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A Look Back Call

JULY 30, 1970

Hospital Confronts
Medicare Problem

Fight Being Waged to get
Federal Recognition

"The same government that lent more than \$190,000 to the Motley County Hospital district to improve, equip and modernize a hospital facility here, has forbidden its use.

The fate of the Motley General Hospital is no different than other small hospitals throughout the country. The fate of more than 500 Medicare beneficiaries in Motley County is their problem. They can receive Medicare benefits by going to Lubbock, Amarillo, or other larger centers.

The doom was sounded off last week when two representatives visited the Motley General Hospital. They were Registered Nurse Joyce J. Hoover of Dallas, representing the Texas Health Department and Wayne Johnson of Lubbock, representative of Medicare."

JULY 2, 1942

Trail Dust

By Douglas Meador

"Ashes of a thousand branding fires are scattered on the rolling plains since the cowboy first staked his night horse with the outfit. Time is the silversmith responsible for change in his hair; sunlight and the wind in his face have faded his eyes. He has left the saddle forever, but an eagerness spreads over his countenance every time he hears the chime of spurs and scraping chaps."

Around Town

News Briefs of
Area Events

Churches to join for Fifth Sunday gospel gathering

Churches in the county are encouraged to participate in a modern-day singing, preaching, and eating Sunday morning, July 30. Each church will bring paper plates, plastic eatware and cups for their own and a small amount more.

Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish and share together. The praising, singing and preaching starts at 11:00 a.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Ice tea, lemonade, cold water and the sound system will be provided by the folks at Roaring Springs.

If you would like to be a part of this special service by singing, please call Rickey Lawrence or Royce Jennings to be on the program.

With the help of the Lord and your help this will be a wonderful time of community worship and fellowship. This is not a Sunday to skip Church, but a time to come together in the love of the Lord. There will be equipment to play backup tapes and CD's for special singing. There will also be musicians if you bring your music.

Make plans to attend this special service and expect a blessing.

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.

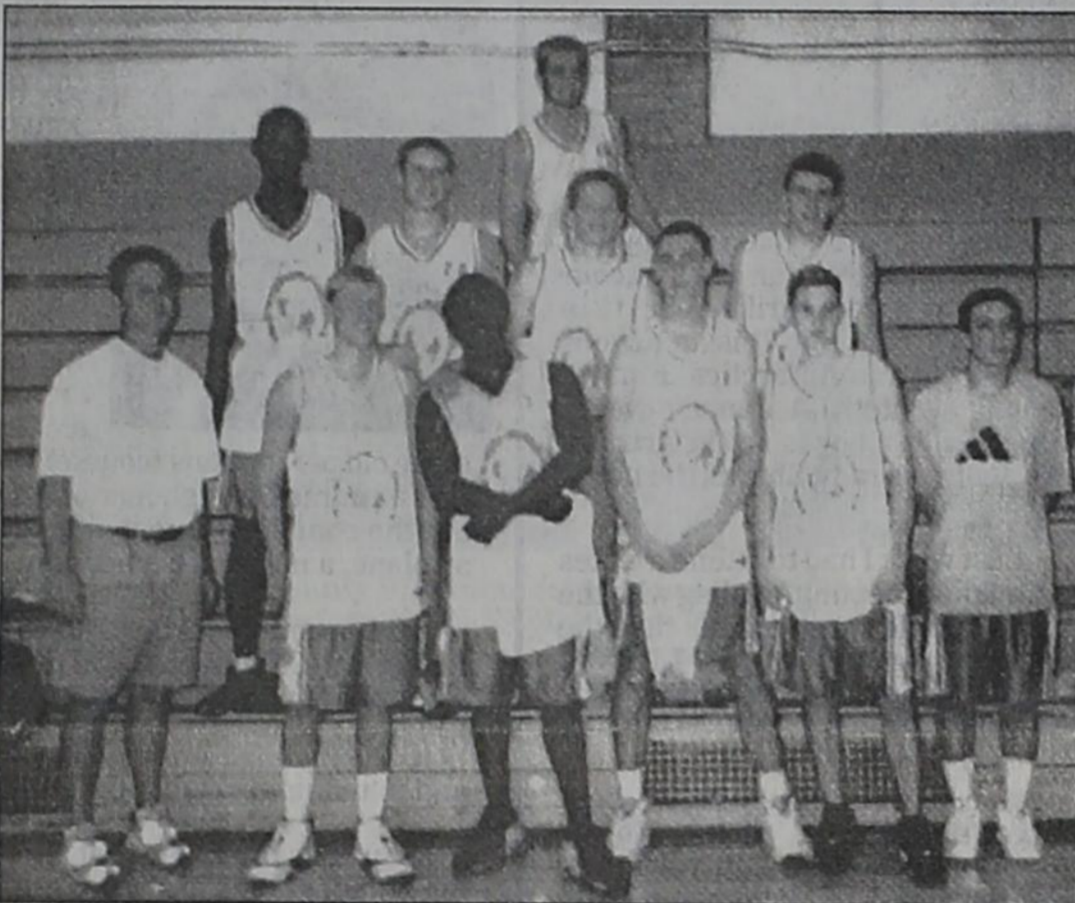
Chamber Banquet set for August 3

The Sixth Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for Thursday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the High School. The Banquet will feature musical entertainment and honor the Business of the Year and the Citizen of the Year, as deemed by the Chamber.

The meal will be catered by Virginia Sailsbury with chicken and beef entrees. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, from Chamber board members, or at the door.

Monetary door prizes, always popular with the guests, will be awarded to lucky winners. Mark your calendars for the Chamber Banquet. Come hear about the positive things that have happened in Motley County since last year.

Local youth participates in National Tournament



Sean Rose, second from left, is pictured here with his team, "Texas Red," at the National Basketball Tournament held in Madison, Wisconsin.

Sean Rose, a 2000 graduate of Motley County High School, recently participated in the All-State, All-American, USA Junior National Championship Basketball Tournament in Madison, Wisconsin. The tournament was held July 10-16. Sean was chosen to participate in this tournament after participating in the All-State Tournament in Austin, held in March. Sean was one of only thirty out of over 180 young men chosen to represent the state of Texas at this National Tournament.

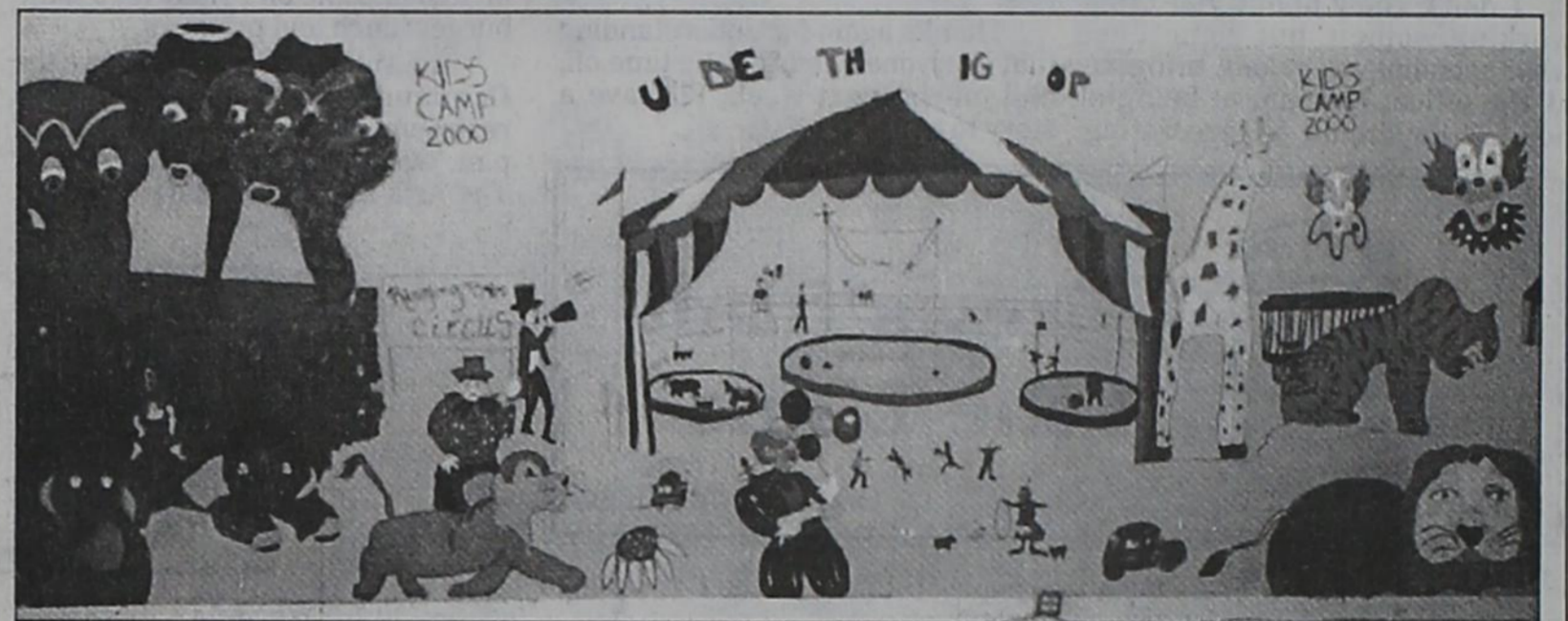
Opening ceremonies were held on Monday night, July 10, with over 43 states being represented. All day Tuesday was practice and getting acquainted with coaches and team members. Each team consisted of 10 players. Sean was a member of the Texas Red team.

Games began bright and early Wednesday morning, July 12 and

continued throughout the week. Five games per day were played until Friday afternoon. Sean's team made it to the final round, and was beat out by the first place team, the California team.

At the tournament, Sean was fortunate to meet two young men who were also to be traveling to Switzerland on the People to People Sports Ambassador program. One young man was from Perryton and was a member of Sean's team. The other young man was from Washington. When Sean departed for Switzerland on Saturday morning, he boarded the plane with the boy from Perryton. The boys would be connecting flights with the young man from Washington in New York. Which only goes to show, it is a very small world.

Sean's family, Tony and Sherry Rose and Shea, attended the tournament in Wisconsin with Sean.



KIDS CAMP — The picture at top is a group of kids presenting their skit for the Kids Camp program last Friday, closing day of Camp. The kids were divided into groups and under the direction of their counselors presented a skit for the audience. Also pictured is a wall, which was hand-painted by the children at camp, depicting the theme of this year's camp, "Under the Big Top."

FFA members receive state awards at annual convention

Corpus Christi was the site for the 72nd annual Texas FFA Convention held the week of July 10-15. The Motley County FFA Chapter was represented by nine members who attended the convention. Activities during the week included motivational speakers and workshops, awarding of hundreds of degrees, awards, and scholarships, selection of a state winning talent team, and the election of a new slate of officers.

In a special ceremony held Wednesday afternoon, approximately 1150 members were awarded

the Lone Star Degree, the highest degree awarded by the state association. Five Motley County FFA Chapter members received their degree from State President Adam Byrd. The members were Brooke Decker, Rachelle Renfro, Casey Lawrence, Scott Jones, and Benjamin Ridgley.

In the Stars over Texas session held Wednesday night, star award recipients and scholarship recipients were recognized. Clint Cooper was recognized as the Star Greenhand from the Area I Association.

Other Motley County FFA Chap-

ter members who attended the convention were Casie Campbell, Kayla Copp, and Brenda Gillespie. The group was accompanied by Motley County FFA Chapter advisor Jim Cooper and his wife, Judy Cooper. Coach Robert Ridgley also accompanied the group and deserves a special thanks for all of his help.

Among other things, the group stopped in Fredericksburg and sampled some good German cooking. They also spent one afternoon at the beach, toured the USS Lexington and viewed the State Aquarium.



AWARDED LONE STAR DEGREE — Receiving their Lone Star Degree at the State FFA Convention were (left to right) Scott Jones, Brooke Decker, Rachelle Renfro, Casey Lawrence and Benjamin Ridgley.

City Council makes changes to Housing Authority policy

The Matador City Council made a few changes to the Housing Authority of Matador when they met for their regular meeting Thursday, July 13. Mayor Rodney Williams discussed the current situation as it exists with the Authority. He explained that the Authority is a city-owned project which is in need of several items to assist it. The Authority is in need of funds to operate and to build equity for maintenance and repairs with several vacancies now existing.

Mayor Williams suggested changing the water billing to one minimum, plus usage. He also proposed to lower the maintenance fee charged for running the Housing Authority to \$200 per month. Council voted to make these changes.

Other items on the agenda included the swearing in of new councilperson, Jimmy Watson. Mr. Watson was appointed to replace Mr. Williams, when he was elected as Mayor.

Minutes from the June 8th meeting were read and approved. The bills were reviewed and approved to be

paid. Council discussed the fact that the Water District Chairperson seat has been vacant since May. Councilman Doyle Rose nominated Jimmy Watson to fill that position. Councilman James Meador seconded the motion and it passed, 4-0. Mr. Watson accepted the position.

There is also a vacancy on the Matador Housing Authority Board. Mayor Williams said he would speak to several candidates to located someone to serve on the Board.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton presented the Council with information on a sewer jetter and a chlorine tester and said the city would benefit from the purchase of both items. Council voted 5-0 to purchase the items.

Ordinances for a speed limit on Scotch Street and for a Tobacco Free facility for City Hall was brought before the Council. Mayor Williams stated that Attorney Tom Hamilton has the paperwork and will be sending it in the near future.

Another item on the agenda was

the amount of money the City is paying for employees and council members for health insurance. After some discussion, it was decided not to make any changes at this time.

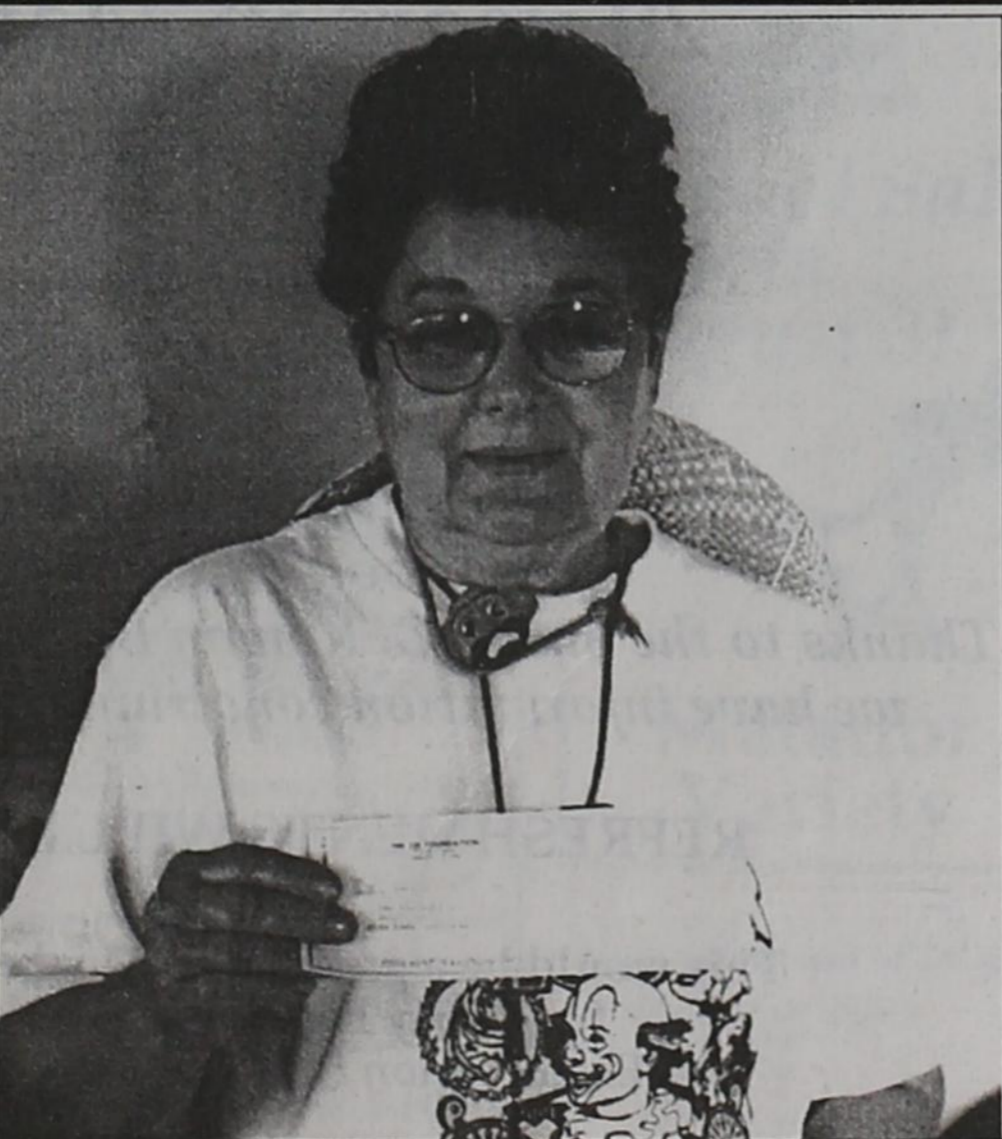
Mayor Williams approached the Council on employee retirement benefits. He said he would look into the 401K option and inform the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Williams informed the Council that the water improvement grant is coming along nicely. He also stated that the landfill permit application is progressing and should be complete by September.

The HOME program was brought before the members of the Council. This program allows the city five homes to be refurbished at no cost to the occupant. The offer will be resubmitted in March 2001.

Mayor Williams discussed a letter he had received from West Texas Utilities concerning street lights. Upcoming changes in the company will not effect street lights.

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Darlene Fletcher, Kid's Camp Director, is pictured here with a check for \$10,000 received from the CH Foundation in Lubbock. The grant will establish an endowment for Kid's Camp and should provide for the camp for many years. CH Foundation Executive Director, Nelda Thompson, stated "It is our pleasure to support your camp in this manner." The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers sponsor the camp each summer for children of the area.



By the time this column is being read, I hope to have had some fun with my grandbabies, had a little rest, and accomplished some much needed yard work. But if this week off is anything like in the past, I will probably be in the office almost everyday. I do so appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in getting your news in extra early, so I could have this little vacation, which I will tell you, is very much needed!

Although I would dream of sailing off to San Francisco and viewing the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge or escaping to Santa Fe to admire the beautiful Churches, that kind of trip is just not possible at this time, so a little R&R at home will have to do for now. And you know, sometimes those are the best kind of vacations, especially for us working women, who really do get very little home time.

I don't know about you other working women, but sometimes while spending a very long, tiring day at the office, I dream of being at home. I daydream of decorating,

yardwork, or just sitting in my easy chair, thumbing through a Country Living magazine, having a cup of tea, and watching the Home & Garden channel. I will admit, that sometimes those daydreams really get me through a very long day.

Just like right now, working an extra long week, to get two papers done, I sit here daydreaming of playing with my sweet little Morgan and Judson. I can just hear Morgan ask me in her soft, little voice, "Meme, you want to hear a story?" Or see little Judson hurry across the floor, in his fast crawl, to grab one of his sister's toys.

Morgan tells the cutest stories. She starts every one with "Once upon a time", and ends them all with "the end." While typing this column, on this late Friday afternoon, I would really like to hear one of those stories.

Thanks again for understanding that everyone needs a little time off, and maybe next week, I'll have a story to tell you.



News from the Lions

by Royce Jennings

The Lions Club of Matador meets every first and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

The Lions club has accepted the responsibility to pick up trash at least once a year from the west city limits for the next two miles. Volunteers are needed. Lions may see Boss Lion C.W. Moore to volunteer.

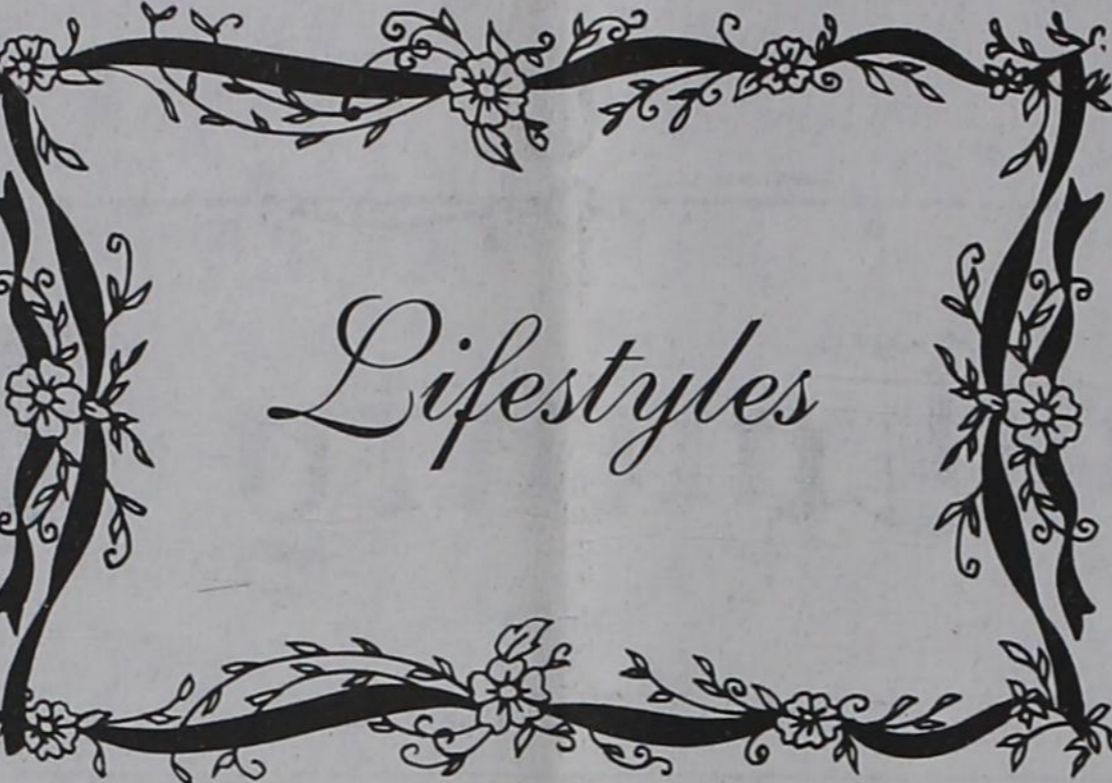
The Lions Club is involved in helping at the Old Settlers Reunion, to be held in August, and volunteers are needed to man the gates for a

couple of shifts. See the Boss Lion to volunteer.

Are you a Lion? Do you like helping your community? If so, the Lions Club is a great organization to get involved in. The club meets twice a month for a really fine meal, a program and good fellowship.

The flags you see out on special occasions are put out by the Lions. We try to make our community a better place to live.

Our Lions Club program for the August 1st meeting will be presented by Sherri Thomas about her trip to Italy. Come and join us.



Community Volunteers plan upcoming events

by Darleen Fletcher

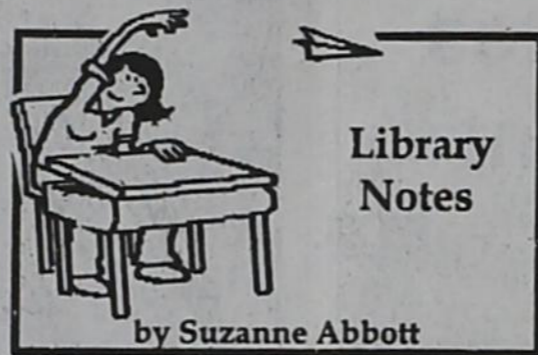
Dorothy Lee and Sheila Lefevre hosted the regular meeting of the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers on Tuesday night, July 11th. Members discussed plans for Kids Camp. As of meeting time, 84 children had signed up, and 15 team leaders were ready to go to work on July 17th. Parents and grandparents were invited to come on Friday for a hamburger lunch and program.

The Volunteers voted to have the Community Center building and restrooms open from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening of Old Settlers. The Arts and Crafts Show has been

postponed, more or less permanently, so musical groups are invited to use the stage during these hours. Soft drinks will be made available during these hours also.

The July 4th Ice Cream and Fireworks was declared the best ever. It was discussed that it would be fun to provide some type of contests or entertainment for the hour or so between the Ice Cream and the Fireworks. Any and all suggestions will be welcomed.

Building maintenance, repair and cleaning were discussed and approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



romantic suspense novel.

For those who liked **Thunderhead**, Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child have a new thriller out. It is called **The Ice Limit**. It is an adventure story set in Antarctica. Finally, the long awaited J.A. Jance novel is here. **Devil's Claw** is set in Arizona with Joanna Brady, Sheriff, the heroine.

Last week I had to attend a Gates Foundation meeting, dealing with the new computer and printer that the Gates are giving to the Library. Patricia Green filled in for me while I was out and I really appreciate her working in the Library.

Your public library is the best bargain anywhere. At the Motley County Library you and your children can check out books on a great variety of subjects. You can check out videos - we have videos for both adults and children. You can check out books on tape to listen to as you drive. You can do research. You can explore the many offerings of the World Wide Web. All of this is free. Do you have a library card? Come in and expand your world at the Motley County Library.

Engagement Announced

Arnold and Carolyn Johnson of Flomot wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kayla Michelle, of Floydada to Neil Wayne Guest, son of Rita Guest of Turkey and the late Smith Guest.

Kayla is a graduate of Motley County High School and West Texas A&M University where she earned both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Education. She is a Registered Educational Diagnostician and is employed by the Rolling Plains SSA in Matador.

Neil is a graduate of Turkey High School and Methodist Hospital School of Radiology. He is engaged in farming in the Turkey and Quitaque area.

The couple plans a September 1, 2000 wedding at the Apple Country Gazebo in Idalou.

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



2-Lady Scramble, July 8
The Roaring Springs Ladies Golf Association hosted their annual 2-Lady Scramble, July 8. The tournament was a great success with 18 teams entering.

Winners are as follows:
Championship Flight - 1st, with a score of 71, Kay Bingham and Pam Joplin.

Second, with a score of 72, LaVoe Thacker and Olivia Barton.

First Flight - 1st, with a score of 75 (play-off on card), Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson.

Second, with a score of 75, Darla Doss and Diane Hitt.

Second Flight - 1st, with a score of 80, Charlene Glenn and Charlotte Andrews.

Second, with a score of 81, (play-off on card), Jean Hoover and Shirley

Whitefield.
Johnie Carlisle got closest to pin on #3, 14 ft.

We want to thank all the women golfers for all the work in helping to make this tournament a success. A special thanks to the golf course employees for help in getting the course in its super condition. We had many compliments on the course.

Thanks to Tex for his help and to Brad Thacker and Keane Cruse for hitting our drives on #5. It really helped a lot of scores. The meal that Darlene Eller of Petersburg served was delicious. We enjoyed it very much.

Thanks also to Gary Smith for his generous donation to the Cancer Fund.

"Life's Challenges"



We can not fly an airplane from one city to another without making some adjustments to the base course. The reasons for this are varied and complex. Winds aloft and wind direction and air density all have to be factored into the course corrections.

In our life's journey, the same is true. We must make course adjustments as we are faced with each new challenge this life sets before us. Often we hold on to some old perceptions (course) with a death grip. We sometimes maintain a course through fear of something new. New experiences often are the challenges most difficult to deal with in our life. But like the airplane, a new course heading is sometimes what is needed.

The Apostle Paul helps us to make the necessary adjustments by telling us in Philippians 3: 13-14 "... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal..." Paul gives us an example of our coming former perceptions, being unafraid to accept new challenges or course corrections and maintaining sight of the goal.

Jesus has promised that He would be with us. Therefore we have the grandest Pilot to supervise the course corrections and a God who has declared, "Never will I leave you: never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs K-96FM
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

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Welcomes

Sharie Moore, M.D.

to our staff.

Dr. Moore will begin seeing patients on August 1 at Cogdell Clinic.

Specializing in Family Practice Including Obstetrics/Gynecology



- Graduate of Littlefield High School in 1988.
- Graduate of South Plains College with an Associate of Science degree in 1990.
- Graduate of Texas Tech University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.
- Graduate of Texas Tech School of Medicine in 1997.

- Finished three years of residency at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Lubbock, Texas, in 2000.
- On staff at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital.
- Office at Cogdell Clinic.
- Board eligible
- Married to Sam H. Moore. One child: Jake Moore.

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South Plains Health Provider Organization is celebrating 20 years in Matador!

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AUGUST 2, 2000, 1:30 - 4:30

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Motley County principal outlines 2000-01 school dress code



STATE FINALIST, STAR GREENHAND, Clint Cooper, Motley County FFA student, and the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador.

Motley County Principal, Robert Hand, recently released the Dress and Grooming Code for Motley County ISD for the 2000-01 school year. Mr. Hand stated, "We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. While we respect students' desire to express themselves in their clothing and grooming styles, we do not permit students to wear clothing with pictures, emblems, or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance that students are prohibited from having or using at school." Mr. Hand will make decisions about dress and grooming violations after a discipline form has been brought by the student, to the office.

Listed below are other types of student dress that is not acceptable at Motley County Schools:

1) Halter tops, midriff tops, tube tops, backless dress or tops, or mini-skirts; Spaghetti strap tops or dresses. Shirts with tails tied in a

knot. Shoulder seam must be at least 3" wide on boys' or girls' shirts, girl's dresses. To test length, raise arms with hands over head and if the midriff shows, it is too short.

2) Fishnet type tops must be worn with an appropriate T-shirt underneath.

3) Baggy or saggy pants, pants with holes or frayed at the bottom, extra long belts, top button on shirts buttoned only. Shirt should be unbuttoned unless all buttons are buttoned or top button undone. Exposure of undergarments is prohibited.

4) Headwear in the building is not acceptable for girls or boys, including caps, hats, bandanas scarves, sock hats or visors. During athletic activities, athletic caps may be worn.

5) Thongs or shower shoes are inappropriate footwear.

6) Earrings for males are not allowed on campus or at school activities. Tongue or navel or eyebrow

rings on any student are not acceptable.

7) Facial hair, rattails, ponytails on boys or distracting hair styles or colors on any student shall not be worn.

8) Hair length that exceeds the collar of a dress shirt (not a T-shirt collar) Boys.

9) Shorts may be worn. Shorts are unacceptable if they are shorter than when the arms are held down the side of the body and fingers are straight. Shorts must either meet the end of the finger-tips or exceed them. Absolutely no wind shorts, bike shorts, or tight shorts may be worn. Tights worn under the shorts do not make them acceptable. Excessively baggy shorts will not be worn also.

If your child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates the dress and grooming standards, she/he will be placed in In-School Suspension until she/he is in compliance. Efforts to notify the parent will be made as soon as possible, and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, she/he will return to regular classes immediately.

The Motley County Independent School District rules of conduct apply to all school-sponsored and school-related activities on the campus or off. Any disregard of this dress code will result in immediate placement in an In-School Suspension setting or sending the student home and no credit for the day will be received. A student whose clothing violates the dress code will be assigned to either ISS for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to wear the rest of the day. Students who constantly violate these rules will be subject to other disciplinary action.



ATTEND STATE CONVENTION — These Motley County FFA members attended the State Convention, held in Corpus Christi recently. They are pictured left to right, Kayla Copp, Brenda Gillespie, Brooke Decker, Scott Jones, Rachelle Renfro, Clint Cooper, Casey Lawrence, Benjamin Ridgley, and Cassie Campbell.



CAMP COUNSELORS — This group of teenagers were Camp Counselors at Kids Camp, held last week in Roaring Springs. Pictured left to right are Kristopher Bethard, Stephanie Johnson, Matt Cochran, Brady Hinson, Travis Trammel, Kayla Copp, John Wesley Stevens, Heather McGilliard, Trevor Overman, Larissa Bethard; in front are Elizabeth Mahuron, Ashley Stevens, Dane Arnold and Scott Cochran. The Counselors worked with the younger children attending camp throughout the week.

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for a great selection of Books
and Office Supplies

City Council

from page 1

Water Superintendent Steve Barton gave his monthly report. He stated that he had his annual water works inspection and had four violations, but that they were all taken care of.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Rodney Williams, Shane Jones, Fred Parson, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, Doyle Rose, James Meador, Jimmy Watson, and City Secretary Linda Perryman.

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Mary Lumsden went to Lubbock Tuesday, July 18 for shopping and had lunch with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim drove to Clarendon Thursday, July 20, to attend graveside services for their cousin, Mona Van Camp Pittman.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder and attending Kids' Camp are two grandsons from Albuquerque, NM.

Thursday afternoon, the Crowders attended funeral services in Abilene for this uncle.

Mary Lumsden had a doctor's appointment with Dr. Moss, Tuesday, July 25, for a heart checkup.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell for the week of Kids' Camp were four of their grandsons from Lubbock, Trevor Overman, Travis Trammell, Matt and Scott Coleman.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

This being my 87th birthday, I didn't plan to write a column. I would like to say instead having got all arranged for a nap, the phone rang, as it had every 30 minutes all the morning. This time it was someone's voice I recognized, apologizing for having dialed a wrong number. I could not remember whose voice it was. That's only one of the many things I can't remember.

The first surprising thing that happened, was seeing Lula Swim walking up the path to my door, carrying a cake wrapped in foil. She apologized for it not being a 3-layer birthday cake like Mike Groves had ordered by calling Bruce Lefevre to get a cake delivered to me. It wasn't a surprise that Lula delivered the cake, but that the order came through Bruce. I imagine Mike remembered Bruce, and probably thought Dorothy might make the cake. Who knows? Anyway, I thought what a beautiful thought since our finest moved away, Bruce delivers my paper early enough for us to water the lawn before the sun comes up. Strange things happen in Roaring Springs.

Like I called my friend, Joe Martinez, to see about getting some work done out at the Owl's nest before sun, Pat and his wife Kathy, arrive Tuesday, the 25th, and Joe said he was so sorry, but he was going to Kid's Camp that day, but that he could do the work on Saturday or Monday. His granddaughter went to Kid's Camp, so Friday was HIS day. I thought how wonderful to have grandparents, I never knew one, and to make sure his granddaughter had someone there on Parents Day.

But I consoled myself by remembering that I have 3 sons and a husband who love me in spite of the fact that I am not a lovable person. The above mentioned Pat and Mike are the youngest of the three. Jim came with Algie when we married, and he was my parents' first grandchild. He told me once that my mother was the best woman he had ever known. I was filling Jim's plate once when he was about 6, trying to fill out his little, when my father spoke up and said, "You make a good step-mother." He apologized when he realized that I was one. Jim's mother died when he was three months old, so if no one had told him, he wouldn't have known I wasn't his mother. But we told him. I don't mind hitting people with the truth. Jim is only 13 years younger than I am, but I didn't know him until he was four.

Mush, I must, or this won't meet the deadline. Brother Jack called and said he was fixing the roof on his "hide-away." I advised him to get a computer, and when he asked why, I said, "It will keep you off the roof." He will be 78 next month. Pat called, and said he and Kathy would go to Quannah to get brother Claud and bring them to see the restored farm house. That is a great present. Claud is wheelchair bound and only 84. My only other living sibling is Madge Reno who lives with her son Melvin in Carrollton. She had a stroke 17 years ago, and her five children still provide her with a home. But what a family I have, and hundreds of former pupils! And my brother Ralph's wife, Ruby, and her children are as good to me as my children are. They are the ones who gave Algie's 90 birthday party last year.

I must write my biography! Lest I forget!

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

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Mrs. Juanita Cooper, daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Ken (Kay) Dummam and Courtney of Amarillo visited from Tuesday until Friday in Granbury with other daughter and husband, Pat and Lynn Winton. Joining them there to visit were the Winton's daughters and families, Mrs. Cheryl Rockwell, Elizabeth and An-

drewe of San Antonio and Mrs. Carol (Cooper) and son, Jackson of Quantico, Virginia. Carol's husband, Major Matt Cooper, who is serving in the US Marine was transferred recently to Virginia from San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited the weekend in Granbury with nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon and Charue.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Sked" Jameson were in Lubbock, Friday for medical appointments.

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Report

by Rita Groves

First Thursday, July 6, was time for Roaring Springs Senior Citizens to congregate and have a taste of food prepared by friends. After singing led by Odessa Mullins and accompanied by Jeanne Adams, the birthday song was sung for Rita Groves, the only one present having a July birthday. The birthday lady was privileged to lead the line through the delicious buffet lunch, following a devotional blessing offered by Carl Barton.

We welcomed Hammett Marshall after too long an absence. She came to visit before returning home. Ray Zabielski will be a regular member since his retirement, it is hoped. J.N. Fletcher was a visitor. He reported that there were 33 guests who registered for the Fletcher 4th of July Breakfast, an annual treat by J.N. and Danleen.

Odessa's report on the state of finances included the announcement that the new microwave installed in the kitchen is a gift from the Parks Families who still enjoy using the Center for their reunions and are generous with their donations. Carl Barton announced that he would give an electric range to replace the one that has been in use since 1977.

Someone asked if Seniors pay dues. We do not pay dues. Odessa said that question was resolved when the program came into being. To have the meal, each person may "bring a dish," but that should never keep one from coming. There is a "kitty" sitting handy for cash contributions. The Center is financed mainly by renting the building for reunions of families and renting several hookups for travel vehicles. Several men of the community contribute labor without charge or at a reduced rate for the upkeep of the building and grounds. Odessa carries a heavy load of light when it comes to cleaning and watching over the building. Visitors are always welcome.

A contribution for the Senior Citizens will be made by Jeanne and Tom Adams to assist the Midway County Library in restoring their air conditioning system. Announcement was made that the visiting nurse will not be coming again soon.

Those present for First Thursday, other than those already mentioned, were Grace Zabielski, Billie Clifton, Ruby Flipp, Mary Lumsden, Algie Groves, Lee Cook, and Lula Swim.

Obituaries

Mona Janelle Pittman

Mona Janelle Pittman, 61, formerly of Amarillo, died Friday, July 14, 2000, in Rockwell.

Memorial services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, in Memorial Park Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tony Tamplin of Kingswood United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon.

Mrs. Pittman was born in Roaring Springs. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Camp, former Roaring Springs residents. She was a homemaker and a resident of Rockwell.

She married Keith Pittman in 1967 at Amarillo. He predeceased her in death. Survivors include a daughter, Denise Niesz of Dallas; two sons, Dirk Pittman of Rockwell and Darren Pittman of Amarillo; a brother, Virgil Van Camp of Amarillo; and three grandchildren. She was a niece to Mr. J.T. Swim and Miss Lula Swim of Roaring Springs.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends for the get well cards, food and most of all the prayers said for me during my stay in the hospital and since my return home.

Mary Gaultless and of you,
Reed Simpson

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Farm and Ranch News



Grasshopper populations continue to increase

Grasshopper populations have increased dramatically in the last few weeks, moving from fields and pastures and heading for residential areas, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Extension entomologist Emory Boring of Vernon said many crops and plants have dried up, forcing grasshoppers to concentrate on greener plants in home gardens and landscapes.

"Grasshoppers are much easier to control when they are still confined to the hatching areas," he said. "Until grasshoppers become adults, they are wingless and much more limited in their movements."

Boring said it takes 40 to 60 days for nymphs to reach the adult stage. Most grasshoppers are still nymphs, but they are already moving out of their hatching areas to find food.

"When trying to protect a garden or home landscape, treatment of the surrounding area will greatly increase the probability of success," he said. "Treating a relatively large area will reduce migration of grasshoppers back into the protected area."

Boring said treatment frequency will depend on the residual control provided by the insecticide and the number of grasshoppers.

"When very large numbers are encountered, control becomes more difficult," he said. "This is because grasshoppers must feed some before they die."

Extension entomologist Cliff Hoelscher of College Station and the number of grasshoppers per square yard has increased greatly in the past few weeks.

"A few weeks ago, the populations were clumped with 12 to 15 grasshoppers per square foot," he said. "Now we are seeing 15-25 per square foot in some concentrated areas."

Hoelscher said the biggest pest of the grasshopper population is the differential grasshopper.

"The differential grasshopper

has been hatching over the past few weeks," he said. "This species produces the largest number of individuals and covers the widest area."

Hoelscher said Burnet and Hamilton counties, as well as much of central Texas have been experiencing a growing grasshopper problem.

"A rancher in Hamilton County has reported the total loss of 40 acres of coastal bermuda grass because of grasshoppers," he said.

Hoelscher has received about 30 "panic" phone calls in the last few days alone.

"I think the public is confused about grasshopper hatch-out," he said. "They think every time a new hatch arrives that it is from a single species. What people don't realize is that there are many different species, and each hatches at a different calendar date. There is only one generation per year in every species."

Hoelscher said between 15 and 20 species of common grasshoppers are seen over the course of a year and many have already developed wings this season. Trying to control grasshoppers at their immature stages will give better results, since winged adults can migrate and cover larger areas.

Both Hoelscher and Boring recommend using insecticides to help treat the populations. The best success has been from ULV malathion, but it has to be aerially applied, which leaves it out of reach for most people.

Other insecticides that can help are Diazinon, Orthene, Asana XL, Karate, and Sevin. Be sure to always follow the instructions on the label before application. For additional information on pesticides and grasshopper control, you can obtain a copy of L-5201 Grasshoppers and Their Control at a Texas county Extension office or on the web at <http://texaserc.tamu.edu/> or visit the department of entomology website at entowww.tamu.edu.



News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

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FORAGE USE BY HEIFERS VS. COWS

The US Meat Animal Research Center has studied utilization of high and low quality forage by heifers and mature cows. Compared to heifers, cows consumed, in relation to body size, about 25% more high quality forage and about 50% more of low quality. Rate of fiber digestion was faster in cows. What does this mean? As forage quality declines, heifers will need nutritional supplementation sooner than cows or else performance, efficiency, and profit will be reduced.

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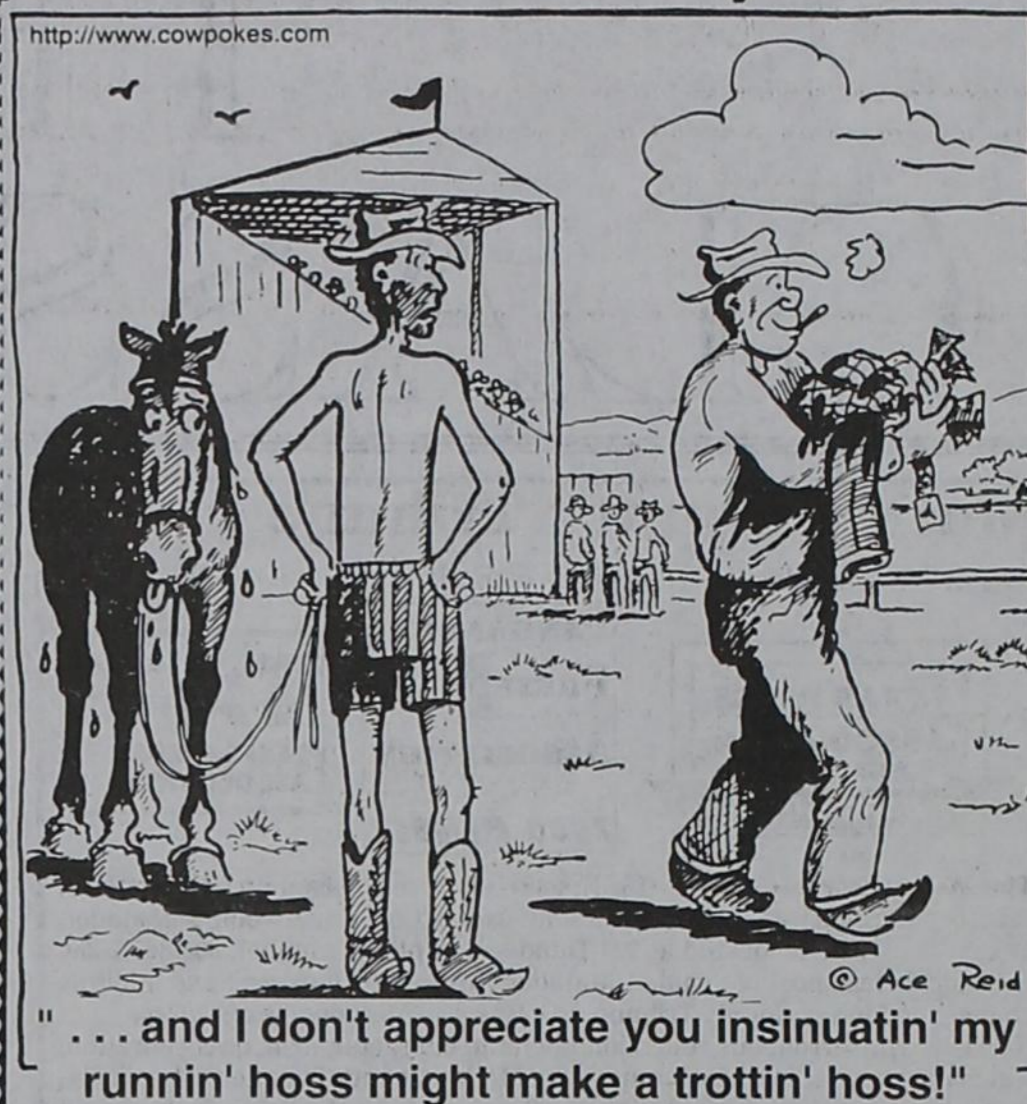
WEANING WEIGHT VS RETAINED OWNERSHIP

At a recent tour at the Texas A&M Center at Overton researchers discussed an experiment where calves are weaned and retained for grazing. With their cattle and under their usual conditions, calves are heavy at weaning and also after grazing (often + 900 lb.), resulting in price penalties as feeders. Under such conditions there appear to be three feasible options: (1) sell at weaning or retain ownership for feeding without grazing; (2) continue grazing to heavy weights but retain ownership for short-term feeding; (3) change management and genetics (to cows more moderate in body size and milking ability) so that calves are lighter and less fleshy at weaning, then graze to acceptable feeder weights. The latter option lowers per-cow costs and shifts more forage utilization from the cow-calf phase to grazing. Genetic types should be matched to forage, management, and marketing conditions. If you retain calves it may be better to give up some weaning weight in exchange for greater postweaning efficiency and market acceptance.

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District 4-H record book winners announced

Winners in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Rolling Plains - 3 District 4-H Record Judging were selected July 11, when screening groups met at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Vernon, according to Elaine Houston and Galen D. Chandler, District Extension Directors for the twenty-five Rolling Plains counties.

There were 142 Junior records, 79 Intermediate records, and 109 Senior records scored in 36 different subject matter areas. Junior and Intermediate records were placed first

through fifth place. First place Senior records will be submitted for State judging, where they will compete for scholarships and awards.

Motley County was represented with four record books. They were: Shane'a Russell - Achievement; Colton Russell - Horse; Skylar Clifton - Swine; Kelsi Wallace - Public Speaking. Record Books making the top five in their categories were Shane'a Russell - third; Kelsi Wallace - Fifth. Congratulations to all the Motley County youth that filled out a Record Book.

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