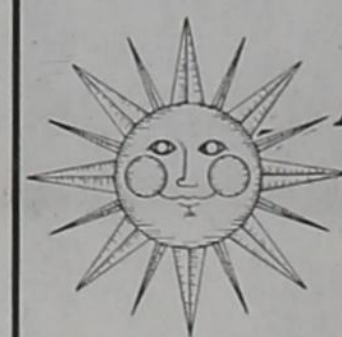
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**LIL RASCALS, 1ST PLACE, T-BALL** — Coaches Shonda Elliott, Shawn Elliott, and Bobby Barton; (beginning at back left to right) Adriann Walker, Ky Christopher, Braden Mason, Bernardo Santos, Celeste Sims, Shelby Elliott, Katie Barton, Conner Mason, Gabbie Silva, Reagan Elliott. Not pictured are Christina Moehringer and Chase Buckner.



**RUGRATS, 2ND PLACE, T-BALL** — Coaches Tammy Simpson, Shane Taylor, and Mickey Brooks; (from back, left to right) Jacob Dilworth, Hanna Alexander, Gabriel Espinoza, Austin Taylor, Kyla Simpson, Korbyn Simpson, Sam Hulsey, Hannah Hulsey, Matthew Mount, Bryant Taylor. Not pictured is Demi Simpson. Not pictured is Mari Simmons.



**CUBS, 3RD PLACE, T-BALL** — Coaches Kim Woolsey, Teresa Woolsey and Colleen Baxter; (left to right) Marti Walker, Parker Meredith, Patrick Harvey, Jacob Woolsey, Neal Potts, Michael Martin, Dillon Walker, Wesley Bishop, Jay Potts, Hayden Scott, Christian Brooks, Seth Baxter.

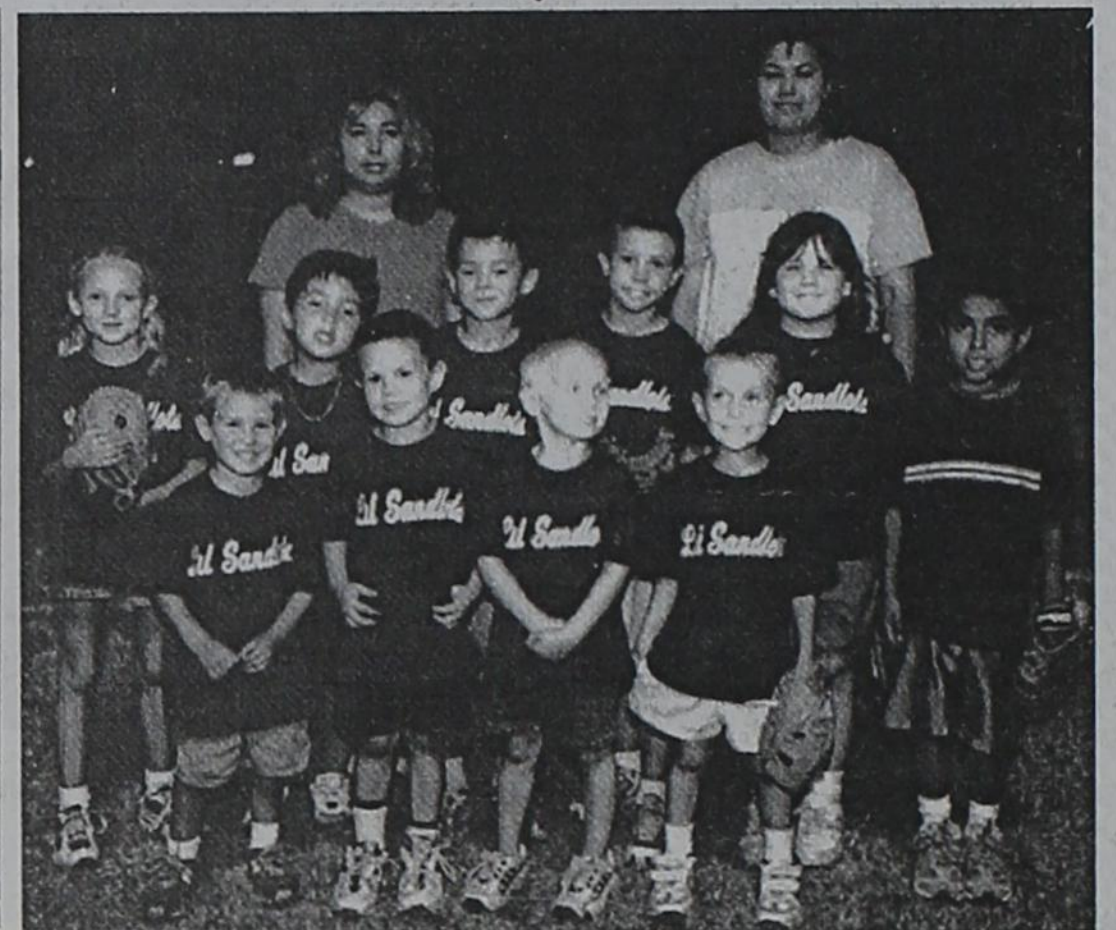
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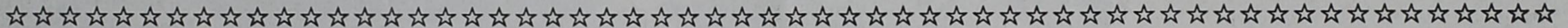
**MUNCHKINS, 4TH PLACE, T-BALL** — Coaches Denise Ford, Brenda Ferguson and Christine Martin; (back, left to right) Barrett Bland, Stormy Guerrero, Cody Martin, Sarah Ferguson, Danielle Gwinn; (middle row) Logan Ferguson, Tabatha Goodsite; (front) Meagan Ford, Noah Guerrero. Not pictured are Tamera Campbell, Britt Simpson and Garrett Jenschke.



**RAIDERS, 5TH PLACE, T-BALL** — Coaches Rhonda Norrell and Ruthie Stephens; (left to right) Mercedes Saenz, Marcus Martinez, Keyan Kautz, Christopher Saenz, Alexis Osborn, Tanner Norrell, Hance Davey, Haden Davey, and Jared Stephens. Not pictured are Andy Arocha and Stormy Darnell.



**LIL SANDLOTS, 6TH PLACE, T-BALL** — Coaches Olivia Osborn and Veronica Quintero; (left to right) Leanne Jameson, Caleb Clarey, Dominique Quilimaco, Dillon McCleskey, Jonathan Osborn, Jamie Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Gunnar Luckett, Brett Fletcher and Mark Quintero. Not pictured are Hannah Meason and Gage Renfro.



**ANGELS, 1ST PLACE, SOFTBALL** — Coaches Danny Perryman, Amy Perryman and Gary Simpson; (front left to right) Stacy Perryman, Sean Braselton, Casey Fletcher, Eric Simpson, Martin Walker, Kaleigh Kerns, Riley Nordquist, Isaiah Archer, John Hodges, Sam Fletcher.



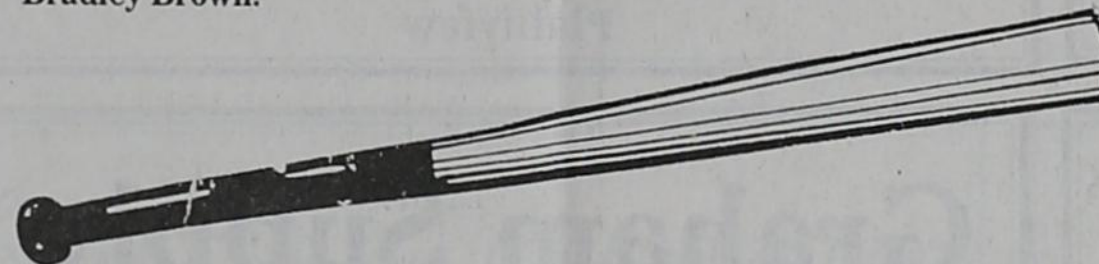
**SLUGGERS, 2ND PLACE, SOFTBALL** — Coaches Tammy Simpson, LaKenna Simpson and Shonda Elliott; (left to right) Andrew Davila, Isaiah Archer, Danielle Ho-Gland, Andrew Martin, Cameron Martinez, Jesse Moehringer, Bradley Brown, Sergio Espinoza, Riley Nordquest, Tori Simpson, Keely Simpson. Not pictured are Chigagra Brown and Bradley Brown.



**ASTROS, 3RD PLACE, SOFTBALL** — Coaches Kathy Blanco, Andy Henzler and David Blanco; (left to right) Mark Henzler, Rachael Bartlett, Gene Salazar, Cade Luckett, Jacob Blanco, Gavin Luckett, Patrick Ramsey, Kayla Hollinsworth, Taelor Norrell. Not pictured is Jacob Johannes.



The Motley County Tribune apologizes that, because of conflicting schedules, we were not able to take pictures of the two Major League teams. If anyone has group pictures of these two teams, we would be glad to print them.

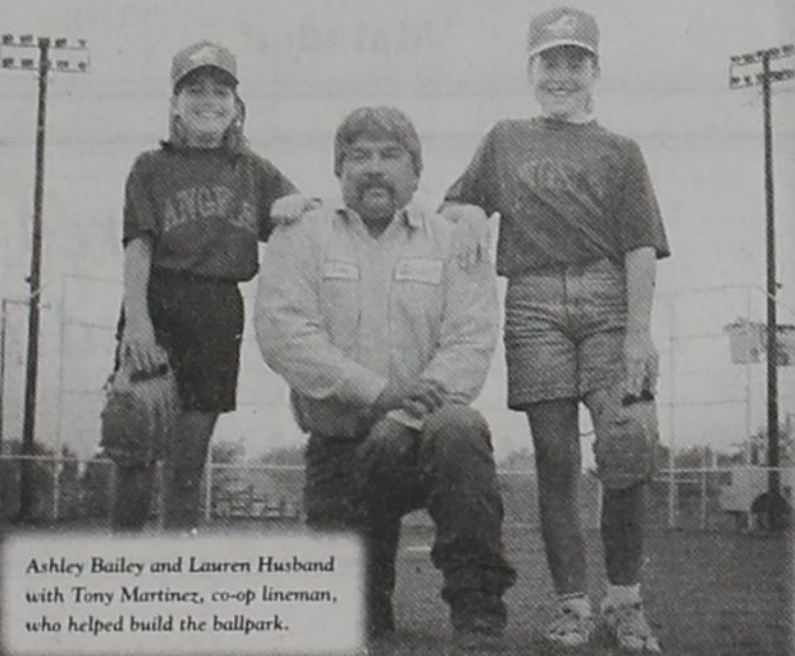


### Patton Springs students celebrate all night at 13th annual graduation party

The Patton Springs PTO hosted their 13th annual drug free graduation party on Friday, June 1, following graduation exercises. Fifty-three guests attended, 45 of which were PS high school students. A dance was held for 10 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. for those who wished to participate. Following the dance attendees participated in games such as balloon stomp, snowball, freeze, and Ping-Pong. At 2:30 a.m. the casino style games kicked off and for those needing a break the movie room opened. Pizza was served throughout the night and finger food snacks were

plentiful. A photo set was available with a tropical theme background. Guests were able to earn tickets of different values by participating in the activities, the tickets were used in drawings for many great gifts Saturday morning after breakfast. A separate drawing was held for senior class members who also received T-shirts from TxDOT. All guests received a T-shirt designed by the class of 2001 commemorating the event.

Breakfast was prepared and served by freshman parents who also helped with the morning clean-up.



Ashley Bailey and Lauren Husband with Tony Martinez, co-op lineman, who helped build the ballpark.

### Community Service: Fancy Words For Doing Our Part

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The Patton Springs PTO would like to thank each and every one who made a donation to the Project Graduation '01. Without your support (time, money and gifts) this event could not be possible.

Chaperones: faithful supportive friends, relatives and teachers were Andy and Donna Anderson, Starlet Freemon, Chris Anderson, Larry and Cristy McClenny, Coach Bryan and Debbie White, Ed Campbell, Robert and Polly Herrington, Brenda Karr, Robert and D'Ann Pierce, Tom and Sonja Bowman, Sandra Frost, Dana Little, Leslie Baxter, Barry and Lillian Atkinson, Randy and Gwen Flemming, Yolanda Kautz, JR and Denise Adams, Joan Mahuron and Ben and Davona Grundy.

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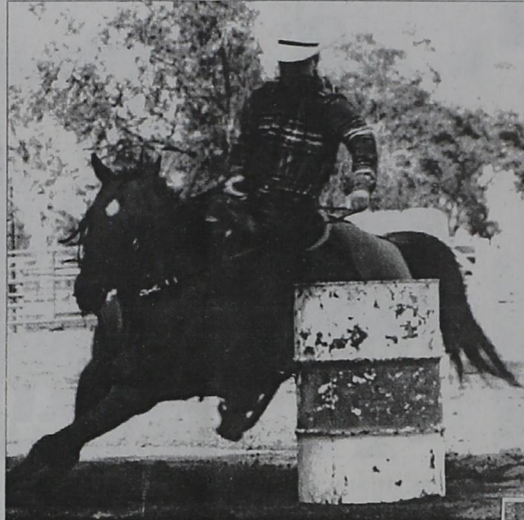
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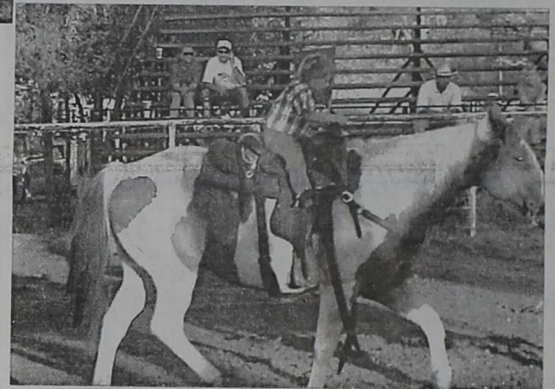


Colton Russell competes at last year's Rodeo.

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Brad Baxter practices his roping skills.



Cassidy Turner competes in last year's Rodeo.

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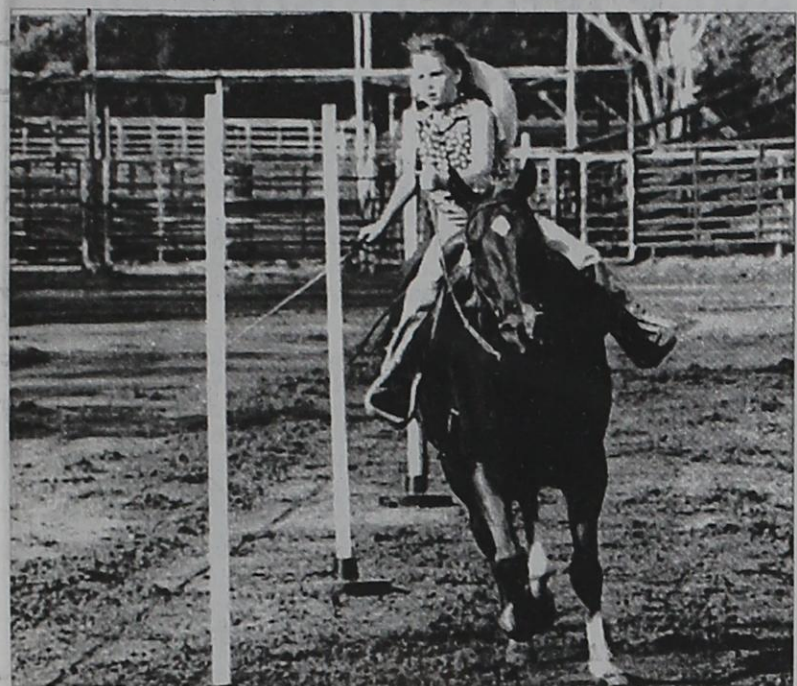
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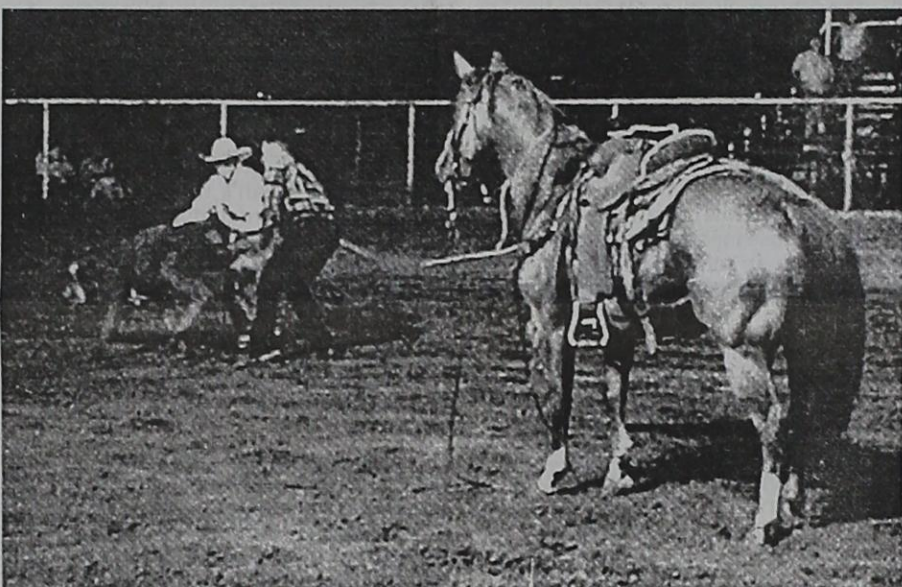




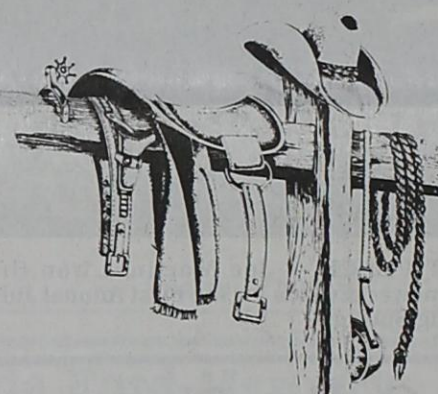
Shane'a Russell in the pole bending event at last year's Rodeo.  
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Colton Russell rides a steer.  
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Brad Baxter competes in the Roping event at last year's Rodeo.



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by Carla Meador

Do you ever wonder how one person is worth so much more than another? I mean what makes a NFL football player worth a million dollars and a farmer worth only the land he owes for? Think about it! The farmer is the one who produces the cotton for our clothes or the produce for our food. He's the one who works in the hot sun and labors until after dark, so the people of our good country can eat and be clothed. Now, don't get me wrong, I have nothing against football. Jim is one of the game's most loyal fans. But, by comparison, it seems like things are all messed up sometimes. Don't you think so?

There are a lot of comparisons that could be done about jobs. Jim's job, for instance, or that of any law enforcement officer. Most are very underpaid for the work they do everyday. They put their lives on the line for our safety. They get up in the middle of the night, in the wee hours of the morning, night after night, (believe me, I know), while most are tucked safely in their beds, just so we can all live safely and trust that we can walk up and down the streets and be taken care of.

Here are some other comparisons.

**WHOSE HANDS**

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael

Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Mark Mcquire's hands is worth \$19 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Venus Williams' hands is a Wimbledon Championship. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses' hands parted the mighty sea. It depends on whose hands it's in.

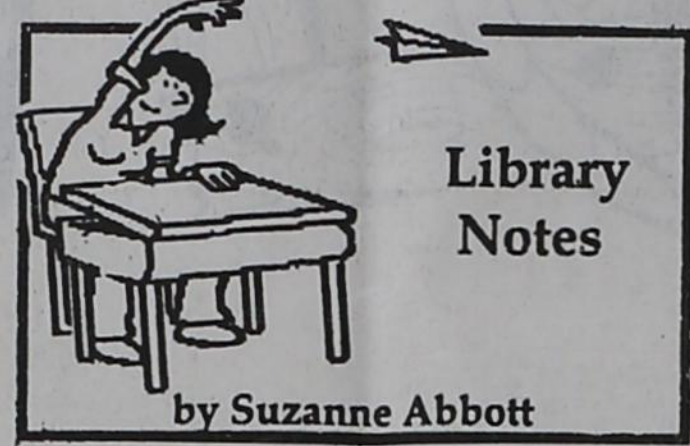
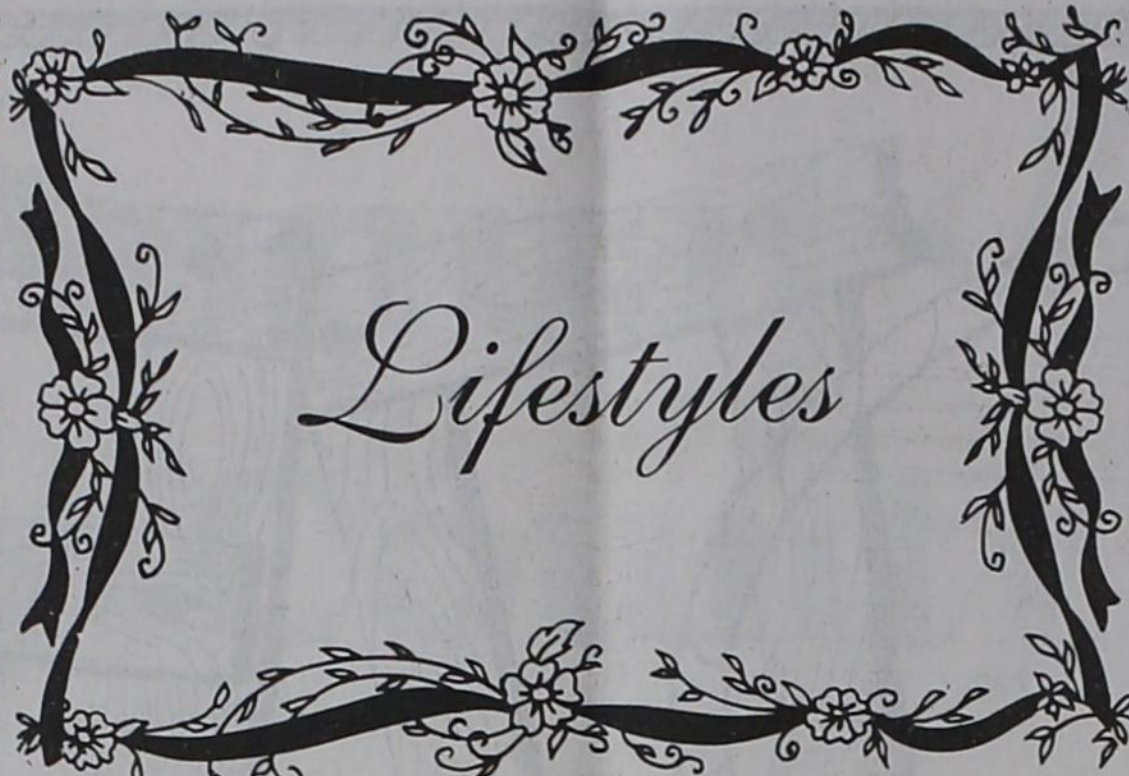
A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy. A sling shot in David's hands was a mighty weapon. It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in Jesus Christ's hands fed thousands. It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands produced salvation for the entire world. It depends on whose hands it's in.

Put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands, because...

It depends on whose hands it's in.



**Library Notes**

by Suzanne Abbott

The Summer Reading Program sessions for kids in Grades K-2 have ended, but we hope the kids continue to read during the summer. One of the worst things we do to beginning readers is to take time off from reading for the two and a half months that school is out. Kids need to practice their reading skills all year long.

For the K-2 age group, Stormy Guerrero won the grand prize of a little stuffed dog, a video and a book. Tanner Norrell was the second prize winner of a book. All 17 children involved read a total of 184 books during the month of June. Congratulations to our readers!

The kids in grades 3-6 are still

reading to get their name in the hat as many times as they can before July 31 when the scooter and helmet will be given away. There is also a second prize for this group.

Please mark July 24 on your calendars as the date for the next book discussion. Patricia Green and Suzanne Abbott will lead a discussion of Deborah Smith's book, On Bear Mountain. We have three copies of

this so we should be able to pass it around to all who want to read it. The book discussion will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the library on Tuesday, July 24. You are welcome to attend even if you have not read the book.



Rev. Paul Stearns, new Pastor of the Matador and Roaring Springs First United Methodist Churches.

**New Pastor appointed at Methodist Churches**

The United Methodist Churches of Matador and Roaring Springs are pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Stearns as pastor for the coming year. The announcement of this appointment was read by Bishop Max Whitfield at the 92nd session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference in Abilene, June 9, 2001.

Bro. Stearns served as Interim Director of Wesley Foundation, South Plains College, Levelland, Texas in 1999. He was a student at the Chaplain Educational Residency Program, August 1998 to May 1999 at the Methodist Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He had missionary duties of teaching and preaching sponsored with the Bethany Fellowship for two years in the St. Croix Island

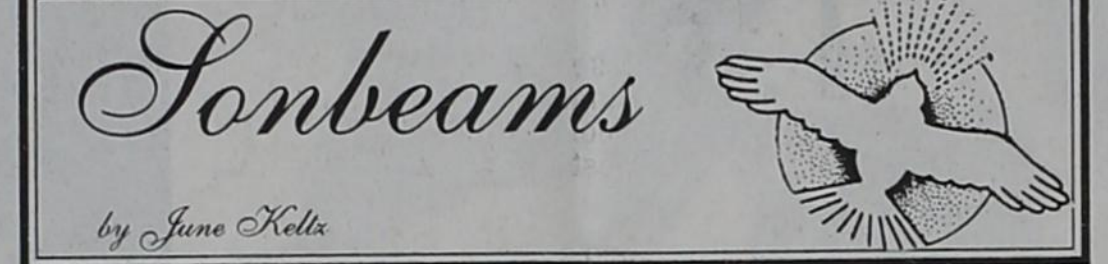
group and a lay speaker, teacher and preacher at the First Baptist Church in Amherst. In 2000 until he arrived here, June 21, 2001, he worked with Conac Software for construction companies in Phoenix, Arizona.

Pastor Stearns is single and the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Miles Stearns of Seattle, Washington. He was welcomed with an outdoor ice cream social by members of the Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist Churches Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner.

Pastor Stearns expressed his appreciation of the warm welcome he has received and is looking forward to a good ministry.



FIRST PLACE — Joe Martinez won first place in the Riding Lawnmower division for the First Annual July 4th parade in downtown Roaring Springs.



by June Keltz

In retrospect, having made light of bird watchers, I've had to repent and acknowledge that God teaches me valuable lessons while closely observing our fine feathered friends.

The current resident is a rather large unattractive bird whose muted color somehow escaped God's usual beautiful palette. While flying by my picture window he saw one of his own kind whose looks and actions ignited in him an immense dislike. He could not accept this offensive creature, so rather than ignoring him or just letting him be who God created him to be, "Mr. Aggressive Controller" decided to conform him or drive him away for good. Again and again he methodically flew up into the air, attacked bird number 2 and returned to the ground to regain power to continue warfare. His body took a beating as it slammed into the glass with each assault. He panted with exhaustion but bird number 2 refused to change or to go away. What the poor dumb warrior had not discovered was that he was fighting his own reflection in the mirrored glass.

Our nature tends to exert far too much energy opposing other's actions as well as personalities. We fail

to see that the things in others that irritate us the most are God's way of showing us imperfections in our own lives. We actually see our own reflection in them, recognized by our spirit but denied by our soulish, fleshy mind.

King David, after committing adultery with Uriah's wife and having him killed, seemed not to see his own sin until Nathan told him a story of a rich man with many flocks taking a poor man's only little lamb, killing it and preparing it for a hungry traveler. David was aghast that anyone would do such a thing and declared that the rich man deserved to die. Nathan said to David, "You are the man."

"Father God, as we are aggravated and provoked by others words and actions let the scales fall from our eyes and see that it is self-examination time. Change our hurtful ways and make us more like You."

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**TUESDAY SCRAMBLE**  
 July 3

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Second, with a score of 29, were Ken Marshall, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Roy Grundy and Robin Darsey. Alan got closest to pin on #6 - 19'1".

Others playing were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Brad Thacker, Jeff Thacker, Alfred Barton, Louise Barton, Mike Nelson, Pat Nelson, Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, Robert Francis and Van Francis.

**LADIES PLAYDAY**  
 July 5

18 hole players were Louise Barton, Vida Elkins, Francine Braselton and Geneva Wilson. Francine got closest to pin on #3.

Nine hole players were Judy Renfro, Marihelen Wason and Tempie Francis. Tempie got closest to pin on #3.

**Chamber meeting**  
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take place. She reported on the Crock 40, a group of Cloggers from Prague, Czech, who dress Western style in cowboy hats and costumes, and tour the U.S. for two to three weeks presenting their unique type of dancing.

There is a chance Mrs. Pipkin would sponsor this group should they come to the Matador area. She is looking for charter members for the local People to People chapter.

Those attending the very positive and enlightening meeting were board members Richard Knowles, Brent Marshall, Rodney Williams, Ken Young, Pennie Pipkin, Marisue Potts, and chamber employee, Barbara Armstrong.

**"Meeting Our Creator"**

We are responsible before God. The Bible tells us that we will have a personal confrontation or reception with our Creator. The assurance for this is found in the Scriptures (Hebrews 9:27). The privilege of being made a "little lower than the angels" and the obligation of being human intersect in the question, "Is my relationship with my God based on Biblical Truth?"

There are among us, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, and the well educated and the unlearned. Some openly reject our Lord and the notion of responsible behavior before Him. There are others who simply procrastinate thinking that there is always time to get right with God. Then there are those who respond to the words of our Lord and are living responsible lives before Him. In our communities one can meet with all these.

The response to the Lord's invitation found in Matthew 12:28-30 is as varied as the different types of personalities which hear it. But one thing is common to us all. We will give an account for our lives before our God. That brings us to the Good News. God loves us and has presented salvation through His Son in such a magnificent, towering way that in Jesus we might stand before Him redeemed. Redeemed!

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Ruby and D.A. McGuire, with their granddaughters, won second and third place, respectively, in the riding lawn mower division. Winning in the ATV division, but not pictured were first place, Roy Kinard; second place, Kim Fletcher; and third place, Annette Hollinsworth.



Ken and Dinah Young received first place in the other vehicles division; Russell Alexander, second place; and Dallas Luera (not pictured) third place.

**Note of Thanks**

We wish to thank all those who helped make our July 4th celebration so successful. We plan to have an even bigger and better celebration next July 4th!

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers

**Soil and Water Conservation assistance now available to Motley County farmers**

USDA this week announced its latest program available to farmers and ranchers, the Soil and Water Conservation Assistance program (SWCA). SWCA provides 75% cost share assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers who install conservation practices that significantly reduce erosion. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland, and land used for subsistence purposes. Not all counties are eligible for SWCA, however, Motley County is eligible.

Applications for SWCA may be made at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office. Applicants will participate in a ranking process based on the

amount of erosion controlled or reduced. Applications will be taken through the close of business July 31, 2001. Participation in the program requires development of a conservation plan and contracts can range from five to ten years. The 75% cost share is paid upon completion of the practice and the producers part can be from in kind services. Any conservation practice or practices that are listed in the field office technical guide are eligible for cost share assistance.

For more information pick up a fact sheet for SWCA at the NRCS office or the FSA office. If you have other questions contact James at the NRCS office before July 31.

**County Agent's Report**

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



**REGIONAL WHEAT PRODUCERS MEETING**  
Wheat Production vs. Karnal Bunt  
Production Options for the 2001-02 Growing Season  
The Texas Agricultural Extension Offices of Young, Throckmorton, Archer, and Baylor Counties are encouraging wheat producers from the region to take part in a meeting that will focus on wheat production options in this era of restrictions brought on by the Karnal bunt fungus.

This region wide event will take place on Thursday, July 12, starting at 8:30 a.m., at the Olney High School Auditorium, in Olney, Texas, 704 West Groves street.

Since this wheat fungus was located, it is clear that producers have been given timely information concerning quarantine areas and the procedures required to prevent the spread of this problem. However, as the new crop season approaches, the extension service hopes to now focus attention on the actions wheat producers can take to prevent Karnal bunt infestations and continue with

wheat production. The meeting will focus on the best management practices for the growing of wheat in the 2001-2002 growing season along with alternative cropping options. Producers attending will also be educated on the life cycle of this disease and the potential economic impact of the fungus on the region. The program will conclude, with its most important action, a panel discussion with producers asking specific questions to program speakers, wheat board representatives, and legislators.

Speakers and representatives will include Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Agronomist, College Station; David Marshall, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station - Wheat Breeder, Dallas; Stan Beavers, Extension Economist, Vernon; Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist, Vernon; Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist, Vernon; George Nash, USDA-APHIS, San Saba; Pat McPheron USDA-APHIS, Olney; W.R. Moore and Fred Dwyer, Texas Wheat Producers Board; Jason Skaggs District Representative for U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm.

**Farm Service Agency News**

by Debbie Shaw, CED



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday, July 12: Producer Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Building. Program covering the new (Non-Insurable Disaster Program, (NAP) and 2000 Quality Loss Pro-

gram. Monday, July 16: Final day to Certify or request measurement service for all Spring seeded crops, CRP, native and improved pasture.

Tuesday, July 13: Final Date to request a spring peanut transfer.

Wednesday, August 1: Final date to designate your shares for the 2001 PFC Contracts, report any changes or successors on the contracts and submit any other required information in order to be eligible for 2001 PFC payments.

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**CORRECTION**

Stanley O. Kingery was incorrectly listed as Stanley D. Kingery on the list of Veterans in last week's paper.

H.C. "Caldwell" Smith was inadvertently left off the list of Veterans in last week's paper.

The Motley County Tribune realizes that there are several Motley County Veterans' names that were not listed in last week's list. As stated, on that page, the list of Veterans were the names that are listed on the slabs at the Frank N. Mitchell Memorial Park in Roaring Springs. We appreciate the sponsors which made it possible to print the names. The Tribune has never had made available to them a list of all Motley County Veterans. If that list were available, and if room and sponsors were available, the Tribune would be glad to print an entire Motley County list.

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