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Chamber Picnic in the Park promises fun for everyone

Annual Banquet set to go for Saturday night

Saturday's Chamber Picnic offers many surprises - from numerous door prizes to \$100 in Motley County Bucks; from entertaining, top-tapping music to balloon sculpting genius; from award presentations for achievement to awards of appreciation. There will be something for everyone - young and old - at this year's chamber event.

Patriotic decorations will be provided by the Matador Variety Store, center stage by Washington Cattle Co., musical enter-

tainment by the Texas Highway 70 Band, and fun for the kids by Simon Simple. Wait until you see what he can do with a balloon!

Remember, the event begins at 6:00 p.m. with the B&C Catering Company's famous chicken and fish buffet starting shortly thereafter. A number of tables will be set up randomly, reserved for those who cannot sit on the ground. Please bring your own lawn chair (and picnic blanket if you can sit on the ground).

Tickets are available both at local businesses or at the door, which, this year, will be a ticket booth table near the parking area. Golf cart 'taxi' service is available from parking lot to the picnic area.

If, on Saturday morning, the weather is not cooperating, the picnic will be held in the Fire Hall where there is plenty of space, lots of tables, and even room to dance! Weather will not dampen the spirits of the 10th annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Motley County Booster Club, PTO merge to form Parent's Club

by Mary Ann Potts

Motley County Booster Club and PTO met Thursday, September 2 for their first meeting of the school year. With a great attendance of concerned parents and teachers at this initial meeting, the decision to merge these two groups was unanimously approved. The new name of the organization will be The Motley County Parent's Club. Officers were nominated and elected for the 2004-2005 school year as follows:

President D'anna Russell; Vice President, Brooke Barton; Treasurer, Andy Henzler; and Sec.-Reporter, Mary Ann Potts.

With a full agenda ahead, several important items were discussed.

First, concerns regarding the All Night Senior Party and Elementary programs were discussed. Many elementary parents had questions about working the all-night event when they did not have children attending. And Jr. High/High School parents had concerns about devoting their time to Elementary events that their children have outgrown. To ease everyone's concerns, the club agreed that all members will take part in the activities that they choose. But to bear in mind, that the M.C. Parent's Club was created to be involved in our children's academic life and to insure that the students, our children, receive all they need academically, emotionally and physically.

Also, the M.C. Parents Club will continue to award senior scholarships, \$100 each, to one male student, one female student, and the student with the

most U.I.L. points.

Fund raisers were a hot topic, creating a loud roar among everyone.

Through MCS, the M.C. Parents Club will make available school tee-shirts with a "hot" new design. Olivia Osborn and Danika Jameson, coordinators, will announce availability in the near future.

And the place to wear those "hot" new tee-shirts are the football games. The M.C. Parents Club will manage the high school concession stand at all home games. Marsha Jeffcoat and Jeanie Moore have graciously volunteered to prepare all the food for each home game. D'anna Russell will need parents to work each game's concession stand.

Box Tops for Education Labels will be collected again this year. Last year MCS earned \$267 towards field trips. Mary Ann Potts encourages everyone to continue clipping and saving labels. A contest is in the works.

SAVE all Lowe's register receipts dated Sept. 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005. These receipts can be redeemed for needed school supplies. D'anna Russell, coordinator, announced last year's receipts purchased necessary laminate and die cuts for many school projects to come.

And, don't forget to save Labels for Education found on all Campbell products. Kim Gleghorn, coordinator, has a collection bin set up in the elementary hall next to Mrs. Hicks' office.

The last fund raiser topic of the evening was the Fall Book Fair. It is quickly approaching, October 11-15. Students will

have their pick of all the latest books as well as the tried and true classics. Brooke Barton, coordinator, will send home details in the coming weeks.

The final segment of the M.C. Parents Club meeting voiced announcements.

Motley County School is proud to be the host school for the U.I.L. competition this year. Parents are needed to provide snacks for the hospitality room. More information will follow as to when and what is needed.

Jeanie Moore and Marsha Jeffcoat brought to everyone's attention that the M.C. Football Victory Bell is in need of a fresh coat of paint. M.C. Parents Club voted to purchase the needed paint with Mrs. Moore and Ms. Jeffcoat rendering the needed make-over.

Also, a Perfect Attendance contest is underway. Committee members, Tina Brooks, Cathey Turner and Rhonda McCleskey are discussing details and prizes. More information will follow.

M.C. Parents Club is in the process of establishing a Welcoming Committee for New School Families. Tina Brooks, Shonda Elliott and Marvina Mason are brainstorming creative ideas to introduce MCS to new families.

As for elementary room parents, more details will be discussed at the October meeting.

Finally, M.C. Parents Club meeting schedule is set for the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Notices of each meeting will continue to be published and/or sent home with students.



Harold Parks, owner and manager of HP Feed & Seed, Inc., a newly opened business in downtown Roaring Springs, is pictured above inside his store. The business, a feed and seed store and hunting headquarters, is located in the old Braselton Ford Tractor building.

photo by Carla Meador

HP Feed & Seed open for business in Roaring Springs

HP Feed & Seed, Inc. held their grand opening Thursday, August 26 in downtown Roaring Springs with a barbecue lunch. The lunch, sponsored by Evergreen Feeds, and prepared by David Stafford, fed over 200 people.

Harold Parks, owner and manager, said he saw a need for a feed and seed business in Roaring Springs and wanted to help the area by opening the business. Mr. Parks has been in the ranching and rodeo business for years and is very well versed in the cattle and agriculture needs for this area. "My dad had a feed store across the street when I was a kid," Mr. Parks remembered.

HP Feed & Seed offers a variety of feed, seed, veterinary supplies and tack. Mr. Parks said he plans to add inventory as the business progresses.

Also located in the business is Motley County Hunting Headquarters, an affiliate of

South Pease River Ranch, offering a variety of hunting services.

Mr. Parks' family purchased the historic brick building in the early 1980's. "In the 1950's, 60's and early 70's the Braselton Ford Tractor dealership and Oil Field Service was located here," Parks said. "I remember when my dad had the feed store across the street, I would come over here and get up on one of those new tractors and pretend I was driving."

The Parks family roots grow deep in Roaring Springs. Harold's parents were Omar Era Parks. His brother, Elmer and wife Betty, and sisters, Linda Hess and husband Steve, and Dorothy Lefevre and husband Bruce, all live in this area, as well as many extended family members.

Harold and his wife, Barbara, who teaches Pre-Kindergarten at MC ISD, have two daughters, Lacey and husband Ryan Rankin, who live in Roar-

ing Springs, and Casey and husband Jackie Bell, of Clarendon. They have one grandson, Brody Rankin and one on the way.

"I have dedicated this building and store in memory of my dad, Omar," Harold explained. Omar Parks passed away March 8, 2003, at the age of 94. Harold's mother died in September of 1993 at the age of 84.

"I want to express my appreciation to the City of Roaring Springs for all their help in getting everything going," Mr. Parks said.

With a 'sit and spit' area for visiting, cold drinks and hot coffee, there's sure to be some tall tales go round in this historic building. Mr. Parks invites everyone to come by and see the new business and sit a spell. You might even hear one of those tall tales.

The store's hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Motley County athlete travels to Hawaii for Goodwill Games

Ashley Fonseca, a Junior at Motley County High School, traveled to Oahu, Hawaii, July 14-23, as a member of All-Stars in Hawaii to participate in Goodwill Games against local competition in the city of Honolulu.

Fonseca, a three-sport letterman in 2004, played basketball during her nine day trip. Team members stayed in the resort area of Waikiki Beach. She also competes on the golf and track teams at Motley County High School.

"Yes, I was excited about playing in Hawaii and the trip all

together," Fonseca said. "I loved the beach and all the people."

All-Stars in Hawaii went undefeated in basketball winning all seven games. Most of the games were played at Kaiser High School.

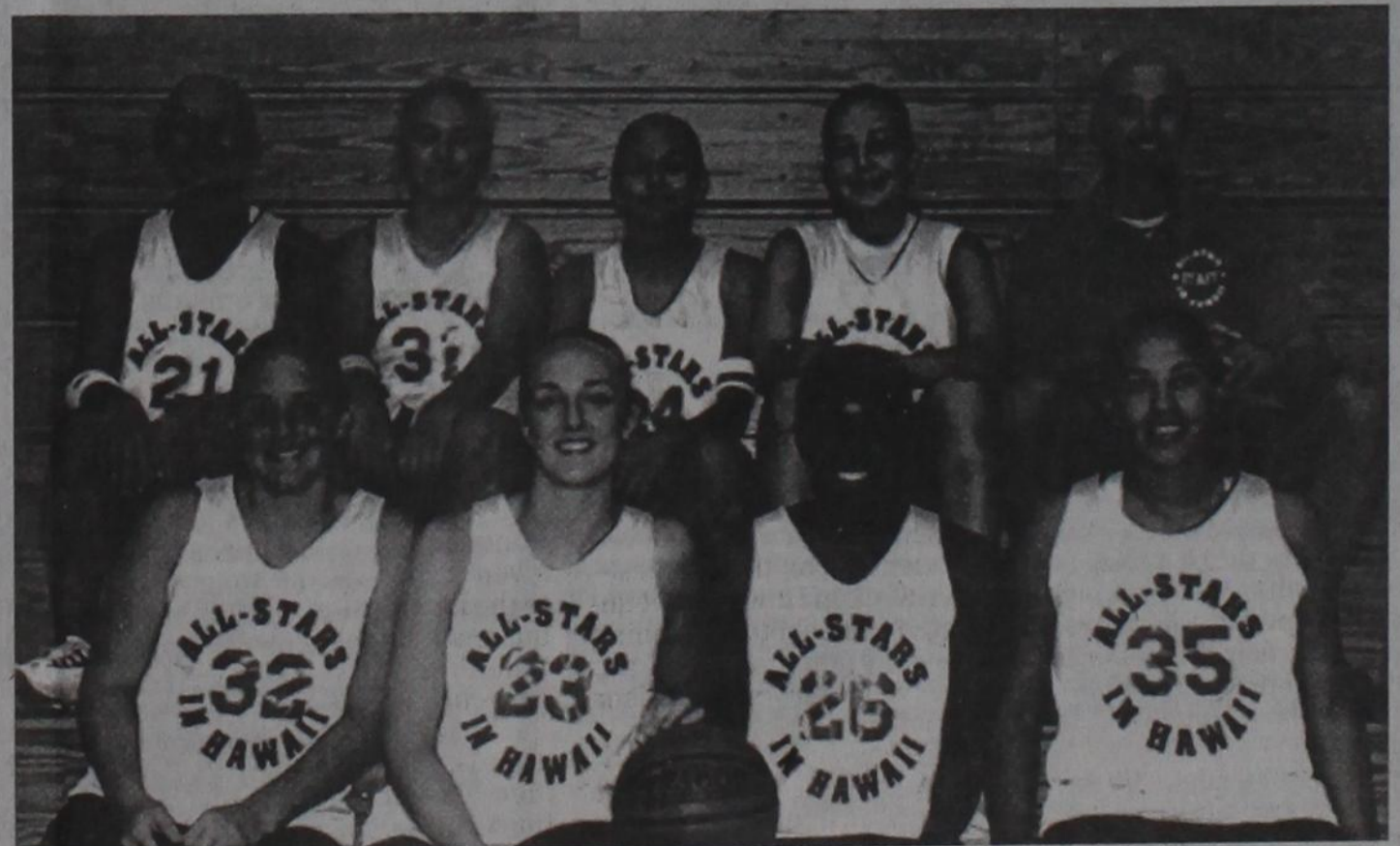
Fonseca said the competition was good in Hawaii. "We got along well as a team," she said. "I'd recommend the trip to my friends because it was a good experience."

After a seven hour flight from Houston, All-Stars in Hawaii members were greeted at the airport by recruiter Sonny

Fonseca. Each member was given a shell lei and welcomed to the island. After a brief meeting, team members were given time off until their daily 10:30 p.m. curfew.

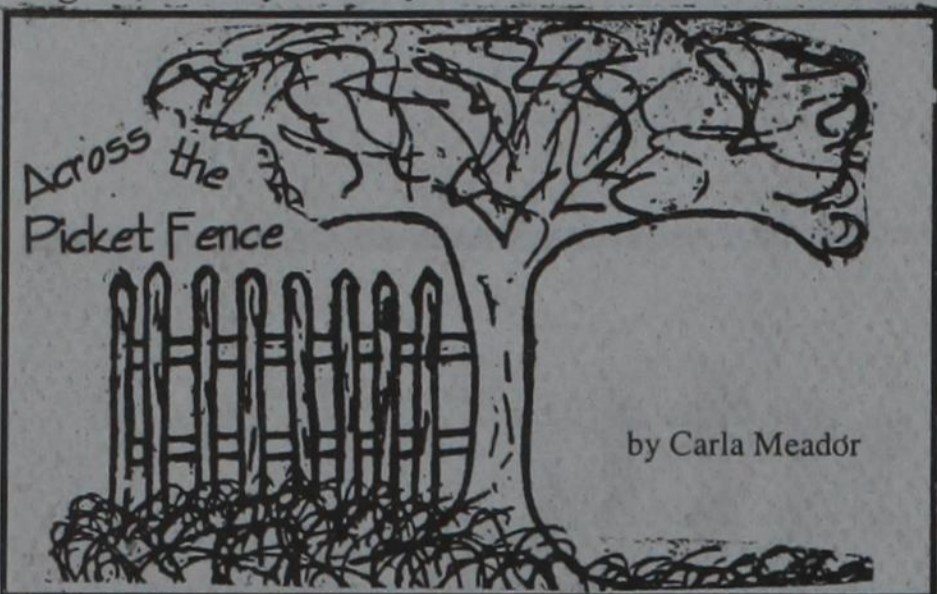
Besides their basketball games, All-Stars in Hawaii members toured various locations throughout the island of Oahu. After spending five days playing games, one of the first attractions visited was the Pearl Harbor Naval Base and Arizona Memorial. A 23-minute film precedes the short jaunt to the me-

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HAWAII TEAM — Motley County athlete, Ashley Fonseca, second from left, of Matador, with her teammates, beginning at back, left to right, Teresa Juarez, El Paso; Ashley; Trisha Salgado, Marfa; Gloria Miller, Harlingen; Coach Shawn Jones, Los Fresnos; (front) Christina Candelaria, El Paso; Shelly Bond, Montevista, CO; Alex Mayfield, Los Fresnos; and Michelle Reyes, Los Fresnos. (See related picture on page 3).

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What if God had an answering machine? Imagine praying and hearing this:

"Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following four options:

- * Press 1 for requests.
- * Press 2 for thanksgiving.
- * Press 3 for complaints.
- * For all other inquiries, Press 4."

What if God used the familiar excuse:

"All the angels are helping other customers right now. Please stay on the line. Your call will be answered in the order it was received."

Can you imagine getting these kinds of responses as you call on God in prayer?

- * If you'd like to speak with Gabriel, press 1.
- * For Michael, press 2.
- * For any other angel, press 3."

* If you want King David to sing you a psalm, press 6."

* "To find out if your relative

is here, enter his/her date of death and listen for the list that follows."

* "For reservations at My Father's House, simply press the letters J-O-H-N on the keypad, followed by the number 3-1-6."

* "For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's ark is, wait until you get here!"

* "Our computers show that you have called once today already. Please hang up immediately."

* "This office is closed for the weekend. Please call again Monday." End of message.

Thank God you can't call Him too often! You only need to ring once and God hears you. Because of Jesus you never get a busy signal. God takes each call and knows each caller personally. When you call He will say, "Here am I!"

Motley County Lifestyles

Red Rovers will sponsor Tea Party at Library

The Red Rovers, Motley County's Red Hat Society, will sponsor a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Motley County Library on Wednesday, September 22, at 2:00 p.m. Virginia Taylor of South Plains will be the featured speaker, bringing her hat collection and talking about the history of and styles of hats. Mrs. Taylor brought her "hat show" to the library once before and she says she has even more new and interesting hats for this

up-coming event.

The Red Rovers will furnish refreshments. Everyone is invited but all who attend must wear a hat (doesn't have to be red) and bring a favorite teacup. If you don't have a hat, the library has extras thanks to Marge Edwards and Ruby McGuire. The library also has some ugly, chunky mugs if you don't have a favorite teacup but we think it will be fun to see all the pretty ones that you bring.

Building a healthy future for Texas

Today, one out of every three Texas children has health insurance through either Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Medicaid and CHIP also pay for half of all births in Texas, and Medicaid provides health coverage for one out of nine adults.

The truth is that Texas' health and human services safety net is extensive. It's also expensive. About 30 percent of the state's total budget is devoted to health and human services.

Medicaid accounts for three-quarters of the \$20 billion health and human services annual budget, and the costs have been spiraling upward for years. Since 1990, the Texas population has increased 27 percent, but Medicaid costs have increased 400 percent. Faced with a budget deficit, the 78th Texas Legislature had to make a choice: continue to let the state's health and human services budget rise unchecked or find a better way to deliver services.

During the last regular legislative session, Representative Arlene Wohlgenuth authored House Bill 2292 to reorganize health and human services agencies into a more coordinated system. This will make it easier for Texans to find out about the many programs available to help their families. It will also help the state trim administrative expenses, detect and eliminate fraud, and redirect the savings into services.

The state's health and human services system is being redesigned to make more efficient use of limited tax dollars. This effort realigns similar functions of 12 existing health and human services agencies into four new departments under the oversight of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Today, many Texans seeking health and human services face an array of organizations, office locations and overlapping programs. This fragmentation can make the system difficult to navigate. An integrated and well-organized health and human services system make it easier for our state agencies to better meet the diverse and complex needs of Texas families.

Imagine what a difference the transformed health and human services system will make to a low-income family that includes a working couple, two children and an elderly parent. Under today's complex system, that family must complete four separate applications - at multiple state offices - to qualify for food assistance, CHIP, a community care program and help with Medicare premiums.

On September 1, Texas launched the final two consolidated agencies. The Department of State Health Services will combine physical health, mental health and substance abuse services into one agency to better serve Texans. The new Department of Aging and Disability Services will bring together programs for older Tex-

ans and those with mental retardation.

Earlier this year, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services was launched to provide programs and support for people with disabilities and families of children with developmental delays. The Department of Family and Protective Services is responsible for Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services and the child-care licensing.

Texas has doubled the number of children covered by Medicaid or CHIP since 2000, immunization rates have increased and health programs along the border have been strengthened.

The reorganization of health and human services will make the most efficient use possible of Texas tax dollars and optimize federal funding.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abott, Librarian

New books in the library include *The Wedding* by Nicholas Sparks. This book has been made into a very good, very touching movie. On the audiobook shelves we have an Agatha Christie set of CD's called *Murder in the Mews*. These tales feature Christie's famous Hercule Poirot and make great listening between here and Lubbock.

We also have a book of essays called *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingslover. Kingslover wrote *The Poisonwood Bible* that was the subject of one of the library's book discussions. These essays are sometimes serious, occasionally hilarious and finally persuasive. *Small Wonder* is a hopeful examina-

tion of the people we seem to be and what we might yet make of ourselves.

In the children's section of the library we have the two-book series by Audrey Penn, *The Kissing Hand* and *A Pocket Full of Kisses*. A bookstore in Lubbock said that they can't keep these titles on the shelves. Also for kids of all ages the library has *Wild About Books*, a tale of an absent-minded librarian (No, surely not!) who drives her bookmobile into the zoo and introduces birds and beasts to this new something called reading, finding the perfect book for each animal. This book is written by Judy Sierra and illustrated by Marc Brown of Arthur fame.

MC Athlete competes in Hawaii

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The documentary offers a moving account of the events that led to the Japanese attack. The entire tour takes about one hour and 15 minutes.

Shopping at the International Market Place was an additional experience encountered by the athletes who were able to shop around for bargains in the more than 150 shops.

Team members also climbed Diamond Head Crater, a 1.5 mile round trip climb up some 560 feet from the crater floor. Two other features were attending a Luau and snorkeling at Hanauma Bay.

Staying on Waikiki Beach affords team members an opportunity to spend free time at the beach and enjoy the surf and sand. On an average day, 81,000 visitors are attracted to Oahu. Waikiki Beach is a two-mile stretch of shoreline known throughout the world.

Other stops included the Polynesian Cultural Center and Pali Lookout. Pali Lookout is less than a half hour from

Waikiki. The Lookout is a good place to gain perspective of Oahu, which was home to 902,704 people in 2003. Some 1,200 feet above sea level, the 3,000-foot cliffs (pali) gives you an opportunity to see beyond the city and Waikiki to the other side of the island.

Team All-Stars in Hawaii are recruited by Sonny Fonseca of San Benito. Boys participate in basketball, baseball and 7-on-7 football. Girls play basketball, softball and volleyball.

"We're already looking for student-athletes to take on the 2005 trip," Fonseca said. "Everyone had such a great time they all said they want to come back. The experience they had is something they'll talk about for a long time."

Student-athletes ages 15-19 are eligible for the trip. Fonseca can be reached by calling (956) 534-1384 or log on to the website at www.allstarsinhawaii.com to view photos of the trip and get the e-mail address.

Pivots & Divots

By Mary



RSRC ladies playday on Thursday, September 2, was for most pars on even holes. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, Jean, LaVoe, Francine, Kay, Dot, Louise, Judy C., and Virginia.

Dot won with 5 pars on even holes. Playing 9 holes were Nell, Tommye, Mary, Tempie, Dartha and Judy R. Nell, Tommye and Judy tied with one par each on even holes.

"I waited patiently and expectantly for the Lord, and He inclined to me.

Psalm 40:1 AMP

Grandparents Day
Sunday, September 12

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Is It Well With Your Soul?

Many songs carry a tremendous message. Following are words from an old song written by James Rowe.

Mid the toil and strife of this busy life,
Is it well with your soul?
Are you living right, should you die tonight?
Is it well with your soul?

Have you lost your sin, are you pure within?
Is it well with your soul?
Are you at the side of the Crucified?
Is it well with your soul?

Do you praise the love of the One above?
Is it well with your soul?
Will the crown be won and the Lord's "well done"?
Is it well with your soul?

Is it well with your soul?
Are you free, glad and whole?
Are you living right should you die tonight?
Is it well with your soul?

What a song! What a message! Do we have time for God in our life? When we are ushered through the portals of death, will we be judged righteous or unrighteous? Have our sins been washed away by the blood of the Lamb? Are we walking in the footsteps of the Master? Is our life one that demonstrates praise and love for the Lord? It will be "well done" or "depart from Me." Which for YOU? Is it well with YOUR SOUL? Are you FREE, GLAD and WHOLE? Are you LIVING RIGHT should you DIE TONIGHT? IS IT WELL WITH YOUR SOUL? In eternity - it will make a difference.

Carroll Sites
Higden, AR

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

MATADOR CHURCH OF CHRIST

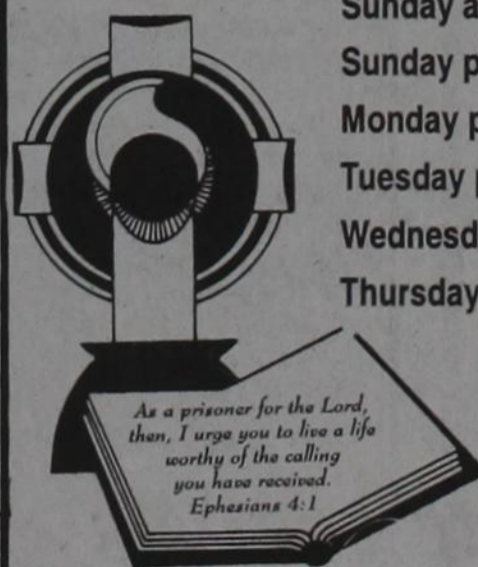
Invites you to come and hear...

Carroll Sites

In a series of Gospel Sermons beginning Sunday morning, September 19, 2004.

Theme: "Seven Ones of God" Ephesians 4: 1-6

- Sunday a.m. class - 10:00 a.m. -- "One Body - His Body"
- Sunday a.m. worship - 11:00 a.m. -- "One Spirit - The Holy Spirit"
- Sunday p.m. worship - 6:00 p.m. -- "One Hope - In Christ"
- Monday p.m. - 7:30 p.m. -- "One Lord - Our Savior"
- Tuesday p.m. - 7:30 p.m. -- "One Faith - The Faith"
- Wednesday p.m. - 7:30 p.m. -- "One Baptism - By His Authority"
- Thursday p.m. - 7:30 p.m. -- "One God - Jehovah, The Only"



A Potluck meal will follow the Sunday morning worship!

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Grandson wins \$5,000 in Make Kids Count contest

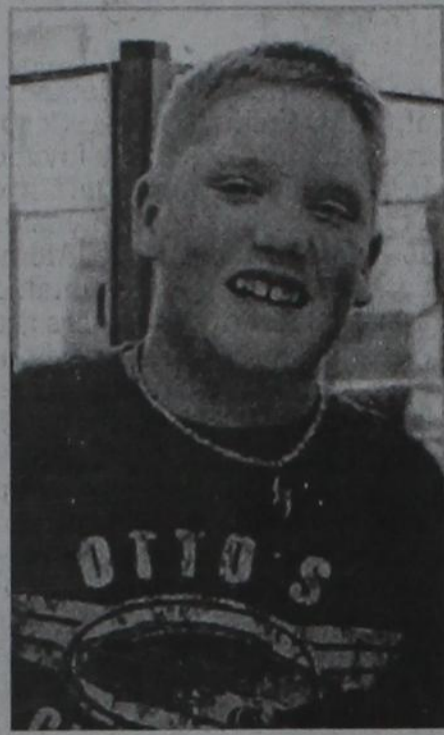
Jody Miller of Tulia, grandson of Betty and Elmer Parks of Roaring Springs, was the recent winner of a \$5,000 scholarship in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Make Kids Count Contest.

Jody is the 12-year-old son of Tom and Sharla Miller of Tulia. He is a seventh-grader at Tulia Junior High School.

Jody was a first time entrant in the scholarship contest. His mother, Sharla, was especially happy for her son because she nearly forgot to mail in the entry form.

Mrs. Miller stated in an AJ article, "We just want to thank the sponsors for making this contest possible."

The contest for the 9- to 12-year-olds began with more than 500 entries, and through weekly drawings was narrowed down to two contestants, Jody, and Cheyenne Bouldin of Post, Miss Bouldin received a \$10,000 scholarship.



Jody Miller

Lubbock Avalanche Journal photo

The scholarship contest is supported by 28 corporate partners.

Pausing to honor Grandparents, September 12

In recent years, more and more Americans have taken a step back from their hectic lives to focus on family. Yet, all too often, our most significant family members - our grandparents - are ignored. As the "return to home" trend continues, it is only fitting that one day of the year be set aside to honor grandparents. September 12, 2004, is National Grandparents Day, a time to celebrate those special people who are always there with a hug, a laugh, or something special.

National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to help the lonely elderly living in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. Finally, in 1978, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed that National Grandparents Day

would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

According to a recent study sponsored by Bankers Life and Casualty Company, an insurance company dedicated to the financial needs of seniors, elderly adults wish to be remembered as responsible and loving grandparents/parents more than anything else. "Spending this special day with your grandparents is one of the greatest gifts they can receive from you," said Donna Avolt, manager of a Bankers branch.

It also has several health benefits for senior Americans. Robert N. Butler, M.D., world-renowned authority on aging and head of the International Longevity Center, an affiliate of Mt. Sinai Medical School, New York said, "Playing with grandchildren is a great way to stay young at heart. Chasing a toddler around can be just as much exercise as an afternoon at the

gym, and is more fun." Scientists have also found that laughing is contagious and is good for the heart. According to Nobel Prize nominees Dr. Gael Crystal and Dr. Patrick Flanagan, children laugh about 400 times a day, while elderly adults laugh only 10-15 times daily.

"The grandparent/grandchild relationship is one of the more special bonds in the world

and celebrating this relationship can only strengthen the bond," said Avolt. She suggests the following activities to help families celebrate this Grandparents' Day together:

* Have grandparents teach grandchildren a card game or play a favorite game. Playing

this game can become a tradition. It can also be fun for the grandchild to learn a game that their grandparents enjoyed when they were young.

* Go to a favorite place together. Whether it be the grandparent or grandchild's favorite spot, it can provide the opportunity to learn more about each others interests.

* Create a "hot or not" list. Grandparents list "hot" items, toys, television shows from when they were young, and compare lists with the grandchild's.

* Write titles and dates on the backs of photos. In the process, grandparents can tell stories about relatives and help to preserve family history.

* Create a family web page. In doing this, the child can learn more about family history and the grandparent can learn a little more about current technology.

* Make homemade ice cream or bake cookies. Not only is this a tasty idea, but it is fun to decide what flavor to make and to eat the creation together.

State introduces Point of Sale Sticker printing

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is now introducing Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP) and a new design of vehicle registration stickers. The new registration stickers feature several improvements to deter sticker theft and streamline the state's inventory control.

The new process was piloted in Caldwell and Bastrop Counties and was implemented in 185 counties across the state beginning August 25. This initial phase involves counties that do not process transactions through subcontractor stations (e.g. grocery stores) or automobile dealerships. These latter types of transactions will be pi-

loted in McLennan, Williamson, Angelina and Harris Counties over the next few months, with full statewide implementation expected to be completed by early 2005.

Registration stickers will now be printed at the point of sale. Information specific to the registered vehicle will be printed directly on the sticker, which will help deter theft. TxDOT switched from license plate stickers to windshield stickers for most passenger vehicles about a decade ago to cut down on theft, and the new method will enhance these efforts. (Plate stickers are still used for motorcycles, trailers and some other types of vehicles). Each sticker will show the last eight digits of the vehicle identification number, the license plate number, county of registration, and registration month and year.

Because each windshield and plate sticker is vehicle-spe-

cific, it is important for customers who own more than one vehicle to be sure they apply the sticker to the correct one. Also, customers should carefully follow instructions for peeling and applying the sticker. The new windshield sticker must be peeled from the back of the form; otherwise, it could be damaged and a replacement sticker would be necessary. Plate stickers should be peeled from the front of the form.

When the POSSP method is completely implemented, the new type of sticker will be issued for all registration renewals, including in-person, mail-in and Internet transactions. POSSP prints the sticker on the customer's receipt, so stapling stickers and maintaining manual sticker books will no longer be necessary. This also eliminates the manufacturing and storage of 400,000 pre-printed sticker books annually for the current system.

In the past, yearly windshield stickers were printed in mass quantities based on projections of annual vehicle registrations. POSSP will eliminate the waste of excess stickers resulting from the process each year. As each sticker is printed "on demand" for a specific vehicle rather than pre-printed and later assigned to a vehicle, any internal accounting of the blank forms used for the POSSP is now optional rather than required. Registration transactions will be tracked through the state's automated Registration and Title System in much the same way as the previous method.

"This new method is a significant improvement in Texas registration processes," said Jerry Dike, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division. "It also offers greater protection for vehicle owners by making the stickers worthless if they're stolen."

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Raymond Sansoucie of St. Louis saw a man beat a woman and run off with her purse.

He stopped his car and chased him. Moments later a shot was heard and Raymond fell dead in an alley.

The president of the Grand Jury Association said, "This man made the ultimate sacrifice for society. I think society owes his family something."

The Lord made the ultimate sacrifice for you. Don't you think you owe Him something?

St. Paul said, "Give your bodies to God. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask?"

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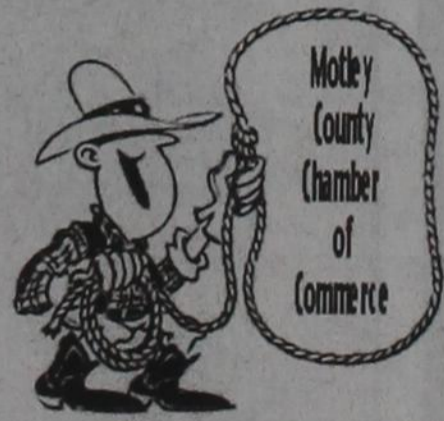
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2004 Picnic in the Park
Motley County Annual Banquet
Saturday, September 11
6:00 p.m.

Bring your own Lawn Chairs to the Matador City Park
(In case of Rain will move to Fire Hall)



Fish & Chicken Dinner
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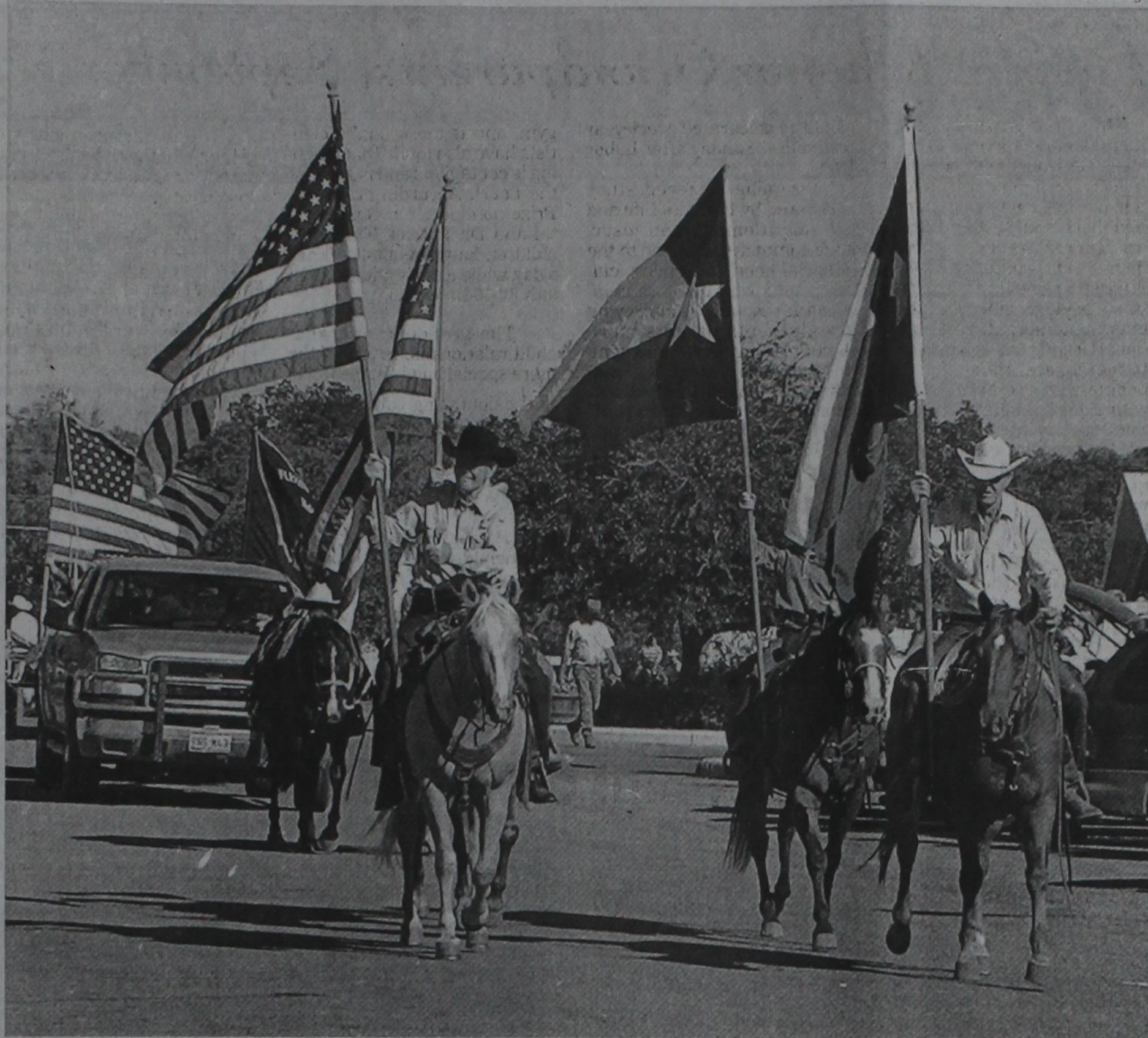
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South Plains Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting set for Sept. 16

Lubbock, Texas -- Members of South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SPEC) are invited to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Thursday, September 16 for their 66th Annual Membership Meeting. An estimated 2,000 cooperative members are expected at this meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a barbecue dinner. The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

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SPC to take part in Lubbock Memorial groundbreaking ceremony

A South Plains College law enforcement major and several alumni will be part of a groundbreaking Saturday (Sept. 11) for the Lubbock Regional Public Safety Memorial.

The memorial, set for completion in 2006, will honor law enforcement officers, fire fighters and paramedics from

15 counties on the South Plains who have died in the line of duty.

The groundbreaking is set for 6 p.m. at Jack Stevens Park in Lubbock, located at 75th and Slide. Stevens is a fallen police officer. After the ceremony, a procession of first responders will travel to Katsman Park for a ceremony sponsored by American State Bank. The public is invited.

Margi Fesperman, SPC law enforcement major, is a member of the LRPSM committee, and her husband, Randall Fesperman, assistant professor of law enforcement at SPC, has provided technical support for the project. "The memorial will encompass fire, EMS, Texas Department of Public Safety, police departments and federal, state and local first responders. In times of emergency boundaries are non-existent to first responders," she explained. "Everyone is educated to completing his or her specific duty. The committee realized that responders on the South Plains train and work together. It would only be fitting for the memorial to show that unity to others. It's also a reminder of the everyday working man and woman and the chances they can take."

The memorial will also serve to educate young people and others of the sacrifices made and the work done by public safety workers, Fesperman noted.

Lubbock Police Department.

Funding will be through corporate and individual donations in addition to sale of personalized bricks, which will be used to pave the walkways.

For more information, access the website at www.lrpmsm.org or contact Mike Kemp, Lubbock fire marshal, at 775-2644 or Scott Farmer, Lubbock Police Department sergeant, at 775-2793.

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Two former SPC students -- Rudy Gonzales and Stacy Brown -- will be among those honored through the memorial. Gonzales was killed in the line of duty in a head-on collision and Brown was killed in a traffic accident on the way to work.

The memorial will include six-foot bronze statues of public safety officers created by Garland Weeks of Lubbock, a world-renowned sculptor; a Maltese cross and star, red granite wall for fire and EMS and a blue granite wall for law enforcement. Names of those killed in the line of duty will be listed on the walls, and brick pavers will contain the names of others who have died. Counties covered are Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum. DPS officers to be honored will include those in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains regions.

The committee includes SPC graduates and former students Mike Kemp, Lubbock fire marshal, chairman; Buddy Davis, lieutenant with the fire department; Eddie Kirkpatrick, fire officer and instructor in the firefighting academy at Reese; John Gonzales, trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety; Scott Farmer, investigator with the Lubbock Police Department; Shelly Acocok and Lynn Wallis, EMS instructors at Reese, and Billy Green with the

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Visitors in the home of Bill and Lea Peacock last week during Old Settlers were Pat and Sharon Peacock of Lubbock, Cpl. LeeAnn Peacock, daughter of Pat and Sharon Peacock and granddaughter of Bill and Lea, of Goose Creek, South Carolina Marine Base; Cecelia Peacock daughter of Justin and Stacy Peacock of Anahuac, Texas; granddaughter of Pat and Sharon and great-granddaughter of Bill and Lea Peacock.

Visiting Pearl Patten over the weekend were her children and grandchildren, Veda and Jerry Hunt of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Paducah, Buddy Allen of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer and Micah of Lovington, NM, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker and Lisa of Boyd, Jarred and Darrin Allen of Canyon, Angie Burkes and Tara Parker of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Palmer of Albuquerque, NM, Bryce Reagan of Quitaque, Matt Palmer of Portales, NM.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker spent last weekend in Abilene with their son and family, John and Jana Thacker and Amy, and granddaughter and family, Melanie and Matt Paul and Berkley. They attended the first birthday celebration of their great-granddaughter, Berkley, on Saturday.

The Buzz Thackers visited in Amarillo on Tuesday of last week with her sister, June and Cliff Lowrance. They had lunch with their grandson, Brad Thacker, also of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Thacker spent the labor day weekend with his parents, Jeff and Pam Thacker, also visiting his grandparents, the Buzz Thackers.

The Roaring Springs Lions club met in regular session at the Hitchin Post on Thursday at noon.

There were 16 children at the House of Faith meeting held at the Park last Wednesday afternoon,

Sept. 1. Mrs. Monta Marshall gave the Bible story. Others helping were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Jo Trammel, Ken Abbott, Corky Marshall. Joyce Meredith had charge of the refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott toured the countryside on Saturday making the trip by their motorcycle to points, Gail, Post, Snyder, having lunch in Snyder, Roby and Rotan.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met Wednesday afternoon for their first meeting of the season. Mrs. Pearl Patten was in charge and she gave the opening prayer. Callie Giesecke read the minutes of the past meeting and they were approved. Chelsea Read presented the program concerning prayer. Mrs. Giesecke gave the devotional, "Wisdom When You Need It."

JoEtta Bumgardner was hostess. In addition to those already mentioned, she served refreshments to the following, Lula Swim, Debbie Martin and Robena King.

TEA PARTY

Little Miss Bailea Woodall and Little Miss Kaitlin McNeill hosted a tea party on the back porch at the home of J.N. Fletcher, Saturday. Guests were their mothers, Stephanie Woodall and Darla McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher.

Joyce Smith visited her friend, Dr. Floyd Berk, in Flagstaff, Arizona. They visited Santa Fe, NM and viewed the Art Galleries, attended the Santa Fe Opera and visited in Los Alamos.

Mrs. Jackie Condron of Crowell arrived this week and accompanied Mrs. Jan Jones to Amarillo where Mrs. Jones kept a doctor appointment. Mrs. Condron left Sunday to return to her home in Crowell.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Grandparents day is Sunday, September 12. One granddad said, "patience is a virtue."

As a child, I looked forward to becoming a teenager. That happened. As a teenager, I looked forward to becoming a young man. That happened. As a young man, I looked forward to meeting a young woman, falling in love and getting married. That happened. As a married man, I looked forward to becoming a father. That happened. As a father, I looked forward to becoming a grandfather to beautiful, intelligent grandchildren. That happened. Then I looked forward to the day they would learn to write. Grandpa is still waiting!

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Alma and Everett Shorter were honored on their birthdays with a family dinner Saturday night in the home of their son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter. They were each presented a colorful decorated cake. To observe Alma's 80th birthday she had a shower of 98 beautiful birthday cards from friends and relatives. Everett, 84 years old, had a previous birthday card shower when he celebrated his 80th birthday.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were son, Louis Shorter of Mansfield; daughter, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Cypress; Mrs. Salina Elliott of Floydada; Megan Shorter of Lubbock; Bobby and Jennifer Moncrief, Allison, Broden and Matthew of Matador; Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert were Barbara and Joe McAllister of Palmetta, Georgia.

Dane and Crystal Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton visited last Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin was his sister, Mrs. Nita Merritt of Granbury and their daughter, Mrs.

Marilee Cooper of Borger. Mrs. Merritt also visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Mrs. Michael (Candy) Kern and children of Plano and Pepper Jones of Austin visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones and in Quitaque with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Chadwick.

Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas visited from Monday until Sunday and Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon visited the weekend in the home of their uncle, Wilson Barton. Mr. and Mrs. Race visited Sunday morning with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited in Rising Star last weekend with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning.

Roger and Doris Vinson of Lubbock visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson.

Cody Barclay and children, Lane and Ashton of Borger visited Friday night and Colton and Kayla Barclay of Lubbock visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton were luncheon guests of his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan last Saturday.

Jack and Nada Starkey met daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch in Claude to visit Monday.

Guests in the home of Connie and Coy Franks during the Labor Day holidays was son, Cary Franks, who returned home Saturday from Argentina where he had worked with agricultural projects the past six months; Barry Pickett of Garland, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Caleb, Mickey and Kelsey Clarey of Matador, and Cory and Amy Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock and Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Schaefer of Ballinger, Joe Ed Carson of Hale Center and Don Carson of Olton.

OBITUARIES

Annie Lee "Granny" Holiman

Funeral services for Annie Lee "Granny" Holiman, 85, of Northfield, were held at the Fairview Church of Christ, Saturday, September 4, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Rob Hicks officiated the services. Internment was at Northfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Holiman died Thursday, September 2, 2004, at Northfield. She was born February 10, 1919 at McKinney, Texas to Sam and Della Jones. She married Charlie Holiman in Edinburg, Texas, April 4, 1940. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three sisters.

Survivors are one son, Clinton and wife, Dee Holiman of Dalhart; two daughters, Vergie Prince of Ft. Worth and Charlene and husband, Mike Fore of Childress; two sisters, Willie and husband, Ernest Rodriguez of Lubbock and Mary and husband, Bub Hoover of Northfield; four grandchildren, Teresa Fore, Kim McKeever and Carla Ramirez, all of Childress, and Mary Ann Sherwood of Ft. Worth; seven great-grandchildren, Trent and Amanda Fore, Heather Brown, Crystal and B.J. McKeever, and Jason and Joe Ramirez, all of Childress.

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Matador News

BARTON FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of the Motley County pioneer, Al Barton, held a family reunion Saturday, September 4, at the Community Center in Flomot.

Hosting the event were the children and families of Al and Addie Barton, Mrs. Kathryn King of Matador, Wilson Barton of Flomot, Loretta Scribner Race and husband, Harry of Dover, Arkansas, Barbara Barton Campbell and husband, Pat of Portland, Oregon and Charles Barton and wife, Johnnie of Lubbock.

All of the Barton families were represented by the 65 who attended and enjoyed the sumptuous tables of food, meeting new family members and reminiscing.

Recognized as the oldest family member attending was Mrs. Kathryn King who is 93 years old. Youngest attending was Ben Kern, 19-month-old son of Candy Jones Kern and husband, Michael of Plano, and traveling the farthest distance, 2,500 miles, were Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon.

Family members attended from Borger, Flomot, Matador, Grandbury, Austin, Lamesa, Turkey, Royce City, Floydada, Wichita Falls, Adrian, Plano, Powderly, Whitney, Roaring Springs, Lubbock and Peaster in Texas; Dover, Arkansas and Portland, Oregon.

The next family reunion hosted by the Al and Mollie Sams Barton families will be the Saturday before Labor Day in 2006. It will be held at the Senior Citizens building in Matador.

Mrs. Wayland (Betty) Moore was hospitalized from Wednesday night until Monday, September 1-6, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock under medical treatment for congested heart failure.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson visited in Stratford, Sunday and celebrated a friend's birthday. Mrs. Johnson had knee surgery at Surgi Center in Lubbock, Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Mrs. Lou Bureson of Floydada and Mrs. Elaine Hart had recent knee surgery.

Jeanne and Bobby Williams visited from Tuesday until Friday in Holly with daughter and family, Paige and Bryan Barnes and daughter, Zoe.

Dorothy and Bert Schweitzer of Lubbock visited Saturday evening with Mrs. Marhelen Wason.

Jack Samford and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Amarillo, Tuesday, August 31 for doctor appointments. They were in Plainview, Saturday, September 4, to watch Juanita's granddaughter, Kourtney Dunnam and teammates from the Wayland Baptist College Lady Pioneers play Volleyball.

A Note of Thanks

Wayland and I would like to thank each one of you who expressed concern during my recent hospitalization. The prayers, visits, food, flowers and cards were much appreciated.

Betty Moore

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food, visits, and last, but not least, your prayers during my surgery and since I have returned home.

Dean Turner

We would like to say thank you for the cards, calls, food, words of concern and especially your prayers at the time of my injury, hospitalization and since I've been home. We know that prayers are answered and we thank God that we live in a place where people really care. May God bless you with the same kindness in your time of need.

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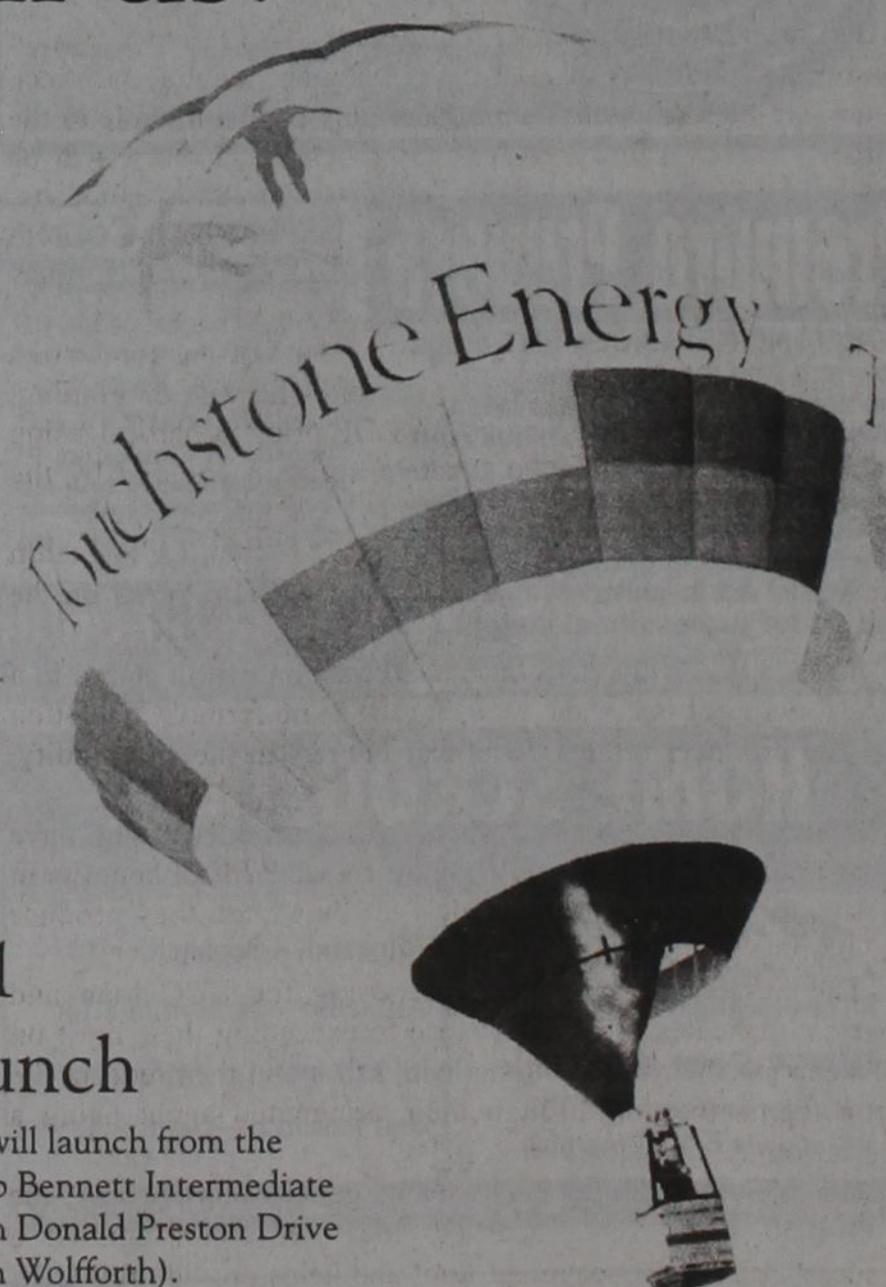
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Cotton  **News**
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Careful Planning Key To Maximizing Returns During 2004 Marketing Season

LUBBOCK, September 3, 2004

By Shawn Wade

While prospects for a bountiful High Plains cotton crop are still excellent, producers need to begin seriously considering how the last phase of the 2004 growing season will be managed.

In fact, realizing the full potential of the outstanding crop that is in the field will require everyone in the marketing chain to shake a few cobwebs loose.

With the Adjusted World Price (AWP) of cotton still tracking below the 52-cent national average loan rate for cotton, payment limitations on the amount of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and Marketing Loan Gains (MLG) a producer can receive become important factors to consider.

The June 2004 re-emergence of an upland cotton LDP, combined with prospects for an exceptional crop, means producers will need to carefully monitor their use of LDPs to prevent payment limit complications.

The amount of LDP and MLG benefits received by a producer are applied against that producer's \$75,000 per person payment limitation for loan benefits.

With an LDP payment rate of 10 cents per pound, and an average bale weight of 500 pounds, reaching the \$75,000 payment limit only takes 1,500 bales. If the LDP rate goes to 20 cents per pound, that threshold drops to 750 bales, well within the realm of possibility for many producers in 2004.

LDP and MLG benefits are calculated as the difference between the Upland cotton base loan rate (52 cents per pound) and the Adjusted World Price of cotton when the AWP is below 52 cents.

LDP and MLG are two versions of the same benefit with the only difference being when the producer decides to take action.

LDP benefits are provided to the producer in exchange for the producer's agreement to forego placing the commodity in the CCC loan.

Producers receive a Marketing Loan Gain after they have placed their cotton in the CCC loan. MLGs are automatically accrued when a loan is repaid at a rate less than the national average loan rate upon which the loan was originally based. This situation only occurs when the Adjusted World Price (AWP) falls below the national average loan rate for cotton.

In order to be eligible for LDP/MLG benefits, producers must fulfill the requirements for participating in the Commodity Credit Corporation marketing loan program and also meet the requirements for maintaining "beneficial interest" in the crop.

To be eligible for a marketing assistance loan, producers must comply with applicable conservation and wetland requirements, report upland cotton planted acreage, comply with crop insurance requirements and maintain "beneficial interest" in the cotton from harvest throughout the term of the loan.

"Beneficial Interest" is maintained as long as the producer maintains ALL of the following: Control of the Commodity; Risk of Loss; and Title of the Commodity.

For cotton "Beneficial Interest" is considered lost, and the crop ineligible for LDP or MLG benefits, when any one of the following events occurs:

- The producer receives payment (without option to purchase)
- The date the commodity is invoiced
- Delivery of warehouse receipts to the buyer or agent
- FOB warehouse when the commodity is loaded for shipment from the warehouse to the buyer
- Contract signing date, when the contract restricts the producer from obtaining CCC loans or LDPs
- Entry of the commodity into a warehouse when a contract casualty clause provides that after commencement of insured warehouse coverage the insurance settlement goes to the buyer
- When the commodity is redeemed from Commodity Credit Corporation loan

Producers should be careful to note that while most "option to purchase" contracts offered have sufficient language to keep "beneficial interest" with the producer, any payment made to the producer under a sales contract causes beneficial interest to be lost, even if the contract contains "option to purchase" language. Producers who are unsure of the language in an "option to purchase" contract can have that language reviewed by their county FSA office.

In order to obtain LDP benefits on cotton for which "beneficial interest" will be lost soon after harvest or ginning, producers are allowed to request an LDP prior to harvest using FSA form CCC-709. The LDP rate for cotton covered by the request will be the rate in effect the date the cotton is ginned.

LDP requests filed on cotton, using FSA form CCC-Cotton AA, after ginning will have an LDP payment rate based on the date of the request.

Producers can also lock-in an LDP rate on cotton stored in a module, before it is ginned, by using the same form CCC-Cotton AA. The producer retains beneficial interest in the commodity, but will receive an LDP based on the lock-in date.

With prospects for the crop still good, producers who have not worried about reaching their limit on LDP/MLG benefits in the past are gearing up to market all of the cotton they produce and still receive the full protection of the loan program.

The answer for many will be using the CCC loan and generic certificates. Producers close to exceeding their limit on LDPs can put their cotton in the loan, sell it and then redeem the cotton themselves or through their designated agent using a generic commodity certificates.

When cotton is redeemed using generic certificates, the MLG that would have accrued does not count against a producer's LDP/MLG payment limit and helps provide full CCC loan protection on every pound of cotton produced.

For producers that market their cotton through a marketing pool there is little to worry about other than making sure the pool has appropriate procedures in place to prevent payment limit complications for the grower.

Growers that market cotton on their own, or who have signed "option to purchase" contracts, should make sure they apply for LDP benefits before they lose beneficial interest, keep track of how much LDP benefit they accrue and be prepared to switch their marketing plans to include the CCC loan and generic certificates to prevent missing out on benefits they are otherwise entitled to receive.

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Surprising August temperatures bring cool weather, rain and hail

by Earlyne Jameson

Weather in August was surprising as we had cooler temperatures, above average rainfall and disaster hail and wind storms in Motley County. Front yards, pastures and medians are green, an unusual sight after drought conditions in Motley County. This has been an excellent water year.

Weather Service volunteers report the following rain totals for August:

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 3.04;
Betty Simpson, Northfield, 1.54;

Kelly Meyer, Matador, 4.84;
Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 5.25;

Tommy Jo Cruse, Flomot, 4.46 inches.

Cotton News from below left

Growers that put their cotton in the CCC loan and then sell at a later date have another ace in their pocket thanks to the Farm Service Agencies release of a new, fully automated Centralize Cotton Redemption (CCR) System.

The new CCR system allows merchants who purchase upland cotton pledged as collateral from multiple loans in multiple counties to redeem the bales they purchase in a single online transaction. The primary benefit for merchants who register to use the system is it makes loan redemption process easier and more convenient.

Merchants are still required to obtain a valid producer signature on form CCC-605 designating them as the producers agent and authorizing them to redeem the loan using the CCR.

The primary benefit for producers is that whenever the AWP is below the national average loan rate, the loan repayment is considered to be a commodity certificate exchange and no MLG is charged against the producer's payment limitation.

LDP Quick Facts

- Cotton must be Loan Eligible to receive LDP
- Producer must maintain "Beneficial Interest" through date that LDP is requested
- The LDP/MLG payment rate for cotton is calculated weekly, announced each Thursday and is effective from 11:01 p.m. CST that day through 11:00 p.m. CST the following Thursday.
- Generic Certificates help guarantee full loan benefits should producers reach LDP payment limitation

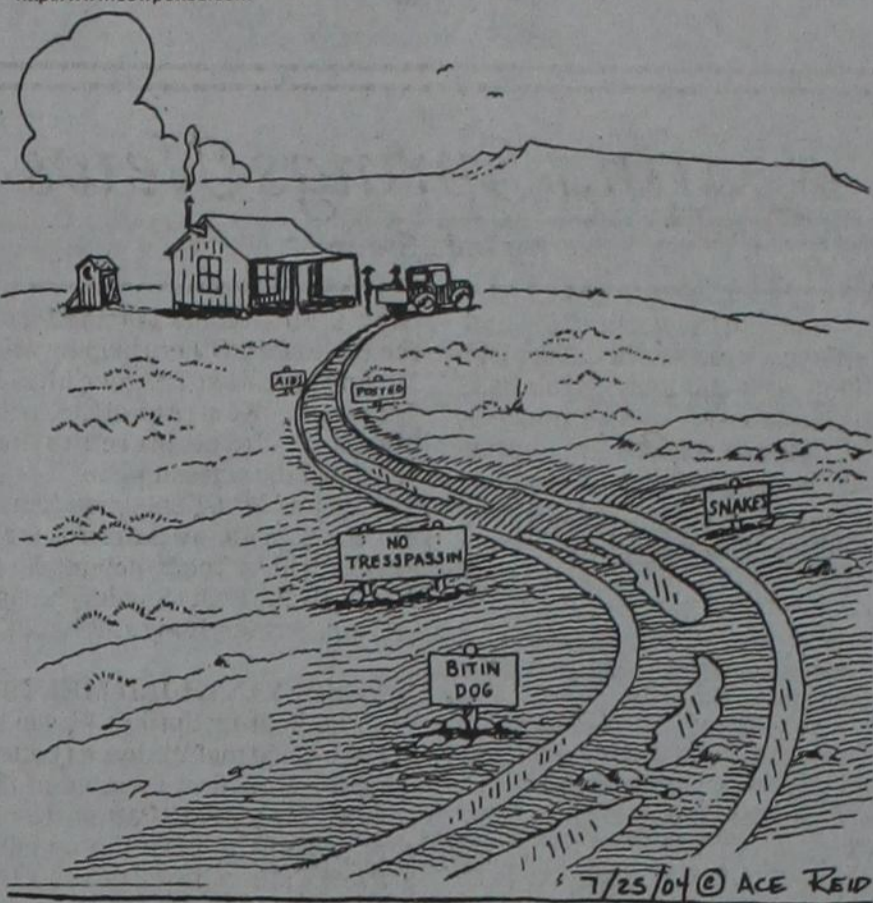
Calendar of Events

September is a busy month across the High Plains as growers are given the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of Texas Cooperative Extension and industry crop tours. In an effort to help producers plan to attend these tours, a list of county crop tours will be included as soon as this information becomes available.

Date:	Event \ Location \ Directions:	Time:
Sept 7	West Texas Agricultural Chemical Conf. Location: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center	7:00 a.m.
Sept 10	Lubbock Co. Come-and-Go Field Day Location: Texas Tech Research Farm. Directions: Farm is just north of the intersection of 4 th Street and Quaker Ave. (on north side of the TTU Rodeo Arena)	8:00 a.m. - Noon
Sept 13	Yoakum Co. Farm Tour Location: Plains Community Building	9:00 a.m.
Sept 14	Dawson Co. Crop Tour Location: Busses load at the Dawson Co. Courthouse	8:00 a.m.
Sept 15	Lynn Co. Ag Tour Location: Farmer Coop Gin in Tahoka, 8:00 a.m. Registration; 8:30 a.m. Tour Start	8:00 a.m. - Noon
Sept 16	Terry Co. Farm Tour Location: Tour departs from the First Baptist Church parking lot in Brownfield.	9:00 a.m.
Sept 16	West Texas FiberMax Field Day Location: Bayer CropScience Cotton Research Farm. 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00a.m. Tours Begin, followed by lunch Directions: FM 40 and FM 1729, 4 miles east of Lubbock on the Acuff Highway	9:30 a.m. - Noon RSVP Required To RSVP call 800-777-9249 or contact your Bayer Rep

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