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Students honored at end of school moving up ceremony

Motley County Jr. High and high school students were honored at the end of school Moving Up ceremonies held Friday, May 28.

Receiving awards were the following students:

Highest Ranking Student: Susana Mendoza.

Second Ranking Senior Student: Angela Marvel.

Teacher Honor Effort Award: Shea Rose.

Teacher Honor Effort Award: Daniel Gressett.

Best All Around Girl: Mandi Ream.

Best All Around Boy: Cody Cooper.

Sportsmanship Award: Ashlee Green.

Sportsmanship Award: Lorenzo Salazar.

Citizenship Award, 9th grade: Gene Salazar and Chicagra Brown.

Citizenship Award, 10th grade: Ashlee Green and Chance Bingham.

Citizenship Award, 11th grade: Annie Green and Clay Cooper.

Citizenship Award, 12th grade: Susana Mendoza and Sam Stapleton.

Special Service Award: Jacob Johannes.

Perfect Attendance Awards: Kayla Hollinsworth, Shane'a Russell, Bradley Brown, Isaiah Archer, Gene Salazar, Marc Henzler, Aaron Dodson, Chicagra Brown, Chance Bingham, Seagram Sims, Matt Henzler, Clay Cooper, Lorenzo Salazar, Charli Ream, Mandi Ream.

UIL Academic and Athletic Award: Quinten Rose.

MC Teacher of the Year: Donna Hoyle.

Student Council Awards: Stachia Baxter, Brittany Moore, Kattie Campbell, Angela Marvel, Quinten Rose, Mandi Ream, Emily Hurt, Clay Cooper, Chance Bingham, Matthew Martin, Angelica Mendoza, Chicagra Brown, Bradley Brown, Mylissa Gilmore, Shane'a Russell, Jasmine Porter, Courtney Alexander.

Lions Club Citizenship Award: Amanda Hurt and Lorenzo Salazar.

Voc. Math III: Amanda Ashby.

Voc. Eng. III: Amanda Ashby.

Housing Student: Annie Green.

Child Development: Shea Rose.

PFD Apparel: Griselda Flores.

PFD Housing: Chicagra Brown.

Textiles: Amanda Ashby.

Aquaculture: Sam Stapleton.

Biology: Ashlee Green.

World History: Ashlee Green.

U.S. History: Veronica Mendoza.

Ag. Science I: Daniel Gressett.

Ag. Science II: Colton Russell.

Ag Science III: Clay Cooper.

Ag Science IV: Sam Stapleton.

Intro to Ag: Christy Smith.

Speech: Leatrice Gutierrez.

Theatre Arts: Stachia Baxter.

Eng. III: Veronica Mendoza.

OAP Crew: Charli Ream, Amanda Hurt.

OAP Cast: Stachia Baxter and Quinten Rose.

Integrated Physics & Chemistry: Cameron Jeffcoat.

Geology, Meteorology and Oceanography: Susana Mendoza.

Environmental Systems: Annie Green.

Math Models: Sylvia Martinez.

Economics: Quinten Rose.

Government: Stachia Baxter.

Yearbook: Amanda Hurt.

Geometry: Matt Henzler.

Algebra I: Daniel Gressett.

Accounting: Cody Cooper.

BCIS II: Ashley Green.

BCIS I: Angelica Mendoza.

Webmastry: Annie Green.

English I: Angelica Mendoza.

English II: Ashlee Green.

English IV: Amanda Hurt.

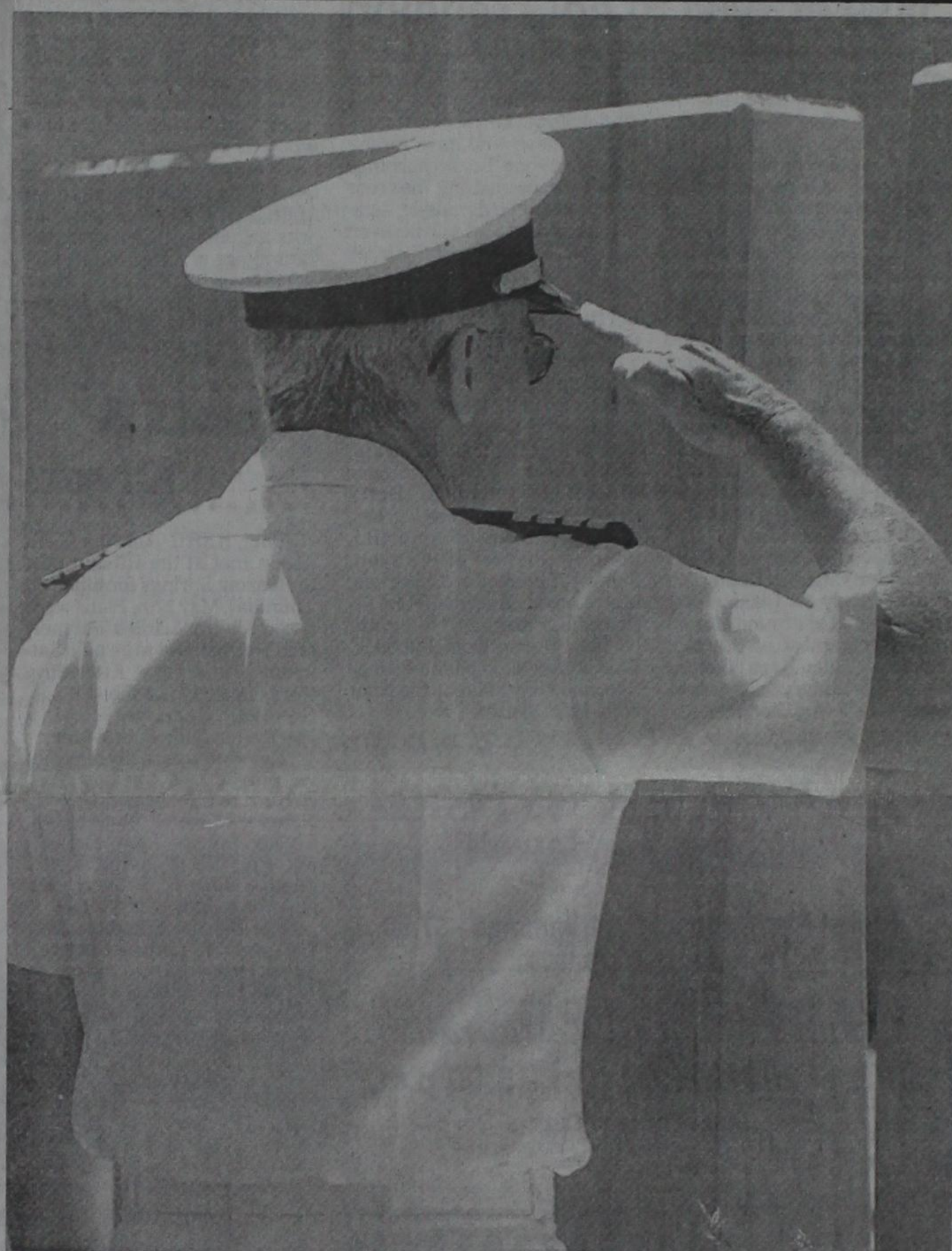
Spanish II: Mandi Ream.

Physics: Angie Marvel.

Algebra I: Angelica Mendoza.

Adv. Math: Veronica Mendoza.

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A SALUTE IN REMEMBRANCE — Jim Watson, a retired U.S. Navy Captain, salutes the Flag in remembrance of fallen servicemen at the Memorial Day service held in Roaring Springs Monday. Mr. Watson was the speaker for the special service. Another day to remember and commemorate the heroes of war will be observed Sunday, June 6 on the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Normandy, and the battle at Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944.

(photo by Amanda Hurt)

CapRock Telephone awards scholarship to MC Senior

Motley County Senior, Stachia Rose Baxter was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Cap Rock Telephone.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. established a Scholastic Achievement award in order to play a role in the continuing educational efforts of area youths.

Since the inception of the scholarship award program,

Cap Rock has provided \$48,000 for area students to continue their education. This year Cap Rock awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to young men and women across the area.

Cap Rock Telephone is honored to contribute to the beginning of each recipient's educational success. The entire staff wishes all area graduates continued success in the pursuit of a high education.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Serving will begin at 7:00 a.m.

All men of the county are invited to attend.

Surprises keep coming as Bob's Oil Well restoration project continues

by Marisue Potts

For several years a cadre of volunteers has been working on Bob's Oil Well project on and off. By now one would expect, with all the research, letters, and literal digging, that all has been unearthed about the noted tourist stop. But, little surprises keep coming.

An old photograph held one such surprise this week. The image included a fancy Buick with two ladies posing on a fender in front of the Continental Oil Company pumps. Over the Cook Shack, an enticing ad read, "Come in eat with us. Air/ Cooled." But, here's where the surprise comes in. Above the filling station entrance a sign proclaimed, "This building design is protected by U.S. Patent 93134."

A little bit of detective work on the Internet revealed that Luther B. Robertson indeed was granted a United States Patent on January 10, 1934, for the unique design of a building. The drawings show a front and back view. The documentation reads, "Be it known that I, Luther B. Robertson, a citizen of the United States, residing at Matador, in the County of Motley and State of Texas, have invented a new, original, and ornamental Design for a Building, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part thereof."

Another surprise provided

by the Internet is the collectability of anything related to Bob's. Ron Bailey was recently outbid on E-Bay for a postcard showing Robertson holding a rattlesnake by the tail. Bailey redeemed himself though by getting a match cover from that era that Truman Dillard ran the station. He also came up with Conoco maps, one

stage stop at the edge of the Caprock, as a place name.

Other surprises around in the wealth of stories that surround the landmark. The Green sisters, Elwanda and Christene, tell of when Christene used the upstairs office to baby-sit the waitresses' kids for "on the job" day care, way ahead of its time.

Others tell about the beacon on top. Robertson had developed camaraderie with the truckers traveling through. They often carried his advertising slogans and signs for him. In return, he, so the story goes, would signal them with the beacon when the weights and measures boys were in town.

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Sales Tax revenues continue to soar

(Austin) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Stayhorn reported state sales tax revenue topped \$1.46 billion in April, up 26.4 percent compared to April 2003. April's 26.4 percent increase in state sales tax collections follows a 17.2 percent jump in March.

Stayhorn added that local governments will receive \$420.2 million in May sales tax allocations, up 10.3 percent compared to a year ago.

"Both the state and our local communities continue to benefit from my recommendation to the legislature to have a tax amnesty plan to bring in dollars owed by delinquent taxpayers," Stayhorn said.

The tax amnesty period from March 11-31 brought in about \$379 million in state taxes

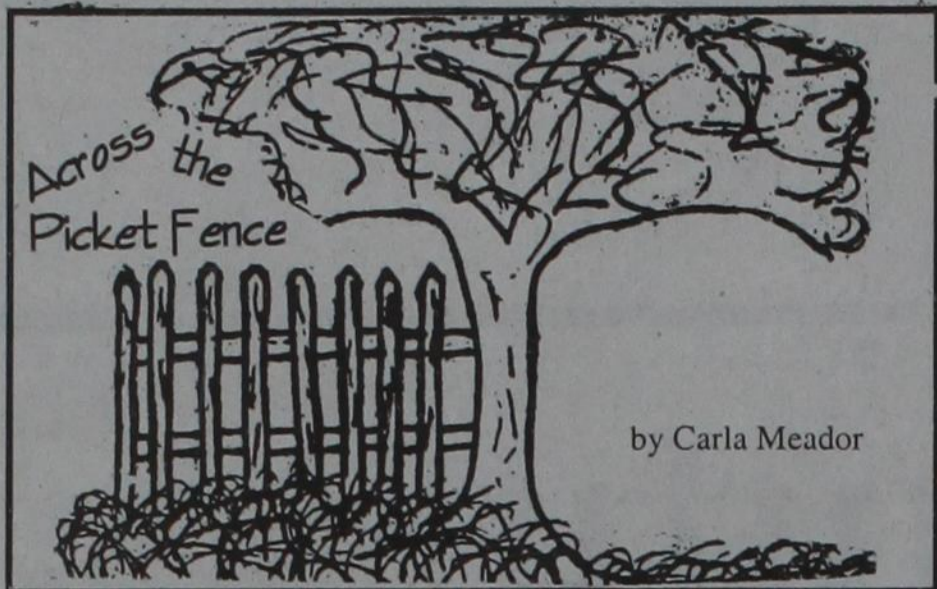
(including \$256.5 million in sales tax) and about \$59 million in unpaid local taxes, as businesses had the opportunity to pay delinquent taxes without facing penalty and interest. Sales tax revenues could be impacted by the tax amnesty for months to come, as the Comptroller's office continues to review amnesty filings and determine how the tax dollars must be distributed.

Stayhorn sent \$420.2 million in May sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts May 14, a 10.3 percent increase compared to May 2003. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 8.7 percent.

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SURPRISE PHOTO — This photo, uncovered at Bob's Oil Well, held a surprise in that the building design is protected by U.S. Patent. The two young ladies posing on the fender of a fancy Buick are unknown, but it is believed that the beauty standing in front is Mrs. Bob (Olga) Robertson.



"Friendships are those small strong ropes that mountain-climbers fasten about their waists. They are unused on the upward journey as long as the footing is certain except for the feeling of protection and security that makes the climb easier. It is the crisis, when a life suddenly starts toward a headlong plunge into oblivion, that the slack is taken up. The strength of the tie is tested and the feet that danced on air are lifted back to rock. Those who reach the peak usually owe success to the small invisible ropes. The great keep them to help others less fortunate, while some cut loose after the danger has been

passed."

— Douglas Meador
Trail Dust

Jim and I have truly experienced the strength of the ropes of friendship the past two weeks. We continue to amaze at the overwhelming support shown to us. We have felt the ties that have lifted us and given us the security to climb over the rocks. We have felt the prayers said on our behalf.

We hope to keep hold on the ropes of friendship which have been extended to us and to help others in their time of need.

Class of 1964 to hold reunion

The Matador High School graduating class of 1964 is convening for a class reunion in July. The class of '64 was graduated 40 years ago. This is the first major reunion the class has held in all of those 40 years. Many in the class have not seen each other since graduation day in the spring of 1964. Most are excited about the prospect of seeing their old classmates, but some have expressed a certain trepidation with being reminded of the aging process, and they worry they won't recognize their old friends after 40 years.

The class of '64 boasted one of the last undefeated football teams in its era. The team was coached by school Principal Charlie Johnson. Ben Ezell was school superintendent.

The reunion will be held at the Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, July 19. Class members will meet at around 10 a.m. and visit for most of the day. Classmate Vaden Hays is volunteering his culinary expertise to cook a Bar-B-Que dinner.

A Sunday morning good-bye breakfast will be held under the cottonwood trees on Mott Creek Ranch. It will be a special morning for those who have forgotten the unique Texas mornings with breezes rustling the trees and mockingbirds calling, cicadas humming and maybe even a coyote howl. The Mott Creek Ranch is 12 miles west of Matador and a couple of cattle guards north of Highway 70. Their website is www.mottcreek.com.

Graduates expected to attend include Joyce Scaff McCarty of Odessa, Robert Brandon of Denver, Colorado, David Rattan from Amarillo, Vaden Hays of Matador, Roger Vinson of Lubbock, Betty Sandefer Farley from Turkey, Jack McCallie of Amarillo, Johnny Pierce of Canyon, Johnny Thomas of Childress, Mary Irwin Morrow from St. Francis, Kansas, Virginia Nichols Martin from Lubbock, Cheryl Stegall Gipson of Amarillo, and David Thompson from Wills Point, Texas.

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Education is very important. A formal education is surely needed in our world today. But a formal education is never intended to be a substitute for good "ole common sense." Nor can it substitute for the lessons taught us by "the experiences of everyday life." Wise indeed is the person that can balance it all.

It has been well written, "Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate, no despotism can enslave." To our Graduates, we salute you and say well done! Our prayer is that God's blessings will be yours all the days of your lives.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
 Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Motley County Lifestyles

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donation the library received this week. We thank C.W. Palmeyer for his donation in memory of Edith Washington and in memory of Bessie Starkey. Donations such as these keep the library's collection up-to-date and allow us to have special programs for the children in the summer.

New books in the library include one for children about 8 through 12 years of age. It is called *Inside Granddad* and it is by Peter Dickinson. In this book eleven year-old Gavin enlists the aide of the selkies - mythical seal people to help communicate with his beloved granddad who was in a coma.

A new book for adults is Ron Chernow's *Alexander Hamilton*. Alexander Hamilton was arguably the most important figure in American history who never became President, but he had a far more lasting impact than many who did.

Other new books in the li-

brary include Susan Howatch's *Heartbreaker*, *Live Bait* by P.J. Tracy, and Phill Margolin's *Sleeping Beauty*. We also have *Til Death Do Us Part* by Kate White, *Southern Fried* by Cathy Pickens, and *To Have and To Hold* by Jan Green.

And there will be a reading program with stories, crafts and refreshments each Thursday in June. Both of these programs will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. It's not too late to sign up.

Summer Program

Children are invited to attend the summer programs offered by the Motley County Library. More information and sign-up sheets are available at the library.

Don't forget the two children's programs we have going in June. Each Wednesday, Betty Henry will be giving free art classes.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary

The RSRC Ladies Golf Assoc. met at the Hitchin Post in Roaring Springs for lunch on Thursday, May 27th. Plans were made for the Ladies Partnership Tournament to be held Saturday, June 19th. Attending were: Francis, LaVoe, Lousie, Geneva, Jean H., Liv, Marihelen, Judy R. and Mary.

The wind was really high, but we played golf for Low Net. Playing 18 holes were: Jean H., Geneva, LaVoe, Francine, Dot, Liv and Louise. Jean won with 64. Playing 9 holes were: Tempie, Judy R., Francis, Nell and Mary. Judy won with 36.

The Tuesday Scramble, May 25th, had 40 players. Darrell Cruse won closest to the pin on # 3 with 2 feet.

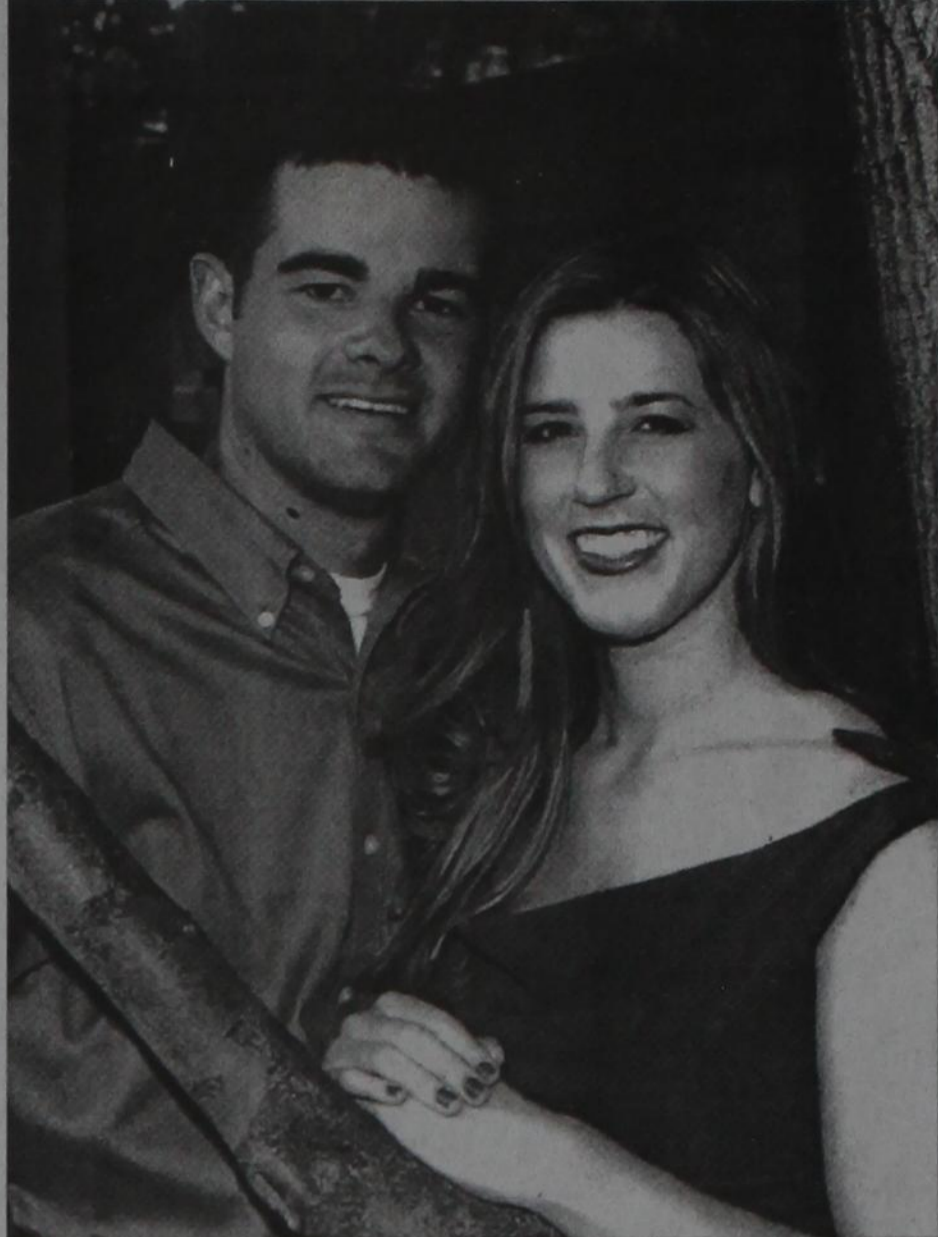
Winners were: First, 28 - Ken Marshall, Garland Cartwright,

Judy Cartwright and Matt Washington.

Second - 30 - Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Don Wilson and Derrick Cruse.

Third - 31 - Olivia Barton, Lee Jones, Christain Brooks and Conway Clary.

Others playing were: Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Darrell Cruse, Jerry Collins, Shane Taylor, Austin Taylor, Robert Osborn, Jonathan Osborn, Alan Bingham, Stan Hanesworth, Randy Martin, Tommye Keith, Kenny Bartin, Liv Barton, Paul Westbrook, Dortha Westbrook, Cody Dodson, Kelly Keltz, Corky Marshall, Bill Heathly, Kay Heatly, Sut Braselton, Francine Braselton, Kyle Moore, Brandon Moore, Jim Watson and Wes Mason.



Tyson Wallis & Becca Bridge

Engagement announced

Gary and Jane Bridge of Afton, along with Marty and Ricki Wallis of Amarillo, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children. Dr. Becca Pat Bridge and Dr. Tyson Wayne Wallis will be married on July 10, 2004, at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs, Texas. Becca is a graduate of Patton Springs High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. Tyson is a graduate of Randall High School of Amarillo, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M University and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Residing in Arcadia, Oklahoma, they will be completing equine veterinary internships at Oakridge Equine Hospital in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Becca is the granddaughter of Dumont and Margaret Bridge of Plainview and Dorothea Fox of Dickens, and the late Archer and Virgie Powell of Spur. Tyson is the grandson of Eddy and Vonna Lueders and Wayne and Jeanne Wallis of Amarillo, Texas.

Look Who's New

ANDREW GLYN MOORE

Brandon and Rebecca Moore would like to announce the arrival of their son, Andrew Glyn Moore was born May 19, 2004, at 4:41 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are

Kyle and Jeannie Moore of Matador and Rodney and Nona Long of Roaring Springs. Great grandparents are Doris Moore of Matador, Betty West of Plainview, and R.C. and Callie Giesecke of Matador. Great-great grandpa is Bertha Moore of Matador.

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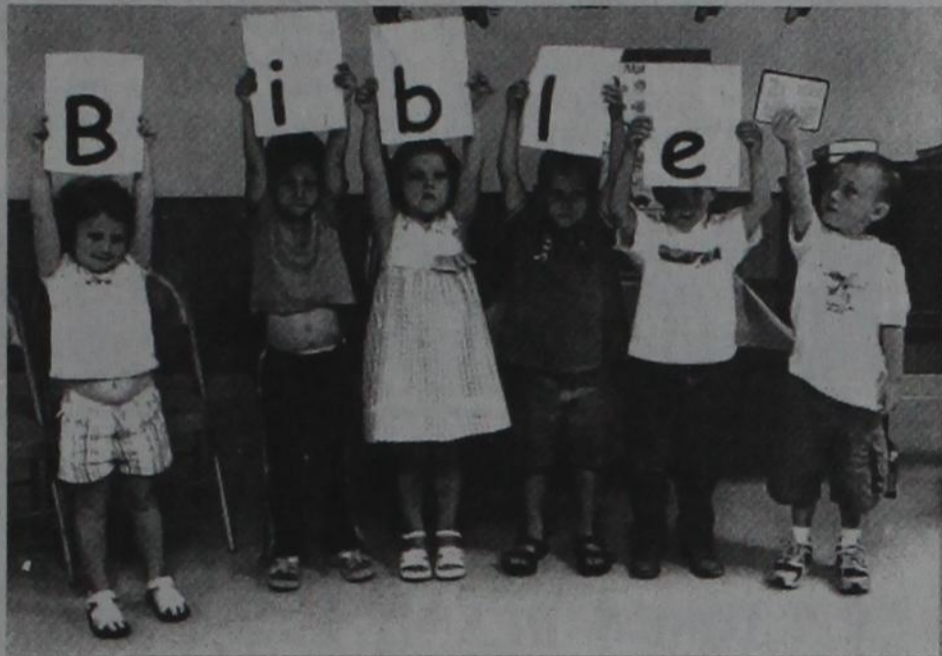
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



MOTHER'S HELPER CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL — 2003-04 Class, pictured left to right (top) Will Farley, Jace Bland, Sydnee Meyer, Ryleigh Carson, Bryson Elliott, Mrs. Crowley, Rivers Marshall; (middle) Laura Burns, Dode Gleghorn, Mikenna Ford, Carley Turner, Tatum Guerrero; (front) Cade Drum, Brody Rankin, Eli Marshall, Cameron Stafford, Tucker Barton, Gage Baker and Jack Price.



END OF YEAR PROGRAM — Mrs. Judy Crowley's Reading Class held their end of year program, Thursday, May 27. Pictured above, left to right, spelling and singing "The Bible" are Mikenna Ford, Sydnee Meyer, Ryleigh Carson, Jack Price, Will Farley and Jace Bland. Mrs. Crowley encourages reading and tells her children, "If you can read, it opens the door to all other learning."

Tax Payments

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Comptroller Strayhorn sent May sales tax allocations of \$287.8 million to Texas cities, up 9.9 percent compared to May 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 9 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$23.3 million, up 10.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.6 percent higher than last year.

Another \$10.7 million went to 82 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 4.7 percent compared to last May. Nine local transit systems received \$98.3 million in sales tax allocations, up 12.2 percent compared to a year ago.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$5,670.30, compared to \$3,315.90 last year at this time, a 71.00 percent change. 2004 payments received to date total \$21,973.66, compared to 2003 payments at this time of \$11,384.83, a 93.00 percent change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$4,346.22, compared to \$1,340.23 at this time last year, a 224.28% change. 2004 payments to date total \$15,396.90, compared to \$12,313.37 last year, a 25.04% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, June 11.

Dear Carla,

I wholeheartedly agree with everything you wrote in your column 5-27-04.

I do not want to get into the ups and downs a Peace Officer and his family have to go through. You already know about that.

You asked what is a life worth? Well, I can tell you it is worth a lot more than Jim is getting or will ever get as Sheriff of Motley County, I know because I have lived nearly 28 years without my husband and I have missed everyday.

You and Jim keep your chins up, throw your shoulders back and remember you have friends that support you.

Geneva Wilson

Dear Editor,

As the saying goes: "Every coin has two sides."

I have abided by the commissioners court's direction until the issuance of the Attorney General's opinion GA-0162 which reads as follows in its summary:

"The Motley County Commissioners Court, which adopted a budget included a salary for the County Sheriff higher than that posted in the notice required by section 152.013(b) of the Local Government Code, may pay the Sheriff only the salary he received in the prior budget year. See TEX. LOC. GOVT CODE ANN. Sec. 152.013(b) (Vernon 1999). Because of the improper notice, the amount in the adopted budget is invalid. Additionally, the County may not pay the Sheriff the increased proposed salary listed in the published notice because the Commissioners Court did not vote, at its "regular meeting...during the regular budget hearing and adoption proceedings," to provide the Sheriff with that salary. Id. Sec. 152.013(a). The Commissioners Court may not increase the Sheriff's salary until the next budget is properly adopted."

With this law suit I was trying to get a "Declaratory Judgment" in order to protect myself in the position of County Treasurer. The last directions I received from the Commissioners Court in their meeting on May

10, 2004, were in violation of the law. To bring this matter to a conclusion, I had consulted with the Attorney General's Office and with the legal department of the "Texas Association of Counties", an organization established to advise elected officials in performing their duties.

The answer I received was that, if I continue to sign the pay checks for the Sheriff in the amount directed by the Commissioners Court I would be acting contrary to the Attorney General's opinion, I could be held liable and any taxpayer, if he/she so wishes, could file suit against me as Treasurer, and therefore it would be advisable to bring this matter before the District Judge for a Declaratory Judgment. The only way to do this was to employ legal counsel.

The County Treasurers' Association of Texas stipulates in its "Statement of Ethical Standards" the following:

"As a Texas County Treasurer, I will adhere to the highest standards and principles which produce the most beneficial consequences to those whom I serve. I will adhere to the dictates stated in my oath of office, to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas.

I will conduct myself in a professional manner. I will not knowingly or willingly do harm to, or deceive, the public I serve. I acknowledge that my actions will be judged by my peers and by those whom I serve as County Treasurer and must meet the highest standards of accountability.

I accept the responsibility to act with integrity in the performance of my duties as a County Treasurer."

In conclusion I would like to state that I never had a problem with or that I was against the raise of the Sheriff's salary as originally published in the paper in August 2003, but I do not want to go to bed every night wondering if somebody might decide to sue me because I did not uphold the law.

Eva Barkley

Dear Editor,

Good job! I was glad to read your writings in your column dated May 27, 2004. You go girl! You have a right to take up for your husband!

What is a life worth? I think no amount of money they can pay Jim is enough for his 24/7 job, which he does excellently.

I agree with what you said, it takes someone who loves the job like Jim does. Law officers are special people and so are their families to give up so much and have to worry every time he walks out the door if he will come back safe.

There are people who sit around and talk about the way the law is and how the job is done who don't know half the truth of what really goes on. I hear a lot of gossip at my job about law enforcement and it really upsets me. I always try to defend law enforcement.

You and Jim are always in my prayers.

Mitzi Christopher

Dear Editor,

The only time my family ever voted Democrat was when George Wallace ran for President. He was right when he said, "There wasn't a dime worth of difference in the two parties."

The reason Lyndon B. Johnson did not like John F. Kennedy was because Pres. Kennedy showed opposition to communism and lost his life over it.

George Wallace and Ronald Reagan got shot for opposing communism. Jimmie Carter was groomed by the liberals to love socialism-communism. His brother, drunk on beer, would have made a better president. Carter gave the Panama Canal to China.

With the help of the United Nation, our children and grandchildren will be living under a socialist dictatorship. Carter still puts in lots of time in Cuba visiting Castro.

There is not a politician in Washington D.C. that will admit that the labor unions have priced themselves out of a job. The labor unions went on strike during World War II when our soldiers ran out of ammunition. We could have lost the war.

The liberals own and control ABC, CBS and NBC. This is the

reason it is impossible to elect a 100% conservative president like Douglas McArthur, Goldwater and Pat Buchanan.

My friend, Tom Anderson, who writes "Straight" said everytime he went to Washington, D.C. he felt that he was in Hong Kong. He also said he never knew an honest liberal. You can recognize a liberal on TV or the radio because they attempt to drown out a conservative with loud and fast talk. They are rude and have no manners.

The Democrats claim the Republicans have all the money (not so). The filthy rich are the Democrats.

Years ago there was a fellow named Gus Hall who ran for President on the Communist Party ticket several times. The Democrats stole his platform. I fear it will be useless to vote anymore after this election. Why? because I think the Democrats will win. They say money is power. I had rather have freedom than money. The controls we are living under are coming from the Democratic party.

Harold Campbell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Motley County Tribune has the right to refuse or edit any letter received as a Letter to the Editor. No letter addressed to anyone other than the Editor will be published. Letters without signed names will not be considered for publication. Names may be omitted from letter if requested, but will be kept on file. Views expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Editor of this newspaper.

Turkey Jamboree Saturday

The Turkey Jamboree will be held Saturday night, June 5, at the Bob Wills gymnasium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainers on the agenda include: J.W. Lane of Allison, Janet Denton of Amarillo, Keith Paschal of Tahoka, The Turkey Gems and the talent showcase. The Turkey Roost Museum will be serving food at 6:00 p.m.



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Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The House of Faith kids met at the park on Wednesday afternoon, May 26. Mrs. Monta Marshall gave the Bible story. There were 20 kids attending. Those helping were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Joyce Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell, Mr. Ken Abbott, Mrs. Laura Long. They changed meetings to be held on Wednesday morning instead of afternoons since school is out for the summer.

Mrs. Lana Copp drove Miss Lula Swim to Plainview on Thursday morning.

The Roaring Springs Methodist Church was host to a pot luck dinner on Sunday. There were about 50 present from the Matador Methodist Church, the Baptist Church and the host church.

There were about 50 people attending the Memorial Day service at the Park on Monday morning. Mr. Jim Watson, who was a Captain in the Navy and now lives in Matador, spoke. Mr. Francis Gunter of Floydada, Mr. Gilbert Perry of Childress, former residents also attended.

Joe and Joyce Meredith attended the graduation ceremony for their granddaughter, Shea Rose, held at the Motley County high school gym Saturday night. After the ceremony, they joined friends and family at the home of Don and Colleen Baxter of Matador, for a party in honor of Shea Rose, Stachia Baxter and Quinten Rose, cousins and all members of the Motley County Class of 2004.

Matador News

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Jack Samford attended the graduation of her granddaughter, Kourtney Dunnam from Randall High School at the WTA&M Event Center in Canyon. Jack visited his daughter, Mrs. Vicki King of Canyon and Juanita visited overnight with her daughter and husband, Kay and Ken Dunnam in Amarillo.

Ellis Terry is a patient at the Lubbock Heart Hospital in Lubbock following by pass heart surgery Wednesday morning, June 2.

Mrs. Dorothy Meador is in Midlothian visiting daughter Frances and husband, Jimmy Wellington. She had a medical consultation in Dallas Thursday, June 3 to decide her future and best medical treatments.

Bob's Oil Well

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J.C. Darnell, who worked the territory for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., remembered in the late 1930's, seeing old tires hanging on fence posts advertising 30 or 60 miles to Bob's Oil Well. If the weather was bad he would spend the night in at Bob's two-story hotel and eat at Bob's cafe'. Darnell's surprise came when he stopped at the cafe', and looked into a tow sack that Robertson was holding. It was half-full of rattlesnakes, "I think I said a quick hello and good bye," he writes.

Other surprises revolve around the mini-zoo Bob kept to attract tourists. Pete Williams tells of the time Jim Ward Jeffers was running the little horseshoe cafe'. Jim Ward did it all; he was the cook, greaser, slinger, the dishwasher, the waiter, and a bit of a clown, not above a good practical joke. This tourist was coming through one day and noticed that the monkey, Olive Oil, was loose. According to Pete, Olive Oil was a mean old thing.

So the tourist told Jim Ward about this monkey sitting on the stairs going to the office. "Go ahead and catch her, and put her back in the pen," he told the visitor. Just as the unsuspecting man approached Olive Oil, Riley Rigsby, who took care of the animals, shouted, "Get back, fellow. That monkey will eat you up."

Pete shared another story about a monkey chained to a tree. It seems that two rather elderly ladies were looking into the snake cages, leaning on the rail that kept people from getting too close to the viper pit. One of the ladies had her surprise (and probably a panic attack) when the monkey swung down from the tree and snatched her hat. From the top of the tree the monkey picked off the fruit on the hat and chunked it at the terrified woman. Bob soothed her feelings, but he had to buy her a new hat.

Another surprise is the loyal workers who have showed up the last two weekends despite all the activities that have been going on. Good progress was made by these volunteers: Ken Jones, Rodney Williams, Shane Jones, Princess Skaggs, Danny Duran, Terry Miller, Jerry Powell of Midway, Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell. More help will be welcomed as the carpenters get the buildings dried in and the windows installed. Bobbie Brown and Shane Jones are responsible for getting the windows. Roy Gene Stephens has offered special mortar sand for the plastering. Also, we appreciate Higginbotham's for their consideration, and Deb Spray for buying some cement. We also recognize the Motley County Tribune for keeping folks informed about the progress of the project. There are many different ways to volunteer.

Perhaps the greatest surprise of Bob's Oil Well project is the support we are receiving for the restoration. Besides buying bricks and mortar, many folks want the names or others' names inscribed on a brick that will be placed on the driveway or in a special patio area. We hope they will all leave us with a Bob's story.

The most recent donors include: Henry & Olive Hinton, Dougherty; Leo and Joy Archer for I.E. Van Martin and Curtis Martin; Bartley Funeral Home, Thad Bartley of Plainview; Avis Groves Family by Linda Dooley Menikos of Ft. Worth; Warren Title of Dickens; Deanie and Tom Edwards in memory of her father and Bob's employee Lonzo Lynn; Travis Hart of Plainview; Bert and Dorothy Schweitzer for their parents; Houston and Willie Schweitzer and Bill and Artie Wason; Terrye Bryant of Quicksilver, Oklahoma City, in honor of Judy Renfro; Judy Renfro for Butch Renfro; Annette Wilkerson of Kemp for her parents and sister; Ernest and Ruby Allen McWilliams and Ernestine McWilliams Little; and Shirlene Cooper in honor of Shirley and Jack Smith on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Maybe it is no accident we name people after flowers, Daisey, Rose, Iris, Lily. I've never known anyone named Binewood, but I admit that I know one or two who probably deserve the name.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse honored her granddaughter, Tory Patton of Silverton on her 14th birthday with a party in her home Sunday afternoon. She served refreshments of sandwiches, decorated cake, cookie, ice cream and punch.

Those attending the happy occasion were Tory's family, Derinda and Mark Patton, Thor, Tally and Teah of Silverton; great grandmother, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star; Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco, Monica and Tanner Smith and Cutter of Floydada; Kirk Fowler and Leah Cruse of Lubbock; Darla and James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin of Whiteflat and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fowler of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Patton and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Patton, Mrs. Lallie Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Patton and sons of Silverton; Talon and Roegan Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Branson and Baylor of Turkey; Donnie and Judy Cruse and Mrs. Brenda Cruse of Flomot.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited Wednesday and Thursday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Visiting them Thursday night and Friday were daughter and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia. They, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin met Kevin and Keri Sehon of Ropesville in Lubbock Friday night and celebrated the birthday of Keri. Brian returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited in Catroville from Thursday until Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Aleda Elaine, Megan, Ciara and Cheyenne. They attended the Medina High School graduation of Aleda Elaine Saturday night. Also attending her graduation were her aunt and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock.

Larry Clay and children, Tanner and Kelsey and Sarah of Panhandle visited Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. The children remained to visit until Monday when Angelia and Larry came to accompany them home.

Mrs. Janice Hughes is visiting in Royce City with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bengie Hughes and new baby daughter who was born Tuesday, May 25. Baby announcement will be made when Janice returns home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay visited from Friday until Sunday in Jacksonville with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla.

Visiting from Thursday until Sunday with Linda and Travis Kendall were her uncle and wife, Fred and Barbara March of Lake Pomme de' Terre, Missouri. They also visited in Quitaque with Richard March. They continued to Midland to visit Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Visiting during the memorial holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and son, Derrick was daughter, Leah Cruse of Lubbock.

Attending the Valley High School graduation of Kelly Roberts Friday night were paternal grandparents, Kent and Barbara Roberts of Plainview, his father, Kerry Roberts of San Antonio and maternal grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee. Visiting the weekend with Ruth and Orville were grandchildren, Kacee and Micha of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock visited during Memorial holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Sunday at a buffet luncheon were daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger, Ruth Ann and Curtis Scrivner and daughter, Khaki of Turkey and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and son, Glen attended the Monterey High School graduation of their granddaughter, Shae Lynn Reed held Saturday night at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Joining them there were her parents, Gwen and Tim Mandrell and aunt and uncle, Sherrilyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and Danielle attended the 8th grade graduation of Tory Patton in Silverton Thursday night. Also attending was Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and her houseguests, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug.

-- Mark Twain

The chamber of Commerce banquet will be a bit different this year. Instead of a fairly formal affair in the evening, as it has been in recent years, a Picnic in the Park is being planned, tentatively to take place on Saturday, September 11, 2004.

The Picnic in the Park is being planned to include the whole family. We are looking into what entertainment can be provided for the children, things like face painting and games, since we want everyone to feel welcome. If you have any suggestions, please call Penny Pipkin and let her know.

The award presentations and any other official business at the event will be kept to a minimum. You will be able to vote on the Business of the Year and the Business Man and Woman of the Year before the picnic. We will let you know about the voting in time for you to cast your vote, but start thinking about your favorites now.

Since September afternoons can be quite warm, the Picnic is scheduled to begin in the early evening, when things begin cooling off.

The catering has been arranged, and the menu will feature chicken and fish.

As more information becomes available, we will keep you posted. For now, please keep that date in mind, for we hope that everyone can come, and we look forward to seeing you there.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

"WELCOME HOME"

TOM & DEANIE EDWARDS

Tom Edwards, son of Jake and Marge Edwards, and native son of Motley County (Class of 1960) and wife Deanie, are anxious to get settled in Matador full time.

Deanie has been busy with all the chores related with moving and settling in.

Tom, a gifted trial lawyer of some 37 years experience in the Houston area, will still have to commute for awhile. He still has some cases pending. However, he has recently purchased the Pipkin building in Matador and plans to open his new law office there.

We, your friends and neighbors just wanted to say "Welcome Home" to God's country, Motley County U.S.A.

God Bless You.

Assembly of God Church to hold Garage & Bake Sale

The First Assembly of God Church of Matador will hold a Garage Sale and Bake Sale Saturday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall behind the Church.

Lots of baked goodies and neat garage sale stuff will be available.

Student Awards

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Pre. Calculus: Stachia Baxter.
Chemistry: Cody Cooper.
Anatomy & Physiology: Mandi Ream.
Bausch & Lomb Science: Annie Green.
Vance Gilbreath Math: Susana Mendoza.
Algebra II: Ashlee Green.
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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Emergency Farm Loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures that occurred from July 1, 2003 and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Motley and Hall counties, Larry J. Goetze said today.

Motley and Hall are two of the 321 contiguous disaster counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from

the drought, high winds and static electricity.

Mr. Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. Farm-

ers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 23, 2004 for Motley County and October 12, 2004 for Hall County. But farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze said

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Memphis is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

USDA establishes pilot project for renewable energy

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has announced a new loan guarantee pilot project aimed at developing renewable energy systems from the use of livestock as a raw material.

"This program will provide guaranteed loans for rural small businesses to develop the means to effectively destroy these specified risk materials from cattle while providing a bio-based source of energy," Veneman said.

In January, USDA expanded the list of specified risk materials prohibited in the food supply as an additional firewall to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). In addition, the Food and Drug Administration announced that it intends to prohibit specified risk materials in food regulation by the agency.

The maximum amount of total loan guarantees under the pilot program will be \$50 million. USDA anticipates up to three awards will be made. There is no dollar restriction associated with any one award provided the amount requested is within

the \$50 million allotted. The amount of the loan guarantee cannot exceed 50 percent of the total project cost.

Applicants must submit their application and on copy to the USDA State Rural Development Office where the proposed project is located or where the borrower is headquartered. The notice of funding availability appears in the May 18 Federal Register. All applications must be received by August 16.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.



USDA Cotton Ginnings Report Illustrates Breadth of PCG Support

By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers has always been one of the strongest regional grower associations in the United States thanks to the spirit that High Plains farmers exhibit working together on a daily basis on their farms and in their communities.

Through the years PCG has had the advantage of a strong level of support from across the High Plains growing region. That support continues to grow thanks to the leadership of the PCG Board of Directors and a commitment to effective communication throughout the organization.

Based on the USDA Cotton Ginnings report issued earlier this week, the organization is poised to establish a record participation level with the 2003 crop. If current production estimates prove true, producer support for PCG will be in the neighborhood of 85 percent when measured in terms of the percentage of total cotton grown on which voluntary producer/ginner dues are submitted.

"PCG continues to be a leader in the cotton industry and the strong support of the High Plains cotton producer bears witness to the effectiveness of the organization and the support it provides to its producer membership," notes PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"PCG members fill important leadership positions locally and nationally within the cotton industry," adds Verett. "PCG's ability to gather producer input and deliver it effectively to the legislative and regulatory agencies that impact our industry is perhaps one of the greatest strengths of the organization."

2003-crop Cotton Ginnings (All Cotton) Published May, 2004 by USDA NASS

County/State	Active Gins	Running Bales Ginned	Equivalent 480 Lb Bales	† Est. Running Bales Produced
Bailey	5	24,700	25,550	12,900
Borden	1	Not reported *	Not reported	23,650
Briscoe	3	31,650	33,050	17,100
Castro	4	61,000	62,800	87,550
Cochran	2	Not reported	Not reported	31,600
Crosby	6	98,050	101,900	104,800
Dawson	10	172,650	178,250	205,750
Deaf Smith	2	Not reported	Not reported	20,900
Dickens	1	Not reported	Not reported	13,950
Floyd	9	46,650	48,550	59,950
Gaines	9	268,250	274,800	220,850
Garza	1	Not reported	Not reported	34,550
Hale	12	199,500	205,550	167,750
Hockley	7	173,950	178,550	109,250
Howard	4	68,900	70,700	54,600
Lamb	8	87,900	91,700	82,100
Lubbock	12	201,350	206,450	164,300
Lynn	7	170,650	175,800	189,700
Martin	5	130,300	133,900	90,750
Midland	1	Not reported	Not reported	19,150
Motley	2	Not reported	Not reported	11,800
Parmer	7	35,050	36,600	36,550
Swisher	4	34,900	35,800	58,300
Terry	8	136,800	140,350	164,700
Yoakum	4	99,350	102,150	92,300
25 Co. Total	134	2,041,600	2,102,450	2,074,800
Texas Total	273	4,274,850	4,397,450	4,246,000
U.S. Total	890	17,708,900	18,240,800	17,708,900

† Estimated running bales produced may not match final county production estimate.
* Some county data not reported to avoid disclosure of individual gin information.

COW POKES® By Ace Reid



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TDA hosts workshop geared toward revitalizing downtown Texas

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture will host a workshop in Childress for those interested in breathing new life into their downtown areas and boosting rural economic development.

The workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 15 at Fair Park Auditorium, located in the city park on North Commerce Street in Childress. The morning session will include a presentation on Small Business Administration financing programs; the afternoon session will cover TDA's new Downtown Revitalization Improvements Program. Lunch will be onsite from 11:30 to noon.

The Downtown Revitalization Program is a matching fund program designed to foster and stimulate economic development in the downtown area by providing financial assistance to non-entitlement cities for public infrastructure improvements. Projects must help eliminate slum or blighted areas in non-entitlement communities, and improvements must directly support the city's downtown revitalization. Non-entitlement cities are those that do not receive direct funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development

Block Grant program and typically have populations of less than 50,000. There are more than 1,000 eligible cities in the state.

The program is part of the Texas Capital Fund, which provides about \$12.5 million in competitive awards each year to small Texas cities and counties for economic development.

"This workshop is geared toward communities that want to improve their downtown areas and create new opportunities for growth and development," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "The Downtown Revitalization Program is a great way to get the ball rolling."

The awards, which can be worth between \$50,000 to \$150,000, may be used for downtown projects including the construction of roads, water and sewer facilities, traffic signals, gas lines, sidewalks and parking lots. The money can also be used for projects that eliminate architectural barriers for the disabled.

For more information on the workshop, contact TDA's Rural Economic Development Specialist Sheila Martin at (806) 359-7285. To RSVP, call the Childress Economic Development Corporation at (940) 937-8629.

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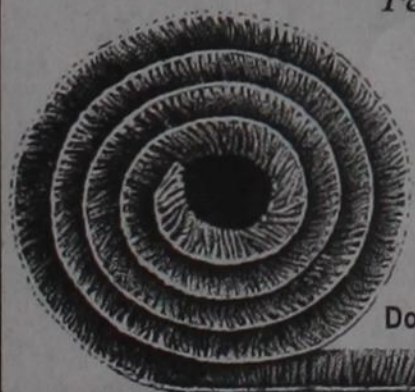
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