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## MC Homecoming 2000 set for September 21-23

Homecoming 2000 has been set for September 21, 22, and 23. Make plans now to attend the festivities, which will begin on Thursday, September 21, with a bonfire.

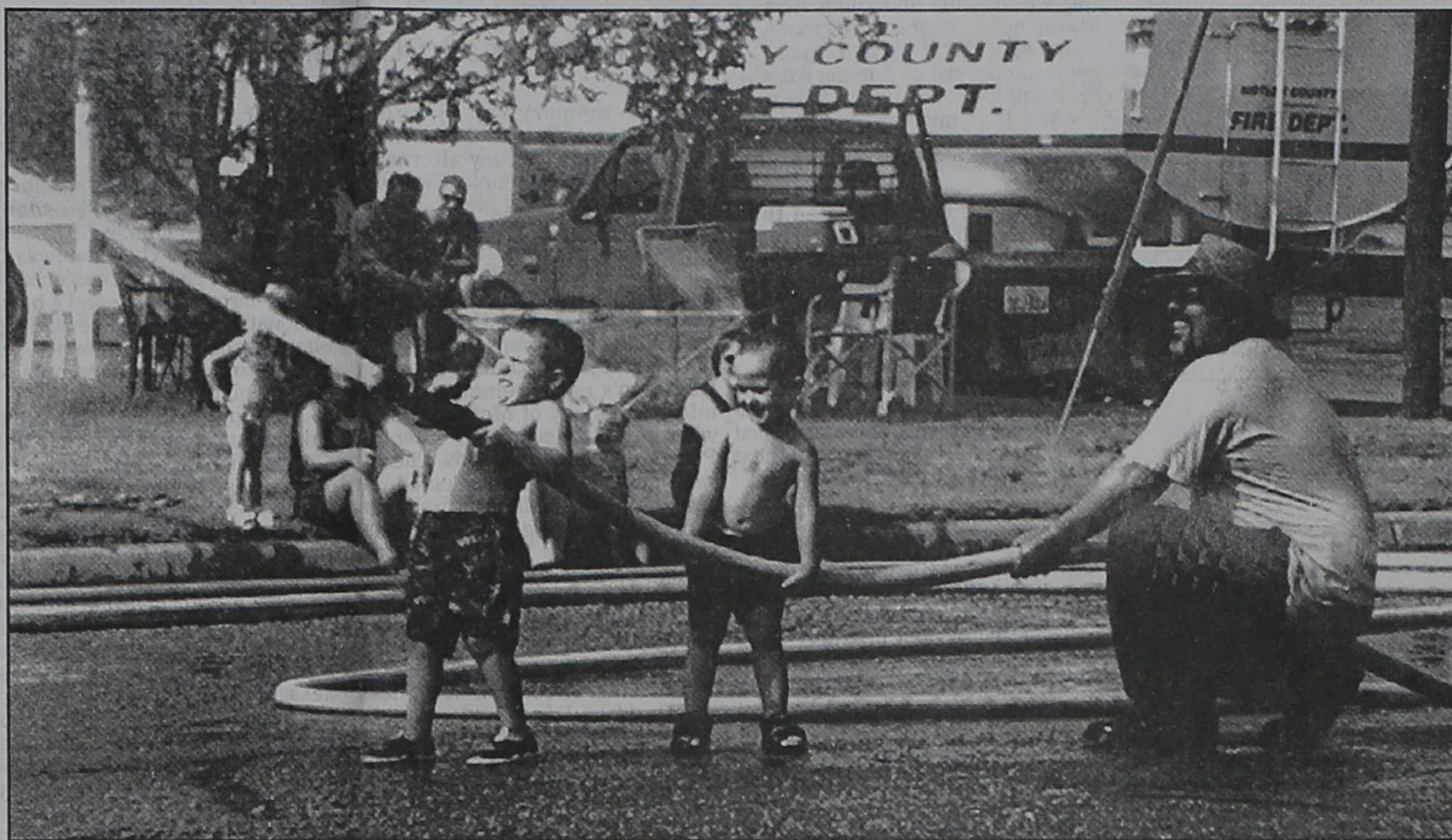
The big football game, Motley County vs. Lorenzo, will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 22. The Motley County ISD Student Council will serve hamburgers at the football field, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, September 23, registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with coffee and pastries served. At noon, a barbecue meal will be served in the cafeteria. The meal will include all the trimmings for only \$7.00 per plate.

The business meeting will begin

at 2:30 p.m. in the gym with Ed D. Smith as Master of Ceremonies. Class reunions will be recognized, officers for the 2002 homecoming celebration will be elected and special recognitions will be given, including electing a Homecoming King and Queen. Also new to this year's celebration, will be recognizing the past Dayton Graham recipients.

If your class is planning a class reunion, or if you plan to eat the noon meal, please contact Reneigh Burns at (806) 347-2754 at home, or (806) 347-2663 at work. You may also e-mail her at [rburns@motleyco.org](mailto:rburns@motleyco.org). Mark your calendars now for the Homecoming 2000 activities!



### Summer Cooler

These young men are getting a real summer cooler, as the water from the fire hose splashes on them, and they seem very serious about learning to hold the hose. Jacob Woolsey, 4, and Tanner Bearden, 3, are being instructed by Matador Volunteer Fireman, David Blanco, at Sunday's family day held on the Courthouse square for local firemen's families. Kids, young and old, had their chance at cooling off when they took a shot at water polo, as Jacob and Tanner are doing in this picture. Jacob is the son of Les and Kim Woolsey and Tanner is the son of Brandt and Amy Bearden, all of Roaring Springs.

## Motley County students receive Academic Recognition

Congratulations to the following students for achieving Academic Recognition on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test, TAAS, in the following areas.

**Third Grade:**  
Tamra Ashley, Reading and Math.

Andrew Davila, Reading  
Cade Luckett, Reading  
Maria Mendoza, Reading.

**Fourth Grade:**  
Casey Carnes, Reading  
Danielle Ho-Gland, Math  
Savannah Rose, Reading  
Christina Smith, Reading

**Fifth Grade:**  
Fannin Gwinn, Reading

**Sixth Grade:**  
Chance Bingham, Math  
Cody Byrd, Reading  
Ashlee Green, Reading and Math  
Matthew Martin, Math

**Seventh Grade:**  
Clay Cooper, Math  
Cody Cooper, Reading and Math  
Annie Green, Reading  
Sabrina Osborn, Reading

**Eighth Grade:**  
Stachia Baxter, Reading  
Dumont Darsey, Reading, Math,  
Science and Social Studies  
Susana Mendoza, Math  
Quinten Rose, Science

## Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

## Senior Citizens to sponsor Ice Cream Social

The Matador Senior Citizens' organization will sponsor an Ice Cream Social at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, at the Senior Citizens building.

Homemade ice cream, "all you can eat," will be served to those attending. Donations will be accepted for the fund-raising event for the Motley County Senior Citizens.

Entertainment will be provided, and there will be a short business meeting following the social to update on the current status and future plans of the local organization. This is your opportunity to ask questions or voice comments or concerns. Please make plans to attend!

## Church of Christ to hold Vacation Bible School

The Matador and Roaring Springs Churches of Christ will hold a Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 22, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. This year's theme is "The Incredible Journey." All children, from age 3 through the 4th grade, are invited to attend. If you would like more information, call 347-2450. Please come join us for our journey about Jesus.

## Baseball team pictures ready for pick-up

Baseball team pictures are ready to be picked up at the Motley County Tribune office. If you ordered a team picture, please come by the office and pick them up at your earliest convenience. Cost of each picture is \$2.50.

## Early deadline for next week's paper

The deadline for next week's paper, the July 27 edition, will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 21. All news and ad copy must be brought to the office no later than this time to be included in the July 27th issue.

The Motley County Tribune will be closed for vacation the week of July 24-28, but the paper will be printed and mailed out on the regular day of Wednesday, July 26.

We understand that this is somewhat of an inconvenience, but it is the only way possible to take some much needed time off.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

## Kids Cheer Camp set for Monday and Tuesday

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders will sponsor a Kids' Cheer Camp on Monday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 25, for students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. The camp will be held at the Motley County school building on Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Parents and friends are invited to attend a short program on Tuesday at 12:00 noon, when the campers will perform a series of cheers, chants, stunts and dance motions they will learn at camp. Awards will be presented at this time.

Cost of the camp will be \$20 and will include a camp T-shirt. Campers are asked to bring a sack lunch each day, drinks will be provided.

To make reservations call Ashley Stevens at 347-2809 or Kay Bingham at 347-2817. Make your reservations right away!

## School Board assigns coaching positions

The Motley County School Board approved coaching assignments for the 2000-01 school year when they met for their regular meeting, Monday, July 10.

Assignments are as follows:  
Coach Robert Ridgley - Junior High and High School football; Junior High and High School boys basketball; and track.

Coach Michael Nordquist - Junior High and High School football; High School girl's basketball; powerlifting and track.

Coach Amy Bowles - High School football trainer/film; cross country; Junior High girl's basketball; powerlifting; and track.

Mrs. Kay Bingham - Golf

Mrs. Tricia Ridgley - Tennis.

Principal Bob Hand will assist with Junior High and High School football.

Other items approved regarding personnel including increasing the Superintendent's salary. The vote was 6-0-1 (Board member Bill Luckett abstained).

Board also approved recommendations to increase coaches Ridgley, Bowles, and Nordquist stipends and to give Mr. Hand a stipend for assisting with football. The vote was 7-0.

Board approved to hire Lisa Nordquist as the sixth grade teacher. Vote 7-0.

Resignations were accepted from Tonya Price, third grade teacher; Jim Steward, football coach/teacher; and Vivian Thompson, cafeteria employee. Vote 7-0.

All board members were present for this month's meeting. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp and Betty Stevens. Attending the board meeting for the Motley County staff were Ginger Gilmore, Kathy Gillespie, and Carolyn Ewing. Also attending were D'Anna and J.D. Russell. Mrs. Russell expressed con-

cerns about the Title I Program.

During the open forum session, the board toured improvements to the buildings that have occurred this summer. The newly installed Distance Learning Lab was toured and described as the most modern lab in the area for students and community to access when it is completely online. Other areas such as the Kindergarten, Science Lab, and computer lab were also toured.

The Superintendent gave an informational report, which consisted of information about the students who achieved Academic Recognition on the past TAAS test in grades 3rd-8th. A report was also given on college entrance information about surrounding schools as per request by board member, Coy Franks. Mr. Copp informed the board about a new grant that was awarded to Motley County ISD and 14 other schools in the area. The grant is for a total of \$1,191,521.00 and will be shared by the 15 schools to enhance the distance learning lab and professional development.

The ruling on the extra-curricular prayer was explained and how it affects the district.

Motley County has been

scheduled for a District Effectiveness Compliance Monitor on September 11-15. The Texas Association of School Boards Convention will be held this year at Houston on September 22-25.

An update on the track progress was given. Rules for the new track will be posted and are listed below:

(A) There are to be no vehicles of any type on the track; this includes bicycles, tricycles, or motor vehicles.  
(B) There are to be no glass containers on the track at anytime.

(C) No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products allowed on school property.  
(D) No shoes with cleats are allowed.

(E) Please use the inside lanes to help stop wear down on the outside lanes of the track.

Items for board action included:

— Approved the minutes of the previous meetings.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements. Vote 7-0.

— Set lunchroom prices for the 2000-01 school year as follows: Vote

Pre K - 6th grade	7th-12th
Breakfast - .75	.75
Lunch - \$1.00	\$1.25
Reduced prices	
Breakfast - .30	
Lunch - .40	
Teachers	Others
Breakfast - \$1.00	\$3.00
Lunch - \$1.75	\$4.00

— Approved advertising for bids for the following:

1. Gasoline and Diesel
2. L.P.G.
3. Milk
4. Bread
5. Fleet Insurance
6. Property/General Liability Insurance/Errors & Omissions.

All bids must be into the school office by 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2000. Vote 7-0.

— Opened and awarded bid to American Youth for student accident insurance for the 2000-01 school year. Vote 7-0.

— Awarded school auditor for the 1999-2000 school year to Dianne Washington. Vote 6-0-1. (Board member, Coy Franks, abstained).

— Approved Lynne Strickland of Frenship ISD as nominee for TASB board member. Vote 7-0.

## Roaring Springs City Council passes two resolutions

The Roaring Springs City Council passed two resolutions regarding a grant for water/sewer purposes when they met for their regular meeting, July 13. Bryan Grimes of Grant Works met with the council to pass the resolutions.

Motion was made by Councilman Kelly Keltz and seconded by Councilman James Adams to participate in the 2001-02 Texas Community Development Program Community Development Fund Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Keltz also made a motion to award an administrative service contract to Grant Works and an engineering service contract to OJD Engineering for the City's 2001-03 TCDF Projects, contingent upon grant award. The motion was seconded by James Adams and carried unanimously.

The 2000-01 budget was discussed. Councilwoman Venita Sedgwick made the motion to adopt

the 2000-01 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Keltz and carried unanimously.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Joey Thacker, council members James Adams, Venita Sedgwick and Kelly Keltz. Council members

Corky Marshall and Gary Simpson were absent from the meeting. Also attending were Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Zella Palmer.

## State Comptroller announces second annual Sales Tax Holiday, August 4-6

(Austin) — Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said.

The timing of the Sales Tax Holiday is intended to help parents outfit

their children for the new school year. However, the tax break is not limited to children's school clothes. Highlights include:

- Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.
- Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax exempt. However,

athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible for the tax exemption.

- Not included in the Sales Tax Holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

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I think the TV networks should film the next Survivor show here, in this part of the country. Anyone who has lived around here long is a true Survivor in every sense of the word. I mean just surviving these terribly hot summers is enough to make some people run for the mountains for good. Day after day of over 100° temperatures is very debilitating to even the strongest of the strongest. I just don't know anyone is surviving without an air conditioner. I know I am a real whimp when it comes to heat. I don't like it and I'll be the first to admit it. I'm not very pleasant when I get hot! Just ask Jim.

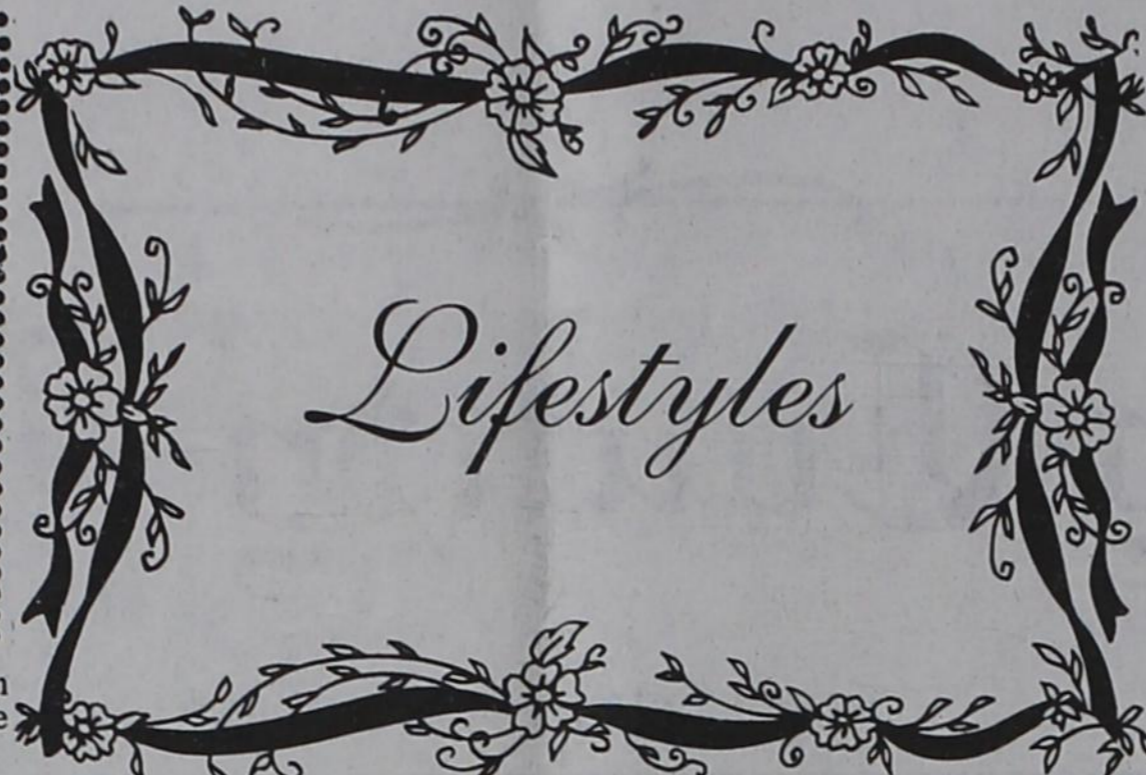
We that live in this part of the world have survived many things, drought, keeping our business alive with the drop in population, and trying to keep Motley County on the map. We have faced diversity living

here, as many people have faced in other parts of the country, but we have survived.

Just as on the popular TV show, surviving also means that everyone needs to pull together, work together, and strive to keep our little part of this world going and going strong. Maybe not as strong as it was a few years ago, but if we don't pull together and work as a team, we will have nothing.

And that means - and I can't stress this enough - SHOPPING AT HOME! Keeping our dollars in our area.

My space is very limited this week, so I will just have to step off my soap box, again, and hope that the people who are here will come to an understanding of what it means to keep our little part of the world - SURVIVING!



### Memory of Shannon Davidson honored at Do Gooders meeting

The memory of Shannon Davidson was honored at the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon, July 11, at the Community Center in Flomot. Pictures of Mr. Davidson were on display.

The featured guest was Skylar Clifton of Matador with his endearing smile. Dressed as a cowboy with a red bandana, he stood behind a rail fence with chaps draped over it.

He stated that James Shannon Davidson's name remains etched into the history of Motley County when he had the courage to enter the Pony Express Race in 1939. The 23-year-old lad of Flomot collected 750 shiny new silver dollars as first prize winner after riding horseback 2000 weary miles from Nocona, Texas to Oakland, California. The cash was presented to him in a ceremony at the Alameda Contra Costa building.

The citizens of Motley County had their own way of showing appreciation and honored him with Shannon Davidson Day, May 11, 1939, in Matador. In memory of Mr. Davidson, Skylar dedicated the poem, "What Makes a Good Cowboy" that he had given at District, Regional and State 4-H presentations this year.

Mrs. Connie Franks, president, conducted a short business session. They made plans to repair and paint the benches in front of the Center. Members brought completed blocks

of material to show those who will do the quilting for the club's Bazaar quilt.

Presiding at a floral design service were hostesses Mesdames Leona Degan, Tommie Jo Cruse and Connie Franks. The table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a pink carousel horse and a balloon bouquet. They served deviled eggs, chocolate dipped strawberries, decorated cake squares, mints, nuts, iced tea and pink punch.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to this month's birthday girls, Mrs. Christeen Gilbert and Mrs. Leona Degan. Mrs. Geneva Martin was the lucky winner of the balloon bouquet.

Special guests were members of the Davidson family, B. Davidson Rogers and husband, Howard, Merl Davidson Nall of Amarillo, Dale Davidson of Joplin, Missouri, Donnie Rogers and daughters Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Middleton, Tennessee.

Others attending besides those mentioned above were Mesdames Trula Martin, Nada Starkey, Judy Stark, Kathy Shorter, Annie B. Cloyd, Erma Washington, Mary Jo Calvert, Edith Washington, Barbara Payne, Anna Beth Clay and Alma Shorter. Guests were Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat and Tanya and Jackie Starkey of Wellington.

### Tax Holiday

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"This year, I am able to make one administrative change. Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax," Comptroller Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break."

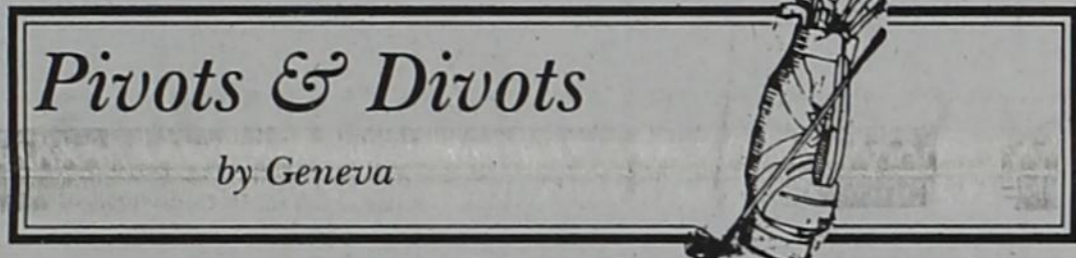
"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt, because kiddos need them for school," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also would like the Sales Tax Holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, and I would like to see the Sales Tax Holiday last a couple of weeks, instead of just three days. But any change in the

list of tax-exempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, saving one or more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The Sales Tax Holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the event this year, if they notified the Comptroller by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases will be exempt from the state sales tax.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at <www.window.state.tx.us> or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.



**Tuesday Scramble**  
July 11

Winners:  
First, with a score of 30 (play-off on card), were Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, Gene Marshall and Jean Marshall.

Second, with a tie on card, score 30, were Kenneth Marshall, Alfred Barton, Louise Barton, Conway Clary, Charlie Long, Nancy Long, Tom Sokari, Jenny Sokari and Geneva Wilson.

Tempie Francis was closest to

the pin on #6, 25' 8 1/4".

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Chance Bingham, Bob Hines, Roy Grundy, Gene Brannon, Jim Watson, Robin Darsey and Carolyn Hines.

**Thursday Ladies Playday**  
July 13

Eighteen-hole players were LaVoe Thacker, Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson. Geneva won the ball, most bogies on odd holes, 5.

There were no nine-hole players.

**MIDWAY DRIVE-IN**  
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**"Good Neighbors"**

There is a need across our land. We are in need of the teachings of Jesus--particularly His teachings on how to be a "good neighbor." Once we have learned the principles taught by our Lord, we should put them to practice.

In order to model good neighboring, we must understand how to treat people. That may sound over simplified, but neighboring is a concept which escaped those of Jesus' day and often eludes us today. The Scriptures provide us with understanding.

In Luke, Chapter 10, the one who proved to be a good neighbor, according to Jesus, was the one who had shown mercy when mercy was needed. Most would agree, that we need a lot more mercy showing in our communities across this land. Can we not begin with those near and then practice mercy to those who are distant?

The standard which Jesus gave us for Christian living is to outshine what this world has to offer. This world offers very little, if any, mercy. Can we not be like the song says, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me"?

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
Radio Programs K-96FM  
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.



We have the newest Harry Potter book. It is number 4 in the series. We also have one, two, and three. If you haven't jumped on the Harry Potter band wagon yet, come on in and get started reading these delightful children's books. (Adults seem to like them too.)

The Motley County Library received a check for \$4,773.00 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This money is for a new computer which will go in the children's section of the library. It comes with about \$2,000.00 worth of children's software - games and educational software. The Gates Foundation is also buying a laser printer for the Library. We appreciate the Gates for sharing with us and other libraries in the nation.

Please note on your calendar the date August 3, 2000. That is the date of the next Friends of the Library meeting. We really want all of our Friends to attend. The meeting will be in the Library at 4:00 p.m.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that parents begin reading aloud to babies at six months old. Summer is a great time to start a daily reading ritual. Frequent reading opens windows on the world, feeds children's imaginations,

and teaches them to associate books with your love. These experiences motivate young children to become independent readers.

The Motley County Library has books for all ages. We have "board" books for the youngest listener. Come in, and check out a few for your baby. Let him hear you read aloud.

**Kasey Parks named to Dean's List**

Kasey J. Parks was named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University for the 2000 Spring semester. Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 and less than 3.85 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Kasey is a Senior Sports/Exercise Science major. She is the daughter of Harold and Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs.

**Internet Tips**

(NU) - Need help understanding mutual funds? Visit www.ici.org.

- Rent DVD movies and not have to worry about due dates when you visit www.netflix.com.
- Learn to protect yourself from dog bites. Visit www.plasticsurgery.com.
- Music fans are learning about new bands when they visit www.fastband.com.

"Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God."  
I Peter 3:4

**Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News**  
by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club elected Joy Archer as president for the ensuing year. Joy has served the club before and received much acclaim for her ability to serve, teach, and be an artist.

Loys Campbell was elected vice-president. She is very efficient and will make a good aide for Joy. Vee Gordon is exchequer of the club's funds and keeps everything in order. Winifred Darsey was returned to her office as reporter.

July 3 was a red-letter day for the club. The members learned a new art form, the creative brown paper bag. The program was taught by Vee Gordon. Everything was prepared, ready for work. The members were amazed over what can be made with glue and brown paper bags.

Cut, glued, scratched and painted, "it" became a votive candle holder made to look like metal. The results are a very pretty look for their Fall Bazaar.

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The new year begins in September, and the club will celebrate its thirty-second anniversary. The new officers will assume their new offices then.

On August 7, Joy Archer will teach the program on making a birdhouse from large bottle gourds. Joyce will be calling members to come. She was returned this year as telephone committee chairman. The members enjoy hearing that charming vice. "See you there!"

Lorene Lancaster, out-going president, has served the club well. All members expressed their appreciation for the out-going officers and the time each spent on preparation programs, projects, and their excellent work.

A luncheon meeting was conducted by the president at 10:00 a.m. Plans for the Bazaar were made. Programs and activities were discussed. The coming year will be creative, fun, and probably surprising.

The delicious covered-dish luncheon helped make it a perfect day.

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Dorothy Day, Vee Gordon, Gerri James, Dorothy Knight, Billie Koon, Geraldine Key, Lorene Lancaster, Winifred Lee, Linda Ruhl, and guests, Sharon Allen and Winifred Darsey.

**A Note of Thanks**

Thank you to everyone who called, brought food, sent cards, or prayed for me during my surgery. A special thanks to our church, Roaring Springs Full Gospel, for all the support they gave me and my family during this time. We love and appreciate this entire area for all they have done for us.

God Bless You,  
Rickey Lawrence

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# Young rodeo stars come from near and far for 26th Annual Junior Rodeo competition

The 26th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo was a big success with so many entries that Saturday's performance ran into the wee morning hours.

Young cowgirls and cowboys from all over Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma saddled up and put forth their best performance for the 2000 4-H Rodeo. Results are listed below:

## PRE-KIDS

**Barrels:**  
1st, Carley Richardson, Pampa; 2nd, Kara Timms, Leedey, OK; 3rd, Kashli Arfsten, Hereford; 4th, Courtney Conklin, Jayton; 5th, Collin Pursley, Pampa; 6th, Tee Bateman, Dickens.

**Flags:**  
1st, Tee Bateman, Dickens; 2nd, Carley Richardson, Pampa; 3rd, Courtney Conklin, Jayton; 4th, Kara Timms, Leedey, OK; 5th, Collin Pursley, Pampa; 6th, Cody Mahaffey, Sweetwater.

**Poles:**  
1st, Carley Richardson, Pampa; 2nd, Courtney Conklin, Jayton; 3rd, Collin Pursley, Pampa; 4th, Kara Timms, Leedey, OK; 4th, Kyra Steirwalt, Leedey, OK; 6th, Ciara Timms, Leedey, OK.

**Goat Ribbon Pull:**  
1st, Courtney Conklin, Jayton; 2nd, Carley Richardson, Pampa; 3rd, Kimberly Hedley, Lubbock; 4th, Wayce Waller, Channing; 5th, Griffin Brown, Throckmorton; 6th, Collin Pursley, Pampa.

**Calf Riding:**  
1st, Shane'a Russell, Matador; 2nd, Lane Paul, Pampa; 3rd, Tee Bateman, Dickens; 4th, Jessie Price, Turkey; 5th, Hayden Scott, Matador; 6th, Colby McCleskey, Roaring Springs.

**All-Around:**  
Tee Bateman, Dickens and Carley Richardson, Pampa.

## PEE-WEE

**Barrels:**  
1st, Ky Stierwalt, Leedey, OK; 2nd, Tara Timms, Leedey, OK; 3rd, Seth Mahaffey, Sweetwater; 4th, Kelbi Arfsten, Hereford; 5th, Melissa Elliott, Paducah; 6th, Erin Baker, Spur.

**Flags:**  
1st, Kelsey Arnold, Spur; 2nd, Seth Mahaffey, Sweetwater; 3rd, Ky Stierwalt, Leedey, OK; 4th, Tara Timms, Leedey, OK; 5th, Cutter Whipple, O'Donnell; 6th, Andrew Bateman, Dickens.

**Poles:**  
1st, Seth Mahaffey, Sweetwater; 2nd, Tara Timms, Leedey, OK; 3rd, Kelsey Arnold, Spur; 4th, Kelby Arfsten, Hereford; 5th, Logan Helton, Pampa; 6th, Cutter Whipple, O'Donnell.

## Goat Tying:

1st, Kelsey Arnold, Spur; 2nd, Logan Helton, Pampa; 3rd, Ky Stierwalt, Leedey, OK; 4th, Tara Timms, Leedey, OK; 5th, Seth Mahaffey, Sweetwater; 6th, Ashley Fite, Willow, OK.

## Break-away:

1st, Seth Mahaffey, Sweetwater; 2nd, Logan Helton, O'Donnell; 3rd, Cutter Whipple, O'Donnell; 4th, R.A. Brown II, Throckmorton; 5th, Kelby Phillips, Quitaque; 6th, Braden Turner, Dumas.

## Steer Daubing:

1st, Riley Branch, Aspermont; 2nd, R.A. Brown, Throckmorton; 3rd, Melissa Elliott, Paducah; 4th, Sawyer Vest, Andrews; 5th, Kelsi Arnold, Spur; 6th, Colton Russell, Matador.

## Steer Riding:

1st, Andrew Bateman, Dickens; 2nd, Sawyer Vest, Andrews; 3rd, Logan Helton, Pampa; 4th, Cutter Whipple, O'Donnell; 5th, R.A. Brown, Throckmorton; 6th, Tara Timms, Leedey, OK.

## All-Around:

Kelsi Arnold, Spur, and Seth Mahaffey, Sweetwater.

## JUNIORS

### Barrels:

1st, Kailey Richardson, Pampa; 2nd, Shandra Jones, Roaring Springs; 3rd, Casey Jo Light, Amarillo; 4th, Kelsey Stephens, Hartley; 5th, Lindsey Brinson, Hedley; 6th, Allison Chastain, Spur.

**Poles:**  
1st, Shandra Jones, Roaring Springs; 2nd, Kelsey Stephens, Hartley; 3rd, Allison Chastain, Spur; 4th, Drew Baker, Spur; 5th, Kailey Richardson, Pampa; 6th, Lindsey Brinson, Hedley.

**Tie-Down:**  
1st, Kelsey Garrison, Channing; 2nd, Tanner Bebee, Yukon, OK; 3rd, Dustin Poole, Canyon; 4th, J. Tom Fisher, Andrews; 5th, C.W. Cathey, Canyon; 6th, Chris Enriquez, Channing.

**Goat Tying:**  
1st, Kailey Richardson, Pampa; 2nd, Heather Tite, Willow, OK; 3rd, Kelsey Stephens, Hartley; 4th, Shandra Jones, Roaring Springs; 5th, Erica Cochran, Pampa; 6th, Jackie Harris, Crowell.

**Steer Riding:**  
Bones McInroe, Lubbock; 2nd, Deke Baxter, Dumont.

**Girls' Break-away:**  
1st, Kailey Richardson, Pampa.

**Boys' Break-away:**  
1st, Sterling Smith, Post; 2nd, Matt Bellah, Throckmorton; 3rd, Dustin Pool, Canyon; 4th, Stetson Vest, Andrews; 5th, Tyler Locke, Sweetwater, OK; 6th, C.W. Cathey, Canyon.

## Girls' Steer Daubing:

1st, Rasey Jo Light, Amarillo; 2nd, Kailey Richardson, Pampa; 3rd, Lindsey Brinson, Hedley; 4th, Heather Fite, Willow, OK; 5th, Jackie Harris, Crowell; 6th, Shandra Jones, Roaring Springs.

## Boys' Steer Daubing:

1st, Jake Mitchell, Borger; 2nd, Matt Bellah, Throckmorton; 3rd, Sterling Smith, Post; 4th, Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M.; 5th, Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Lockney; 6th, C.W. Cathy, Canyon.

## Ribbon Roping:

1st, Tyler Riccan, Snyder; 2nd, J. Tom Fisher, Andrews; 3rd, Dustin Pool, Canyon; 4th, Sterling Smith, Post; 5th, Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M.; 6th, Cody W. Lee, Pampa.

## Jr. Team Roping:

1st, Tyler Riggan and C.W. Cathey; 2nd, Stetson Vest and J. Tom Fisher; 3rd, Dustin Pool and Tanner Bebee; 4th, Brad Baxter and Shandra Jones.

## All-Around:

Dustin Pool, Canyon, and Kailey Richardson, Pampa.

## SENIORS

**Tie-Down:**  
1st, Van Fisher, Andrews; 2nd, Justin Lehman, Vernon; 3rd, John Brunson, Plainview; 4th, Jody Rowland, Idalou; 5th, Tate Bennett, Vega; 6th, Jace Rowland, Idalou.

**Barrels:**  
1st, Emily Smith, Post; 2nd, Dani Irlbeck, Happy; 3rd, Lindsey Tidwell, Pampa; 4th, Christie Hendley, Lubbock; 5th, Jayme Rowland, Lubbock; 6th, Jessica Fowler, Rotan.

**Poles:**  
1st, Bristi Arnold, Spur; 2nd, Dani Irlbeck, Happy; 3rd, Lacy Roberts, Hobbs, N.M.; 4th, Amanda Landis, Canyon; 5th, Ashley Branch, Aspermont; 6th, Stoni Riggan, Snyder.

**Goat Tying:**  
1st, Emily Smith, Post; 2nd, Ashley Branch, Aspermont; 3rd, Stoni Riggan, Snyder; 4th, Christie Hendley, Lubbock; 5th, Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa; 6th, Lacy Roberts, Hobbs, N.M.

**Girls' Break-away:**  
1st, Stoni Riggan, Snyder; 2nd, Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa; 3rd, Lacy Roberts, Hobbs, N.M.; 4th, Emily



GET ME OFF THIS THING! Britt Simpson takes his turn in the Calf Riding event, while dad, Gary, keeps a watch from behind, during Saturday night's performance of the Rodeo.

Smith, Post; 5th, Dani Irlbeck, Happy; 6th, Jayme Rowland, Lubbock.

**Team Roping:**  
1st, Todd Thomas and Andy Jones; 2nd, Andy Jones and Vin Fisher; 3rd, Jayme Rowland and Ryan Swink; 4th, Cory King and Cody King; 5th, Shawn Gray and Dustin Sexton; 6th, Casey Chamberlain and Bryce Davis.

**All-Around:**  
Vin Fisher, Andrews, and Dani Irlbeck, Happy.

## Motley County Cheerleaders bring home several awards from camp



MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — High School Varsity Cheerleaders at Camp, pictured left to right, at back, Brooke Decker, Courtney Hays, Rabecca Morris, Brenda Gillespie; in front, Ashley Stevens, Cassie Campbell, Mascot, and Mandi Ream.

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders and sponsor Kay Bingham, attended cheerleading camp at the University of North Texas in Denton, June 20-24. It was five days of grueling work, dedication, and sometimes forced spirit. Even though camp was tough, the

girls ended on a positive note with a terrific record.

At the end of each day of camp, the staff gave out Spirit Sticks to the most spirited, coachable, and punctual squads that day. Motley County received one every day. They also received two Stunt Smart awards,

which are given to the squads that show great technique and a high level of safety during stunt executions. To add to their accomplishments, they also received a Motion Award, which is awarded to the squads that had great motions in their cheers and chants.

Every night each squad at camp was evaluated on a cheer and chant learned that day and received a ribbon for their performance. Blue - Superior; Red - Outstanding; and White for Excellent. The squad received nothing less than Superior ribbons - 16 total, to be exact. To top it all off, each girl on the squad (including the mascot) was nominated for All-American, which is a great honor. Motley County Varsity Squad was one of the five elite teams nominated for Top Team of the entire camp.

All in all, it was a very successful week. Be sure and keep your eyes on the 2000-2001 Varsity Cheerleaders!

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

### DELAYED

Visiting in the home of Don and Lu Largent on Wednesday night and Thursday were Lu's brothers, Gerald and Archie Haggard, and sister, Sue Berry, and grandchildren, Gerald Lee, Crystal and baby of New Boston, Texas.

Arriving Friday to attend the funeral of their grandmother, Mary Adcock of Spur, were Brandy and Krystal Adcock of Ft. Worth, Schelly Thompson, Toby and Konner of Bowie, and Lu's daughter, Terre Shaw of Boyd. All left for home Sunday after the funeral.

Pearl Patten, Mary Lumsden, Odessa Mullins, and Veda Lou Kopecky hosted Zella Palmer to supper at the Caprock Cafe in Dickens on Monday evening, celebrating her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Mullins and Marshall spent Thursday night with their grandmother, Odessa Mullins, on their way to a reunion at Clarendon.

Shirley Barton spent Thursday until Sunday with Nan Preston in Farwell, Texas, visiting and helping with a garage sale. Nan is moving to a retirement place in Lubbock. She is a former resident of Roaring Springs.

Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Osborn, Jan and Zeke of Lubbock and her mother, Rosemarie Dernback from Wildflecken, Germany. They celebrated Tom and Rosemarie's birthdays with a picnic at the Springs, swimming and visiting.

The Rev. Johnnie Williams, retired Methodist minister of Lubbock, filled the Roaring Springs Methodist Church pulpit in the absence of the Rev. Monte Wike on July 16. The Rev. Williams and his wife, Juana, who accompanied him, were raised in Roaring Springs.

Lula Swim was hostess to the coffee drinkers on Monday morning, July 17, at

the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Rita Groves helped with the hostess duties and brought orange juice and honey buns. Those enjoying coffee and muffins were Rita and Algie Groves, Jeff Thacker, Grace Zabielski, Lea Peacock and the hostess, Lula Swim.

Visiting last week with Vera Mitchell was her sister, Newel Crego and her brother, Buck Webb, of Albuquerque, N.M.; Rev. Benny and Wanda Goss of Littlefield; Wayborn and Bennie Mae Mitchell and her mother, Almeta Seigler, of Paducah; and local resident, Zella Palmer.

Johnny Martinez of Toledo, Ohio, and son, Steven Martinez, and friend, Jennifer, of Ansted, Michigan, spent two weeks here in his mobile home and visited with his brother and family, Joe Martinez, Deanna and Anna. They were joined here by a sister and husband, Walter and Dolly Solarski, and granddaughter, Merica, from Avondale, Ariz., and a brother, Felix Martinez of Phoenix, Ariz.

Joyce Meredith and grandson, Parker, visited in Matador Monday afternoon with daughter, Carla Meador, and great-grandchildren, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock. Parker and Morgan enjoyed digging buried treasure in the backyard, while Nana, Meme and Judson watched, sitting under the big shade tree. Morgan and Judson are the children of Jeremy and Whitney Jones of Lubbock.

Shirley Smith and Dora Hurt of Matador enjoyed spending the day last Friday at the home of Audrey Jones, where they were joined by Joyce Meredith, for a day of canning vegetables. Also visiting with ladies were Mitzi Christopher and grandson, Logan.

Kenneth Ashley visited in Sudan with brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ashley, last Sunday until Wednesday.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### DELAYED

Mrs. Stanley Degau of Kalgary, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Middletown, Tennessee, and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Amarillo on Friday where they met Mrs. Rogers' brother Dale Davidson of Joplin, Missouri, at the airport. He and sister, Mrs. Merl Nall of Amarillo, returned with the party to Flomot to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

Morris Stephens of Turkey, a former Whiteflat resident, returned home from the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo last week following three weeks of radiation treatment. He also suffered a compressed back fracture recently and is wearing a back brace.

Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle, had fun at the Motley County Youth Organization's swimming and hot dog cook-out at the Springs Ranch on Saturday afternoon.

Lance Jameson and friend, Vickie Fennell of Vernon, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, Monday.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper met daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Kay Dunnam and Kourtney of Amarillo, in Silverton on Tuesday, and Kourtney returned home with Mrs. Cooper for a visit. Jack Samford of Afton and Mrs. Cooper accompanied Kourtney home on Friday. Mrs. Cooper visited until Monday in Amarillo with the Dunnam family, and Mr. Samford visited in Canyon with daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray King.

Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Barclay of Lockney visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay on Sunday.

Mrs. Clois Shorter visited in Petersburg on Saturday with Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily and guests, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Wolfroth. Brian returned home with Mrs. Shorter and visited overnight Saturday. The Shorters accompanied Brian to Ralls, Sunday, proudly wearing the baseball cap his grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin, had made for him. They met his parents, Kevin and Keri Sehon, for his return trip home.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY OF GREAT-GRANDSON

Mrs. Virginia McWilliams of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were special guests Saturday afternoon at the Springs Ranch to celebrate the second birthday of their great-grandson, Mickey Clary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary of Matador. His colorfully decorated birthday cake featured a farm scene with a tractor, cows and horses. The children enjoyed swimming and games and were given favors of sunglasses and bags of candy. Refreshments of cake and punch were served.

Others attending were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ludwig, Zach, Amy and Samantha of Hereford; Mrs. Jennifer Martin, Brice and Blake of Dumont; Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot; Cara Franks of Dallas; Jacob and Kaylee Woolsey and Sage Guerrero of Matador.

Mrs. Gertrude Light of Amarillo and daughter, Mrs. Glenda Brazille of Crum, visited her sister, Mrs. Edith Washington, Saturday. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs visited

recently with his cousin and her husband, B. and Howard Rogers.

The Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains, the pastor of the Flomot Baptist Church and his wife, were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed the performance of TEXAS at Palo Duro Canyon Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy of Wellington visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Tuesday and accompanied home their children, Tanya and Jackie, who visited here the past week. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Starkey in Amarillo, Thursday to drive them to their medical appointments. They visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey before returning to their respective homes.

Mrs. Janie Russell of Turkey visited Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, Saturday.

Cara Franks of Dallas visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green were in Plainview, Monday for her an optical medical appointment and visited his daughter, Mrs. Alta Mae Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers and their houseguests, Mrs. Merl Nall of Amarillo, Dale Davidson of Joplin, Missouri, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Middletown, Tenn., were luncheon guests, Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degau of Kalgary. Other guests were Dane Degau, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Shanna Degau and Monty Simeyer of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Wellington, Sunday to celebrate the birthday of granddaughter, Tanya Starkey. She blew out her nine candles on a decorated cake, and they enjoyed a cook-out supper, watermelon, cake and ice cream. Tanya is the daughter of Twanna Kennedy and the late Marvin Starkey.

### STEPHENS FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson joined descendants of Dan and Hattie Stephens, who moved to Motley County in 1907, at their 17th family reunion, Sunday July 9th held in the home of B.C. "Doc" and Mary Helen Cross in Plainview. Co-hosting the enjoyable activities were their daughters, Mrs. Dolores Tier of Amarillo and Mrs. Tonya Glenn and son, Devin, of Plainview.

The 45 attending represented the families of Mrs. Pearl Stephens Donaldson, Hollis Stephens, Ollie Stephens Lee, Marvin Stephens, Beulah Stephens Jameson and Earl Stephens. The Dan, Joe and Cliff Stephens children were unable to attend.

### GRANDSON ON ALL-STAR TEAM

Thor Patton of Silverton, grandson of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, was a member of the Silverton Rockies Summer League baseball team. They were first in their league and won the championship title in the tournament in Lockney.

Thor was chosen for the All-Star Team that competed in the Northern State Regional Babe Ruth tournament held in Canyon. His father, Mark Patton of Silverton, was head coach of the All-Star Team.

Mrs. Cruse attended the tournament in Canyon where she joined her daughter, Mrs. Mark (Derinda) Patton, and children, Tory Ann and Teah, of Silverton.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### DELAYED

Mrs. Frances Dixon and granddaughter, Kaci Risser of the Plains Baptist Assembly near Floydada, were in Lubbock, Monday on business. Kaci and her parents, Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador, visited in the home of Mrs. Dixon, July 4th.

### OVERHEARD

I'm blessed so I'm not stressed, however, I'm too old to be bold!

Mrs. Wilda Dixon attended the Caprock District of Texas Federation of Womens' Club Summer Workshop, Tuesday. It was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Ryan Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin, visited Monday and Tuesday night in Quanah with friend, Chad and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Connally and Clay. Ryan and Chad were in Stephenville, Tuesday attending to business and living arrangements in preparation for their return to Tarleton University this fall to resume their studies. Jack Samford of Afton and Mrs.

Juanita Cooper were luncheon guests Sunday of Lula Swim following church services at the United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. Other guests were the Rev. Johnnie Williams and wife of Lubbock. The Rev. Williams delivered the sermon in the absence of pastor Monty Wike and wife who were in South Carolina for a family reunion. Larry Mullins of Lockney was the guest speaker, Sunday at the Methodist Church in Matador.

Mrs. Scott (Heather) Blount of Abernathy visited overnight Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner and Cobey.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson visited in Turkey Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens. Other guests were Had Lyons of Woodward, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jones of Lockney, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCall of MacKenzie Lake and Lowell Cranfill of Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M., in Lubbock, Monday and visited Mrs. Lela Faye Jones and Mrs. Adina Bush.

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## Obituaries

### Rev. J. Joe Stone

Funeral services for the Rev. J. Joe Stone, 70, of San Angelo, formerly of Flomot, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2000, at the First Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Derwood Dubose, district superintendent of the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God officiating.

Burial was in the Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

The Rev. Stone died on Monday, July 3, 2000. He was born on March 27, 1930, in Ada, Oklahoma. He moved to Flomot in 1940 and attended the Flomot schools. He married Margaret Adams on Dec. 24, 1949. He began his ministry in 1956 and was ordained in April of 1962. He served in Lockney as presbyter of East Plains section of the Assemblies of God. He was an employee of Green Machinery for more than 20 years. He was a pastor at churches in Hale Center, Lockney, Plainview, Abernathy, and Muleshoe. He

came to San Angelo as pastor of the First Assembly of God Church on Jan. 7, 1981. He was a probation board officer with the South Plains Probation Office in Lubbock. He was secretary of the Ministerial Alliance in Muleshoe, and he served on the P.O.S.T. board in the West Texas District of the Assemblies of God.

He was included in the 2000-2001 edition of the Nationwide Register's "Who's Who in Executives and Businesses," which is registered in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Survivors include his wife; his two sons, Gary L. of Mountain Home, Arkansas, and Jackie E. of Muleshoe; four sisters, Estelle Holman of Ada, Oklahoma, Helen Height of Plainview, Nadie Hasteley of Clarendon, and Lucille Pickering of Pampa; one brother, Clyde Stone of Plainview; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice, 1121 S. Bryant, San Angelo, 76903.

### Pearl Rattan

Graveside rites for Pearl Rattan, 87, Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at East Mound Cemetery at Matador. Memorial services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Church of Christ in Matador. Officiating was Michael Crowley, minister. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Rattan died early Friday, July 14, at Lockney Care Center in Lockney, Texas. Mrs. Rattan was born January 12, 1913, in Wilbarger County, Texas. She was married to Ward Rattan March 11, 1932, at Lamesa, Texas. She had been a resident of Matador since 1933. She had been a member of the Church of Christ in Matador since 1935. Mrs. Rattan was preceded in death by four brothers,

two sisters, and her husband, Ward, who died Oct. 17, 1992.

She is survived by: her son and daughter-in-law, Garland and Shirley Rattan of Amarillo; two sisters, Ruby English and Jo Rowland, both of Corpus Christi; two grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, David and Lee Ann Rattan of North Richland Hills, Tx., and Chris and Dena Rattan of Amarillo; four great-grandchildren, Andy Ward Rattan II, Courtney Noel Rattan, and Mackenzie Lee Rattan of North Richland Hills, and Zachary Jansen Rattan of Amarillo. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. The family has suggested memorials to East Mound Cemetery Association at Matador.

### C. Lawton Smith

Funeral services for C. Lawton Smith, 89, of Corinth, were held Thursday, July 6, at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel in Dallas.

He died Sunday, July 2, 2000.

He was born Oct. 2, 1910, in Lydia. He moved with his family to West Texas and spent his youth in Matador. He was a graduate of Whiteflat High School and Paris Junior College. As a young man, he boxed professionally in Texas and the Southwest. He served during World War II as a Seabee. After the war, he ran the

C. Lawton Smith Insurance Agency in Dallas for more than 35 years. He was a member of the Kiwanis, the Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Texas and the Bonehead Club of Dallas. He was a member of the Lake Dallas Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Bill D. Smith and Jack E. Smith; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

## News of Local Interest

To report local news call 347-2400 before noon Tuesday

Mrs. Billie Slover was in Austin recently for the cheerleading camp/school attended by the Cisco, Texas, High School Varsity Team. One hundred and fifty-four girls were there. There were nine squads, with some coming as far away as Houston. Mrs. Slover traveled to Wichita Falls to pick up her granddaughter, Lisha Vernon, and they met Mrs. Slover's daughter, Barb, in Austin.

The Cisco team received the most honors of all those attending. Amanda Luster, a junior this year, was there for her third year as high school cheerleader. She and Nikki Thiberville were named All-American Cheerleaders. Amanda also received six other personal awards.

Mrs. Nora Bell Dunning has moved from Prairie House to West Ridge Manor in Plainview. She and her son, Kenneth Dunning of Plainview, attended the Stephen family reunion recently held at the home of Doc and Mary Helen Cross in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevens of Dallas spent the weekend visiting with Mrs. Stevens' mother, Mrs. Robert Darsey, and returned home on Monday, July 17.

Sue Bird of Madil, Okla., spent the night at Bird Ranch this past week at the home of her cousin, James Bearden, and also visited other cousins, Barbara B. Armstrong of Matador and Banty and Sybol Brandon of Roaring Springs. Sue was on her way to visit her daughter, Shaun Thomas, in Big Spring and attend, later in the week, the Bird Family Reunion at Post.

Christine Dawer accompanied her mother and daddy, Norma and G.W. Ratcliff of Hollister, Mo., to visit her aunt and Mr. Ratcliff's sister, Cora Hall in Matador. On Wednesday, Mutt Berryman,

a friend, visited with G.W. Also enjoying a visit were two cousins, James Meador and Betty June Bearden. The ladies visited the Museum, the Library and East Mound cemetery. It has been 45 years since Cora had seen her niece.

### LOCAL WOMEN BECOME THESPIANS

On June 13 and 14, Judy Cruse, Frances Brandon and Olivia Barton joined Marsha Moore of Colorado City, Jana Thacker of Abilene and Karol DeVries of Austin at Horseshoe Bay, Texas, at the lake house of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seale, formerly of Matador. While there, the friends reminisced and as a special treat, took "facial expressions" lessons from Ms. Moore, who teaches drama at Colorado City High School.

The friends were happy to have non-speaking roles, because although they're pretty sure they know it all, they are even more sure that they can't remember it.

### ATTEND APHA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Dale and Dona Smith of Quitaque and grandson, Colton Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Russell of Matador, attended the 2000 APHA World Championship Show in Fort Worth. Colonel Quannah, a registered paint horse raised by the Dale Smith Ranch, won two championships and one reserve championship. He captured the Oscar Crigler Cattle Award, the Super Gelding Award and the High Point Western Performance Horse Award.

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# Farm and Ranch News



## Long-term brush control is a cost-effective, profitable strategy for cattlemen

Leaving brush intact on rangeland over the long-term increases the cost of running cattle, lowers forage productivity, and cuts into ranchers' profitability, say three Texas A&M University researchers.

Dr. Jim Ansley and Dr. Richard Teague, range ecologists, and Dr. Bill Pinchak, range animal nutritionist, are studying ways to economically control mesquite and other brush species at the Kite Camp on the W.T. Waggoner Estate ranch. All three Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists are based at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here.

The goal of their research is to determine the optimum balance between chemical, mechanical and prescribed burning brush control methods. All three methods have merit, but a combination of one or more may provide ranchers with an effective, long-term strategy to combat mesquite and other undesirable, forage-robbing brush species.

"The method, or combination of methods, a rancher chooses for brush control depends on the level of brush infestation and the rancher's management objectives," Teague said. "Fire is a good, fundamental low-cost tool, but you cannot count on fire alone to convert mesquite thickets into productive savannas or grassland."

One goal of their Kite Camp research is to boost forage production and livestock grazing profitability by using repeated high-intensity fires to top-kill mesquite. This method helps keep mesquite constantly suppressed, but it is only one brush management option, Ansley said.

"That's a good way to manage brush for grazing alone. But if your goal is to increase income from livestock grazing and wildlife, you may want to consider using a low-intensity fire and herbicides to create a mesquite savanna," Ansley added. "Repeated, low intensity winter-fires say, three to four fires over a 10- to 15 year period are a good first step in creating a savanna. These types of fires will suppress smaller mesquite, and kill some of the seedlings and even some of the seed lying on the ground. Many of the larger mesquite will not be top-killed, which is a goal for savanna management."

Ranchers who use this combination to convert rangeland thickets into a savanna environment may find the wildlife value of the land exceeds its value as a grazing lease, Pinchak said.

The researchers say ranchers have three viable options for control-

ling brush with herbicides alone.

One option is to use lower-cost applications of herbicides such as Remedy to achieve brush suppression. Similar to a top-killing fire, the effect of these treatments is short-lived, however, and a re-treatment are necessary to maintain suppression.

One drawback is that surviving mesquite puts out multiple stems and becomes more competitive with grass, and more herbicide-resistant, in coming years. The denser brush foliage can also complicate routine chores such as finding and gathering cattle for branding and weaning.

A second option is combining herbicides such as Remedy and Reclaim to achieve a high level of brush root-kill and top-kill. This may be ideal if the rancher's goal is to turn mesquite thickets into brush free grasslands. Fire, as a maintenance treatment, can then be used 10-15 years later.

A third option is to go for a moderate level of mesquite root-killing using a low rate (about 1/4-pound per acre) of Reclaim herbicide alone, which may leave a few-foilage producing stems on surviving plants. Known as the "Mesquite Savanna" option, this is a good tool for boosting grass productivity for grazing and for providing screening cover for wildlife, Ansley said. Low-intensity fires which do not top-kill the larger mesquite are also part of this management plan.

Before choosing a brush control strategy which utilizes fire, ranchers should ensure their grazing system will provide adequate fine fuel for fire. A rotational grazing system that factors in grazing deferral periods, stocking rates, available forage and "working time" for the brush control treatments may also be necessary.

An ideal scenario for using prescribed burning includes removing cattle from the land early enough to allow the grass to build up adequate fuel for the fire, followed by a winter burn and subsequent light stocking-grazing in April after growth-activating spring rains occur. A full stocking rate would not be used until late-May or June.

Pinchak said ranchers should also be ready to regularly evaluate forage quality and quantity after they employ a brush control strategy, so they can capitalize on improved grazing by adjusting their rates for maximum gains.

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## Cotton News



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### PCG BOARD APPROVES BUDGET/OFFICE RELOCATION

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors came together Wednesday, July 12, for the organization's first meeting of the 2000-01 fiscal year.

Topping the agenda for the PCG Directors was approval of an operating budget for the organization's new fiscal year which began July 1.

The PCG Board unanimously approved an operating budget totaling \$526,841.48 to see the organization through the next budget cycle.

The Board also approved a relocation of the organization's offices to 4517 West Loop 289. The new location is just around the corner from PCG's current offices and will provide an improved level of functionality for the organization's activities.

In addition to the budget and office relocation the PCG Board also approved the support of legislative internship programs within the Agriculture Colleges at Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University.

The endowments, which will total \$125,000, will provide the foundation for support one semester-long student internship from each university each year.

Legislative internship programs have long been considered a valuable source of support for agriculture since many of the participants go to work in legislative staff positions after college.

In other business the PCG Board discussed the recent meeting between PCG officers and House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and the status of important issues such as implementation of crop insurance reform legislation and the cottonseed assistance program.

The PCG Board also began discussing what type of change needed to be evaluated in preparation for the upcoming debate of the next Farm Bill.

The PCG Board agreed to support the efforts of the Council for Biotechnology Information based in Washington, DC. PCG Board members authorized the addition of PCG as a sponsor of the organization.

The Council for Biotechnology Information's goal is to raise awareness about the benefits of biotechnology inside the United States.

More information about the Council for Biotechnology Information can be found at the organization's website: <http://www.whybiotech.com/>

In other business the PCG Board elected members to the 2000-01 Nominating Committee and heard

reports on the status of boll weevil eradication activities from each of the five eradication zones within the High Plains region.

The PCG Board also authorized Ronnie Hopper to act as the PCG's representative at the upcoming Cotton Incorporated/Cotton Board caucuses in Austin, July 19.

The caucus meeting coincides with a meeting of the Texas Cotton Producers association. TCP is comprised of the nine regional cotton producer organizations within Texas. PCG president Ronnie Hopper currently serves as Chairman of the Texas Cotton Producers.

One of PCG's important industry activities is the identification and promotion of cotton producers who are interested in filling leadership positions within the cotton industry. The Cotton Incorporated/Cotton Board caucus is the culmination of those activities.

### WPS TRACTOR RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock is sponsoring a Tractor Raffle August 19 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, and time is running out to get your chance to win a John Deere 7810, 150 hp tractor valued at \$96,000.

Only 2,000 tickets will be sold for the event with raffle tickets priced at \$100. Each ticket purchase includes entry in the raffle and entry for two to the main event August 19. The raffle will be conducted through a reverse draw with the last ticket proclaiming the winner.

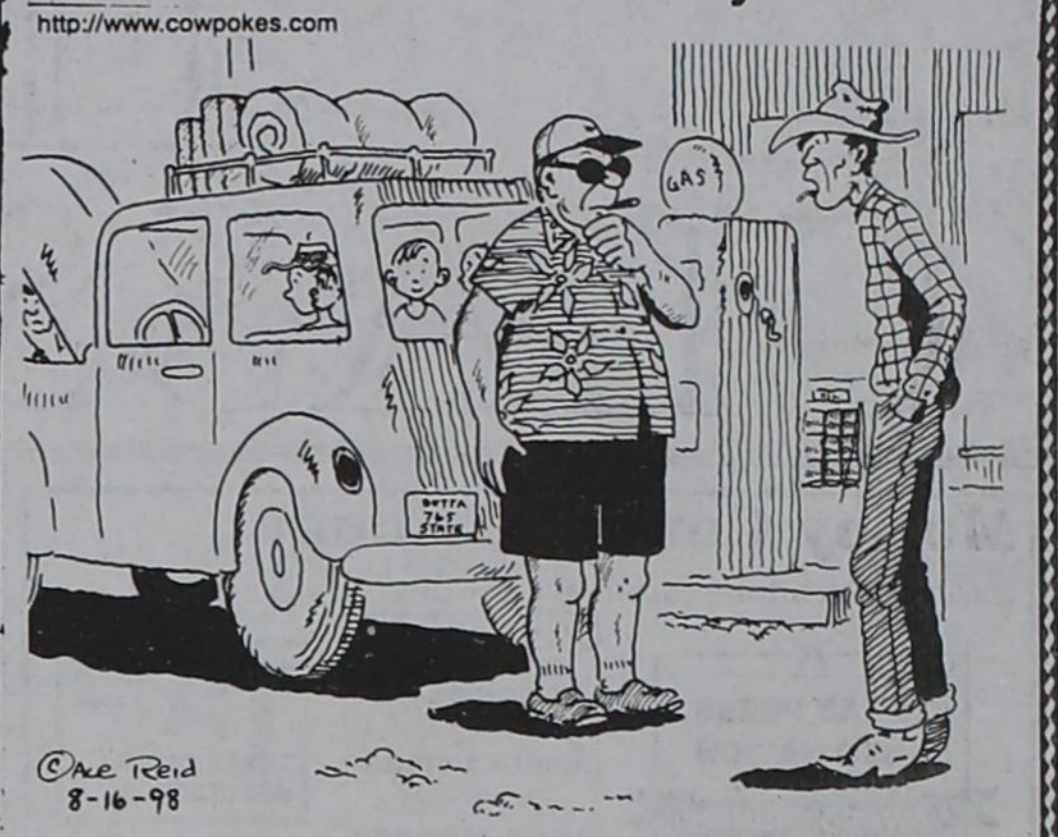
The fund-raising event benefits the Lubbock District of Women's Protective Services.

This is a major fund-raising effort for WPS and will provide much needed financial support for victims of domestic violence within their 12 county service area.

To purchase tickets, contact Women's Protective Services at 806-748-5292, or check for ticket availability at area agins and bank locations.

Sponsors for the event include Hurst Farm Supply, John Deere, Armes & Ralls Equipment, Delta & Pine Land Company, Valent Biosciences Corporation, Plains Cotton Growers, B.E. Implement, Wells Fargo, KLBK TV-13, KAMC TV-28, KFMX, KFYO, KQBR, the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Progressive Farmer and ADMARC.

## COW POKES By Ace Reid



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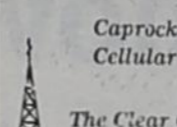
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