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20 years since devastating tornado hit Matador Motley County residents rallied together to rebuild

EDITOR'S NOTE: May 1, 2004 marked the 20th anniversary of the devastating tornado that hit Matador.

Motley County residents will long remember Tuesday, May 1, 1984.

Several Matador residents lost everything. Many homes were destroyed. The school and bus barn were destroyed.

Although emergency work began immediately following the storm, an eerie quietness fell over this community as residents looked over the devastation with awe.

But, the residents of this county pulled together and helped each other. The people found a new strength and Matador was rebuilt.

The following article is reprinted from the May 3, 1984 issue of the *Matador Tribune*. Leon Watson was the Publisher/Editor at that time.

TORNADO! The emergency siren blasted at 8:46 PM Tuesday and fire trucks and emergency vehicles whizzed down streets with horns, sirens, and lights.... the tornado was 1 1/2 miles west of town.

"Take cover, Take cover!" Residents ran for shelter and dove into cellars. Then the twister hit, and the screams of horror were drowned out by the roar "like that of a locomotive," said Sheriff Alton Marshall, who watched the tornado slam into the west side of the town.

The football field was hit, toppling the light poles, then the school bus barn was crumbled and the Motley County School was demolished.

The only injury was Mrs. Clovis Murphy, who lived 1/2 block from the school. She received leg and rib injuries.

"We had good warning," said Robin Darsey. "The emergency weather watchers deserve a lot

of credit."

The home of Keith and Sherry Paschal, across the street north of the school was destroyed. They were in the storm shelter of Sherry's parents, Ted and Nelta Green, two doors away. Also there were Ricky and Jackie Green.

"It was horrible," Jackie said trembling. "It felt like our ear drums were being sucked out of our heads. Then Nelda shouted 'Hit the dirt' and we all got down." Jackie covered her four-month old daughter and dirt came down on them.

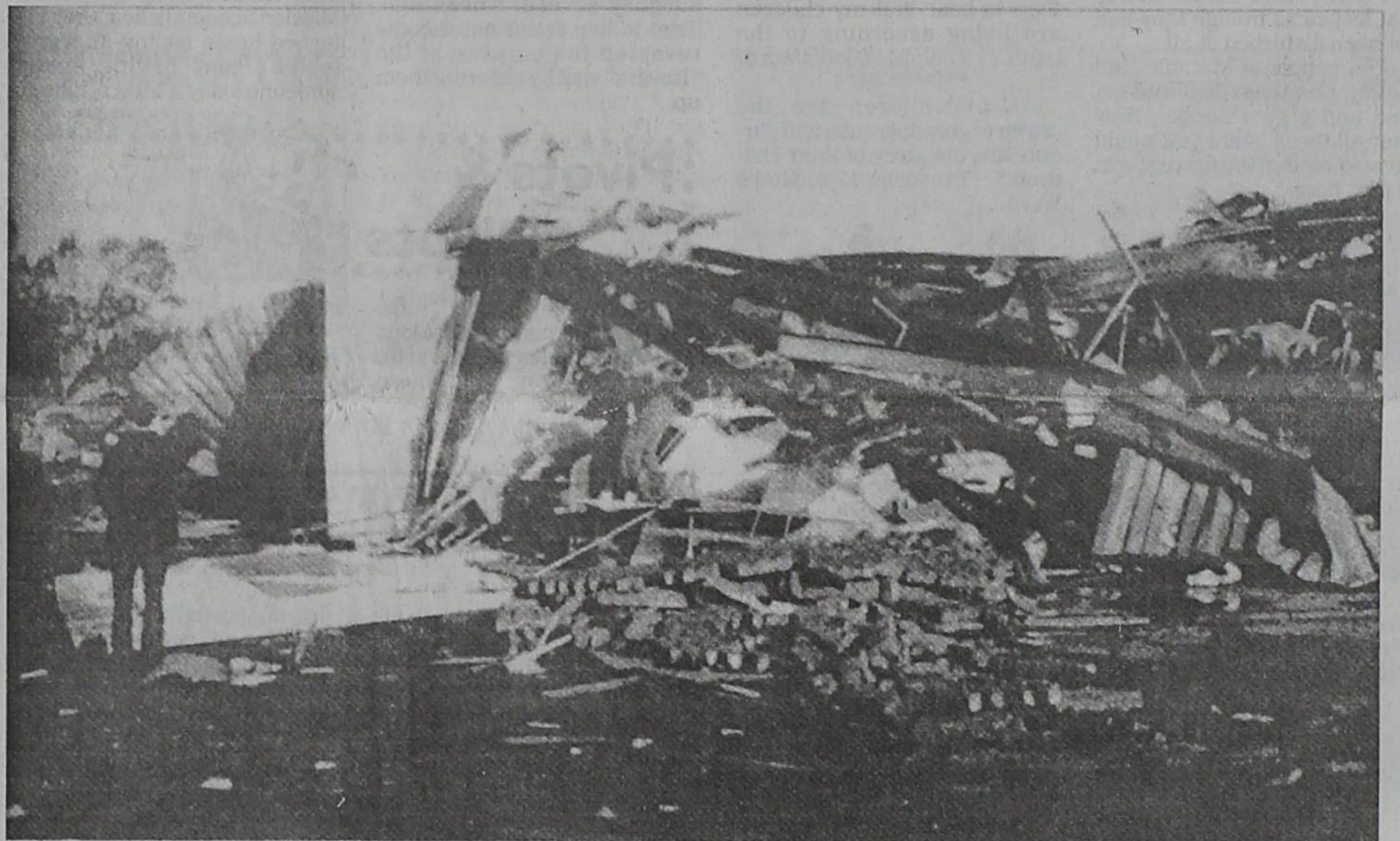
The twister, described as medium sized by Marshall, bounced on across town, destroying homes as it skipped. Department of Public Safety Trooper Dude Speed said the tornado's path of destruction was a mile long and a quarter mile wide.

"There was about 15 minutes between the time we spotted it until it hit," Marshall said. "Lubbock and Amarillo radars had earlier indicated a possible tornado entering the western part of our county, and the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for the county until about 9:30."

HOMES DESTROYED

The list of homes destroyed was released at an emergency meeting of the county, city and school officers at 8:30 AM Wednesday.

The list included the homes of Willie Russell, Ray Webb, Keith Paschal, George HoGland, Bennie Cox's rent house where Bill Durham's daughter lived, Mrs. Clovis Murphy, Bill Durham, Steve Burns, John Johnson, Postmaster, Nell Clem, Gerald Pipkin, Mrs. L.J. Barkley, Bob Jameson, Ted Green, and the Motley



DESTRUCTION FROM STORM — Pictured above is the Motley County School after it was destroyed by a devastating tornado that hit Matador, May 1, 1984. This week marks the 20th year since the storm hit southern Matador destroying the school and many homes.

(Photo by Leon Watson from the May 3, 1984 issue of *The Matador Tribune*)

County School bus barn. Damage is reported to in the millions of dollars.

Bundy Hal Campbell, H.A. Stevens, Eva Griffin, Greta Smallwood, Dusty Smith, Bill Pipkin and the Baptist Church.

HOMES DAMAGED

The list of homes damaged may be incomplete due to a pressing news deadline. The list includes the homes of Ross Bearden, Buford Hobbs, Tom Shultz, Ward Rattan, Marvin Patton, Tommie (Mrs. Ben) Edwards, Douglas Campbell,

THE MORNING AFTER

At the crack of dawn on Wednesday residents began to wander almost aimlessly through the debris filled streets and pick through what was once their homes. Some had lost a

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Fifth Annual Bluegrass Festival will get underway Friday in Flomot

The Fifth Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will get underway Friday, May 7, when fans gather in Flomot for some pickin' and grinnin'.

Several bands are lined up to entertain the crowd. Stage music will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and musicians will play until 11:00 p.m.

The festival will tune up again on Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 11:00 p.m.

A Sunday morning devotional will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by gospel music.

The event will take place on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. Food booths will be set up on the grounds.

Festival tickets are \$6.00 per person for Friday and \$10.00 for

Saturday. Sunday is free. Children under 12 will be admitted free with an adult.

For more information call 806-469-5278.

Texas Hwy. 70 Association will meet May 6th

The Texas Hwy. 70 Association will meet Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the association is invited to attend.

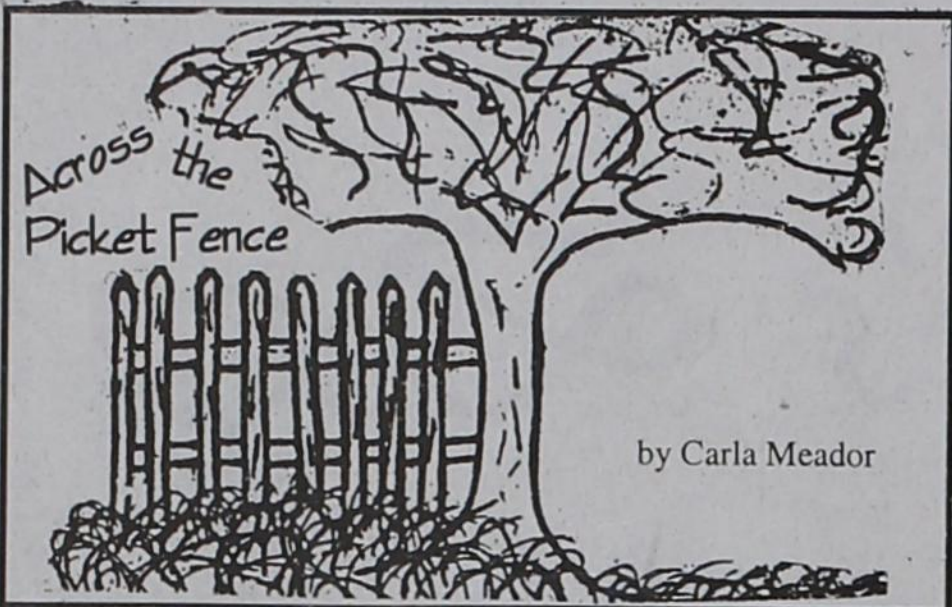


Brrrrrr ...

These cold, pretty ladies stayed bundled up at their Garage Sale booth in downtown Matador, Saturday, May 1, during the 70-Mile Garage Sale sponsored by the Texas Hwy. 70 Association. Sales were held from Spur to Turkey. Organizers hope to make the event bigger and better each year. Reports are that sales were good in spite of the cold weather, with people from Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Plainview, Dallas and other towns coming to this area to shop. The day stayed cold with temperatures in the 40's. Pictured left to right are Lindy Stafford, Olivia Barton and Joannie Stephens.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, May 6

Join residents of the county as they gather on the Courthouse Lawn, near the gazebo, at 12:30 p.m. Thursday to pray. Rev. Vince Sandlin of the First Assembly of God Church in Matador will lead the service.



In some ways it seems like yesterday that the tornado blasted Matador, and in other ways it seems like a lifetime ago. I'm sure everyone who lived in Motley County at that time, has their own memory of exactly what they were doing at that moment.

Jeremy was just completing his first grade year in school. We were moving into a different house in Roaring Springs and he, my mom and dad, and myself were standing in the backyard when the sirens wailed. The storming was not that bad in Roaring Springs, so we watched the sky and saw three tornados aimed directly at Matador.

We finally decided we should take cover and went into the cellar, which had not had a human in it for many years and was full of spiders. My dad kept watch and we were not in that deep, dark spider's nest long, before we decided we must check on Sherry and family in Matador.

Thankfully they were okay and didn't receive any major damage.

South Matador was a different story. The storm had devastated a major part of that area. The school and many homes were leveled. I remember looking at one house that had been destroyed, but the kitchen cabinets were partly still attached, and there were dishes inside that looked as though they had not been disturbed at all.

The people of Matador and Motley County rallied and rebuilt and grew stronger. Now after all these years you would never know that the fierce storm had hit here.

Happy Mother's Day! I truly hope every mother has a great day and is showered with love from their children and loved ones.

I plan to shower my own mother with love. She has always been such a loving, caring, patient person and is such a wonderful mother. She's also my friend. She's always there for me and I count on her for so much. I thank God for the blessing of my special mother.

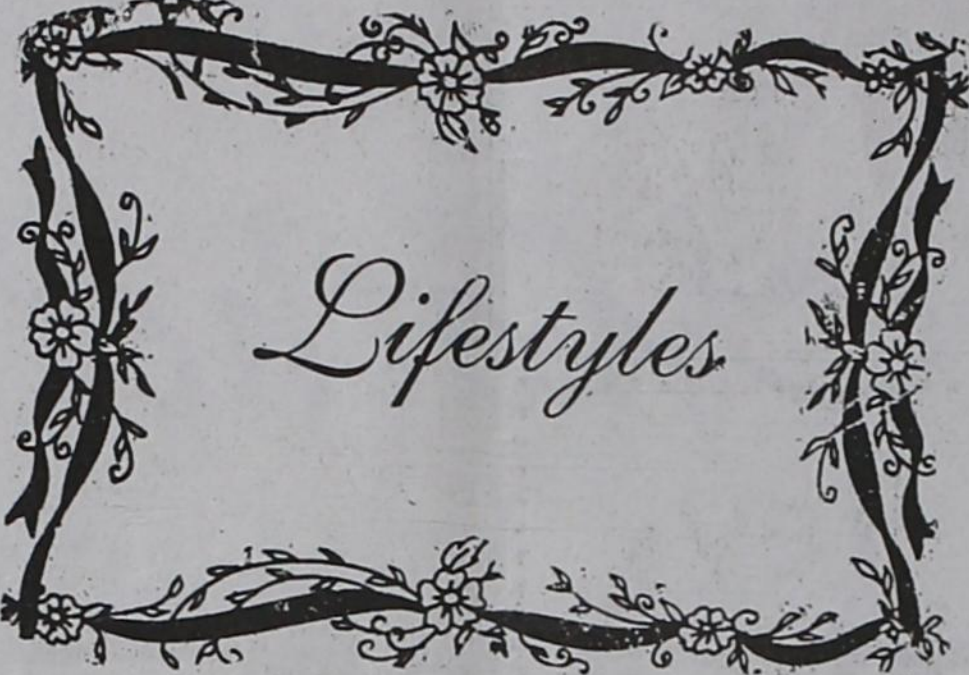
Being a mother is the greatest gift God has blessed me with. I think most mothers probably agree. I am thankful that our almighty Father trusted me enough to give me one of His beloved children. And now He has blessed me with a beautiful daughter-in-law and two beautiful grandchildren. I am so thankful!

As mothers, we all know how hard it is, sometimes, to be the kind of mother we need to be. I hope I was and am still what I should be as a mother. I pray and trust in God to lead me as a mother - and now as a mother-in-law and grandmother.

Showers of blessings to every mother and to those who may have been like a mother to someone in need.

"Nothing makes me happier than to hear that my children are living according to the truth." 3 John 4 (God's Word)

"Grandchildren are the crown of grandparents, and parents are the glory of their children." Proverbs 17:6 (God's Word)



Red Rovers take adventure of love

by June Keltz

The "Red Rovers" adventure took a different turn as their hearts went out to those who are no longer able to be involved in an active life. They are sometimes referred to as "the forgotten" but it is up to the agile ones to prove this title lacks authenticity.

Arriving at their destination, which was Floydada Nursing Home, Lana Copp, Dan Barton, Dorothy Meador, Robena King, Lula Swim and Joyce Campbell were welcomed as those with a celebrity status.

Our Motley County residents were elated to see the faces of old friends. Modene Brooks, L.V. Damron, Dorothy Jameson Nichols and Julie Bell Martin were expressively thankful to be remembered.

Then it was on to Lockney for lunch and more visiting for these angels of mercy. Our own Billie Koon is taking therapy in Cogdell Hospital following hip surgery several weeks ago. True to her sweet nature, she reversed the purpose of the "Rovers" visit by cheering them up.

Just across the street from the hospital is the Lockney Nursing Home where many of our loved ones have been cared for with dignity. Roommates Beth Turner and Bailey Elliott, who are residents there, were surprised and pleased to see the faces of hometown people.

Our West Texas area offers many opportunities known and unknown. One such discovery by the Red Hat ladies was a shrine on the highway at Muncy. It was erected in memory of all aborted babies. Three crosses looming above with burning candles below silently spoke volumes.

Stopping in Floydada for cold drinks before heading home they met another former resident of Roaring Springs. Lou Whittler informed them of her husband Don's open heart surgery and of his depression which is not uncommon with this type of surgery. One glimpse of their wild and crazy hats chased away the blues. Mission accomplished, they returned home feeling all warm inside from having made someone's day a little brighter.

Pivots & Divots



by Mary

Ladies playday on Thursday, April 29, was for most Skins. Playing 18 holes were Dartha W., Judy C., Fran, Dot, Louise, Geneva, Jean H. and LaVoe. LaVoe won the ball with 14

skins. Playing 9 holes were Judy R., Frances, Tommye, Marihelen and Tempie. Tempie won the ball with 3 skins.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friends:

We would like to thank all that supported our BBQ lunch on Saturday. It was a great experience for us and with your help we raised over \$1100 for the White River Youth Camp. The young people that attend summer camp come away truly blessed and their lives enriched. You helped make it possible for White River to continue their ministry to our youth.

You are all proof that Motley County cares for one another and helps those that need us!

Thanks again,
Matador and Roaring Springs Church of Christ

....."I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

John 3:3 (NIV)

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- Timothy Dwight -

How do you view the church? What do you seek when you meet with the church for worship? "Going to Church" is somewhat like going shopping; you generally get what you go for, no more, no less. A lady will go into a store with thousands of dollars of merchandise around her, buy a gallon of milk, and walk out. That is all she came for. I have seen people go into a church service, gather up an expression of the preacher to criticize and condemn criticize the song leader for being too slow - too fast - too high - too low - wrong songs, etc. etc. -- and go home. You see, that is all they came for.

How do you view the church? The esteemed Henry Ward Beecher said, "The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians but a school for the education of imperfect ones, a nursery for the care of weak ones, a hospital for the healing of those who need special care." I say "AMEN."

Some Christians can be pushed, shoved, and insulted in the ticket line at the ball game, ignored at the beauty shop or barbershop, and bawled out at the grocery, but they never cease to frequent those places. But if they feel slighted at church - or things don't go to suit them - they refuse to attend for weeks, or sometimes quit completely. Yes, it is strange, but inconsistent. Being peeved at the brethren or the preacher and forsaking the Lord, is about as logical as being angry at the dog and kicking the cat, isn't that right?? THINK ABOUT IT !!!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Today, Thursday, May 6 at 4:00 P.M. in the library, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library. Everyone is invited to attend.

New books in the library include Real-age Make-over by Michael Roizen. This book tells you how to take years off your body and add years to your life. I have not read the book, but I did scan it and I know it is a very fine book. On one of the pages that I read, it said that if you eat chocolate every day will add years to your life. Any book that tells you to eat chocolate must be a very good book, indeed.

The library has a copy of Jonathan Kellerman's newest book, Therapy. A new author to

this library is Carlos Zafon. We have his book, Shadow of the Wind. Those that have read it say that it is different but very good.

A new mural is up in the children's section of the library. This painting shows all about the ocean with the fierce Orca as the main focus. This mural is one of four that Betty Henry did for the library. We have the ocean mural on display now because our June Summer Reading Program for kids will feature a special program on the sea. Everyone is invited to come in and see this beautiful new mural. The colors in the coral reef are magnificent.

**MOTLEY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NEWS & VIEWS**
by Pennie Pipkin, President



The Board of Directors of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 20.

It was noted that many membership renewals have not been received for both businesses and individuals. If you have not yet sent in your dues or would like to support your community by becoming a new member, please forward your dues to the Chamber.

Business membership is

\$35.00. Individual, \$10.00.

A new batch of HepCats 2 has been received. If you have not yet ordered yours, please call Penny Pipkin at 347-2747. They are \$15.00 each.

It was decided that this year's annual banquet will be a good old-fashioned Picnic In The Park. The date, the entertainment and other details are currently being considered. If you would like to have some input, please let the Chamber know.

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Motley County School News & Happenings



Seniors Shine



Motley County Class of 2004!



BRANDON CLAY MARTIN
 Age: 17
 Nickname: Cheese
 Parents: Clay & Christine Martin.
 Brothers & Sisters: Matthew & Cody.
 Birthday: 8/1/86
 Birthplace: Lockney, TX
Favorites:
 Song: My Name Is
 Movie: All American Pie movies.
 Book: Tale of Two Cities
 Sport: Football

Color: Blue
Food: Pizza
Musical Group: SPM
Teacher (K-12): Mrs. Gillespie, because she helps me so much.
Subject: Athletics, because its fun.
Best Advice ever received: "Git'er Done."
The person I have admired most in my life & why? My mom because she works hard.
Best memory of school: All the times with my friends.
Activities: Football, Track, Basketball, FFA.
Special Awards: Honorable Mention - Football, Star Greenhand Award.
Worst habit: Riding around and wasting gas.
Hobbies: Sports.
Favorite pastime: Hanging out with my friends.
Two words that best describe me: Intelligent, sleepy.
Words of wisdom to the underclassmen: Don't smoke crack.
Plans after graduation: Go to college.

Hey, Kids...

Mini Olympics May 8

MCYO will sponsor the Annual Mini Olympics May 8 at the football/track field. All kids, ages 2 years through 6th grade, are encouraged to participate. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Athletic Banquet set for May 7

The Annual Motley County Athletic Banquet will be held May 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school gym. The event will honor MC athletes. Ticket sales will begin soon. Contact Brenda Osborn at 347-2273 or 347-2401, or Colleen Baxter at 347-2825 for more information.

Academic Banquet May 11

The Academic Banquet and National Honor Society Induction will be held for Motley County ISD High School students on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Tickets are available until May 7 in the school office for \$10. Tickets include a steak dinner. Family of students who are to be recognized are encouraged to purchase tickets and attend.

School Menu

- MONDAY, MAY 10**
 Breakfast: Egg/Cheese Omelet/Toast or Cereal/Toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.
- TUESDAY, MAY 11**
 Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy, Sausage, Or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn, Crackers, Jello, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**
 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
 Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Honey, Milk.
- THURSDAY, MAY 13**
 Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, Or, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafer, Milk.
- FRIDAY, MAY 14**
 NO SCHOOL!

What's Happening at School?

- Thursday, May 6:** FFA meeting at Memphis.
Friday, May 7: Athletic Banquet at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 8: MCYO Mini Olympics, 10:30 a.m., at MC Track field.
Monday, May 10: School Board meeting at 7:30.
 FFA Contest at Sinton.
Tuesday, May 11: NHS Induction and Academic Banquet, 7:00 p.m.
 SDA A Field tests.
 FFA Contest at Sinton.
- Wednesday, May 12:** SDA A Field Tests.
 FFA Contest at Sinton.
 Senior Ice Cream Social at FBC at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 13:** SDA A Field Tests.
 Elementary Field Trip to Lubbock.
- Friday, May 14:** Snow Day/Holiday.
 Area FFA Convention at Amarillo.



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STOCK SHOW WINNERS RECEIVE BUCKLES — Winners in the 2004 Stock Show were presented their buckles by Extension Agent Lonnie Jenschke and Ag. Teacher Jim Cooper earlier this week. Pictured above left to right, beginning at back, are County Agent Jenschke, Charli Ream, Grand Champion Rabbit, Grand Champion Goat; Stachia Baxter, Grand Champion Hog; Colton Russell, Steer Showmanship; Mandi Ream (standing directly in front of Colton), Reserve Champion Goat, Goat Showmanship and Grand Champion Sheep; Amanda Hurt, Reserve Champion Hog; Cody Cooper, Grand Champion Steer, Hog Showmanship and Reserve Champion Sheep; Emily Hurt, Lamb Showmanship; and Ag. Teacher Jim Cooper.

Motley County 4-Hers compete in District Clothing Show

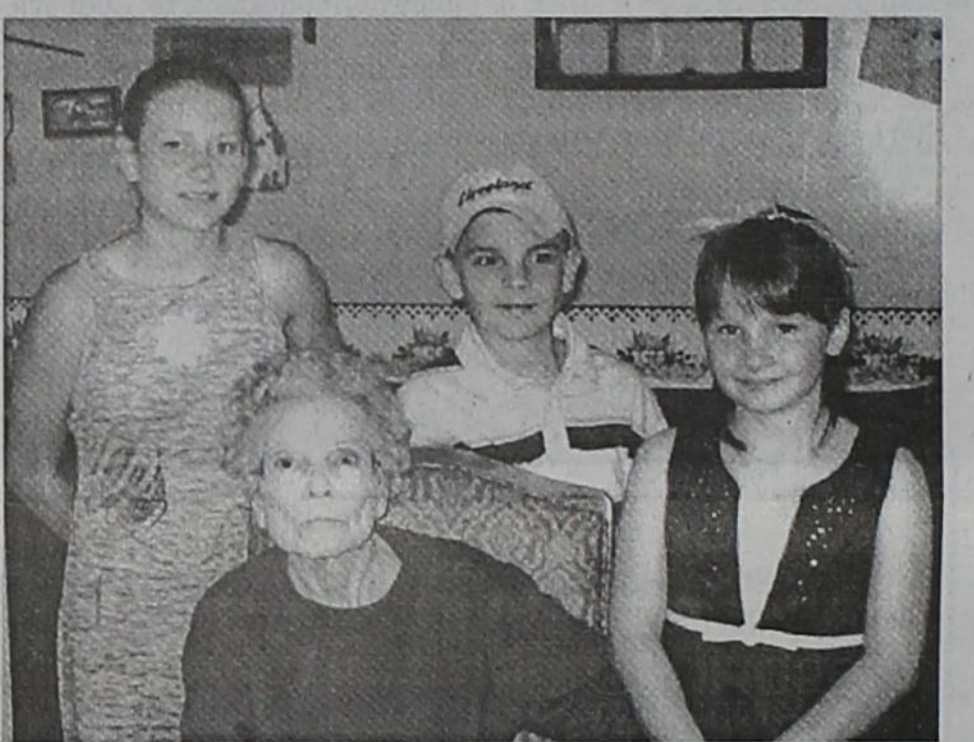
Three Motley County 4-H members recently participated in the clothing project. Christian Brooks, Junior, participated in the Casual Buying division. Taylor Tomlison, Junior, participated in the Specialty Buying division.

Shane'a Russell, an Intermediate member, participated in Casual Buying. Through the clothing project these members have been busy learning about the importance of cotton fiber, buying well made clothes, and how to fit items into their wardrobe. The members, along with their leaders D'anna Russell and Tina Brooks, visited the Floydada Cafe Center where they modeled their outfits and provided treats for all the residents. They especially liked visiting with Granny Brooks, Julie, Mae Martin and Dorothy Nichols. Along with help from their leaders and Carrie Tomlison and family, the children cleaned out one of the flower beds at the city park and planted flowers. Joyce and Janie Campbell judged each one of the 4-Hers on the criteria they would face at the District level and each was praised for their hard work and effort.

On May 1, D'anna and Tina took these 4-Hers to Childress for the District 3 Contest. Christian placed fourth in Casual Buying and was complimented for the money he saved on his outfit so that he could buy golf shoes. Taylor Tomlison received

a participation ribbon and was very beautiful in her formal pageant dress. Shane'a Russell received fourth place in Intermediate Casual Buying with her tank styled sports dress.

Great job kids!



Motley County 4-H members, Shane'a Russell, Christian Brooks and Taylor Tomlison, Clothing project participants, recently visited at the Floydada Nursing Home. They are pictured here with Christian's grandmother, Modeen Brooks.

Girl Scouts to host Come and Go Tour at Camp Rio Blanco

Girls age 6-17 and their families are invited to attend an Open House at Camp Rio Blanco on May 15, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Camp Rio Blanco is located in Crosbyton. Open House is a great opportunity for families to get a "sneak peek" of Camp Rio Blanco. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet camp staff, tour the campgrounds, ask questions about the summer program and make a craft. Participants are welcome to come and go as they please, however, they are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day at camp. For more information, please contact Summer Littlejohn at (806) 745-2855 or (800) 530-4957.

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PARTICIPATE IN TUMBLING MEET — Alexis Osborn, left, and Danielle Gwinn competed in the USAG Division 2 Tumbling Meet Saturday, May 1, at Levelland. Alexis competed in the 11 & 12 year old division and placed 5th in her flight in Level 5 and 5th overall. She placed third in her flight in Level 6 Tumbling and 6th overall. Danielle competed in the 9 & 10 year old division and placed fifth in her flight in Level 5 Trampoline and was 5th overall. She placed 7th in her flight in Level 5 Tumbling. Alexis is the daughter of Billy and Brenda Osborn of Matador and Danielle is the daughter of James and Darla Gwinn of Flomot.

Kaci Risser awarded degree from Wayland

Fred and Elaine Risser and Frances Dixon of Matador attended the graduation of their daughter and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, held Saturday, May 1. She is to be an August graduate, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, with a minor in Christian Leadership.

They also attended the Commencement luncheon earlier in the day, and were joined there by Walt and Mary Bailey of Clyde.

Also attended the graduation ceremony were Chad and Anna Clement of Amarillo and local residents Spencer and Wilda Dixon.

Following the graduation, the Risser and Mrs. Dixon as-

sisted Kaci in moving out of her dorm room and also attended a Baptist Student Ministries (BSM) information meeting, meal, and prayer service held for families of students who were preparing to leave for a three-week mission trip to Kenya.

That evening, Kaci and her parents continued to Lubbock for the night, and on Sunday morning Kaci joined the BSM group at the airport for their flight to Kenya.

After her trip, Kaci will spend the remainder of the summer at Plains Baptist Assembly, near Floydada, where she has worked as a secretary for a number of years. She will also continue her part-time job at the *Plainview Daily Herald*.

Grandson competing in Lubbock Baby Pageant

Andrew Westbrook, grandson of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador, is a contestant in the 8th Annual Lubbock Area Baby Pageant. This is a program sponsored by Teen Publications of Lubbock. Teen Publications is a non-profit organization located at 1407 Ave. R. in Lubbock.

The organization sponsors many things in Lubbock in addition to the baby pageant, including refurbishing bicycles to give to needy children at Christmas. They also have a work program for teens and do drug testing for parents with teens at no charge. They have a drug free skunk named Pew-eee who comes to the competitions. They also have a television special.

The first competition in the baby pageant was the Photo Contest held April 17. Andrew was awarded first place.

The second competition was

the Baby Contest held April 24, in which natural beauty and personality was judged. Andrew won first place in this contest for his age group as well.

The next competition in which Andrew will compete will be the Royalty Division. Judges will combine points earned from the first two competitions (the photo and beauty contests) plus points earned from tickets sold.

Sponsor tickets are being sold until May 14. Those who purchase a \$1.00 ticket will be entered to win a flat screen TV. A \$5.00 ticket is a chance to win a trip for two for two nights in Ruidoso, NM. There is also a business donation ticket for \$40 available, which entitles the purchaser to have their business/personal information including a message for Andrew printed in the program at the coronation ceremony which will be held May 16. Individuals may also purchase the \$40.00 ticket.

A \$1.00 ticket will give Andrew 100 votes; a \$5.00 ticket is worth 500 votes; and the \$40 ticket is worth 5,000 votes. All donations are tax deductible.

First place beauty winners in each age group will compete at the Coronation Ceremony for Little Miss and Little Mister of the entire competition. 50% of the votes come from judges and the other 50% come from votes on-line. Those wishing to vote for Andrew on-line may do so at www.teenpublications.org. Click on EVENTS at the top of the web page and then click on DE-TAILS next to Lubbock Area Baby Pageant. Andrew's name appears on page 6. Then all you have to do is click to vote for him.

For his first place photo win, Andrew will be awarded a beautiful trophy and a photo certificate, and for his first place win in the beauty competition he will be awarded a loving cup trophy



Andrew Westbrook

and beauty certificate. All of this will take place at the Coronation Ceremony, May 16, 2004.

Andrew is the son of Randy and Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock. He is also the grandson of David and Terri Westbrook of Lubbock.

U.S. Department of Labor attempts to cut Texas Veterans' funding by \$1 Million

Austin — In a letter received by the Texas Workforce Commission April 9, 2004, the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS) has attempted to cut the Texas Veteran's grant by \$998,429. DOL-VETS lack of approval of the Texas Workforce Commission's budget amendment will delete a myriad of services to Texas veterans, including subsidized employment of disabled veterans, hiring of additional veterans staff and training

of workforce center staff in centers that do not have veterans representatives, among others. TWC has initiated several high level contacts with DOL-VETS and will consider all legal avenues available to prevent DOL-VETS from taking any part of the grant to Texas.

"I am extremely disappointed that DOL would attempt to cut funds to Texas veterans," said Texas Workforce Commission Chair Diane Rath. "Texas veterans have a long and

proud history of service to the United States, and they certainly deserve better than this."

TWC's funding from DOL-VETS has taken the form of a staffing contract each year through FY 2003. In FY 2003, that amount was a little over \$9 million. In FY 2004, DOL-VETS funding has taken the form of a program grant of more than \$11 million requiring Texas to present a plan for the expenditure of our allocation. TWC submitted that plan in September 2003 after coordinating it with the DOL-VETS representative to TWC. In response to a subsequent budget amendment requested by DOL-VETS, TWC has learned that \$998,429 has not been approved.

"Like my fellow commissioners, I am extremely disappointed that any effort would be made to reduce the allocation of veterans funds to Texas," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "With so many veterans returning as part of the largest troop rotation since World War II,

Texas veterans need and deserve more services than ever. I cannot think of a worse time to reduce funding to our returning troops, and we will carry that message to our government leaders in Washington."

It is TWC's strong position that unless the plan or subsequent budget narrative submitted to DOL-VETS contains illegal activities under the grant, it has no authority to reallocate any portion of the grant. Further, the special grants provisions of the current DOL-VETS grant states that the only funds that may be reallocated are those "returned by other states through reclamation of under or unexpended grant funds." To date, there are no funds returned by the state of Texas.

"As a veteran myself, I am deeply disappointed in this issue, as Texas veterans will be the ones who suffer," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "We need to maintain our current allocation at its present level."

Turkey Roost Museum to host benefit concert

The Psalms IV of Amarillo will be presented in concert at the Gem Theater in Turkey, beginning at 7:00 p.m., May 8. The concert will benefit the Turkey Roost Museum.


The theater has comfortable seating and the restroom facilities have been completed. Organizers are hoping to fill the theater to capacity and invite everyone to attend.


The Psalms IV is a Capella quartet made up of a group of gentlemen from the Amarillo

and Canyon area. The first half of the Concert will be dedicated to mothers and will include some old gospel songs requested from some of the local senior citizens.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Area retired school employees are invited to a coffee Tuesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Floyd County Museum at Floydada. This invitation includes anyone who receives retirement annuities and benefits from the State of Texas, including retired teachers, aides, school nurses, cafeteria workers, maintenance, bus drivers, etc.

District and State officers of Texas Retired Teachers Association will tell how retirees can protect their annuities and benefits during the economic changes planned by the State Legislature in Austin.

For more details of the meeting contact Joyce Williams at 806-983-2014 or Roberta Hardin at 806-983-3437.

Thank you,
Mrs. Joyce Williams

Dear Editor,

I'm so very glad you all are reclaiming Bob's Oil Well. In the late '30s my boyfriend and I would stop and view his zoo. When I moved to California in 1942, I saw a Bob's Oil Well sign in Arizona.

A few years ago, in Archer City, I met his daughter and his granddaughter. Nice people. I think the daughter lived in Oklahoma City at that time.

I hope the Oil Well can be fully restored.

Jewell Fields
Paducah, TX

REMEMBRANCES OF BOB'S OIL WELL

Bob's Oil Well service station was a busy place. In the early 1940's - World War II era - there was excessive truck traffic going east or west. It was probably the busiest place of business in Matador during those years.

The business was known to many travelers as they came toward Matador from the east, south, north or west. Dotted along the Highway were signs stating "Bob's Oil Well - Matador, Texas" and how many miles it was to the location. I can remember seeing those signs many times.

After the business was closed, it still stood as a memory for many folks of how it was in days past.

I remember a time during the nighttime that crickets (I think) were everywhere around Bob's Oil Well business. I remember that the employee swept up the insects and scooped them up with a shovel to get them out of the drive way and the office.

I remember the Rattlesnakes being kept there. This was an attraction that caused many a traveler to stop and see what was there. Creative advertising in its day.

I remember being at the business one evening and it was the custom to visit with the employees. For seating, there was a counter and I remember that it was topped with one by twelve lumber. Some of the employees, or maybe one employee designed a system to keep people

from using the counter for a seat. Somehow, they ran a wire in the gap between two of the one by twelve inch boards, and I think a second wire was so placed so if you sat down on the counter top, you made contact with the second wire. When the stage was set, the employee would go to the cash register to complete a sale, and he punched a button somewhere, and the counter setters departed from the counter top with great haste. What happened, was the wire in the gap between the two counter top boards became electrified, and you got a charge of your life. It felt like a sewing needle had just made a pass from one side of your body to the other in haste. I know -- got caught on the counter -- and got the shock of my life from the set up. Was a good laugh for the employees.

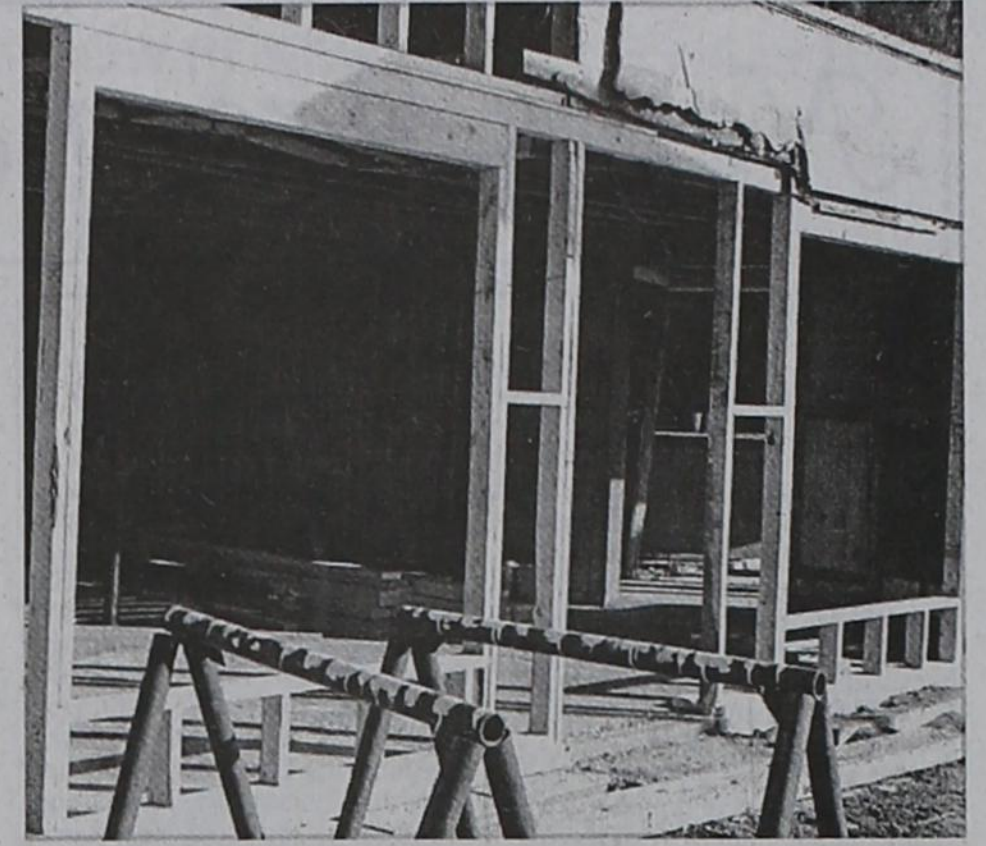
I remember one day, an incident that gave some excitement for people on Hwy. 70 at the intersection where the north street went up beside the courthouse. One of the employees of Bob's Oil Well was in a gasoline transport headed west toward Bob's Oil Well. He had been out to the farmland which was sorta across from the Motley County Cemetery and on the south side of the Paducah Highway. As the employee approached the inter-

section, where at that time, the Chevy place was on the north-east part of the intersection and the Ford place was on the south-west part of the intersection. When the Truck appeared at the intersection, there was liquid running out of the tanker truck (Gasoline hauler). The impulse was to run and get away from the street because that gasoline was going to catch fire. Some of the viewers were waving and hollering and pointed back to the tanker. The employee just smiled and kept going on to Bob's Oil Well. When the viewers settled down, they discovered that the liquid was water. The employee had washed out the inside of the tank. Nevertheless, the heart rate of many viewing the incident had elevated heartbeats for a few minutes. The employee had made his day.

Many older residents and ex-residents of Matador and Roaring Springs will remember getting a soft drink, or a hamburger from the Cafe. If truckers stopped at the cafe, they told others that the food was good.

May the restoration be done and the lights shall shine again on this legend of Motley County.

Grady A. Glenn
412 E. 47th St.
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WORK IN PROGRESS — The work being done at Bob's Oil Well is progressing weekly as seen in this picture. Workers have framed out the side of the building which was hit by a truck a few years ago.

Progress seen at Bob's Oil Well

A cold dreary Saturday morning found three people working at Bob's Oil Well on May 1. Giving up a Saturday of rest and relaxation, honey do's or Highway 70 Garage Sales were Bert Darsey, Nathan Shannon and Rodney Williams. The trio worked on the framing and support for the sagging filling station and cook shack. The much needed repairs are addressing the rigors of decades which include dry rot, water and termite damage, not to mention the results of an uninsured truck driving through the corner of the cook shack.

New donations this week have included Ruby Ellithorp of Harker Heights, for Arvin and Joy Ellithorp; Virginia Nichols Martin of Lubbock for Ruby Nichols who operated the Cafe

at Bob's in the early 60's; and Teen and Lou Burleson of Floydada.

It took a new community member to sum up the reason people are willing to give up their precious Saturdays to work at Bob's Oil Well. Ken Jones, a retired farmer who moved to Matador from Plainview and has found time to volunteer his time, expressed it this way, "Those people who think we are doing this for an individual are wrong. We are doing this for the betterment of the community. I just can't wait to see those lights turned on!"

No doubt the community, as well as the region along Texas Highway 70 and U.S. 70 will benefit from the restoration of the renowned landmark.

Obituaries

Jewel Lawrence

Funeral services for Jewel Lawrence, 80, of Matador, Texas were held at 2:00 P.M., Friday April 23, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor officiating. Interment was in the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Lawrence died Tuesday April 20, 2004 at Wichita Falls, Texas. Jewel was married to Joan Lawrence on December 25, 1947 in Floydada, Texas. She preceded him in death on May 22, 2001. He was a retired truck driver for Central Freight Lines and had lived in the Dallas area for over 24 years. Mr. Lawrence had also lived in Mineral Wells and Callahan

County before moving to Roaring Springs in 1996. In 2001 Jewel moved to Granbery due to his health. He returned to Matador about 6 months prior to his death. He was a member of the American Legion and the Methodist Church. He was also a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by: One daughter: Brenda Ryan of Granbery, two sons: Jeff of Garland and Michael of Dallas, one sister: Lorene Lancaster of Matador, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were: Jamie Lawrence, Justin Lawrence, Dan Brandon, J.W. Clower, and Charlie Renfro.

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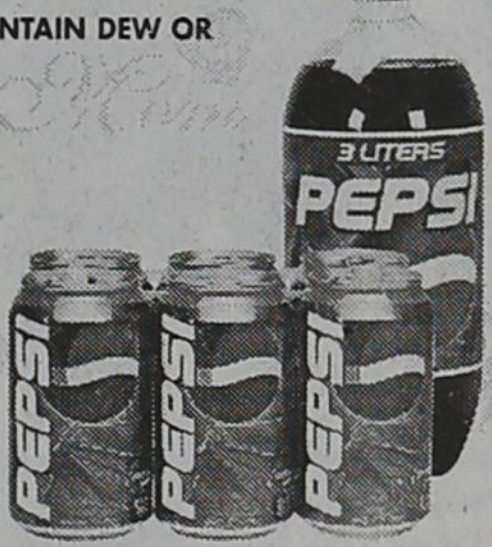


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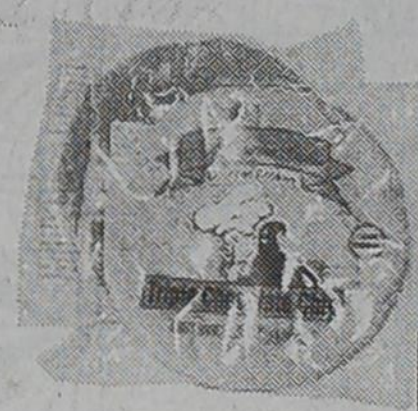
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mrs. David Renfro of LaGrange flew into Lubbock and met Mrs. Mary LaFleuer of Silver City, N.M. They drove to Roaring Springs to visit their aunt, Rita Groves. From here they drove to the Nursing Home in Canadian to visit Mrs. Jack Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hunt of Midland visited her grandmother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Sunday. Also visiting Mrs. Mitchell the past week was her sister, Mrs. Newel Crego of Albuquerque, N.M.

The Roaring Springs Methodist Church was happy to have one Sunday School Class of Forest Height Methodist Church of Lubbock visit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Lumsden on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula attended funeral services for their cousin, Mrs. Mary Margaret Echols Wolf in Vernon, Saturday. Her brother, Rev. Archie Echols of the Methodist Church in Roswell, N.M. officiated. They also enjoyed visiting with other cousins attending, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCallom, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler of Plano and Mrs. Ruby Miller of Celeste.

Mrs. Martha Stewart of Ft. Worth visited the Crowders over the weekend.

It was reported sales were good on the 70-Mile Garage Sale that was conducted Saturday. Reports indi-

cated that sales were good in spite of the cold weather.

Mrs. Robena King and Miss Lula Swim met the Red Rovers in Matador Friday and they, along with Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Lana Copp, Dan Barton, and Dorothy Meador traveled to the Nursing Home in Floydada and Lockney. They also visited Mrs. Billie Koon, a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney. The group enjoyed lunch in Lockney. They visited the shrine of crosses between Lockney and Floydada. On their way home, they visited Don Whittler who had open heart surgery recently. The group reported a very good and rewarding outing.

The Bible group that is being conducted by Mrs. Clint Burns, met on Monday morning, April 26, under the trees at Mrs. Ken Young's pecan orchard.

Mrs. Pearl Patten drove Mrs. Mary Lumsden and Mrs. Dorothy Lee to Lubbock last Monday where Mrs. Lumsden and Mrs. Lee kept doctor appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Goodwin of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Max Thacker of Grapevine visited in the home of Mrs. Joyce Smith last weekend. Mr. Goodwin preached and Mrs. Thacker presented special music at the Full Gospel Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shorter and Megan of Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski over the weekend.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Is there anything on earth more powerful and loving than a Mother's hug? Frankly, if anyone were to write a true job description for a Mother, no one would be brave enough to apply! No matter how you look at it, all Mothers are working Mothers.

ATTEND MEETING
Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson attended the Red Cross Constantine meeting held in Amarillo, Saturday. Only 700 members belong to this elite group. Furman has the honor of serving as second in seniority of the Crusader Conclave. They returned home Sunday.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL
Mrs. C.W. Starkey returned home Wednesday from Mangold Hospital in Lockney. Her daughter, Mrs. Nola Long of Winneford, Oklahoma is visiting her during her recuperation. Visiting them Thursday was her son, L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

GRANDSON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY
Visiting in Midland Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall and children Chancey and Connor were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob.

The birthday of Connor was celebrated Saturday with a bowling party and he and his friends had fun rolling balls down the bowling alley. He blew out his four candles on a Power Ranger decorated cake after opening his gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farwell visited from Thursday until Saturday with daughter and family, Gina and Tim Shannon and Nellie Bly. They attended to busi-

ness in Eastland Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay and at Mangold Hospital with her grandmother, Mrs. Edith Washington. Frances and Roger Lang of Endicott, New York arrived Saturday to visit her daughter and husband, Linda and Travis Kendall.

Louis Shorter of Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter attended Mrs. Salina Elliott's graduation when she was awarded her B.A. degree at Wayland Baptist University at Harral auditorium in Plainview Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Lubbock, Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers. En route home, they visited in Lockney at Mangold Hospital with Mrs. Edith Washington.

Coy Franks visited during the week in Dallas with ex-college roommate, Barry Pickett and attended to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and son, Glen Calvert visited in Dumas, Sunday with son and family, Alvia Jo Calvert. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Justin Calvert of Amarillo. En route home, they visited in Quitaque with Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd of Memphis.

Amy and Cory Franks and children, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones enjoyed visiting with relatives including Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Eugenia Barton at the 70 mile garage sale in Matador, Saturday.



SENIOR ROPING WINNERS — Winners in the annual Burleson Drag Roping held last Saturday are pictured left to right, Casey Everett, Rocky Garnett, Myrl Goodwin and Tony Yoakum.

Memory of "Fish" Wilson honored at Drag Roping

Burleson Arena, Flomot, was the scene of the 18th Drag Steer Roping, Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, 2004. Longtime fan for all ropers, Maynard "Fish" Wilson, was honored with a Memorial Wreath and a moment of silence in tribute for the many years he attended and supported the "Ropers." "Fish" passed away in January and would have been 96 years old in February.

Members of the ISRA were present to compete for prizes, Spurs & Bits, made by Tom Whitacre from Canyon. Winners also received a saddle pad from the saddle pad factory in Quitaque.

The ISRA divides the membership into two categories. Group "A" are ropers who have won more money through the season and low money winners fall into Group "B."

On Saturday fourteen ropers competed in Group "A" for high money, a pair of Horse Bits and Saddle Blanket went to the top competitor of the day, who was Trey Quinn,

Weatherford. In the Group "B" competition, Tim Mansfield of Groom received high money and a saddle blanket.

On Sunday morning the Senior ISRA members always compete first. This group of "SENIORS" have "FUN" competing with each other for "Bragging Rights!" Sunday's SENIOR winners were Rocky Garnett, McAlester, Oklahoma, and Tony Yoakum, Vernon, Texas. Prizes were bits and spurs made by Tom Whitaker.

In the ISRA Sunday "A" Roping Mike Chase, Beloit, Kansas, garnered the fastest time in the average. Jody Duggan, Snyder, had the fastest time in the average for the ISRA "B" roping.

Larry Dugan, saddle maker from Canyon, donated a horse breast collar that was given to Mike Chase, high money winner of the weekend.

Salty Jones was the barrier judge for the ropings and Rocky Garnett furnished the stock for all six ropings.

Matador News

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited in Lovington, N.M. from Saturday until Thursday of last week with her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester, brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher. They attended the New Mexico Junior College and Community Choir concert Saturday night at the Jackson Avenue Baptist Church in which Kristen and Christopher sang. Monday night, they attended the piano and vocal recital presented by Kristen at the New Mexico Junior College.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet"

Jameson were in Lubbock, Friday for her a medical appointment and visited Baker Bristow and daughter, Mrs. Lanette McLean.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon attended the Wayland Baptist University graduation of Kaci Risser Saturday afternoon held at the Harral auditorium in Plainview.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin during the weekend and participating in the 70 mile garage sale were his sisters, Mrs. Carol Gilbreth of Sundown and Mrs. Sharon Davis of Fritch.

Kayla Copp selected to National Dean's List

Kayla Copp, a sophomore at Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas has been selected to The National Dean's List, one of the highest academic honors that can be bestowed on college students. The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing gifted students selected by their deans. Each year 2,500 of our nation's finest colleges and universities use this special award to honor their best students. Only 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award.

Kayla is the daughter of

Rick and Lana Copp of Matador. She is a 2002 graduate of Motley County High School and is majoring in Ag-Journalism. Kayla is the granddaughter of Jackie and Edna Duke of Floydada, Sandra Copp of Lubbock and Bill and Margie Womack of Haskell.

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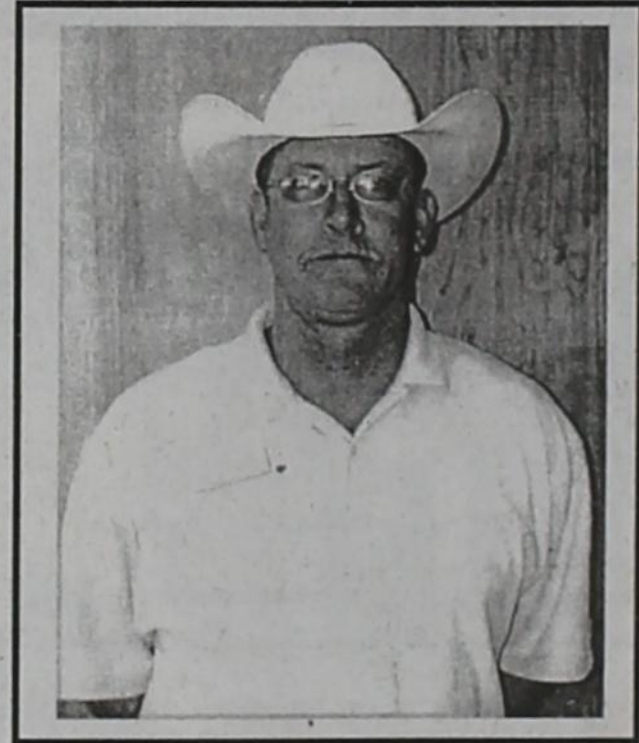
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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



"LABLAB" ALTERNATIVE FOR HAY CROP

The tropical legume, "lablab" could be a valuable addition to Texas forage. The summer annual can be grazed, cut as hay, or grown in mixtures with corn or sorghum and harvested as silage. "Lablab" can produce nearly 2 tons of dry forage per acre in 100 days, and generally has more protein than bermudagrass. It is extremely drought tolerant and can thrive on 10 to 15 inches of rain. Cultivars of "lablab" are being tested to develop a variety that is even more tolerant to Texas' heat and drought.

TERMITE SWARMING SEASON IN HIGH GEAR

Termites swarm from February to May, but it is possible to keep Texas homes safe from damage. To prevent termites from entering a home, minimize wood-to-ground contact by removing stumps, cardboard boxes and scrap wood. If termites are already a problem, contact a licensed professional.

April rainfall keeps Motley County above average for 2004

by Earlyne Jameson

Spring rains have set the stage for a successful crop year, and farmers are now awaiting warmer temperatures before planting. With the pre-season we have, we are off to a very good start.

Although the mercury dipped below the freezing point

Swarming usually occurs during the warm daytime, and after rainstorms. Every year in the U.S. around 11-billion dollars are spent on termite control and damage repair. Visit termites.tami.edu for more information.

SHORTENED WAIT TO DISCOVER IF APPLE TREE'S A DWARF

Scientists may have reduced the time it takes to find out if an apple tree is a dwarf and disease resistant. Through genemapping scientists can identify a tree as dwarf and detect positive and negative traits in half the time it takes without the technology. The current evaluating process takes 30 years. Dwarf varieties of apple trees are popular because they produce a yield and fruit size that match a full-sized tree, but growers can plant seven times as many trees per acre. Apples are a 1.5 billion-dollar-a-year industry in the U.S.

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird,
Motley County CED



USDA SETS DATE FOR SOYBEAN REQUEST FOR REFERENDUM

WASHINGTON, March 24, 2004 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will offer soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order as authorized under the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act.

The request for referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency Offices. To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that shows that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment on the soybeans during the period of Jan. 2, 2002, through Dec. 31, 2003. Only those producers who desire a referendum on the order will participate.

Beginning May 3, 2004, and continuing through May 28, 2004, producers may obtain a form to request a referendum from County FSA Offices either in person or by sending a request by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained from: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-soy.htm>. Individual producers and other producer entities may request a referendum at the County FSA Office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the producer not participating in

FSA programs, the opportunity to request a referendum must be postmarked by May 28, 2004, and received in the County FSA Office by June 7, 2004. All other requests made by facsimile or in person, must be received in the County FSA Office by May 28, 2004.

USDA will conduct a referendum on the order if at least 10 percent of the 663,880 soybean producers request a referendum, provided that no more than one-fifth be producers from one State.

The request for referendum is mandated by the act. The act requires that the Secretary of Agriculture conduct a request for referendum every five years after the initial referendum, which was conducted in 1994.

USDA monitors activities of the United Soybean Board. The mandatory program is financed by an assessment of one-half of 1 percent of the net market value of soybeans.

Notice of the soybean request for referendum will be published in the March 25, 2004, Federal Register.

"He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;" Psalm 104:13-14.

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More than 30,000 U.S. soldiers and their families enjoyed the meal served by more than 60 volunteers including current members of the Texas Beef Council board of directors, Texas chuck wagon caterers and TBC staff. The soldiers were members of the Fourth Infantry Division's Task Force Ironhorse whose distinguished year of service in Iraq included the capture of Saddam Hussein in December.

"It was our privilege to serve some of the thousands of women and men who serve in the Armed Forces," said Hungerford, Texas, beef producer Richard Forgason, DVM, TBC chairman. "This was small thanks for all that they do to keep the world free, and the beef

checkoff program was honored just to be included in the homecoming."

TBC and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association joined forces with H.E.B. Grocery Co. to provide the beef meal. H.E.B., a 300-store supermarket chain headquartered in Texas, donated 7,500 pounds of pre-cooked chopped beef.

Texas chuck wagon caterers Eddie Deen of Fort Worth, Tom Perini of Buffalo Gap and Cliff Teinert of Albany heated the product for serving. The returning soldiers consumed an average of 7,500 sandwiches per hour.

Producers serving the beef sandwiches to the servicemen and women included Forgason, Pete Bonds of Saginaw, Dan Dierschke of Austin, Reta Dyess of Jacksonville, John and Ginger Dudley of Comanche, Hope and Harlan Huffman of McGregor and Jim McAdams of Adkins.

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look on their faces and tear-stained cheeks.

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DPS units from all over the South Plains arrived to relieve lawmen and firemen from Floydada, Paducah, Turkey and Dickens.

Teachers stood near the school were only yesterday, they had taught the county's children.

EMERGENCY MEETING

At 8:30 AM Wednesday, Mayor Gary Lancaster called an emergency meeting at the courthouse. Bill Johnson, DPS

officer of Emergency Disaster Relief, spoke to the assembly about outside assistance and financial aid, should the mayor declare a state of disaster.

Attending the meeting were Fire Chief Rodney Williams, County Judge Billy Whitaker, Clay Jameson of the Highway Department, Sheriff Alton Marshall, DPS Trooper Dude Speed, Roy Tippin of the Motley County Clinic, along with county commissioners and city councilmen.

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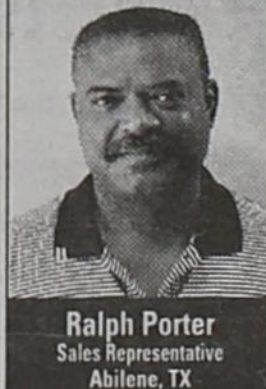
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NEWS DEADLINE

The deadline for all news and ad copy is Monday at 5:00 p.m. for inclusion in Thursday's paper. Please observe this deadline.

Thank you!

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