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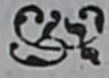
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A Look Back



JUNE 27, 1968

Death Learned Recently of
Early Matador Publisher

"One of Texas' real veterans in the newspaper business, C.P. Kendall, Sr., 88, died on April 23 in Freeport. He was a former owner of the Matador Maverick and published it until 1908 when it was sold to H.A. Mulrenix."

JUNE 27, 1968

Beet Army Worms
Eating Young Crops

"Bright hopes of farmers and businessmen in Motley County for an outstanding crop in 1968, are being eaten up by Beet Army Worms, working day and night in destroying young crops. Fields of cotton and feed vanish almost overnight before the hoard of hungry worms. The worms are reported in all areas of the county, and frequently eat the stalk into the ground.

Peck Thompson reported that the worms destroyed 135 acres of feed in less than 24 hours and were now in 200 acres of cotton."

Around Town

Reception for James Stanley family planned

A reception for James and Margaret Stanley and family will be held on Sunday, June 28, 1:30-3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Matador. The reception, hosted by the deacons and wives of the church, will be an opportunity for everyone in the area to offer best wishes to the Stanley's as they make their home in Lubbock after many years as a part of the Matador community.

Kid's Camp Set for July 27-31 Sign-up now kids!

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers announce their 1998 Kids Camp, which will be held July 27-31, 1998, at the Roaring Springs Community Center. President Darlene Fletcher promises a totally new concept to the camp, with support from the Girls Scout Council of Lubbock and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Moms, be sure to fill out both sides of the application, which is available at the libraries in Spur and Matador, as well as at Vickie's Floral in Roaring Springs. Or you may call Joan Keith at 347-2283 or Darlene Fletcher at 348-7284 and they will send you one. Children must be at least 6 years old and have attended school for one year, and under 12 years of age. Deadline is July 1, but space is limited, so be sure and get yours in early!

Students entering the 9th grade this Fall are eligible to serve as camp counselors, and they, too, must complete both sides of the application and turn it in to the above-named locations. Training for counselors will take place at Motley County Schools on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 and 18. Counselors who serve at least one year are eligible for scholarships when they attend college, so don't be left out.

Act now, so you will be able to participate in the fun times at Kids Camp!

Roaring Springs to celebrate 85th birthday

The town of Roaring Springs will celebrate its 85th birthday with a party sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers at the Community Center, Saturday night, June 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Birthday cake will be served.

Roaring Springs was established, June 19, 1913. When the town was 6 months old, Mr. Henry Black, a prominent Real Estate agent compiled an extensive brochure promoting Roaring Springs. The following excerpt is from that brochure:

THE TOWN OF ROARING SPRINGS

The present site of the town of Roaring Springs today, less than a year ago was nothing but a broad expanse of prairie land awaiting the coming of a railroad, all that was needed to guarantee its beginning and insure its growth and development.

Today, and its first birthday not yet passed, Roaring Springs is a modern little town, growing every day and soon to take its place prominently among the ranks of a large up-to-date city of our great Western country.

Physical improvements are invariably a temporary boom to any town; however, no town can hope to prosper and grow unless there is something more substantial than attractive improvements. I refer to the surrounding country on which the existence of all towns largely depends. Show me a rich agricultural community and I will show a prosperous town.

The country surrounding the town of Roaring Springs abounds in rich agricultural land and is fast settling up with farmers. This is the guarantee we have to offer you for the future of Roaring Springs. Cotton, milo maize and kaffir corn are sure crops and the acreage in cultivation has more than doubled in this country during the past year. An estimate of the cotton expected to be handled at this point this year has been stated as high as 6,000 bales, a remarkable record for a new town. Large shipments of cattle and hogs are made from this point, the railway having erected large holding pens with double loading chutes, the pens having a capacity of 40 cars.

Pure water is found in abundance and in depths ranging from 8 to 30 feet. There has just been completed at Roaring Springs a large well in which has been developed an inexhaustible supply of water. Constant pumping has failed to diminish the supply. This well has a depth of only 19 feet and the water is practically pure. In planning for this supply the company expected to excavate to a depth of 30 feet, but on reaching 19 feet a series of springs were opened and the well flooded. Numerous natural springs can be found in this vicinity.

This well will serve a modern waterworks system. The water will be pumped into a large steel tank and distributed over the town through large mains. In addition to supplying water for domestic use an adequate fire protection system will likewise be installed.

Roaring Springs boasts of a large brick hotel, wired for lights, plastered throughout, each room fitted with stationary wash stands, bath, sewerage-

in fact, this hotel will be found to be modern and up-to-date in every respect.

A series of parks have been laid out, fenced with attractive steel net-
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School Board Continues Principal Search

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. All Board members, with the exception of Gale Stafford, were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp and recorder Bettye Stevens.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved. The list of expenditures was approved and financial statements were reviewed.

Board members approved the following ESC 17 contracts for 1997-98: Bilingual/ESL Services Contract Purchasing Program Contract Title VI Contract Drug Free Schools Cooperative Contract Gifted/Talented Program Contract Legal Services Contract.

Also approved was the 1998-99 Chemical Hygiene plan, which is a safety plan for staff or student handling of chemicals at school.

Workman's Comp. Insurance was renewed with Hibbs/Hallmark.

A coaching/teaching contract was agreed upon with new Athletic Director, Coach Ronnie Payne.

Mr. Copp announced that the TASB Convention for school board training will be held in Houston September 25-28.

He also announced that the Principal search has been narrowed down to two applicants. They will be interviewed at a called meeting held on Tuesday night. No decision was made. Meeting adjourned.

Motley County Clinic to merge with Crosbyton Hospital

Concerned citizens and Motley County clinic personnel met with SPHPO Supervisor, Steve DeWoody and Crosbyton Clinic Hospital representative, Anne Butler, last Thursday night at the school cafeteria to discuss the upcoming merger between the local clinic and Crosbyton Clinic Hospital.

Mr. DeWoody stated that the merger has been passed with the SPHPO board and is awaiting approval by the Federal Bureau of Primary Care Management. The merger should be approved by June 23. He said that there should not be any change in personnel in the local clinic. Barbara Sharp has been named clinic supervisor, due to Gerry Jones' retirement.

at the local clinic, the question of who would fill her shoes as a medical provider for the clinic arised. This got the wheels rolling of finding a means for the clinic to remain open and still provide quality medical care to Motley County and the surrounding area.

Mr. DeWoody stated that SPHPO looked at patient volume of the local clinic and knew it was of necessity to keep the clinic going. They began looking for other resources and found that it was possible to merge with Crosbyton Clinic Hospital. Motley County Clinic employees will become Crosbyton Clinic Hospital employees effective January 1, 1999.

Mrs. Butler of Crosbyton Clinic Hospital stated that the hospital began recruiting a Physicians Assistant to come to Matador. Jay Rasberry has been filling in as a Physician's Assistant at the local clinic. The question arised as to why Mr. Rasberry could

not stay. Mrs. Butler and Mr. DeWoody stated that when the recruitment process began, Mr. Rasberry was not available for recruitment. They have now hired a new PA, Mrs. Gail Ream of Iowa. Mrs. Ream and her husband have four children and are looking forward to moving to Motley County. They have purchased the Billy and Debbi Denison home and will be moving here soon. Mr. DeWoody said that Mrs. Ream is looking forward to meeting the Clinic staff. She has met with some of the Motley County hospital board members.

Although not now licensed as a PA in the state of Texas, her license is now being processed. She will not be able to see patients on her own until she has received her Texas license. Dr. Pat Williams stated that he will be available at all times to be with her when she sees patients until she receives her Texas license. The is now licensed in the state of Iowa. Mrs. Ream will be an employee of Crosbyton Clinic Hospital.

Mrs. Butler explained that the hospital hopes to be able to provide excellent services through the local clinic with plans of expanding the clinic's pharmacy with a better selection of medicine. The clinic will re-

main on a sliding-fee pay scale.

Mrs. Butler also stated that the hospital affiliation should enable the clinic to be able to accept more insurance, such as the insurance City of Matador, and Motley County employees have. One clinic employee stated that these people have found it necessary to seek medical care elsewhere, due to the fact that the clinic is not able to accept their insurance.

The hospital also has available for clinic use additional facilities such as oxygen, paramedics, and many other medical needs for clinic use.

Mrs. Butler also explained the employee benefits that clinic employees should expect to receive when they become employees of Crosbyton Clinic Hospital. She informed the clinic staff that Mr. Mike Johnson, Hospital Director will meet with Motley County Clinic staff in the near future.

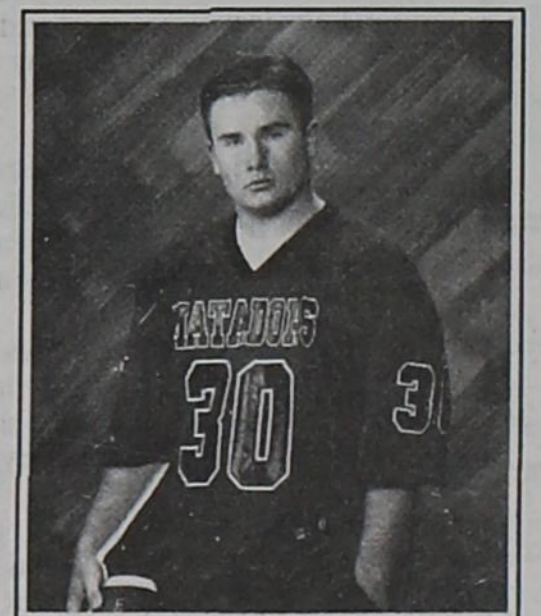
Mr. DeWoody concluded the meeting by stating that the Motley County Clinic will remain basically the same, and continue to provide the same quality medical care they have been providing in the past. The overall operation and responsibility will remain that of South Plains Health Provider's.

Aaron Green awarded Caprock Telephone Scholarship

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. recently awarded Aaron Green, of Motley County High School, a \$1,000 scholarship to the college/university of his choice. The presentation was made at the May 30 Graduation Ceremonies in the High School auditorium.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative of Spur, owns and operates 16 exchanges in 12 counties, serving approximately 4800 access lines. Cap Rock is Motley County's local telephone service provider, offering not only local dial-tone but a competitive long distance service, local Internet access, and high quality cellular services.

Now, more than ever, Cap Rock is increasingly interested in the education of young people in its service area. As Cap Rock continues to bring the most technologically advanced communications to this area, it also strives to help keep its young people in touch with the most advanced learning mechanisms possible. One such way would be the introduction of high-speed Internet access to each of the 7 schools Cap Rock serves.



Aaron Green

Starting this year, Cap Rock is awarding a total of 8 - \$1,000 scholarships to 1998 High School Graduating Seniors in its service area.

Happy Birthday Roaring Springs



Roaring Springs Falls, the landmark of which the town of Roaring Springs was named, as it appeared in 1912.

Matador City Council Hires Part-time Secretary

The Matador City Council met June 11 at 7:30 a.m. All council members were present. Also attending the meeting were City Secretary Seven Alexander, and City employees, Steve Barton and Terry Carson, and two representatives from Classic Cable.

The invocation was given by Councilman, Rodney Williams, and the meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Lancaster.

Minutes and bills were read and approved.

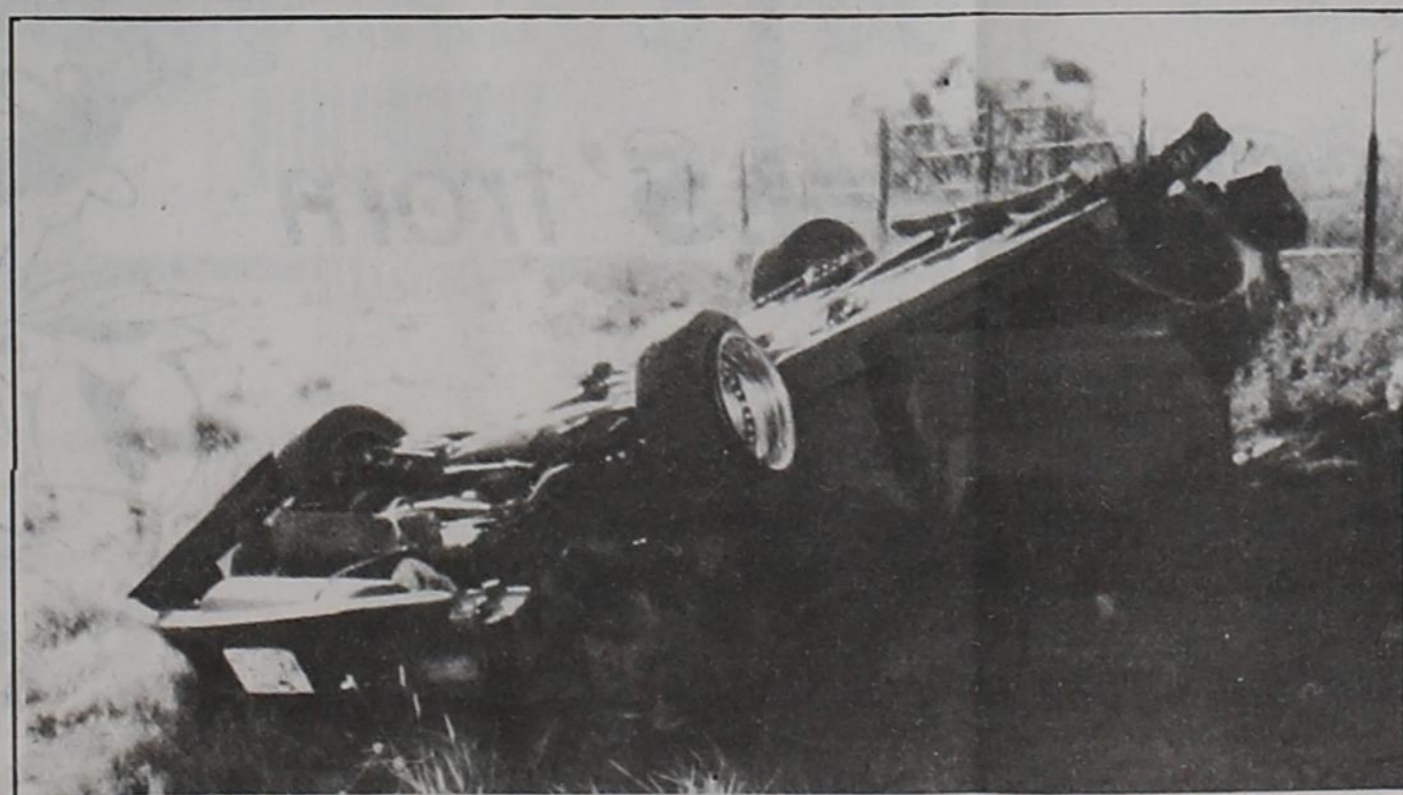
The Council discussed a request from Matador Ranch for water purchase. Council approved to sell water for household use to the Ranch.

The representatives from Classic

Cable explained to the Council why there have been so many problems with the three Lubbock stations. They are in the process of replacing downlink on the tower, and hope to have this problem eliminated.

Council discussed the landfill expansion. It is now in the paperwork stage, and hoped to be completed soon.

Council reviewed applications for a part time city secretary. Davonna Grundy was hired. She will work part time in the office, usually two days per week. This position will not effect the bottom line city budget. Meeting adjourned.



This 1991 Chevrolet Camero, driven by Kristina Lopez, 25, of Dimmitt, Texas rolled 4 1/2 times, when it left the roadway in curve on US 62, 12 miles east of Matador, Saturday morning, June 13. The vehicle traveled 547 ft from point of impact. Vanessa Ontiveros, 14, also of Dimmitt, a passenger in the car, was able to free herself from the vehicle, while Ms. Lopez was trapped inside. Matador and Paducah Fire Departments, EMS Departments, and Sheriff Departments responded to the accident. Both women were air lifted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Local Youth Wins Motorcycle Race



David Whitaker is pictured above on his motorcycle during a recent Enduro Race.

by Pina Sturdivant

David Whitaker, on June 7 at Rose Creek near Bronte, Texas, completed his seventh consecutive first place motorcycle race in both the 250 C Class and the Overall C Division in the Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit (TSCEC). To date, he holds a sixty-point advantage over his nearest competitor.

The Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit is affiliated with the National American Motorcycle Association and celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. The organization is family oriented, the races holding mini-enduros for small children, a sixteen and under class, a woman's race, and an over fifty-seven class, as

well as the various Divisions, in order to include riders with a wide range of ages and skills. Entire families, many headed by well-to-do professionals with a love for motorcycles, go in campers, motor homes, etc., and spend the evenings before the division races on site, developing friendships and bringing trade to nearby towns.

Races are held in rough terrain. For the last two years, the Seigler Ranch near Matador has hosted the Boondockers competition. This year, the Boondockers race on the ranch will be held Sunday, November 8. In the previous two years, according to reports, Allsup's and Davis Fuel's grocery stock was completely depleted, they being the only two stores in town open on Sunday.

TSCEC races are endurance rides of fifty to sixty miles, run over designated routes, with a chart which specifies the mile-per-hour each section of the trail is to be ridden. Check points and surprise checkpoints en route verify and score each rider's adherence to and maintenance of the speed, which, considering the terrain, requires a great deal of mathematical skill as well as riding ability. Some test sections require running at high speeds through trees, rocks and other impediments to test the participants skills. David clocked the best speed of all competitors in all divisions at the Ross Creek speed test section. Riders start on scheduled minutes, spread out so that they do not crowd the check points. The spread also avoids hazards that riding bunched might create.

The TSCEC is separated into two circuits, the South Texas and the High Plains Circuit, and races are divided into three major divisions: A, professional level; B, semi-pro; and C, amateur, and each course is broken down into class and division. Although not yet sixteen, David Whitaker is currently in Division C, but he hopes to cinch the Division C Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit Championship at his next race. If he does so, he will finish the season racing in the B Division for experience, with the hopes of starting in the A Division next year. Good Times Kawasaki of Lubbock has given David a Rider's Sponsorship. Successfully racing in the A Division would provide the opportunity to gain a full sponsor for his racing activities.

Granddaughter Named Salutatorian of Spur High School



Rebecca Ramage

Rebecca Sue Ramage, granddaughter of Matador residents, Lewis and Betty Bostick, has been named Salutatorian of her 1998 graduating class of Spur High School. Becky is the 18 year old daughter of Mike and Suzan Ramage. She graduated with a 95.34 GPA. While in High school she was a member of NHS, FFA, FHA, 4-H, Gifted and Talented, Who's Who, Student Council, Yearbook Staff and Community Youth. She played basketball and was the school mascot. She plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in Pre-Vet medicine next spring after completing basic training in the Army Reserve.

MC Students receive awards at end of school ceremony

Motley County students were honored at the Annual "Moving Up" Ceremony held May 28 at the Motley County gym. Awards given are as follows:

Teachers Honor Effort Award, Tonie Bowden and Jose Gonzalez. Best All Around Award, Rebecca Jameson and Aaron Binder.

Highest Ranking Student, Tanya Barkley.

Scholarship Awards, (Highest Cumulative Average Per Grade 9-12), Freshman, Rachele Renfro; Sophomore, Kember Everett; Junior, Aaron Binder; Senior, Tanya Barkley.

Sportsmanship Award, Nesa McFall and Ben Ridgley. UIL Academic & Athletic Award, Aaron Binder.

School Spirit Award, Joe Mangram.

Citizenship Award: Freshman Girl, Brooke Decker; Freshman Boy, Chase Carson; Sophomore Girl, Vanessa Easter; Sophomore boy, Andy Paul Jones; Junior Girl, Kaci Risser; Junior Boy, Robert Gillespie; Senior Girl, Kim Ashley; Senior Boy, Cobey Turner.

Lions Club Citizenship Award, Jill Stanley and Scott Smith.

Perfect Attendance Award, Robert Gillespie, Tonie Bowden, Rosalva Mendoza, Laura Mendoza, Jaron Everett, Jason Barton.

P.T.O. Literary Award, Aaron Binder.

English I, Scott Jones.

Theater Arts, Aaron Binder.

English III, Kaci Risser.

OAP Cast: Blair Thacker, Charity Bartlett, Aaron Binder, Leigha Burns, Kaci Risser, Kristi Williams, Dusty Jackson, Ben Ridgley, Jerod Rieger.

OAP Crew: Vanessa Easter, Brant Donaldson, Kandi Keltz, Llan Barkley.

Algebra 1-4 (1-2), Rhonda Ashley.

Geometry, Jason Clauser. Yearbook, Kasey Osborn, Laura Mendoza, Rebekah Jameson.

Government, Tanya Barkley. Algebra I, Ashley Stevens.

Algebra II, Llan Barkley. Advanced Math, Nesa McFall and Robert Gillespie.

Math of Money, Cobey Turner. Calculus, Tanya Barkley and Aaron Binder.

Vance Gilbreath Math Award, Tanya Barkley.

Chemistry, Robert Gillespie. Bausch & Lomb Science Award, Robert Gillespie.

Biology II, Cobey Turner. Physics, Tanya Barkley.

Physical Science, Rachele Renfro.

Spanish I, Kristi Williams. English II, Vanessa Easter.

English IV, Tonie Bowden. ESL, Jose Flores.

ESL Tutor, Laura Mendoza. Head Cheerleader, Blair Thacker.

Cheerleaders: Kandi Keltz, Samantha Osborn, Kristi Williams, Ashley Stevens, Rebecka Morris.

Mascot, Crystal Christopher. Keyboarding (4th), Ashley Stevens.

Keyboarding (7th), Amanda Englert.

Accounting, Rebekah Jameson. Library Aide, Toni Bowden and Rosalva Mendoza.

Biology, Llan Barkley. Tech Prep - Micro Computer, Laura Mendoza and Scotty Palmer.

Computer Applications, Ryan Moore and Cobey Turner.

Algebra I (3-4), Miranda Palmer. Computer Science, Robert Gillespie and Kaci Risser.

World Geography, Andy Paul Jones.

U.S. History, Rachele Renfro. Child Development, ShaVonne Taylor.

Adv. Child Development, Kristi Williams.

Food Science, Llan Barkley. Adv. Food Science, Chris Guerrero.

Interior Design, Vanessa Easter. Textiles, Kaci Risser.

CHE, Elizabeth Ho-Gland. Student Council Officers: Ryan Martin, Aaron Green, Tanya Barkley, Rebekah Jameson, Jerod Rieger, Robert Gillespie.

Student Council Members: Crystal Christopher, Rebecca Long, Brad Marvel, ShaVonne Taylor, Candace Marvel, Vanessa Easter, Brooke Decker, Justin Jameson, Skylar Clifton, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

Ag. I, Ben Ridgley. Ag. II, Ryan Moore.

Ag. III, Robert Gillespie. Ag. Mechanics, Ryan Martin.

Choir, Kim Ashley and Nathan Shannon.

Voc. Exp. I, Samantha Osborn. Voc. Exp. II, Joe Mangram.

Voc. Math, Chris Guerrero. Voc. Engl, Joe Mangram.

Office Aide, Keane Cruse. Masonic Lodge Mirabeau B. Lamar Awards, Rebekah Jameson and Scott Smith.

Students of the Month: September - Nesa McFall, Robert Gillespie, Cobey Turner, Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie.

October - ShaVonne Taylor, Keane Cruse, Aaron Green, Andy Anson, Jessica Gutierrez.

November - Toni Bowden, Jerod Rieger, Chantry Meyer, Courtney Hays.

December - Tanya Barkley, Ryan Martin, Quinn Hays, Amanda Sands, Derrick Cruse.

January - Rachele Renfro, Scott Jones, Kala Copp, Justin Jameson.

February - Ashley Stevens, Ben Ridgley, Shandra Jones, Skylar Clifton

March - Kember Everett, Kim Ashley, Ryan Moore, Brandon Moore, Misty Young, and Brittany Moore.

April - Laura Mendoza, Rosalva Mendoza, Jason Clauser, Cassie Campbell, Jose Flores, Ramiro Martinez.

May - Jaron Everett, Kalli Hopper, Tony Salazar, Kelsi Wallace.

1997-98 High School Students of the Year: Cobey Turner and Ethanice Bowden.

1997-98 Junior High Students of the Year: Clint Cooper and Kayla Copp.

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24th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo July 10-11

The 24th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo will be held at the Old Settler's Arena in Roaring Springs on July 10th and 11th. The Junior Rodeo is sponsored annually by the Motley County 4-H.

There will be two rodeo performances. The Friday night performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Saturday night performance will begin at 4:00 p.m. Rodeo books will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 8th.

Saddles will be awarded to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Senior Division (ages 16-19). A set of Rickey Trammell spurs will be given to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the Junior Division (ages 13-15). A set of Rickey Trammell bits will be awarded

to the All-Around Boy and Girl in the PeeWee Division (ages 9-12). Trophy Buckles will be awarded in the Pre-Kids Division (ages 8 & under) for the All-Around Boy and Girl. Montana Silversmith Belt Buckles will also be awarded for first place in each event for age divisions.

The events for the Rodeo are: Barrell Race, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Breakaway, Straight-Away Chute Dogging, Team Roping, Steer Daubing, Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Bareback, Saddle Bronc, and Bull Riding. A dance will be held Saturday night featuring Jody Nix. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m.

structed a modern brick passenger station, and its terminals, including freight house, loading pens and side tracks, are modern and adequate for the handling of its traffic.

Further information and particulars will cheerfully be furnished on request, by addressing HENRY BLACK, Agent Roaring Springs, Texas.

The town of Roaring Springs has changed quite a bit in its 85 years, but it still has the strong determination of its citizens, to keep the beautiful little town alive, hopefully for many years to come.

Roaring Springs

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ted material especially manufactured for this purpose, and in these parks have been planted 1500 trees of the Carolina Poplar and Black Locust variety. Less than one year old these trees in appearance are in the three-year class. Their rapid development is but another test and demonstration of the possibilities of the Roaring Springs soil.

Plans are well underway for the erection of a modern up-to-date electric light and power plant which will be in the operation within the next three months.

The educational and religious features have not been overlooked. A contract has already been let for the immediate erection of a \$17,000.00 brick school at Roaring Springs. A spacious auditorium has been provided for, the building will be steam heated and the equipment modern and up-to-the-minute. Several church buildings of various denominations have already been erected and have added materially to the development of the town.

In outlying localities school districts with good substantial buildings are well established.

The railway company has con-

All interested youth are encouraged to enter the Rode and spectators are invited to watch the action and attend the dance.

For more information or entry

blanks, feel free to contact Cathey Turner, Rodeo Secretary, Box 666, Matador, TX 79244, (806) 347-2834, or call the Motley County Extension office at (806) 347-2733.

Shannon is coming....

Shannon Davidson Day July 11

The Ride

by Marisue Potts

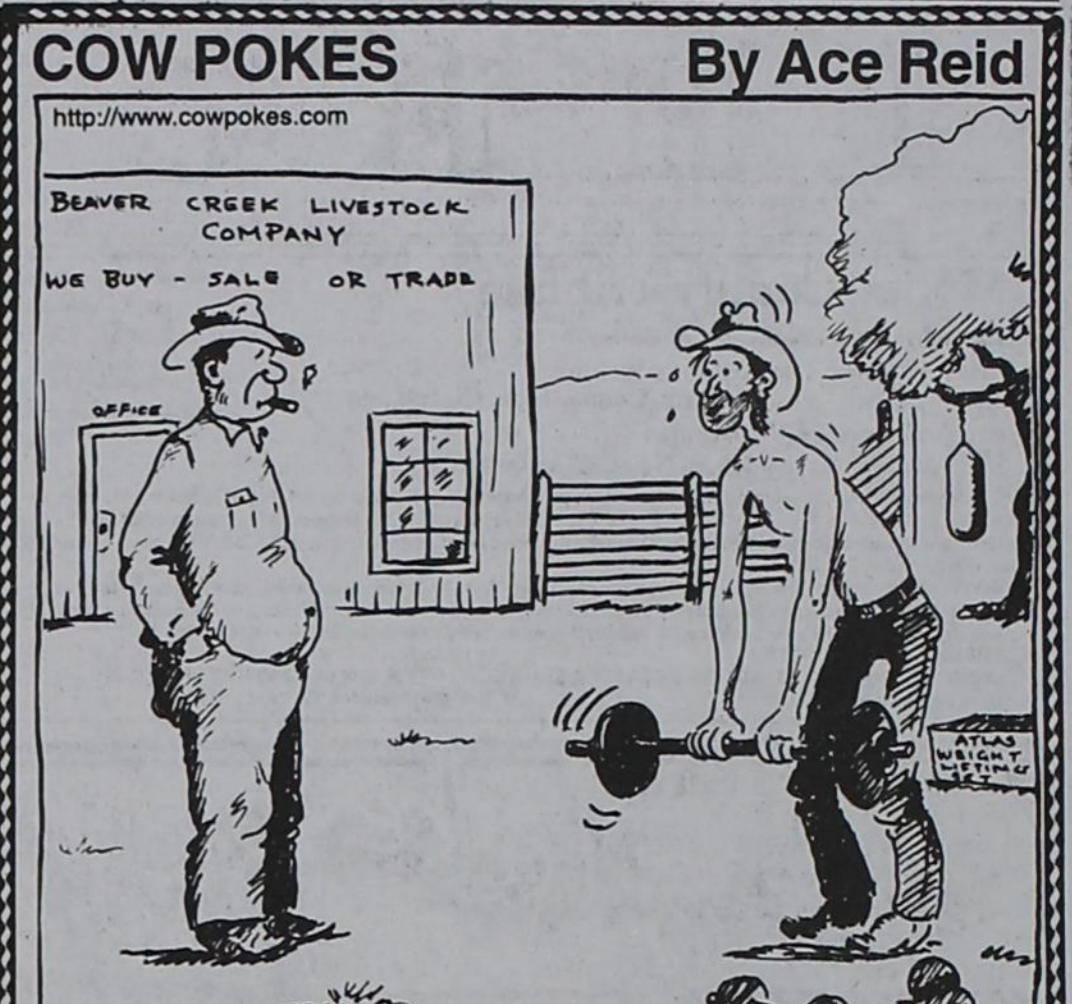
Note: The third installment of a historically-based short story which commemorates Shannon Davidson's endurance ride. On the old Butterfield stagecoach route, exhausted riders and lame horses fall by the wayside, but the surviving competition whips the Flomot cowboy on through Texas, New Mexico and into Arizona.

After a real short night, his last in New Mexico, Davidson heads for Arizona and crosses the border near San Simon, well in advance of his nearest rivals. The new front-runners George Cates and King Kerley pass the faltering Usselton, while Davidson trots into Phoenix bareback. The fresher mount is unloaded and saddled up, and then they're off again.

Now in the lead by 65 miles, Davidson continues to set the pace. He takes to the road at 4 a.m. and spends the next 18 hours riding through the pine and juniper mountains, stopping near Wilcox.

Upon his arrival in Tucson, the shy Texan, just a poor country boy, is treated like a celebrity. Amid sirens and "motorcycle" cops, he is escorted to the Arizona state capitol where Governor Bob Jones gives him an awesome welcome. With flags flying, Davidson is taken to his hotel room. After attempting to melt away the layers of sweat and road grime, he slides in between the cool, clean sheets, the first he's felt in days. But the mattress feels too soft, so he rolls onto the firm floor. As he tries to sleep in relative luxury, his competitors Slim Mathis,

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OBITUARIES

Donnie Ed James

Services for Don James, a Mesquite Police Officer, were held Monday, June 8, 1998 at the Casa View Baptist Church in Dallas. Burial was in Laurel Oaks Memorial Park in Balch Springs.

Officer James, 44, died at his home in Mesquite from heart complications. Being a 15 year veteran of the Police Department, his duties included patrol, traffic, and criminal investigations.

Born in Matador, he had served as an officer in Balch Springs and with the Dallas Housing Authority before joining the P.D. in 1983.

Friends recall his joyful, caring spirit as well as his eagerness to help others. He was a volunteer in the "Santa Cop" program at Christmas time. He was instrumental in establishing an Officer's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study. His passion was for all people to experience God's love as he had.

Sgt. Max Barker said, "He was a dedicated officer who worked really hard at his tasks."

Officer James is survived by his wife Vickie James, three daughters, Julie, Jennifer and Jill James, all of Mesquite, and two sisters, Debra Scribner and Dondi Dill of Sherman.

The family suggests donations be made to: Gary Westphal, Mesquite Police Dept., P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137 or Debra Scribner, 262 Mayes Dr., Sherman, TX 75090-2711.

The following letter was written to Donnie Ed James on August 10, 1997:
"To Donnie James and the Police Dept. in Mesquite,
I am writing this from a 5x9 cell on the East Ham Unit, Love Lady, TX where I've been the past 11 years. I was arrested by Donnie James in November of '86 and was brought to this station. I created this piece of art work for this station. Wherever Donnie and you officers feel it best suits the Department. When I see this picture called "mesquite" I have to think of a man, a policeman that changed my opinion of hatred and dislike for Police authority. After being convicted of things too petty to recall and of murder, I was a lost man with no purpose in life until Donnie James took a second to make me look at myself, Danny West. I didn't like what I saw and I've been bettering myself since. When you see this painting, may it remind you if only momentarily of the man in whose name I dedicate this piece - Donnie James and may you find time to offer a helping hand to your fellowman, no matter your bias or theirs."
Sincerely,
Danny West

Julie Mae Sanders

Graveside services for Julie Mae Sanders, 78, of Matador were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 1998 in East Mound Cemetery, Matador, with Michael G. Crowley, Minister of Matador Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Sanders died Thursday, June 11 in the Floydada Nursing Home.

She was born November 19, 1919, in Texas and moved to Matador in 1946 from Garland, Texas. She was married to Arthur Sanders. He died in 1991. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Her survivors include her special friend, Willie Davis of Matador; one brother, James Williams of Plainview; one sister, Sallie Jones of Matador, and a number of nieces and nephews.

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Wanda Davis

Services for Wanda "Grano" Davis, 71, of Childress were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 15, in Calvary Baptist Church in Childress with the Rev. Jon Crosby, pastor, and the Rev. Samuel Riley, officiating.

Burial was in Northfield Cemetery in Northfield under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

She died Friday, June 12, 1998, in Amarillo.

She was born Dec. 1, 1926 in Fry. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, former Northfield residents. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Childress.

Survivors include three daughters, Cynthia Love of Childress, Deadrea Owens of Tuskegee, Ala., and Joy Ross of Paducah; three sisters, Anna Lee Holiman and Mary Hoover, both of Northfield, and Willie Rodriguez of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

Willie Frederick McFatridge

Graveside rites for Willie Frederick McFatridge were held Tuesday, June 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Roaring Springs Cemetery with the Rev. Rickey Lawrence, Pastor of the Full Gospel Church officiating. Mr. McFatridge who with his young family was a former resident of Roaring Springs was known by his friends as a conscientious worker and a loyal friend.

He was preceded in death by sons Bobby, Glenn, Larry, and John Wayne. He is survived by a son, J.W. and his family; and two daughters, Linda and Loretta, and the mother of these children, Nadine, of Jacksboro, and nine grandchildren.

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