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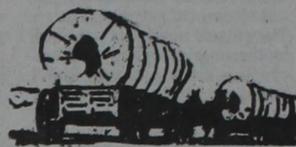
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Going the Extra Mile

Rodger Evans of Matador, left, and Suzanne Abbott of Roaring Springs and Motley County Librarian, received the "Extra Mile Award" at last Saturday night's Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Both received a plaque. See related story on page 5.

Roaring Springs designated as Preserve America Community

The City of Roaring Springs received notification recently from the Texas Historical Commission, the State Agency for Historic Preservation, that the community has been designated as a Preserve America Community.

This designation by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation honors the commit-

ment of the City of Roaring Springs to historic preservation. "You and your community are to be commended for protecting and recognizing your local heritage," Larry Oaks, Executive Director, said in a letter to Mayor Corky Marshall.

Only communities which have supported a historic or cultural preservation project are

eligible for this designation. The project must promote heritage tourism or otherwise foster economic vitality.

Roaring Springs received this recognition for their work to restore the historic Depot, the completion of the Veteran's Memorial, the Memorial Day Ser-

vice, July 4th Memorial Service, and the dedication of the Frank Mitchell Loop.

Communities must meet certain criteria to qualify for this recognition including discovering heritage through historic places, protecting historic resources, and promoting historic assets.

Motley County records first human case of mosquito disease

Local man diagnosed with West Nile Virus

Yancy Meredith, 38, of Roaring Springs, is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, with a diagnosis of West Nile Virus. This is the first human case of the mosquito disease recorded in Motley County.

Mr. Meredith was taken to the hospital last Monday morning after becoming very ill. According to his wife, Daphne, a LVN at Motley County Clinic in Matador, Mr. Meredith had not felt well for about a week, complaining of extreme fatigue and flu like symptoms. Suffering with asthma all of his life, Mr. Meredith thought he was experiencing illness from asthma and allergies.

Mr. Meredith, co-owner and operator of Meredith Construction - Gas & Supply in Roaring Springs, was in isolation until blood tests showed the infection was not contagious, however the test results for West Nile were not received until Friday evening.

Doctors first suspected Bacterial Meningitis, but tests proved he did not have that disease, which sometimes is a result of West Nile Virus.

Mr. Meredith has been listed in serious condition, but is reported to be improving slowly and regaining some strength.

Below are some facts about the disease:

WHAT IS WEST NILE VIRUS?

West Nile virus causes an infection that can lead to inflammation of the brain (encephalitis). In a few cases the infection can be fatal.

HOW IS WEST NILE VIRUS SPREAD?

West Nile virus is spread by

mosquitos. Most people, including Mr. Meredith, don't remember when they received the mosquito bite.

Birds are a reservoir for West Nile virus, meaning that the virus multiplies in them. Certain species of mosquitoes become infected when they bite infected birds. These mosquitoes then spread the virus to humans and animals, such as horses and dogs. However, the virus cannot be spread by these animals to other animals or from person to person.

Anyone exposed to mosquitoes can become infected. However, adults are more likely than children to be bitten by mosquitoes, and men are bitten more often than women.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believes that the virus can be spread through organ transplantation or blood transfusion. To prevent the spread of the virus through blood, all blood donated in the United States for transfusion is screened for the presence of the West Nile virus. There is also evidence that the virus can be spread through breast milk, and from the mother to the fetus while still in the uterus.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Most West Nile virus infections cause either no symptoms or symptoms that are so mild people do not realize they have been infected. When symptoms do appear, they develop a few days to a couple of weeks after infection and include fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash and swollen lymph nodes.

On rare occasions, the infection affects the brain or spinal cord, causing encephalitis or paralysis. Encephalitis symptoms may include headache, high fever, stiff neck, reduced attention to surroundings, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness or paralysis, and coma.

IS WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTION A SERIOUS DISEASE?

People usually recover fully from West Nile virus infection, but permanent problems may develop in those who have encephalitis, especially children and older people. They may have seizures, memory loss, personality changes, or brain damage.

The chances that you will become severely ill from any one mosquito bite are extremely small. Even in areas where mosquitoes do carry the virus, very few mosquitoes — far fewer than 1% — are infected. Fewer than 1% of people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will become severely ill with encephalitis.

Older people infected by the West Nile virus have the greatest risk for developing encephalitis and other complications. People ages 50 to 59 are 10 times more likely to develop complications than people younger than 20, and people 80 or older are 43 times more likely to develop

complications. Of the people who develop complications, those over age 70 have the greatest risk of death.

There is also some evidence that having diabetes or an impaired immune system (such as a person with HIV or who takes medications to prevent rejection of an organ transplant) increases the risk of death regardless of a person's age.

HOW WIDESPREAD IS THE VIRUS?

In temperate areas of the world, (between 23.5° and 66.5°) West Nile virus infection occurs mainly in the late summer or early fall. Most of North America falls within these latitudes. For example, the potential range of the virus includes Miami, Florida (25° north), and Nome, Alaska (61° north). In tropical climates, West Nile virus can be transmitted year-round.

The virus was first found in the West Nile district of Uganda in 1937. It has since spread to the rest of Africa, Europe, the Middle East, western and central Asia, and most of North America.

The first United States outbreak occurred in 1999 in New York City. The virus has since spread west and can now be found in nearly every state.

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Commissioners sign resolutions at recent meeting

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, September 13. Members of the court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and Kate Hurt, County Clerk. Also attending the meeting was Sheriff Jim Meador.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, and Library. Commissioners approved the minutes, all bills and reports.

County Treasurer, Eva Barkley, presented for the Court's approval a line item transfer from the Special Fund Law Library Account to the General Misc. Law Library Account. Commissioners approved.

Seab and Dianne Washington met with the Court as representatives of the Hackberry Creek Care Center. Mr. Washington is President of the Board for the Center. Judge Smith and the Commissioners were given information on applying for Medicaid Beds for the Center.

Commissioners approved Judge Smith to proceed with the government guidelines for applying. The Medicaid Beds are limited to a specific number and are on a first come, first serve basis. The Rural county waiver is designed to meet the needs of rural areas with a population of 100,000 or less, and the waiver must be requested by the County Commissioners Court.

Judge Smith presented a resolution to the Court to sign in favor of adding Crosby County to the 110th Judicial District. Commissioners approved and Judge Smith signed the resolution #2004-03.

Van Zandt County had sent a resolution to all counties statewide asking counties to support a 1/2 cent tax on fuel. This increase would go the Precincts in each county for help in needed repairs. The 1/2 cent increase would come out of existing fuel taxes and would not result in an additional tax increase to tax-payers. Commissioners approved and signed the resolution.

Judge Smith informed the Court he has received notice that the Extension Agent opening is being posted outside of the extension area.

School Board adopts 2004-05 budget Open House set for September 27

by Tina Brooks
School Board reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met August 30 in called meeting for the public budget review. All board members were present. Also present were Rick Copp, Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford and Richard Watson. There were no citizens present.

Immediately following the public hearing the Board met in a called meeting.

Amendment changes were approved. The budget was approved as presented and the ordinance to set the 2004 - 2005 tax rate was approved.

The Board met for their regular meeting September 13 with all members present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford and Walter

Taylor.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation. No one was present for open forum.

There are currently 155 students enrolled at Motley County ISD. The attendance is at 98%.

There will be an Open House at the school Monday, September 27, beginning at about 5:00 p.m. This will be a time to meet your child's teacher and see how the school year is going. Students will do a reading and gymnastic program for the parents and community members. Parents will be serving a meal to raise money for new gymnastic mats. Report cards will be given at this time also.

September 22, at 12:00 noon, will be the beginning of Brown Bag with your Principal. This is a time for parents to bring a sack lunch and have a chance to get to know your Principal.

This will give you time in an informal meeting to voice concerns and to let the Principal know the things that you like that are going on at the school.

The Motley County Schools with other area schools have received a Science Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for training

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Matador City Council adopts tax rate

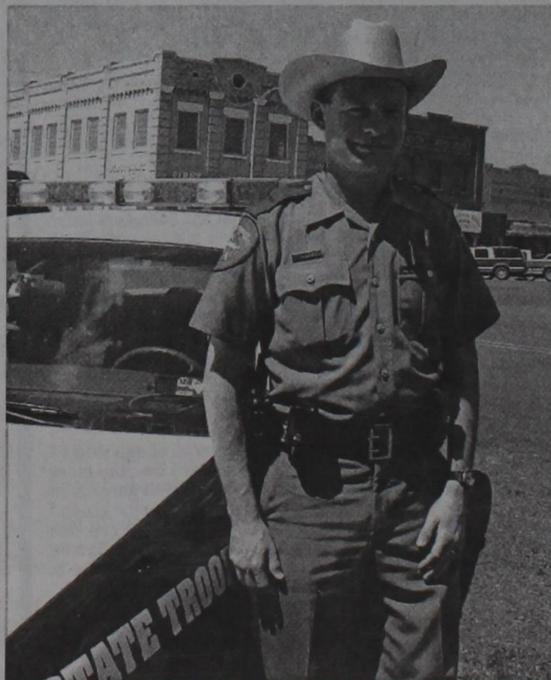
The Matador City Council met for their regular meeting, Thursday, September 9. Those in attendance were Mayor Paul Westbrook, Council members Jim Watson, Chuck Ream, Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Bert Darsey, Water Superintendent Steve Barton; and City Secretary Lara Davey.

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order and Chuck Ream gave the invocation.

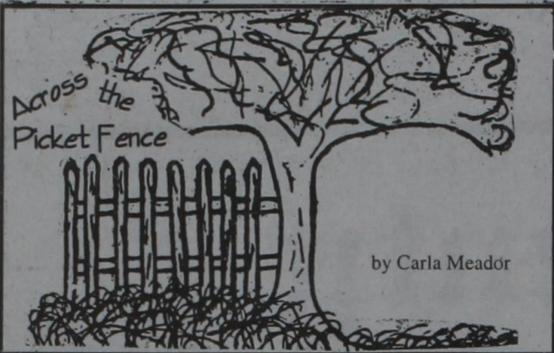
No one was present for open forum.

Kelli McElhone with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) was in attendance to present Council with the Engineers' proposals for the Community Development Block Grant which will be submitted in October. After scoring the proposals from OJD Engineering and Oiller Engineering,

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NEW DPS TROOPER STATIONED IN MATADOR — Jason McMillan has recently been assigned to Matador, after graduating from the DPS Academy in Austin, August 31. He graduated from Tahoka High School. He and his wife, Amanda, come to Motley County from Snyder. Jason says they are glad to be in Matador.



I apologize that there is not a picture of those honored at last Saturday night's Chamber banquet. I was at the hospital in Lubbock for my brother, and was unable to attend. I want to thank Annette Hollinsworth for her attempt at getting pictures. The outside night was very dark by the time everyone was honored, and the pictures didn't turn out, but I appreciate Annette's help so much. THANKS, ANNETTE! I do want to congratulate those receiving recognition!

Get out your mosquito spray and don't hesitate to pour it on. We have all heard so much about West Nile Virus, but just don't think it will really happen to anyone we know. WRONG! My brother, Yancy, has been very, very ill. We are praying and believing for his complete recovery. I really appreciate those of you who have inquired about Yancy, and we especially appreciate your prayers for my baby brother. I am the oldest child in our family and Yancy is the youngest, so he will always be

my baby brother.

Janie Campbell's brother, who lives in Lubbock, is also recovering from West Nile Virus. He was also very ill.

My daughter-in-law, Whitney is now a Soccer Mom! My grandchildren, Morgan, 7, and Judson, 4, had their first Soccer game last Saturday afternoon. I was so glad to be able to attend. The teams even have uniforms and the whole works. Those little kids are so cute. Jud's team are all so small, they looked like bugs running around on the field. They have so much fun. Jud kept a smile on his face the entire time he was on the field. And Morgan scored two goals. I guess Jeremy is a Soccer Dad, too. Does that make Jim and I Soccer grandparents?

Homecoming is almost here. October 1 and 2 are the dates and this year is the 'real' exes homecoming. Remember to notify me if you plan to have a class reunion and I'll put a notice in the paper for you.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abolt, Librarian

The Friends of the Library organization are selling the new Keep Texas Beautiful Ornaments designed by Nelda Laney. These ornaments feature the State of Texas and a sprig of bluebonnets. They cost \$17.00 each and the proceeds go to the Motley County Library.

New books in the library include Tess Gerritsen's latest thriller, *Body Double*. We also have Sandra Brown's newest novel called *White Hot*.

Put on your hat (does not have to be red), pick out your favorite teacup, and come to the

tea party at the library on Wednesday, September 22, at 2:00 P.M. The Red Rovers will furnish refreshments and Virginia Taylor will present a program on hats.

We had the carpet cleaned in the library last week and had to close one day. I'm sorry about the inconvenience but we want to keep our new carpet looking nice. Can you believe that we've had our new carpet and new shelves for one year? We will close at 3:30 P.M. this Friday, September 17.

Motley County Lifestyles

El Progresso members gather for first meeting of the season

by Beverly Vinson

With the coming of Fall members of El Progresso Club look forward to meeting again, seeing old friends and getting into the swing of hearing good programs. Those present to hear the program given by Family Consumer Sciences teacher, Mrs. Jan Jones, recently, were: Grace Campbell, Billie Koon, Jo Ann Dickson, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Loys Campbell, Beverly Vinson and Sharon Allen, who was leader for the day in the absence of Lana Copp, president.

The meeting was held in the Homemaking room with members bringing school supplies for that department. Mrs. Jones expressed her thanks for the items brought for it will help students who may not be able to purchase such items.

Mrs. Jones was introduced by Sharon Allen. Mrs. Allen stated that Mrs. Jones has been at Motley County High School for eight years, having lived in the area most of her life.

Mrs. Jones stated told how homemaking class isn't only cooking and sewing anymore, but the students are taught to reach certain goals such as the study of Family Life, Management and how to get along in the "outside" world.

Today's world is made of technology. Mrs. Jones showed

some of those who had no computer experience how classes are taught today. She also told of the newer equipment being used in the classroom, for example, a rotary cutter rather than scissors in some places; new scissors with decorative blades to make fancy edges. She handed out information on a Photo and Image transfer workshop taught at the school and Arts and Crafts with Technology. She also gave members a recipe for Apple Cake, which most members will probably try immediately. She showed what beautiful pieces can be done with embroidery on some of the newer sewing machines.

Mrs. Jones told how the State of Texas has changed the learning base for the Homemaking classes, therefore it is not just cooking and sewing.

It was brought to the attention of the club that Jo Ann Dickson, since 1982, has made and sold crafts and contributed \$10,000.00 to Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Grace Campbell gave the Federation report stating the Fall Board meeting will be held in Austin next week with Jo Ann Dickson planning to attend. It was also noted the District Board meeting will be in Iowa Park, October 9, 2004.

Sharon Allen gave the inspirational report, "Nine Requests for Contented Living."



Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim

Roaring Springs couple to celebrate 65th anniversary

J.T. and Imogene Swim of Roaring Springs will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, September 18, 2004, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The event will be hosted by their children and grandchildren, Sam and Reba Swim of Lubbock, J.R. and Stella Swim of Abilene, Emily Swim of College Station, Edward and Kimberly Swim of Lubbock, Ruston Swim of Lubbock and their great-grandson, Jacob of Lubbock.

Please join us for the Celebration

of our

65th

Wedding Anniversary

September 18, 2004
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the Fellowship Hall
Methodist Church
Roaring Springs, Texas

No Gifts Please



Outdoor living color featured at Do Gooders September meeting

Mrs. Trula Martin, hostess at the Do Gooders' Club Meeting Tuesday afternoon, September 7 at the Community Center in Flomot, featured a beautiful outdoor living color decor.

The table was laid with an autumn colored designed cloth and she presided at a yellow service of napkins, plates, and cups. The well arranged centerpiece was an orange bucket tipped to its side with green apples tumbling out onto the table among colorful leaves. She served sandwiches, cookies, and iced tea.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert opened the business meeting with amusing grandmother anecdotes in observance of Grandparents Day. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the July 6th Club meeting and they were approved as read.

Club members completed the Nine Patch Bazaar Quilt that is in patriotic colors.

The name of Mrs. Geneva Martin was drawn for the hostess gift, a useful syrup pitcher. Due to illness and Labor Day holidays, there was a limited attendance. Those attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter, Mary Jo

Calvert, Geneva Martin, and Trula Martin.

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September 11th! With each anniversary comes memories that are painful reminders of what has been ours for so long has been put in jeopardy. We lost our security three years ago. Our military might did not protect us. This brought about an examination of ourself and of our relationship with our God. We even recounted our blessings as a nation. We remembered that half the world's population is made up of people who don't like us. We realized much of this world is held in the grip of Godless governments or dictators. We have reviewed our freedoms. Freedom as we know it in these United States of America, simply does not exist outside of our own borders.

Benjamin Franklin at eighty-one years of age said: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this."

Surely our God has blessed us as a nation. September 11th, 2001, was hard on us. But our Lord reigns still and holds the future in His hands.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

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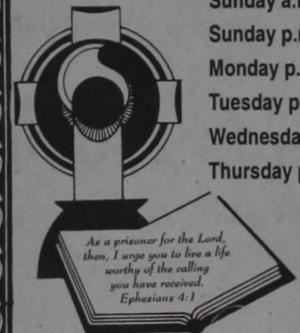
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Carroll Sites

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!

A warm welcome awaits you!

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County Students in ITV Class, Spanish I - (pictured left to right) Austin Davis, Allysa Blanton, Chicagra Brown, Gene Salazar, Kasha Denny, Angelica Mendoza, Marc Henzler, Efran Chavez and Griselda Flores.
(photo by Walter Taylor)

South Plains College opens distance learning classroom at Motley County

South Plains College, in partnership with the Rolling Plains Technology Consortium, will dedicate a new interactive distance learning classroom at 1:00 p.m. Monday at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock.

equipped to broadcast Spanish classes to high school students in seven school districts in the consortium — Guthrie, Jayton-Girard, Motley County, Paducah, Patton Springs, Spur and Valley.

The classroom was funded by a three-year \$174,000 Foreign

Language Assistance Program Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Spanish I, two Spanish II, and one dual-credit Spanish III classes will be offered. Plans are underway to begin an elementary Spanish program.

School Board

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and education purposes in science.

Texas Tech students will be visiting the school and area businesses in town October 7. These students are interested in seeing and understanding more about the small towns and small schools.

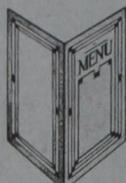
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The list of expenditures was reviewed and approved.

Board accepted the District Improvement Plan, which is a plan devised by school officials and the Site Base Committee for improvements to the school.

Updated Legal policies from the State were reviewed and approved.

A procedure letter from the auditor, referring to an agreement with the Board was presented and approved.

What's Cooking?



Motley County School Menu

MONDAY, SEPT. 20
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Fruit Bar, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Vegetable Beef Soup, Veggie Sticks, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Jello, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Crackers, Peaches, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomato, Peppers, Onions, Beans, Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Sauce, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spear, Cake, Fruit, Milk.

Homecoming 2004
October 1-2
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Matadors vs. Benjamin

Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



If you drove by the school last Tuesday afternoon, you saw a parking lot full of vehicles from other schools; there was a district meeting of FFA at Motley County. There were approximately 110 students from 16 schools. We have several students who qualified for state competition last spring and also have two students who earned their Lone Star Degree at the State meeting in July. This takes much work and commitment. We are proud of Cody and Clay Cooper for this accomplishment.

This week, Sherry Fogorson started gymnastics during the physical education period for elementary students who want to pay her fee and participate. Students who do not participate will have regular PE class. This will save many miles of travel for those parents who have been scuffling students to Floydada and Lubbock for gymnastics. If your elementary age student has not brought you a flyer about this opportunity, please ask him/her or a teacher.

The K-3 students took their first VIP last week. This is the evaluation of their reading level and pinpoints areas of concern. After this, we will be able to focus instruction more specifically to each child's needs. If you haven't seen these teachers in

action during this last year, you might arrange for an observation. Children are working in large and small group instruction and individually with and without the teacher. The classroom management is amazing to see.

On September 27th, there will be an open house for parents of students from all grades. Included will be a large group meeting, a short program from the students, and time to pick up report cards and schedule conferences with teachers. There will not be time to have individual meetings with teachers that night. We are also working on a dinner of some sort. I will let you know if that is to happen.

Labor Day still feels like the beginning of "real" school to me; it seems that the students really get down to business, also. There is definitely a crisp feel to the air in the evening.

After a victory over Spur last week, the Matadors have an open date this Friday, but come out next Friday evening, Sept. 24, and enjoy the pleasant weather and see the improved Matadors take on Chillicothe for their first District game of the season. The game will be at Chillicothe, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Area Girls invited to participate in Childress Cultural Festival Pageant

Area girls are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual La Fiesta Del Pueblo Childress Cultural Festival Pageant.

The pageant is for girls ages 5-18. Divisions will include Little Miss Fiesta (5-9); Princess (10-14); Queen (15-18).

Entry fee is \$25.00, which goes toward a scholarship to be presented to the Queen.

For more information contact Jeanna Cantu at 940-585-9456.

Deadline for entry is September 17.

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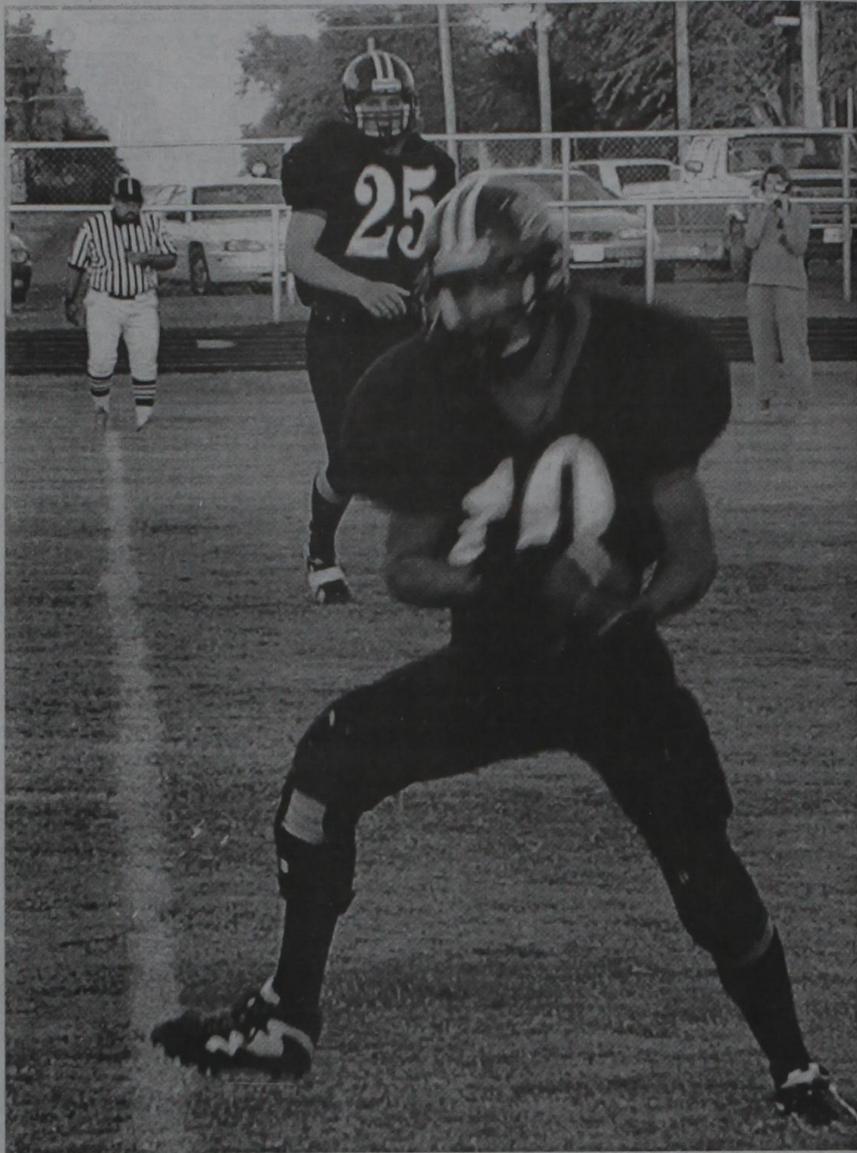
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PASS INTERCEPTION — Motley County Matador, Isiah Archer intercepts a pass in the end zone during last Friday night's home game against Spur. The Matadors were victorious. (photo by Walter Taylor)

★ SPORTS



Matadors pen the Bulldogs

By: Annie Green

Friday night the Spur Bulldogs arrived to battle the Matadors for our first home game of the season. Needless to say, the Bulldogs went home yelping. Wracking up a final score of 54 to 46, the Matadors defeated the Bulldogs.

Motley County quarterback, Chance Bingham, completed five passes for a total of 128 yards. Seagram Sims added 87

and Bradley Brown added 19. Spur managed only 18 yards.

Seagram Sims led the scoring with four touchdowns while Bradley Brown added two touchdowns to the score. Isiah Archer and Kenny Johannes each contributed six points.

Isiah Archer was the leader to his name. Bradley Brown made seven tackles and Brandon Gressett managed five.

Extra points were kicked by

Bradley Brown. His effort added an additional two points to the scoreboard.

During the fourth quarter Brandon Gressett completed the score by sacking the Spur quarterback for a two point safety.

The Matadors' next football game will be against District rivals, Chillicothe Eagles, in Chillicothe on September 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Come support your Mighty Matadors!!



Six Man Football Scores

Sept. 8-10

Patton Springs, 38 - Amarillo Bible Heritage, 50
Benjamin, 60 - Paint Creek, 26
Chillicothe, 53 - Bowie Gold-Burg, 6
Guthrie, 50 - Jayton, 16
Motley County, 54 - Spur, 46
Paducah, 77 - Kress, 30

Area Team Ratings

Team:	RK	W	L	Rating	CHG	PVS
Valley	2	2	0	199.96	1.35	2
Paducah	6	2	1	188.38	6.00	7
Northside	23	2	0	159.92	0.94	25
Chillicothe	33	3	0	152.71	0.66	35
Crowell	44	1	1	142.85	0.04	46
Guthrie	69	2	1	122.35	-3.74	62
Motley County	72	1	2	115.78	19.76	90
Spur	73	1	2	115.56	-13.05	59
Patton Springs	75	1	1	113.31	-21.79	51
Jayton	78	1	2	110.09	-8.50	68
Benjamin	87	2	1	98.53	3.70	93

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The Spade Ranches of Texas and New Mexico, have qualified to compete in the World Championship Rodeo to be held in Amarillo, Texas November 10-14, 2004. By winning the Texas Ranch Roundup, held August 20 and 21, the Spade Ranches team has won the right to compete against 19 other ranch teams from across the U.S. and Canada for bragging rights as "World Champion" as well as over \$100,000 in prizes. Ranch team members include John Bland, Brooks Bland, Jason Pelham, Tanner Johnson, John Welch, and Steve White.

The Working Ranch Cowboy's Association was formed over 10 years ago to promote ranching on a national level, raise money for scholarships and establish a crisis fund for ranch families. The annual World Championship Ranch Rodeo is the WRCA's vehicle for funding those worthwhile projects.

Due to increased participation, the WRCA has added a Sunday Grand Finale. Also as part of the year's activities, The American Quarter Horse Association through "America's Horse" will award its "BEST OF REMUDA" present on Saturday night. This award is presented each year to a ranch in the United States that has shown exceptional merit in its horse program.

In addition to the Ranch Rodeo, the WRCA event includes a Trappings and Trade Show, Fine Art Show and Sale, AQHA clinics, as well as entertainment and Ranch Expo.

For rodeo ticket information call 806-378-3096. For WRCA information call 806-374-WRCA (9722) or go to www.wrca.org

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Visiting Cleo Watson last Thursday was local resident, Margie Payne, her niece and nephew David and Barbara from Los Angeles, Calif., David's mother Roberta Cole and her sisters, Billie Roller and Pete Ozborn, from Plainview, and Patrick McKinney of Sweetwater. They all enjoyed a delicious meal at the Hitchin' Post and visited other friends.

Mrs. Pat Dean of Denver City visited in the home of her daughter, Dori and Russell Alexander for the weekend. Hanna Alexander of Lubbock also visited.

Mrs. Lana Copp drove Lula Swim to Plainview, Tuesday.

Yancy Meredith is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, having been diagnosed with West Nile Virus. His wife Daphne, parents, Joe and Joyce Meredith and other family members have been at his bedside. At newstime he was reported to be improving.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Lubbock on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of

Lubbock visited his mother, Mary Lumsden, to help celebrate her 92nd birthday. Mayor Corky Marshall presented Mrs. Lumsden with a Flag for her birthday.

The House of Faith children met at the Park Wednesday afternoon. There were 16 children present. No dogs this time! Mrs. Jo Trammel gave the Bible story and other adults helping were Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall and Ken Abbott.

Fourteen ladies met at the home of Lula Swim on Monday morning, Sept. 13 for their weekly Bible study. Lula opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. PK Green conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Fredia Burns presented the lesson from the 15 and 16th chapters of Acts. Mrs. Virginia Taylor gave the closing prayer and blessed the food. Mrs. Swim prepared a salad luncheon for the group. Mrs. Devonne Dillard cleaned up the kitchen with Mrs. Robena King and Anita helping. The group will meet in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Debbie Braselton.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
While watching his mother support her lame leg with a new walking stick and seeing his mother-in-law battle back pain after knee surgery, the son nicknamed them "Cane and Unable."

ATTEND FUNERA:
Suzie and Bill Shannon attended the Memorial Services of her brother-in-law, James Baird held Saturday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Abbey Chapel at the Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. They also attended the graveside services held at the Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque. Other family members attending were Peggy and Stan Price, Mrs. Annie Shannon and Billy Neal Shannon of Turkey.

DEATH OF BROTHER
Dale Davidson, 86, of Carthage Missouri, brother of Mrs. Howard (B) Rogers, died September 8th in the Veterans Hospital after a lengthy illness. Graveside services were held September 10th at Memorial Park Cemetery in Carthage.

Mr. Davidson was born February 12, 1918, in Tucumcari, N.M. and moved from Flomot in 1944 to Carthage. He served in the U.S. Airforce in World War II. He was a retired rancher. His wife, Florence preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter, Debbie Smallwood of Carthage, son, Gary Davidson of St. Louis, Missouri and four grandchildren.

Donnie Rogers and friend, Tommy Beck of Turkey enjoyed fishing and visiting friend, Jerry Smith in Clarksville last weekend.

Labor Day holiday guests of Anna Beth and Jo Ike Clay were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner, and Sarah of Panhandle and daughter Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton. Anna Beth visited in Panhandle, Tuesday with the

Larry Clay family and was a guest of grandson, Tanner at the Panhandle School 5th grade Grandparents Day observance.

Mrs. Barbara Payne took her husband, Junior Payne for a medical appointment, Tuesday.

Mrs. Margie Payne is in the Lockney Care and Rehabilitation Center, room 15A. She is undergoing medical tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton, and Kayla of Lubbock visited Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Cary Franks who returned home recently from six months in Argentina working on Agricultural projects, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. Visiting them during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison, and Hudson of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lockney, Thursday for her medical appointment. They continued to Plainview on business.

Stanley Degan of Kalgary and Mrs. Leona Degan of Flomot visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and her daughters Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder and Mrs. Brenda Cruse of Flomot enjoyed Saturday in Plainview shopping and having lunch at the Chinese Steak House.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Coy Franks joined friends at the Lubbock Dragway Saturday night. He won first in the quarter mile race in his 1982 Firebird that has 16 1/2 inch wide tires. He has renovated his vehicle with the best of parts of different vehicles and was pleased with the \$750 he won in the race. He enjoys being with friends with whom he has known through the years in these Dragway sports events.

Derrick Cruse, a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

OBITUARIES

J.C. Murphy

Former Whiteflat resident, J.C. Murphy died August 30, 2004, in San Diego, California. He had been in failing health the past year and was residing in Lakeview Home Hospice House.

J.C. was born January 1, 1921, at Whiteflat to the late H.M. and Ada Murphy, who were early Whiteflat residents, having moved there in 1920. After his graduation he worked for the Matador Ranch before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in September, 1940. He served in England and participated in the Normandy, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns during World War II. He was honorably discharged in September of 1945.

He married Arline Brumbaugh in Tucson, AZ June 21, 1945. They were married one month short of 55 years when Arline passed away in May of 2000.

They moved to San Diego after his discharge from the Army. He worked as a meat cutter until his retirement in 1978. He dearly loved and looked forward to his numerous visits to Whiteflat and Matador to visit family and friends and to attend the Whiteflat Reunion and Matador

Homecoming. He often received the award for coming the farthest distance and was once crowned King of Homecoming.

His funeral was held at Greenwood Memorial Mortuary and Park in San Diego, September 7, 2004.

He was a 32nd Degree Master Mason in Lemon Grove Lodge, Lemon Grove, CA and received the Hiram Award for distinguished service to the lodge. He was also an active participant in his local VFW chapter.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jim Palmer of San Diego and many loving nieces and nephews in Texas and Arizona, including Laverna Johnston of Lubbock, Mary Jones and Judy Cartwright of Matador, C.H. Murphy of Conroe, Oneita Neblett of Denton, Audrey Jean Foster of Midland, Martha Louise Farris of Odessa, Mary Helen Cross of Plainview, Tim, Cindy, Patrick and Kevin Murphy and Pam Bradley of Yuma, AZ.

Attending the services were Mary Helen Cross and Audrey Foster from Texas and Tim Murphy of Yuma, AZ.

James "PaPa Bear" Baird

James "PaPa Bear" Baird, 72, passed from this life into eternal glory on Sept. 8, 2004, in Lubbock.

Born in Childress, he attended school in Quitaque and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He retired in 1994 from McWhorter's Inc. of Lubbock after 20 years with the company.

He may be best remembered for his God-given musical talent and ability. He played the upright and electric bass fiddle with a number of bands in and around the Lubbock area. In the mid 1950's, he played on the Louisiana Hay Ride with Hal Goodson and the Raiders. For six years he played every Saturday night at Cagle Steaks with K.J.'s Big Country Band.

"PaPa Bear" married Mama Mae, Lavona Mae Lewis, on Aug. 28, 1952, in Clovis, NM.

He was preceded in death by his birth mother, Edith Baird in 1938, and his father, J.B. Baird in 1993.

He is survived by his loving wife, one son, Bruce J. Baird of Lubbock, one granddaughter, Tabatha Baird of Dallas; his mother, Ina Mae Baird of Lubbock; two brothers, Thomas H. of Keller, Texas, and Michael L. of Lockney; several nieces and nephews; and numerous other family members.

Services were held Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Abbey Chapel at Resthaven Funeral Home. Graveside services followed at Resthaven Cemetery in Quitaque.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Matador News

Lonnie Harmon of Hedley visited in the home of his sister, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Saturday.

Mrs. Leslie (Linda) Jameson of Yukon, Oklahoma, former resident of Matador, suffered a stroke recently. She is reported to be in stable condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner were in Albuquerque, N.M. recently for his medical checkup. He received a good report.

Mrs. Gail Ream met her daughter, Mrs. Scott (Callie) Hodgson and baby son, Nolan of LeMars, Iowa at the Lubbock Airport Friday and accompanied them here to visit until September 25th. This is Gail's first grandchild. Also visiting during the weekend in the home of Gail and Chuck Ream were daughters, Mandi and Charli, students at South Plains College in Levelland.

Ruth Evelyn Keith Latimer of Lubbock is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a stroke, Friday, September 10, leaving her paralyzed on her right side. At her bedside is her husband, Lloyd, daughter and family, Sandy and David Rowlett and son and family, Kelly and Diane Latimer, of Amarillo, and son and family, Dale and Gale Latimer of Lubbock; brother and wife, Don Paul and Jean Keith of Lubbock.

CORRECTION

In last week's story regarding the Make Kids Count scholarship, the names of Ted and Nelta Green of Plainview, former Matador residents, should also have been listed as grandparents of Jody Miller.

We apologize for this mistake.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

USDA Rural Development to hold Outreach offices in area counties

The USDA Rural Development Local Office in Lubbock, serving the South Plains Area, will be holding an office day Wednesday, September 22, in King, Crosby and Dickens Counties.

The office will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Guthrie Community Center, 610 2nd Street, for the King County meeting.

In Crosby County, the meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Commissioners Court Room, Crosby County Courthouse at 204 W. Aspen, Crosbyton.

In Dickens County, the meeting will be held from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. in the Jury Room at the Dickens County Courthouse, 512 Montgomery, Dickens.

A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families, various community program loans and grants, and business and industry loans and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance.

There are several programs available to provide assistance to very low, low and moderate income applicants. Loans are available depending on repayment ability, acceptable credit and the location of the home or building site.

The direct home ownership loan is designed to provide very low and low income applicants with financing to build, purchase, or repair homes to provide adequate affordable housing. Funds may also be used to modernize or repair a home already owned by an applicant. The Guaranteed Rural Housing Program is available for moderate income applicants.

Two significant advantages of the direct home ownership loan program are that no down payment is required, and there

is no requirement for mortgage insurance. Loans may be made for up to 100% of the appraised market value, which may allow the closing costs to be included. The loan term is typically 33 years. The interest rate is fixed and is currently 6.37%. Payment assistance is available, based on family size and income, which may reduce the monthly interest payment to as low as one percent (1%).

There are also home repair loans and grants for very low income homeowners. The home repair loan amount cannot exceed \$20,000, and grant assistance may not exceed \$7,500. Loans under this program are made with a 1% interest rate and have a maximum term of 20 years. Grant funds are available to homeowners age 62 and over who cannot repay a loan. Grant funds are used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical, plumbing, water and waste disposal, handicapped accessibility, etc.

Home Improvement loans may be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodel and make overall improvements to the home.

All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements such as being unable to obtain a loan from other conventional lending sources on terms they can afford; being without ownership of decent, safe and sanitary housing; have sufficient and dependable income for loan repayment, taxes, insurance, living expenses and other existing debts; possess the legal capacity to incur debt; and have an acceptable credit history.

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



FSA Not Likely to Announce Final 2003 Counter-cyclical Payment Rate Until October

LUBBOCK, September 10, 2004 By Shawn Wade
Responses from the Farm Service Agency regarding announcement of the final 2003 Counter-cyclical payment rate indicate the agency will wait to receive revised marketing and price information from the National Agricultural Statistics Service before doing the final calculation.

Representatives from NASS added that they have pushed forward the date that revised cotton marketing and price figures are normally released in an effort to get the information to FSA as quickly as possible. NASS state offices are in the process of revising the monthly information they initially reported based on additional information it was received during the course of the marketing year.

The revised NASS schedule indicates final 2003 crop marketing and price information will be released in conjunction with the October Crop Production Report on October 12.

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. 13	Yoakum Co. Farm Tour Location: Plains Community Building	9:00 a
Sept. 14	Dawson Co. Crop Tour Location: Busses load at the Dawson Co. Courthouse	8:00 a
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 - Noon
Sept. 16	Terry Co. Farm Tour - Location: Tour departs from the First Baptist Church parking lot in Brownfield.	9:00 a
Sept. 16	West Texas FiberMax Field Day Location: Bayer CropScience Cotton Research Farm. 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 a.m. Tours Begin, followed by lunch Directions: FM 40 and FM 1729, 4 miles east of Lubbock on the Acuff Highway	9:30 a - Noon RSVP Required To RSVP call 800-777-9249 or contact your Bayer Rep
Sept. 17	Helms Research Farm Irrigation Tour Location: 2.5 miles south of Halfway	9:00 a
Sept. 22	All-Tex Seed Field Day Location: TBA	TBA
Sept. 23	D&PL Field Day Location: Lorenzo	TBA
Sept. 27	Harvest Aid Meeting Location: Buster's Gin, Ropesville	TBA
Sept. 28	Crosby Co. Crop Tour Location: TBA	TBA
Sept. 29	AFD Seed Field Day 2004 Location: 1 mile south of intersection of FM 1585 and County Road 2500 (MLK Blvd). From Hwy 87 go 1.5 miles east on FM 1585 to County Road 2500 (MLK Blvd) and turn south 1 mile.	10:00 a - 2:00 p
Sept. 30	Stoneville Field Day Location: TBA	TBA

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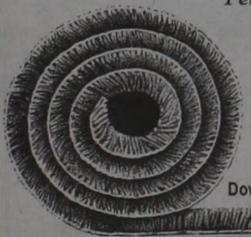
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