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Plans underway for annual Roaring Springs July 4th Celebration

Plans are currently underway for the annual July 4th Celebration, sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers. A day full of fun is guaranteed to those attending. Activities will get under at 9:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Roaring Springs.

Lots of patriotic red, white and blue will be featured at the much anticipated 'riding lawnmower parade' which will begin at about 10:30 a.m., featuring riding lawn mowers and other small vehicles, such as bicycles, scooters, golf carts, motorcycles, etc. Use your imagination and join the fun.

Other festivities will include a Mini-Chopper race, a Dog Show, a Hilarious Hat Contest, Riding Lawnmower Race and Pull, Stick Horse Derby, and Steeplechase Run.

A beautiful fireworks display will bring the day to a close. Fireworks are purchased with donations. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund may do so by calling Alex Crowder, 348-7336, or City Hall, 348-7231.

Everyone is invited to Roaring Springs for this fun-filled, patriotic day to celebrate independence. For more information contact Mr. Crowder.

2005 Texas Ag Production valued at \$18.5 billion

by Blair Fannin
Texas A&M University

College Station -- Texas agriculture production for 2005 was valued at \$18.5 billion - up from \$18 billion in 2004, according to a Texas Cooperative Extension study.

Dr. Carl Anderson, professor emeritus and Extension economist, said total value was calculated surveying production by each Texas county.

"Prices were mostly lower for crops from a year earlier and higher for livestock, but the production value has increased about 33 percent since 1995," Anderson said.

Estimated value includes crop season value and some on-

farm use of commodities, which is typically higher than cash receipts, he said. One example of on-farm use of a commodity is hay produced on the farm, then fed to livestock instead of selling for a cash price.

The largest growth in the last 10 years has come in aquaculture, horses used for recreation, and hunting and fishing leases, according to the study.

"For a longer period, since 1988, the value of these activities, along with outdoor recreation, timber and Christmas trees, have almost tripled and now account for nearly \$2 billion in gross value," Anderson said.

Rural land as an investment is increasing, he said. uses include weekend retreats, recre-

ation and part-time agricultural operations, according to the study.

In the crop sector, the biggest gain since 1995 was in horticulture plants. Growth was also supported by cotton, ensilage, sunflowers, wheat, watermelons, grapefruit, oranges and blueberries. Overall, the estimated value of these crops in 2005 was \$6 billion, according to the report.

Horticulture specialty crop sales in Texas have more than doubled to an estimated value of \$1.8 billion, Anderson said.

"Only cattle and cotton are greater," Anderson said. "Horticulture crop sales trend higher as production of bedding plants, foliage plants, sod and woody landscape plants increase."

Plants are placed in office buildings, shopping malls, (and) public buildings as well as homes."

Livestock production value exceeded \$10 billion. Primary growth was in the production of broilers, eggs, milk, beef cattle, goats, hogs and honey, according to the report.

Income to landowners from hunting leases exceeded \$525 million in 2005 - up 166 percent in the last decade. Fishing income, estimated at \$78 million, has tripled since 1995, Anderson said.

Wildlife management as an economic enterprise generates "substantial income," Anderson said, "especially in South Texas, the Edwards Plateau, Rolling Plains and East Texas regions. And as urban population expands, the demand for rural areas with hunting and fishing activities continues to increase."

Land with quail, dove, turkey, pheasant, waterfowl, deer, wild hogs and wildlife for watching is in strong demand from non-farm owners, Anderson said.

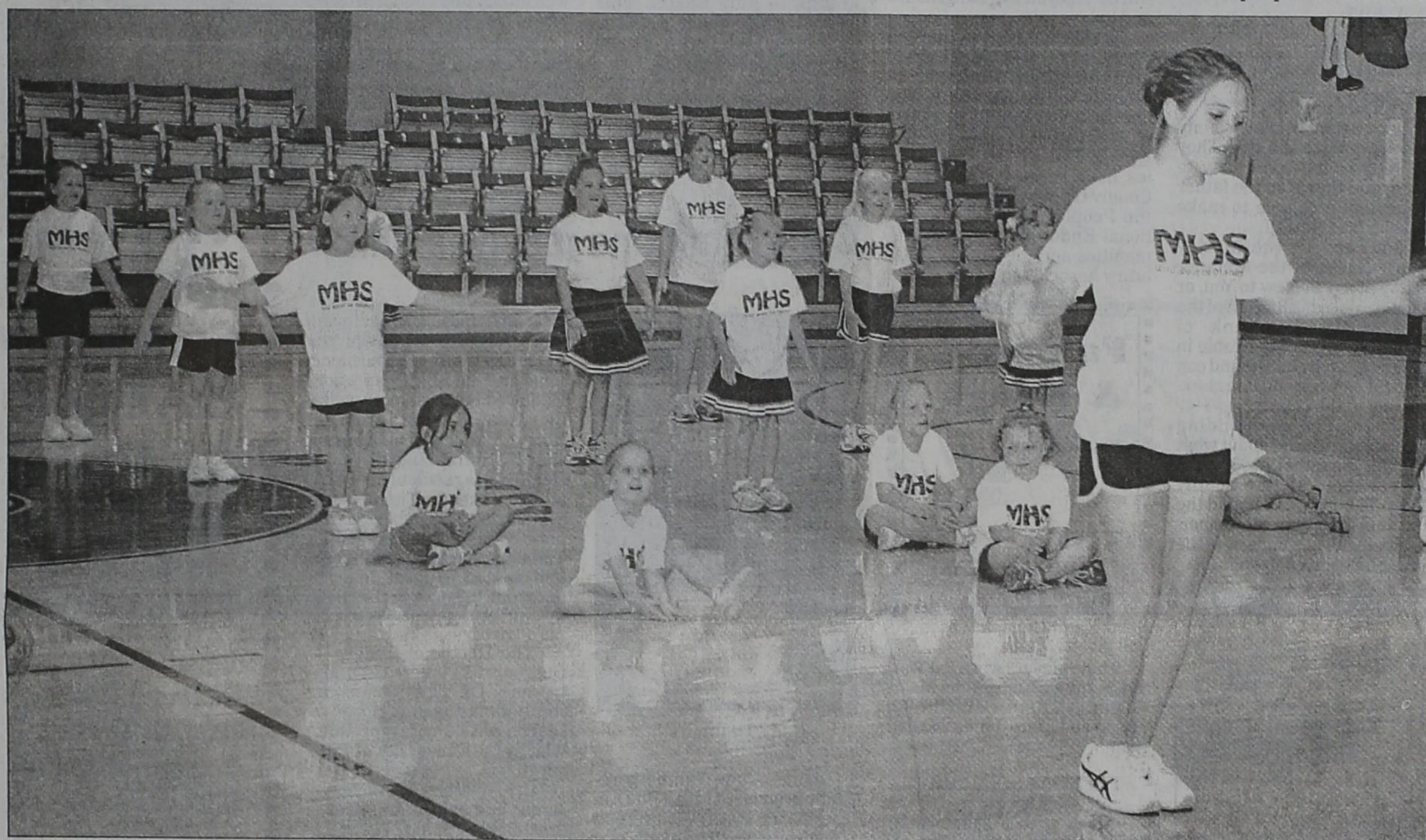
"There's a growing interest in wildlife practices to improve the amount and quality of wildlife," he said. "Many ranchers have reduced or removed cows in favor of increasing the amount of wildlife. Besides, most wildlife survives drought periods much better than cattle."

Texas ranks second behind California in farm receipts. Livestock account for well over half of total sales, Anderson said.

"The large amount of pasture and rangeland provides cows, and producing feeder and stocker calves," he said. "A large area of productive soils and excellent export and transportation facilities favor farming and ranching operations."

Texas is first in the U.S. in sales of cattle and calves, sheep and wool, goats and mohair and cotton. It also leads in value of farm real estate and number of farms and ranches.

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MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS HOST CHEER CAMP — Varsity Cheerleader, Courtney Alexander, leads of group of cheer campers in a dance routine at last Friday's program to end a 2-day camp hosted by the MC Cheerleaders. Thirty-one energetic girls attended the camp and worked hard to learn cheers, chants and dance.



MC ATHLETES HONORED — High School athletes were honored at the annual Athletic Banquet held the last week of school. Pictured above are Chicagra Brown and Chance Bingham, Athletic Queen and King. They also received the Fighting Heart award in Track.



ACADEMIC ALL-STATE — These MC athletes were recognized for being named to the Texas Sixman Coaches Association Academic All-State list. Pictured left to right are Ashlee Green, Chance Bingham, Angelica Mendoza and Colton Russell.

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Gov. Perry signs largest tax cut in Texas history into law

Gov. Rick Perry signed into law House Bill 1, on May 31, which provides the largest tax cut in Texas history, a \$2,000 across-the-board pay raise for teachers, and major education reforms. "I wholeheartedly believe this is one of the most significant legislative accomplishments for Texas in a generation, because it is one of the most significant steps we have ever taken to improve opportunity for the next generation," Perry said.

Perry thanked Senator Florence Shapiro of Plano and Representative Rob Eissler of Magnolia, who were present at the bill signing, for their work to secure the votes to pass House Bill 1. The measure passed with an overwhelming margin of 167-8 votes in the Texas Legislature.

"Because of their leadership, homeowners and businesses will save \$15.7 billion on school property taxes over the next three years — enough to lower rates by 33 percent - and make the dream of homeownership more affordable for millions of Texas families," Perry said.

Taxpayer protections included in HB 1:

- School districts can raise the tax rate only 4 cents one time. Beyond that, if local leaders want more money from taxpayers, they have to get voter approval. Under current law, local school boards can raise tax rates by 6 cents every year without giving voters any say at the ballot box. (HB 1)

- If appraisals yield more revenue than voters have authorized, school districts must automatically seek voter approval to keep it. This provision will not lower the cap on appraisal increases — something Perry strongly supports — but it caps the amount of money

school districts can receive from higher appraisals without a vote of the people.

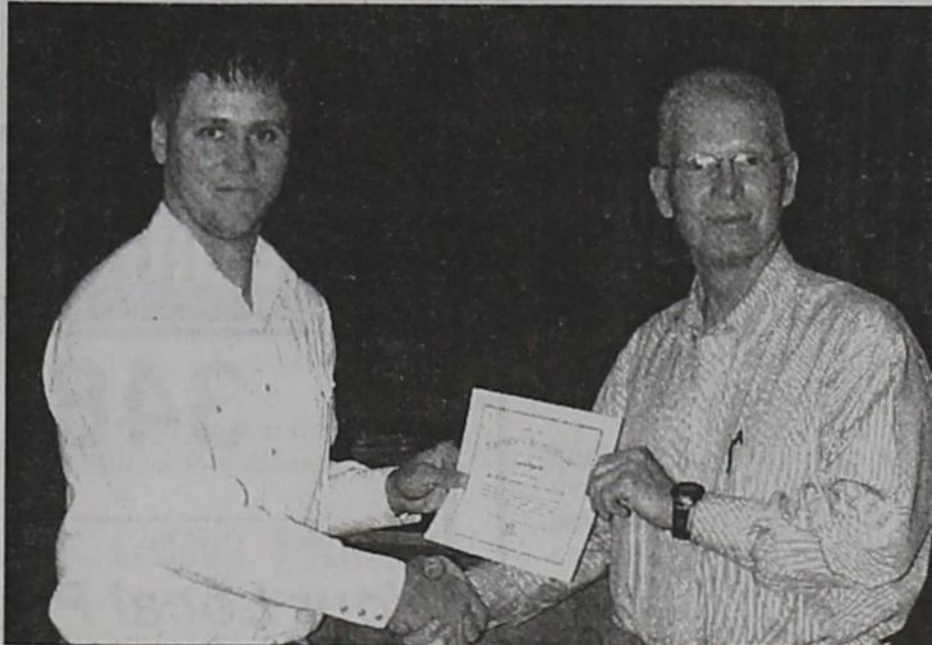
"I have often said that Texans not only want more money for education, they want more education for their money. House Bill 1 achieves both of these important goals," Perry said. "Teachers are the heart of any successful education effort, and their salaries should reflect the outstanding job they are doing to prepare our chil-

dren for a lifetime of success. And those who have the greatest impact in the classroom should be rewarded even more."

Education reform included in HB 1:

- A \$2,000 Pay Raise for Teachers: Legislators passed a \$2,000 across-the-board pay raise for teachers, restoring the full amount of the teacher health stipend and building on

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RECEIVES HIGHEST AWARD — Colton Russell, left, of Matador was recently presented the school's highest agriculture honor, the DEKALB Agriculture Accomplishment Award, presented by Monsanto Company. Colton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Russell, received the award for excellence in academics, leadership, and agricultural work experience. Colton's FFA experiences have included being a three time member of the State qualifying Range and Pasture team, earning the State FFA degree, serving as an FFA officer, and conducting an outstanding Supervised Experience Program that included swine, beef, goats, and horses. Jim Cooper is Colton's agricultural science instructor at Matley County High School. Over the past 59 years, more than 154,000 high school seniors from across the country have received the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, which has become a symbol for excellence and the school's highest agricultural honor. In 2005, over 2,050 students from 49 of the 50 states were recognized with this award. As the winner of the 2006 award, Colton's name will be recorded on a permanent plaque. Monsanto, a longtime supporter of agricultural education, FFA, 4-H and other agricultural youth organizations, has sponsored the DEKALB Award, named for its brand of seed, since 1998.

Dry conditions in Motley County big concern for farmers

Cotton, feed and peanut planting in progress

by Earlyne Jameson

Dry conditions were raising concerns with dry land farmers in Motley County as drying winds were blowing away promising clouds of rain during the month of May. Moisture the last of the month was a benefit to get some crops planted that had not been previously planted. With the cotton insurance deadline on the horizon, it is vital for farmers to get cotton seed in the ground. Feed planted is "greening up" the landscape.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for May: John Bird, Matador, 0.97; James Gwinn, Whiteflat, 1.70; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 2.11; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.77; and Betty Simpson, Northfield, 2.44.

Homecoming Committee requesting addresses

The Matador/Motley County Exes Association is requesting updated addresses from ex-students for the August mailings for the September 22-23, 2006, Homecoming.

If you have changed address or know of others who have, please forward a postcard notice to P.O. Box 23, Matador, TX 79244, or call Jim Watson, 806-347-2259, or e-mail to jpwatson@caprock-spur.com.



Well, I made it through Tuesday - 06-06-06 - my birthday. From early that morning when I turned on the TV until 3:00 a.m. when I put the paper to bed and listened to the late, late news I heard reports about that day - the 666 day. The late night talk show hosts really played on the date, with jokes about 'devil worshipers' in their audience, to the world ending before the day's end.

For the last several years, every time I had to show my driver's license anywhere, someone would make the remark, "Oh, your driver's license expires on 6-6-6, I think I would get that changed."

People everywhere fear that

number. President Reagan even changed his address once, from 666 to 668.

I'm no Bible scholar, but I think there is actually only one reference to the number in the scripture; in Revelation, speaking of the anti-Christ.

I wasn't scared or worried, because I know that if the world were to end that would mean Jesus was coming back, and we that are Christians would be on a happy ride to Heaven.

So, I made it through, another birthday on a date that occurs only once a Century. And, I'm thankful to celebrate another year, getting older, and a life filled with blessings.

Motley County Chamber News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

There are few things more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

-- Jane Seabrook

Yep, Father's Day is coming up. June 18th is just around the corner. It is a time to remember all that fathers do, and thank them for it.

Often, the thanking is accompanied by a gift. But oh, my, men are so hard to shop for. Their toys tend to be on the order of earth-moving machines or pick-up trucks.

In contrast, women are really easy to please -- flowers or candy or jewelry are just the stand bys. There is ever so much more than brings delight to the female heart.

But men? A tie? Or linen handkerchiefs? Hardly.

So what to do?
One strategy is to get them something you know they use.

Just get them one of a better quality than they would buy for themselves.

That didn't help? Well, there is another option.
Here the Chamber of Commerce comes rushing to your aid with just the thing.

Once again, Motley County Bucks can save the day. They are easy to buy, and easy to spend, and they give the father in question a chance to make the selection himself.

You can get the Motley County Bucks at the Matador Variety Store, at New to You, or from the Matador Branch of the First National Bank of Seymour. They are available in any amount you choose, and can be spent at every business except one in the county.

So, instead of spending more time worrying about what to get for the father in your life, get him some Motley County Bucks. Then you can spend the time until June 18th remembering all that he has done, and the role he has played in your life.

Look Who's New



Emma Claire Perkins

Jeremy and Dana Perkins of Waxahachie would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Emma Claire. She was born May 10, 2006, at 5:33 p.m., at Baylor Medical Center, Dallas. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. Proud grandparents are

Jesse and Caron Perkins of Snyder, Marie Vandivort of Dallas and Lance Vandivort of Dallas.

Great-grandparents are Sonny and Dorothy Russell of Matador and the late Boyd and Eileen Perkins.

Fellowship



In another place Paul wrote, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12: 4-5).

Can the Christian exist without the church? The inspired writer never thought so! He said that we are members of one another! We are "tied together" in Jesus, as His body. The fellowship, and spiritual strength that results from Christians being together is awesome indeed.

Is the Church meaningful to you? Do you think of it as only a place to go? Do you consider it a threat to your day off? Or do you regard the church as the bride of Christ? And do you think of the church as the body, in which Christ's strength and the fellowship of His people is found? What does the church mean to you? This is a question that all of us must face. Eternity waits for our answer.

ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott
Librarian



We thank The First Baptist Fellowship Sunday School for their donation to the library building fund in memory of Mickey Vandiver.

Some featured books this month at the library are for kids. These books are oldies, but goodies and all are accelerated reading books. *Giants in the Earth* by O.E. Rolvaag is for kids in the ninth grade and up. I read it as an adult and thoroughly enjoyed it. *Rifles for Watie* by Harold Keith is a book that this library has had for a long time. We have a new copy of this favorite story.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Lord tells of a little Chinese girl's transition to America. Her hero was Jackie Robinson and she finally got to meet him. A favorite author, Lawrence Yep, has written *Dragonwings*, an old book but a new clean copy that will be enjoyed by fifth-graders and up.

Immigrant Kids by Russell Freedman tells the tales of many children who came to America in the late 1800's. The library has a beautiful new copy of Washington Irving's *Rip Van Winkle*. These fresh, clean copies have come to the Motley County Library through the "We the People" grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



LADIES PLAYDAY May 25

18 hole players were Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson. No ball given.

9 hole players were Pat Warren, Tommye Keith, June Moss, Virginia Nunn, Marihelen Wason and Mary Jones. No ball given.

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE May 30

First, with a score of 30, (play off on card) Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Cody Dodson and Tim Brooks.

Second, with a score of 30, Randy Martin, David Taylor, Andrew Martin and Leigh Ann Darsey. Garland got closest to pin on #3.

Others playing were Kenneth Marshall, Bryan White, Corky Marshall, Bill Mills, Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Tammy Marshall, Garland Cartwright, Chet Dye, Kyle Brown, Stan Hanesworth, Alan Bingham, Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Ryan Freeman and Brice Dye.

LADIES PLAYDAY June 1

18 hole players were Jean Hoover, Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson. Louise won the ball - long drive on #5.

9 hole players were Frances Hobbs, Leigh Ann Darsey, Nell Berryman, Judy Renfro, Glenna Ross, Marihelen Wason, Tommye Keith. Leigh Ann won the ball - long drive on #5.

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HONORED WITH MASONIC AWARDS — Local residents were honored by the Matador Masonic Lodge at a recent banquet held in Roaring Springs. Pictured left to right are Corky Marshall, Golden Trowel award; Amy Easter, Lamar award; Glenda and Rodney Williams, Community Builder award; Beverly Vinson, Certificate of Respect honoring Furman Vinson.

Masonic Lodge presents awards

The Matador Masonic Lodge No. 824-A.F. & A.M. celebrated its award banquet in Roaring Springs recently.

A meal of hamburgers and hot dogs, with all the trimmings was served to friends, family, members and special guests.

The awards began with a prayer, then Skeeter Smith opened the program. Alvin Alexander presented the Lamar Award, a certificate and scholarship, to Amy Easter. This award is presented to a special student for their hard work and community involvement.

Wes Campbell presented the Community Builders Award. This award is the highest honor the Masonic Lodge can present

to someone who is not a Mason, and one who excels in their community, in many ways. The prestigious award went to a very outstanding couple, Rodney and Glenda (Stockton) Williams. The presentation listed many activities and devotion to the community, including the Motley County Fire Department, their Church, family and friends, Chamber of Commerce, area Panhandle Firemen, as well as city and county projects and offices.

Next on the list of awards was the Golden Trowel Award, presented by Skeeter Smith. The recognition and award went to Corky Marshall, for his assistance, accomplishments

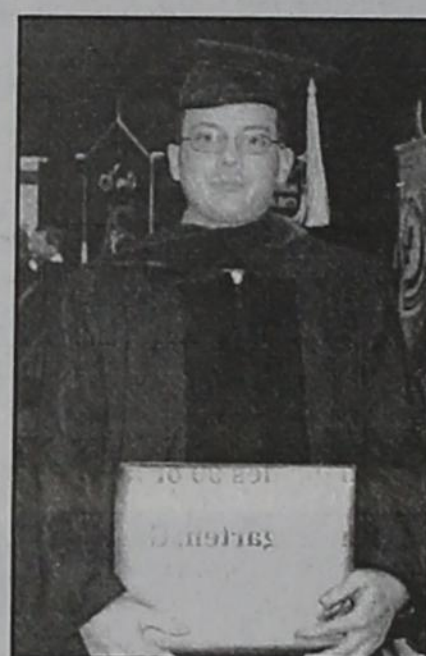
and service to his Masonic Fraternity, community, county and most of all to his family. The Golden Trowel award is the highest award a Masonic Lodge can honor one of its members.

All of these outstanding men and women will be listed in the archives at Waco, Texas, in the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas.

In closing, Wes Campbell presented Beverly Vinson a Certificate of Respect in honor of her late husband, Furman Vinson.

Mr. Smith thanked the Roaring Springs Community Center for the use of the building and closed the meeting with prayer.

Cody Timmons receives Ph.D.



Cody Timmons

James Cody Timmons recently graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Texas Tech University. Dr. Timmons is a 1997 graduate of Motley County High School. Upon graduation he enrolled in West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, where he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry in 2000. Dr. Timmons then continued his education at West Texas A&M and completed his Master of Science degree in 2002. His Master's research was performed under the direction of Professor Darren L. Williams in the area of Physical Chemistry and involved the study of photochemical degradation of high explosives via spectroscopic techniques and quantum mechanical calculations.

In 2002, he moved to Texas Tech University and joined the research group of Professor Guigen Li, a chemist trained by 2001 Chemistry Nobel Laureate Barry Sharpless. At Texas Tech University, Dr. Timmons studied synthetic Organic Chemistry. In particular, he specialized in asymmetric synthesis, cataly-

sis, and heterocyclic chemistry. His graduate research was funded by the Texas Excellence Fund and the SBC Chancellor's Endowed Fellowship, as well as by research grants from the Robert A. Welch Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. As a result of his graduate research, Dr. Timmons has over 20 research publications in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Timmons defended his dissertation on March 9, 2006, in a public forum, followed immediately by a private defense in front of his advisory committee.

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree was conferred on May 12, 2006. Dr. Timmons is currently doing postdoctoral research with Professor Peter Wipf at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Timmons is the son of James and Janice Timmons of Northfield.

SHOP AT HOME!

The Patton Springs PTO would like to thank everyone who made a donation to the 2006 Project Celebration. This event would not be possible without the generosity and support of many kind folks.

The following is a list of individuals and businesses that graciously donated to make this year's All Night Party a huge success:

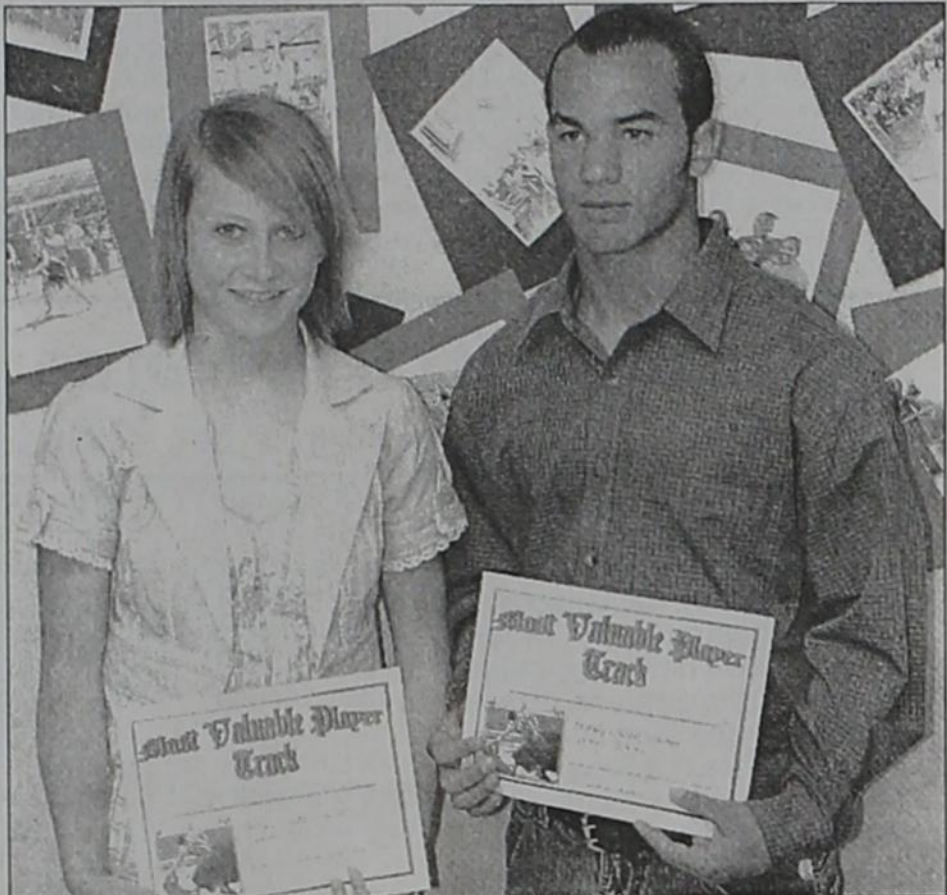
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Sandra Taylor	Star Feed
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Linda Hotchco	DC Auto
Petticoat Junction	Cruz & Sons
Dickens Electric	Graham Supply
Anna's Restaurant	Bill & Kendra Luckett
Mark & Barbara Miller	
Matador Branch First National Bank	
Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church	
Smith Southern (Jeff & Debbie Braselton)	
Motley Mill & Cube	Farmers Co-Op
Hitchin' Post Restaurant	The Texas Spur
Duck Creek SWCD	West Texas Gas
His & Hers Gas	The Back Door Inn
Lowrance Grocery	Debbie's Cut Ups
Dana's Pharmacy	Turnaround Cafe
Chastain's True Value	The Flower Shop
Frogs (Darrell & Vesta Smith)	
Spur Vet Clinic	Spur Security Bank
Anonymous Cash Gift to Seniors	

PTO would also like to thank the brave 17 sponsors who stayed up with the students from 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.: Debbie & Jeff Braselton, Kelli & Vance Cash, Dvonna & Ben Grundy, Patti Hagar, Amy Hart, Kendra Luckett, Sharon Martin, Christy McClenny, Jason Miller, Rhonda & Mike Norrell, Debbie Shaw, Donna Stokes, and Mitzi Taylor.

Mike Norell
Administrative Assistant & Counselor
Patton Springs ISD



MISS SPIRIT — Monica Huddleston. Monica also received the MVP Golf award.



MVP TRACK — Shane'a Russell and Isaiah Archer.



MVP CROSS COUNTRY — Chance Bingham, Jacob Blanco and Shane'a Russell.



MVP TENNIS — Leatrice Gutierrez and Brendan Wiltshire.

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BASKETBALL FIGHTING HEART — Ashlee Green and Bradley Brown.



CHEER CAMP FUN — This group of giggling girls show off the hats they made at Cheer Camp last week. Thirty-one girls attended the 2-day camp hosted by the Motley County High School Cheerleaders and their sponsor, Rebekah Jameson.



MVP BASKETBALL
Chicagra Brown.



DAYTON GRAHAM AWARD
— Chance Bingham



ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT — Pictured left to right, Ashlee Green, Christy Smith, Courtney Alexander, Savannah Rose, Angelica Mendoza.

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PRAISE TO THE LORD

*"O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your
name, for in perfect faithfulness
you have done marvelous
things, things planned long ago.
Isaiah 25:1*

**Honor
Roll**

SIXTH 6-WEEKS

DISTINGUISHED LIST
(All grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Gage Baker, Cade Drum, Mikenna Ford, Dode Gleghorn, Savannah Lopez, Eli Marshall, Tristan Perryman, Samantha Quilimaco, Brody Rankin.

First Grade: James Cooper, Tristen Foster, Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Trey Lopez, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Autumn Woolsey.

Second Grade: Duncan Aumiller, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Braden Pope, Thalia Quilimaco, Bryant Taylor.

Third Grade: Seth Baxter, Logan Ferguson, Meagan Ford, Michael Martin, Cassidy Turner.

Fourth Grade: None

Fifth Grade: Jaci Zingerman.

Sixth Grade: Keyan Kautz.

Seventh Grade: None

Eighth Grade: None

Ninth Grade: None

Tenth Grade: Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Savannah Rose, Christina Smith.

Eleventh Grade: None.

Twelfth Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green, Colton Russell.

HONOR ROLL

(All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Bryson Elliott, Brendan Fisk, Michael Silva, Refugio Torres, Jasmine Aumiller, Eugene Saldana.

First Grade: Chyenne Aumiller, Ruby Klebahn, Chris Ward.

Second Grade: Matthew Faulks, Katrina Lopez, Macie Marshall, Joshua Martin, Michael Seigler, Kaylee Woolsey.

Third Grade: Katie Barton, Tanner Bearden, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Victoria Hernandez, Hannah Mason, Korbyn Simpson, Tristan Tomlinson, Catherine Ward.

Fourth Grade: Virginia Gutierrez, Conner Mason, Jacob Woolsey.

Fifth Grade: Hance Davey, Payden Perryman, Kaitlan Perryman, Sabra Pope, Austin Taylor.

Sixth Grade: Christian Brooks, Alexis Guerrero, Lexi Osborn.

Seventh Grade: Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson.

Eighth Grade: Melissa Flores.

Ninth Grade: Courtney Alexander, Jasmine Porter, Kayla Simpson.

Tenth Grade: Isiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Harvey Garza, Karrie Valdez, Brendan Wiltshire.

Eleventh Grade: Griselda Flores, Angelica Mendoza.

Twelfth Grade: Brandon Gressett, Monica Huddleston.



TEAMS

T-Ball
Lil' Aggies

COACHES: Denise Ford, Cathye Turner, Ruthie Stephens.

Team: Mikenna Ford, Eli Marshall, Cambry Marshall, Kenesaw Stephens, Carley Turner, Noah Turner, Erin Gonzales, Derek Fisk, Kaitlyn Keltz.

Red Raiders

COACHES: Lewis Drum, Lauren Drum, Randy Brown, Bobby Barton, Danika Jameson.

Team: Cade Drum, Logan Salazar, Joseph Chavez, Zachary Brown, Tucker Barton, Sierra Jameson, Zachary Ashby, Emily Jameson, Case Drum.

Lil' Horns

COACHES: Crawford Mason, Marvina Mason, Michael Silva, Lou Ann Silva, Shawn Elliott.

Team: Bryson Elliott, Tristen Perryman, Gage Baker, Jeremiah Torres, Ethan Mason, Alycia Silva, Cameron Stafford, Crystal Collett, Dawson Baker.

SOFTBALL

Aggies

COACHES: Ronnie Pope, Dorothy Pope.

Team: Ky Christopher, Reagan Elliott, Ishmal Torres, Angelica Meredith, Sabra Pope, Jonah Meredith, Parker Meredith, Matthew Mount, Dominique Quilamaco.

Long Horns

COACHES: Crawford Mason, Marvina Mason.

Team: Braden Mason, Tanner Norrell, Cody Martin, Aaron Woodruff, Ashley Alred, Conner Mason, Hance Davey, Mark Quintero.

Brought to you by:



COACH PITCH

Mean Greens

COACHES: Ronnie Pope, Dorothy Pope.

Team: Jonathan Collett, Brielle Collett, Shelby Elliott, Gabby Silva, Braden Pope, Marcus Ortiz, Macie Marshall, Brendan Fisk, Michael Silva, Chloe Gleghorn, Ruby Klebahn.,

Blue Jays

COACHES: Denise Ford, Cathye Turner.

Team: Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner, Hayden Davey, Michael Martin, Logan Ferguson, Joshua Martin, Natalie Jameson, Michael Seigler, Bradley Alred, Joshua Tanner, Armondo Chavez, Rinaldo Chavez.

Raiders

COACHES: Lacy Clary, Lisa Perryman, Leslie Taylor, Brad Jameson, Kelsie Wallace.

Team: Caleb Clary, Tyler Campbell, Seth Baxter, Luis Mendoza, Mickey Clary, Meagan Jameson, Matthew Faulks, Garrett Jameson, Tristen Foster, Thalia Mendoza, Jack Price.

GAME SCHEDULE

First game will begin at 6:30 p.m. each night.
Second game will follow at 7:30 p.m.
First team listed is Home Team

THURSDAY, JUNE 8:

T-BALL - Red Raiders vs. Lil Horns.

COACH PITCH - Blue Jays vs. Raiders.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9:

COACH PITCH - Mean Greens vs. Raiders.

MINOR LEAGUE - Long-horns vs. Aggies.

MONDAY, JUNE 12:

T-BALL - Red Raiders vs. Lil Aggies.

MINOR LEAGUE - Aggies vs. Longhorns.

**Trophies
Presented**

Friday, June 16

TUESDAY, JUNE 13:

T-BALL - Lil Horns vs. Lil Aggies.

COACH PITCH - Blue Jays vs. Mean Greens.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15:

T-BALL - Lil Horns vs. Red Raiders.

COACH PITCH - Raiders vs. Blue Jays.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16:

COACH PITCH - Raiders vs. Mean Greens.

MINOR LEAGUE - Long-horns vs. Aggies.

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It's Reunion time. The Cooper family held their reunion on May 28th; the Parks family reunion was Saturday. On June third the Sedgwicks met for their reunion.

I visited with Barbara Parks, she said their attendance was down a little but that a good time was had by all. They had games of pitch for entertainment.

The family of the late Virgil and Geraldine Scott had their yearly reunion at the Springs Ranch with a camp-out from Friday to Sunday. The children had fun swimming and playing in the river and on the playground equipment. There are many first, second and third cousins to have good games of volleyball, basketball, and baseball. The adults play golf and swim and visit. Pennie Keltz counted 56 in attendance.

Pearl Patten sent me the following account of the Sedgwick Reunion. The family of Matheu Sedgwick had their annual get together on June 4 at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteer's Building. The Sedgwick family settled in the Duncan Flat Community in the early 1900's. Those attending were: Buddy Allen of Pampa; W.R. and Selma Sedgwick, Cliff and Lanita Ladd, Florine Jones, Bryan and Patsy Myres, Robin, Mallie and Mitch Green, and Agnes Williams, all of Lubbock; Pam Martin of Midland; Dale and

Linda Sedgwick of Ralls; Alvin Carothers, Afton; Larry and Willita Burkes of Paducah; Jo Ann Reagan, Quitaque, William Reeves, Quitaque; Kathy Pennick and son, Bobby Smalling, Dallas; Caleb and Kenzie Martin, San Angelo; Callie and R.C. Giesecke, Brian, Nancy, Rivers, Tyne and Reese Marshall, Becca, Brandon and Andrew Moore, all of Matador. Those attending from Roaring Springs were Pearl Patten, Nona and Rodney Long, Jackie and Sharon Martin, Rhonda, Colby and Dillon McCleskey and Tom and Lorine Jordan.

Jeannie Adams is at home. Her daughter, Vickie Swan and her husband, Stan of Stephenville have been with her. She is feeling better. She enjoys short visits. She said she is ready to get out and go drink coffee at the Cafe and see everyone.

The Parenting Cottage of Lubbock sponsored a bicycle ride through Roaring Springs on Saturday morning. Thirty-two cyclists participated. The longer route was 85 miles and the shorter route was 50 miles. The Lions Club and other volunteers provided six rest stops with Gatorade, water and cookies for the cyclists. Thacker Jewery donated a ring and Traveler's Inn donated a free night's stay for their drawing at the Springs Ranch at the finale of the Bicycle Ride.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Technology is normal. It will be used for good or evil according to the character of those who develop and use it. We have a choice. Too often our choice is to destruct instead of construct.

ALL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN JOB CORP PRESENTATION AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Following the Sunday morning church services and a luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Flomot, an All Women's Christian Job Corp program associated with My Father's House was presented by Mrs. Connie Johnson of South Plains.

This is a non-denominational service to help young mothers gain independence and a new life from a series of problems. They were given brochures on future meetings and how they could help with this worthwhile project.

Guests attending beside Mrs. Johnson were Mrs. Janis Julian of Floydada, Mrs. Donna Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Monk of Quitaque, Mrs. Doris Moore of Matador and Mrs. Mary Lou Zinck of South Plains.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Brenda and Darrell Cruse honored their son, Keane Cruse of Turkey and Larry Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma on their birthdays Saturday night with a family dinner in their home with all the trimmings.

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Attending the celebration were Deidra Clifton of Elk City, Okla., Tanner, Monica, Jaxon and Cutter Smith of Floydada; Roegan Cruse, Brand, Jodie, Branson, Baylor and Brayson Cruse, Mrs. Dona Brown, Laci and Reese Cruse all of Turkey; Leah and Derrick Cruse of Canyon; Kyle Marrs and Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; James, Darla, Danielle and Fannin Gwinn of Whiteflat and Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flomot.

Flomot residents on the Cancer For Life Relay Team at the Valley School Friday were Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Anna Beth Clay, Judy Stark, Dianne and Seab Washington and Joe Ike Clay (a survivor).

B. Rogers was on the sick list the past week.

Rickey, Tasha and Kendal Hughes of Floydada visited his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes, Sunday.

Mrs. Judy Stark visited from Friday until Sunday in Amarillo in the home of Teresa and Lee Stark. She stayed with their children, Mollie and Audie as Lee and Teresa were in Boise City, Oklahoma to attend the High School Homecoming.

Matador News

Tom and Deanie Edwards traveled to Sweetwater, Texas on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Tom attended the Windfarm Conference that was held there on Thursday and Friday. The group was taken on a tour of the windmills outside of Sweetwater and then treated to a cookout on a ranch on Thursday night. Tom and Deanie traveled to Eastland to attend the Edwards reunion at Lake Leon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Great fun was had by all. Deanie traveled to Lubbock on Tuesday to meet her son, Stephen and his wife, Lori and daughter, Haley. Haley was in basketball camp there and they watched her play a game. Deanie also visited with Marge while she was there.

Deanie got word that her brother, Alvin, was released from the hospital in Louisiana on Saturday and flown back to Amarillo. He is recuperating quite well. The family would like to thank all of the friends and neighbors in Matador who prayed for Alvin while he was in the hospital. Both Alvin and his wife, Nadyne are really glad to be back home.

McMAHAN REUNION

"All roads lead home," is a phrase Ronda and Sandra (Faulkner) thought of as they anxiously anticipated coming "home" to see the folks and other family members. In the truest sense home is in heaven - in which case all roads don't lead home. Jesus said, "No one

comes to the Father except through me - salvation at the foot of the cross." Jesus also said, "He goes to prepare a place for us - home - that where He is we will someday be also."

But this past weekend several roads from California, Kansas, Oklahoma, Florida and parts of Texas did lead home to Matador, Texas. Many gathered for a family reunion of the descendants of George and Violet McMahan.

The family met at the Roaring Springs Ranch. There was lots of visiting and catching-up on family news. As in the family's tradition there was a night of guitar playing, singing and revelling of remember when (the sharing of family history). Along with the fellowship, the

family shared a good Texas meal of barbecue brisket, potato salad, red beans and homemade ice cream, all lovingly prepared.

To get a break from the heat several trips were made to the pool, the same pool the great grandparents in attendance swam in during their youth.

Family members departed after hugs and tears with promises to gather in 2008.

SHOP AT HOME!

Obituaries

Cecil C. Cammack, Sr.

Cecil C. Cammack Sr., 98, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on June 1, 2006, in Cleburne, Texas.

Cecil was the son of the late W.R. Cammack and Jenny Cagle Cammack of Motley County, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 12:00 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2006, at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Fort Worth.

Mr. Cammack was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Ruth Cammack on January 14, 2006.

Survivors include a son, Cecil Cammack Jr. and wife, Irene of Cleburne; daughter, Virginia Cotten and husband Don of Lubbock; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a sister, Clara Park of Amarillo and numerous nieces and nephews.

Derward Thayne "Red" Amonett

Funeral services for Derward Thayne "Red" Amonett, 86, were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 30, at St. John's United Methodist Church in Lubbock with interment at the Resthaven Memorial Park. He passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 25, in Cedar Park, Texas.

The youngest of ten siblings, Thayne was born to Elmira Octavia Irwin and John Alvis Amonett on Dec. 29, 1919, in Beatty, Texas. The family moved several times before settling in Flomot.

Thayne participated in various school athletic events, which helped him gain notoriety in his college career at Texas Technological College in Lubbock. After a stellar football career at Flomot High School, he moved on to play at Texas Tech. Burl Huffman, sports announcer, delighted in introducing Thayne as the "Flomot Flash" with fans flabbergasted at his outstanding athletic ability.

World War II interrupted his education and he served as a Warrent Officer with the Army Air Corp in England. After completing his degree education at Texas Tech he was recruited to play for the Detroit Lions.

He then coached football at Matador, Ralls, Crowell and Wellington. After a 34 year career as educator, coach, principal and superintendent, Thayne retired in 1982 from Lubbock ISD.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Maxine Johnson Amonett.

Survivors include a son, Randall Thayne and wife Donna of Big Spring; a daughter, Robin Kay and husband, Joe Greene of Cedar Park; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and his beloved companion, Evelyn Schmoekel of Lubbock.

The family suggests donations to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 112, Midland, Texas 79702-0112.

Senior Citizen Notes

by Tommye Keith

If you haven't been by the Center lately come by and see us. We have a new flag pole and flag donated by the American Legion, designed by Vaden Hays. We also have a new sign in front of the Senior Citizens donated by the Monday morning men coffee drinkers. Thank you guys for all your help. Sure makes the place look good.

The Center received memorials in memory of Bill Durham from Lorene Lancaster, Tom and Deanie Edwards, Marguerite Edwards and June Moss. J.D. and Zella Payne gave a memorial in memory of E.A.

Day. Joyce and Leo Archer gave memorials in memory of Miriam Jameson Bell and J.C. Smiley. Thank you so much.

The exercise group meets at 8:00 a.m. and then coffee afterwards, Monday - Friday. If you think you need to move around a little come down and join them. If your not 60 years old yet, we don't care, just come.

Would like to invite you to come and eat at noon. Don't heat your house up on these 100+ degree days, come to the Center - we need you.

The Center is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See you at the Center.

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CLASS OF 1963 REUNION — The Matador High School Class of 1963 met May 6 at the Turner Hunting Lodge in Matador. The group enjoyed running around making most of the Garage Sales during the Highway 70 - 70 mile Garage Sale. Carol Campbell and Kay Rattan Bailey visited with them during the afternoon and Kenny and Olivia Barton joined them for supper that night, when lots of visiting and reminiscing took place. Pictured left to right (standing) Pat Briscoe Warren, Dorothy Crenshaw Johnson, Silverton; Glenda Lynn Martin, Dumas; Kenny Barton, Barbara Bird Armstrong, Linda Manning Loper, Amarillo, Mary Newman Renfro; (sitting) Jane Hamilton Carter, San Saba; Judy Hart Renfro, Jill Scaff Taylor, Odessa; and Pat Cooper Minton, Granbury.

Tax Cut

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the positive trend in teacher compensation that has seen salaries increase by \$11,700 for teachers in the classroom since 1999.

- **Performance Pay for Excellent Teachers:** The legislation will create the largest performance pay plan in the nation to reward classroom excellence. With \$260 million for bonuses of up to \$10,000 per teacher for locally-designed incentive programs, and another \$100 million for the national lead in rewarding educational excellence and attracting top-performing teachers to struggling campuses.

- **Improving High Schools:** HB 1 provides more than \$1 billion over three years to reform Texas high schools and further the goals of the governor's high school initiative, which are to

reduce the dropout rate, replicate successful school models and prepare more students for college.

- **Raising the Bar:** Legislators strengthened the curriculum by requiring four years of math and science to better prepare students for the high-tech economy.

- **Robin Hood Relief:** By 2008, close to \$1 billion in local property tax revenues will remain in local districts to be spent on local students instead of being exported to other areas of the state.

- **Greater Funding Equity:** the state will make a historic commitment to funding fairness, achieving up to 94 percent funding equity on enrichment dollars.

- **Teacher Mentoring:** Millions of dollars will be dedicated to teacher mentoring program to keep young educators in the classroom.

- **More Money for Schools:** With \$1.8 billion to fund teacher pay increases and classroom

excellence initiatives, as well as funding provided last session, legislators have increased school funding by \$3.4 billion in the current fiscal biennium.

- **State Share Increases Dramatically:** By next year, the state share of education funding will increase to 50 percent, reversing a trend scheduled to take us to 34 percent in FY2007 if nothing had been done.

"This session was a tremendous success. We passed a historic property tax cut, implemented business tax reforms supported by dozens of employer associations and chambers of commerce, and raised salaries for Texas teachers, even while lowering the overall tax burden by \$7 billion," Perry said. "And because of House Bill 1, school finance is now out of the courthouse, and back on constitutional footing."

For more information on the historic school finance legislation, visit www.governor.state.tx.us.

Proof of the Truth

DATING THE FLOOD OF NOAH

As we've seen, there is extensive evidence of a worldwide flood in the past. Now let's see if there is any non-Biblical evidence of WHEN it happened, and whether any such evidence supports the Biblical inference of it occurring sometime between 4 and 5 thousand years ago - and there is, and it does!

Here, a personal note and request. Your's truly first ran across this in 1959, while browsing old books in the Matador High School Library. There was an old, thin book that I think was titled, "The Footprints of God," or something like that. If anyone has that book from the library, I'd dearly love to see it. At the time, I paid little attention, but 30 years later, after getting into this, I remembered it, and now am astonished that it was ignored then.

We need go no farther than our own Mississippi River and Niagara Falls to find compelling evidence of approximately when the Flood occurred. We know that the River deposits approximately 300 million cubic yards of sediment into the Gulf of Mexico each year. By carefully studying the volume and rate of accumulation of the Mississippi River Delta, and dividing the amount of the sediments deposited annually into the total volumes of the Delta, we can get an approximate age of the

Delta and how long the River has been running. Guess what? It's between 4 and 5 thousand years!

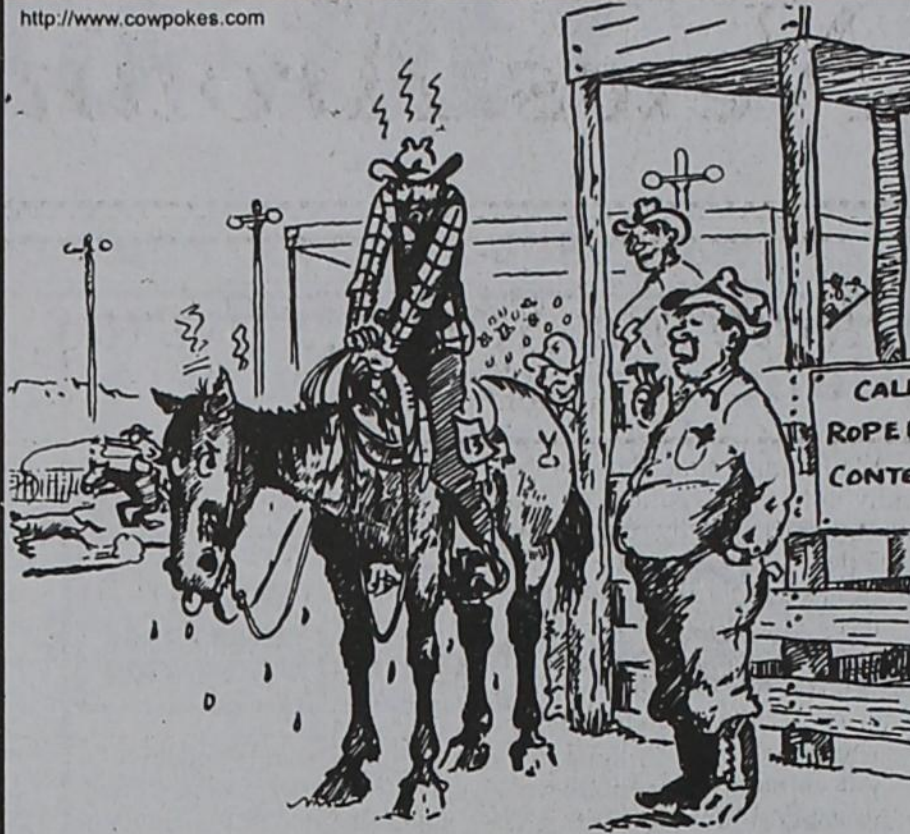
The same is true of Niagara Falls. We know that the Falls' water erodes the formation it flows over at a known rate, and we know how much of the formation has eroded. Dividing the total erosion by the yearly average rate of erosion, we can get an approximation of how long the Falls has been in operation - again, between 4 and 5 thousand years! Question: What other event, except run-off from a flood, can reasonably explain the beginning of the River and Falls?

Then there's population growth statistics. On Feb. 25, the world's population reached 6.5 billion, more than twice the 1960 pop., and 4 times the 1900 number. A modest population growth rate (one-half percent per year) over a million years of presumed evolutionary history would produce more people today than electrons in the entire universe, whereas starting with Noah's folks in the Ark, around 4500 years ago, an average population growth rate would produce close to the same population we have today! There's some evidence of the "when" of the Flood.

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By Ace Reid

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NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for their care and concern during my surgery, hospitalization and recovery at home. I truly appreciate all the cards, calls, flowers, food and especially your prayers. May God bless you.

Devonne Dillard

I want to say thank you to friends and former students, and especially my family for all the Birthday cards, flowers, phone calls and visits for my 95th birthday. I am doing very well and would still enjoy your visits anytime. I am at the Crosbyton Care Center, 222 Farmer St.

Mary Meason

Thank you, my precious friends and relatives, for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. The flowers, cards and gifts were wonderful and just your presence brought joy unspeakable.

A special thanks to my niece, Jan Hamilton, and my longtime friend, Dorothy Day, who organized the party. Stanley and I love all of you and miss you terribly when we are away.

June Keltz Levell and Stanley Levell

A BIG THANK YOU to the Community

The Junior Class would like to say thank you to the community. We appreciate all of the support the community has given us in our fund-raising. A special thank you goes to Shane Jones and Debra Scott. They contributed hours of work and many ideas for our prom; we couldn't have made it without you. We would also like to thank our parents and family for helping us set up. Another special thank you goes to Bobbie Brown and her family for cooking our delicious meal. Thank you for your support in fund-raising, setting up, and clean up. You made our Prom a great success.

Ag Production

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The value of farm assets, which includes land, buildings, livestock, machinery, crops and livestock, is estimated to exceed \$115 billion in 2006.

"With total debt around \$13.3 billion, the debt-to-asset ratio remains low," Anderson noted.

Competition in producing main crops, such as cotton, wheat, corn and rice, will intensify globally, Anderson said.

"The competition forces commercial agricultural operations to use new technology to become more productive and economically efficient," he said. "The result will assure a food and fiber system that provides consumers with an assortment of clothing, and food to eat for a reasonable price, and to feed a growing world population."

"The Lord our God is right in everything he does."

Daniel 9:14

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather

June 8, 2006

7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 103 Low: 66
	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 103 Low: 68
	Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 105 Low: 68
	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 103 Low: 65
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 101 Low: 64
	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 100 Low: 62
	Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 102 Low: 63

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a near record high temperature of 103°, humidity of 28% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 106° set in 1953. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 103°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
6/11	6/18	6/25	7/3

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	96	69	86/61	0.00"	0.61"
Monday	97	73	86/62	0.00"	0.90"
Tuesday	94	65	87/62	0.46"	-0.29"
Wednesday	84	64	87/62	0.15"	
Thursday	88	65	87/63	0.00"	78.5°
Friday	87	64	88/63	0.00"	74.6°
Saturday	90	63	88/63	0.00"	+3.9°

Weather History

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Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	6:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:54 p.m.
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Moonsset today	4:03 a.m.

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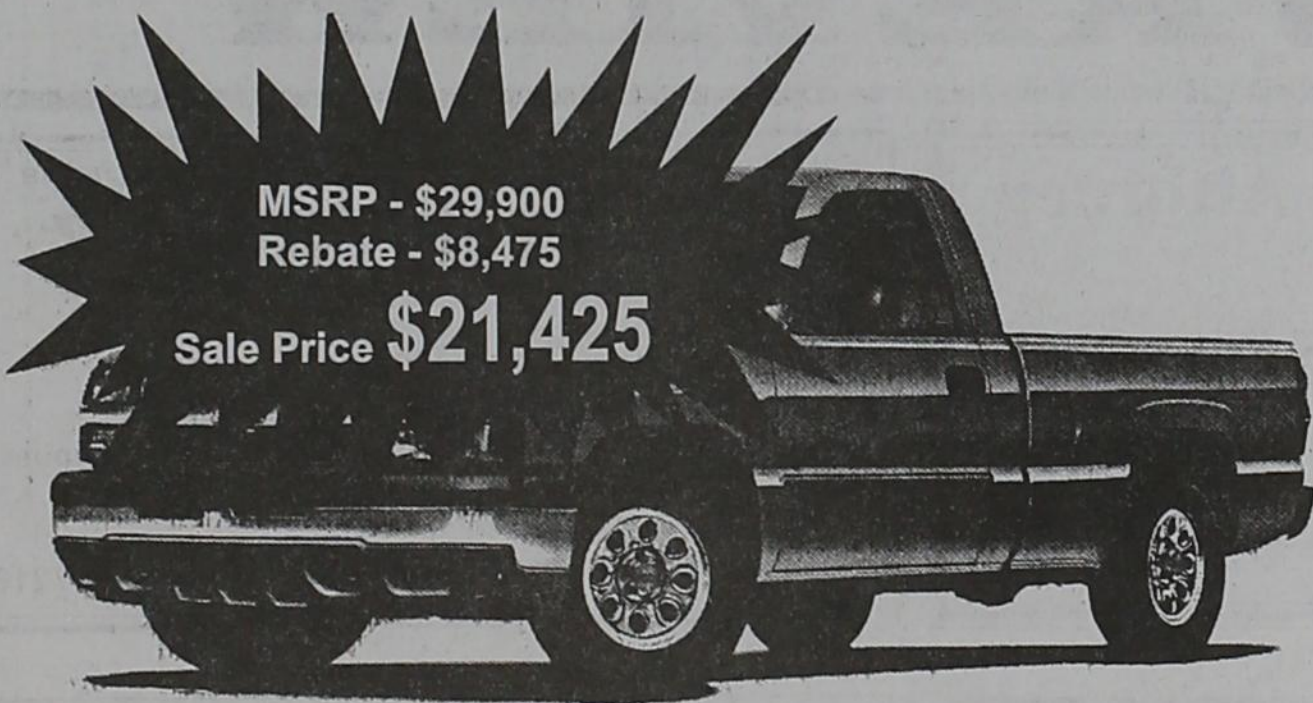
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