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Motley County School Board meets New Superintendent hired

by Tina Brooks,
School Board Reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Tuesday, June 13, in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Ted Davey. Also present were Denise Ford, Marilyn Hicks, Dr. Thomas Alvis and Judy Cooper.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Alvis reported on the selling of WADA (Weighted Average Daily Attendance) students for the 2005-06 school year.

The list of expenditures was read and approved. The board voted to accept the school board

policy update number 75.

Monarch Management Corporation was approved for student insurance.

Dr. Alvis recommended to the board to receive bids for a new auditor. This was approved.

During the principal's report, Mrs. Hicks informed the Board that summer school is in full swing, and that several teachers have been receiving training for the Positive Behavior Intervention that will be starting during the 2005-06 school year.

Dr. Alvis informed the board that the State is changing the school finance rating system. The report will be even more detailed than before. At this time Motley County has a Superior rating. Dr. Alvis also stated

that legislature still has not done anything with school finance.

The board entered executive session at 8:24 p.m. and exited at 9:10 p.m. No action was taken out of executive session.

The board met Thursday, June 16, for a called meeting to interview Superintendent applicants. All board members were present. Also present were Dr. Alvis, Byron Terrier, Fred McNeil and Randy Brown.

The board entered executive session to interview Superintendent applicants at 7:30 p.m., and exited at 12:42 a.m.

Out of executive session the board voted to hire Randy Brown on a two-year contract at \$64,500 including employee insurance, house and state or school travel rate for expenses

for the district.

Mr. Brown, 37, is a graduate of Levelland High School. He and his wife, Andrea, a native of Quitaque, have one son who will enter Pre-K. Mrs. Brown is in the education field as a part-time nurse instructor.

The Browns will move to Matador from Levelland, where Mr. Brown was Principal.

All of the applicants commented on how clean and well-kept the community and school are. They said that from the time you enter Motley County, the yards are mowed and everything looks great. This is just one more way to show how proud we are of our county and our school. It says a lot for Motley County and the people who live here.

Flomot Tri-annual Homecoming set for July 2

"An integral part of your early life remains a storage box of memories."

Renewing memories with friends will be on the agenda at the Tri-Annual Flomot Homecoming Saturday, July 2, 2005, at the Community Center in Flomot.

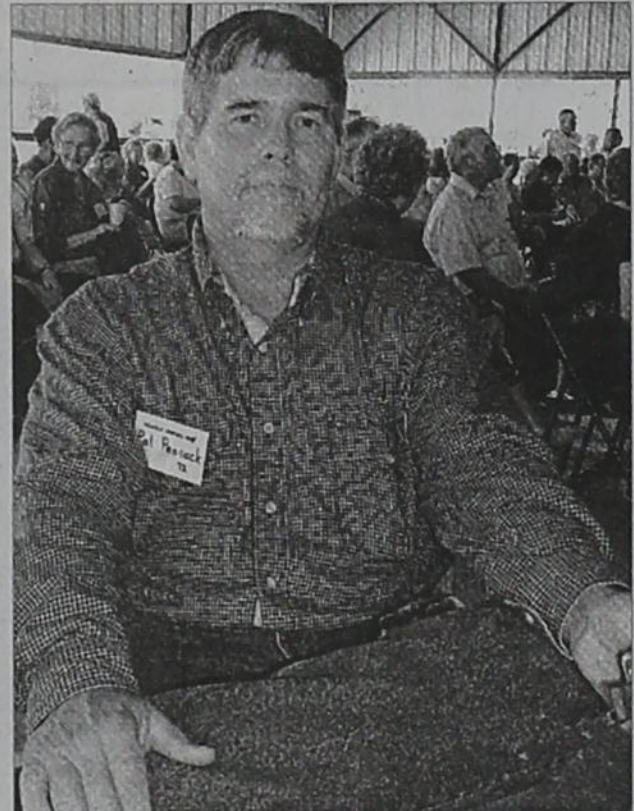
Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Class reunions and visiting are planned. A concession stand at the Center during the day with Mrs. Pam Morris and helpers will have food and beverages of your choice.

At 5:00 p.m., there will be a program at the Center with the crowning of Homecoming Queen and election of officers of the Homecoming Association. Following the program, a catered barbecue supper will be served. At 9:00 p.m., a homecoming dance will be held for those attending and their guests.

The Do Gooders' Club will sell chances on a beautiful quilt that will be on display during homecoming activities. The winner will be announced following the Homecoming program and does not have to be present to win.

Donnie Rogers, president, announced that since the Homecoming Association does not have membership dues or charge for meal or dance tickets, donations to help de-

Over 500 attend Roaring Springs School Reunion



RECOGNIZED AT REUNION — Mrs. Vera Mitchell, left, was recognized during the Roaring Springs Reunion program, last Saturday, as being the oldest citizen of Roaring Springs and Motley County. Mrs. Mitchell is 101. Ina Mae Baird, center, was recognized as the earliest graduate attending. She was a member of the class of 1932. Pat Peacock was recognized as the only member attending from the class of 1972, the last class to graduate from Roaring Springs High School.

Over 500 Roaring Springs ex-students, teachers and friends gathered Saturday, June 18, at the Community Center to celebrate homecoming. The day got off to a start with registration, beginning at 9:30 a.m. After a business meeting, a delicious barbecue meal was served and the afternoon program followed.

Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon was Roaring Springs graduate Bill Harmon. The welcome was given by another RS graduate, Mayor Corky Marshall.

Former teachers, superintendents and principals were recognized. Ina Mae Baird, of Lubbock, was given special recognition as the earliest graduate in attendance. Mrs. Baird was a member of the class of 1932. Also recognized were members of the class of 1934 in attendance, Adelle Craig Smith, Johnnie Williams and Virgie Marshall, and the class of 1944 with six ex-students in attendance, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Mitchell Thacker, Marian Alice Mitchell Jones, Jay Havens, Carlene Giesecke Bagley and Lorene Bowling Lenley.

Mr. Harmon called for every class member of each year to

stand, beginning with the earliest in attendance, 1932, up to 1972 when the school consolidated. The crowd applauded as exes stood for recognition.

Marian Alice Mitchell Jones was recognized for traveling the farthest, from Monterey, California.

A very special recognition was given to Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Roaring Springs' oldest citizen, at 101 years old. The crowd gave a standing ovation in honor to Mrs. Mitchell.

The class of 1955 was recognized in honor of their 50th reunion. Other classes reaching 50 years since the last homecoming, held in 2000, were also recognized - '51, '52, '53, and '54.

Entertainment was presented by Friends in Harmony, a group of friends who enjoy making music together. The group consist of Kelly and Pennie Keltz, Gerald Pipkin, Billy Donaldson, Brandt Bearden, and Sharon VanHoose.

Drawings were held for a handmade Afghan donated by Vee Harmon Gordon and a handmade baby quilt donated by Laverne Davis Kingery. The tickets were tossed and turned by Mayor Marshall and drawn

by the granddaughter of Van and Lee (Harmon) Bradford. The crowd laughed with disbelief when a luck of the draw resulted in the winning ticket belonging to none other than Vee's twin sister, Lee. R.W. Stafford was the lucky winner of the baby quilt.

Outgoing officers are Charlie Long, Pres.; Devonne Dillard, Vice-Pres.; Palma

Smiley, Secretary; and Judy Cartwright, Treasurer.

New officers for the 2010 celebration are Lester Mullins, Pres.; Karen (Williams) Davis, Vice-Pres.; Linda (Parks) Hess, Secretary; and Dora (Underwood) Hurt, Treasurer. The new board of directors will consist of Judy Cartwright, Harley Alsop, Dana Graham, and Charlie Long.

Crosbyton Hospital's future rests in petition for district

Note: This article first appeared in the Texas Spur.

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital, in dire financial straits, is appealing to the try-county area of Crosby, Dickens, and Motley counties, for survival. The hospital is petitioning the counties to band together to create a hospital district to support the hospital through an ad valorem tax.

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital has announced that the hospital will begin a petition process to institute a multi-county tax

district to address the financial problems facing the 60-year old healthcare facility.

"Our basic circumstances are that we need to incorporate a health services or hospital district in order for our facility to survive," said CEO John Brock. "If this doesn't transpire, it is safe to say that the hospital will cease to exist," added Brock.

The following information was released concerning the hospital.

Prior to the year 2000, Crosbyton Clinic Hospital

Commissioners meet for regular session

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

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, Library and County Agent. After one minor correction, Commissioners approved the minutes, to pay bills, and reports.

Commissioner Davis reported to the court he had purchased a shredder for Precinct 1.

Judge Smith reported he had received information on a drug testing policy for deputies, and they can be added for testing at no cost.

Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, met with the court to discuss the Grant she has received for software for her office. The software will cost \$7,000 and must be purchased before the grant will be paid.

Commissioners approved transfer of funds from the Capital Acquisition Investment account to the Technology Fund to pay for this purchase, until the reimbursement from the State is received.

County land owners, Buster Chadwick and Lonnie Cagle, met with the court to present their concerns on drainage problems on their farms and an adjoining landowner in Precinct 2. After a lengthy discussion, the men were informed by the court they have a civil problem that the court can not completely solve.

Roaring Springs July 4th Celebration plans set

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor their annual July 4th Celebration, with a full day of fun and festivities planned.

The day will begin with a community breakfast, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the home of J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, south of Roaring Springs.

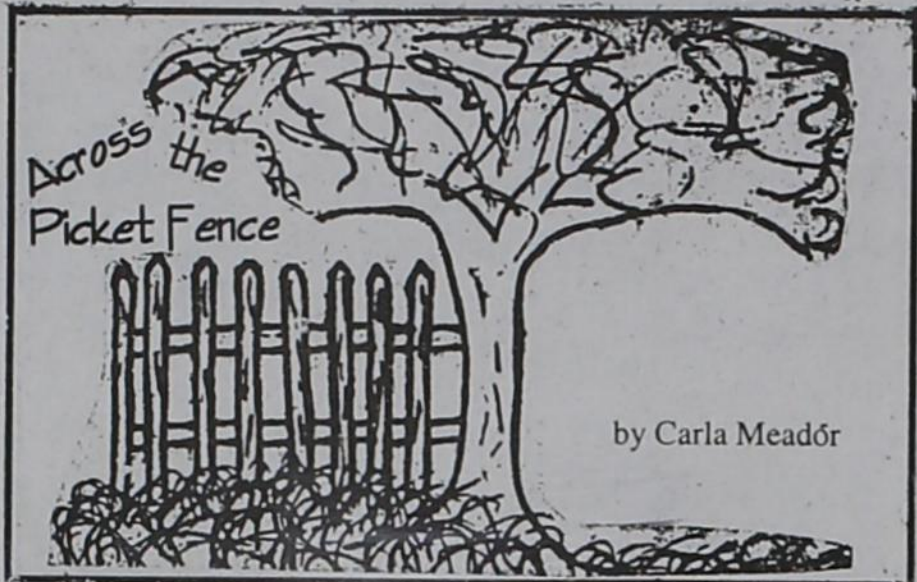
A Memorial service will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Roaring Springs Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Roaring Springs.

A Riding Lawn Mower parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will feature riding lawn mowers and other small vehicles. In years past there have been some very interesting entries and reports indicate that this year's parade will feature some new and festive rides.

At 12:00 noon, a hot dog and soft drink lunch will be served at the Community Center, or bring your own picnic lunch and dine under the big elm trees in the Park.

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The Roaring Springs reunion was fun. Yes, I am a Yellowjacket. Jim refers to the name as 'Dirtobbers.' Remember when Roaring Springs and Matador were rivals? The school consolidation was hard for everyone, but now we're all just one big, happy community. I'm sure everyone in attendance at the Reunion had a lot of memories to share. Thinking about memories brought this email received from a friend a while ago, to mind.

"People won't remember what you did ... people won't remember what you said ... But, people will always remember how you made them feel!"

- Wisdom of the soul:
1. No one can ruin your day without your permission.
 2. Most people will be about as happy, as they decide to be.
 3. Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.
 4. Whatever you are willing to put up with, is exactly what you will have.
 5. Success stops when you do.
 6. When your ship comes in ... make sure you are willing to unload it.
 7. You will never "have it all together."
 8. Life is a journey ... not a destination. Enjoy the trip!
 9. The biggest lie on the planet: "When I get what I want I will be happy."
 10. The best way to escape your problem is to solve it.
 11. I've learned that ultimately 'takers' lose and 'givers' win.
 12. Life's precious moments

- don't have value, unless they are shared.
13. If you don't start, it's certain you won't arrive.
 14. We often fear the thing we want the most.
 15. Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you have to say. Best friends listen to what you don't say!
 16. Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.
 17. Look for opportunities ... not guarantees.
 18. Life is what's coming ... not what was.
 19. Success is getting up one more time.
 20. Now is the most interesting time of all.
 21. When things go wrong ... don't go with them.
 22. Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
 23. God can mend all broken hearts. You just have to give Him all the pieces.
 24. A person who asks a question might be a fool for five minutes, but a person who doesn't ask, is a fool forever.
 25. A best friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.
 27. A coincidence is when God performs a miracle, and decides to remain anonymous.
 28. I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.
 29. Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace...and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.
 30. Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

Lions continue work on library building

Again, the combined Lions Clubs of Matador and Roaring Springs participated in a work session at the library's annex last Monday evening. All walls are down, the carpet has been removed and the beautiful tin ceiling is revealed. The men did a tremendous amount of work and you can see all the way from the front door to the back door

now. Those participating in this evening of work were Paul Westbrook, Roger Evans, Charley Johnson, Tom Edwards, Alex Crowder, Kenneth Abbott, Jim Watson and Stan Hanesworth. The Eternas Study Club provided a delicious supper for the workers.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the memorial donations that the library received last week. We thank W.C. Pallmeyer for his donation in memory of Bill Moss, Jerry Green and Mary M. Martin. We appreciate the donation by Bob and Wanda Kilmer in memory of Audie Cross. We also thank Mary Jones, Deanie and Tom Edwards, Mrs. J.E. Edwards, and Charley and Opal Johnson for their donations in memory of Jerry Green.

The library received three boxes of audio books on tape last week. These tapes were a gift from Yvonna Bentz of Poteet, Texas. We thank her for this donation. Those of you who like to while away the hours traveling will enjoy these books on tape. There are many of the newest novels in this collection and they will be on the shelves soon.

New books in the library include *Appaloosa* by Robert B.

Parker and *Lie by Moonlight* by Amanda Quick. We also have *The Biggest Brother* which is the story of the man who led the Band of Brothers. The library has James Patterson's *4th of July* and *Shooter* by Jack Coughlin and Casey Kuhlman.

Another new book is *One Ranger* by Joaquin Jackson and David M. Wilkinson. This is Jackson's own story of his service in the Texas Rangers. Nick Nolte modeled his character in the movie *Extreme Prejudice* on Jackson and Ranger Jackson had a speaking part in *The Good Old Boys* with Tommy Lee Jones.

This next Tuesday is the last meeting of the Summer Reading Club at the library. We have a special treat for the children, thanks to the Friends of the Library. Magic by Montgomery will be the highlight of the session from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

IN DEFENSE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

Today, "that's a violation of separation of church and state" is a cry of alarm from evil-motived or misled ACLU members to even some well-meaning (but just as misled) Baptists. To those lamenting current absurd court rulings, Jefferson generally gets blamed, and that's a bad rap.

In his Jan. 1, 1802, reply letter to the Danbury Baptists, Jefferson did use the metaphorical phrase, but he neither coined the phrase nor the concept. Earlier writers had. The Danbury Baptists had written congratulating the new president and cautiously inquired about his views on religious liberty. Jefferson, knowing that his reply would not stay private, saw it as a delightful opportunity to take a slap at certain religious groups that had opposed his election. They had questioned his theology and suggested that if he was elected, Satan would take over; also a bad rap. Hence his letter. But, it should always be remembered that Jefferson was the new president, and the "wall of separation" he was describing was between the church and the FEDERAL state! That's what he was asked about. Though the Supreme Court would later use his words, the Court created a brand new meaning and effect for "the wall of separation between church and state."

Jefferson's "wall of separation" would actually render

most Supreme Court rulings on religion a violation of church/state separation, thus unconstitutional, and they are. The Court has no actual power to do so.

Whole forests have been killed to provide paper for writings on Jefferson and this subject. Sadly, most authors haven't been able to see the forest for the trees. The best and only books that need to be read to fully and correctly get to the bottom of things is "Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation between Church and State," by Daniel L. Driesbach, 2002, N.Y. University Press.

Many, including the Supreme Court, have assumed that Jefferson was an expert upon and involved in the drafting of the Constitution. He wasn't, and said so. At the time of drafting and adoption, he was far across the Atlantic as Ambassador to France.

Also, many have claimed that Jefferson was a non-Christian deist, but he said he was a Christian, and thought Christianity so important that he even wrote a pamphlet for the Indians titled, "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth" setting forth the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels.

In 1794, Jefferson made a statement more fitting today than then, when he said: "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep forever."



ROARING SPRINGS CLASS OF 1944 — The class of 1944 was recognized for having several members of the class attend homecoming. Pictured above are class members (top l-r) Buzz Thacker and Jay Havens, seated are LaVoe Mitchell Thacker and Marian Alice Mitchell Jones. Mrs. Jones was also recognized for traveling the furthest, from Monterey, CA. Not pictured, but attending the reunion are Charlene Giesecke Bagley and Lorene Bowling Lenley.



OPERATION ROUND UP AWARDS \$21,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS — Operation Round Up, a community service program supported by the members of South Plains Cooperative, awarded \$21,000 in scholarships. Twenty-one local students each received \$1,000 award for the 2005-2006 school year. These students were selected on their scholastic records, school and community service activities and financial need. The recipients include: Savanna Adams, Jayton-Girard; Berry Andres, Snyder; Kelsi Arnold, Spur; Tom Butler, Guthrie, Nikka Edwards, Cotton Center; Jessica Farris, Roosevelt; Cody Heath, Cotton Center; Jennifer Heath, Cotton Center; Julie Heath, Cotton Center; Jenna Jones, Slaton; Brent Longway, Shallowater; Brenda Marquez, Cotton Center; Jeremy Martin, Slaton; Bryce Meador, Aspermont; Erica Morgan, Jayton-Girard; Cody Myers, Aspermont; Robert Saucedo, Roosevelt; Rebecca Scott, Monterey; Dayne Stanton, Idalou; Kaye Unrein, Lubbock-Cooper; Jared Wims, Idalou. Several thousand members of South Plains Electric Cooperative voluntarily participate in Operation Round Up, an innovative program to provide funding for many worthy projects herein our local communities, administered by a 10-member board of area leaders serving on a voluntary basis. South Plains Electric Cooperative, your Touchstone energy Cooperative, serves about 44,000 connected meters in Childress, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Foad, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Hockley, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley and Stonewall counties. When you see Touchstone Energy, you know this is a locally owned, community-minded, electric cooperative providing high standards of service for members large and small.

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New to You

Downtown Matador

Tee Time

by Judy C.

Ladies' Playday, Thursday, June 16, was for closest to the pin. Playing 18 holes were Liv, Glenna, Geneva, Louise, Jean H., Mary Morris and Dartha. There were no winners.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Tempie, Frances, Nell, and Mary J. There were no winners.

There were 17 players for the June 15th Scramble.

First place, with a score of 31, were Rob, Tempie, Robert and Fritzi.

Second place, with a score of 32, were Kenny, Liv, Russell,

Lori and Bryan White. Others playing were Bill, Jean H., Alan, Stan, Jack, Tammy, Cody and Matt.

"Working...And Prayer"

There are two things that are impressive in the Parable of the Sower found in Mark 4: 26-27. First the Sower had to sow the seed. Second, the plant had to grow. In the Kingdom, in order for it to reproduce itself, according to the seed principle, Christians must be involved in the work of sowing and in prayer. Neither one of these two can be done successfully from the other.

It is necessary for Christians to be about the Lord's business of sowing the seed of the Kingdom. While we are about God's business we need to be in prayer for guidance and Wisdom. The Bible shows us that there is a time for activity and a time for prayer. We read of this in Exodus 14:15 as well as other passages.

Work and Prayer: When practiced together, what great things happen! When apart from one another, what failures can occur! Praise be to God who gives the increase. It is He that brings about growth. We as Christians, have a valued part of the development of the Kingdom on this earth. Our part? Working and praying that is part.

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

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

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Matador Variety



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Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider: Everything in West Texas pricks, bites or stings.

— Unknown

Prompted by an inquiry from a local rancher, the topic of killer bees needed to be researched. And what grisly information was found.

Motley County does now provide a home for Africanized Honey Bees, also known as Killer Bees. And they are not friendly fellows to share our environment with. How do you know if a bee hive you find is populated by domesticated honey bees or killer bees? They look the same, so the ultimate answer can only be found after the DNA of a suspect bee is analyzed at an appropriate lab. But honey bees, when irritated, will only chase you about 50 yards, while killer bees will go after you for a good half mile.

So what are you to do if you find a suspect hive, or you find yourself constantly confronted by unknown bees? The internet offers a wide variety of answers, but the overwhelming majority of serious sites say that only a professional exterminator should deal with the problem, since do-it-yourself varieties can simply be too dangerous.

The politically correct sites explain how important bees are in the environment, the important role they play in pollinating all manner of plants, and plead

with people to leave them be. But, if you persist in viewing them as a problem and want to try to deal with the problem yourself, what should you do? Well, whatever you do, it should be done at night, when the bees are at home in bed, and it should be done when it is as cold as possible, rendering them sluggish.

If you have found a hive outdoors, you can spray the entrance to the hive with wasp and hornet insecticide, though this is not 100% effective and can make the bees pretty mad, so plan your escape route, and you need to make sure the spray does not fall on yourself. Alternatively, you can use Sevin dust in a pump spray container. If there are still bees after a week, repeat the process.

Another solution is to vacuum them up, then put them in a pump spray container. If in filmy, liquid soap, which suffocates them.

After eliminating the bees, if the hive is on a tree limb or somewhere you can get at it, put a strong trash bag around it, tie it tight, and cut it down. If the hive is in your house, you still have to deal with the honey combs, since they can attract all kinds of insects and rodents into the walls of your house when the bees are gone.

Sounds like the advice to get professional help makes sense after all.

Motley County I.S.D.
A Note from the Office ...

I just wanted to let you know some of the wonderful things that are going on at school and are being planned for next year. We do have a single finalist for the superintendent's position. I was fortunate enough to meet Mr. Brown, and he is going to be a great addition and leader for our team. He comes with varied experience and tremendous enthusiasm. My first impression is that he has common sense mixed with a broad base of knowledge...and is very personable. His wife grew up down the road and attended another school to the north that shall remain nameless. They are a wonderful young couple with a preschool age child. As soon as the 21 days are over, and they are able to move, we will host a day when you can come in and meet them.

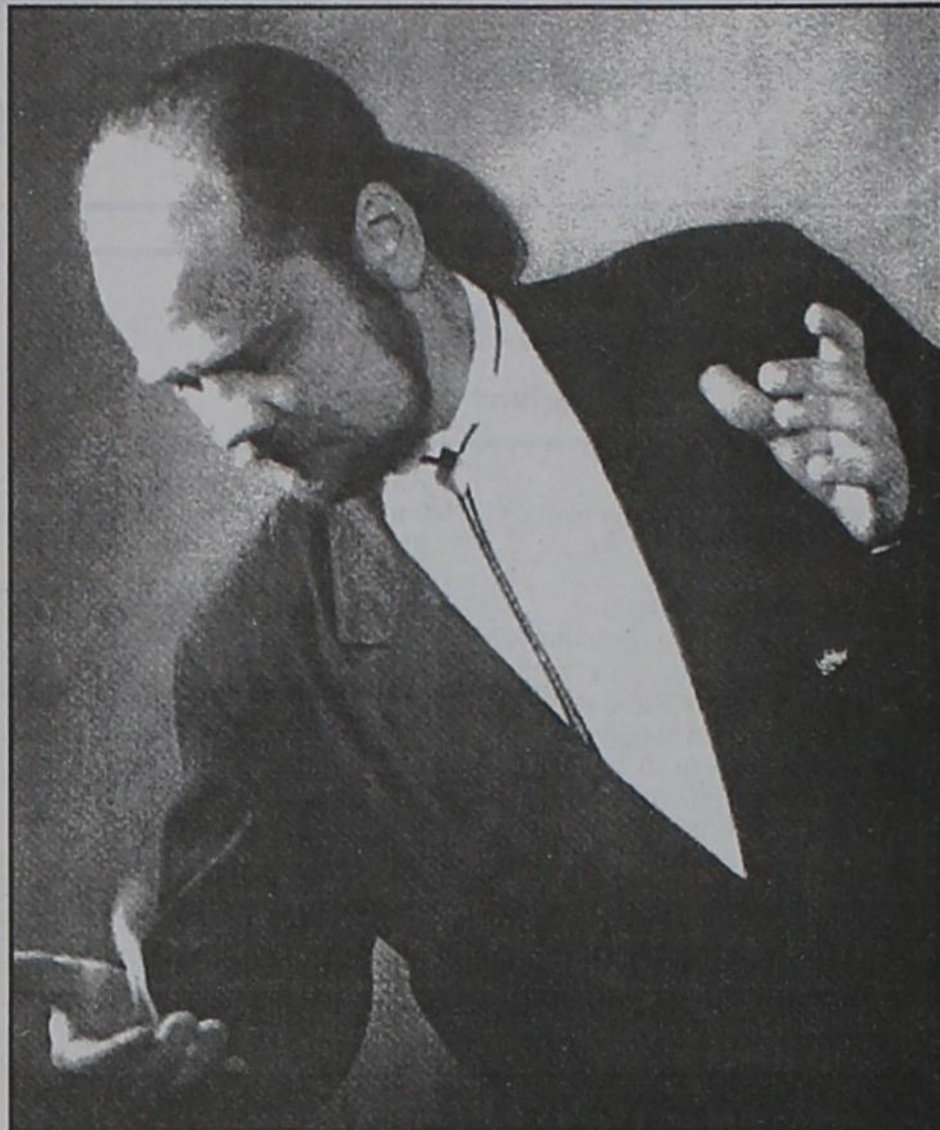
One of the exciting programs that we are going to have next year will be available for all elementary students, but will be differentiated for our gifted and talented students, is a weekly science lab. Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Cooper are going to work with the elementary teachers and will help the teachers to set up and conduct the labs. We have ordered some kits for the labs and are going to have a meeting of elementary teachers so that we can make sure we cover all of the TEKS. A high priority item on the agenda for the new year is a stronger program for our more gifted students while at the same time

increasing our expectations for all students.

Our positive behavior team met for three days last week and is planning some new innovations for encouraging appropriate behavior. The system will involve some release time for high school students and some on and off campus rewards for PK-12. We also want to create a "Toreador Terrace" for high school students to have for a place to sit and visit at lunch and maybe at some other designated times. We have a plan but will need some donated materials and labor to build a covered structure. If you come by school after this week, I can visit with you about the possibilities.

Another addition from the behavior team will be a planner for the students in grades K-5. It will cost about \$3.00 per student, so you might want to put that in your back-to-school budget. Speaking of back to school,

I will get Shane the updated school supply lists next week. This week I have to go to Austin to learn how to better analyze data so that we can pinpoint areas of concern and address them school wide and individually. Summer school is drawing to a close and we will have a skeleton crew on during the next month and a half. Someone will be in the office from 8 to 4, Monday through Friday. Of course, if there is an emergency you can call me anytime.



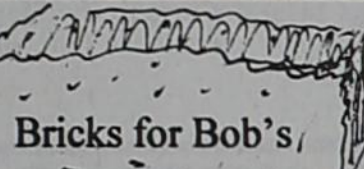
MONTGOMERY THE MAGICIAN will present a magic show at the Library for the last Summer Reading program, Tuesday, June 28.

Friends of the Library will present Magic by Montgomery

The last summer reading session at the Motley County Library will feature a magic show for the children. Montgomery, an award-winning magician, has entertained and delighted audiences across the Nation. He has performed professionally for corporate events, conventions, fairs, festivals, schools, and libraries. Montgomery believes that magic is one of the true forms of entertainment that is capable of breaching language and cul-

tural barriers. His greatest joy comes from watching the faces of his audience and knowing that, if only for a little while, he has helped them to see that all things are possible if you only believe.

This program will be at the Motley County Library, Tuesday, June 28, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring the magic show and will provide refreshments for the children. All children are welcome to attend.



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Granddaughter graduates from Texas Tech

Amanda Luster, daughter of Jerry and Barbara Luster of Cisco, and granddaughter of Billie and Faye Slover of Matador, graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 14.

Amanda received a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations with a minor in Spanish. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was named high-point honor graduate for the Mass Communication College. She also received the honor of carrying her college's banner as she lead her fellow graduates into the ceremony.

Amanda completed her undergraduate degree in just three years and begins work on a Master's degree in Entrepreneurial Studies at Tech's Rawls College of Business this month. Amanda recently returned from New York City where she enjoyed a graduation trip from her grandparents. An intern position at the United Spirit Arena was also offered to Amanda this summer, and she looks forward to starting work with them in the fall.

July 4th Celebration

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Afternoon festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a new feature - a Mini-Chopper race in downtown Roaring Springs. This addition should be fun!

The popular Dog Show will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This year's Show will feature two divisions, Dress Up and Tricks.

Another new and exciting event will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Old Settlers grounds, a Riding Lawn Mower Race and Riding Lawn Mower Pull.

A Patriotic Sing-Song will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center, and at 6:00 p.m. a delicious barbecue supper will be served. The price of the meal will be \$7.00 for adults or \$4.00 for children.

Homemade ice cream will be served at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy some of this cold, delicious treat which will kick off the 4th Annual Stick Horse Derby, set to begin at 8:45 p.m., and the 4th Annual Steeplechase Run at 9:00 p.m. There will be three age divisions for each event: 2-3, 4-5, and 6-8.

The evening will come to an end after a beautiful Fireworks Display, which is set to begin about 9:45. Fireworks are purchased with donations. Donations may be given to Alex Crowder or any Community Volunteer, or at City Hall. All donations are appreciated.

Everyone is invited to Roaring Springs, Monday, July 4th, for a fun-filled, patriotic day to celebrate our country's independence.

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A smile is the best way to start a conversation.

BIBLE SCHOOL
A Bible School was held for K-6th grade students June 13-17 at the Baptist Church in Flomot. The theme was "Tejas Texas Trail...Friendship in Jesus" with western and cowboy decor. At the conclusion, Friday night, the 17 children attending and families were shown an inspiring religious film narrated by children and enacted by adults, pictures of activities during Bible School and a hot dog supper. Workers during the week were the Rev. Nathan Mulder and wife, Kathy of South Plains, Mrs. Tina Carson of Turkey, Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter, Geneva Martin, Anna Beth Clay, Judy Stark, Cally Sperry and Shonda Lee.

Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Thursday night with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed Kelsey's basketball game.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock and Ty Barclay of Matador.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse and mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador visited Friday and Saturday in Snyder with Charla and Bennie Marrison. Joining them Saturday to attend the wedding ceremony of their daughter, Kaycee Marrison held at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Snyder were Darrell Cruse and children, Leah and Derrick Cruse of Canyon and Lacy and Keane Cruse of Turkey. Also attending were Mark and Kathleen Wason and Dalton of Lubbock. Leah registered the guests and Dalton was ring bearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson were guests Father's Day in Lubbock in the home of their grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Andrew. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allyson and Elise and her mother, Mrs. Mildred Cantrell of Lubbock.

Father's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Calvert and Chris Calvert of Amarillo.

Visitors Saturday for a pre-

Father's Day celebration in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Lacy Clarey, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay and Tylee of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock, Mrs. Cara Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and their houseguests, Cary Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock.

Mrs. Cally Sperry, Savannah, Blayne and Gage met Mrs. Jackie Sperry, Briana and Scarlett of Quitaque in Plainview, Saturday to visit and enjoy entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Friday for her a medical appointment. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met them there and they visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid. They also visited in Canyon with Michael Starkey.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse Father's Day were children, Leah and Derrick Cruse of Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited during the weekend in the Gwinn home in Matador with his sister, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock. Aly attended the Roaring Springs School Reunion and her 50th class reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Friday. Her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited them Saturday. Guests Father's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay met her son, Larry Clay of Panhandle in Claude Friday night to attend a basketball game in which her grandson, Tanner played. Father's Day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Edwards and Jaxon of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were Father's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Celebrating a pre-Father's Day at Caprock Canyons Cafe in Quitaque Saturday night for Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee of Flomot, Mrs. Teresa Lee and Kacey, Tom and Cody Heck of Turkey and Kellan Roberts of San Antonio.

James and Pat Palmer, Eureka, KS; Johnny Palmer, Lubbock; James, Jennifer, Dylan and Ty Adams, Lubbock; Scotty, Nesa and Seth Palmer, McAdoo; Bob, Tricia, Shelby and Shanna Spikes, Rotan; Tom, Janice, Hannah and Sophia, Lubbock, visited Zella Palmer, Father's Day weekend.

Cleo Watson and Sherry Harris kept appointments in Plainview Thursday and had lunch with Cleo's sisters, Mrs. Pete Ozborn and Billie Roller.

There were over 500 people in attendance at the Roaring Springs school reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tardy of the Austin area were here on Saturday to attend the school reunion.

All of the Buster Harmon family, with the exception of Gordon, were here on Saturday.

The Brooks family, J.M. Carpenter, and the Stafford family were among the many in attendance for the School Reunion. There is no space to mention all the people who were in attendance at the Reunion.

Marian Alice Mitchell Jones of Monterey, California and Betty Hardin of Waco, attended the School Reunion. Mrs. Jones visited in Lubbock with her grandson and family, Jeremy and Whitney Jones, Morgan and Judson, and with her sister-in-law, Dorothy Mitchell, and nephew and family, Dan and Gina Mitchell, Jeffrey and Courtney.

Visiting Mrs. Vera Mitchell were her daughter and husband, Gay Nell and Joe Sasser of Yellville, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell of Paducah, and Rev. and Mrs. Benny Goss of Littlefield. The families attended the Roaring Springs School Reunion, where Mrs. Mitchell was recognized as Roaring Springs' oldest citizen, at 101 years young.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall of Wichita Falls visited Shelia Lefevre this past weekend and attended the Roaring Springs school reunion.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim were their son, Sam and Reba Swim of Lubbock and Dr. and Mr. Ed Swim (son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R.

Swim), of Lubbock and her parents of Houston. Lula Swim had lunch with them at the Hitchin' Post on Sunday.

Jo Crowder, Linda Mullins, Pearl Patten, Monta Marshall and Genetta Ameijide sold Preserve America Cups at the school reunion, Saturday.

Mr. Ken Abbott, Alex Crowder and Corky Marshall sold bricks for the Depot project at the reunion, Saturday.

Mrs. Genetta Ameijide drove Dorothy Lee to Lubbock on Monday, for an eye appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder went to Lubbock on Monday so they could keep doctor appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Smith of Tullia were here for the reunion.

Michelle and Don Smith of Dallas, their daughter and husband, Julie and Brian DiPaolo of Houston and their children, Ellie Marie and Caden, visited Joyce Smith. Michelle and family enjoyed the school reunion.

A Letter from an Ex...

Dear, Dear Friends,

How I wish "wishing could make it so" and I am there with you! Lula is a saint to be hostess once again for our class. She has been my other sister and I thank her for "going the second mile" bringing happiness to all of us.

No one but God knows where the road will lead me with my husband's illness. May 29 was our 63rd anniversary and we spent it quietly at home - after church - it being Sunday.

Our four children, including five "great-grands" are well. No one has fatal diseases and all are "letting their lights shine" for the better. Who could ask for more?

Thanks again for letting me be "our 'Pres.'" (can hardly remember it - ha! ha!)

God bless all of you and keep you safe is my prayer!

Ola Faye Carpenter Fish

OBITUARIES

Jerry Clarke Tarrant

Jerry Clarke Tarrant, 63, of Abilene, died at his home surrounded by family, on Saturday, June 11, 2005. According to his wishes, cremation arrangements entrusted to Community Memorial Funeral Home, 1443 N. 2nd St.

Jerry was born in Matador, on November 29, 1941, to the late Weldon A. and Ola Faye (Williams) Tarrant. He graduated from Patton Springs High School in Afton and on March 21, 1964, he married Bettie Diane Scott in Lubbock. Before retiring, he was a horse breeder.

Jerry was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many people. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Diane of Abilene; two sons, Quentin Tarrant of Jayton, and Jeff Boyle of Childress; one daughter, Karla Mathis of Abilene; two brothers, Dee Tarrant of Grand Prairie and David Tarrant of Memphis; two sisters, Lyndia Cronk of Seagoville, and Voda Plattner of Grand Prairie; three grandchildren, Quencie and Jordan Tarrant of Grandview, and Kaela Mathis of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carla Perry.

Stella Cooner Browning

Memorial services for Stella Cooner Browning were conducted Thursday, June 16. She died Saturday, June 11, 2005. Graveside services were conducted by Hambey Mortuary of Abilene.

Mrs. Browning was born March 3, 1905, in Obrien, Texas, obtaining the age of 100 years, 3 months and 8 days at the time of her death. Services were conducted by M.G. McKnight, a nephew-in-law.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

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Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited Wednesday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Visiting them Father's Day was son, Lance Jameson and friend, Vickie Fennell of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon met her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, NM in Lubbock, Friday. Kristen had arm surgery at the North Star Surgical Center in Lubbock.

Barbara Luster of Cisco accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Ray Slover to Lubbock, Tuesday for him to have stitches removed following recent stomach surgery.

Edna Ruth Green and daughter, Virginia of Whiteface, spent the week with Andy and Gay Green in Keller. They enjoyed attending three major league baseball games in Arlington.

Tom Edwards left Friday morning to go to Lubbock to be with his mother, Marge Edwards. Marge entered the hospital late Thursday evening with a mild stroke. Tom stayed with her until Sunday when she was dismissed to return to her apartment. She was doing fine when he left. It seems that Marge's blood pressure got too high causing the mild stroke, but there was no damage from it.

Dan Barton, accompanied by a niece, Novella Rattan of Idalou, attended memorial services for her sister-in-law, Stella Cooner Browning in Abilene last Thursday.

Celebrating Father's Day with C.D. and Evelyn Garrison were

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David, Susan Garrison from Childress and their families, Kelly, Crystal Garrison, Guston and Graden from Paducah, Kerry, Juanita Garrison and Galen from Quanah, Bryan, Amanda Davis, Kaleb, Braquel, Brice from Sterling City; Debra Scott of Matador and families, Jody Scott, Candice and Justin, from Roosevelt, Scotty Scott and Riley from Lubbock. Guests were Dub Bryan, Matador; Melissa Garrett from Lubbock, Henry and Wanda Sadler from Park Hill, Oklahoma.

Sherry Rose was released from Covenant Medical Center on Friday evening, after undergoing surgery on Monday. She is recuperating at home.

VISITS FROM MARYLAND

Joseph Martin of Hollywood, Maryland, accompanied by a friend, Heather Vyff of Omaha, NB, visited his parents, Howard and Debbie Martin in Matador for the weekend. They attended the Eastern Star installation ceremony for Howard and Debbie as Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, Chapter #66.

Joseph is a 1996 graduate of Motley County High School. After serving eight years in the US Navy, he now works for Dyn Corp. International where he designs military aircraft. He is now working on the V22 Osprey, a new tilt rotor aircraft.

While in the Navy, Joseph traveled around the world.

CORRECTION

The names of Sherry and David Scott were left off the list of those attending the McMahan Reunion, reported in the June 9 edition.

Lisa Rose was incorrectly listed as Lisa McClure in the Meredith Reunion report in the June 16th edition.

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LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHEN FOUND: (ROAD, HIGHWAY #, RURAL ROUTE) TEE PEE Flat

LOCATION OF ESTRAY WHILE IMPOUNDED:
Wayland Moore Residence

DESCRIPTION OF ESTRAY:

KIND OF ANIMAL Steer

BREED Cross Breed

COLOR Black

AGE Yearling

SIZE 750 Lbs

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Jim Meador
SHERIFF OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

JOHANN'S ANNOUNCES FIRST USDA FARM BILL FORUM AND TOPIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced last week the first Farm Bill Forum and the topics on which the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be seeking input from America's farmers, ranchers and rural residents regarding the development of a 2007 Farm Bill.

"The next farm bill will affect America's entire agricultural community," said Johanns. "That's why I want to ask America's farmers and ranchers how our farm policy is working and how we can make it better. I believe very strongly that they deserve a voice in this process."

The first Farm Bill Forum will be held in Nashville, Tenn. on July 7 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. CDT at RFD-TV Northstar Studios. The public is invited to attend and participate in the forum, which will be broadcast live on RFD-TV. In addition to accommodating approximately 300 in the audience, the forum also will accept calls from across the nation.

Johanns made the announcement in remarks to the State Convention of the Illinois FFA in Springfield, Ill. The 2002 Farm Bill, which authorizes many of the programs operated by USDA, expires with the 2007 crop year.

Johanns noted that in his remarks that he was approaching the Farm Bill Forums with an open mind. "I do not begin this process with preconceived notions about the direction future farm policy should take," said Johanns. "We will use the feedback we receive to help us determine the best course for a new Farm Bill."

Throughout 2005, Johanns and other senior USDA officials will participate in the Farm Bill Forums that will be held across the country. The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and be available on the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>. The public will be invited to attend the forums and to present oral comments.

As the current Farm Bill covers a diverse array of program areas, six topics have been identified to provide a framework for the forums. The primary topics addressed at the

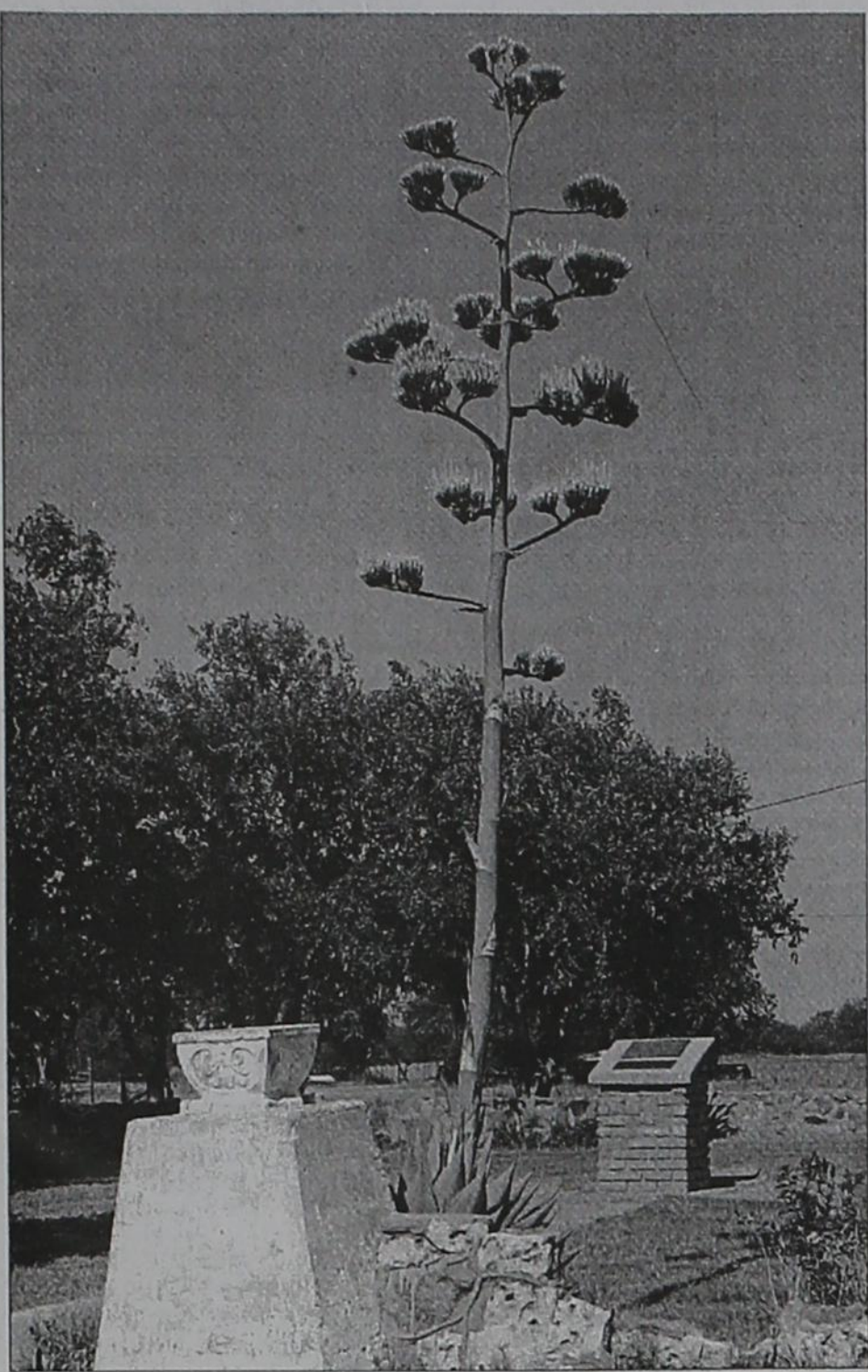
forums will reflect various concerns affecting rural America such as commodity, conservation, and rural economic development issues. In addition, some forums will be dedicated to other important programs authorized by the farm bill such as food assistance, research and education programs.

USDA will be seeking public discussion on farm policy considerations regarding: the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture in global and domestic markets; challenges facing new farmers and ranchers as they enter agriculture; appropriateness and effectiveness of the distribution of farm program benefits; achievement of conservation and environmental goals; and enhancement of rural economic growth and opportunities to expand agricultural products, markets and research.

The public will be invited to provide comments on six specific questions based on these policy considerations:

1. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
2. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?
3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?
5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?
6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Notice of these questions will be published in the June 17, 2005 Federal Register. Comments will be accepted at public forums and may also be submitted electronically via the Internet at the USDA home page (<http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>) by selecting "Farm Bill Forums," by email to FarmBill@usda.gov or by mail to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3355.



CENTURY PLANT IN BLOOM — This beautiful Century Plant is in full bloom at the Douglas Meador Memorial Park in Matador. There are other Century plants around town also in bloom. The old story is that the plant only blooms every 100 years.

Gov. Perry signs bills to protect gun owners' rights

Austin -- Gov. Rick Perry signed on Friday, June 17, legislation for law-abiding gun owners and reducing barriers for gun ownership.

"The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right of every law-abiding citizen of our country," Perry said. "This legislation will clarify existing firearm laws, enhance protections for law-abiding gun owners and reduce barriers for gun ownership."

The bills Gov. Perry has signed include:

- House Bill 225 (Driver) which extends the renewal period for a concealed handgun license from four to five years without an increase in renewal fee.

- House Bill 322 (Hupp) which reduces all fees for a concealed handgun license for military members and veterans by 50 percent and lowers the age from 21 to 18 for members of the military or veterans to obtain a concealed handgun license.

- House Bill 685 (Rose) which exempts military members and veterans from taking

the range portion of the concealed handgun licensing process if they had been weapons certified in the military within the past five years prior to application for the license.

- House Bill 1483 (Frost) which will expand methods by which applicants for a concealed handgun license may pay the fees to include personal check, cash, and credit card. Currently only cashiers checks and money orders are accepted.

- House Bill 823 (Keel) which clarifies the current definition of "traveling" as it relates to someone carrying a firearm. Current law is ambiguous and is interpreted differently by courts and law enforcement.

- House Bill 1038 (Isett) which reduces the fee for renewal of a concealed handgun permit for senior citizens by 50 percent. The current renewal fee for a senior citizen is \$70 for a four-year renewal period and this bill will reduce that fee to \$35 for those 60 years of age or older.

All bills become effective Sept. 1, 2005.

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port current operations.

Without additional financial support, the hospital cannot survive beyond 2005. The hospital does not have sufficient funds to adequately replace aging equipment or purchase needed new technology.

The reasons for the financial problems facing the hospital are many. Medicare, Medicaid and commercial healthcare insurance carriers have all continued to decrease payments to hospitals. At the same time there have been increasing governmental regulations and other requirements that have significantly increased hospital costs. Currently the hospital patients are approximately 60 percent Medicare, 15 percent privately insured and the remaining 25 percent are on Medicaid or are non-insured patients. The result is a significant total loss for the hospital. It is anticipated that Medicaid payments may decrease even more in the immediate future. Crosbyton Clinic Hospital is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization and no other rural hospital in West Texas has a similar model. All other viable rural hospitals require substantial tax or ownership support to remain operational. The Hale Center hospital was the only other rural, not-for-profit hospital in the region and it recently closed due to financial problems.

In the current reimbursement and demographics market of West Texas it is essentially impossible to keep a rural hospital open without local tax support.

The issues facing CCH are of epidemic proportion nationwide. Since 1980, over 400 rural hospitals have closed and others have drastically reduced their number of beds. Health spending grew nearly twice as fast as the overall economy in 2003. Spending on inpatient services increased by 7 percent and outpatient services spending increased by 11 percent in 2003.

Hospital expenses are rising at a time when Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers are reducing and/or aggressively controlling their payments for hospital services. An estimated 15.6 percent of the population or 45 million people were without health insurance in 2003, and 11.4 percent of all children, or 8.4 million, were without health insurance.

Issues leading to the vulnerability of rural as opposed to urban hospitals are geographic isolation: They are located in smaller markets; their populations tend to be older; they have lower median household incomes; they treat higher levels

of uninsured citizens; they are more dependent on Medicare and they face a significant shortage of healthcare professionals. Because there is little or no growth in population in the West Texas region and the population is aging and Medicare is growing, we do not visualize the situation improving.

"We feel that this (saving the hospital) is an important issue because there is no other hospital, emergency room or full-time physicians in this eight county area," said Brock. "This hospital serves nearly 19,000 people with about 20 percent being of Medicare age, provides 174 jobs and supports the only two full-time physicians in the service area."

Rural hospitals are largely about access to physicians, emergency room services and ambulance services. Because of Crosbyton Clinic Hospital, the service area has all three. If the hospital were to close, the services would most likely be gone as well.

The employee base provided by CCH is significant and in 2004 the hospital paid over \$3 million in salaries. The hospital has 118 employees from Crosby County, 14 from Dickens County, five from Motley County, six from Floyd County, nine from Cottle County and 20 from Lubbock County.

"The hospital makes a huge impact on the local economy, school systems and local business," said Brock.

"During the last year the hospital successfully implemented physician specialty clinics in general surgery, orthopedics, pain management, podiatry and cardiology to go along with the ophthalmology clinic, saw over 4,000 patients in the emergency room, provided nearly 1,000 ambulance runs and provided approximately \$725,000 in uncompensated care - all services critical for the health of the citizens of this area," said Brock. "It is certainly expected that these contributions will grow with the formation of a hospital district."

"Ours is a well-operated facility," said Brock. "We have strong managers here that efficiently control their staffing and supply costs."

That is not the issue, however, according to Brock who said the issue is that the most viable option to save the hospital is to organize a multiple county hospital district with support for the hospital being provided by an ad-valorem tax.

"This has been the solution for most of the independent rural hospitals in the State of Texas," said Brock.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather June 23, 2005

7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**
Sunny
High: 99 Low: 70
- Friday**
Sunny
High: 97 Low: 70
- Saturday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 95 Low: 69
- Sunday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 94 Low: 68
- Monday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 92 Low: 68
- Tuesday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 93 Low: 70
- Wednesday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 95 Low: 71

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 99°, humidity of 35% and an overnight low of 70°. The record high temperature for today is 106° set in 1953. Friday, skies will remain sunny with a high temperature of 97°.

Moon Phases

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|------|-----|-------|------|
| Last | New | First | Full |
| 6/28 | 7/6 | 7/14 | 7/21 |

Last Week's Local Almanac

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Sunday | 87 | 72 | 90/65 | 0.00" | 0.00" |
| Monday | 94 | 65 | 91/66 | 0.00" | 0.84" |
| Tuesday | 88 | 66 | 91/66 | 0.00" | -0.84" |
| Wednesday | 96 | 69 | 91/66 | 0.00" | .80° |
| Thursday | 99 | 67 | 91/66 | 0.00" | .78° |
| Friday | 94 | 65 | 92/67 | 0.00" | +2.0° |
| Saturday | 98 | 69 | 92/67 | 0.00" | |

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

June 23, 1944 - Four tornadoes killed 153 people and caused five million dollars damage in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. The tornadoes formed during the evening and moved southeast along parallel paths, flattening everything in their way.

Sun & Moon Times

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HELP WANTED: Preferably high school student, Jr. or Sr. Must be dependable and trustworthy. Must type with speed and accuracy; some writing, photography, filing, etc. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Motley County Tribune, 347-2400.

VOLUNTEERS FOR KIDS' CAMP NEEDED — If you want an exciting week, filled with fun, the Roaring Springs Kids' Camp is the place for you. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming camp, which will be held July 25-29. If you would like to be a volunteer call Alex Crowder, at 806-348-7336.

BID NOTICE

THE CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS is now accepting bids for the sale of a 1996 White Ford Pickup 4x4 XL. Mail bids to the City of Roaring Springs, P.O. Box 247, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256. Bids must be in the city office by noon, July 11, 2005. The city has the right to refuse any or all bids.

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THE CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS is now accepting bids for the sale of City Lots 27-28, Block 13, and City Lots 17-18-19, Block 4. Bids must be for each lot. Mail bids to the City of Roaring Springs, P.O. Box 247, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256. Bids must be in the City office by noon, July 11, 2005. The city has the right to refuse any or all bids.

GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE: 1625 Eubank, Saturday, June 25, 8:00 a.m. til ? Canning Jars, Christmas Decorations, Dishes, Sofa, Bedroom Suite, Clothes, etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FAMILY TIES — Summer Fashion Sale in progress! Bridal selections for Marcy Biddy, bride elect of Monty Leaf, and Holly Isbell, bride elect of Jason Petty, 1314 Easley St., Paducah (Matador highway). 806-492-2540. Hours - 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY to make comment or request a public hearing is hereby given by Caprock Community Action Association, Inc. on a proposed continuation of rural public transportation services within Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Motley and King Counties. Financial assistance to expand/initiate this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation. Services will be for the general public, fares will be charged for service. Additional vehicles will not be required to provide this service. Written comments or a written request for a public hearing are being accepted at 224 S. Berkshire, Crosbyton, Texas, 79322, until July 15, 2005. Further information, including a complete copy of the application, can be found at 224 S. Berkshire, Crosbyton, Texas.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CHILDRESS — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting on July 15, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the TxDOT District Office, 7599 US 287, Childress, Texas. The purpose of the meeting is to help plan transportation services for elderly person and persons with disabilities in the Childress District. Counties in the Childress District are Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler.

Interested organizations, public entities and individuals within the Childress District are invited to attend this meeting. Those interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Kim Butler at 940/937-7248 at least two days prior to the meeting. Because the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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