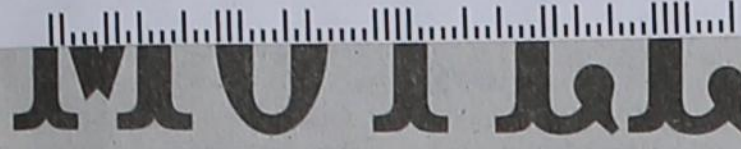


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Buzz Thacker Receives 50 Year Service Award



Picture, L-R, Buzz Thacker receives award from John Lipe, Senior Service Hydrologist, NWS Lubbock, and Justin Weather, Meteorologist in Charge of NWS Lubbock.

By Monta Marshall

Buzz Thacker received an award for 50 years of weather reporting on June 2, 2011 from the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Buzz started taking weather observations for his father after WWII and began reporting in 1946. The rain gauge

was located at the Thacker Hardware Store initially and moved to Buzz's home in the mid 1950s.

Mike Turner, Observations Program Leader at the Lubbock National Weather Service has records turned in by Buzz Thacker beginning in January 1957. He became eligible for the 50 year Ed-

ward Stoll award 4 years ago. Because of his sustained and quality rainfall records, he was nominated for this award.

Buzz will be eligible for the Ben Franklin award for 55 years in January 2012. The award nomination takes a few months and if accepted, he will receive this award approximately June 1, 2012.

Matador City Council Meets

By Linda Roy

New water lines have been installed and sewer line work has been completed in the west alley behind the 1100 block of Main Street, reported Water Superintendent Steve Barton during the Matador City Council meeting June 9.

After water line work is completed in the 1600 block of Campbell Street, Barton said he would begin work on the new water transmission line between Matador and Roaring Springs.

After Barton said he discovered an excessive accumulation of grease in the main sewer line while completing the work, members of the Council discussed the possibility of requiring restaurants to install grease traps.

Mayor Pat Smith said he had visited with the owners of Main Street Café and that they were not experiencing any sewer-related issues, even though that location has historically had that type of problem.

Smith further said that his restaurant, Billie Dean's, did not have sewer problems either.

Councilman Chuck Ream described the type of grease trap equipment utilized by the Motley County ISD kitchen, which is installed under the sink and typically costs less than \$600.

In addition, it was noted that many restaurant owners address the issue with the use of enzymes and chemicals that work to liquefy grease throughout the drainage system.

Smith advised the Council not to think that restaurant

owners were dumping oil from frying equipment into the sewer system, explaining that all local establishments have specific disposal arrangements for that type material, but that it is probably the residual grease present in water used to clean dishes, utensils, and the facility itself that is being found coating the sewer pipes.

Council members tabled the issue, deciding to gather more information before voting whether or not to establish a city ordinance regarding the requirement of grease traps.

The Council decided not to set up a separate committee to determine eligibility for the upcoming HOME Reconstruction Program facilitated in conjunction with the city by South Plains Community Action. Low-income residents may complete applications to have their current homes replaced through this program. Applications will be available in late August or early September. The City of Matador will be eligible for five replacement homes; Roaring Springs will be eligible for five homes; Motley County will be eligible for five homes.

The contract and agreements with Caprock Waste were explained by City Secretary Debra Scott. An arrangement in which the fees paid by the city for waste collection within the municipality and the fees paid by Caprock Waste for disposal rights at the city landfill typically created a situation which offset increases in either. However, Caprock Waste has recently begun billing the city a fuel surcharge. Council members elected to continue to gather

information regarding waste management and table the issue until the next meeting.

Signs urging motorists to "Watch for Children" will be installed along the section of Bundy Street that borders the City Park.

During open session, Ron Bailey presented a map indicating the lots that have been acquired for the City Industrial Park. Fourteen additional lots were recently donated for that purpose, creating an area of almost six blocks in size.

Linda Roy also spoke before the Council during open session. She expressed a concern for the safety of citizens walking along the west sidewalk on Main Street in front of what was formerly Damron's Boot Shop. The long-abandoned building has fallen into disrepair, and the awning positioned over the public sidewalk has loose tin and rotting boards, made more dangerous with the recent persistent high winds. She asked the Council to consider taking steps to remedy this situation.

The purchase of bathroom structures from the City of Roaring Springs to be moved to the Courthouse Square area will be discussed at the July City Council meeting. Also among the topics on the next agenda will be a possible grease trap ordinance, the 2012 Centennial Celebration, and the contract with Caprock Waste.

Attending the meeting in addition to Mayor Smith, City Secretary Scott, Water Superintendent Barton, and Councilman Ream were Council Members Shane Jones, Alvin Alexander, and Bobby Klodginski.

2011 Relay For Life event held in Spur

By Monta Marshall

Approximately 300 people attended the Relay For Life Walk For the Cure on Saturday night, June 11th. Deb Spray of Matador opened the Relay with the *Star Spangled Banner*.

The night was filled with activities. Four enthusiastic teams plus the committee members were able to raise over \$14,000.00 for Cancer Research and funds to supply resources for cancer patients from our area who are taking treatment for cancer.

The teams participating were: These Spurs Were Made for Walking whose fundraisers were a bake sale and bouncy house for children, and silent auction items; Odd Balls sponsored a pillow fight, ping pong games, Luminaria sales and a washer pitching tournament; The Freedom Fighters whose fund raisers were breakfast burritos, homemade tamales, face painting and manicures; the High Quality H2o who sold, suckers, water and a sponsored bouncy house.

Around 30 people stayed the whole night and participated in the 6:00 a.m. Sunday Closing Ceremony. At least 25 survivors attended the Relay and many walked the track numerous many times.



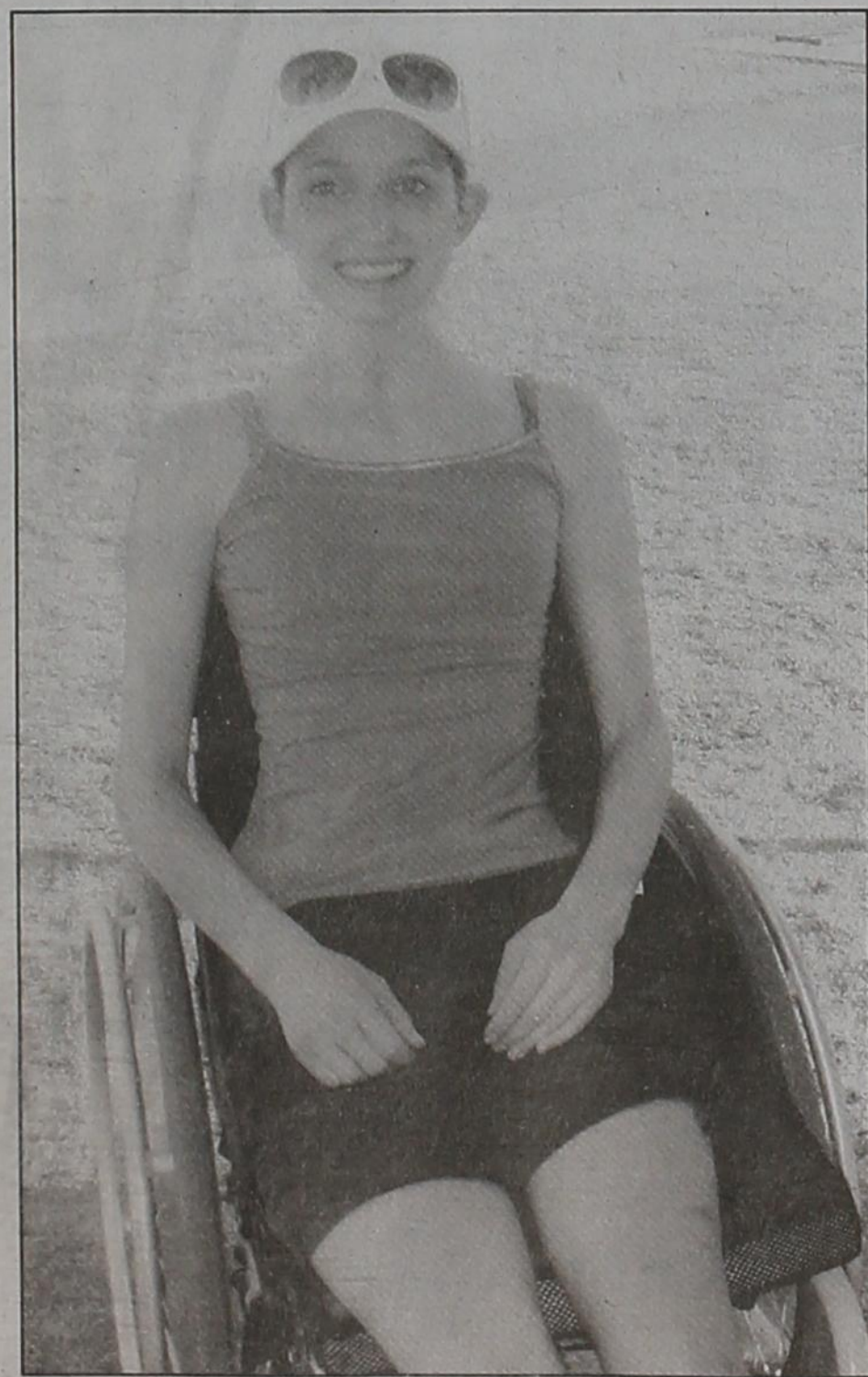
Pam Newman one of the Heroes Hope for the Panhandle Region of the American Cancer Society of Roaring Springs shared her story as a caregiver for her son, Shane Newman when he was diagnosed with a rare form of B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Burkitt's Lymphoma and the remarkable story the cancer's diagnosis and of his treatment and cure during the Memorial Ceremony held

from 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Keith Patrick, the 2011 Community Manager - Development of the Lubbock Field shared his story of why he was passionate about being involved in finding a cure for cancer. Keith told of research being done at this time at Texas Tech Health Sciences that is benefiting many in our region, he also spoke about Hope Lodge in Lubbock. Hope Lodge provides

a place to stay for patients and their caregiver while taking cancer treatments.

Amazing Grace was sung by Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs as well as an arrangement of *The Wind Beneath My Wings* adapted for the caregivers of cancer patients. Caregivers contribute much to the well being of their patients and the importance of their care is often overlooked.



Delyne Collett was diagnosed with a medulloblastoma that hemorrhaged on January 5, 2007. As a survivor she walked half around the track. Photo by Monta Marshall

Foothill Country Connections

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By Larry Vogt

Best wishes to all fathers as we all celebrate this Father's Day. The apparent first Father's Day service happened in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908. This service was organized by Mrs. Grace Golden Clayton, as a remembrance for her father, who had been lost in the Monongah Mining disaster on December 6, 1907. 210 fathers were lost in that disaster and she chose the date because it was the Sunday closest to her departed father's birthday. That day was somewhat overshadowed by other events in the city, and the State of West Virginia failed to register the date. The event was not celebrated again and the credit for Father's Day went to Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington two years later.

It still took many years for

the celebration to become a national observance, with Richard Nixon signing the proclamation of the third Sunday in June as the official Father's Day. The year was 1972 and although it had been observed informally in many places for many years, this was the year of the official date for the celebration.

I try to call my oldest brother, Leroy, every year and wish him a happy father's day even though he has never married or had children. He, nevertheless, provided me with many experiences and help as the years passed after we lost our father when I was only four years old and he was 21. He, and my other brothers, helped with family matters when they could and when our mother remarried we had a larger extended family to draw upon for help and sustenance. It would seem that many men have acted as mentors and helpers in parenting and to them we owe a big handshake. I myself have benefited from much help from various male family members, and men who were influential in getting me a job when I needed it, and maybe some other type of assistance when circumstances looked somewhat grim. To all of you men, bravo, and may you have a fun Father's Day!

WRITING COMMUNITY

Remembering Dad By Laverne Zabielski

Dads have a way of knowing what we need and looking out for us. For that, I am thankful.

"Take shorthand and typing," my Daddy said. "Girls don't need college if they marry a good man."

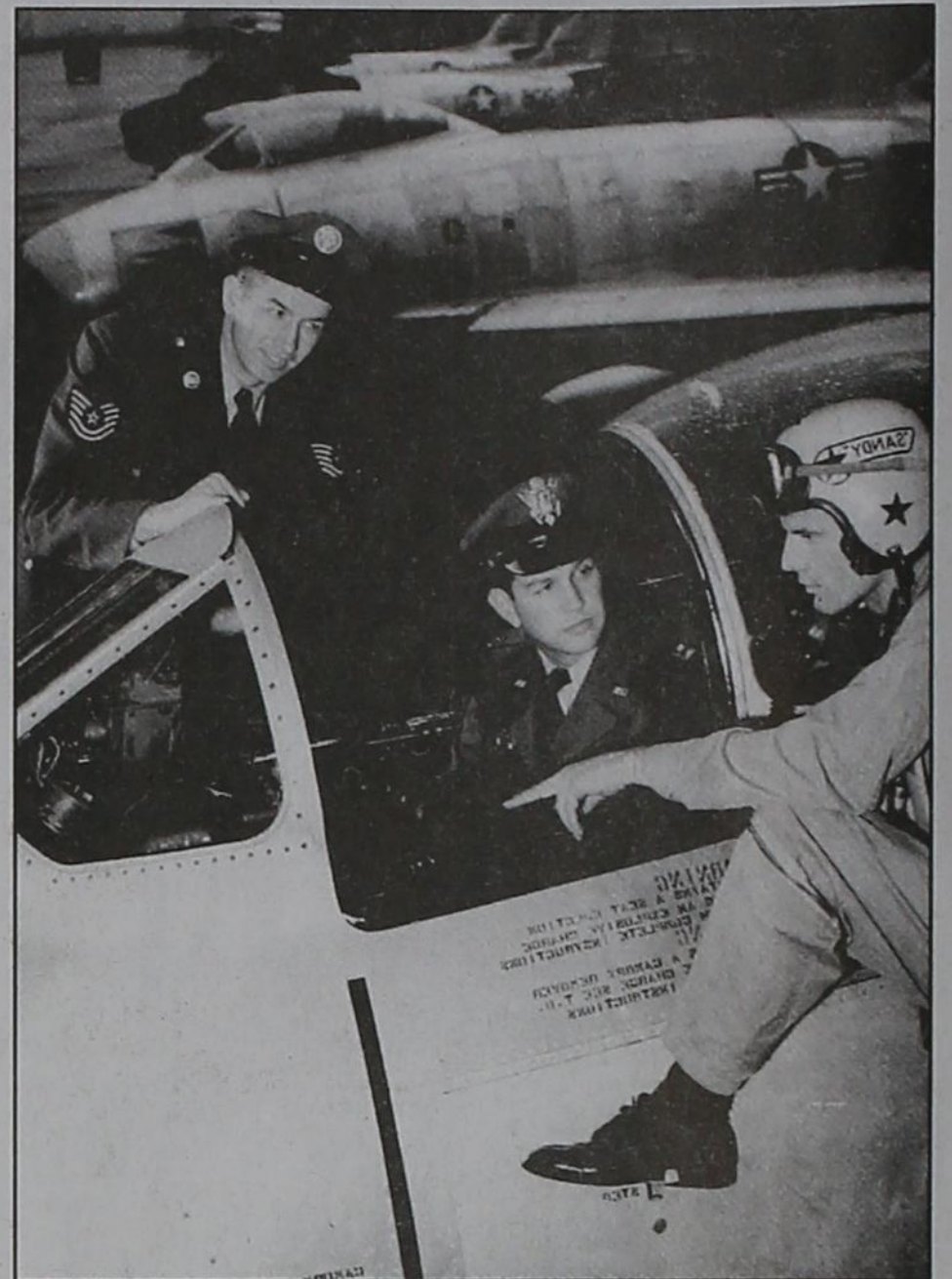
Daddy was a Tech-Sgt. in the USAF. He drove a cab at night. "But Daddy..."

"Take shorthand and typing," he said again, "that way if something happens to your husband, you can always get a job as a secretary." I didn't want to be a secretary. I wanted to be a teacher.

"Girls don't need to go to college to raise babies and besides we haven't got the money," my Daddy said.

"You don't know how hard your Daddy works to make what little we have," my mother informed me. It was 1964. She budgeted \$25 a week for groceries for us seven kids. We had one pair of shoes each. Cub Scout meetings cost ten cents. The whole house was searched for that dime.

When I didn't get the secretarial scholarship, even though I was the shorthand wiz and everyone knew it, Mom called Mrs. O'Brian, the school counselor. Mrs. O'Brian said, "Well, we wanted to give it to one of our own town kids. We didn't want to give it to a transient." Transients. That's what they called kids who lived on Air Force or Army bases. Dad called the base commander. I received the \$200 secretarial scholarship, got a job as a waitress, and took education classes at Wright Junior College in Chicago.



Pictured, upper left
T/Sgt Raymond F. Zabielski
Tachikawa Air Force Base
Tachikawa, Japan
1957

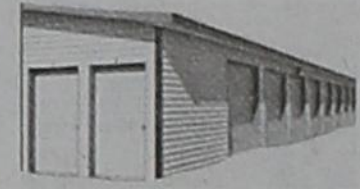
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RS Lions News

By Monta Marshall

On Thursday, June 2nd the Roaring Springs Lions held their regular meeting at the Windmill Café. Lion Wes Campbell opened the meeting. Twelve members and five guests were present.

Four employees of the NOAA National Weather service attended the meeting. They were guests of Buzz and Tince Thacker and were in town to present Lion Buzz with a 50 year service award for reporting and keeping records of the local weather conditions. The NOAA guests were: Senior Service Hydrologist, John Lipe, Meteorologist in Charge – Justin Weaver and Mike Turner – Observation Program Leader of the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Guest, Marianne Potts, Motley County Librarian gave another informative program about new books, grants, and summer reading programs for the Library. New member Leigh Penrod was inducted into the Lions Club. We are glad to welcome Leigh as a member.

Lion Floyd Carter was installed as the 2011 – 2012 president; Lion Tommie Cruse was installed as vice president; Corky Marshall, secretary, Buzz Thacker, membership chairman and Tince Thacker, club sweetheart, Alex Crowder as tail twister were re-installed in their respective offices. Outgoing president, Wes Campbell was installed as program chairman.

Eight Lions went to Hackberry Creek Care Center to entertain the guests with bingo games. All players were winners and won quarters.

A Special Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administration, faculty, staff and students of Motley County ISD for the special retirement party. It was a wonderful surprise! The beautiful clock and gift card, the delicious cake, the numerous cards and gifts, and all the hugs and well wishes were so very much appreciated.

To the administration, faculty, and staff, you will always have a special place in my heart. I am especially going to miss seeing you every day. You and your families, are so very dear to me.

To the students, you are all very special to me. My wish for each of you is a life of much happiness and many blessings. Set your goals and work hard to achieve them...you have what it takes!

To the parents of the 'Flomot Bus' students, thank you for entrusting me with your precious cargo. It has been my pleasure to drive your children to and from school for the past 39 years.

I would like to say a special thank you to Supt. Charles N. Johnson

You hired me to be a part of the MCISD faculty in 1972 and I will be forever grateful to you for your faith and kindness.

Thank you MCISD for all the wonderful memories. My love to you all.

Carolyn Johnson ("Mrs. J.")

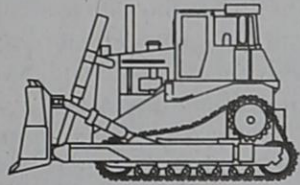
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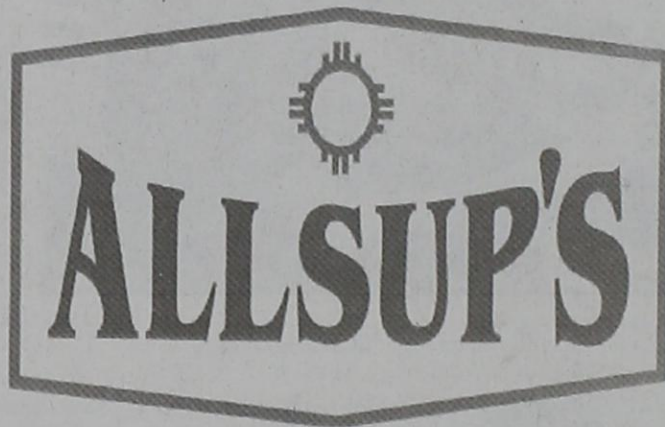
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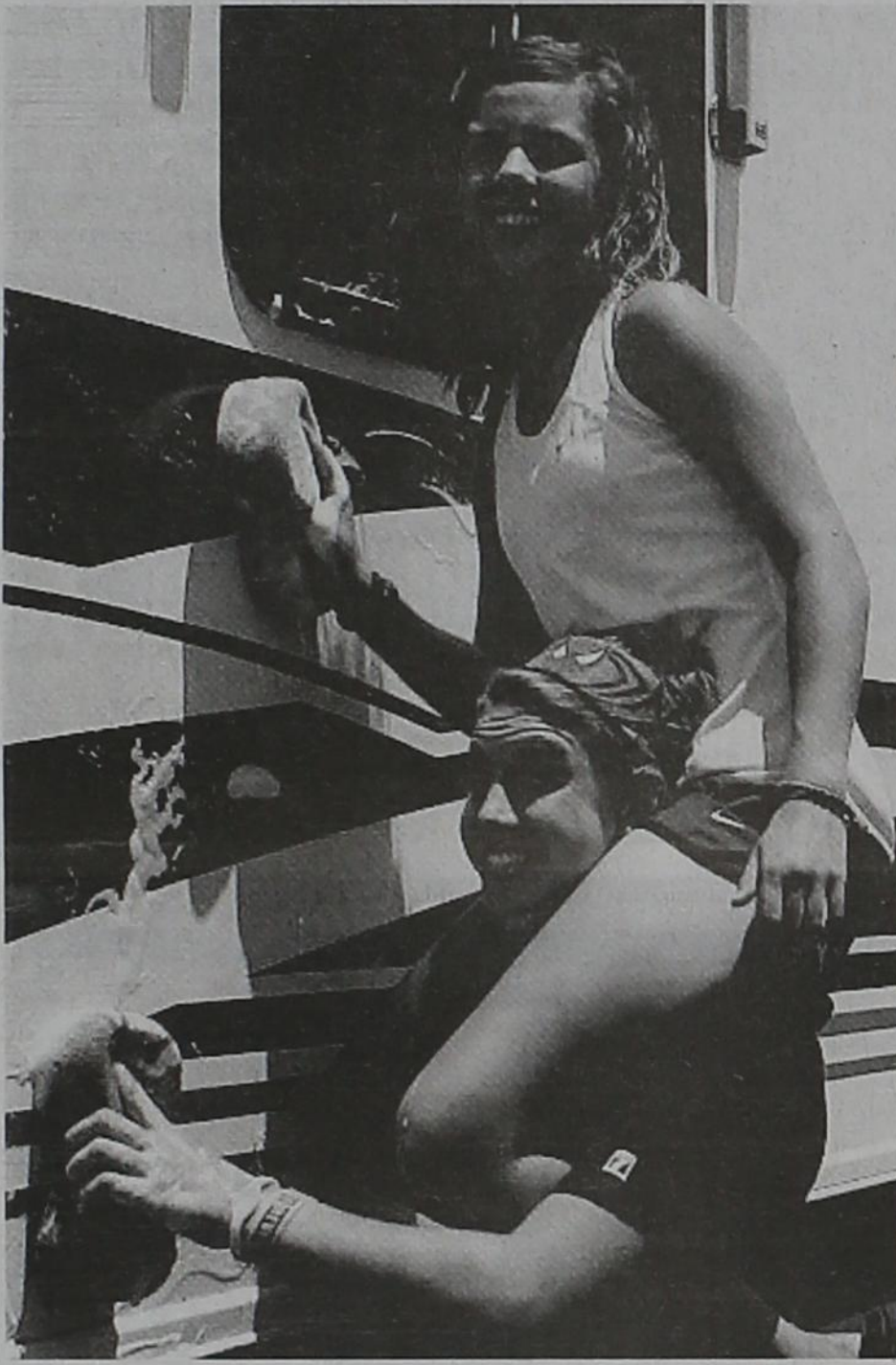
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MC youth, 13 to 18, hold bake sale and car wash to fund their major league baseball teams photos by Crystal Salazar



Allison McCoy and Brielle Collett



Lexi Osborn and Jaci Zingerman



Joshua Martin and Matthew Faulks

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

A generation gap is having grandchildren who have never read Mother Goose nursery rhymes and grandparents who have never played a computer game!

Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Wilburn Martin attended the American Cancer Society fund drive at Hope Center in Quitaque, Friday night, June 3. Mrs. Waydette Clay of Flomot was one of the volunteers helping with the event.

Pepper Jones of Austin was here the weekend of June 2-5 attending to his agricultural and livestock operations in Flomot. He visited in Quitaque with his mother and husband, Ann and Buster Chadwick.

Attending the wedding ceremony Saturday, June 4 at 7 p.m. of Katrina Stewart at Hubert Layton Garrett held at Hubert Price Lake were Sandra and Jerry Barclay and Mrs. Janice Hughes.

Doris and Roger Vinson visited from Wednesday until Friday in Lubbock with sons and families. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson. They enjoyed the weekend at Roaring Springs Ranch in their motor home.

Visiting Sunday with Janice and Butch Hughes was son, Rickey Hughes of Floydada.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended the ACS fund drive at Hope Center in Quitaque Friday night. They enjoyed the Jamboree Saturday night held at Gem Theater in Turkey.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited

from Saturday until Monday at Lake Koiwa with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. Saturday they visited in Grandbury with Nita and Ervin Merritt and celebrated the birthday of Nita.

Luncheon guests of Ruth and Orville Lee, Sunday were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Mrs. Teresa Heck and Kacey of Turkey, Shondi and Roger Lee and Josh Lee of Flomot.

Weekend visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch, Michael Starkey and Tyler and Taylor Stallings of Canyon.

Mrs. Lee Nall Blakemore of Fortuna, California visited this past week with her aunt, Mrs. Erma Washington. She had a family supper in her home Friday night and those attending were Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Connie and Coy Franks and Sandra and Jerry Barclay of Flomot.

Wilburn Martin and his daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited from Saturday until Monday in Grandbury with his sister and family, Nita and Ervin Merritt. They celebrated Nita's 80th birthday with all the trimmings, Sunday.

Mrs. Erma Washington and houseguest, Mrs. Lee Nall Blakemore of Fortuna, California visited Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton Friday. They enjoyed lunch in Quitaque.

Connie and Coy Franks were in Abernathy Saturday and enjoyed the baseball game in which grandson, Hudson Franks played. He is the son of Cory and Amy Franks of Idalou.

Matador News

Tom and Deanie Edwards YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS

Tom and Deanie Edwards spent the first weekend of June at the Edwards Family Reunion at Lake Leon outside of Eastland, Texas. Lots of visiting and they got to see their new grandson. Fun for all. Last weekend they were in Amarillo for the Lynn Reunion hosted by Alvin and Nadyne Lynn who served their guest with a Mexican buffet dinner on Friday night at his home. On Saturday the family ate together and had the traditional Lynn auction at the Marriott Hotel. Lots of visiting and seeing cousins that they had not seen for quite a while.

The whole community came together on Saturday June 11, at the EMS Barn for a Bake Sale and Car Wash and all the funds went to help Liz Mason who has been in the hospital. WE LOVE YOU LIZ, AND WE ARE ALL PRAYING FOR

Alyx Smith, daughter of Pat Smith of Matador has been invited to participate in the 2011 Small School Shootout. This game is played in conjunction with the TEXAS BOWL football game and gives some outstanding Division 11 basketball players from six-man schools a chance to showcase their talent and play with and against many of the players they have completed against in high school.

Five young people, who are connected to the First United Methodist Church, piled into Dorothy Pope's car on Monday morning, headed for the Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp, near Wayside, TX for a week of fun and inspiration in summer camp.

Do Gooders' Club Meeting agenda preparations for Flomot Homecoming

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, June 7 at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Waydette Clay conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes that were approved.

First on the agenda were preparations for the Flomot Homecoming to be held Saturday, July 2nd. The club will have a concession stand at the Center selling sandwiches, chips, dessert goodies and soft drinks. They voted for a Clean Up Day inside and outside of Center would be Wednesday, June 29th and to meet at 8 a.m. They are selling chances \$ 1.00 each or six for \$ 5.00 on the Butterfly designed quilt that will be on

display at the Center. Mrs. Connie Franks, hostess, presided at a table laid with a white cloth centered with a beautiful floral arrangement. She served crackers, fresh fruit including watermelon, grapes and kiwi with assorted dips and iced tea. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay was presented hostess gift, the floral arrangement, when her name was drawn.

Before returning to their respective homes, the quilting closet was cleaned by the members attending Mesdames Doris Gail Johnson, Tommie Jo Cruse, Cora Gail Johnson, Waydette Clay, Anna Beth Clay, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Kathy Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert and Suzie Shannon.

Greenbelt Golf by Tina Brooks

Greenbelt Golf has begun. The first tournament of the year was June 6th in Roaring Springs. 58 young golfers participated in this tournament. Motley County Golfers made a great showing right out of the box with Kenzie Clary taking 1st place in the K-3rd girls. New golfer Alysia Silva placed 3rd in the 4 and 5th girls, and Shelby

Elliott placed 4th in the 6th, 7th and 8th girls. The Motley County boys made quite a showing also with Bryson Elliott placing 3rd in the 4th and 5th grade and the Clary boys showing the 6th, 7th and 8th grade their game with Caleb Clary placing 3rd and Mickey Clary placing 4th. Regan Elliott made it through 18 holes in 100 plus heat to bring home 4th place. Other Motley County golfers working hard in this tournament were Wyatt Hackler, Eli Marshall, Logan Jones and Braden Mason.

Greenbelt Golfers will be in Paducah June 11, Wellington June 13th, Quanah June 20th, Shamrock June 23rd, Childress June 27th and Round out the season in Memphis July 7th.

Golf Update by Cynthia Stafford

By Cynthia Stafford

Tuesday Night Scramble participants were Timmy Brooks, TJ Christopher, Caleb Clary, Conway Clary, Mickey Clary, Jerry Goodard, Kelly Keltz, Eli Marshall, Ken Marshall, Doug McArthur, Sean Rose, Tony Rose, Pat Smith, David Taylor, Tim Ward, Julian Zabielski, and Ben Zapata.

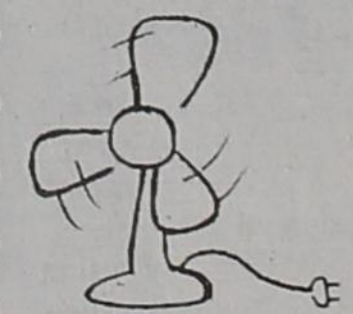
The Closest to the Pin winner was Conway Clary and the Winning Team was by a playoff on the card was Caleb Clary, Conway Clary, Mickey Clary, Jerry Goodard, and Ben Zapata with a score of five under Par.

The Tuesday Ladies Play Day morning participants were Jean Hoover, Nita Murphy, Judy Renfro, and Geneva Wilson. The winner of the ball for low putts was Jean Hoover.

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This Week's Local Forecast

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Weather Trivia

What is the windiest location in the U.S.?

Weather History

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"A LONGING FOR GOD."



"As the deer pants for the water brook, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirst for God, for the Living God"—Psalm 42:1-2. The Psalmist was intent in his longing for God. I wonder if the same might be said of us? Do we find our souls really thirsting for God? We are a people surrounded by the material splendor of our culture.

Is there a danger that we might not be developing a thirst for spiritual things? It has been said that, "in a material world we easily forget that life is lived from within, not from without."

It is easy to take our lives from granted. Yet Solomon reminds us in Ecclesiastes 12 that this life is liken to a silver thread and is very fragile. Then he tells us our "whole duty is to fear God and keep His commandments." That often gets placed on the back burner. The spiritual aspect of life is not always foremost in our minds. We need to ask ourselves, "How is my spiritual development progressing?"

What is more important to us, the spiritual or material? Which do we place the most emphasis on? In helping us answer this we read the words of Jesus in John 10:10: "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Our Lord helps us to understand that the life we have in Him is spiritual and not based on the material things of this world. All of the pleasure and riches of this world pales into insignificance when compared to the spiritual life that comes through Jesus.

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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

New Books on the shelves this week for all to enjoy include: *Life's The Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, American Heroes* by Marfé Ferguson Delano, *Creating Your Perfect Family Size: How to Make an Informed Decision About Having a Baby* by Alan Singer, Ph.D., and *Vertical Gardening* by Derek Fell.

For our Sci-Fi enthusiasts there is *Robocalypse* by Daniel H. Wilson where robots become more than just tools in our technological world. If more action/adventure is your slice of life, then Clive Cussler's new book, *The Kingdom*, is definitely your pick. This is the continuing saga of *Spartan Gold* and *Lost Empire*.

If you like a good murder/mystery with a dose of romance thrown in then *Gone with a Handsome Man* by Michael Lee West is the book for you.

And for our young juvenile

audience, Sarah Dressen is back with *What Happened to Goodbye*. A parent's bitter divorce, constantly moving, then finding herself and love puts this teen in an emotional whirlwind.

Another new read to help complete the Reading List for 3rd-6th graders is *The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)* by Barbara Kerley.

Mark your calendars parents and kids because the Guest speakers for Story Time on Wed., June 22 at 10:00 a.m. are Rick and Susan Day. Mr. Day is an Earth Science teacher for Andrews Junior High and Mrs. Day teaches Biology for Andrews Junior High too.

There is a correction for the A/R Program at the library. The age will range from 2nd-6th grade. Mrs. Alexander is the coordinator for the program and will determine the top readers for June and July and will present each top reader with a prize.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



AMARILLO - A two-year study by a Texas AgriLife Research team in Amarillo has helped bring a new product to market that could allow the cattle feeding industry to realize efficiencies in mills and more weight on cattle, according to Dr. Jim MacDonald.

The RAMP product is colored green to differentiate it during the feeding trials. (Texas AgriLife Research photo by Dr. Jim MacDonald) MacDonald, an AgriLife Research beef cattle nutritionist, finished his second trial of cattle early this year studying starter diets in feedlots during the transition phase from pasture to feed yard.

Typically, a steer or heifer will come off of a forage diet when it goes into the feedlot, he explained. For the first 21 to 28 days in the feedlot, the cattle are fed a diet that allows their rumen microflora to adapt to grain instead of forage.

"This is usually done with roughage, and as they go through the period of adjustment, the amount of roughage goes down and the amount of grain goes up," MacDonald said.

If the animal is not allowed to go through this process, it can suffer rumen acidosis, which is typically characterized by decreasing rumen pH and digestive disorders that cause the cattle to go off feed, he said.

The problem for feed yards, MacDonald said, is handling the roughage needed for this transitional diet can be inefficient. Roughage is typically expensive per unit of energy and is bulky and difficult to handle in the feed mills. Also, there can be a substantial amount of shrink depending on the roughage used.

Through a grant funded by Cargill Corn Milling, MacDonald conducted two trials with 315 cattle in each to help develop a product that acts like a forage in the rumen but has the energy value of corn.

Cargill already produces Sweet Bran, a branded corn gluten feed that is high in digestible fiber with an energy value similar to corn, but without the potential to cause rumen acidosis, he said.

Cargill is expanding on the Sweet Bran product with a new one called RAMP, he said. RAMP is a complete starter feed to adapt cattle to finishing diets of Sweet Bran pre-mixed with cottonseed hulls, alfalfa hay, vitamins and minerals.

"Our first trial was to determine if the concept would work in the Southern Plains and to help determine what level of cottonseed hulls might be optimal," MacDonald said. "Our second study looked at how many days the product should be used to step the cattle up."

The trial looked at 14-30 days, and while statistically it didn't seem to make a difference on the length of time fed, MacDonald said he is most comfortable with feeding the product at least 18 days or more. He said the 14-day period may be too fast.

"Maximum energy intake early in the feeding period appears to have a large impact on growth and performance," MacDonald said. "By using RAMP, we increased their energy intake during the adaptation period. Our studies showed it allowed an additional 17 pounds of hot carcass weight to be captured on average."

In addition to increasing weight gain, RAMP helps improve feed mill efficiencies because of the reduced forage that needs to be handled

- about one-third less - and the reduction in the number of diets that they were having to mix, MacDonald said.

"This is one more step that allows feed yards to improve on their efficiency with beef production, capture more pounds of beef per animal, and potentially reduce the cost of beef to the consumer," he said.

Baby's Breath euphorbia a Texan plant at heart
New Texas Superstar flowers all season long, likes heat

Texas AgriLife Research has tested several varieties of Baby's Breath euphorbia, a new Texas Superstar designee. "White Manaus (right) from GroLink has been the most vigorous in our trials and stands up brilliantly to our Texas heat," said Dr. Brent Pemberton, AgriLife Research horticulturist and chair of the Texas Superstar executive board. (Texas AgriLife Research photo by Dr. Brent Pemberton)

COLLEGE STATION - Because the plant wimps out in the Texas heat, about the only place Texas gardeners are used to seeing Baby's Breath gypsophila is in the floral shop.

But a new Texas Superstar designee, Baby's Breath euphorbia, breathes easily and flowers profusely even during the hottest Texas summers, according to Texas AgriLife Research experts.

In climates that are less demanding, Baby's Breath gypsophila, is grown for edging or ground cover, said Dr. Mike Arnold, AgriLife Research horticulturist and member of the Texas Superstar executive board.

Though similar in appearance to gypsophila, Baby's Breath euphorbia is not just another species but of a different genus, one that is fully adapted to Texas conditions, Arnold said.

"The reason it's called Baby's Breath euphorbia by our group is that it has a general wispy, white cloudlike effect with fine texture, providing a background for highlighting other flowers," he said. "So the name is a reference more to its functionality that it is to its botanical background."

Doing well throughout the state is the first prerequisite for a plant to be admitted to Superstar ranks. A plant must not just be beautiful but perform well for consumers and growers throughout Texas, said Dr. Brent Pemberton, AgriLife Research horticulturist and chair of the Texas Superstar executive board. Superstars must also be easy to propagate, a requisite that insures designees are widely available and reasonably priced throughout Texas.

Most Superstars are selected only after extensive tests at Overton, Lubbock, San Antonio and College Station by AgriLife Research and Texas AgriLife Extension Service horticulturists. Baby's Breath euphorbia was no exception, Pemberton said.

The wispy white flowers of Baby's Breath euphorbia tend to create a "mound effect" during the season, Arnold said.

"It provides a nice filler material to highlight some of our brighter colored flowers or around some of our coarser-textured foliage where it might act as a foil or accent," he said.

All varieties of Baby's Breath euphorbia can be woven in with bedding plants of other colors and textures for effect, as they were here in this demonstration gar-

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By Ace Reid



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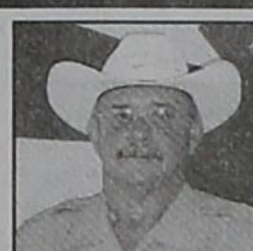
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Amount Property Recovered ----\$ 200.00

Motor Vehicle accident investigated----3
Assaults----0
Theft----1
Burglary of motor vehicle----1
Criminal Mischief----1
Disorderly Conduct----0
Livestock Calls----11
Assist Citizens----6
Assist outside Agency----9

Civil Standby----1
Suspicious Person----1
Telephone Harassment----0
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Minor in Possession----0
Dog Bite Case ----0
Building Alarm----1
DWI----1
Other--3

ARREST

Misdemeanor---0
Felony---1

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District Court --0
County Court--1
JP Court--0
Out of County Court Papers--1
Court Bailiff--1

TRAFFIC

Traffic Citation---27
Traffic Warnings---14
Funeral Escort---1

den at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton. (Texas AgriLife Research photo by Dr. Brent Pemberton)

Arnold said the plant also does extremely well when grown in containers, such as patio pots and around pools.

"It can also be used in the ground," he said. "It also works in hanging baskets where it can be a filler component for those as well."

There are actually several cultivars of Baby's Breath euphorbia on the market, Arnold said.

"We're not designating a single one because in our efforts to test these, a number of them appeared to perform fairly similarly," he said. "So rather than promoting a single cultivar on this, we're looking at those (we tested) as a group."

"The cultivar, White Manaus from GroLink, has been the most vigorous in our trials and stands up brilliantly to our Texas heat," Pemberton said. "Breathless White from Ball FloraPlant is another strong grower."

AgriLife Researchers also

tested Silver Fog from Dummer Red Fox and Hip Hop from GroLink, and found them to be best used in mixed containers, Pemberton said.

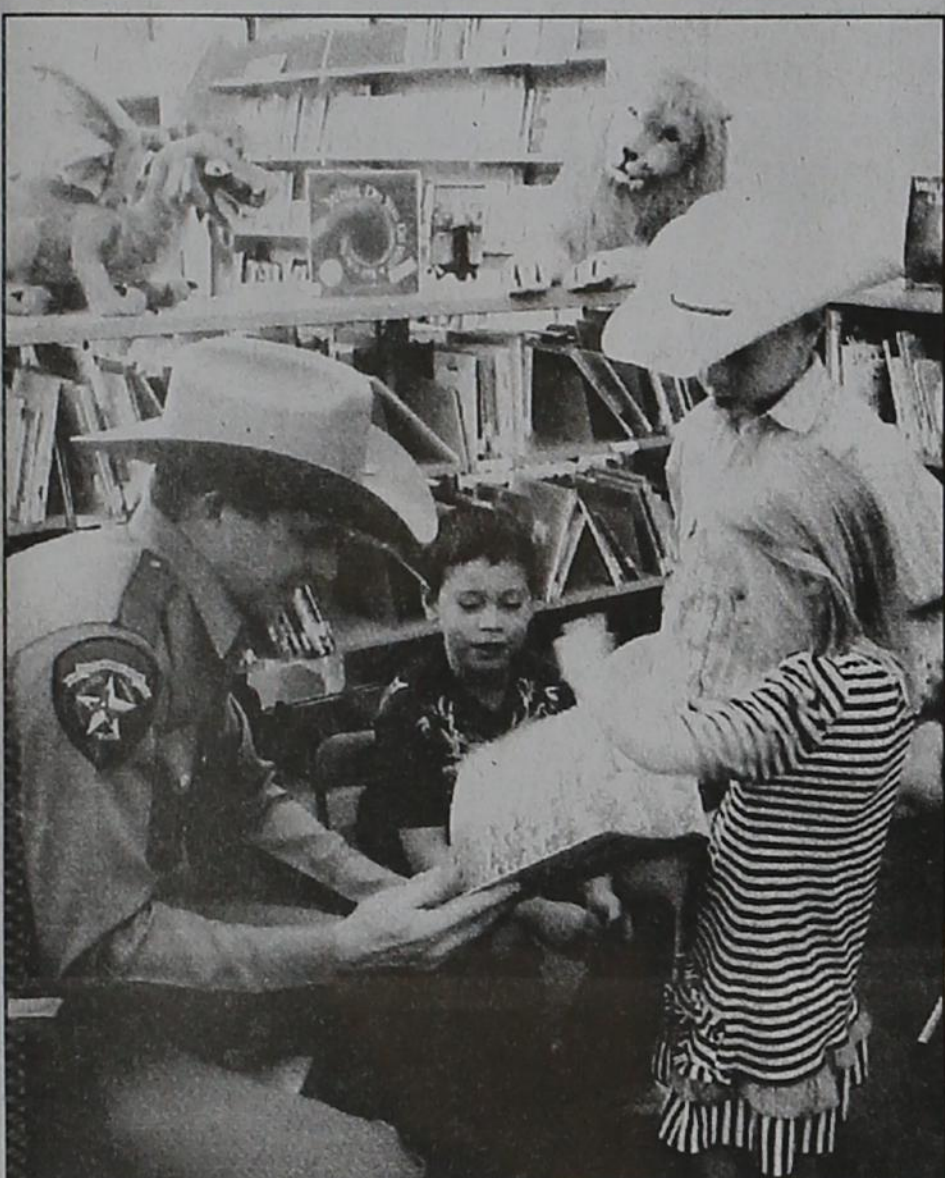
"They blend and support any plant they are mixed with," he said.

Pemberton noted that all the Euphorbias are vegetatively propagated. Their water-use is moderate, and they don't need shearing.

"They are going to be annuals for us," Arnold said. "In warmer climates they might function as a perennial, but generally speaking, in our region they are going to be an annual."

Pictures of Baby's Breath euphorbia and other 2011 Texas Superstars can be found at the AgriLife Today Flickr photostream at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/agrilifetoday/sets/72157626917838436/>.

Texas Superstar is a registered trademark owned by Texas AgriLife Research, a state agency that is part of the Texas A&M University System. More information about the Texas Superstar program can be found at <http://texas-superstar.com/>.



Chad Overton, State Trooper, was the Story Teller at Motley County Library for kids K-2nd grade on Wed., June 8 at 10:00 a.m. Pictured left to right: Chad Overton, Jace Martin, Case Drum, and Trinity Ward.

Adventure in Orienteering camp for youth ages 11-13 at Frank Philips College in Borger on June 22-23.

AMARILLO- District 1 4-H SET Committee will be holding an Adventure in Orienteering camp for youth ages 11-13 at Frank Philips College in Borger on June 22-23.

The camp will begin at 12 p.m. on Friday with check in and conclude at 6 p.m. on Saturday, said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County. Cost for the camp will be \$70 per participant and pre registration is required. The registration fee includes three events, lodging, meals, snacks, compass, water

bottle and prizes.

This camp is actually a series of events, the first being at Frank Philips College and Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, the second at Palo Duro Canyon and the third will be named later, Boughen said.

The series of events will focus on the principles of land navigation and teach youth how to use a compass and map. Participants must register on 4-H connect no later than July 1.

Contact Brandon Boughen at 806-373-0713 for more information.

Potter County 4-H Veterinary Science Program

AMARILLO - Are you interested in becoming a veterinarian assistant or a veterinarian? If so, enroll in the Potter County 4-H Veterinary Science Program. The next class will be held on June 20 at the Texas AgriLife Extension office in Potter County.

The 4-H Veterinary Science Program allows youth to develop knowledge, interests and skills in the veterinary field. Upon completion of the program 4-H'ers are eligible to

become a certified veterinary technician or pursue a doctorate of veterinary medicine, said Brandon Boughen, agriculture and natural resources agent for AgriLife Extension in Potter County.

Youth, ages nine to 16, interested in pursuing a field in veterinary medicine encouraged to attend the next class at 6 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension office located at 3301 E. 10 Ave. Contact Brandon Boughen at 806-373-0713 for more information.

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- 5 Matador Lions
- 7 Roaring Springs Lions
- 8 Matador City Council
- 11 Commissioners' Court
- 11 Roaring Springs City Council
- 11 HCCC Board
- 14 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 17-20 VBS at FBCM-- evening sessions for all kids, 3yr thru 5th grade (completed)
- 19 Matador Lions

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Public Notice

Commissioner's court approves ban of all fireworks including, Sales, Possession, and use in all areas of Motley County.


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Application for Local Option Liquor Election


An application has been filed with Kate Hurt, Motley County Clerk in Matador Texas, to have a Local Option Liquor Election. The election is for the City of Matador Texas. Application filed by Michael R Hackler. The application is for the sale of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.

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Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at Motley County Courthouse located at 701 Dundee Street, Matador, TX 79244, to the attention of County Judge, Jim Meador. An evaluation committee will assess experience, work performance, capacity to perform, proposed cost, and ability to affirmatively market of applicants.

The Contract Administrator will consider applications beginning on June 9, 2011 and must receive proposals no later than Friday, June 24, 2011, 5:00 p.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.

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Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at Roaring Springs City Hall located at 209 Broadway, Roaring Springs, TX 79256, to the attention of Mayor, Corky Marshall. An evaluation committee will assess experience, work performance, capacity to perform, proposed cost, and ability to affirmatively market of applicants.

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