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## **MC Homecoming** Committee asking for school memorabilia

Motley County Homecoming is set for September 22 and 23. The Homecoming Committee is planning to have display tables set up in the gym on the Saturday of Homecoming. These tables will hold mementos from each school that

is now known as Motley County ISD. "We have already found a Matador High School 1936 cheerleader skirt and sweater belonging to Cretia Campbell," said Carolyn Pohl Limmer, committee member. "We are hoping each school will have pictures, annuals, football uniforms, school programs, pins, sweaters, and other old treasures and keepsakes representing Flomot, Roaring Springs, Northfield and Matador. It would be great if we could group the mementos, not only by schools, but also by decades.'

If you have any kind of school memorabilia, such as listed

above, please contact Kay Bailey, 806-347-2399, Tom and Deanie Edwards, 347-2396, or Barbara Armstrong, 347-2424. The committee hopes to get all the items together the week before Homecoming so they will know how many tables to set up. They would also like to have a card on the items with the name, what year graduated and the school.

"We think those attending will really enjoy reminiscing as they see some of the old keepsakes from their school. By having these items of interest on display, maybe we will have more interest and better attendance," Mrs. Limmer said.

## Commissioners meet in regular session

sioners Court met for their tice of the Peace and Library. regular meeting Monday, Au- Commissioners approved all gust 14. Members of the court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis Precinct 1, Donnie Turner Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson Precinct 3, Russell Alexander Precinct 4; and Kate Hurt, County Clerk. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador.

Judge Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Alexander gave the invocation.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the

Motley County Commis- Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Jusaccounts for payment and all

> Judge Smith presented two line item transfers to the court for approval. Commissioner Davis made the motion to transfer \$50.00 from the County Attorney Misc. Books to County Attorney Dues for TDCAA, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion passed.

Commissioner Jameson made the motion to transfer \$4,200.00 from R&B Precinct #3 to General Misc. Courthouse Furniture and Maintenance for finished work completed on the continued on page 4

## Three girls will vie for 2006 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen

Three girls will vie for the title of 2006 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen. Contestants are busy selling tickets for a pair of Jim Bo Humphreys handmade Spurs. The girl selling the most tickets will be crowned the 2006 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen during the Saturday night Rodeo performance.

Contestants are Shane'a Russell, the 15-year-old daughter of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador. Shane'a is a Sophomore at Motley County High School and a Varsity Cheerleader. She also enjoys participating in FFA, 4-H, Basketball and Track. She is also actively involved in Rodeo competition and currently hold the title of WTBRA (West Texas Barrel Racing Assoc.) 3D Reserve Champion.

Ashley Brackeen, the 12-year-old daughter of James and Myra McCleskey of Roaring Springs and Brian and Corrie Brackeen is also a Queen Contestant. Ashley is a Motley County Jr. High 7th grader. Se enjoys riding horses, singing and hanging out with friends.

Jaci Little will represent Dickens County as a Rodeo Queen Contestant. She is the 10year-old daughter of L.G. and Dana Little of McAdoo. She is a fifth grader at Patton Springs ISD. Jaci enjoys working with her horse, participating in basketball and reading.

The 2006 Queen will receive a portion of her ticket sales. If you would like to purchase a ticket contact one of these pretty contestants.

In addition to Saturday night's Rodeo, events for the 83rd Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion will get underway with the traditional Parade at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Roaring Springs.



Shane'a Russell

Ashley Brackeen



Jaci Little

Organizers encourage anyone and everyone to participate in this historic Parade. Use your imagination and decorate your car, truck, bicycle, scooter, etc.,

or if you have a business, hang on a sign and get some free advertisement. Organizers hope to have a bigger and better parade this year!

The parade will continue through downtown Roaring Springs and on to the Old Set-ters grounds where winners will be announced. At 11:00 a.m. a Memorial Service will be held in the tabernacle. A business meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.

The Cadillac Jack Band will tune things up with a free dance form 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. The band will also be featured nightly at 8:30 p.m. for the Old Settlers Pavilion Dance. A Waltz Contest will be held Saturday.

Motley-Dickens County Arena events will get under at 5:00 p.m., with books open at 4:30 p.m. Events will include Cutting, Flag Race (6 & under; 7-12); Open age Barrel Race, Junior Team Roping and Motley-

Dickens County Team Roping. Activities will get underway at 10:00 a.m. Friday with a Cutting competition. The event is open to anyone or any horse. Books will open at 9:00 a.m. Classes will include Junior Horse (5 & younger); Senior Horse (6 & older); Youth Class

A Ranch Rodeo will kick up some dust Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Events will include Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Team Sorting, Double Mugging.

(18 & younger).

Ron and Marianne Brunson's Cowboy Church Band will be featured at the tabernacle Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday's events will start up at 9:00 a.m. with a RHAA Ranch Horse Competition. Books open at 8:00 a.m. Divisions will include: Cowboy Class, Ranch Hand Class, Junior Class, Senior Class and Youth Class. A Washer Pitch contest will be held at 1:00 p.m. in front of the tabernacle.

The much anticipated Kid's Snapping Turtle Race will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday with a \$50 prize presented to winners in each division. Divisions will include 0-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years. For more information contact Russell Alexander at 806-348-7958.

Pokey the Clown's WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo will give some young cowboys and cowgirls a chance for some Rodeo experience from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be three age divisions: 3-7 years, 8-11 years, and 12-16 years. Entry fee per team will be \$20. Pre-entry and practice will be held that morning at 9:30 a.m. The team with the most points wins and qualifies for WRCA World Championship Finals at Amarillo.

Saturday night's big dance on the concrete slab will feature Jake Hooker and The Outsid-

Admission is free all day Thursday. General Admission on Friday and Saturday will be \$5.00 (free for those 12 & under).

Charlie Carter food concessions will be available on the grounds.

## Motley County's oldest resident enters eternity

Vera Mitchell, 102, Motley County's oldest resident, entered eternity Saturday, August 12, when she passed from this life at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center in Floydada.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 17, at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs with Johnny Morris, pastor, and Wayland Hutto officiating.

The family will be at Seigler Funeral Home for viewing and visiting from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday evening. Vera was born in Montague

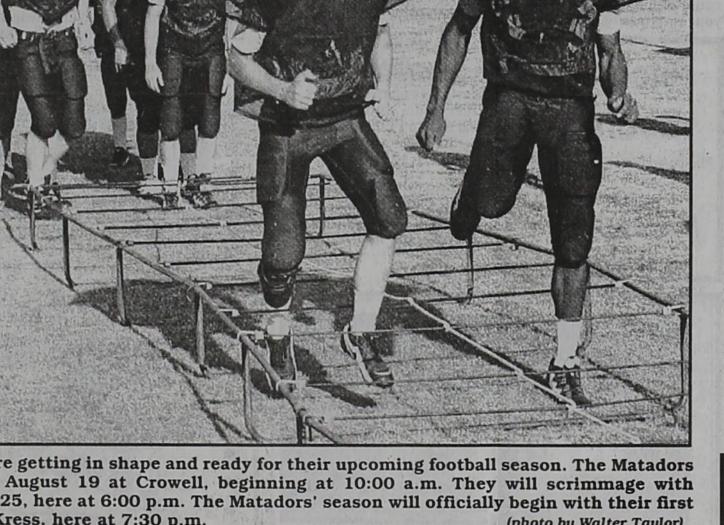
County November 8, 1903, to Lee and Cora Webb. She was the third of seven children. She came to Roaring Springs in 1920 with her family on the train stopping at the Roaring Springs Depot when she was 17.

Vera married Elbert Mitchell in July of 1926. The young couple began their lives together during the Depression when times were hard. They settled on a farm east of Roaring Springs where they lived for over twenty years. They were blessed with six children, Gerald, Gusita, Wayborn, Wanda, Gaynell and Doyne.

Mrs. Mitchell was a member of the former Home Demonstration Club and Quilting Club in Roaring Springs. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs for 50 years.

Vera is survived by four children, Wayburn 'Pug' Mitchell of Paducah, Wanda Goss of Littlefield, Gaynell Sasser of Yellville, Arkansas, and Doyne Mitchell of Los Angeles, California; two brothers, Clifford Webb and R.L. 'Buck' Webb; one sister, Nowell Crego; thirteen grandchildren and numerous great, great-great, and greatgreat-great grandchildren.

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Motley County Matadors are getting in shape and ready for their upcoming football season. The Matadors will scrimmage Saturday, August 19 at Crowell, beginning at 10:00 a.m. They will scrimmage with Southland, Friday, August 25, here at 6:00 p.m. The Matadors' season will officially begin with their first game, September 1, with Kress, here at 7:30 p.m. (photo by Walter Taylor)

## Do you remember this Matador Tribune sports reporter?



**Shannon Jameson** 

I was sports reporter from 1969 to 1973 for the Matador Tribune. I wrote stories about football, basketball, track and tennis games, individual sport awards and special sports events of the outstanding athletes who attended Matador Schools.

I did not work in the Tribune office. I typed up my stories and had them in Matador on Mondays to be published in the weekly edition of the Tribune. Douglas Meador, editor felt I was doing a professional job reporting results of games, so I was filled with pride in 1971 when this man I admired gave me the title of sport editor and began giv-

ing me front page coverage.

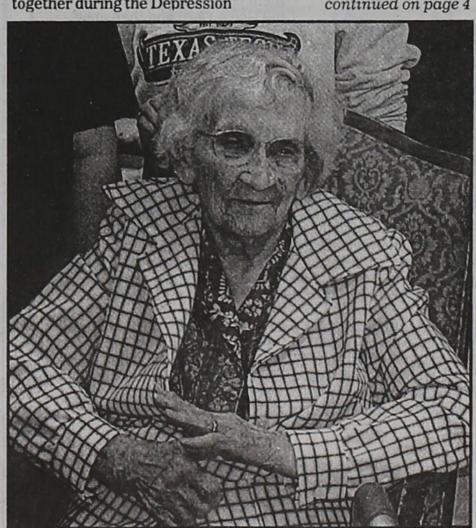
I was unable to participate in sports due to polio, but I accompanied the Matador teams on their out of town trips as well as sitting on the sidelines with the teams at the home games. I attended games with a pencil and pad when the weather was cold, rainy, dusty, icy and a harvest moon shining down. The coaches and team members gave me the satisfaction that I belonged with them.

I also wrote during this time period an amusing column, "Lance's Toro" with the encouragement of Mrs. Lila Meador. She had a "Pied Pinions" column that was enjoyed by everyone, so I appreciated her publishing my column in the Tri-

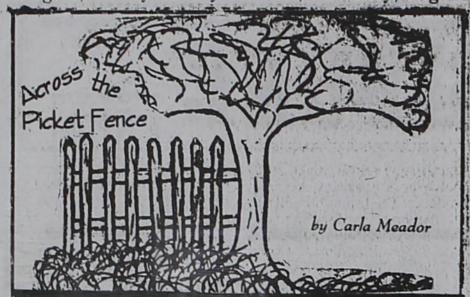
I was humble with gratitude when I was presented by the Tribune publisher, Douglas Meador a special plaque award for my sports reporting for the newspaper and interest in journalism. Mr. Meador also through the years at MHS commencements presented me the journalism and citizenship awards. Adding to my memories when working as a sports reporter, I received a special award at the All Sports Banquet presented by Supt. Charles Johnson who said I deserved equal recognition with the sports players for my loyalty to school sports and my accurate reporting of athletic activities in the Matador Tribune.

When I was awarded my degrees from McMurry University in Abilene and Southwestern University in San Marcos, I did not

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Vera Mitchell at her 102nd birthday celebration in November, 2005. Mrs. Mitchell was Motley County's oldest resi-



I recently read a wonderful poem entitled "The Dash." It speaks of the time we have on earth and how we live it.

This week a wonderful, beloved woman, Vera Mitchell, passed from this life at the age of 102. What a life! The things she saw and experienced are more than we can imagine. She came from the horse and buggy to computers and internet!

What a span of events! Mrs. Mitchell was a sweetheart. I knew her all of my life and in recent months had the chance to visit with her frequently at the Floydada Rehab and Nursing Center. She always had a smile on her face and spoke with a pleasant tone

which reflected her sweet disposition. She never complained and I never heard her say she felt bad. A few weeks ago I noticed she seemed to be a little down, and I asked her if she wasn't feeling good that day.
With her sweet, pleasant voice
she replied, "I feel 102 today."

Vera lived the dash in her

life to the fullest. I can imagine Jesus greeting her with open arms, "Welcome home Vera, my good and faithful servant."

Her family and everyone who knew her will miss her greatly.

This poem is so touching and really makes you think. How are we living our dash?

The Dash by Linda Ellis © 1996

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I read of a reverend who stood to speak at the funeral of his friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change?! For you never know how much time is left. (You could be at dash mid-range.)

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash... would you be pleased with the things they say about how you spent your dash?

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### **Application Time**



It is true! Spiritual development comes as a result of knowing God's Word and then applying the principles found therein to our lives. Personal Bible study time is often difficult to find. But when found this time can be a period of re-learning and of refreshing ourselves in some elementary areas of Christian growth.

A good way to prepare ourselves for the opportunities and challenges of this life is to get into the Gospels. It is in the four gospel accounts that we find our Lord Jesus. If we are to do as He did, then we of necessity must find out how He did it. In the reading of the gospel accounts we find how our Lord felt, acted, reacted and taught. We need to feel His compassion for others and to see people through His eyes. This will be an eye-opening experienced for many of us.

Our emphasis is not only a reading of the life of Jesus, but also to acquaint ourselves with the Master's Walk. Let me suggest the book of Luke as an excellent starting point. Also we remind ourselves that it is application time. The Bible says in James 1:22, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding your own selves."

#### ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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

## **CHAMBER** OF **COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS**

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

"Education will never become as expensive as ignorance."

Anonymous

A workshop is coming up on Tuesday, August 29th in Plainview, and you can't beat the price -- it is free to all comers. Not only that, but refreshments will be served.

So what can you learn there? The workshop will be conducted by the Texas Historical Commission for the Plainview Main Street Program. It features effective design solutions for store interiors and window displays.

Kay Harvey-Mosley will present techniques for leading the customer via lighting techniques, placement of displays and use of color. Her presentation also includes tips on effective window displays that include things varying the height of merchandise, colors and themes. The idea is to let merchants see their stores and the customer does.

Kay Harvey-Mosley is the director of the Community Heritage Development (CHD) Division of the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Community Heritage Development Division encompasses four programs: Certified Local Government, Texas Main Street, Texas Heritage Trails and Visionaries in Preservation. She is formerly the state coordinator for the Texas Main Street Program.

Ms. Harvey-Mosley received her bachelor of science in interior design from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a registered interior designer. Her design work has been published in Southern Living maga-zine, and she has worked for the Texas Historical Commission for many years.

The workshop will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29th at the Fair Theatre located at 715 Broadway in downtown Plainview.

But you do have to reserve your place, so please contact Paula Hedrick for your reserva-tion. Paula Hedrick can be

reached by telephone at 806-2961119, or you can E-Mail her at phedrick@ci.plainview.tx.us.

Given the high cost of gas these days, you might want to consider carpooling, so that all those interested in going can go together. If so, call Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388, and she will see to it that all intershe will see to it that all inter-

ested parties can go together.

So take advantage of this opportunity, and plan to attend the workshop. Plainview is not that far away, and you never know what you might learn that could help your business and your community.

## **Pitchfork** Country

Photography by Bob Moorhouse

available at the **Motley County** Tribune



Get your free, hand-held air circulation equipment at the Motley County Library. Beat the Heat. While supplies last.

We appreciate the memorial donations that the library has recently received. We thank Charley and Opal Johnson for their donations in memory of Ruby Ellithorp and Miriam Jameson Bell. We appreciate the donations from Lindy Stafford in memory of Ossie Lee Brown and Sis Davis.

The Friends of the Library fundraiser, the famous Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Corn Bread will take place on Friday, August 25, from 11:30 to 1:30. All you can eat for a donation! Again, this year, you will be served by Motley County Celebrities. I have noticed that this event has become a time to catch up on old friendships. Come and have a great plate of beans and cornbread and see friends who have come to town for Old Settlers. Bring a friend!

We appreciate the generosity of our Motley County residents. We thank C.W. and Pat Moore, Lee Cook, Regina Sheffield, and Carol Campbell for their donations to the library.

The library had a great deal of volunteer time donated during the month of July. We thank Pina Sturdivant, Regina Sheffield, Marihelen Wason, Ruby McGuire, Patricia Green and Georgia Witcher for donating their time to keep the library open on Mondays and while I was gone.

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#### TUESDAY SCRAMBLE August 8

First, with a score of 27, were Robert Osborn, Gerald Barrett, Michael Adams and Timmy Brooks.

Second, with a score of 29 (play off on card) were Larry McClenny, Reagan McClenny, Machaia McClenny, Alan Bingham and Cody Dodson.

Closest to pin on #6 was Michael Adams, 9' 10".

Others playing were Ken Marshall, James Ball, Bill Mills, Jerry and Jeanie Johnson, Judy and Garland Cartwright, Conway Clary, Darrell Cruse, and Stan Hanesworth.

#### LADIES PLAYDAY August 10

9 hole players were Tommye Keith, Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Judy Renfro, Pat Warren and Linda Kay Bailey.

Tommye and Frances tied with most bogies - both won a

18 hole players were Dartha Westbrook and Geneva Wilson. Geneva won the ball - most bo-

## Breast Screening to be held at Motley County Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on August 28, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Arts & Crafts club members paint 'Home Sweet Home'

Motley County Arts & Crafts Club met for its August meeting on August 7 at the Senior Citizens Center. It was a blue ribbon winner, by consensus of opinion. The members were awed with admiration over the results of the workshop.

President, Joy Archer, pre-sided over a lengthy business meeting discussing the upcoming bazaar, the antique quilt, and as always, plans for future programs and workshops.

Joy was also instructor for the day and for the program on "Home Sweet Home." The program consisted of a photography of one's home mounted on a sheet of music of the song, "Home Sweet Home," for a background, or a painting of your childhood home, or your present one in place of a picture. The results were outstanding, awe-inspiring and nostalgic.

The club enjoyed a lovely luncheon with the Senior Citizens. The bill of fare included meatloaf, corn, turnip greens, salad, wheat rolls and jello. It was a happy hour, good food, good friends and convivial fun.

Members present were Lorene Lancaster, Joy Archer, Jo Trammel, Dorothy Knight, Vee Gordon, Jane King and Winifred Darsey.

This program is the last of this fiscal year. The new year begins in September for the ensuing year.

The new yearbooks are very impressive with outstanding programs and appropriate illustrations.

The members of Arts and Crafts Club are looking forward to the new year.

Mark your calendar - November 18 - for the Bazaar. See you there!

## Dog Days of August featured at Do Gooders meeting

When the Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon the first day of August at the Flomot Community Center with the temperature outside 102 deagrees, "The Dog Days of Au- to paint the inside of the Comgust" was a perfect featured

Hostesses, Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert presided at a silver service on a table laid with white cloth. The centerpiece was a dog and pig shaded under a yel-low umbrella flanked by ivy pot plant. They served an assortment of appetizing fresh fruit and a cooling fruit punch.

Mrs. Calvert conducted the business meeting. In the ab-

sence of Mrs. Alma Shorter who was on the sick list, Mrs. Waydetta Clay read the minutes

that were approved. The bazaar quilt was put into a frame and the members were to meet at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon, August 8th to begin quilting. They voted munity Building and to have the carpet cleaned.

Mrs. Geneva Martin's name was drawn for the hostess gift. She was delighted with the miniature fan with the on and off button to put on her key chain, a rain gauge she hoped would be used soon, a crocheted doily and chocheted hot pad.

Those attending were Mes-dames Nada Starkey, Leona Degan, Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington, Geneva Martin, Waydetta Clay and Connie Franks.

### A Note of Thanks

I would like to express a warm thank you to everyone who sent cards, letters of encouragement and made phone calls during this time of the loss of my Mom. I feel so very blessed to live in a community filled with special people and friends, for this helps me to get through things so much easier. May God Bless all of you.

> Thank you, Jeannie Moore & family

We want to thank each one of you that supported us and lifted us up in your prayers these last nine years as we watched our Mom slip away. We especially want to thank Kim and Jo for their care. We thank you for the calls, cards, flowers and memorials. A big thanks for all the food you provided.

> The Sis Davis family, Don & Ray Bud & Vickki Pete & Kay Charles & Lisa

Thanks to each of you for your concern, love, your prayers and cards during the illness and death of my sister, LaVenia Searcy.

The Joyce Campbell family



**Roaring Springs Depot** 

Everyone is invited to a Meeting of the Friends of the Roaring Springs Depot

Friday, August 25, 2:00 p.m. **Community Center Roaring Springs** 

> Presentations by **Preservation Texas** and PSC, Engineers



ah'm goin' to git me Rootin' Tootin Beans!

## **Beans & Cornbread! ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

Served by:

**Motley County Celebrities** 

When: Friday of Old Settlers August 25, 2006 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Motley County Library

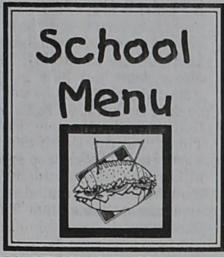
Donations gratefully accepted

Menu: Rootin' Tootin' Beans **Yaller Cornbread** Tea

## New School Year's Resolution: Get Organized

The kids are back in school. The free-wheeling attitude of summer is a fading memory. And parents are left with the daunting task of re-imposing order and organization on the household.

"The barrage of paperwork



MONDAY, AUGUST 21 .

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecued Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Bean & Beef Burrito, Salad, Spanish Rice, Tortilla Chips, Fruit, Milk.

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey,

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, er Cereal, Teast, Julee, Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Pickle Spears, Potato Chips, Cookle, Orange Slices, Milk.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll. or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce,

Lunch: Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Chocolate Brownie, Peaches, Milk.

alone that comes with the start of the school year can be a real wake up call," said Ginny Bean, a mother of three boys ages 11, 15 and 17, and publisher of one of the country's fastest growing house wares catalogs. She has learned a thing or two over the years about organization, and Ginny's is filled with items that help families cut through everyday clutter to get organized.

1. Divide and conquer. Second only to "when in doubt, throw it out," among organiza-tional truisms, this is updated, slightly less compulsive cousin of "a place for everything and everything in its place." Bean recommends you designate a file tray or basket for each member of the family, and put his or her name on it. Sort the mail and school backpack contents (permission slips, notices, homework assignments) directly into individual trays.

This rule works for non-paper items, too. Create logical order in a child's room by storing like toys in designated containers. Put shirts in one drawer, pants in another; and label as much as possible, using pictures instead of words for younger children. In the kitchen, separate baking pans and bowls from other food

preparation or pantry items. 2. Store items where you use them. Place baskets, racks or wall pegs near the door, so children and other family members have a place to deposit outerwear and shoes when they get home. Keep cookbooks together in the kitchen, craft books near your crafting area, travel books

in the family room, and reference books in the den.

Any cook knows that storing tools at their point of use can significantly enhance productivity in the kitchen. And yet, no matter how big the kitchen, there never seems to be enough there never seems to be enough cabinet or drawer space.

3. Make the most of your space. One way to overcome seemingly omnipresent space challenges is to choose furnishings that can do double-duty. Portable storage ottomans, for example, have become very popular. They provide not only a foot rest, but also an extra, movable place to sit, and best of

#### all, an inside compartment for storing away afghans, magazines, games and other stuff.

Among other space-saving favorites are a child's trundle bed, a six-shelf "thin man pantry" that slides into the spot between an appliance and cabinet, and a rolling table with nesting stool that makes a great portable project area and even has a three-tier rack for spices or

4. If it's not in use, hide it away. Clear the clutter of uncompleted tasks. Get rid of the piles of partially paid bills on the kitchen table and the scrapbooking project that's overtaking the family room. It's a matter of basic containment, which can often be as simple as a plastic bin placed on the shelf of a nearby closet.

Wheeled storage carts are a great way to organize crafts, home office or children's games and can be rolled out of sight as needed.

Ginny's catalog, first published in 1990, is dedicated to showcasing fun and unique items for everyday life. To request a copy of Ginny's catalog, log on the GinnysSolutions.com or call (800) 487-9024. (courtesy of ARA content)

> SPIRIT RALLY Monday, August 28 7:00 p.m.

### ALETTER ROM THE OFFICE

BY MARILYNN HICKS MOTLEY COUNTY ISD PRINCIPAL



The bells are ringing on the beginning of my fourth year at Motley County School System. As I walked through classes this morning and talked with parents, I found that all were excited and optimistic about the

We had our first "Boo-Hoo" breakfast for parents of PreK and Kindergarten students. Leaving your child with someone else on the first day of certainly school is heartrending; there were some tears, but I am happy to report that the students were smiling very shortly.

On Friday, grades 6-12 will have a Student Council sponsored dance in the afternoon. The purpose is to start the year on a positive note (literally and

figuratively) and to make sure that everyone knows the new students. Each person will be given a dance card which must have 10 entries, following guidelines, or Mrs. Bingham and Mrs. Gillespie will assign entries on the card. Chicagra Brown, president of the Student Council, is spearheading the plans.

Next week, during Old Settlers, we will have school. We will transport students to the parade and then serve them grilled hot dogs outside when we arrive back at school. We want to celebrate this Motley County tradition and also maintain the integrity of the school calendar. Some of the students will be riding on floats and horses in addition to being spectators. The PreK and Kindergarten parents are asked to meet us in front of HP Feed to help keep the little guys in check.

If you see us out of the building for an extended time this Friday, we are going to be practicing all of our disaster drills. We will work on Fire Drills, Tornado Drills, Lock Downs, and Building Evacuations. During the last one, we rally at the foot-ball field and would, with a real emergency, continue to the Church of Christ where parents would be contacted to pick chil-dren up. We will go through the drill but will not call parents

during this practice.

During this week, parents will be receiving a calendar for the rest of the month. We are anticipating a busy, challenging and productive year!

## **Motley County ISD** enrollment increases

Motley County I.S.D. welcomed 170 students on August 15, the first day of the 2006-07 school year.

"We are excited about this year's enrollment," commented Superintendent Randy Brown.
"We had 158 students on the first
day of school last year, so this is
a nice increase. School districts
traditionally hit their peak enrollment sometime after Labor Day. We are expecting a few more students to enroll later this month. Most school districts in the region are facing declining enrollment. We are blessed to have good numbers, particularly in the Elementary and Middle School grades. We expect our enrollment pattern to remain stable or confinue to



83rd Annual Motley-Dickens Counties

# Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo

ROARING SPRINGS, TEXAS August 24, 25 & 26, 2006

Saturday Night Dance - Jake Hooker & the Outsiders

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Derrick Cruse awarded degree

Derrick Cruse of Flomot received his degree at West Texas A&M University commencement ceremonies, Friday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Bank Event Center in Canyon. He was awarded his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business. He graduated from Valley School in 2003.

Attending the graduation ceremony were his parents, Mr.

A. B. Lyles

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and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot, grandmothers, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey; brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey and sister, Ms. Leah Cruse of Canyon.

Leah had a celebration dinner in her home honoring Derrick following his graduation.

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JUNIOR TEAM ROPING

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Entry Fee \$100° \$45 Stock Charge Youth Class - 18 Years Old & Younger (As of Day of Competition) Entry Fee \$50 \$20 Stock Charge

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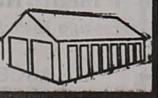
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## TxDOT introduces new registration sticker

Austin -- Thanks to customer comments and suggestions, the Texas Department of Transportation is introducing a new windshield registration sticker expected to be distributed statewide by early 2007.

"We are very excited about the new design," said Rebecca Davio, director of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division." We listened to our customers, used their ideas, and believe we have a sticker Texans will be proud to display."

The sticker will debut in Randall County in August, followed by Williamson and Hays counties in September. After that, it will roll out incrementally across the state.

'Texans told us they wanted a sticker with a clean, uncluttered design that was easy to apply, and that is what we have developed," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT's executive director.

Texas places two stickers on a paper sheet, and then completes the one for your type of vehicle while "avoiding" the other. The windshield sticker is for passenger vehicles while the smaller sticker applies to other modes of transportation, such as motorcycles, trailers and farm equipment.

New instructions make it clear the sticker marked "VOID" on the registration receipt should be thrown away.

By using a single sheet with two stickers we are able to save time and taxpayer money," Davio said. "It also allows us to customize the sticker so you know that sticker was made just for your vehicle."

TxDOT introduced this customized registration process in 2004, which allows stickers to be printed on demand. It replaced pre-printed sticker books that forced the state to estimate how many stickers it would need each year. The sticker books created a cumbersome inventory control system, and the state's 254 tax assessor-collectors were held personally liable for the value of the stickers more than \$1 billion. At the end of the year, excess stickers were destroyed.



In 1993, Texas switched from a plate to a windshield sticker for passenger vehicles to deter license plate theft. In one year alone more than 150,000 rear license plates with registration stickers were stolen in the state.

"The windshield sticker reduced license plate theft," Davio said. "The new windshield sticker process makes it more difficult to steal your car and get away with it."

The new design features a blue adhesive border, eliminating fingerprint marks that many customers found unsatisfactory with the translucent border. The blue back is imprinted with a friendly reminder to "Check the date, love your state" to help Texans keep their registration current. For the first time, the sticker features a Web address, www.texasinyourcorner.com, which offers more information about vehicle registration.

"When Texans register their vehicles they are helping the state and their local county," Behrens said. "Registration fees contribute almost \$1.3 billion dollars a year towards building and maintaining state and county roads.'

Vehicle registration also gives people using the road system peace of mind, Behrens added. "The sticker allows us to provide extra security for each and every registered vehicle owner in Texas," he added.

The white window on the new sticker's front allows the sticker's important information - month and year of expiration, county of origin, license plate number, and part of the vehicle identification number - to be clearly displayed.

'The new design will make it easier for law enforcement officers to immediately identify whether a sticker is valid or in compliance," said Commander Jesse Flores of the Motor Vehicle Theft Division for the Texas Department of Public Safety. "That's good for Texans because it provides added protection against theft and fraud."

A small outline of the state with the Texas flag highlights the white window on the sticker's front. "Texans told us they wanted a state symbol placed somewhere on the sticker's front," Davio said.

However, she added many state residents found the current Texas flag sticker a little overwhelming. "They also told us the sticker's flag colors ap-peared faded and looked unattractive on their vehicles," Davio said.

The new sticker, which is a third smaller than the current one, also gives Texans something else they wanted. "We eliminated the punch tab so you can easily peel the sticker off from any corner on the back of the registration receipt," Davio

Thank God for the Rain!

## **Proof of the Truth**

by Tom Edwards

IS THE UNIVERSE BILLIONS OF YEARS OLD? Maybe! But not the Earth

and Solar System! Have we changed times? Certainly not. It depends upon whose clock is measuring time!

Science tells us that the universe is expanding, and at an accelerating rate. But you may be surprised to learn that "Big Bang" theorists maintain the seemingly absurd idea that the universe has no boundary or center. The more rational idea is that it does, and this may reveal the truth - staring us in the face, and don't forget that Isaiah 40:22 says that God "stretches out the heavens."

We've all heard of "Black Holes" in space - giant whirlpools sucking in stars and matter, where at the edge, time stops, and even light can't escape. Most scientists believe

## Commissioners Court

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Courtroom, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion passed.

The Commissioners reviewed the Delinquent Tax Roll and approved as submitted.

Marihelen Wason, representing Friends of the Library met with the Court to request their assistance in serving the Beans and Cornbread Lunch Friday, August 25 at the Library. This is an annual Fund Raiser that is held each year the Friday of Old Settlers.

## **Oldest** resident

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Mr. Mitchell preceded her in death January 1, 1982. The couple were married over 54 years. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerold Mitchell, a daughter Gusita Mitchell Palmer, four brothers Ray, Floyd, Eldon and Olan

Mrs. Mitchell lived through several wars including WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Middle East War, and the War on Terrorism in Iraq. She saw numerous changes in her life. She lived before television and saw technology develop to what it is to-

they exist, and the results compare with Einsteins General Theory of Relativity. Time "stopping" doesn't just mean that clocks stop, but includes all physical processes, e.g. atomic motion, decay and even aging. This is an extreme result of Gravitational Time Dilation.

There is nothing wrong with scientifically attempting to establish "how" God did the creating, and here is a solid way He could have done it, which explains the apparent contradic-tions in aging between the Earth and Universe.

There is nothing that tells us factually the universe has no boundary or center, just as-sumption. Let's assume it does have, which, if it's expanding, is rational. Also, recent studies indicate the Earth is close to the center. Now the kicker - a "White Hole," a "Black Hole"

running in reverse. Imagine a giant White Hole at the center of what would become the universe spewing forth all the matter that would become all things, until the White Hole vanished. This fits completely with General Relativity, and the farther something is away from this source, the faster it would age, whereas the closer something is, the slower it would age, e.g., the Earth. Therefore, when the Earth was at or close to the event horizon (edge) of the hole, deep space could age millions of years in one Earth day! This also explains "red shifts" in light from distant galaxies, as well as cosmic background radiation. God put it all in terms of "Earth Time," but the Earth can be 6000 years old and deep space billions of years old, even though both were created at the approximate same time!! Time IS relative.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2

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## **DPS** seeking new recruits

The Department of Public Safety is now accepting applications for anyone interested in becoming a state trooper.

The next recruit school will start January 21, 2007, in Austin. The application deadline for Texas residents is September 22 - September 15 for out-of-state applicants.

"Our goal is to attract outstanding men and women who want to serve as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Thanks to the Legislature, our salaries are more competitive with larger police agencies."

Information is available through a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin. Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us <a href="http://www.txdps.state.ts.us">http://www.txdps.state.ts.us</a>, and application packets can be picked up at any DPS office.

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Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Texas High-way Patrol, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger

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and women to consider a law enforcement career with the Department," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Phillip

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Each applicant's back-ground will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal

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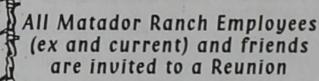
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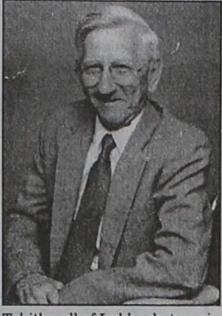
#### **OBITUARIES**

#### W.T. Marshall

Funeral services for W.T. Marshall were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 12, 2006, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Margaret Austin, Rector, officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Marshall died August 9, 2006, in Lubbock. He was born November 16, 1922, in Spur, Texas to the late Perry Lee and Florence (Bourland) Marshall. He grew up in Matador, Texas. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp. at the Lubbock Army Flying School on November 1, 1942. While in service, he worked in administration until his discharge in Feb. 1946. He was a self-employed accountant. He was a member of St. Stephen's Church and had served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden.

Mr. Marshall is survived by his wife, Frances Marshall; son, Todd Marshall and wife Jeannie, grandson, Chas Nash and wife Cheryl and daughter



Tabitha all of Lubbock: two sisters, Lou Moore of Grand Saline, Texas and Bennie English of Lubbock. A sister, Margie Scott preceded him in death on July 12, 2006.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Stephen's Memorial Fund, 1101 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

#### **Vera Mitchell**

Funeral services for Vera M. Mitchell, 102, of Roaring Springs, Texas will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 17, at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs with Johnny Morris, pastor, and Wayland Hutto officiating, Interment will be in the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Mitchell passed away Saturday, August 12, 2006, at the Floydada Rehab & Care Center in Floydada.

The family will be at the funeral home for viewing and visitation from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, August 16.

Vera came to Roaring Springs in 1920 with her family on the train stopping at the Roaring Springs Depot when she was 17. She was a member of the former Home Demonstration Club and Quilting Club of Roaring Springs. Mrs. Mitchell was a member of the First Bap-

tist Church of Roaring Springs. Vera was preceded in death by her husband Elbert Mitchell on January 1, 1982, one son, Jerold Mitchell; one daughter, Gusita Mitchell Palmer; four brothers, Ray, Floyd, Eldon and Olan Webb.

She is survived by four children, Wayburn 'Pug' Mitchell of Paducah, Wanda Goss of Littlefield, Gaynell Sasser of Yellville, Arkansas, Doyne Mitchell of Los Angeles, California; two brothers, Clifford Webb and R.L. 'Buck' Webb; one sister, Nowell Crego; 13 grandchildren and numerous great-great and great-great-great grandchildren.

## News Around the County

## Flomot News

Jack Starkey.

Jack Starkey.

and Connor.

ton were Cory and Amy Franks.

Madison and Hudson and Cary

Franks of Lubbock, Ty Barclay and

Tylee of Matador, Connie and Coy

Franks and Cara Franks of Flomot.

of Christ Gospel Meeting Speaker

this week, August 13-20, is a guest

in the home of Brenda and Darrell

Cruse. Following Sunday morning

services they had a covered dish

luncheon at the Flomot Community

Kaitlynn of Royce City visited from

Thursday until Monday with his par-

ents, Janice and Butch Hughes. They attended the Hughes family

reunion Saturday held in New Deal.

baseball game in Wolfforth Saturday

in which grandson, Brian Sehon

played. He and cousins, Haley and

Emily Milam of Petersburg re-

turned home with her to visit. Keri

and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville vis-

ited Sunday and accompanied Brian

home. Mrs. Christi Milam visited

overnight Sunday with them and

accompanied daughters home to Petersburg, Monday. While here they visited in Lockney at Mangold Hospital with their grandmother,

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Mrs. Alma Shorter.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter enjoyed a

Bengie Hughes and daughter,

Shawn Zebach, Flomot Church

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Great accomplishments often have humble starts. Henry Ford forgot to include a reverse gear with his first car!

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Alma Shorter has been a patient the past nine days at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney. She has been seriously ill. With her during her hospitalization has been her husband, Everett Shorter and son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

IN NURSING HOME

Tom Ross is in the Lockney Nursing Home Center under medical care for weakness and immobility. With him is his wife, Aleda Ross, son and daughter, Tommie Ross and Aleda Elaine of Castroville and daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock.

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

Salt Jones of Canada visited this week with his father, M.C. Jones and wife, Barbara. He also visited in Quitaque with his mother, Mrs. Ann Chadwick and husband, Buck.

Cara Franks moved from Turkey this week to the Pepper Jones rural home, the former home of John Barton. Former residents, Judy and Lynn Stark moved to Brady.

Weekend guests of Sandra and Jerry Barclay were sons and children, Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock and Ty Barclay and Tylee of Matador.

Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers accompanied his daughter, Natalie Rogers to Amarillo Airport Wednesday for her return flight home to Williamsburg, Virginia after visiting here the past

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Vera Mitchell, Roaring Springs' beloved centenarian died Saturday, Kellan Roberts of Waco visited August 12, 2006. Vera lived on this during the weekend with his grandearth 102 years, 277 days and went home to live with the Lord for all parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Lee visited Sunday af-Eternity. Her funeral will be at 11:00 ternoon in Lockney at Mangold a.m. on Thursday, August 17 at the Hospital with Mrs. Alma Shorter. First Baptist Church in Roaring Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey of Springs. Her family from near and Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis far is gathering for her service. In of Fritch visited Saturday and Sunaddition to her children, a grandday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. daughter, Sheila Goss Edwards is flying in from Cuba; hopefully a L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sat-urday with his brothers, Johnie and great granddaughter is coming from Alaska. Grandchildren from Las Vegas, Washington State, Ar-Linda and Travis Kendall and son. Tim Kendall visited the week kansas and different areas of Texas are coming. Gaynelle Sasser, Vera's in Midland with son and family, Mr. daughter couldn't tell me the exact and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey number of descendants that Vera Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washinghas. Lunch will be served at the

after the services. We will not have House of Faith for the rest of August. We plan to start up again in September when it is a bit cooler for the after school sessions. I will be telling you the date we will begin again soon. We only had five kids on last Thursday. Billie Stuckey furnished brownies and popsicles. The popsicles were a definite hit with the kids. Many of the kids were at Crossview Camp as was Kevin Keltz. He was a counselor for the camp during last week.

Roaring Springs Community Center

A Roaring Springs Cemetery Board was organized this past week. Those serving on this committee will be Buzz Thacker, President; J.N. Fletcher, Vice President; Jeff Thacker, Treasurer; Lea Peacock and Kelly Keltz. LaVoe Thacker took care of seeing about the cemetery for many years. Buzz asked that a board be set up to continue her

A nice stone sign to mark the entrance of the Roaring Springs Cemetery is being considered. Buzz is to meet with a representative of a company that makes those signs, soon. They are interested in something similar to the sign at the Idalou Cemetery. The Roaring Springs Cemetery is funded by donations. The address for memorial donations is in care of Buzz Thacker at P.O. Box 360, Roaring Springs, TX

Don and Billie Stuckey attended the funeral of Don's uncle, Vernon Stuckey at Pampa, Texas on Monday. He was 99 1/2 years old.

My 93+ year old aunt mentioned that if she had known she was going to live this long she would have taken better care of herself! Maybe we should consider it too! There have been several in my family to live past 90 and two to almost make 100 years old.

## Matador News

Joyce Campbell accompanied her sister, Edna Stutzman of Amarillo to Ruidoso, NM to attend the funeral of their sister, LaVenia Searcy on August 8. Also attending were Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador, Billy and Lori Campbell of Idalou, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Holley and Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Brooks of

Mrs. Edna Ruth Green and daughter, Ms. Virginia Green of Whiteface visited last weekend, Aug. 4-6 in Keller with son and family, Andy and Gay Green. Also visiting were Mrs. Adam (Merideth) Green and son, Benjamin. Benjamin remained to visit as Merideth joined Adam, who is with the U.S. Navy, in Australia. Adam will be transferred to Japan in the near future and Merideth and Benjamin will join him there. Adam is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Mrs. Virginia Brinsfield was in Lubbock the weekend to be with her mother, Mrs. Crawford Wesley of Tulia, who had knee replacement surgery at the Covenant Medical Center.

Mrs. Jean Cooper, son and family, Jim and Judy Cooper, Clay and Cody attended the Hughes family reunion held in New Deal, Saturday.

Kevin, Sherry, Dillon, and Kolton Bailey of Brownfield were weekend guests of Ron and Kay Bailey. Lance and Jason Bailey of Lamesa visited Monday - Wednes-

day. It was the last visit before school starts. Dillon will be starting 8th grade, and Kolton and Jason will be 7th graders. Both families also visited their grandmother, Inez Bailey, in the Floydada Care Center.

## Grandson places 9th at State Equestrian Show

Kaleb Davis, the great-grandson of C.D. and Evelyn

Garrison of C.D. and Evelyn Garrison of Matador, competed in the State 4-H Equestrian Show in Abilene, July 27, 28, 29. Kaleb competed in pole bending, stakes, and barrels. He ran the pole bending preliminary race on July 27 with 153 other contestants, ages 9-19 years old. Only the top 20 times advance to compete again on Saturday for final placing. During preliminaries, Kaleb ran a time of 21.433 placing him 7th out of the top 20 with less than one full second behind the first place winner.

Kaleb and the other 19 contestants ran again on Saturday

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for final placing. He ran for a total of 26.742, with a combined score of 48.175 to place him 9th in the State of Texas.

The top ten contestants were awarded 4-H State Competition Belt Buckles.

Kaleb shared his victory with his gray horse named Freckles whom he shares his birthday, May 9. Kaleb is 9 years old and Freckles is 18 years old. They were both very excited about the victory.

Kaleb is the son of Bryan and Amanda Davis of Sterling City and the grandson of David and Susan Garrison of Childress and Bill and Carolyn Davis of Christoval



Kaleb Davis & Freckles

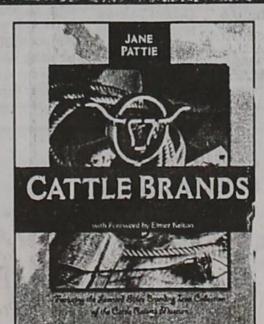
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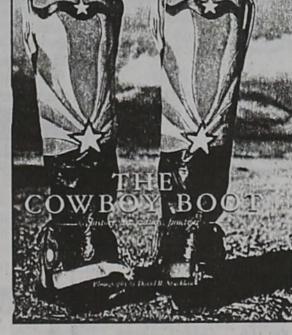
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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Motley County Commissioners' Court will be in session in a Pubic Hearing Monday, August 28, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. at the Motley County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom, 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas, for the purpose of adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

The 2006-2007 Proposed Budget has been filed in the County Clerk's Office and may be inspected during normal business hours.

## NOTICE

The City of Matador will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m., August 24, 2006, at the City Hall Council Room, Matador, Texas to consider adopting a proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2006. The proposed Tax Rate is .41000 per \$100 of Value.

The proposed Tax Rate would increase total taxes in the City of Matador by 7.82 percent.

## Dove Season outlook fair as drought conditions prevail

Austin, Texas -- Come August, dove hunters become creatures of habit; intently aware of silhouettes on power lines and pastures with bright yellow sunflowers. They track the bird's swift, erratic flight with imaginary shotguns.

Pre-game warmup exer-

This year, hunters have had a fairly light preseason workout and can anticipate an average dove season, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department dove program leader Jay Roberson.

This year's dove call count index, which measures dove breeding population changes, shows a decline statewide from last year's surveys. Roberson cites continued dry conditions throughout the core dove range in Texas for the second consecutive year as the main reason for the drop in doves calling during the surveys, with the southern region of the state seeming to have been hit the hardest.

Biologists have been con-ducting roadside call counts each spring since 1966, driving along the same 133 transect routes and stopping routinely to listen for the bird's distinctive call, and this year's estimates are 18 percent below the long term average. Roberson said drought isn't completely to blame for decreased mourning dove populations. dove populations.

"It's something that seems to have been going on for a long time at a rate of just under one percent a year and a lot of biologists believe it's habitat loss," Roberson said. "This said, doves are still an extremely abundant species and numerabundant species and numerous flights of 12 to 40 doves have been seen around Austin late in the afternoon, going to and from feeding areas. Also, whitewings are increasing in numbers across the state.

"Whitewings are not impacted as much as mourning dove because of their adaptation to urban areas," Roberson said. "They rely more on supplemental food sources from backyard feeders and although the fields adjacent to urban areas will be just as dry as those in rural areas, whitewings should continue to provide good hunting opportunities this year." In 2005, the whitewing population in Texas was estimated to be 2.8

Dove season in the North Zone is set for Sept. 1 - Oct. 30, with a 15-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; the Central Zone runs Sept. 1 - Oct. 30 and reopens Dec. 26 - Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag and not more than two white-tipped doves; and the South Zone is set for Sept. 22 - Nov. 12, reopening Dec. 26 - Jan. 12 with a 12 bird bag but not more than two
white-tipped doves. Possession
limit is twice the daily bag.
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Whitewing Zone, which now encompasses land west of I-35 and south of U.S. Highway 90, is open to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two Saturdays and Sundays in September. The daily bag limit is 12 birds, not more than four (4) mourning doves and two (2) white-tipped

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"If the drought intensifies and birds are concentrated around water, some hunters may not perceive a drop in dove densities," noted Roberson. "I would recommend hunters scout for birds using sunflower fields near permanent open

However, some areas have large amounts of failed grain crops standing in the fields. When landowners till these crops into the soil will help determine dove distribution and concentration. Most dove hunters know that dry conditions can produce some of the best hunting situations for those who do their scouting.

The reduction in mourning doves could be offset in some areas by the expansion of the Eurasian collared dove, an ex-

Eurasian collared dove, an exotic non-game species that resembles a whitewing except for a distinctive black marking on its neck. There is no bag limit or season restriction on collared dove, but Roberson recommends hunters retain a wing for identification purposes.

"Collared dove have expanded faster in 10 years than whitewings did in 25," Roberson noted. "A let of hunters enjoy hunting them; they are a larger bird and good to eat. I equate them to rock pigeons; a good way for a kid to learn to shoot in the off season, but you have to be eareful because they do eeexist with mourning dove and Inca dove." Inca dove."

Hunters are also reminded to be on the lookout for banded birds. As part of a research effort to monitor movements of mourning doves, some birds have been marked with metal leg bands containing a unique number and a toll-free telephone number (800-327-BAND or 2263) that hunters can call to report the band. Bands may also be reported on the Internet at (http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl). Hunters may keep the bands. It only takes a minute and doesn't cost a cent and hunters receive a certificate or appreciation that identifies when and where the dove was banded.

"We've banded about 1,000 mourning doves per year for the Roberson. "The return rates in Texas have been disappointing, less than 100 bands last year and only half of those were from Texas banded birds. The information was gain from hand on the standard of the standard birds. mation we gain from band returns is valuable and we're urging hunters to call when they take a banded dove."

Hunters are also cautioned that a valid Texas hunting license and this is the second year that a state migratory game bird stamp is also required for doves, waterfowl and sandhill cranes.

When buying licenses and stamps, hunters are also re-minded to tell the license agent to provide the "HIP" (Harvest Information Program, a feder-

ally mandated survey of migratory bird hunters) certification required to hunt doves. Hunter education certification is also required, depending on your age; check the Outdoor Annual of hunting and fishing regulations booklet for details.

Dove hunters should take note they may only use "plugged" shotguns capable of holding no more than three shot

For \$48, the price of an Annual Public Hunting Permit from TPWD, hunters can access more than a million acres of public hunting lands, including 147 units ranging in size from 50 to 2,000 acres and covering more than 55,000 acres leased primarily for hunting dove and other small game. TPWD's public hunting program leased the land using money generated by permit

While public hunting lands can be found throughout the state, most of the dove and small game leases occur along the I-35 and I-10 corridors within easy driving distance of the major metropolitan areas. Some areas offer special hunting opportunity for youth.

For the latest dove hunting conditions across Texas, check out TPWD's Weekly Migratory Game Bird Report on the Web at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/ starting Aug. 31.

## Dog days of summer can bring Texas more smoke and fire

The hottest month of the year is August, and with it comes a continuing drought that has created a landscape of parched brown grasses and dry, brittle leaves. These dry grasses and leaves are what concerns Texas Forest Service, because it only takes a care-lessly discarded cigarette or er-rant welding spark coming in contact with them to start a large wildfire.

"When you walk into a grassy

or wooded area and the vegeta-tion being crushed under your feet sounds as if you are step-ping on fine crystal, that's when you know that conditions are ripe for wildfires," noted Sandra Taylor fire prevention specialist with the Texas Ferest Ser-

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"Maintaining green space around your home and outbuildings is a critical first step," said Taylor. "Dry, dormant yard grass can act as a fuse to bring the fire right to your doorstep."

Tips for creating defensible space around homes and using fire-resistant building materials are available at http://
texasforestservice.tamu.edu/
and http://www.tamu.edu/tiee.
These websites also maintain
daily updates on county outdoor
burn bans and local disaster declarations.

## **Sports** Reporter

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major in journalism. However, I enjoyed writing articles of interest for the school papers. I was recognized by the Optimist club in Abilene for news articles and civic work on campus and the city.

I am a respiratory supervisor and teach medical classes in this department at the Wilbarger Hospital in Vernon.

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Pale Dure Basin that Bankers
Petroleum (US) Inc. was currently conducting Fracture
Stimulation of the Bend Shale Zone in the Misener Lease Well #1 Floyd County, that Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. was currently designing and planning the Fracture Stimulation of the D.M. Cogdell Jr. Estate Lease Well #10-01 Motley County, and followed the conclusion of this

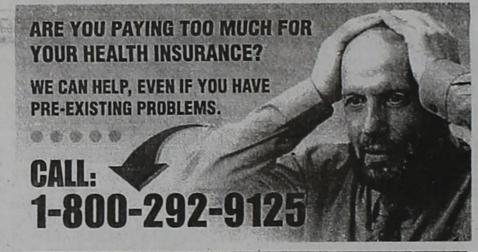
work that Bankers Petroleum

(US) Inc. would proceed with the design and planning of the Fracture Stimulation of the Jones Lease Well #1 Floyd County.

Bankers Petroleum Ltd. of Canada further reported that they have spent \$5,600,000 on drilling and evaluation of the three wells in the Palo Duro Basin, the Misener #1, the Jones #1, and the Stansell #1.

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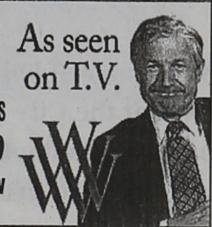
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Wednesday

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High: 93 Low: 71

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