

AUTUMN SUNSET — This Motley County Autumn sunset is just one of the beautiful sights residents in this area are privileged to see. The sunsets are making their appearance a little earlier these days with the official arrival of Fall today, Thursday, September 22.

(Photo by Carla Meador)

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## County Fair only a few weeks away

The first County Fair to be held in this area for a number of years, is only a few weeks away. The Fair, sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, is set for Saturday, October 15.

Events will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Categories will include Culinary (Baked Goods); Decorated Cakes; Food Preservation; Textiles; Quilts; Wearable Art; Garments; Art work including Drawings and Paintings, Carving and Sculpture, Metal Work, Photography (Adults, Junior, Professional), Writing, Ceramics, and Children's Art; Miscellaneous, including Toy Collections (adults, children & junior), Antiques; Crafts & Hobbies including Flower Arrang-

ing, Pot Plants, Models, Handmade Dolls, Christmas decorations, Stained Glass and Hand Painted Articles.

Exhibits will be received at the Center between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. on the day of the Fair. No entries will be accepted before that time or kept after 5:00 p.m. No entry fees will be charged.

All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and must not have been completed for more than three years prior to the Fair (e.g. articles made before 2003 are not allowed).

Commercial exhibit spaces will be available for \$25 each for a 10' x 10' space, and will be determined on a first come - first serve basis.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will be selling hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks.

All Motley County residents are urged to take part in this old fashioned event. If you haven't

completed an item for the Fair yet, get busy now, because there are only a few weeks left.

Information is available at Matador Variety, Matador Branch First National Bank, Matador Motor in Matador and

Graham's Supply in Roaring Springs.

Everyone in the area is welcome to come to the Fair and enjoy the day. There will be no entry fee.

## Roaring Springs City Council meets Bids to be accepted for tornado siren

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session September 12. Those in attendance were Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro-Tem Alex Crowder; Council members, Kelly Keltz, Timmy Brooks and Gary Simpson; Water Manager, Robert Osborn; City Secretary, Zella Palmer; Kim Fletcher; and Gene and Sarah Chapman.

A public meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. for citizens to discuss the 2005 tax rate. No one was present to participate.

Mayor Marshall called the council meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Council approved adopting the tax rate of .39900 per \$100 valuation for 2005. This is the same tax rate for 2004.

Kim Fletcher met with Council and presented her request to purchase and operate The Hitchin' Post Restaurant. Council informed Kim they would consider her request and make a decision later.

Gene and Sarah Chapman met with council and informed them they had already made arrangements to purchase The Hitchin' Post Restaurant. Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and

would be glad to have them in the restaurant.

Sealed bids were opened for the sale of the Senior Citizens building. There were 3 bids turned in. Council voted to refuse all bids. Council appreciates all persons that turned in bids.

Council considered a bid proposal for the purchase of a new tornado siren. Travis McPherson has been working with the council, researching for companies that sell sirens. The city will accept bids for a tornado siren that will provide coverage within a mile radius, plus installation. The city has the right to refuse any or all bids.

## Northfield Homecoming set for Oct. 1

The 43rd Annual Northfield Homecoming has been set for Saturday, October 1. The get-together will be held at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served.

All Northfield exes and friends are invited to attend.

## American Legion to meet September 26

The American Legion Post 337 and Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. A covered dish for dinner will be the cost of admission. This is a very important meeting which will include the election of officers for 2005-06, discussion of new projects and other important topics.

Guest speakers will be Astronauts Gus Grissom and Neil Armstrong (if they can get enough money together to pay for their gasoline). Kittens will be given away as door prizes.

All members are urged to attend.

## Senate passes Pledge of Allegiance resolution

Washington -- A day after a federal judge ruled that children in public schools may not recite the Pledge of Allegiance, the United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution expressing their support for the Pledge and disapproval of the court's decision in *Newdow, et al. v. The Congress of the United States of America, et. al.* U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), an original co-sponsor of the resolution said that the court's decision is "not the final word on this issue which will no doubt be back in front of the Supreme Court."

"The Senate has spoken on the issue-unanimously-and it's time for the courts to bring finality. The Pledge case reveals a larger, more persistent problem created by the court's previous rulings: an unjustifiable hostility to religious expression in public squares across America. Last year, as Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, I held a hearing to examine this problem. That hearing revealed hostility to religious expression across the land."

Sen. Cornyn filed an amicus brief in an earlier Pledge case before the U.S. Supreme Court in November, 2003. Cornyn was

the Counsel of Record on the brief, the first to be filed on the merits in the *Newdow* case. The brief argued that "the Supreme Court should reverse the decision of the Ninth Circuit and uphold both the Pledge of Allegiance and the school district's policy providing for the voluntary recitation of the Pledge." The Supreme Court did not rule on the merits of the case, deciding instead that *Newdow* did not have standing in the case.

"The Pledge of Allegiance was designed for all Americans, regardless of religious faith, to express their devotion and allegiance to this great nation, founded upon a commitment to religious liberty and justice for all," the Senator wrote in the brief.

The brief points out that references to God can be found in the nation's founding documents, its currency, its national motto, on public buildings, and can be heard during the commencement of daily sessions of our courts and legislatures.

The Senate unanimously approved a resolution (S. Res. 71) on March 4, 2003, in support of the Pledge of Allegiance and to declare that the Senate strongly disapproved of the previous *Newdow* decision that led to the Supreme Court case.

## Nominations for Man, Woman, Business of the Year to be accepted until October 3

Nominations for Man, Woman and Business of the Year and the Extra Mile Award will be accepted by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce until October 3. Anyone wishing to nominate a deserving candidate may do so by calling the Chamber office at 347-2968 and leaving a message, giving them to a Chamber board member or in boxes which are set up at Matador Variety, New To You, the Senior Citizen's Center and the Bank in Matador, or at Graham's Supply in Roaring Springs.

Motley County has many deserving individuals and businesses that have contributed to the betterment of this County, and have gone the extra mile. If you would like to make a nomination, please write that person's or business' name, along with a brief description of why they should be honored as Motley County's Man, Woman or Business of the Year, or why they should receive the Extra Mile Award.

The winners will be recognized and honored with plaques at the annual Chamber banquet, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 in the high school gym.

For more information contact Chamber President, Annette Hollinsworth, at 347-2388.

## New car seat law clarified DPS urges maximum protection

There has been some confusion about a new state law that requires that all children younger than 5 years of age and less than 36 inches tall to be in a child safety seat system. ("Child safety seat system" includes car seats and booster seats, including high-back and backless boosters.)

"Parents need to remember the law sets forth minimum safety standards. In fact, experts recommend that most children need to continue in booster seats until they reach around 4 feet, 9 inches tall," said Col. Thomas Davis Jr., director of DPS. "We hope parents will not just look at the legal requirements, but also consider what is safest for their children."

Because of the changes in the wording of the law (HB 183), the following legal interpretation should be applied:

• Once the child reaches five years old, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system.

• If they are 36 inches or taller, again, they are not legally required to be in a child safety seat system.

• However, if the child is both less than five years old and less than 36 inches in height, they are legally required to be in a car seat or booster seat.

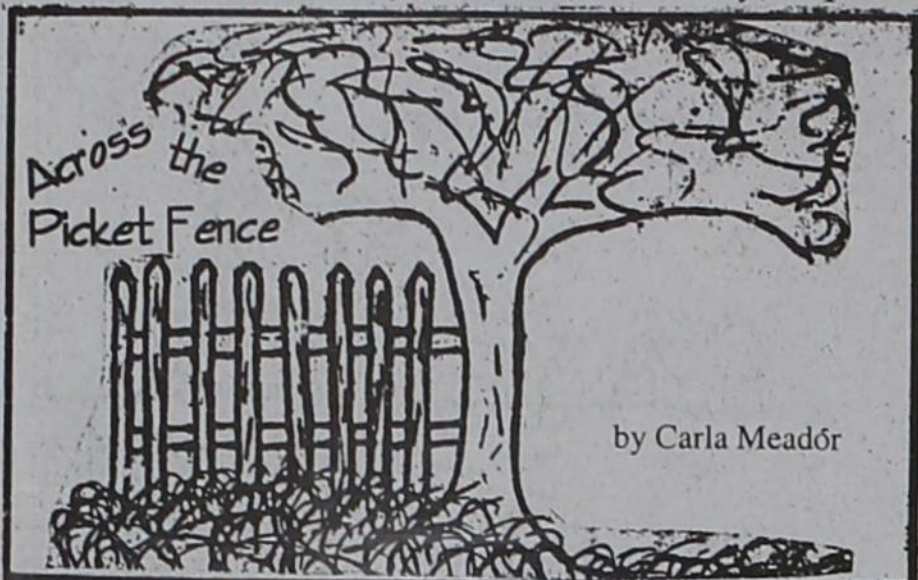
The law also requires that safety seats be used according to the manufacturer's instructions, including height and weight guidelines.

A child in a poorly-fitting seat belt usually slumps down, allowing the seat belt to ride up into their abdomen or neck, which can cause severe injuries to the child's neck and internal organs during a car crash.

To know when a child can wear a seat belt properly without a booster seat, use this simple test:

Have your child sit on the vehicle seat, sitting all the way back, with their back straight

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My friend, John Bird, shared this email with me. I think we can all learn a lesson from these words by well-known Christian author, Max Lucado.

**What Katrina Can Teach Us**  
Who would have thought we would ever hear this phrase spoken on a radio news report in America: "Today, about 25,000 refugees were moved from the Superdome in New Orleans to the Astrodome in Houston."

For days, we've watched the tragedy continue to unfold in Mississippi and Louisiana and, if you are like me, you've wrestled with feelings of shock and disbelief. Feelings that, over the last five years, have become all too familiar. We were barely into the new millennium when we saw towers falling in New York City and planes crashing into the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania farmland. We saw bombs over Baghdad and witnessed the ancient land of Abraham become a war zone for his ancestors. You'd think we had seen enough, but then came the tsunami -- a roaring wave that sucked life and innocence out to sea.

Raging hurricanes and broken levees have a way of prying our fingers off the stuff we love. What was once most precious now means little; what we once ignored is now of eternal significance.

Through Katrina, Christ tells us: stuff doesn't matter; people do. Understand the nature of possessions. Be equally clear on:

**II. The Nature of People: Sinners and Saints**

We see the most incredible servants and stories of selflessness and sacrifice. We see people of the projects rescuing their neighbors, we see civil servants risking their lives for people they've never seen. We saw humanity at its best.

And we saw humanity at its worst. Looting, fighting. We heard stories of rapes and robberies. Someone said, "The heavens declare the glory of God but the streets declare the sinfulness of man." The video footage in New Orleans has confirmed the truthfulness of that quote.

We are people of both dignity and depravity. The hurricane blew back more than roofs; it blew the mask off the nature of mankind. The main problem in the world is not Mother Nature, but human nature. Strip away the police barricades, blow down the fences, and the real self is revealed. We are barbaric to the core. We were born with a me-first mentality. "All of us have strayed like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own." (Isaiah 53:6)

**III. The Nature of God's Grace: Inside Out.**

Much discussion revolves around the future of New Orleans. Will the city be restored? Repaired? How long will it take? Who will pay for it? One thing is for certain: someone has to clean her up. No one is suggesting otherwise. Everyone knows, someone has to go in and clean

up the mess. That is what God offers to do with us. He comes into sin-flooded lives and washes away the old.

What we can only dream of doing with New Orleans, God has done with soul after soul. The most disturbing stories are of those who refused to be rescued. Those who spent their final hours trapped in attics and rooms regretting the choice they'd made. They could have been saved. They could have gotten out. But they chose to stay. Many paid a permanent price.

And now the fruits of Katrina. A city sitting in twenty feet of water. Citizens hacking their way onto roofs and helicopters hovering over neighborhoods. Optimistic rescuers, opportunistic looters, grateful people, and resentful people -- we have seen it all.

What is going on here? 9/11, Iraq, tsunami, Katrina. And I didn't mention nor intend to minimize Hurricanes Dennis and Ivan and Emily.

Jesus criticized the leaders of his day for focusing on the weather and ignoring the signals: "You find it easy enough to forecast the weather - why can't you read the signs of the times?" Matthew 16:2-3

What are we to learn from all of this? Is God sending us a message? I think so. And, I think we'd be wise to pay attention. There are some spiritual lessons that I think God would want us to learn through this tragedy. The first lesson we see is:

**I. The Nature of Possession: Temporary**

As you've listened to evacuees and survivors, have you noticed their words? No one laments a lost plasma television or submerged SUV. No one runs through the streets yelling, "My cordless drill is missing" or "My golf clubs have washed away." If they mourn, it is for people lost. If they rejoice, it is for people found. Could Jesus be reminding us that people matter more than possessions? In a land where we have more malls than high schools, more debt than credit, more clothes to wear than we can wear, could Christ be saying: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed: a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)

We see an entire riverboat casino washed up three blocks and placed on top of a house in a neighborhood. You see demolished \$40,000 cars that will never be driven again, hidden in debris. And in the background of our minds we hear the quiet echoes of Jesus saying, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

What rescuers did for people on the Gulf Coast, God will do for us. He has entered our world. He has dropped a rope into our sin-swamped life. He will rescue.

This hurricane was His tool to get our attention. Trust in Him while you still can.  
-- Max Lucado

# Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



The 2005 Texas Capitol Ornaments are here! Come to the library to see this beautiful ornament. The Friends of the Library are selling them for \$17.00 each, including tax. It's not too early to think about Christmas presents and I don't know of any other gift as beautiful as these ornaments for just \$17.00.

Books new to the Library include *Charade* by Sandra Brown and *Runaway* by Heather Graham. We also offer *Gone South* by Robert R.

McCammon and *Lakota Winds* by Janelle Taylor.

Also new to the library are *Until You* by Judith McNaught and *Bad Boy* by Olivia Goldsmith. We also have in the library *Rosamund* by Bertrice Small and *Double Image*, a thriller by David Morrell.

Don't forget that we have an ongoing paperback book sale. Many great paperbacks can be yours for only .25¢ each. That is a bargain when you consider the brand new price.

## Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

### WHAT HATH THE "INCORPORATION DOCTRINE" WROUGHT?

It is not an overstatement to say that the application of the "Incorporation Doctrine" to the First Amendment, and the ripple effects thereof, may well have destroyed our Nation. It remains to be seen. Some of the results are quite obvious, while others are not.

Before "incorporation," the First Amendment's lawmaking preclusions on religion, speech, press, and assembly, applied only to Congress, with power to make law on those subjects reserved to the States via the Tenth Amendment. Thus the Supreme Court only had jurisdiction to consider the "Constitutionality" of Congressional Action" in those areas, and no jurisdiction to consider "State action" on First Amendment subjects, and that was the original intent and understanding of the Framers. The State Courts had the final say-so on State action.

You've been earlier asked: "What happens and what do you get when you make 'Congress shall make no law' binding upon the States?" We've already established that the First Amendment is not a "substantive" grant of rights, but only a "no-jurisdiction" lawmaking preclusion. So, what are we incorporating when we make the First Amendment "binding" upon the States? Nothing but the lawmaking preclusion itself! And this rewrites the Constitution!

The First Amendment is now to be read "Congress 'and the States' shall make no law; and the Tenth Amendment (reserving power to the States) is, as to First Amendment subjects, abolished! A body, with no power to do it, has amended the Constitution. Classic relativism.

So, after "incorporation," no authorized lawmaking body in the entire Nation can make law on First Amendment subjects. The read of Federal Court jurisdiction has been (with no Constitutional authority) extended to include ALL State action, and the State Courts, once having final jurisdiction on such subjects, are now subservient to the Federal Courts! The purpose of the 1791 First and Tenth Amendments has been repealed! Bill of Rights reserved State sovereignty over First Amendment subjects is abolished! The States are now subject to the First Amendment as dictated by the Supreme Court, and where sole lawmaking power, now the Federal Courts have it!

Somebody has to make law on First Amendment subjects. The Bill of Rights left it to the States. The Supreme Court abolished that. Who's left? The Court itself. The Constitution grants federal lawmaking power ONLY to Congress. By judicial decree, the Court has established itself as the Supreme National Lawmaker - a Super legislature.

Correction: Last week's article should have said "binding" upon the States).

### CORRECTION

In last week's paper, the article regarding Helping Hands should have read 40 kits had been mailed to Katrina evacuees.

### SHOP MOTLEY COUNTY FIRST!

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### Planning a wedding?

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## MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

"The real trouble with this world of ours is not that it is an unreasonable world, nor even that it is a reasonable one. The commonest kind of trouble is that it is nearly reasonable, but not quite. Life is not an illogicality, yet it is a trap for logicians. It looks just a little more mathematical and regular than it is; its exactitude is obvious; but its inexactitude is hidden; its wildness lies in wait."

-- G.K. Chesterton

### NEWS FLASH --

You still have time to hand in your nominations for Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, and Business of the Year.

The deadline for getting these nominations to the Chamber has been extended to Monday, October 3.

You can make your nominations known by giving them to any Chamber board member, calling the Chamber office at 347-2968 and leaving a message, or dropping slips of paper with the nominations in the boxes

placed around the community for them. The boxes are at the Variety store, New to You, the Senior Citizen's Center, and the Bank in Matador and at Graham's Supply in Roaring Springs.

So please take advantage of this extension and get those nominations to the Chamber.

There are so many people who have contributed freely of their time and energy to do things for their community, and this is the chance for the community to show we have noticed, and we are grateful.

So you have a week and a half now to get busy -- think about all the things people have done that they didn't need to do, just because they care about their community. Surely that effort deserves a bit of effort on your part or write down their names and a brief mention of what they did and get it to the Chamber.

October 3rd has to be the deadline so that the plaques can be made honoring the people receiving the awards. So please get busy -- why not do it right now and turn it in tomorrow?

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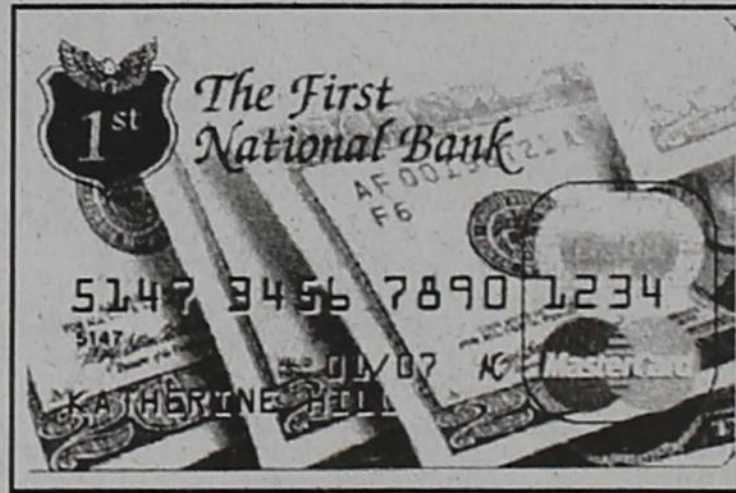
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## Only Academic?



It is possible to know a number of things about God, the Bible, and the Christian faith without loving God. A person might know the commandments of God, yet if that person does not love Him, he or she will never obey those commands.

Our Lord put it like this in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." That is being both very plain and simple. It is easily understandable.

When studied with an honest and sincere heart, it will never be possible to merely academically study the Bible. When studying the Bible, a person is forced to make a decision as to whether or not he or she will follow Jesus and do as He commands.

To be sure, this is not a decision that one would make lightly. There is much involved. The cost is great. But so are the rewards. The reason one follows the Lord Jesus is love. It is from an undying love for the Lord that one lives for Him. Academics have a rightful place. More than that, they are necessary. But let us also remember to love Him and to love one another fervently.

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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



**FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITY CLASS** — These Junior High students enjoyed making personal journals at a recent Friday afternoon activity class with Mrs. Jan Jones and Coach Cooper. Pictured left to right are (front) Alexis Guerrero, Sam Fletcher, Keyan Kautz; (middle) Kyla Simpson, Mark Quintero, Alexis Osborn, Leanne Jameson; (back) Jay Potts, Brett Fletcher, Ky Christopher, Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Augustine Chavez, Melissa Flores, Rebecca Torres, Braden Mason, and Sarah Simpson.

photo by Walter Taylor

## How to keep your kids healthy

by Patti Patterson, M.D., M.P.H.  
Texas Tech  
Health Sciences Center

Now that School is back in session, it's back to books and homework, but also back to germs and runny noses, school lunches and junk food, and late nights with little sleep. This year, take an active part in helping and teaching your children to be healthy.

### Mom, I don't feel good!

The top four illnesses that cause children to miss school are colds, gastroenteritis (the stomach flue), pink eye and strep throat. Children usually have six to 10 colds each year. Coughs and sneezes spread germs that land on doorknobs, toys and desks, and the virus is spread easily to other children. The stomach flue and other illnesses with symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea can lead to dehydration, particularly in very young children. Signs include excessive thirst, dry mouth, decreased tears, and severe weakness or lethargy. Pink eye, or conjunctivitis, is extremely contagious, and symptoms consist of watery eyes accompanied with discharge and eye irritation. Strep throat is accompanied by difficulty eating and red, swollen tonsils with white or yellow patches of pus. The illness can be contagious until treated with antibiotics for one to three days.

The single most important thing a child can do to prevent illness is to wash his or her hands frequently. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends washing hands for at least 30 seconds —

about as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. It is also important that children have received all of their immunizations before returning to school. Check with your doctor to ensure that your child receives all necessary immunizations.

Parents can help prevent the spread of illness by not sending a sick child to school or child care. Generally, it is safe to send children back to school when they have no fever for 24 hours, can eat and drink normally, are rested and alert enough to pay attention in class, and have completed a period of medically recommended isolation.

### What's for lunch?

Help your children to eat responsibly, and teach them to make good food choices. Start each day with a healthy breakfast, and make time to eat every morning. Metabolism functions optimally only if a person has at least three meals during the day. Breakfast also helps nourish the brain after a night's sleep and kids will stay more alert in school.

Most schools put cafeteria lunch schedules in local papers, post them on their Web site, or they send them home with kids. Check the menu, and plan on packing a lunch when the main course is one your child prefers not to eat. Involve your child in choosing his or her own foods for lunchtime. If they are involved in choosing their own meals, they are more likely to eat them. A healthy lunch is important to give your child energy for the rest of the day. Include a variety of foods that provides key nutrients.

Reduce the amount of total fats and sugar, and try to avoid pre-packaged lunches, which are usually high in fat and sodium. Pack fruits and vegetables instead of cookies and candy, and try juice boxes instead of soda. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60 percent. Teaching your kids how to eat right will help them make better eating choices in the future.

### It's bedtime!

The less sleep that children get, the more likely they are to perform poorly in school. Kids in elementary school need at least 10 hours of sleep, and most middle school-age children thrive best on nine hours. High school students need about eight hours each night. Inadequate sleep impairs the ability to handle stress, think and maintain a healthy immune system. Getting enough sleep actually improves health. Establish a bedtime routine so children will know when to expect bedtime. Recent reports also have proved that sleep deprivation can lead to obesity in children. If a child experiences obesity during adolescence, it is likely that the child will suffer with a weight problem throughout life.

Parents should remember to set a positive example for children when helping them to be healthy. Wash hands, eat a healthy breakfast and lunch, make sure to get enough sleep for yourself, and practice what you preach.

## Child Safety Seats

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against the back of the seat, and buckle the lap-shoulder belt over them.

1. Do their legs bend naturally at the knees over the edge of the seat?
2. Does the lap portion of the belt fit over the top of their thighs?
3. Does the shoulder portion of the belt fit across the center of their chest?

If the answer to any of these three questions is no, the child may be better protected in a booster seat.

Although there is no law that prevents youngsters from sitting in the front seat of a vehicle, the safest place for a child in a car is in a rear seat, properly buckled into a child safety seat or a booster seat.

Air bags don't replace child safety seats and may increase the risk of serious injury to children. Children younger than 13 should never ride in the front seats of vehicles with active passenger air bags.

For more information on proper child seat installation and use, please see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/child/sr2001/csrhtml/>

## School Menu

MONDAY, SEPT. 26

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Enchiladas, Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Jello, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Bread Slice, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Pears, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hamburger, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fries, 1/2 Apple, Cookie, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Muffin, or Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Chicken Fajita, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Beans, Onion, Peppers, Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

Motley County I.S.D.

## A Note from the Office ...



by Marilyn Hicks

It is the time of the year when organizations are filling in schedules with parent volunteers for room celebrations, concession stands, and all manner of other things. We have parents who are working all day, either at home or outside, and I know that this sometimes seems like something you can't take on ... but we need you. The activities cannot go on without parents helping. It means money in the accounts for trips, activities, supplies, and scholarships for the students. It seems like a few do it all ... so please say you will help so we can continue to offer the "extras" for the kids. I know that in the way long past, when my children were little, I would ask a few parents for help with projects, and I got the response that "I work all day" from one or two. I always wanted to ask them if they thought I was "eating bon-bons

and taking bubble baths" all day ... So much for that soapbox.

This is the final week of the six weeks, and report cards will be coming out next week. Most of the teachers are reporting that grades are up, and students are coming to class more prepared. We have had more out for Fun Fridays the last two weeks. All of those are good signs. We will have our first big drawing for Golden Tickets this week. I hope you have enjoyed getting the positive phone call from the school when your child earns one.

Elementary teachers are getting materials to begin working on UIL. I would like for all of the children to try to compete in some event. It lets them develop poise as well as academic skills.

The grounds are looking great; Chuck has been working hard and doing double duty as a coach. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to call if you have anything I need to address.

## House of Faith meetings continue in Roaring Springs

House of Faith meetings continue to be held in Roaring Springs. These non-denominational faith-based get-togethers for children feature a Bible story, fun and games, and refreshments.

The meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon beginning at 4:30 p.m. and all children are invited to attend.

**Matadors vs. Chillicothe here, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23**  
★ ★ ★  
**First District Game!**  
★ ★ ★  
**GO MATADORS!**

## Cheerleaders selling reserved stadium seats

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders are selling reserved stadium seats for football games. The cost is \$10 per seat. For more information contact Rebekah Jameson, Cheerleader Sponsor, at 347-2676 or after 4:00 p.m. at 347-2473.

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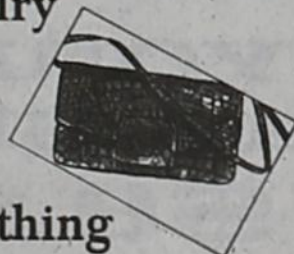
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# Protect home, family against unseen danger

by Linda Anderson  
Texas A&M University

College Station -- Believe it or not, the weather is about to get cooler. That means turning off the air conditioner at home and turning on the heater.

That also means making sure the home's heat-producing appliances run the way they are supposed to, said an expert from Texas Cooperative Extension.

Having the heating system checked before winter starts could prevent a tragedy - carbon monoxide poisoning, said Janie Harris, Extension housing and environment specialist.

"Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that interferes with the delivery of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body," she said. "Even though carbon monoxide will not explode, it can be dangerous - even deadly - to you and your family."

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea and disorienta-

tion, Harris said.

This dangerous gas can be produced inside a home if carbon-containing fuels are incompletely burned, she said.

"The gas must be exhausted to the outside," she said.

These fuels include natural gas, coal, wood, fuel oil and charcoal - the sources used most often in home heating.

The culprits include oil or gas furnaces and cooking appliances, water heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves that aren't working or vented properly, Harris said.

"Two common sources of carbon monoxide in homes in Texas are the gas furnace heat exchanger and the gas hot water heater," she said. "As homes have been built to be more energy-efficient, they have fewer places where fresh air can leak into the home. In order for fuel-burning equipment to operate correctly and safely, it must have a source of fresh air for complete combustion. The ventilation system should provide

the fresh air."

A negative pressure could be created inside the house, causing these gases to be pulled back inside in a process called backdrafting, Harris said.

Other sources of carbon monoxide are unvented kerosene and gas space heaters, fireplaces, gas or wood stoves, automobile exhaust from attached garages and tobacco smoke, she said.

To protect home and family from the dangers of carbon monoxide this winter, Harris suggested the following steps:

— Have the home furnace checked by a professional who will make sure the burners and vent systems are working correctly and the heat exchanger isn't cracked.

— Look at the area around the furnace to make sure enough fresh air can flow in. A home's furnace should not be in a tightly enclosed space.

— Make sure the water heater and the furnace flue have no internal obstructions or leaks near the joints.

— To test a gas water heater while the burner is on, hold a lighted match under the draft hood. The flame should burn upward. If the match flickers downward or goes out, the exhaust may have a back flow and is releasing carbon monoxide into the house.

— Open the damper of a fireplace or wood stove so combustion gases will flow outside.

— Never use a gas range to heat the house.

— Don't leave cars or lawn mowers running in an attached garage. Carbon monoxide given off by these vehicles can drift into the house.

— Make sure all combustion equipment and appliances in a home are installed correctly, are properly maintained and have adequate ventilation.


— Don't use all of the home's exhaust vents and the clothes dryer at the same time. This could create negative pressure in the house, pulling carbon monoxide back inside.

"If you have the fireplace burning and turn on the kitchen exhaust vent, you will likely smell smoke," Harris said. "This means the fireplace is not drawing the carbon dioxide out, but is backdrafting. If you use only one of the exhaust fans - bathroom, kitchen or dryer - the backdrafting will not likely occur."

— Use carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas and fuel-burning appliances. Choose detectors that have Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters Laboratories seals of approval.

— If a carbon monoxide detector goes off, call the fire department immediately and get everyone out of the house. Anyone with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning should be taken to an emergency room.

For more information about this and other home environment issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "House and Home."



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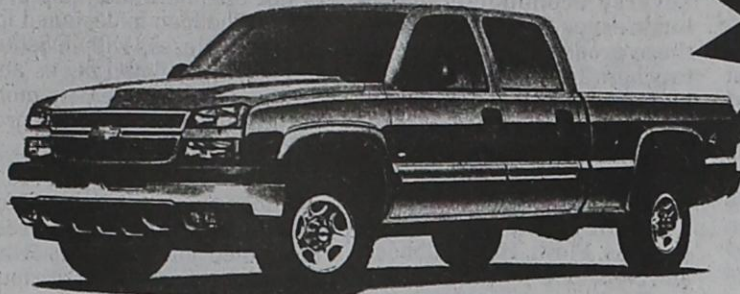
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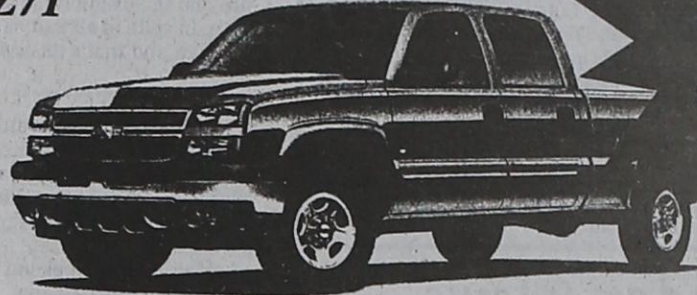
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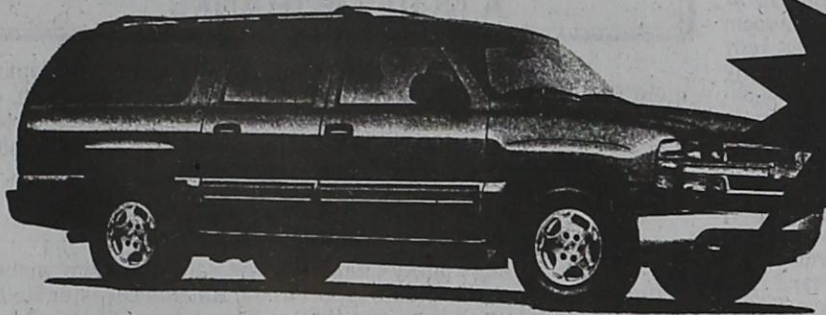
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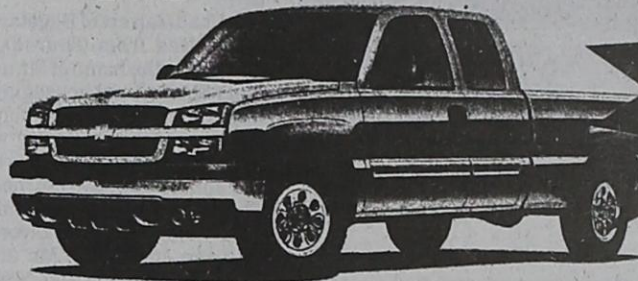
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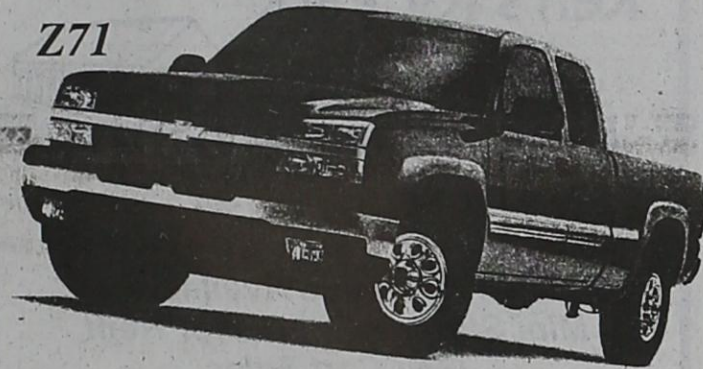
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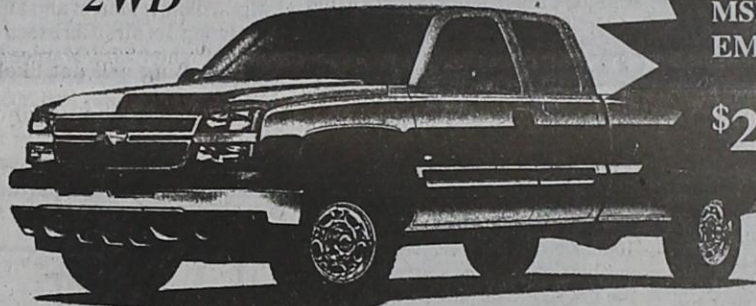
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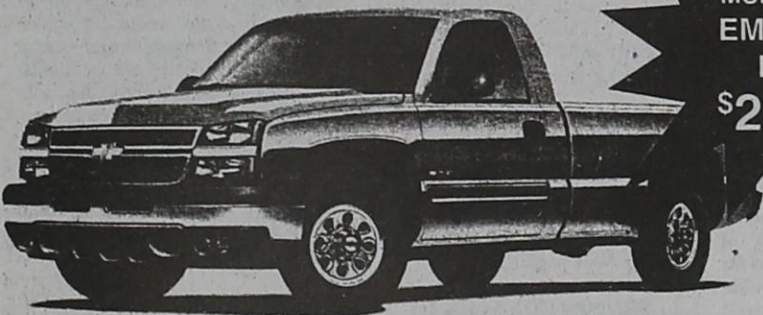
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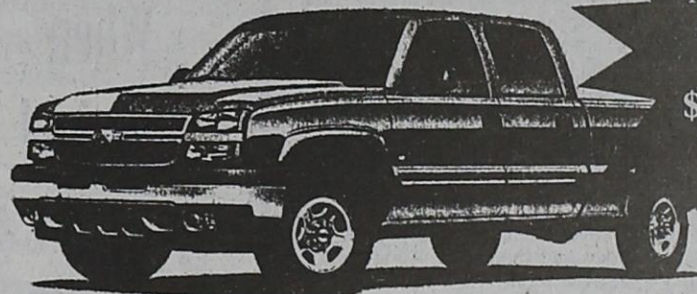
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## Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

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Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker and daughters, Erica and Tara of Boyd, spent the weekend with Linda's mother, Pearl Patten.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Fish, of Lubbock, and daughters, Jane and Nancy visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben

Dillard the past week.  
 Senator Robert Duncan, Mrs. Gil Duncan of Austin, Mrs. Coral Wright of Plano and Mary Duncan of Washington, DC visited their mother, Mrs. Robena King this past week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim on Sunday. Lula Swim met them for lunch at The Hitchin' Post. They helped his parents celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim visited in Bovina on Friday. They visited with Imogene's sister, Mrs. Donalita Hawkins and Mrs. Juanita Hastings. J.T. and Imogene were married at Bovina 66 years ago.

## Matador News



Carol and Lucretia Campbell and Winifred Darsey pose at the Great Sand Dunes marker.

## Summer travelers trek over 2000 miles

by Carol Campbell

Mrs. Lucretia Campbell and daughter, Carol, and Mrs. Winifred Darsey recently returned from a 7-day driving trip to New Mexico and Colorado to visit friends and family.  
 Logging more than 2,000 miles from start to finish, the drive included jaunts through national forests on scenic byways, and stops at a national park, two national monuments, and three museums.

First stop was Capulin Volcano National Monument between Clayton and Raton. At the edge of the Great Plains, the 8,182-foot summit reveals miles of lava flows, mountains, and mesas. Only nine miles from Capulin was one of the most important discoveries in North American archeology. It was here that evidence was found that humans had inhabited America much earlier than previously thought. A spear point found by archeologists dated the site at more than 10,000 years old.

Following a picnic at Capulin, a short drive to Folsom, New Mexico, provided a tour of the famous Folsom Museum. The museum is located in an old mercantile building built in 1874. Exhibits included a 2-inch fluted spear point (Folsom point) used by nomadic hunters to kill bison.

One highlight included Bed and Breakfast in Trinidad, CO, in the historic turn-of-the-century Stone Mansion, completed in 1904. Following a gourmet breakfast and an unexpected Labor Day parade, a guided tour on the scenic Highway of Legends (Colorado 12) provided the first look at the mountain route of the Santa Fe Trail. This scenic byway loops around the Spanish Peaks between LaVeta and Trinidad. Stonewall Valley features large rock walls, some rising more than 250 feet. These vertical giants, once lying at the bottom of an ocean, were created by uplift millions of years ago.

Next stop was at the newest national park, the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve located in the San Luis Valley. This awe-inspiring park covers more than 330 square miles of enormous sand deposits at the base of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The dunes are estimated to be 12,000 years to more than a million years old. The dunes provide recreation to campers, hikers, horseback riding, and sand surfers. Surfers carry boards to the top of the dunes for a zigzag ride to the bottom. The tallest dunes rise 750 feet.

Following an overnight stay in Gunnison, CO, the daughters and

granddaughter of railroad engineer Bertrum Estes, transported "back in time" to an outdoor exhibit of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad narrow gauge, complete with Water Tank and Depot. This highlight visit to the Gunnison Pioneer Museum included a tour of buildings and artifacts, including an Antique Car Museum (55 cars in the collection), arrowhead and mineral collection, Carpenter Shop, Blacksmith Shop, and a Log Cabin Chapel.

Next stop was Taylor Park and Tincup, located on the western slopes of the Rockies at 10,000 feet. Following an outdoor picnic with gracious hosts Molly and Morris Todd, who have survived Texas heat in a high mountain cabin since 1980; the group embarked on a jeep trip to the old historical town of Tincup proper, where some of the original structures of the Gold Rush Days are still visible.

Photo opportunities abound at Tincup Town Hall (built in 1903), Frenchie's Cafe, the old historical cemetery (complete with Boot Hill), followed by a 3-mile jeep trip to Mirror Lake. Mirror Lake, at about 10,500 feet offers a view of a pristine high-mountain, spring fed lake. Tincup Pass, only accessible with a 4-wheel drive, begins at Mirror Lake, over the Continental Divide to the old mining town of St. Elmo.

Following overnight in a pioneer cabin at Taylor Park, the final leg of the high mountain journey was a non-paved drive via Cottonwood Pass (summit 12,236 feet) over the Continental Divide to the Eastern slopes of the Rockies; a picnic in the historic town of Buena Vista; and two nights in Denver with Ann and Jim Huffman. A highlight of the stay in Denver was a visit to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and the IMAX production of "Lewis and Clark."

Heading home, the final loop included a drive through the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, a picnic in the Garden, a hike to Balance Rock, and a nostalgic visit to the former home of parents Winnie and Bert Estes at Fountain Valley School and Fountain and Security, Colorado.

One of the most beautiful spectacles on the trip was only 90 miles from Matador on FM 207, the foothills of the Palo Duro Canyon. And coming home, we experienced the same thrill as we did 50 years ago when the lights of Bob's Oil Well became visible to the naked eye. You can travel far and wide, but the best part is coming Home.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

My old car in the 1930s: My old car they all make fun, they say it was born in 1901. It may be so, but I'll bet it's good for many more miles yet. The windshield's gone and the radiator leaks, but fan belt slips and the horsepower squeaks. It makes the nuts and screws all loose, but I get 40 miles on a gallon of juice. The coils are dead and the plugs won't fire and the piston rings are baling wire. In spite of all that, it pulls me through and that's all any car can do!

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter were in Lubbock, Wednesday for him a medical check following a recent vocal chord procedure at the Covenant Medical Center. He is reported to be doing fine.

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin were Ms. Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes, sister and family, Mrs. Jean Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Matador attended the funeral services of J.C. Pierce, 86, of New Deal held at Franklin Bartlett Funeral Chapel in Lubbock, Friday. Burial was at Crosbyton Cemetery. He was the husband of Thelma Hughes Pierce, sister of Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Cooper.

Chad Calvert of Bogota, Columbia visited from Thursday until Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and houseguests, his wife, Cindy Calvert and son, Cade. He also visited in Turkey with his mother, Mrs. Wanda Calvert.

Johnnie Starkey returned home Thursday from Lebanon, Missouri after visiting the past three weeks with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey and children and granddaughter, Johna Starkey, U.S. Marine, who was home on leave. When Johna returned to LeJeune, North Carolina, everyone on the army base went to a shelter for two days on alert of Hurricane Ophelia.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited in Lubbock, Friday with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. Visiting Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and attending the funeral of Mrs. Christeen Gilbert was daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss, Mrs. LeRay Gilbert and Mrs. Nona Anglia of Anson and Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney.

Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock visited the week-

end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Visiting from Sunday until Wednesday with Mrs. Leona Degan and attending the funeral of Mrs. Christeen Gilbert were daughter and family, Sheila and Jerry Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama. Visiting Tuesday were sons, Morris Degan of Medicine Mound and Stanley Degan of Calgary. Stanley accompanied the Gilbert family to the Lubbock Airport Wednesday morning for their return trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin met granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Amarillo in Plainview, Friday and enjoyed lunch and visiting.

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Janice and Butch Hughes were son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn of Royce City and son and daughter, Roger Hughes and Reagan of Floydada.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay was an honored grandmother of granddaughter, Sarah Clay Tuesday at the Grandparents Day held at the Panhandle School cafeteria. She also visited Sarah's family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner and Kelsey.

Among those from Flomot attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Brown held at the Hope Center in Quitaque Sunday afternoon and the baby shower given for Mrs. Keane (Lacy) Cruise at the Senior Citizens room in Turkey were Mesdames Judy Stark, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Anna Beth Clay, Suzie Shannon, Waydette Clay, Brenda Cruse, Tommie Cruse and Judy Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner enplaned from the Lubbock Airport Monday evening for Albuquerque, NM for Dale to have cardiac tests and check-up at the Veterans' Hospital. They returned home Thursday night, Sept. 22.

Mrs. Shane Jones had leg surgery Wednesday, Sept. 21 in Lubbock.

Mrs. Dorothy Meador was here recently at her home. She has returned to Midlothian to visit in the home of her daughter and family, Mrs. Frances Welling and to have medical consultation in Dallas.

Mrs. Fred Risser, mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter, Kaci Risser of Plainview enjoyed the Gaither Homecoming concert Friday night held at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

### ATTEND ARMY REUNION

Wilda and Spencer Dixon attended from Wednesday until Sunday the 62nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion Association 58th Annual Reunion. It was held at Koko Inn in Lubbock.

Joining them there was Wilda's family, Mrs. Ted Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester and son, Christopher of Lovington, NM. The late Ted Hester served during World War II in this battalion.

## SBA Economic Injury Loans Available

Fort Worth -- Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Excessive rain, flooding, hail, high winds, lightning and tornadoes that occurred on June 9, 2005, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon those producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Motley, Briscoe, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lubbock, and Swisher.

Losses and were not able to purchase goods and services to normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is March 20, 2006.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank the Matador Volunteer Fire Department for putting out the fire, which was caused by lightning, on our farm Wednesday. We feel so fortunate to have such a dedicated and well-trained group of men. Also, a special thanks to Stanley Burleson for bringing water to help fight the fire.

Guy & DiAnn Campbell

The Motley County Chapter of The Salvation Army wishes to thank our county for their support in the Katrina Disaster Relief Fund. We are pleased to report that so far a total of \$2,865.00 has been forwarded. Thank you for your generosity.

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 SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

### PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

### PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

### PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

### PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

### PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

### PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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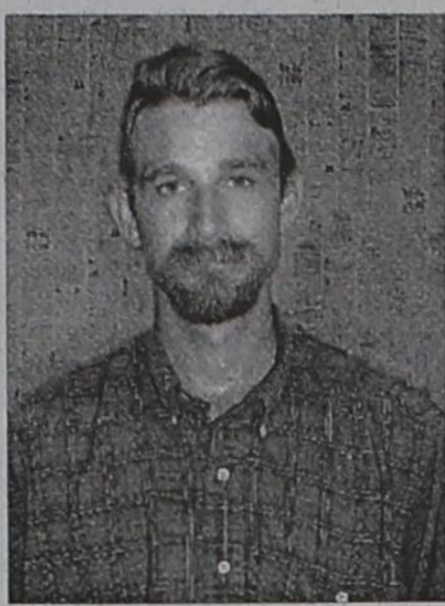
## New employee at NRCS

Si Causey is the new Soil Conservationist at NRCS in Matador.

Si recently moved to Matador from Kingsville, where he graduated from Texas A&M University.

He attended and graduated high school at Uvalde, Texas. Si is 24 years old and single.

He says he's looking forward to getting to know the people of Motley County.



Si Causey

## Wildlife on the High Plains: Playas hold the Key

by Steve Byrns  
Texas A&M University

Canyon - Where do you find game on the High Plains?

Ken Cearley, Texas Cooperative Extension Wildlife specialist at Canyon, said wildlife often can be found along draws, creeks, rivers or remnants of native prairie that still haven't been turned by the plow.

For pheasants, he recommends hunting crop stubble or the corners of irrigation circles. The pickings are apt to be slim elsewhere on the flat, open High Plains, which supports some of the most intensive agricultural production in the country.

"Consider this possibility, though," he said. "The High Plains of Texas is also home to at least 19,000 playa lakes which can be extremely productive when managed in a wildlife-friendly manner. These shallow, natural water-catching depressions average about 15 acres in size, with the largest approaching 800 acres or more.

"Playas cover about 2 percent of the land in the Texas Panhandle. Because playas fill, recede and ultimately go dry until the next good rain, they are ideal areas for waterfowl and other birds and animals."

Cearley said a playa's diverse plant community provides cover for ground-nesting birds such as pheasants. Their food production capabilities also carry the birds through seasons when there is no waste grain in nearby fields.

"Waterfowl are especially benefitted by playas," he said. "The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department estimates that 250,000 waterfowl may be produced across the playa lakes region of Texas during wet springs and summers. In the winter, as many as 300,000 Canada and snow geese can be found there. Mallards and pintails are also found in abundance.

"In the Central Flyway, only the Gulf Coast hosts more birds in the winter than does the playa

lakes region of Texas. Cranes, shorebirds and other species of ducks use playa lakes region of Texas. Cranes, shorebirds and other species of ducks use playas at various times of the year."

Cearley said managing playas for wildlife production can add dollars to the landowner's pocket. Enterprises and activities including wildlife observation, photography and hunting are all possible income producers.

"If the playa is currently in crop production, or lies within cropland naturally the first step is to set it aside from farming," he said. "To protect it from the gradual accumulation of silt from field runoff, a buffer strip made up of a combination of native grasses and forbs should be planted on the perimeter. Fencing is recommended to control grazing access."

Cearley also recommends fencing off rangeland playas unless the pasture is small enough that the whole pasture can be managed around the playa's welfare.

"Grazing intensity and time of year affect vegetation response and therefore wildlife response," he said. "If a landowner is managing for shorebirds, jackrabbits and prairie dogs, intensive long-term grazing may be in order. But to favor plant diversity and therefore animal diversity, light to moderate grazing with no more than 25 percent of the current year's growth removed would be best."

Cearley said playas managed primarily for pheasant nesting habitat should be lightly grazed or deferred altogether. As a rule of thumb, he said protection from grazing during the growing season is best.

"Wildlife enthusiasts today account for significant financial contribution to local rural economies," Cearley said. "Properly managing playa lakes for wildlife isn't just good stewardship, it's also plain good business."

## SUPPORT MOTLEY COUNTY

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

**OFFICE CLOSURES**  
Tuesday, September 27: Office closed for training.  
October 10: Office closed for Columbus Day.

**CRP MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING ENDING SOON**

Producers were allowed to sign up for managed haying and grazing on CRP Managed grazing is allowed every three years after CRP cover is established. The managed grazing period is July 2 through October 29.

The managed haying period is July 2 through September 29. Only one cutting of hay is allowed. All hay must be removed from the field by October 9. Hay may NOT be stored on any CRP acreage.

**SMALL GRAIN CERTIFICATION**  
If you planted small grain acreage for grazing, you must certify 15 days prior to grazing.

**TUMBLEWEEDS ON CRP/DCP LAND**

In an effort to make cotton harvest a little more enjoyable for the cotton producers, the office will enforce compliance rules regarding tumbleweeds on cropland or CRP acres. If you have tumbleweeds, please shred them immediately before they begin to blow into neighboring cotton fields. Penalties are in place for farms that have

not controlled tumbleweeds.

**PAYMENT LIMITATION DETERMINATIONS:** Producers are reminded that no program benefits may be made until the FSA office has made all the necessary payment limitation and eligibility determinations. Producers will remain ineligible until all the required forms that include information pertaining to their farming operations are provided to the office. If the producer requests the determination, the request may be filed anytime before the final date for submitting form CCC-502 (Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review.)

**PROGRAMS AND PAYMENT LIMITS**

The following programs are subject to the following limitations:

DCP: Direct Payment - \$40,000 per crop year.  
DCP: Counter-Cyclical Payment - \$65,000 per crop year.

LDPs: \$75,000 per crop year.  
Market Grains: \$75,000 per crop year.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - \$50,000 per fiscal year.

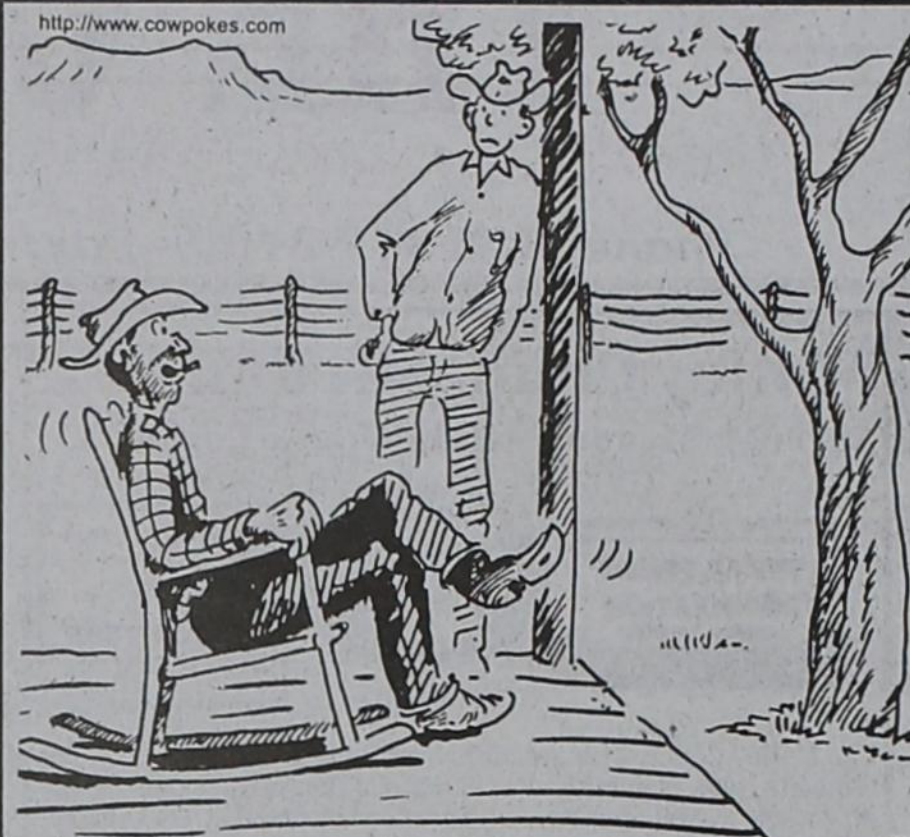
Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) - \$100,000 per crop year.

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## Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

**FLOYD COUNTY:** As of Monday evening the BASA Resources, Inc., L.N. Johnson Lease Well #1 was 6250 feet deep, drilling an 8 3/4 inch hole at a rate of 40 to 50 feet per hour. 9 5/8 inch intermediate casing

was set to 4025 feet.

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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

### Motley County Tribune Weather Sept. 22, 2005

**7-Day Forecast**

**Thursday**  
Sunny  
High: 99 Low: 66

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 94 Low: 61

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 87 Low: 61

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 83 Low: 60

**Monday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 85 Low: 60

**Tuesday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 84 Low: 58

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 88 Low: 61

**In-Depth Forecast**

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 99°, humidity of 32% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1977. The record low is 39° set in 1983. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 94°.

**Moon Phases**

Last	New	First	Full
9/25	10/3	10/10	10/17

**Last Week's Local Almanac**

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	92	66	87/63	2.43"	2.92"
Monday	89	66	87/63	0.00"	0.63"
Tuesday	95	68	87/62	0.36"	+2.29"
Wednesday	86	68	86/62	0.13"	Average temperature .76.5°
Thursday	84	66	86/62	0.00"	Average normal temperature .74.2°
Friday	81	57	86/61	0.00"	Departure from normal .+2.3°
Saturday	93	60	86/61	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

**Weather History**

**Sept. 22, 1987** - Hurricane Emily, the first hurricane to roam the Caribbean in nearly six years, made landfall over the Dominican Republic, packing 125-mph winds. Emily killed three people and caused 30 million dollars in damage.

**Sun & Moon Times**

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Sunset tonight . . . . . 7:50 p.m.  
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**TO MAKE CHANGES, CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS** to the Birthday and Activity Calendar, please contact Jim or Judy Cooper at 347-2338 or 347-2852.

**AUCTION** to be held in October. Farm Equipment, Trailers, etc. If you would like to add farm and ranch equipment to be sold, contact Terry Simpson, 347-2202.

## BID NOTICE

**REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS**  
Hackberry Creek Care Center is soliciting SEALED BIDS from General Contractors for the construction of a 40-50 bed nursing home in Matador, Texas. Bids will be received by Hackberry Creek Center, Inc. at the City Hall, 706 Dundee, Matador, Texas 79244, until 2:00 p.m. on October 12, 2005, Central Standard Time, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Dodge Plan rooms in Lubbock and Amarillo and The Reproduction Company plan room in Lubbock.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from The Reproduction Company in Lubbock (806) 763-7770 for a check deposit of \$150.00 per set, made payable to Rheinlander and Associates, Inc. Contractors will be responsible for all shipping and handling. Any Bidder, upon returning the contract documents promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the deposit.

Hackberry Creek Care Center reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

**THE CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS** is now accepting bids for the purchase of a tornado siren that will provide coverage within a mile radius. The price must include installation. Bids may be mailed to the City of Roaring Springs, P.O. Box 247, Roaring Springs, Texas, 79256, or may be faxed to the City of Roaring Springs, fax number 806-348-7334. Bids must be received by noon, October 7, 2005. The City of Roaring Springs has the right to refuse any or all bids.

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