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RAINDROPS ARE FALLING ON MY HEAD — Cassie Campbell is all smiles as she stands in the rain Monday afternoon. Matador received .98, which was much needed moisture by area farmers and ranchers. Weather reports indicate the possibility of more rain this week.

Study finds Nursing Home appropriate for Matador

A study by Ipsier and Associates, Inc. of Fort Worth concluded that a skilled care nursing home facility would be appropriate for Matador. Based on the company's findings, a nursing home facility of 50 to 54 beds would be appropriate for Matador. The design should be mostly semi-private rooms with a few, possibly two, private rooms. The facilities should be attractively designed with amenities typically found in a nursing home setting, such as daily planned activities, lounge with TV and a private area/room for families to visit comfortably. Van services should be provided either by purchasing a van exclusively for the nursing home, or Caprock Community Action, which has two vans, could provide these services.

In the opinion of Ipsier and Associates, a new nursing home in Matador would initially fill 25 to 30 beds in the first three months of opening. Some of these are expected to be former Matador residents now in other nursing homes throughout the region. Some would be residents who have been reluctant, or their families have been reluctant, to enter a nursing home because it means leaving home. The remainder of the beds would slowly fill as more of the area's elderly reach the stage when care is needed. A 50-bed nursing home in Matador could expect to reach a 90% or higher census in about 9-12 months, keeping in mind that turnover could be high. Matador Health Care providers commented that

many have remained in their homes past the time they would be better served in a nursing care facility.

A summary of Nursing Care needs states that the Motley County Clinic in Matador has 200 to 300 encounters with patients per month; i.e., visits to the clinic, which includes some repeated visits from the same patient. Of these encounters, 100 to 150 are elderly. Gail Ream, the clinic's Physician's Assistant is of the opinion that at least 50 beds would be needed in a nursing home. In her opinion, approximately 40 intermediate and 10 skilled beds would be appropriate.

Bobbie Brown, administrator of Caprock Community Action in Matador reported that the agency serves about 300 to 400 people in the county and that 80% of those are elderly. She further stated that 50% of those need personal or medical care, and in her opinion the nursing home need could be as high as 100 beds.

Covenant Home Health, based in Spur, serves about 20 elderly persons in Motley County and 60 in its six county service area. The service is provided only at the direction of a physician's referral and is reviewed every 60 days in accordance with Medicare guidelines. After 60 days the home health service may be extended, the client may be referred to hospice or referred to a nursing home. The home health administrator estimates that 1% to 5% need nursing care. She also stated that many of their clients could benefit

from nursing care, but are reluctant to go to a nursing home. According to I&A's study, this reluctance would be somewhat relieved if a nursing facility were available close to home.

Based on the study's survey of nursing homes in Floyd, Crosby and Dickens Counties, about 10 former Matador and Roaring Springs residents are in nursing homes in Floydada, Lockney, Ralls, Crosbyton and Spur. These nursing facilities offer intermediate, skilled, Alzheimer's and outpatient care. A new nursing home in Matador should offer both intermediate care and skilled care beds, and maintain compliance for eligibility under the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Consideration should also be given to outpatient services, which would care for those who still need care after discharge from hospitals in places such as Lubbock, Crosbyton or Lockney.

Matador does not have any facilities specifically designed for elderly. Elderly must remain in the single family homes or if eligible, into low income public housing. Therefore, those who can no longer maintain their homes or live alone must leave Matador to find apartments, congregate or assisted living facilities, or nursing home in other communities. The closest they can be to their families or place of roots is in Lubbock or neighboring counties.

In 1990, there were 157 households in Matador in which one or more persons was age 65 or older. The 2000 Census reported that num-

ber had dropped to 112 households. Within the county, there were 296 households with one or more persons age 65 or older in 1990, which decreased to 235 in 2000. Among the 209 persons age 65 or older in 1990 in Matador, 77 lived alone, compared with 135 of the county's 402 elderly that were living alone. A large majority of elderly living alone are women.

The study shows Motley County's 2000 population of 1,426 is down 106 from the 1990 figure of 1,532. Matador's population, according to the 2000 Census, was 740 (51.9% of the county's total population). This is a loss of 50 from the 1990 population of 790. Roaring Springs shows a 2000 population of 265, 18.6% of the county total. Flomot, Northfield and Whiteflat account for 199 persons, or 14% of the county's total. The remaining 222 county residents make up 18.6% of the county total.

Two possible sites are under consideration for the proposed location. Site A is located in the north central part of Matador, immediately north of the Matador Housing Authority's apartment complex. The second location, shown on the map as "Site B" is in the south central part of Matador and is immediately east of the Motley County Clinic. In I&A's opinion, Site A is superior and preferable over Site B.

The City of Matador will present I&A's study with the city's application for a grant to USDA Rural Development in Austin.

See site map on page 4

Commissioners approve redistricting plan

Motley County Commissioners Court met Friday, August 10, for a public hearing on the redistricting process in Motley County, as contracted with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG). Jared Miller with SPAG presented a map of the redistricting of precincts. The map has been on display in the foyer of the Motley County Courthouse for public viewing and comment. Mr. Tom Ross, a resident of Flomot in Precinct #2 made favorable comments to the Court. Members of the court and Mr. Miller appreciated Mr. Ross' interest in the county by attending the public hearing.

All Commissioners and Judge Laverna Price attended the meeting.

Regular session of the Commissioners' Court was held Monday, August 13. Minutes of the regular session held July 9, Special session held July 23, and Public Hearing held August 10, were read and approved.

Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Reports were given by the County Agent, Justice of the Peace, Library,

Tax Assessor/Collector and Treasurer. All reports were approved.

Commissioners approved the following new locations for polling places:

Precinct 1, Motley County Grade School building;

Precinct 4, Community Building in Roaring Springs;

Precinct 5, Catholic Church Parish Hall in Matador.

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor with the Texas Department of Transportation met with the Court and discussed the designated dollar amount of in-kind work to be completed on bridges and roads in Motley County. The in-kind work will be accepted as the payment of 10% of cost of the five bridges to be replaced in Motley County under the Federal Off-System Bridge Program. The program will become effective September, 2001.

Elaine Hart, County Tax Assessor/Collector, met with the Court and explained the collection rate, debt taxes and certified appraisal roll.

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Senior Citizens meals to begin October 1

The Motley County Senior Citizens Advisory Board has successfully concluded contract arrangements with the South Plains Association of Governments, Agency on Aging (SPAG), to provide meal and recreation services in the Matador Senior Center and home delivery meal services for home-bound seniors. The advisory board members include: Jim Watson, Jerry Green, Betty Simpson, Loys Campbell, Jean Cooper, Wilburn Martin, Lucretia Edwards Campbell, Luther Green, and Frances Hobbs.

The Board spent many days preparing a proposal for the October 2001-September 2002 contract year. SPAG officials initially favorably endorsed the proposal. However, budgetary constraints required SPAG to reduce the amount of funding avail-

able for the Motley County proposal. After reviewing the funding available, the board decided that the most feasible option was operation of the Center recreation and meal services only three days a week for the first year of operation. It is anticipated that funding will be increased for subsequent years to allow operations five days per week.

The Board had to make assumptions concerning the number of meals that would be served in the center and the number of home delivered meals that would be required. It was estimated that 30 hot, well balanced, delicious meals per day will be served in a congregate setting in the Senior Center and that 20 meals per day will be delivered to home-bound seniors.

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2001 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen to be crowned

The 2000 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen will be crowned during Saturday night's Rodeo performance at the 78th annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion to be held next weekend.

Queen contestants are Emily Hurt and Sherri Thomas, both of Matador, and Hannah Richardson of Roaring Springs.

Emily is the 14-year-old daughter of Jimmy Don and Sarah Hurt of Matador. She is a Freshman at Motley County High School, where she is a member of the basketball team. Her favorite colors are blue and orange. Her hobbies include drawing and hanging out with friends. Emily plans to attend Texas Tech University Law School after graduation.

Sherri is the 17-year-old daughter of Ray and Susan Thomas of Matador. She is a Senior at Patton Springs High School. She is actively involved in 4-H and FFA and enjoys working with animals and showing steers. She plans to play basketball this year.

Sherri's hobbies include photography and she recently won state at the 4-H State Roundup held at College Station, in the Landscape division. She also enjoys painting ceramics. Sherri works at Billie Dean's Restaurant in Matador.

Hannah is the 11-year-old daughter of Julie and Russell Alexander of Roaring Springs. She is an A-B student at Patton Springs ISD, and enjoys playing basketball for the Lady Rangers. She is in the 100 point AR club and is a member of the pep squad at school. Hanna is one of four 6th graders from Patton Springs chosen to participate in Texas Tech's Dean's Future Scholars Program. She is also actively involved in 4-H showing her goats: Maude, Stevie, Lizzy Lou and Daisy.

Hannah is a member of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. She is an active participant in children's church and Wednesday night youth group. Hannah recently attended Texas Tech's Lady Raiders Basketball Camp for five days in order to work on her skills.

Hannah's hobbies include visiting her Paw-Paw, Aunt Shirley and Billy Don Dickens, basketball, showing her goats, collecting Bryer horses and swimming.

All three girls are busy selling tickets on a handmade saddle. The winner will be announced after the crowning of the Queen during Saturday night's Rodeo performance.



Emily Hurt



Sherri Thomas



Hannah Richardson

The annual celebration will kick off on Thursday with a Chuckwagon Breakfast, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. The breakfast is free to all Old Settlers. Others may purchase a plate for \$5.

The Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Roaring Springs. Everyone is welcome and urged to participate. The parade will continue down to the Old Settlers grounds, where winners will be announced.

The Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the historic Tabernacle. After a lunch break, the business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

A free dance will be held in Tabernacle each afternoon from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Motley-Dickens County arena events will get underway at 5:00 p.m. Books will open at 4:30. Events will include Cutting, Flag Race, Open Age Barrel Race, Junior Team Roping, and the annual Motley-Dickens Counties Team Roping.

There will be free admission on the grounds all day Thursday. General admission of \$5.00 will be charged on Friday and Saturday. Those 12 years of age and under will be admitted free.

The Old Folks Dance, featuring Weldon Turpin and the Texas Fiddle Band, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights. A Young Folks dance will be held on Saturday night, featuring CowJazz, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Voted the 1999 A.W.A. Swing Band of the Year, and "Texas Dance Hall Certified" CowJazz boasts of musical versatility with a vintage "Texas Sound." The band currently has two CD's out, "CowJazz Swings over the Rainbow" (from which their version of steel guitar rag reached #1

on the European CMA charts), and "Playing with a Stacked Deck" recorded live while playing with Willie Nelson on July 4th, 1999, in Luckenbock, Texas.

ARHAA Cow Horse Competition will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, with Junior and Senior sanctioned classes and a Cowboy class. First place horse in sanctioned classes can come back for champion work-off in the Rodeo Friday night.

Rodeo events, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each night, are Open, TCRA, CPRA, and UPRA approved. Events will include Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Calf Roping, Barrel Race, Steer Wrestling, Women's Breakaway, Team Roping and Bull Riding.

Junior Rodeo events will include

School bells will ring Monday for MC students

Monday, August 20, 2001, will be the first day of classes for the students of Motley County School.

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 to 8:15.

Classes for all students PreK-12 will begin at 8:20 a.m. and dismiss at 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 3:25 p.m. on Friday.

Students new to Motley County ISD must provide the following documents when they register for school:

Student's Social Security Card

Student's Birth Certificate

Up to date Immunization Record

Identification of parent or legal guardian and/or custody papers

Withdrawal papers from previously attended school and/or final grade report

Bring name of school previously attended along with address and telephone number of the school.

(Copies of these documents will be made at the time of registration and originals will be given back to the parent or guardian).

Parents of returning students, please make sure your children's immunizations are up to date.

Pictures needed for Old Settlers edition

Pictures are needed for the annual Old Settlers of the Motley County Tribune, which will be published August 23. If you have old pictures that have not been printed before or in a very long time, we would appreciate the use of them for this special edition.

Special ads for the edition are being sold. Those who have placed ads in the past will be called. If you would like to have your business featured by advertising in this special edition, please call our office at 347-2400.

The deadline for pictures, stories and advertisement for this edition will be Thursday, August 16.

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I think we all have days when the regular, everyday trials and tribulations seem a little more than usual. Thank God, He's there to carry us through. My daughter-in-law e-mailed this poem to me, which speaks of that very subject.

Dear God, You Must Be Nuts

I woke up this morning, to another Jesus day
Got out of bed and showered, then took time to pray
I then reached for my scheduler, with all its great events
To see what kind of blessings, I would not be sent!

I opened up my schedule, to see what I would face
As I served the Lord, as I ran the race
This schedule now had trials, like greed and love and lust
I was overwhelmed and said, "Dear God, you must be nuts!"

And as I scanned the day, my heart sank in the chest
Way too many trials you see, not what I thought best
I looked at God in great dismay, "Do all of this and trust?"
"You know how much I love you Dad, But God, you must be nuts!"

"This schedule will stand," God now said, "I will not change one trial"
"Into your enemies hands you go, and there you'll stay awhile"
And then the day and trials began, with a fateful thrust
And as I went, I screamed at Dad, "Dear God, you must be nuts!"

The day wa hard, the fires were hot, the trials were all too read
A hundred times within this day, God's love I could not feel
I blessed the sinners, prayed for those, whom God now said I must
All the while I was thinking, "Dear God, you must be nuts!"

And God now sat there smiling, with the strangest silly smile
"It's time to come and share," he said, "Sit with me awhile"
I told him how the day had hurt, and how I'd found some guts
Then I looked at him with tears, "Dear God, you must be nuts!"

He smiled and said, "Look how you've grown in just this one short day"
"And here you sit, alive and well, though I'm nuts you say"
"Well, yes I'm nuts, I won't deny, that this just may be true"
"But if I am, remember this, my child, I'm nuts for you!"

— Jay L. Zumbrum

Pastor to preach in view of call at First Baptist Church

This Sunday morning, August 19, Rev. Jack Boggs of Yuma, Colorado, will preach at First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs, at 9:30 a.m., and First Baptist Church, Matador, at 11:00 a.m. Both churches are considering calling him as joint pastor of the two churches.

Bro. Boggs and his wife, Jo, have served at First Southern Baptist Church in Yuma, Colorado, since 1997. Prior to that they pastored several Texas churches, as well as serving in churches in Oklahoma and North Dakota. He also was an associational Director of Missions in Ohio and pastored a church in England for several years.

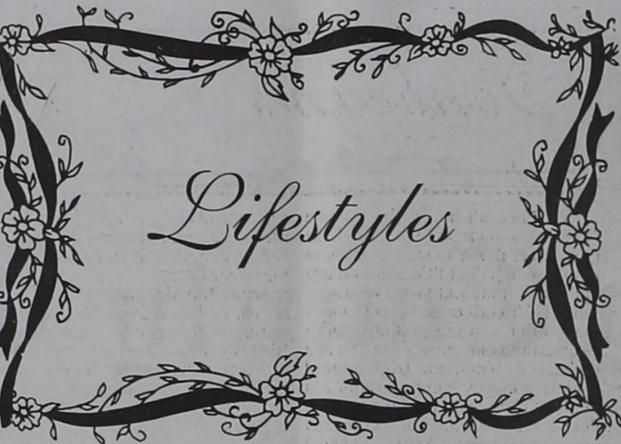
Both Bro. Boggs and his wife have relatives in our area, and he graduated from Kress High School and

Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. They have two daughters and 6 grandchildren.

On Saturday evening, August 18, the Pastor Search Committee will host a reception for Bro. and Mrs. Boggs, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the Matador church.

On Sunday, there will be a covered-dish lunch at noon at the Matador church. There will be a joint worship service in Matador at 7:00 p.m. that evening, followed by a vote on whether or not to call Bro. Boggs as pastor.

Everyone is invited to meet Bro. Jack and Jo at the reception and lunch, and to worship together on this important day in the life of these two churches.



Country comfort greets members to Do Gooders' club meeting

An afternoon of country comfort and visiting greeted Do Gooders' Club members Tuesday, August 7th at the community Center in Flomot.

The color pink was featured in the relaxing surroundings. The table was laid with a pink floral cloth and centered with a draping greenery arrangement in a pink basket. Hostesses, Mesdames Trula Martin, Barbara Payne and Geneva Martin presided at a pink service and served assorted dips, chips, crackers and cookies with a peach iced tea.

The birthday of Mrs. Alma Shorter was celebrated with cards and gifts. Mrs. Edith Washington won the beautiful pink towel set on which chances were sold. The members signed get well cards to send to those unable to attend because of illness. They are

hoping for cooler weather when the club will meet Tuesday afternoon, September 4th.

Those attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Nada Starkey, Geneva Martin, Leona Degan, Barbara Payne Edith Washington, Alma Shorter and Trula Martin.

Members present were Joy Archer, Lana Copp, Bonnie Edmondson, Toni Fellows, Billie Koon, Lorene Lancaster, Leola McKelvey, Joyce Meredith, Vee Gordon, Linda Rhul, Kathryn Russell, Nova Dell Turner, Shirley Smith and Winifred Darsey.

The September meeting will be held the 10th. Dorothy Day will teach a class on making lace roses. See you there!



Motley County Arts and Crafts club members met August 6 at the Senior Citizens Center for their regular meeting, and decided that history does repeat itself.

Mrs. Linda Rhul taught another entrancing lesson on stamp-painting. This art form transformed the most mundane object into one of beauty. The club members painted CD disks at their workshop. The results were outstanding. There were Christmas trees, Santas, Snowmen, lighthouses,

flowers, etc. These disks will be a nice decor for the coming holidays. Watch for them at our Fall Bazaar.

President Joy Archer presided over a short business meeting at 10:00 and the workshop began immediately.

Noontime brought out sack lunches and everyone enjoyed their favorite snacks.

Shirley Smith was hostess for the day and kept everyone well supplied with finger foods and drinks. Joyce assisted.

Bible study to begin at First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church of Matador will begin a Beth Moore Bible Study, "Jesus, The One and Only," Tuesday, August 21. The study will be led by Lana Copp. There will be two sessions offered, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided for the evening session. Their is no cost for the sessions, but a fee of \$13.00 will be charged for the workbook.

The study is open to everyone. For more information call Mrs. Copp at 347-2425.



Ed D. and Pat Smith, and flower girl, granddaughter Leana, at the renewal of their wedding vows in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary.

Couple celebrates 34th anniversary with renewal of wedding vows

A renewal of wedding vows on Ed D. and Pat Smith's 34th anniversary brought friends, relatives and the first rain in about three months to celebrate on July 28, 2001. The decidedly western affair was held under a flower-entwined archway on the porch of the Country Cottage at Roaring Springs. The Reverend Clint Burns officiated in his Stetson as the rain blew in from one side and then reversed direction and blew in from the other side. As the rain squall swept the surrounding shinnery pasture, the temperature dropped about 20 degrees. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a double rainbow appeared in the eastern sky.

Out of town guests included the Smiths' daughters, Alicia and Annie, and granddaughter, Leana, who served as flower girl, from Sacramento, California, and Reno, Nevada. Cousin Tom Smauley and wife Judy of Lubbock provided the flowers, decorations and wedding cake. A bountiful buffet dinner of honey ham, smoked turkey, brisket, and all the trimmings was offered to the guests, spiffed up in their best western hats and boots.

Ed D. and Pat were first married in Seaside, California, on July 28, 1967. When they lived in Monterey County, Smith served as a deputy sheriff and a detective. Later they moved to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, where he worked in the police department and she sold real estate. They moved to Lubbock in September, 1983.

The idea for the renewal of vows was Pat's dream, and she decided now was a good time. Smith, more practical than romantic, commented, "I reviewed my options and decided to renew my vows."

For the past 17 years the Smiths have maintained a home outside of Roaring Springs in anticipation of his coming retirement in July, 2002. Smith will retire from the Lubbock Central Appraisal District where he serves as an appraisal coordinator. Mrs. Smith is a retired civil servant. They look forward to spending more than weekends, holidays, vacations and the Old Settlers, at their homestead on the hill and the Country Cottage where they were married, the second time.

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"Things Change"

There have been changes in our country down through the years. Some changes have been very good for us while other changes haven't been good for us or to us. I recently read an article that stated that in 1777, the Continental Congress of United States, voted an expenditure of 30,000 dollars to buy and distribute Bibles throughout the land. A contrast to that which has been going on in government these last few years. There has been some changes. For example, it was only a few years ago that our Supreme Court ruled that the Gideons could not longer give away Bibles on public school property.

It seems that crime and immorality continue to increase. It has been said that the annual profit to bookmakers and others on the receiving end of gambling is more than the combined profits of U.S. Steel, General Motors and ninety-seven other large corporations. The products of the alcohol business has given us over five million alcoholics. A leading group of educators in a southern University estimated that 83 percent of their students had been sexually promiscuous. The South is supposed to be the "Bible-belt." Changes?

Yes, there have been and always will be changes. But change should be for the better. Jesus changes lives through the power of the Gospel. When enough people are touched with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not only are lives changed but also society changes. Congress is not going to give out Bibles today but you and I can. Lives are changed through reading God's Word. We surely can make His Word available to all that have an interest in change that is good for us.

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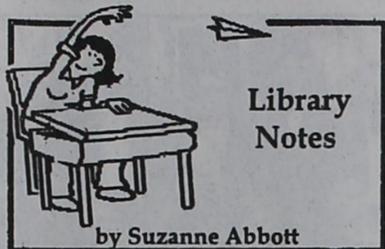
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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

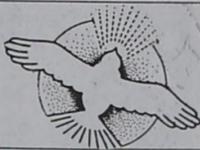
We appreciate the donation to the library in memory of Hattie and E.F. Springer. We also appreciate the donations to the library by Rita Groves and by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lumpkin. You have probably noticed posters going up all over the county about the Friends of the Library's Rootin' Tootin' Beans dinner on Friday, August 24. This event will be a fund raiser at the library. The charge will be \$1.00 a plate for beans, cornbread, tea, pickles, jalapenos, and onions, and will be served by various celeb-

rities in the county from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Be sure to mark this on your calendar and come to join in the fun.

The Motley County Library has quite a number of books, magazines, tapes, films about early-days in Motley and Dickens Counties. We are proud of our collection and we want to be part of the Old Settlers Reunion, too. That is the reason we are inviting everyone to come to the library for their noon meal on Friday of Old Settlers.

Sonbeams

by June Keltz



We have all heard the phrase "Parting is such sweet sorrow." To most it creates a specific emotional response of pain. Little children are sad when playmates move away. When old friends come to visit, something within us wants to cling to them as treasured moments of the past are embraced. When our High School graduate leaves home to fulfill his destiny he leaves parents whose hearts are breaking but whose lips form a reassuring "You will be fine." Those words somehow squeeze past the obstructive knot in our throats. There is nothing sweet about separation caused by death unless there is an assurance that our loved one is in Heaven awaiting our arrival. Divorce is a parting that leaves behind a trail of pain that attaches itself, not only to the two individuals involved, but also to all of those who have shared a part of their lives. Sending a child or husband off to war is closely related to offering him as a sacrifice, not to a foreign god but to a beloved country in order to preserve freedom to worship the only High God.

As a young Mother, I called upon my parents to babysit as I enjoyed some necessary time to myself. Even though their farm was a child's para-

dise, one of my boys even today gets a feeling of sadness at the sight of the setting sun. He remembers being in his Grandmother's arms as he watched the dirt kicking up behind my car as I sped away. My thoughts were, "Ah, freedom for a few hours." His baby thoughts were not so joyful as he pondered in his fearful little mind, "Will I ever see my Mommie again? Please tell me she will be back to get me."

Jesus experienced the same emotions that we encounter on a daily basis. In John 13:1, we find that knowing His time of departure was near, He felt forlorn at the thought of leaving behind those whom He loved in the world. He felt a need to do something special to show His unconditional love as well as teach them one more example of the character of God the Father. It was an act of selfless servanthood as He knelt at the Disciple's feet and tenderly washed away the dirt. This was symbolic of His impending vicarious death that would once and for all wash away man's dirty sins with His own precious blood. As we personally embrace His death, resurrection and life, then and only then, can we be assured of NO MORE PARTING.



Dumont Darsey and Shelley Cox wasted no time in installing all the parts necessary to build a complete computer system from scratch at a PC Academy held at Spur ISD in July. Dumont is a Sophomore and Mrs. Cox teaches computer classes at Motley County ISD.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

Aug. 7

Winners: First, with a score of 29, were Kenneth Marshall, Dot Grundy, Buzz Thacker and LaVoe Thacker.

Second, with a score of 30, were Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Tempie Francis and J.R. Christy.

Alan Bingham got closest to the pin on #3, 14'6".

Others playing were Kay Bingham, Roy Grundy, Geneva Wilson, Mike Nelson, Jay Nelson,

Charlie Long and Louise Barton.

THURSDAY LADIES PLAYDAY

Aug. 9

18-hole players were Olivia Barton, LaVoe Thacker, Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson and Dot Grundy (nine holes). Louise won the ball with 10 bogies.

9-hole players were Frances Hobbs, Marihelen Wason, Tempie Francis, Judy Renfro. Dot Grundy won the ball, 6 bogies.

Legends of Western Swing to pay tribute to the music of Bob Wills

Crowell, TX -- Several legendary musicians who played with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys Bands from the 1930s through the 1980s will be in Crowell, Texas, on Saturday evening, August 25, to play a "Tribute to the Music of Bob Wills." A younger group of performers known simply as their "Sidekicks" will join with them in paying tribute to the music of "The King of Western Swing."

J.W. Sollis, local resident and organizer of the event, stated that "We hope this tribute to Bob Wills' music will be the first of many such performances to be held in Crowell. Crowell is the perfect site for this event as it is centrally located in the part of Texas and Oklahoma more commonly known as "Big Ranch Country," and everyone knows that western swing is the music of choice in this region. It's like country and western music artist, Waylon Jennings, simply stated, this is where, "Bob Wills is still the King."

Among the legendary musicians to perform during the tribute to Bob Wills' music will be guitarist Tommy Allsup who rejoined a wheel chair bound Bob Wills in Dallas on December 2-3, 1973, to produce Wills' final album, "Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys for the Last Time." Allsup, the lucky musician who lost his seat to Richie Valens on the ill-fated flight that took the lives of Valens, Buddy Holly and "The Big Bopper" J.P. Richardson, has been called "The best guitar player I ever met," by Paul McCartney of the Beatles. Also performing will be the legendary Leon Rausch who joined the Texas Playboys as lead vocalist in 1958 and who was the lead vocalist on November 16, 1986, when Bob Wills' Original Texas Playboys performed their final concert to a sellout crowd in Will Rogers Auditorium in Fort Worth, Texas.

Other legendary musicians who will perform are: Bob Boatwright,

fiddle player and college math professor who was also a member of the Original Texas Playboys from 1977 through their famous "For the Last Time" Concert in Fort Worth; and off-and-on Texas Playboys band members, Tommy Perkins, drummer from Oklahoma City who started playing with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys at age 16 and who played on the original version of "Faded Love" that was produced in 1950; and Larry Reed, saxophone player from Weatherford, Texas, whose style is often reminiscent of Fats Domino's music of the Fifties.

Other artists and "Sidekicks" who will perform on Saturday evening include: Wendell "Wendy" Sollis, banjo player from Odessa, who plays with the Texas Sand Band of Snyder; Wendell's wife, Dustene "Dusty" Sollis, also from Odessa, and her sidekick and banjo-picking hand puppet, Sam; Jessica "Jesse" Sollis, a young fiddle player from Odessa, who is the daughter of "Wendy" and "Dusty"; Jennifer Cocharn, fiddle player from Abilene; Kelly Keltz, bass player from Roaring Springs; and Curly Allsup, a young vocalist from Los Angeles, California. Other performers will include: Clay Lindley, Cowboy Poet from Weatherford, and Buster McLaury, Cowboy Poet and Storyteller from Benjamin. Larry Scott, radio personality from Fort Worth, who many have heard over KVOO in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and KWKH in Shreveport, Louisiana, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the tribute to Bob Wills' music.

Seating is limited for the "Tribute to the Music of Bob Wills" Concert to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night, August 25, in the Crowell Community Activity Center. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and will be sold on a "first-come, first-served" basis until sold out. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling: J.W. Sollis at (940) 684-1478 or (940) 684-1486.

Old Settlers Reunion

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Junior Breakaway, Junior Flag Race and Kid's Calf Scramble. Rodeo entries may call 254-968-8946, Sunday, Aug. 19, and Monday, Aug. 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m. for Rough Stock; and 7:00-11:00 p.m. for Timed Events. Rodeo producer will be the Terry Walls Rodeo Company of Stephenville.

ARCHA Cutting Horse competition will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, with Junior and Senior sanctioned classes. An Open Double Mugging will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Books will open August 20 and 21. Those wishing to enter may call the Old Settlers office at 806-348-7240. Anyone wishing to participate in these events must be pre-entered. No exceptions will be made.

A Snapping Turtle Race will be held on Saturday, beginning at 3:00

p.m. There will be three age divisions, (0-4, 5-9, and 10-24). \$50 will be given to the winner of each division. For more information contact Russell Alexander at 806-348-7958.

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Concessions will be available on the grounds by Dusty Dowger of Lubbock.

WORD of GOD

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

— Philippians 4:13

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Lubbock — Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced recently that federal funds are available for USDA's Rural Development Community Facility Loan program. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help rural areas build and enhance essential community facilities.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "With lower populations and tax bases than urban areas, rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

Community Facility loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for

health care, public safety, and public services. These loans and grants are usually made to public entities and non-profit organizations. Examples of eligible projects include rural healthcare clinics, town halls, fire trucks, county safety equipment, jaws of life, early warning systems, community centers, libraries, day care centers and schools.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Lubbock Local Office at 806-785-5644, extension 4.

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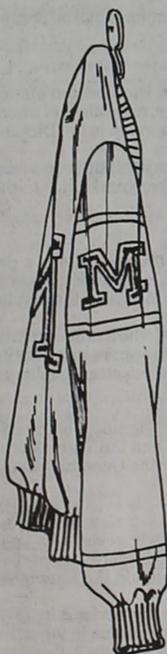
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to hand out some flowers to a lot of Roaring Springs people.

This has always been a town of wonderful folks. I would like to mention that the newcomers that have moved here and made their homes have immediately become a vital part of our community. Many have joined churches and gone to work helping do the work of their church. Many have joined the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers or the Senior

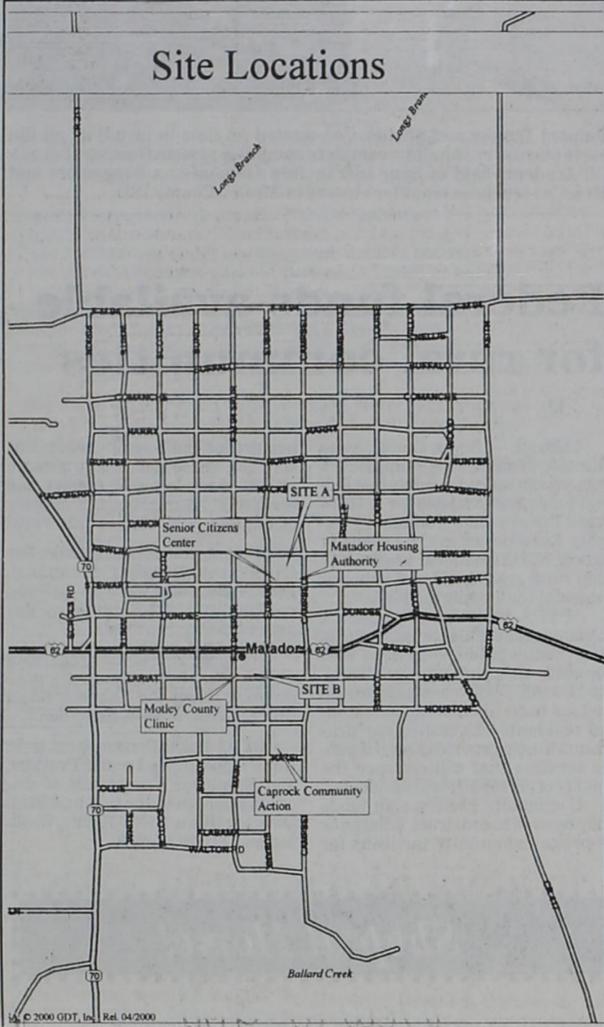
Citizens, the Friends of the Library, the Study Clubs, and some aren't joiners but will be seen pitching in to help wherever there is work to be done. I thank them, they didn't have to become involved at all!

Our communities are a better place for their efforts. They urge us on and give us a needed boost. Personally I think that Roaring Springs and Motley County is the nicest place to live that I know of.

Sincerely,
Monta Marshall



OLD SETTLERS — This group picture of students was taken at the Sugar Loaf school in Milam County in 1901. Third girl from left on back row is Rita Groves' mother, Bessie Morton. Mrs. Groves' aunt, her mother's sister, Eunice Morton, is sixth from left. Mrs. Groves' parents, came to Motley County in 1924.



SITE LOCATION MAP — Site A is located in the north central part of Matador, immediately north of the Matador Housing Authority's apartment complex. Site B is in the south central part of Matador and is immediately east of the Motley County Clinic. The two sites are within five blocks of each other.

What makes an Old Settler?

by Rita Groves

Since Carla sent out a plea for pictures of Old Settlers, it set me to wondering what is an Old Settler? Some years back, I looked forward to being an old Settler in twenty-five years. Well, I now have attended most Old Settler Reunions since 1925, so in 2001 I can be classed as an Old Settler. I started searching for old pictures. One of our chief pleasures when we were kids growing up was to be allowed to go into Mother's trunk and look at her pictures. One of the things adults usually had in the olden days was a trunk to keep their clothes and other personal belonging in before the days of closets and wire coat hangers, etc. Even my husband Algie had a trunk and its contents were his private property. It was the first item he bought when he went to work at Hanna Brothers Store in Matador around 1930.

Mother had one small ivory-covered box about 12x8x3 inches deep, that she put family pictures in. No one I knew had a camera except a distant aunt. The few times the families exchanged visits, we got our pictures taken. There were large photographs made when a traveling photographer came around. Usually of all the relatives near enough to get together, against a background of a front porch or a grapevine covered hill, with the women standing down front, and the men and boys on the rise in the background. Horses and dogs were allowed in the pictures as they were considered family members.

When I came across this picture of a school group of fifty-odd pupils and one man teacher standing on the sunny side of the unpainted school building with two of its single eight-paned windows showing, I recognized the teacher as my Uncle Joe Shurtleff who had married one of his pupils, Mother's sister Ollie Morton when she was 14. I looked at the slate being held by the demure little lady with long blonde hair and lo and behold the date and the name of the school were written on the slate! "Sugar Loaf School, April 2, 1901" written in a beautiful script that was part of one's education at the time. The first thing that came to mind was, "This picture was 100 years old last April! Those are Old Settlers!"

I turned it over and saw the names of a few in the top row from left to right in my mother's handwriting: #1 Birdie Harkins Kattes (that was mother's chum for whom she had named my sister Birdie Nell). I remember hearing my father saying that was a silly name for a baby girl. #3 was Bessie Caroline Morton who married Dock Harkins. And there was Eunice V. Morton, #6. My next thought was, "Where is the 14 year old Ollie that married the teacher?" To the Morton family records I went, and there was the marriage record of Olivia Agnes Morton and Joseph Allan Shurtleff married March 2, 1897, three years before the picture was taken. My mother would say, "I was thirteen, and I got to make Sister Ollie's wedding dress." By 1901, that tiny cutie standing to Mr.

Shurtleff's right may have been one of his and Olivia's children! The thing that ties this family to Motley County Old Settlers is #6, Eunice Virginia Morton who came here with Arthur Benjamin Nichols and bought the land where I have just restored the family home that I came to 77 years ago. That, no doubt makes me a proud Old Settler.

Please note Eunice Virginia's dress in the back row (#6). Now, look at #3 Sister Bessie's dress - identical in pattern. It wouldn't have been a store-boughten pattern. A basic pattern was fashioned from wrapping paper, likely, and was altered to fit the wearer, and imagination determined the trim.

Now you are wondering how Mr. Shurtleff was able to teach so many children in what was a one-room school, with no fine equipment. The slate also served as a tablet probably. The children were taught discipline at home and attended school as a privilege. Mr. Shurtleff had charge of them while they were there. He could administer whatever discipline was

necessary, or send them home. An education was considered a valuable asset. Most children were sent to school knowing that if they merited a "whipping" at school, they could expect another when they got home. It worked both ways, if a child was abused by the teacher, he was accountable to the parents. Education of a child was a cooperative effort between the parent and school system.

The older children at school helped tutor the younger ones while the teacher went about his duties of teaching every class at least through the "6th Reader". Sometimes the teacher boarded with the families, and moved around to various homes. Aren't the small boys on the first row nice? If they are barefooted they are trying to hide their feet, and their pretty collars and dark suits are their "Sunday Clothes." Note also the black hats, except one cap, lying on the ground in front of the owner. Number four sitting on the ground "ain't scared of nothing!" He's mischief bomb fixing to go off!

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Commissioners meeting

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Jared Miller and Matt Weerwald with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) met with the Court in the matter of the redistricting plan for Motley County. Commissioners approved redistricting of precincts in Motley County as prepared by SPAG. Judge Price reported on a Mediation Hearing she had attended of a lawsuit against entities of WTRCA, the county's former insurance company. The suit was filed by Eckard

Drug for payment of prescription drug card. The mediation was successful and should be finalized within a few days. Commissioners voted to pay \$5,179.80 for Motley County's share of the settlement.

Commissioners briefly discussed a Policy Manual for Motley County. This was tabled until a later date.

The 2001-2002 budget was discussed. No action was taken. A called session is scheduled for Monday, August 20 for approval of the proposed budget.

Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences, presented a report of future plans.

All Commissioners, Judge Laverna Price and County Clerk, Lucretia Campbell, attended the meeting.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following amendments to the Bylaws of The Dickens — Motley Counties "Old Settlers Reunion" Association have been presented to the Board of Directors. These amendments will be voted on at a business meeting held at 1:00 at the Pavilion on the grounds in Roaring Springs on August 23, 2001.

The entire Bylaws were printed in the August 24, 2000, edition of the *Motley County Tribune* and will be posted at the meeting.

Article III — Meetings
The regular meeting of this association shall be held annually on the last (AMEND: fourth) Thursday, Friday and Saturday of August.
The annual business meeting and elections shall be held on the last (AMEND: fourth) Thursday of August.

Article IV — Membership
Any person who is an "Old Settler" of Dickens and Motley Counties, or who is a descendant of the pioneers, regardless of where the person may now reside is eligible for membership in the Dickens and Motley Counties association.
(AMEND TO INCLUDE: In addition, any person who has been a resident in either Dickens or Motley County for five years prior to the current meeting is eligible for membership.)

Article VI — Voting
Sec. 1 Any person who is an "Old Settler" or who is a descendant of early settlers of Dickens and Motley Counties, regardless of where they may now reside, is eligible to vote in the annual business meeting.
(AMEND TO INCLUDE: In addition, any person who has been a resident of either Dickens or Motley County for five years prior to the current meeting is eligible to vote in the annual business meeting.)

Article VIII — Officers
Sec. 3 **The Executive Board** (AMEND: Members of the Executive Board whose staggered terms are up) and the Three Member Nominating Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly at the annual business meeting in August.

Article X — Parliamentary Authority
Sec. 1 - Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised in 1970 (AMEND: delete in 1970), shall be the guiding authority on parliamentary laws in all meetings of the association and the Executive Board.
Sec. 2 - Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised in 1970 (AMEND: delete in 1970), shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable, unless it conflicts with the bylaws, or local, state, or national law.

Article XI — Amendments
These by-laws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds vote of the general assembly at the annual business meeting in August provided that the proposed amendments are published in both *The Texas Spur* and *The Matador Tribune* (AMEND: *The Motley County Tribune* or other local newspapers).

Dry, dusty places don't have to stay that way

by Marisue Potts

As a working cowboy's wife, Susan Gahr learned to "go with the flow" as they moved in search of jobs. "I love little towns, but sometimes they don't have anything going for them. "Dry, dusty little places." The Chandler, Arizona native, who now lives in Matador, came from such a place.

Chandler had only a rodeo, a bunch of feedlot cowboys and an air show, until the town came up with something new — ostrich races. "Ostrich races are the funniest thing you have ever seen. Imagine if you can: jockeys, dressed in silks, saddling the birds, riding backward, sideways, and into each other. Now, people come to Chandler just for the races."

Gahr shared her experiences and entrepreneurial ideas with enthralled members of the Highway 70 Association at the Roaring Springs Volunteers center on August 2. As a member of the start up Rock of Ages Soap Company, she and her partners have reformed the company into Cowboy Wife Thanks, a more diversified company which has the potential to include products from many other sources.

Seligman, Arizona, another dry, dusty place in ranch country, didn't have much going for it — except a Dairy Creme and an owner who was a practical joker. He installed double doorknobs, giggles and gimmicks to keep people along the old Rt. 66 coming back.

Likely, California, had little else but a supply house and a good cafe. But, for eighty years, there had been a cattle drive through the town. What was a work day for cowboys turned into a treat for tourists and a dream come true for photographers. The town of Likely capitalized on what they already had and already had a work force for. Now, once a year, on the very same day, the town comes alive with people there to watch the cattle being driven through the

streets.

Black Canyon City, Arizona, another dry, dusty, hot place, had a gift and antique shop and one cafe. Rock Springs Cafe, already known as the pie place, started serving hog fries, not calf fries, as a joke. It caught on with bikers and others and put Black Canyon City on the map with "Hogs in Heat" every Friday night.

Gahr pulled out another example, an abandoned ghost town. Jerome, Arizona, boasted only of an old church, a jail, a grade school, and very cheap real estate. It went from a Hippie haven to an art mecca with coffee houses, art, and quilts displayed on Quilt Avenue. Like the others, this town took something they had and used it to their advantage.

"Look at what you have locally," she advised the representatives from Spur, Roaring Springs and Matador. "Develop what you have. Do not focus on what you don't have. Each town has a different personality. Roaring Springs, for example, is like an old-timey Mayberry, where it's safe to leave your home unlocked. It's like turning a page back to a more rural time. If you give people a reason to come and give them something to smile about, they'll return."

Doing a little brainstorming, she suggested that the train depot in Roaring Springs could be utilized as a gift shop, an art gallery, and a train history museum where tourist could view exhibits on a platform behind glass, a concept that wouldn't even require an attendant. The center median leading to the station could become a walk through history or a field of memories, an outdoor museum for antique tractors and farm equipment. In the local laundromat, old washing machines, rub boards and flat irons could create a window museum. The former Feed Trough building could house ranch equipment such as wagons or buggies, tack and memorabilia. Outside a buckboard could provide the stage for the musi-

cians of the "R.W. Buckboard Music Co." poets, singers and story tellers. Main Street could become a quilt avenue or a bazaar for cowgirl art. Claw-foot bathtubs, filled with flowers, could be used as planters or advertising space.

The Springs Resort Ranch could have a Chinks and Chaps Cowboy Golf Showdown tournament with the local cowboy types wearing cowboy garb and challenging local businessmen, the Lions Clubs, or Sheriff's Department. This could raise money for a worthy cause, say the nursing home project. The golf club would lose one day of golf but the community would benefit and have a lot of fun. The rodeo grounds could become a flea market once a year, with spaces renting at \$10 a space and local communities participating. "Use what you have; don't focus on what you don't have," she repeated.

Names can generate national coverage, and Gahr revealed that bad is sometimes good, such as the Worst Barbeque in Texas receiving an award for the best or the Ugliest Dog winning a pet contest. She gave other examples of names that attract attention: rattlesnake, wild boar, Cow Patty Cafe, Buffalo barbeque, hog fries, or a bullet for breakfast.

"Invest in your town. You are investing in yourself. Give people a reason to come back," Gahr emphasized. Give visitors something to remember. Utilize local characters to tell the history and provide local color. Even though a town may be a dry, dusty place, it can resurrect the past, enjoy the present, and create a brighter future.

President Alex Crowder presided over the business meeting for the Highway 70 Assn. He reminded members of the next meeting, Thursday, September 6, at the Volunteers Center in Roaring Springs. Representatives from each town should bring an inventory list of assets within each community that will be used to create a brochure. Money will be collected for the proposal brochures that will highlight the towns along Texas 70 from Spur to Turkey. Everyone is invited to attend these informative and enlightening meetings to promote our region.



Work has begun on completing the Veterans Memorial in Roaring Springs. Kenneth Abbott, Alex Crowder, J.N. Fletcher and D.A. McGuire are pictured above when cement was poured for the stands that will hold the eight granite slabs with Roaring Springs Veterans names on them. Other volunteers helping with this project are Joe Martinez, Buzz Thacker and Corky Marshall. Additional donations have been received from Bertha Moore, Myrna Stephens, Pearl Patten, Reva Sweeney, Rita Groves, Daniell Wood Floors, Lona D. Gaylor, Iva Huckaby and Robert L. Duran. If you haven't donated to this project and would like to, send to the Roaring Springs Lions Club in care of Kelly Keltz, Box 83, Roaring Springs, TX 79256. For questions call Corky Marshall at 348-7000 or e-mail corkymon@caprock-spur.com.

July sales tax payment shows big increase for Roaring Springs

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has delivered a total of \$219.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,109 Texas cities and 119 counties. July payments are up 5 percent compared to July 2000. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 5.4 percent ahead of the first seven months of 2000.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered include \$201.7 million to Texas cities, up 4.9 percent compared to July 2000. Texas counties received July rebates of \$17.5 million, up 6.1 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$75 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$8.1 million was paid to 59 special purpose districts.

July sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a new payment this period of \$1,829.76, compared to \$2,183.32 last year, a -16.19% change.

Payments to date for this year are \$16,427.11, compared to \$18,561.72 last year at this time, a -11.50% change.

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

\$2,348.31, compared to \$1,386.64 last year, a 69.35% change. Payments received for 2001 total \$18,126.39, compared to \$7,083.49 at this time last year, a percent change of 155.89%.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:30 P.M. AUGUST 27, 2001 in MOTLEY CO. I.S.D. BOARDROOM MATADOR, TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.25348	\$.00	\$ 1.25348	\$ 3,451.00	\$ 4,740.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.24120	\$.00	\$ 1.24120	\$ 3,562.00	\$ 4,629.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.30120	\$.00	\$ 1.30120	\$ 3,681.00	\$ 4,629.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 15,245.03	\$ 15,293.14
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 245.03	\$ 293.14
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.25348	\$ 1.30120
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3.07	\$ 3.81
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$.74 (INCREASE)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.30120. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.30120.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$.00

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2001 Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY COUNTY

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for MOTLEY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 455,712.89	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 455,712.89	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 576,851,77.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.79 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 455,301.13	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 597,441,52.00	\$	\$
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.76208 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.76208 /\$100		
x 1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.78494 /\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 455,301.13	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 597,441,52.00	\$	\$
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.76208 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$.82304 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.82304 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.82304 /\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If MOTLEY COUNTY adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.76208 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2000 taxes by \$ 414.66.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance .00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, MATADOR, TEXAS.	
Name of person preparing this notice ELAINE HART	
Title MOTLEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR	
Date prepared AUG. 9, 2001	

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

DELAYED

Linda Evans of Lubbock visited her aunt, Odessa Mullins, Friday and Saturday nights. She helped the Burtons unpack after moving here.

Monday morning coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee, refreshments and visiting at the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Roaring Springs, Monday, August 13. Pearl Patten, Mary Lumsden and Rita Groves provided refreshments. Those attending, other than already mentioned, were Dean McInroe, Grace Zabielski, Ruby Hipp, Donna Kennedy, Dorothy Lee, Terri Taylor, Edmond and Joyce Hunter and Callie Giesecke.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent spent the weekend visiting in Boyd.

Ruby Hipp spent last week with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hipp in Lubbock. After her check-up they went to Ruidoso, NM to their home there for the weekend. She returned home Friday.

Kenneth Ashley, accompanied by son-in-law and grandson, Richard and Taylor Ballard, returned home Tuesday of last week, after an extended visit with family and friends in the Los Angeles, California area. Richard and Taylor flew home Thursday morning.

Kay (Lewis) and Cotton Smallwood were in Roaring Springs recently to visit the graves of W.A. and Roxie Lewis and Kay's daughter, Toni Irene and put out new flowers. They were passing on their way to and from a Cousin Reunion in Clarendon where Ray's sisters, Jama and husband, Frank Capshaw, and Marilyn

Lunell and husband, Charles Jordan from Boise, Idaho and Gasden, Alabama respectively, met them for a 3-day visit including the reunion. They all returned to their respective homes Sunday, July 29. While in Roaring Springs Kay and Cotton drove by to see the progress at the Crowder's home, formerly the Roxie Lewis home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim drove to Vernon Sunday to have lunch with their son and nephew Rogean Swim. After lunch they drove out to the Talbot Cemetery to check on the graves of some of their family. They visited a house where they had lived 73 years ago, and the men living there invited them in.

Monday, Juanita Cooper accompanied Lula Swim to keep a doctor's appointment in Plainview. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim drove her to Lubbock for a bone scan.

Joyce Meredith hosted a pizza party at Chuckey Cheese Pizza in Lubbock on Sunday afternoon for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Those attending were Angelica and Jonah Meredith of Las Vegas, NV who are visiting in Roaring Springs and Matador with family, Daphne and Parker Meredith and John Hodges of Roaring Springs, Sean and Shea Rose, Carla Meador and Sherry Rose, all of Matador, Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones, of Lubbock. The children enjoyed pizza and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock had lunch with his mother, Mary Lumsden, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Austin visited his mother, Modean Brooks. They had lunch at LaNita's Wednesday.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

An honored visitor in my home last week was our new pastor Paul Stearns. We introduced one another to our families, and I forgot to ask him to say a prayer for me, but his visit was like a prayer come true.

A letter from LaNelle Byers Chandler brings consolation and wants to know what prompted us to move to California to be with a grandchild. She has a granddaughter Julia Beth Hogan who is just beginning to crawl. Had she known "grands" were such fun, she would have had them first. Our reason for going to live near Kelly was that were nearing 70 years old, and afraid we wouldn't get to be with her unless we did move nearer. We never regretted it. She came to Algie's funeral - the tall lady in the long brown coat.

On my desk is a letter from Linda K. Webster of 1220 Wayne St., in Fort Worth, TX 76117-626, Ph. (817) 222-338, who has recently moved from Granbury, Tx to be nearer to her mother, my former classmate Myrtle Overstreet. Linda reports that her mother is in good health with the exception of Alzheimer's.

Linda has two children, a daughter Deli born in 1956 and a son Darren Craig born in 1969. She was Myrtle's only daughter, with three others ages 61 and twins 55. She and her husband have a small motor home and enjoy camping, fishing, flea markets, and what she calls "junking." She retired from a large insurance company in 1991, worked for a small independent agency for five years, and gave up full-time work in 1997.

Daughter Deli has two children Crystal, age 25, a graduate of the U. of T. and Cody, 9, a fifth grader. Son Darran is a chef at the county club in Dallas. He has a daughter, Kayla 17, a high school senior. Thanks for bringing us up to date, Linda.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low persuasive voice. How you say it often counts more than what you say.
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging thing to or about

somebody. Praise good work done, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.

4. Be interested in others, interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Make merry with those that rejoice; with those who weep, mourn. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance.

5. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.

6. Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but not argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.

7. Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing of another unless it is something good.

8. Be careful of another's feeling. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort, and may hurt where least expected.

9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live that nobody will believe them. Disordered nerves and a bad digestion are a common cause of backbiting.

10. Don't be too anxious about your dues. Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet, forget self, and you will be rewarded.

I am indebted to Kathy (nee) Lawrence, sister of Rickey Lawrence for an inspiring letter. She enjoys reading my column because it furnishes memories of our heritages. I very frankly told her that my memory and references are about exhausted, and some of the present day generation is going to need to get busy and write their own family histories. One didn't have "to come over in an ox cart" to be a pioneer. History is being made daily. Space exploration is much more limitless than the trek west was for our forefathers. Billy Koon can tell you all about the Lawrences. Their mother sends them the Tribune for Christmas every year. I believe LaReece and my son Pat did a lot of work on a Matador Annual one year. They developed a lot of pictures at our house.

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

DELAYED

Mrs. Larry (Angelica) Clay was accompanied to Houston this week by son, Tanner and her mother, Mrs. Curtis Metcalf of Panhandle for medical treatment at the M.D. Anderson Hospital. Mrs. Clay's daughter, Sarah visited in Panhandle with her aunt, Mrs. Debbie Jones.

Mary Ellen Barton visited recently in Paducah with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones and Fred Stinson. She visited Monday and Wednesday in Floydada with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson, resident of the Nursing Home.

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

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey this week are granddaughter and husband, Cindy and Ted Stalling of Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Wednesday. They also visited at the Floydada Nursing Home with D.M. "Ikie" Gilbert.

Mrs. Alma Shorter visited from Thursday until Monday at Conroe Lake with daughter and husband, Judy and Richard Rhodes.

Cary Franks of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Plainview, Monday for her optical appointment.

Visiting Mrs. C.W. Starkey from Saturday until Thursday are daughters, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla., Mrs. Phyllis Gladson of Austin and Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers, who visited here the past five weeks, to Lubbock Airport, Wednesday for their return flight home to Tyler.

Emily Milam of Petersburg visited Friday and Brain Sehon of Ropesville visited from Friday until Sunday with their grand-

parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Brain's parents, Keri and Kevin Sehon attended the Antique Car Show in Vernon during the weekend and accompanied Brain home on Sunday.

Johna Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri is visiting her grandfather, Johnie Starkey and great grandmother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey. Johnie was in Amarillo Sunday to be with his brother, Zelma D. Starkey who was scheduled for open heart surgery, Monday at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were in Lubbock, Thursday for his optical appointment. He received a good report following his recent laser eye surgery.

Trent McKay of Quitaque and Donnie Rogers visited in Vernon from Thursday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Coy McKay. They attended the Summer's Last Blast Antique Car Show and cruised down 066 Highway in Coy's 1969 Chevrolet pickup. The vehicles had to be at least 30 years old or older.

Jese and Alyssa Blanton moved to Flomot from Morton recently and will be at home with their mother, Laura and husband, Bert Whitaker and twin sons, Jerry and Perry Whitaker. They will attend Motley County Schools and Jese is already practicing out with the MCH football team.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green visited in Spur, Sunday with Mrs. Josie Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson enjoyed the performance of The Texas Sands Western Swing Band and Christine Walls Saturday night at the Gem Theater in Turkey.

Of interest to local residents, Chuck Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin of Lubbock, former Quitaque residents and grandson of Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin of Matador, is under treatment for leukemia.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the weekend in Ruidosa, New Mexico.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

DELAYED

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited Wednesday and Thursday in Amarillo with her brother, Arthur Harmon. Mrs. Cooper had a medical appointment before returning home, Thursday. Mrs. Cooper accompanied Lula Swim of Roaring Springs to Plainview, Tuesday for her medical appointment.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon returned home from Lovington N.M. Thursday where she had been recuperating from recent eye surgery in the home of her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester.

OVERHEARD

Will Rogers: "We are always telling 'em (young people) what we used to not do. We didn't do it because we didn't think of it. We did everything we could think of."

Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon met daughter and granddaughter, Kaci Risser at the Lubbock Airport Friday afternoon. Kaci was returning home from San Antonio where

she spent the summer serving in Baptist Student Ministries in mission capacities. She is a student at Wayland University in Plainview.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Lubbock, Friday with Coy Morris of Afton, a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Visiting Mrs. Cooper Saturday was Van Bradford of Gruver.

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. visited from Tuesday until Friday with daughter and husband, Wilda and Spencer Dixon. She accompanied them to Lubbock, Thursday for Spencers' medical appointment.

Mrs. Carol Ann Turner visited the week in Abernathy with daughter, Mrs. Heather Blount as their husbands, Johnney and Scott were out of town on business. They also visited in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Cobey Turner.

Fred and Elaine Risser of Matador and Mrs. Frances Dixon accompanied Kaci Risser to Amarillo Airport, Saturday where she took a flight to Salem, Oregon to visit her sister and husband, Kobbi and Brian Blair.

MATADOR NEWS

Clyde N. (Jelly) Williams of Freeport visited last week in the home of his brother and wife, Pete and Bessie Jean Williams. He visited in Lubbock with his brother, Bobby Williams, a patient at Covenant Medical Center following surgery. With Bobby during surgery and hospitalization was wife, Jeanne and daughter and husband, Paige and Brian Barnes of Anton. Bobby returned home Saturday from Lubbock and is reported to be recovering just fine.

Visiting during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Billie Ray Slover were daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Barbara Luster and Amanda of Cisco.

While visiting in Matador, Lamar Tilson called Buddy Allen in Pampa, and the two friends visited by phone.

Lamar also visited Ray and Grace Zabielski in Roaring Springs.

Attending the services for Wandean Parks, held in Fort Worth, were family members, Eugenia Barton, Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell and Debra Scott of Matador; Bridget Brooks of Ransom Canyon; David Garrison of Childress; Mary and Jerry Wright of Kermit; and Kimberly Bulls of Southlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson of Northfield returned home Monday from a 16-day vacation trip. They, daughter and family, Tanya, Warren, Cody, Katy and Amy Mulder of Garden City, spent a week at Red River. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson continued to Woodland Park and Colorado Springs, CO where they met Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Martin of Chico and enjoyed a cool vacation and the tourist attractions.

Lamar Tilson and son, Tommy of Boyd, visited his mother, June Tilson and his brother, Thomas Tilson, from Aug. 10-13. While here they visited Lamar's father, Dan Tilson, as well as relatives and friends in Roaring Springs. This was a very special and lovely visit for June and Thomas.

Obituaries

Ray J. Hopkins

Perryton -- Ray J. Hopkins, 79, died Wednesday, August 8, 2001, in Amarillo. Services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 11, at the Church of Christ with Glendell Smith and Billy McCallie officiating. Cremation and arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Hopkins was born August 4, 1922 in Chillicothe. His parents were James Milton and Jessie Viola Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins graduated from high school in Chillicothe in 1941. He was the most valuable player during his senior year. After graduation he played in the All-Star game in Houston and the North/South Oil Bowl in Wichita Falls. He graduated from Texas Tech on a football scholarship.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was stationed in England.

He married Billie Jean Webb on August 12, 1950.

He was an assistant football coach in

Ralls from 1948-1950. He was the head coach in Matador, where he coached all sports. His awards included 1954 Coach of the Year in Class B and Sportsmanship Award for the football officials and regional winners in football.

He moved to Sundown and was head coach and athletic director from 1956 to 1961. He was awarded 1959 Coach of the Year in all classes by Lubbock Avalanche. Two teams went to state finals.

Mr. Hopkins moved to Perryton and was the head coach and athletic director from 1961 to 1967. In 1967, he retired from coaching and went into school administration. He retired in 1985 to become a full-time "granddad."

Survivors include his wife, Billie Hopkins; a daughter, Jeannie Hale of Perryton; a son, Tony Hopkins of Perryton; sisters, Lerease Williams of Lubbock and Lois June Barnett of Altus, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Wandean Parks



graduation from Matador High School in 1941, she entered Wichita General Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1944.

An officer in the Army Nurse Corp. during World II, she served as a surgical nurse in a field hospital in the Philippines. Following her discharge, she returned to Wichita Falls and joined the surgical nursing staff of Wichita Falls Clinic Hospital.

She married Elzie Parks in Iowa Park on March 11, 1950. Mrs. Parks retired from North Hills Hospital as Director of Surgical Services in 1989, ending a long career in that field. She will be greatly missed by her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Elzie Parks; daughters, Phyllis Landes and husband, Ronnie; Nancy Brown and husband, Jeff; granddaughters, Katie Warrick, Julie Allsbrooks and husband, Shan; and Terri Landes; grandsons, Jeremy Thornton and wife, Janell, and Casey Brown; great-grandchildren, Brandon Warrick, Trevor Beare, Hank Thornton, Jake and Dylan Allsbrooks.

Also surviving is a sister, Eugenia Barton, of Matador; and brothers, C.D. Garrison and wife Evelyn, of Matador; and Alvin Garrison of Kermit. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, two sisters and three brothers.

Senior Citizen Meals

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The Center has already received funding, from SPAG, in the amount of \$14,800 to purchase commercial kitchen equipment to replace existing residential type equipment. This equipment has started arriving and it is expected that the kitchen will be fully equipped within the next month.

The Center will provide 3 new jobs for local residents of the county. These positions will be advertised in the Motley County Tribune. The jobs include a Center Director, a cook and an aide.

Members of the Advisory Board met with the Motley County Commissioners Court and the Matador City Council in making current and future plans for the Center. With the help and support of both the county and the city, a target date of October 1, 2001 has been set for initiation of the meal and recreation services at the Senior Center.

Plans are being made to designate an "Open House" night in which area residents may visit the center to see the new equipment and the modifications to the building, before the start of the operations in October.

The Center still needs to purchase heavy-duty commercial type kitchen ware from the local fund, prior to start of operations. A survey of items needed has been completed and selected for purchase at various wholesale suppliers of restaurant equipment. The items include heavy weight cookware, utensils, plastic beverage and food containers, and hot and cold packs for home delivery, etc. A complete list of items needed will be available for those wishing to contribute to the purchase of any of these and a complete financial sheet, including SPAG funding, in-kind funding and proposed funding will be available for public information at the Open House night.

The Advisory Board's intent is to keep the citizens of Motley County well informed of the plans and progress of this effort to bring a much needed service to our county and to make the actions of the Board visible to all.

Former residents and out of state or out of county relatives of Motley County residents who can benefit from the services of the Center are encouraged to participate in this much needed endeavor. Monetary gifts may be mailed to First State Bank, PO Box 60, Matador, TX 79244, for deposit to the account of Motley County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (a qualified 501-(c)-(3) organization).

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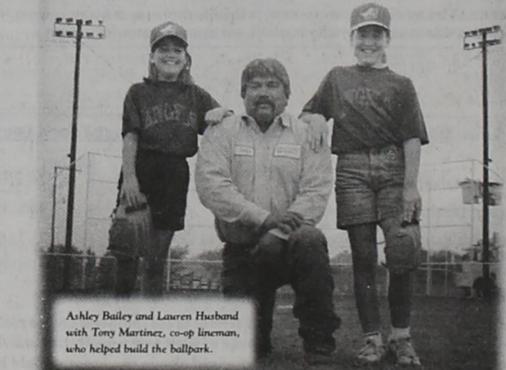
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Farm and Ranch News

Growers reminded of need to destroy crops

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind South Plains cotton growers of the need to destroy any cotton remaining in fields that will not be harvested. Some stalks may remain in a field that has been failed and plowed, and if these stalks begin producing squares, they become places where weevils can feed and reproduce, said Charles Allen, program director. Fields that have been replanted in another crop but still have some cotton plants growing in them are also a concern, he said. "We understand that removing or killing these scattered plants is often difficult and costly," Allen said in a letter sent recently to South Plains growers. "But doing this is critical to the success of boll weevil eradication. Fields with cotton plants in them will produce weevils." These fields will have to be

treated, which adds unnecessary costs to the program, costs that will be borne by the producers, he said. Allen emphasized that destruction meant the removal of any plant that may be growing in a field. "Biologically, the line is very clear. If cotton plants remain in a field, that field can produce boll weevils and will require treatment," he said. The foundation expects to begin spraying for boll weevils on Sept. 3. Foundation personnel have been instructed to work with growers to ensure that all cotton has been destroyed in fields before spraying begins. Growers with questions should contact their local eradication office. Lubbock District Office, 5801 E. FM 40, Lubbock (806) 771-4617. Ralls District Office, 414 Ave. P#B, (806) 253-0189

Spraying to begin in southern plains

(ABILENE)- The eradication effort in the Southern High Plains/Caprook Eradication Zone will begin a new phase about Sept. 1, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials said. Cotton fields will be sprayed on a weekly basis to reduce boll weevil numbers before the insects leave fields to overwinter, a process similar to hibernation. When cotton bolls begin to open, weevils cease to feed and reproduce and begin moving out of the fields to find places to overwinter. These weevils are targeted so fewer weevils will emerge before the next growing season. In preparation for this phase, foundation employees have been developing pheromone traps around cotton fields in the zones. The traps, which are light green in color and cone shaped, provide foundation personnel with information on weevil populations and movement.

This year the information gathered will be used to establish a baseline subsequent years can be compared with. In these later years, treatment of fields will be based on the information gathered. During the 2001 growing season, however, all cotton fields are sprayed weekly. Ultra low volume malathion is applied to fields at the rate of 12 ounces per acre. The malathion used by the foundation is a much purer of the insecticide found in the garden centers or retail stores for use in the home garden. This formula allows the foundation to effectively eliminate weevils using the least possible amount of insecticide. Most of the applications will be performed by aerial applicators, but near sensitive areas, such as homes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes or environmentally sensitive areas near lakes, rivers, or ponds, ground equipment will be used to spray fields.

TMA launches study on safety of genetically modified foods

Austin -- The Texas Medical Association has launched a yearlong study to arm physicians with information they can provide patients on the potential health effects of genetically modified foods. The study is being conducted by the TMA Task Force on Genetically Modified Foods, which was appointed by TMA President Tom B. Hancher, MD, of Columbus. Dr. Hancher said accurate information on genetically altered crops is needed because, if safe, they could benefit the agricultural economy of the United States and help ease famine in underdeveloped countries. "In developing countries, crops that have been genetically engineered to be more resistant to disease and to be more productive would be a tremendous asset," Dr. Hancher said. "But at the same time, we want to be certain those crops are safe for human consumption." The task force, which held its first meeting on June 27, is made up of consumers, producers, scientists, physicians, legislators, and state agriculture officials. The panel will review existing research on genetically modified foods and draw conclusions about whether such foods are safe for human consumption and, if safe, whether there is a clear benefit from

these products for consumers, the agriculture industry, and developing nations. At the initial meeting, task force members pointed to a lack of consumer confidence in biotechnology and the need for consumers to have unbiased information about the safety of genetically altered foods so they can make informed decisions about these products. Dr. Hancher said recent news reports about taco shells made with genetically altered corn being pulled from grocery store shelves and fast food chains and claims of allergic reactions to genetically modified products have created a great deal of confusion among consumers. "I think it's important for physicians to know how they should advise their patients on how to react to these products," Dr. Hancher said. "They are going to be on the grocery store shelves. Should we be concerned and avoid those products or should we consider them safe?" Texas Medical Association is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 37,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

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County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



BANDED-WINGED WHITEFLY INFESTATIONS REACH DAMAGING LEVELS IN SOME FIELDS

Adult whiteflies continue to move into many cotton fields, especially as sunflower fields mature and dry down. Commercial sunflower fields appear to be one of the main sources of our whitefly problem in cotton with the most advanced cotton infestations nearest to sunflower. But now we are seeing the result of successful reproduction with large numbers of nymphs appearing and the resulting honeydew deposits approaching levels normally associated with heavy aphid infestations. The heavier infestations appear to be associated with the more stressed acres of an infested field. Luckily, not all area cotton has a problem with this pest. In fact, most fields will probably make it through the season without a whitefly problem developing. What is the big deal with this pest? Well we don't have very much information developed for the sweet potato whitefly and silverleaf whitefly. Why does this species pose a problem? Because treatment thresholds, sampling techniques and insecticide recommendations for one insect doesn't always apply equally to another pest. I know these are both whiteflies but assuming they are similar is like saying a basset hound should be similar to a greyhound in racing performance! Why is the silverleaf whitefly treatment threshold set so low? There can be a number of reasons for this: (1) this species is more damaging than other species of whiteflies, (2) insecticidal control is more difficult, (3) there are resistance issues, and (4) once lots of immatures are present control is much more difficult and expensive. We don't know if any of this applies to banded-winged whiteflies.

also too low. So where should treatments begin? Assuming that this whitefly is not vectoring any diseases, is not injecting a toxin and is feeding in a similar manner as the cotton aphid, then a threshold level that would result in the same amount of honeydew you would observe from 50 aphids per leaf might be appropriate. This may be somewhere around 75-100 per leaf (both adults and nymphs).

As presented last week, adult sampling should consist of looking at the indicator leaf of at least 40 plants spread across the field. The indicator leaf is the fifth leaf down from the terminal. Approach the plant to sample very carefully so as not to disturb and displace any adults. Turn the indicator leaf over slowly by its tip and quickly count adults.

You are not finished until you also count immatures from the same leaf. To do so you must first create a sample card from card stock or an index card. Remove a round area the size of a quarter. This is the viewing area from which counts of nymphs will be made. Detach the leaf used to count adults and count visible whitefly nymphs within this hole when it is wedged between the central and left-side main veins on the underside of the leaf. Count only large nymphs (3rd and 4th instar) that appear as flattened, egg-shaped disks or scales. We only count these nymphs because they do not require magnifying hand lenses to see them. Counts of both adults and nymphs can proceed very rapidly.

Multiply the nymphal count by 5 and add this to your adult count. This will give you a good estimate of total adults and 3rd plus 4th instar nymphs present per leaf sampled. If this averages somewhere between 75 to 100 per leaf then I would consider my control options. I would also be looking very closely at the amount of associated honeydew present.

Our insecticide recommendations today are going to have to be based on the results of tests conducted with the silverleaf whitefly since data on the banded-winged whitefly is limited.

For the moment, I'm going to assume that the threshold of 5 adults per indicator leaf for silverleaf whiteflies is inappropriate for our species. Second, I am also going to take the position that a suggested 10-15 adults per leaf threshold for our species is

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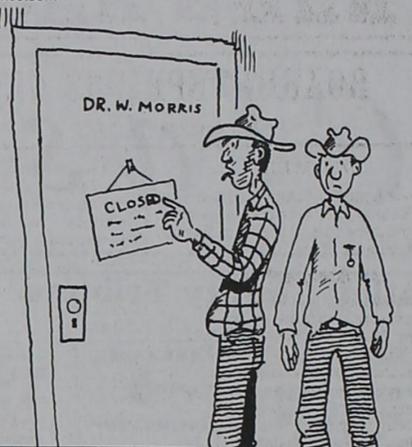
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