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Area crops in stress from Summer heat

by Earlyne Jameson

Motley County cotton and rangelands are feeling heat stress from summer sun and hot damaging winds. Most fields did not receive adequate moisture in the month of June, but cotton is still in fair condition. Only light showers of rain in northern Motley County, but

south and east locations in the county were blessed with rain.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report total rainfall for June: Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.22; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 0.27; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 0.45; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 2.18; and Brian Marshall, Matador, 2.27.

"Friends of Mike Porter" to hold benefit at Spur

Mike Porter, the multi-talented musician from Dickens recently contracted a viral infection that almost took his life. As a result, Porter has been traveling to Lubbock three times a week for kidney dialysis. Needless to say, his finances have perished from huge medical expenses combined with not being able to perform. Porter has provided immeasurable hours of entertainment for groups of all ages throughout the West Texas and Eastern New Mexico area. His ability to sing while playing several instruments has gained him much respect with musicians and has simply amazed the rest of us. Mike is known for his love of young people and for performing for a fraction of the cost of what his performance is worth. He is "famous" with musicians for his ability to take old, beat-up equipment and make it sound like a million-dollar system.

Porter has provided superb entertainment for 4-H Club Dances, Senior Citizens dance clubs, barn and rodeo dances, weddings, funeral, and benefits, many for little or no cost over his 40-year career. Though Porter has had opportunities to hit the big-time, he decided many years

ago that this was the road that he wanted to travel. His love of music, instrumental genius and his love for the Lord, which are so evident in each of his performances, have been the foundation for his "success" as an entertainer, Christian, son, brother, uncle, inspiration and

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Motley County Junior Rodeo will continue Friday night

Due to rain and hail storms last Friday night, the Motley County Junior Rodeo had to be canceled during competition. Directors voted, Tuesday night, to continue the rodeo and complete the competition this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Events will continue at the Roaring Springs Rodeo Arena.

Everyone is encouraged to support the youth of this area and watch this exciting competition of young cowboys and cowgirls.



Christian Brooks, a member of the Motley County Greenbelt Golf Association, keeps his eye on the ball during a recent Golf meet. Christian and other local team members have excelled in area meets and are learning golfing techniques which will be beneficial for future high school team competition. Christian is the son of Tim and Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs.

(contributed photo by Wendi Taylor)

Sen. Duncan named to best list by Texas Monthly magazine

State Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is listed among Texas Monthly's best legislators. In the current issue of the magazine, Duncan who represents District 28, is described as the rare senator who "masters both the big ideas and the 'details.'" Texas Monthly also describes him as "the best lawyer in the Senate."

The Texas Monthly article

reads:

"When he learned last year about a hazardous waste company's plan to expand its nuclear dump in West Texas, Duncan forced a state agency to delay its okay of the project.

Risking political fallout from the company's influential investors, he championed legislation requiring hefty state fees and closer government scrutiny

only to see it killed at the last minutes - and this was only the first of his brushes with radioactivity this session. From helping hammer out a compromise on asbestos litigation to negotiating the final education budget and revamping the ailing

Teacher Retirement System, Duncan immersed himself in issues whose common traits were complexity, volatility and their potentially lethal impact on his political career.

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New Vaccination requirements

In a report released by the Texas Department of State Health Services, there is a new vaccine requirement for students who will be attending pre-kindergarten this fall. Effective September 1, 2005, House Bill 1316 requires that children be vaccinated against invasive pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases. This is in addition to immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, mumps, rubella, rubeola, pertussis, influenza type b, vari-

cella, and hepatitis B. Although the law requires that the new immunizations be administered prior to date of entry into school.

a child may be provisionally admitted if the required immunizations have begun and are completed as rapidly as medically feasible.

If you need further information you may call the school at 347-2676 or your health care provider.

TxDOT crew completes Roaring Springs Memorial Park project

Childress - The Texas Department of Transportation, Motley County Maintenance crew recently completed a project to build an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) ramp at the Frank Mitchell Memorial Park in Roaring Springs.

"We were pleased to work with Mayor Corky Marshall and the City of Roaring Springs on this project," said Ben Kautz, Motley County Maintenance

Supervisor. "We hope that this project will be beneficial to anyone visiting the memorial."

The Frank Mitchell Memorial is located at Farm-to-Market 3203 and 684 in Roaring Springs.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project, call Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

Friday is last day to sign up for Kid's Camp

Friday, July 15, is the last day to sign up for enrollment in Kid's Camp. Applications may be picked up at the Motley County Library in Matador or the Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs. Some late applicants may be accepted, depending on the number of kids signing up by Friday.

The annual summer camp, scheduled for July 25-29, will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center and is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

The camp promises a variety of fun and activities, with the ever-popular Science Spectrum scheduled with new exhibits.

According to Camp Director, Alex Crowder, teen counselors and adult volunteers are needed to help with the camp. For more information contact Mr. Crowder at 348-7336.

New law stiffens penalty for providing booze to kids

Beginning September 1, anyone convicted of providing alcohol to a minor will have their driver's license suspended for six months; for repeat offenders the suspension will last a year.

Gov. Rick Perry signed a law June 28 which calls for an automatic driver's license suspension for any conviction of providing alcohol to a person under 21 years old. Existing state law makes such a conviction a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a jail term of up to a year and a fine of no more than \$4,000.

The law does not prohibit adults from providing alcohol to their children. Those who sell alcohol to minors are covered under a separate law.

Roy Hale, program specialist with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's enforcement division, said underage drinking accounts for about 60

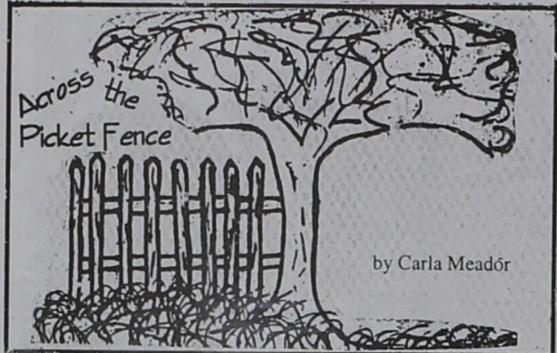
percent of the citations TABC officers issue each year statewide.

"But perhaps the best indication of the problem is the number of teenage bodies littering Texas highways, and most of those, if not nearly all of them, are alcohol-related fatalities," Hale said.

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School Registration July 19

All high school students who will be enrolled in Motley County ISD next fall should register for classes at the school, July 19, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.



Here are few interesting facts:

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb" ... and a better wife!

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden" ... and thus the word "GOLF" entered into the English language.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%. The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%.

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter? Tom Sawyer.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David; Hearts - Charlemagne; Clubs - Alexander the Great; Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle ... If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle ... If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
A. Their birthplace.

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

A. One thousand.
Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All invented by women.
Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey
In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase ... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. 'It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's and Q's.'"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service... "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

And finally - at least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

Library Notes

By Suzanno Abbott, Librarian

The library's Summer Reading Program, "Go Wild and Read!" was very successful. Ninety-two children attended the four June sessions. They heard stories read by Deanie Edwards, Pam Thacker and Jan Jones. Thirty-one children saw a marvelous magic show the final session.

We had many great helpers for this program. The Friends of the Library provided refreshments and the magic show. The children played reading bingo for prizes and some are continuing during July. On July 29, the names of the children who have read enough books to have a black-out card will go in a drawing for the grand prize, a walk-about CD player with ear-

phones. I want to thank all who took part in the program and all of the ladies who showed up each Tuesday to help.

New books in the library include Kathy Reichs' newest *Cross Bones*. The library also has a new, complete set of *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. Children and adults will enjoy these Narnia tales.

We thank Patricia Green and Regina Sheffield for working at the library last week so I could keep a doctor's appointment in Lubbock. I'm going to have shoulder surgery in August and we will have, hopefully, some more fine volunteers here so the library can stay open.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT!

These articles are typically written 3 or 4 weeks in advance, then "sauced and blowed" until turned in. But it's been surprising how often the plan has been interrupted by current events, and here we go again.

We launched into "separation of church and state" because that's where the war is, given that our nation has devolved into allowing the U.S. Supreme Court majority to dictate national morality (immorality) and the role of God and religion in our society, mostly by 5 to 4 decision, with relativism ruling. With no Constitutional authority, the Court has given us an unconstitutional "wall of separation;" banned the Bible as a public school teaching authority; banned official prayer in schools, at graduation and football games; decreed that evolution is the only theory of origins that may be taught our children; and found a Constitutional right out of thin air to murder our most innocent - the unborn child. We shouldn't wonder why the nation is going south. It has turned its moral compass over to a corrupt Supreme Court majority.

We are ultimately responsible for all this because we haven't forced Congress to do

its duty under the Constitution and "bridle" by impeachment or jurisdiction-limitation the Federal courts.

We know from the Bible to some degree, how bad things will ultimately get, but in the meantime, and this is personal, this writer is just selfish enough to hope that his children and grandchildren don't experience the continued downfall of this nation from internal rot - led by the Court.

Retiring Justice O'Connor has been the "moderate" saving-vote in approximately 2/3 of the most activist absurd rulings by the Supreme Court. By his selection of a replacement, the President has the rare opportunity to turn the Court around. It has been going in the wrong direction for the last 70 years. The President campaigned upon a promise to appoint strict-constructionists to the Courts. Pray that he doesn't come in on this, even if the liberal, secular, relativists, threaten to or do shut down the government.

The intermediate future of our nation is at stake here, and the forces of evil are girding for battle. We must too. This and the next appointment to the Supreme Court will be the most important decisions the President will ever make. Pray that he gets it right. Pray for the President.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

by Dianne Washington

Hackberry Creek Care Center is one of the projects supported by Motley County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber supported the first market study done in 2001. This project has been a long time in the making and at times seems to have come to a complete standstill. However, lots of behind the scenes activity is taking place.

The Care Center board meets every two weeks on Monday night at the Matador City Hall. This group has put long hours into the paperwork required by Rural Development and the state architect. They are working closely with Paul Rheinlander, the care center architect.

Mr. Rheinlander is finishing the plans for the care center. Mr. Rheinlander is in touch with board members concerning the details of the care center. Every detail is important and has to be considered. The copier location, the door of the whirlpool, gas or electric fireplace, siding, cabinets are just some of the details to be considered.

As these details are considered and the plans are drawn up, activity can start at the care center site. Some of the dirt work should begin this summer. Other pre-construction activity can begin on site.

Mr. Rheinlander will have the plans to the state architect by the end of July. After the plans are approved in Austin, the bidding process can begin. The contractors are given thirty days to complete the bids for construction of the center. After the bids are received, the board will review them and select the contractor. When the contractor is selected, construction will start. The plans are for construction to begin in 2005 or early 2006.

Watch the Care Center site for exciting developments. This project is getting closer to a reality.

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Mike Porter benefit

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friend. He has given so much to us, now it is our turn to return the favor.

A benefit dinner, dance, raffle, and silent auction for Mike will be held Friday, July 15 at the Spur Livestock Pavilion in Swenson Park. The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a wonderful barbecue meal prepared by renowned Chuckwagon cook, Jerry Slaton. DeAnne Roberts will provide the entertainment throughout the meal and for the dance to follow. Throughout the evening, a silent auction will be held for some unique items with a range of goodies that will be sure to interest everyone. A drawing will be held at 8:30 p.m. for a beautiful stainless steel grill (\$1,000 retail value). Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 and can be purchased at the door or by contacting DeAnne Roberts at (806) 623-5234. Admission will be \$10 minimum donation at the door.



Barbara Alexander is pictured here with just a sampling of her delicious fresh vegetables. Barbara holds a "Farmer's Market" every Friday morning at the Park in Roaring Springs. Mrs. Alexander said she has been gardening since she was a child and loves to make things grow. This year she tried a few new techniques, such as torn strips of newspaper under some plants. She offers fresh tomatoes, squash, eggplant, lettuce, broccoli, beans, carrots, and fresh herbs. Vegetables such as okra and corn will be available when ready to pick.



Shea Rose

Shea Rose completes Medical Assistant course

Shea Rose recently completed a 9-month Medical Assistant course at Texas Careers school in Lubbock. The Lubbock campus is a branch of the San Antonio main campus.

Shea drove back and forth to Lubbock everyday and maintained a 3.5 GPA. She is trained to perform such tasks as administering injections, taking vital signs, phlebotomy techniques, pharmacology, performing EKG's, assisting in minor surgical procedures, CPR, basic accounting, charting and documenting.

Shea recently completed a two-month internship at the Motley County Clinic, and will now take her registered medical assistant state exam. She also plans to take classes in X-ray Technology sometime in the near future.

Shea is a 2004 graduate of Motley County High School and the daughter of Tony and Sherry Rose of Matador.

Chamber will sponsor Small Business workshop

On Thursday, July 21, a workshop for Small Business Development and Enhancement is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador. The chamber will host the event and provide refreshments and snacks. The cost of instructional material will be included in the \$12 fee. Some scholarships are available.

Do you dream of having your own business? Do you have a business but need help in keeping it going? Do you think your successful business could use some energizing? Do you have questions on how to run your business at the optimum level?

The Motley County Chamber, in conjunction with the Small Business Development Center at Texas Tech University, desires to help businesses find answers to these questions and more.

The SBDC is an outreach program of the University and provides many services for entrepreneurs and small businesses in a 15 county area. Counseling, technical assistance, training, and reference resources are available. Workshops are designed to enhance management and planning skills of the small business owner. This is not to be confused with financial aid or loans.

Enrollment is limited to fifteen, so register early with Chamber president, Annette Hollinsworth, 347-2388, or Barbara Armstrong, 347-2424.

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank Pat, D'Anna and Lizabeth for helping me so much when I got sick. Also Deb, who wasn't on duty, but came to my aid anyway. To Ty and Jimmie for keeping my yard these last two weeks; and to my kids who have gone far beyond the call of duty and stuck to me like glue, and to all that sent cards, food or called.

Love to all,
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I would like to thank the ambulance crew and everyone for the calls, cards, flowers and food since my accident. Thank you and God bless.

Sue Shannon

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It is evidenced by our Lord's discussion in John 15: 1-11 that He is not only concerned with people coming to Him, but also "abiding in Him." Yes, Our God earnestly desires for us to be saved, and yet there are also things which accompany a Christian's salvation. It is not enough for one to seek salvation and have no plans or desire to live a life for God.

Jesus tells us, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His Love." Our Lord was specific in what is required to abide in the love of God. We keep His commandments.

Notice what the writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 6: 9, 11, "But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way... And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end..." Here is the point. We are to be a people who bear fruit for God. Thereby proving that we are abiding in Him.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Micheal G. Crowley, Sr.

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



HUNGRY BABIES — This mamma bird was feeding her hungry baby birds when this picture was taken recently in the backyard of Jim and Carla Meador. The backyard birdhouse was the perfect home for the little bird family. (photo by Jim Meador)



Motley County Greenbelt Golfers, (left to right) Braden Mason, Austin Taylor, Bryant Taylor and Christian Brooks, are part of the Association of which local young golfers are excelling.

Young golfers excel in Greenbelt Association

by Wendi Taylor

The Motley County Greenbelt Golf Association is already in full swing. Shamrock has joined up this year giving the kids a total of seven different courses to play. There are several local kids participating, with some of the Roaring Springs Ranch Club campers being a part of the team as well.

The Greenbelt Golf Assoc. is for young golfers from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Young golfers travel to area towns to compete against each other. Medals are awarded for first, second and third places. Points are given for each first through 4th place and year end trophies will be awarded to the top three point winners.

K-3rd grade girls and boys play four holes from 150 out with a 7-stroke limit. 4th and 5th grade girls and boys play 5 holes from 200 out with a 7-stroke limit. 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and boys play 9 holes from the men's and women's tee boxes with a nine-stroke limit. 9th-12th grade girls play nine holes from the women's tee box, while the 9th-12th grade boys play 18 holes from the men's tee boxes.

Starting off the year golfers from all over the area raided the Roaring Springs Ranch Club for the first tournament of the season. Motley County golfers had a good day on their home

course. Results are as follows:

9-12: Boys - 1st, Chance Bingham; Girls - 3rd, Chicagra Brown, 4th, Karrie Valdez.

4-5: Boys - 1st, Christian Brooks; 2nd, Chance Logan; 3rd, Braden Mason; Girls - 4th, Jaci Zimmerman.

K-3: Boys - 1st, Bryant Taylor; 3rd, Trey Leftwich; Girls-3rd, Mattie Brooks.

The following week, Monday, June 13, the team traveled to Quanah, again playing well and bringing home some medals.

9-12: Boys - 1st, Chance Bingham; 6-8 grade, 4th, Andrew Martin; 4-5, 2nd, Christian Brooks; 4th, Austin Taylor; K-3rd grade, 3rd, Seth Baxter.

The third tournament was held in Shamrock, Tuesday, June 21, and once again Motley County was well represented.

9-12 grade: 1st, Chance Bingham; 6th-8th grade, 4th, Andrew Martin; 4th-5th grade, 1st, Christian Brooks; 2nd, Braden Mason; 4th, Austin Taylor; K-3rd grade, 1st., Bryant Taylor.

The team traveled to Childress Saturday, June 25 for yet another exciting game of golf.

9-12 grade: Isaiah Archer; 4th-5th grade, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Reagan Elliott.

With three tournaments to go there are several local kids contending for trophies. It is anyone's game at this point.

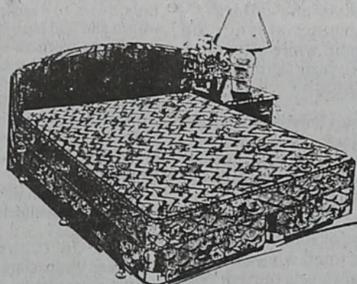


BEAUTY QUEENS — Missy, left, shown by her owner, Shea Rose, won first place in the Dog Fashion Show at the July 4th Celebration in Roaring Springs. Jill, right, shown by owner, Carla Meador, won second place, while Little Boy (not pictured) shown by owner Pat Warren, won third. In the Trick Division, Kloe, shown by owner Kelly Keltz, won first; Beulah, shown by owner Dana Graham, second; and Missy, shown by owner Shea Rose, won third.

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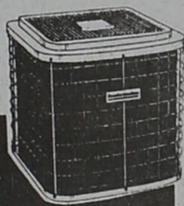
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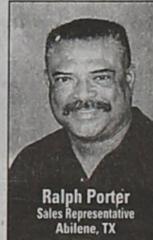
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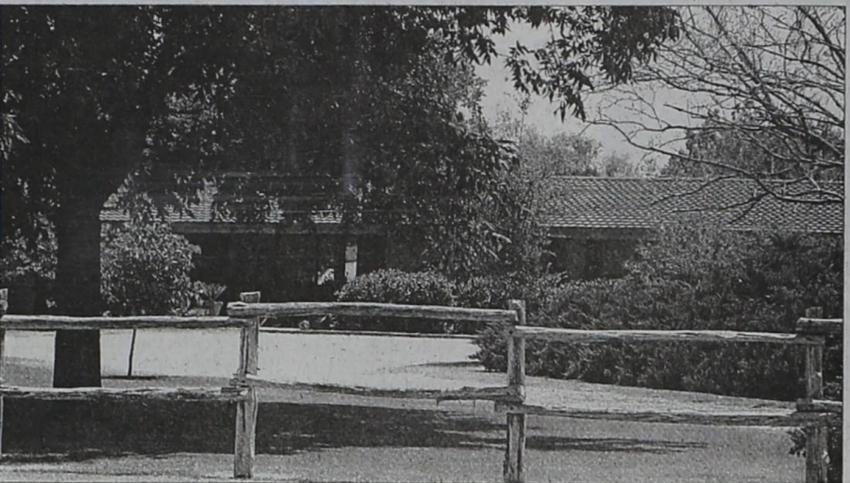
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JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH — This beautiful yard at the home of Kelly and Pennie Keltz in Roaring Springs received the prestigious title of "Yard of the Month" for June, by the Texas Highway 70 Association.



MATADOR YARD OF THE MONTH — C.W. and Pat Moore's lovely, sprawling yard received the "Yard of the Month" title for Matador, in June, by the Texas Highway 70 Association. The Association will name a yard from each town along highway 70 for each month of the summer season.

Illustrator, western artist will display works at Summer Arts Exhibit

Hank the Cow Dog illustrator Gerald Holmes and award-winning western artist Anita Smith Palmer will display recent works during the month-long Summer Arts Exhibition at Copper Breaks State park opening Saturday, July 16.

Framed art by Holmes and Palmer will be joined by several examples of custom hand-made knives by Winston Rainey.

Holmes, originally from Waurika and now living and working in Perryton, Texas, is best known for the whimsical characters he draws for author John Erickson's Hank the Cow Dog children's books. The park exhibition will feature his works in watercolor as well as pen and ink.

Palmer, from Olney, is celebrated for her western-themed paintings of everyday ranch life, its people and their animal companions, is a retired educator and internationally acclaimed artist who won her first international art show at age 7. Most recently she was named 2005 Women Artist of the West Signature Artist.

Rainey, from Allison, Texas, near Shamrock, uses traditional and found materials for his handmade knives. He hand shapes each handle from shed antlers and custom cut hardwoods, and cuts each blade individually.

A traditional "Silver Tea" reception hosted by the Quahadi Society will highlight the exhibition opening Saturday, July 16, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with refreshments provided by the Quahadi Society. Park admission fees will be waived for visitors attending the reception.

The Copper Breaks Summer Arts Exhibition is held every summer in the air-conditioned park museum as a way to entice visitors to the park even on the hottest days, and as a way to showcase the talents of many western-themed artists in the region. It began in 1997 with a show featuring the stock and rodeo photography of the late great livestock reporter Frank Reeves. Last year the exhibition focused solely on photographic art, and in the past has featured works by noted mouth artist Joe Urquizo, traditional Native American flat painting by Quanah Parker Tracy, macrame' by California archaeologist-turned-artist Steven Harmon, as well as a variety of media members of the Vernon Arts League and many local artists.

Copper Breaks State Park is located on State Highway 6 about 13 miles south of Quanah. For more information on park programs and facilities, contact the park daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., at (940) 839-4331.

OBITUARIES

Mary Martha Martin

Sometime between Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29, 2005, our beloved sister, Mary Martha Martin departed this earth. Because we live with this hope, she is now enjoying everlasting life with the Father. She would have attained the age of 54 this year.

Mary was born August 22, 1951, in Portland, Oregon, the second daughter of John Henry Martin and Zona Ruth Scaff. After living in several western states, she spent most of her life in Matador and Lubbock, Texas. Her main occupation was that of mother to Kathy, Keri, and Michael. Mary was active in school and sporting events in which her children participated. She loved the law field and worked in several capacities to increase her knowledge of the law.

She was predeceased by her father, May 1981, her mother, August 2003, and her daughter, Keri, September 2003. Her faith of raising and choice was in the Methodist Church.

In addition to two children and four grandchildren, she is survived by a brother, Charles Cammack, San Antonio, and sisters, Etta Walker, DeLeon, Jackie Smith, Gruver, and Stella Swim, Abilene. She will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family members.

The family is grateful to the citizens of Matador and Motley County for their support during this time of grief and sorrow. We regret actions that may have caused misgivings and sincerely apologize.

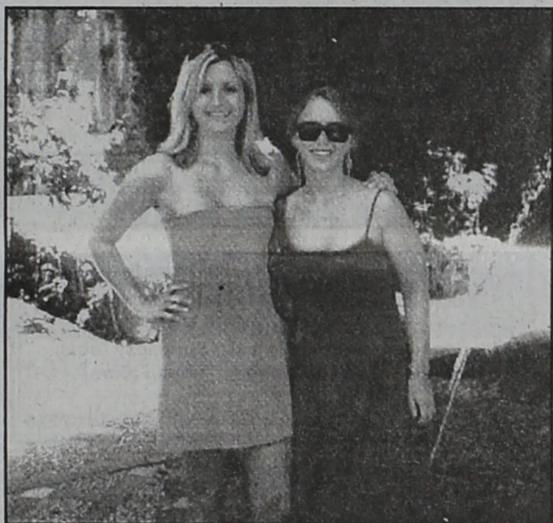
SENATOR DUNCAN

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"He's the rare senator who masters both the big ideas and the details. When Senate debate gets mired in controversy over the language in a bill, keep your eye on the huddle that forms around him, a sure sign that other senators are looking to him for a technical fix that will resolve the problem. Says an admiring colleague, 'He's the best lawyer in the Senate.'"

"Notwithstanding his skills, he tends to frustrate other members and lobbyists who want a quick, final agreement. Mild-mannered and methodical, he sometimes makes decisions at the pace of an oak growing out of rock. Just when you think you've got a deal worked out, a frequent complaint goes, Duncan finds one more thing to discuss. Clearly, the Senate's top tier, he has stood for several sessions on the brink of joining the ranks of role-model legislators whose wisdom and propriety serve as a beacon to others. He's not there yet, but it shouldn't be too much longer."

Tech students travel to Spain



Leigha Burns, left, with her Spain roommate, Kate Byrd, in the gardens of a castle in Granada.



Tech students aboard the Nina.

Leigha Burns, a student at Texas Tech University, was among a group of 50 students and four professors, traveling to Spain for a 6-week study tour.

The group studied Spanish. Leigha's major is advertising, her minor is Spanish and psychology.

Leigha took two senior-level classes through the Texas Tech program in Spain; advanced conversational Spanish and Spanish history and culture.

The group stayed in Seville, Spain while attending classes, with host families who spoke no English.

The group traveled all over Spain on tours, including the beach in Cadiz, Granada, Segovia, Madrid and Toledo. Other activities included a bullfight, a ballet in Madrid, viewing the 1700 year old body of a Saint, viewing the tomb where Christopher Columbus is buried, visited the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria (replicas of Columbus' ships), visited the tombs of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, as well as the burial tombs of each deceased king or queen of Spain. They also visited the museum in Madrid containing pieces of art from various famous artists, and several Cathedrals, castles and palaces.

Leigha, a graduate of Motley County High School, is the daughter of Steve and Reneigh Burns of Evansville, WY, former Matador residents. She is the granddaughter of Chig and Polly Gwinn of Matador.

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Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director

The Senior Citizens Assn. has received memorial donations in memory of Bill Moss from June and Stanley Levell, C.H. and Raynita Murphy and Betty and Billy Paul Simpson.

Memorials in memory of Jerry Green have been from Tex and Eva Barkley and Judy and Butch Renfro. We also received memorials in memory of Col. Jerry M. Green from Jennie Wu, Judy Lu, and Mr. and Mrs. B.Y. Lo. When Judy Lu sent in the memorials she made them

for Colonel Jerry M. Green. I always knew him just as Green. Colonel Green looks real good on paper.

We thank all of you very much for remembering the Center with your memorials.

Remember the Thursday night game night if you like games; and 7:30 a.m. every morning exercise. Y'all come on out and enjoy Kellie and Margie's good cooking. We are open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

Mrs. Marie Judd of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Fish of Lubbock visited in the home of their sister, Mrs. Devonne Dillard and family this past week. Mr. and Mrs. Fish also visited Lula Swim.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Crosbyton Tuesday where she had her leg scanned.

There were 13 kids attending the House of Faith meeting Wednesday morning, July 6 at the Park. Monta Marshall told the Bible story. Other adults helping were Ken Abbott, Alex Crowder, Joyce Meredith, Lula Swim and Rev. Winfield Davenport.

Corky Marshall went to Lubbock on Wednesday to see his doctor.

Mrs. Jo Crowder went to Childress Wednesday morning for a dentist appointment.

J.N. and Darleen Fletcher hosted a cookout breakfast in their yard on Monday morning, July 4th.

There were about 50 people attending and enjoying the delicious breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cole of Los Angeles, CA and Roberta Cole of Amarillo met Mrs. Billie George Roller and Mrs. Pete Ozborn of Plainview, and Mrs. Cleo Watson and Larry Watson for lunch in Plainview.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Plainview where she saw her doctor, Friday morning. She received a good report; also from her cancer and heart doctor.

Larry Watson returned to Austin on Sunday after spending a few days here with his mother, Cleo Watson.

There were 10 ladies that met in the home of P.K. Green Monday morning, July 11, for Bible study. The discussion was on faith. Several scriptures were read in Romans, Peter and Matthew. At the closing several offered prayers.

Grace went to a membership meeting of her fellow electric co-op owners. Which meant the whole county was there.

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Is the drought over?

One or two good years have dropped the word "drought" from many Texans' vocabularies. But is the drought really over? A Texas Cooperative Extension water expert at Fort Stockton says no.

Mike Mecke, is a drought pro. He is Extension's water management program specialist for far West Texas, one of the driest regions in the nation. He's also a native Texan who grew up during the infamous 1950s drought. Fifteen years as a Natural Resources Conservation Service range conservationist in Texas, and later experience as a rangeland manager on Arizona and New Mexico Indian reservations, taught him valuable lessons on drought preparations.

"Most of Texas has been blessed with ample rains for the past 20 months," Mecke said. "But the question remains, is this drought really over and how does the current situation rank with the 1950s drought?"

"It's a little too early to tell. One good year, or even two, does not necessarily break a drought. Records show the '50s drought in Texas started in the southern Hill Country and San Antonio

areas as early as 1948, and didn't end until the fall of 1957.

"I was an Aggie freshman in Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets when the drought broke," Mecke said. "It rained so much that fall I thought the only clothes I needed were a helmet and a raincoat. But, boy, it was wonderful to see the world turn green again."

Mecke said even during the 1950s drought there were periods of almost normal rainfall — similar to what Texans are enjoying now.

"Some of our key lakes in the western half of Texas are pretty full now and in good shape," he said. "Others have recovered to varying degrees, but still are a long way from being full. We've had a lot of rain in far West Texas, so why aren't the lakes out here running over? It seems strange they are not, until you realize all their watersheds are still in a long-term drought condition."

"We've made progress, but water-catching native grasses and forbs are greatly reduced or gone, soils are dry many feet below the surface and stream banks (riparian areas) are dry as well. Aquifers and shallow

groundwater areas have really suffered during this drought. It will take several good years of rainfall before springs will recharge and flow consistently."

Mecke said vegetation must recover before rainfall can become effective. Creeks and rivers have suffered for so long that many waterways have gone dry.

In good times creek banks absorb water much like a sponge, he said. This "sponge" supports tree growth and other vegetation when creek flow stops for brief intervals.

"These riparian areas remain dry over much of Texas," Mecke said. "It will take a long time to refill these natural sponges. You know how hard it is to build up your bank account. Well, riparian banks and underground aquifer recharge areas work the same way — seems like slow coming in and fast going out."

Mecke said along with ample rainfall, recovering from a long-standing drought takes time, patience and smart management by the land manager.

"Ranchers should consider holding off restocking drought-damaged ranges and check with

their local Extension or Natural Resources Conservation Service offices for advice and technical assistance before buying those high-priced cows," Mecke said. "From a range management point of view, it may be wise to start back with stockers and only keep them briefly until pastures re-vegetate with good quality forage plants."

"In the meantime, emphasize your wildlife income and harvest more doe deer. Ranchers need to remember that they are actually grass farmers and livestock and wildlife are their harvesting tools."

Mecke said the better condition a rancher's rangelands are, the more profitable their ranching enterprises will be and the more effective their watersheds will be.

"Drought or not, water conservation is the name of the game," Mecke said. "In fact, with Texas expected to double its population by 2050, we will probably always be in a water-conserving mode. If we're not in a drought now, we must not forget that the next one is just around the corner. We need to be prepared for it not only in our rangeland and farming management, but also in our communities and personal lives as well."

High Plains Vegetable Field Day and Farm Tour set for July 28 in Lubbock

Lubbock -- Those interested in vegetable production should mark July 28 on their calendars. That's the date for the third annual High Plains Vegetable Field Day and Farm Tour at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center here.

The center is just north of the Lubbock airport. Take exit 11 off of Interstate Highway 27, turn east on Farm to Market road 1294 and travel approximately one-half mile. The center is on the south side of FM 1294.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Attendance is free, and participants will qualify to earn continuing education units approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"We will start off with a walking tour of field plots at the center," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist headquartered at Lubbock. "The tour will include watermelon, tomato, snap bean and hot pepper variety tri-

als, watermelon and bell pepper fertility trials, and several herbicide trials.

"We will also look at a watermelon growth response trial, where watermelons are grown on a variety of colored plastic mulches. We will wrap up the morning by visiting the Texas Tech University crops research farm to view a pumpkin herbicide screening trial and watermelon/cantaloupes fertility trials."

Lunch will be provided, but those who plan to attend should make reservations by contacting Wendy Durrett at (806) 746-6101 by July 20, Wallace said.

"After lunch, we will visit Sunburst Market, Apple Country and the South Plains Food Bank farm. This will give us a chance to discuss production practices with area growers," he added. "We should finish the farm tour around 4 p.m."

For more information, call Wallace or Durrett at (806) 746-6101.

Spade Ranch wins top honors at Clarendon Rodeo

Note: Information for this article is from the Clarendon Enterprise.

The Spade Ranch of Turkey, Texas, took top honors during the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo, July 1 and 2.

Spade Ranch cowboys put their skills to the test as part of the 127th anniversary Saints' Roost Celebration. Their scores

beat out 20 other local and regional teams, winning the Bronc Riding event, Friday; Sorting and Doctoring, Friday; and the Branding event, Friday. The team was made up of Wes Farley, Andy Falcon, John Bland, Tanner Johnson and Dakota Falcon.

The Top Hand award was won by Tanner Johnson of the Spade Ranch team.

New law stiffens penalty

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According to Texas Department of Public Safety statistics, 83 Texas drivers younger than 21 were killed in auto accidents involving alcohol in 2001, the most recent year such data is available.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who sponsored the bill along with state Rep. Ismael "Kino" Flores, D-Mission, said the law marks a different approach than recent enforcement efforts that have targeted underage drinkers.

"While much of the focus in recent years has been on kids using fake IDs or other means to gain access to alcohol, research clearly shows they

haven't needed anything more than a willing friend or relative to become an underage drinker," Seliger said in a press statement.

Hale said TABC had surveyed young Texas adults and learned some earlier underage drinking laws had less of an effect than originally hoped.

"We did a group of focus sessions in Dallas and the (Rio Grande) Valley, and what we found was it's kind of hard for younger adults to translate those Class A penalties as a threat to their life-style," Hale said. "But a driver's license loss, that's a threat to any young adult's life-style."

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migratory game bird, saltwater fishing with a red drum tag and upland game bird). The Federal Waterfowl (duck) Stamp is not included. For a member of the military to qualify for a free "Super Combo," he or she must have continuously resided in Texas for more than six months before obtaining the license. See the Outdoor Annual on page 21 for more specifics.

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High: 96 Low: 70
- Friday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 96 Low: 68
- Saturday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 95 Low: 67
- Sunday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 94 Low: 65
- Monday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 94 Low: 66
- Tuesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 96 Low: 69
- Wednesday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 95 Low: 67

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 96°, humidity of 31% and an overnight low of 70°. The record high temperature for today is 106° set in 1954. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 96°.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
7/14	7/21	7/27	8/4

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	106	71	94/70	0.00"	1.16"
Monday	90	68	94/70	0.00"	0.53"
Tuesday	92	65	95/70	0.01"	+0.63"
Wednesday	88	64	95/70	0.26"	0.80.3°
Thursday	89	65	95/70	0.89"	0.82.5°
Friday	94	68	95/71	0.00"	-2.2°
Saturday	94	70	95/71	0.00"	

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

July 14, 1987 - Severe thunderstorms in Iowa produced eight inches of golf ball size hail near Grafton, Iowa, completely stripping corn stalks in the area. Hail caused more than a million dollars in damage to crops in Worth County and Mitchell County.

Sun & Moon Times

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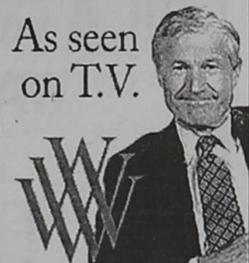
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