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100 days of school celebrated!

Motley County ISD Elementary students celebrated 100 days of school on Monday, with a variety of "100" activities. Pictured above are a group of students displaying a 100 days sign. See related story and picture on page 3.

Superintendent given vote of approval by school board

The Motley County ISD Board gave a nod of approval to its superintendent, Rick Copp, with a favorable review, an extension of contract, and a cost of living salary increase at a regular meeting on January 14. In other board action, members approved the 2000-2001 Financial Audit presented by CPA Dianne Washington.

Also approved by the board was the 2002-2003 school calendar. School will commence on August 12 for teachers and August 19 for students. Old Settlers Parade Day, August 22,

will be a holiday for students, but a work day for teachers. Three bids for a small surplus trailer were opened, with the high bid from Jeremy Jameson being accepted.

A state waiver for four additional development days, used for additional teacher training for the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test, was approved. The increase in staff days will decrease the number of days that students attend school, from 180 to 176. Also approved was Update 67, policy

changes dictated by the 2000-2001 Legislative Session that deal with board, personnel, instructional and student issues.

School board members, James Gillespie, Douglas Campbell, Coy Franks, Vaden Hays, Les Woolsey, Marisue Potts and Shonda Elliott, were honored with certificates in appreciation for their time and effort as a part of School Board Recognition Month.

During the superintendent's informational report, Mr. Copp related that the district had completed all requirements for the Electricity De-regulation Program. The district will be billed from the Energy for Schools Contract. A preliminary comparison of rates reveals the possibility of a savings of approximately \$15,000 for the period from January 2002 to August 2002.

vest its monies to increase the amount of interest being paid. The board was in favor of pursuing the plan with the option to cancel at any time.

The Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) agreement with Klondike ISD has been approved by the Texas Education Assn. Motley County ISD will partner with Klondike in a symbiotic financial arrangement, the selling of attendance credits. The current enrollment stands at 184, with average daily attendance at 94.75%.

The superintendent explained that Marisue Potts had asked for an item to be placed on the February agenda to consider forgiving the back taxes and penalties on a lot needed for the proposed Hackberry Care Center. President Gillespie instructed Mr. Copp to place this on the agenda, along with a request from the city.

Polling places for the May election and the need for changes due to redistricting laws were discussed. A called meeting on January 18 would consider the changes necessary.

All board members were present. In addition, Principal Sonja Herrell, staff member Bettye Stevens, and teacher representative Ronnie Cox were in attendance.

Head-on collision claims the life of Matador man

A head-on collision which occurred Saturday morning, January 18, claimed the life of longtime Matador resident, L.H. "Dick" Dirickson, 94.

According to reports by DPS trooper Mark Gumaer, Mr. Dirickson was traveling east bound on US 62, about 1/2 mile west of Matador when his 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis collided head-on with a 1996 GMC Sierra pickup driven by Kenneth A. Grant, 24, of Levelland, who was traveling west bound. The collision occurred at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Trooper Gumaer said it appeared that the vehicles met on the corner of the curve on the westbound side of the highway. Both vehicles were traveling at approximately 50 m.p.h. There were no skid marks. Mr. Dirickson's car pushed the pickup back about 5 ft. from the point of im-

pact. Mr. Grant tried to avoid the collision.

Mr. Dirickson was pronounced dead at the scene by Motley County Justice of the Peace Cora Smallwood.

Grant was taken to University Medical Center by Motley County Ambulance. He suffered a broken ankle and knee injuries.

Trooper Gumaer stated that Mr. Grant was wearing his seat belt, and that Mr. Dirickson was not.

Funeral services for Mr. Dirickson were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Arrangements were by Seigler Funeral Home.

Dirickson was born in Mountain View, Okla. He was a retired farmer and stockman, and had operated a movie theater in Matador. He is survived by his wife, Lloyd "Pete" Dirickson, of Matador.

Fire destroys home in Roaring Springs

A fire completely destroyed the home of Foy and Linda Nipp in Roaring Springs, Friday, January 18. Local fire departments received the call at approximately 7:30 a.m. Roaring Springs Fire Department member, Les Woolsey, was first to arrive at the scene. When Mr. Woolsey arrived the home was fully engulfed in flames.

Roaring Springs and Matador Fire Departments responded to the fire. According to Matador Fire Department member, James Gillespie, it is unknown how the fire started.

The home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Nipp and son, Patrick, who is a second grader at Motley County ISD.

Hackberry Creek Care Center plans still being discussed

Recently, the results of a feasibility study showed Matador to be a favorable location for a Nursing Home or Care Center. In light of those findings, local civic leaders have taken the initiative to begin the process of bringing a Care Center to Matador. In October of 2001, a board of directors was selected to oversee the completion of the project. The Board of Directors is comprised of three at-large members of the community and four representatives, one from each of the following supporting entities: Matador Chamber of Commerce, Motley County Hospital Board, Motley County Commissioners, and Matador City Council.

Board members include Seab Washington, at-large member; J.N. Fletcher, County Representative; Doyle Rose, City Council; Sammie Phillips, at-large member; Marisue Potts, Chamber of Commerce; Darleen Fletcher, at-large member;

Charlie Johnson, Hospital Board; and Rodney Williams, as ex-officio chairman.

At their first meeting, directors chose the name Hackberry Creek Care Center and discussed possible locations. The board is currently doing title research and attempting to acquire land near Hackberry Creek.

Hackberry Creek Care Center filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State on December 17, 2001, as a non-profit corporation. Currently, Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. is working to obtain a non-profit organization status by the Internal Revenue Service. After obtaining this status, the board will begin the task of applying for grants and funding.

For questions or comments regarding the Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc., contact any board member or e-mail hackberrycreek@hotmail.com

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D.A. McGuire named American Legionnaire of the Year

Members of Fleming Post 337 announced recently that D.A. McGuire of Roaring Springs has been selected Legionnaire of the Year.

A Post spokesman revealed that McGuire, a Vietnam War Veteran, was selected for this award by an ad hoc committee of Legion wise men because of his untiring devotion to God, family, the United States of America, and American Legion Post 337, in that order.

In the capacity of Post finance officer, Mr. McGuire was instrumental in the recent Boys' State and Girls' State fund raising campaign. His tenacious effort pursuant to that project yielded the money necessary for one Motley County boy to attend Boys State at Austin, and one Motley County girl to attend Girls' State at Seguin.

The selection committee emphasized that McGuire attends every Post 337 activity, then leads, follows, helps out, or gets out of the way. He is not afraid of a grubbing hoe, cooking fire, or the clean up detail.

Finally, the committee considers Mr. McGuire a most zealous and ef-



D.A. McGuire

fective advocate for the Veterans of his community, state and nation.

The award will be presented to McGuire during Soup-R Saturday activities on January 26.

Booster Club will not sponsor Little Dribblers Tournament

Due to lack of parent participation and time, Motley County Booster club voted not to sponsor the Little Dribblers' Tournament this year, when they met for their regular meeting, Monday, January 4. Booster club members encourage parents with an interest in this project, to organize teams and sponsor the tournament, or to search out other tournaments for the children to participate in.

The Booster Club will sponsor other activities to offset the tournament.

In other business, Superintendent Rick Copp, addressed the club about combining the Academic Banquet and the Athletic Banquet. After

much discussion the club elected to let the school sponsor both banquets. With the school combining the banquets and their sponsorship, the Booster Club will save approximately \$600.

Club members voted to sponsor the "Athletic Video" with a movie night, concession stand and door prizes for the entire community to enjoy.

The last item on the agenda was the end of school All-Night Party. Ronda Miller, club president, explained that a questionnaire will be given to high school students in order to gather the information to plan a successful party.



Gym Rockers

The 2001-2002 Gym Rockers, formerly known as PIPS, gave a performance of their basketball skills during half-time at last Friday night's games. The kids are coached by Motley County sixth grade teacher, Lacy Rankin and other volunteers. Pictured above are Kolby Williams (front) and Stormy Darnell. The Rockers will perform again Friday, February 1, during half-time of the girls' varsity game.

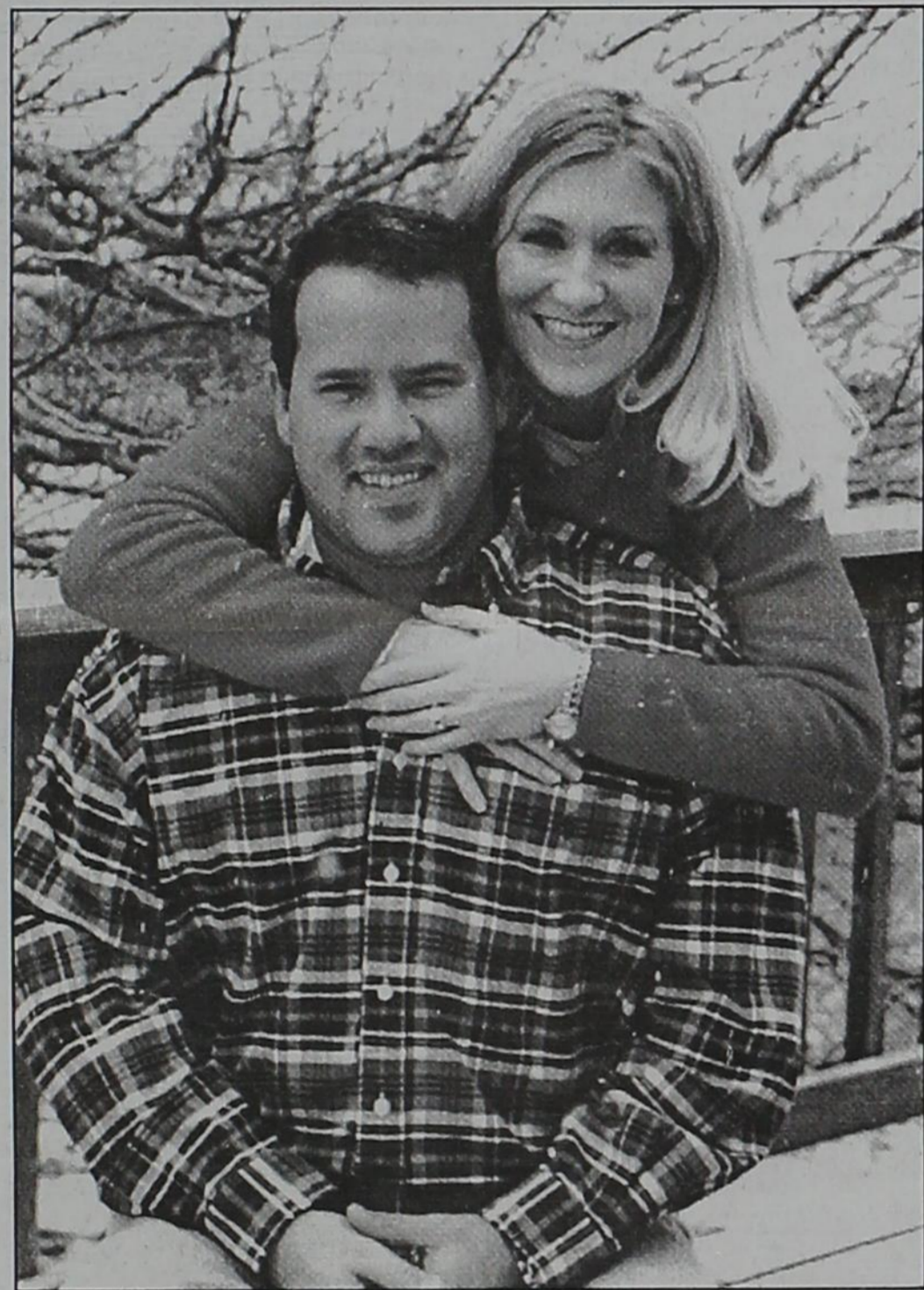


EVIDENCE YOU LIVE IN THE YEAR 2002

1. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. You call your son's beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He e-mails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"
4. Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her web site.
5. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbor yet this year.
6. You check the ingredients on a can of chicken noodle soup to see if it contains Echinacea.
7. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a new screen saver.
8. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
9. Every commercial on television has a web-site address at the bottom of the screen.
10. You buy a computer and 6 months later it's out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.
11. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years of your

12. Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase would be a hassle and takes planning.
13. Cleaning up the dining room means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.
14. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
15. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.
16. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.
17. Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-it notes.
18. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
19. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.
20. You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.
21. You get up in the morning and go on-line before getting your coffee.
22. You wake up at 2 a.m. to go to the bathroom and check your e-mail on your way back to bed.
23. You start tilting your head sideways to smile.
24. You're thinking how true all of this is.

Engagement Announced



Neal Edwards & Julie Ann Clay

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Neal Edwards, son of Fred Edwards of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Rice of Crosbyton.

The couple will marry March 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Turkey.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Valley High School, Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, is employed by Covenant Children's Hospital. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Silvertown High School and Clarendon College, is employed by All American Chevrolet.

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Roaring Springs Church of Christ

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Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am

Couple recites wedding vows in December ceremony

Weslyn Maupin and Brad Thacker were united in marriage December 22, 2001, at the Gruver United Methodist Church in Gruver. Jerry Moore, pastor, officiated.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an elegant Italian satin gown from Alfred Angelo Designers. The strapless gown featured a natural waistline with a pearl and crystal beaded bodice. The floor-length a-line skirt swept into a semi-Cathedral train. The skirt featured an apron back with beadwork following the apron overlay, the underlay was heavily beaded with the same beautiful beadwork to echo the bodice. The full hemline of the gown was finished with matching lace. To complete her ensemble, the bride selected a comb accented with Alencon lace, finished with layers of elbow length illusion. She carried a bouquet of red roses and tulips.

The bride's matron of honor was her sister, Wynn Essler. Bridesmaids were Jill Odom, Steffany Simon, Julie Bailey and Blair Thacker, sister of the bridegroom. Their black satin a-line gowns were full length with spaghetti straps. Each carried a bouquet of long-stem red roses.

Best man was Dustin Stone, a college friend. Brandon Broome, Leslie Loper, Kevin Keltz and Wylee Maupin, brother of the bride, were groomsmen. The groom and his attendants were dressed in the traditional black tuxedo with white accessories.

Trey Essler, two-year-old nephew

of the bride, was the ring bearer. His tuxedo was a tiny replica of the groom's. Kaitlan, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl. She wore a candlelight ankle length beaded halter dress.

Vocalists were Doug Fiel and Jodi Stricker. Brianne and Laoree Stedje were harpist and organist. Other members of the wedding party included Saylee Kerchen, Roxann Warren and Angela Overbey. Ushers were Matt Overbey, Chad Smith and George Essler.

A reception followed at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. A delicious meal of pork, prime rib, roasted vegetables and salad was catered by The Williams. The four-tier wedding cake featured holly leaves, other seasonal decorations, and complemented the meal that was enjoyed by 200 guests.

The bride is a student at Texas Tech, majoring in Early Childhood Education. The groom is a Texas Tech graduate and is employed by Wells Fargo. The couple will make their home in Lubbock.

Parents of the bride are Wes and Micky Maupin of Gruver. Maternal grandparents are Elmore and Charline Oquin of Stinnett. Parents of the groom are Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs. Grandparents are Buzz and LaVoe Thacker of Roaring Springs and Jewette Hayes of Shamrock. Roses were put on the alter in memory of late grandparents, Pete and Fran Maupin and Raymond Hayes.



Mrs. Brad Thacker (nee Weslyn Maupin)

Predicta Study Club meets in Roaring Springs

by Lula Swim

The Predicta Study Club met at their regular scheduled time on Thursday night, January 17, in the home of Pam Thacker, with the Vice President in charge.

Committee chairman completed report forms, which club President,

LaVoe Thacker, will use to make her report for the past year. This report will be sent to the District President.

Nona Long and Callie Giesecke were hostesses and served refreshments to the following: Pam Thacker, Odessa Mullins, L.V. Damron, Jo Crowder, Lula Swim, and guest Jeff Thacker.

Area women invited to First Baptist Church banquet

"Bloom Where You're Planted" is the theme for the upcoming Women's Banquet to be held at the First Baptist Church, Matador, on Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. All women of the community are invited to attend.

Special guest speaker will be Melissa Griswold of Canyon. Ms. Griswold, an energetic and entertaining young woman who spent four years as a missionary in South Africa, is currently a school teacher and hospital chaplain in Amarillo.

The banquet will begin with a

salad supper, and those attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

Everyone is invited to bring a friend.

In order to provide adequate seating, guests are asked to notify the church before Wednesday, February 6. To register or to receive more information, call Elaine Risser (347-2345 or 347-2782), Lana Copp (347-2425), or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).

Lifestyles



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We are still looking for a few good readers for the Book Discussion at the Library this Tuesday, January 29. The infamous Dr. Burns will be the moderator and the discussion of Ben K. Green's *The Village Horse Doctor* starts at 7:00 p.m.

We received memorial donations for Glynard Moore from Keith and Joan Patton, Key Vaughn, Wayburn Mitchell, and Truitt Reed. Memorial donations for Jesse Lancaster came from the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, the Roaring Springs Ex-Students, and Wayburn Mitchell. If you are waiting for new books,

it may take awhile for Betty to get them shelved, as her volunteer help is still learning! We are at a loss while Suzanne is caring for Kenneth. He has undergone a triple by-pass and needs her TLC. In her absence we are counting on Betty Henry and all of our "World's Greatest Volunteers" to provide the service Suzanne so ably performs.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune!

Ashley Stevens named to Dean's List

Ashley Stevens, freshman at South Plains College in Levelland was placed on the Dean's List for the 2001 Fall Semester. To be placed on the Dean's List a student must take a minimum of 12 hours and maintain a 3.25 GPA. Ashley has a 3.8 GPA, taking 14 hours and is also a Texan Cheerleader.

Ashley is a Mass Communications major and plans on continuing her education at Texas Tech and Texas Tech Law School.

She is the daughter of Bettye Stevens of Matador and Steve Stevens of Childress. She is the granddaughter of John V. Stevens of Abilene and Dorothy Hamilton of Paducah.

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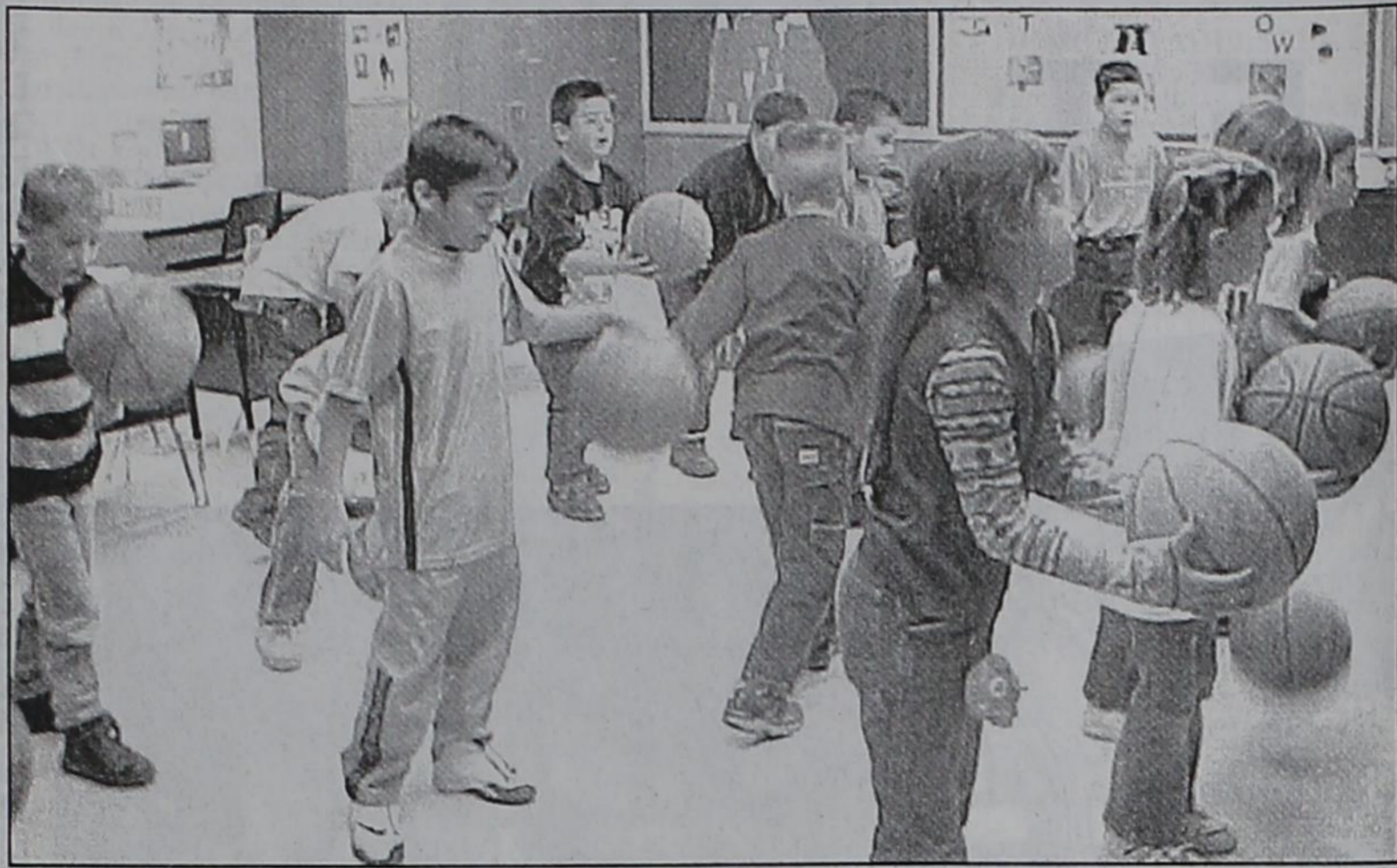
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Motley County School News



100 BOUNCES — These Motley County elementary students bounced a basketball 100 times as part of the 100 Day celebration activities at the school on Monday.

Motley County Elementary students celebrate 100th day of school

by Cassie Campbell

The Motley County Elementary classes celebrated 100 days of school on Monday, January 21. Grades Pre-K through 6th grade switched classes

to do fun, 100-day activities. The activities consisted of counting money to 100, dot-to-dot to 100, making a quilt of 100 squares, lining up 100 blocks, counting 100 M&M's, bouncing a basketball 100 times, and counting out 100 pieces of popcorn. After

the grades switched classes they all enjoyed refreshments of cake, with 100 candles, in the Multipurpose room. The kids counted to 100 while lighting each candle. Plans are to continue these activities throughout the coming years.

Local students nominated for national honor society scholarship

Kayla Copp and Brandon Moore, Motley County High School Seniors and members of the Motley County National Honor Society, have been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP).

Sonya Herrell, principal, Motley County ISD, recently announced the nomination, which places Copp and Moore in the national competition. Two hundred national NHS winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1000 college scholarships.

High schools throughout the country could nominate two senior high members of the National Honor Society to compete. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. The students were also required to write an essay and meet a deadline for submission.

"Both Copp and Moore have demonstrated exemplary achievement in their academic work and service to their community and school," said

Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "These students are fine examples of the outstanding caliber of young people in America's high schools."

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the NHS scholarship recognizes the importance of well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Motley County, Copp has been District FFA Sentinel, student council representative, National Honor Society President, class officer, member of Gifted and Talented, UIL, athletics, and an honor roll student. Moore has been involved in FFA, football, basketball, tennis, student council representative, honor roll student, and historian of the National Honor Society.

NASSP, the pre-eminent school leadership organizations, serve as the national voice for middle level

Varsity boys defeat Rangers in District play

by Amanda Hurt

The Patton Springs Rangers traveled to Motley County for the fourth game of district play, Friday, January 18.

In the first game of the evening the MC JV boys fell to the Rangers, 45-48. Kenny Johannes led in scoring with 12 points, followed by Lorenzo Salazar with 8; Clay Cooper, 6; Cody Cooper, 4; Quinten Rose, 3; Bo Long and Arturo Flores, 2 each.

The JV Lady Mats played the Lady Rangers Varsity team. The Lady Mats lost the game 39-42. Mandi Ream and Stachia Baxter each put in 11 points. Kelsi Wallace added 7; Charlie Ream, 4; Sabrina Osborn, Annie Green, and Sierra Atherton, each put in 2.

The Matadors defeated the Rangers in boys' Varsity play, 55-45. Clint Cooper was lead scorer with 16 points. Tony Salazar added 13; Shawn Marvel, 8; Frank Martinez, 6; Matt Henzler, 4; Brad Baxter and Brandon Moore, 3; and Ysef Alvarado, 2.

After the first round of District play the Lady Matadors' record is 2-2 and the Matadors are at 3-1. The second round of District will begin Friday, January 25, when the Matadors will face the Spur Bulldogs, here, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Good luck on the second round of District!



Despite the efforts of attack by this Patton Springs Ranger, #34, Cory Ferguson, on Matador, #34, Frank Martinez, the Motley County Matadors came out on top in the Varsity Boys' game, with the ending score of 55-45. The Matadors will face the Spur Bulldogs, Friday, January 25, here, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Kids' Praise set for January 30th

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, two years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kid's Praise on Wednesday, January 30, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

The regular February meeting date has been moved back one week to January 30, and the next meeting will be in March.

Kid's Praise is a monthly event sponsored by Women of Mission of the church's WMU.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Breakfast: Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Roll, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Crackers, Sherbet, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Breakfast: Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Crackers, Banana Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Pickle, Tomato, Onion, French Fries, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

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I Timothy 5:8



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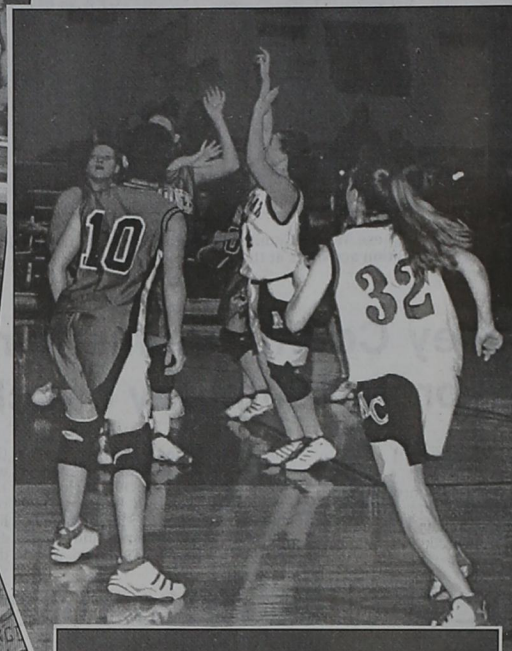
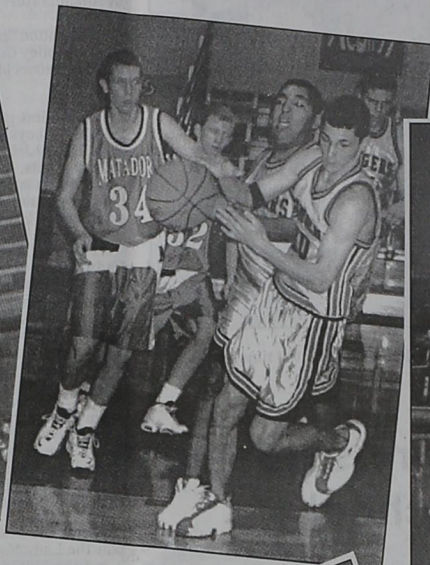
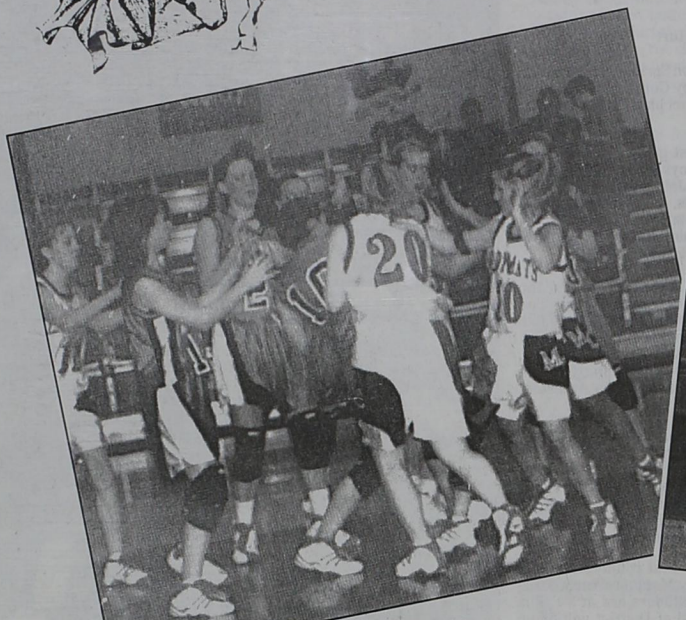
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Mahanna Meador
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**Douglas, Janie,
Cassie & Kittie Campbell**

**Lee J., Brenda,
Malcolm and Jessica Browning**

Terry & Ronda Miller & Ryan Moore

DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 8	Spur	There	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Jayton	Here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Guthrie	There	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Patton Sp.	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Spur	Here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Jayton	There	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	Guthrie	Here	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	MC Tourn.	Here	TBA
Feb. 5	Patton Sp.	There	6:30 p.m.

Grandparents Brag Corner

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Slover of Matador are very proud of their granddaughter, Amanda Luster, daughter of Jerry and Barbara Luster of Cisco, Texas, and her many accomplishments during the fall semester at Cisco High School.

On October 19, 2001, Mr. and Mrs. Slover attended Cisco's homecoming parade, which Amanda organized as Student Council President. Following the parade they went to the Pep Rally that Amanda planned and participated in as head cheerleader. They made sure to arrive early at the game that evening to watch Amanda's cheerleading students, the Elite Cheerleaders, in their pre-game performance. Amanda also had a role in half-time activities as one of six senior girls nominated by the student body for Homecoming Queen. At the end of half time, Amanda was named the 2001 Lobo Homecoming Queen. Although the crowd cheered loudly, no one was prouder than Amanda's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Slover.

Later in the football season, at the November 2 football game, Amanda received another honor when the Cisco Lobo football team named her their 2001 football sweetheart. She shared the spotlight with her cousin, Justin Toler, who was named by the cheerleaders as Football Beau.

On December 2, Mr. and Mrs. Slover were once again on their way to Cisco, this time to attend Cisco's Coronation of King and Queen Lobo LXX. Amanda had again been chosen, this time by her Sr. Class, as one of 5 Queen and 5 King Lobo nominees. The student body then voted for one Queen and one King who would be announced at the Coronation. As



Amanda Luster

the trumpets played their fanfare, Amanda's parents and Mr. and Mrs. Slover, along with a crowd of 700 people, anxiously awaited the heralds to announce the new King and Queen. To the crowd's delight, Amanda was crowned Queen Lobo LXX by her friend Coby Boyd who was crowned King Lobo LXX.

Amanda will graduate with honors this May from Cisco High School and hopes to attend Hardin Simmons University or Texas Tech University in the fall semester.

Family & Consumer news



by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

If an opportunity sounds too good to be true, it probably is, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent. So many people are into prying money out of people these days, with clever schemes and scenarios, that we really couldn't think of, until confronted with them. Especially now that we are at war people just see it as an open opportunity to "better themselves."

Always check a worker's or company's references with the appropriate state or local government agency, the state attorney general's office or the Better Business Bureau.

Don't be rushed into making a decision if someone tries to pressure you into acting immediately, walk

away.

Don't invest in anything you don't understand.

Before you make a large purchase or investment, talk to family or friends and seek the advice of a professional such as a lawyer or accountant.

Don't pay for a prize or send money to improve your chances of winning. It's illegal to make you pay to enter most contests.

Don't give your credit card number to anyone over the phone unless you make the call.

Report suspicious telemarketing calls and excessive, unwanted mail solicitations or ads to your state attorney general and to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC's phone number is 877-382-4357.

DPS is stepping up efforts to get big rigs to slow down

Supplemented by federal grant money, the DPS has purchased 101 radar detector detectors for use by License and Weight troopers. Another 43 could be purchased by June. Federal law forbids commercial vehicles from using radar detectors and they can be pulled over and ticketed for simply operating a radar detector during travel.

"The combination of size and speed can make large trucks a lethal combination," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Because of their vehicle's sheer mass, truck drivers have a special responsibility to drive safely. Hopefully, this additional enforcement tool will make them think twice about violating the speed limit."

Some License and Weight troopers have been using radar detector detectors for several years now, but

the new and future purchases will eventually equip nearly every License and Weight patrol vehicle in the state with the technology to spot active radar detector devices in commercial vehicles.

The units cost about \$1,500 a piece and were purchased with the help of grant money from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

It's important for the public to remember that truck drivers often are not the culprits when it comes to dangerous driving habits," said Davis. "Driving with big rigs presents special challenges for everyday motorists."

American Legion Soup-R-Saturday activities will kick off Saturday morning

The second annual Soup-R-Saturday activities, sponsored by the local American Legion, will begin at 10:00 am., this Saturday, January 26, at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center.

Details were outlined in the January 17 edition of the *Motley County Tribune*. One change should be pointed out. Instead of a prime beef tenderloin, the draw prize is a boned, prime rib roast from Your Beef Connection, by Stafford Brothers.

Tickets for the drawing are \$3.00 for one ticket or \$5.00 for two. Said tickets will be sold at the door only.

The VA Health Fair "Roadies," from Amarillo will be available from 10:00 am until 2:00 p.m.. The free lunch will begin at noon. Domino and card games will follow.

This is an open, all-community event, for Veterans and non-Veterans alike.

Call 348-7953 for additional information.

Gramm announces 43.87 million grant for transportation safety

Program combines education, enforcement efforts

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded \$3,870,709 to Texas to expand its program to increase seat belt use through education and enforcement initiatives, U.S. Senator Phil Gramm announced today. The grant is part of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

"I hope this grant will increase the use of seat belts in Texas, and create safer roads across the state," Gramm said, in making the announcement.

"I am pleased that some of the tax dollars sent by Texans to Washing-

ton are being returned to benefit area citizens," the senator said. "My strong commitment is to assure a fair return to Texas taxpayers on the money we pay in federal taxes."

This grant program is designed to find new approaches to increase seat belt use across the nation.

The Act provides for \$500 million over five years for states to increase seat belt use. In 2001, seat belt use in the United States was about 73 percent. For 2002, \$46 million is being designated to support efforts to increase this percentage.

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS
Jo Crowder was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met at the fellowship hall on Wednesday night, January 16. Rev. Paul Stearns gave the blessing for the food.

Jo Etta Bumgardner gave the devotional. Instead of a bible study, club members worked on plans for Women's Day for Sunday at the Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist Churches. Chelsea Read will be the speaker at both churches.

The minutes were read and approved. The next meeting will be February 6.

Those attending were Mary Lumsden, Pearl Patten, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Callie Giesecke, Kay Jones, Lula Swim, Chelsea Read, Donald Letkeman, Jo Crowder, and guest Rev. Paul Stearns.

Visiting Friday with Jr., Betty and Cindy Bearden were Kerry and Tena Bearden of Quitaque, Zach Stumbo of Lubbock, Kera Bearden and Shannon Rolon of Lafayette, LA. Visiting Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Bearden's sister and niece, LaRue Brooks and Shirley Watson of Ralls.

Pearl Patten and Willeta Burkes of Afton visited in Boyd from Thursday un-

til Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker and girls. They attended a basketball game in which the girls played and their team won.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins visited in Lubbock Tuesday with her daughters.

Odessa Mullins kept a doctor's appointment in Lubbock Thursday. She accompanied her son, Lester Mullins. Bobby Mullins of Plainview met them there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer of Eureka, Kansas, spent Saturday night with his mother, Zella Palmer. They attended funeral services in Lubbock for their daughter, Trish's grandmother.

Enjoying coffee and goodies at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday, Jan. 21, were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Lula Swim, Cleo Watson, Rev. Paul Stearns, D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Alex and Jo Crowder, Larry Watson, Bill Bowley, Ruby Hipp, Reva Sweeney, Corky Marshall, Gale Stafford, J.N. Fletcher, Pat and Ed D. Smith, Dean McInroe, Dennis Letkeman, and Jeff Thacker.

Beverly Shorter of Mansfield and Bunni Zeilinger of Longview visited their parents, Ray and Grace Zabielski, for the weekend. The girls helped with the preparation of a room for the recuperation of their dad.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

The Rev. Nathan Mulder of South Plains, pastor of the Flomot Baptist Church, was honored on his birthday Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall following church services. Refreshments of ice cream, birthday cake and punch were served. Those sharing in the happy occasion were his wife, Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mrs. Thelma Moon and daughter, Cindy of Fritch visited from Monday until Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, daughter and family, Deidra, Larry and Skylar Clifton of Turkey attended the Briscoe County Livestock show in Silverton, Saturday. They visited Derinda and Mark Patton and children, Thor, Tory, Tally, and Teah.

Donna and Stanley Degan of Calgary were luncheon guests Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

David and Kathy Blanco, Hailey and

Jacob of Matador and Dusty and Julie Whitaker visited last weekend in Sterling City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire. They enjoyed the extended deer hunting season.

Robin and Danny March of Westminster, California, who visited here the past week with their sister and family, Linda and Travis Kendall left Wednesday to visit in South Carolina. Their father, Richard March who is in the process of moving from Westminster to Quitaque went with them to South Carolina.

Visiting Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary.

Visiting overnight Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were their daughters and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Conway and Lacy Clary of Matador and Dusty and Julie Whitaker enjoyed skiing in Ruidoso, N.M. this weekend.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
The congregation of a small country church was discussing the possible purchase of a chandelier. Most of the deacons were enthusiastic, but one man held out.

"I have three reasons for objecting," he said. "First, nobody here knows how to spell the word, so we couldn't order one."

"Second, if we got one there's nobody here who knows how to play it."

"Third, if we could come up with the money, I say what we need more, is a new light fixture."

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock Friday morning for his medical check up on his injured arm he suffered in a recent livestock accident. He is improving. Friday afternoon, they attended the graveside rites of her cousin, William Curry, Jr., 59 held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Lubbock, Friday with Mrs. Loys Campbell of Matador, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center. Mrs. Campbell was involved in a one vehicle accident.

Mrs. Johnney Turner visited in Lubbock, Tuesday with daughter and family, Heather and Scott Blount and baby daughter, Skylar.

Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle attended to business in Lubbock, Friday. They attended the Briscoe County Livestock show in Silverton Saturday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton and children. Her mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot visited Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle Saturday night and they enjoyed a fish supper.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson had dental appointments and attended to business in Childress, Thursday.

Obituaries

L.H. Dirickson

Graveside rites for L.H. "Dick" Dirickson, 94, of Matador, were held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 22, at East Mound Cemetery, at Matador. Mr. Dirickson died Saturday, in an automobile accident near Matador.

He was born February 22, 1907, at Mountain View, Oklahoma. He had

been a resident of Motley County since 1914. He was married to Lloyd "Pete" Guthrie on April 2, 1930 at Altus, Okla.

He was a retired farmer and stockman, and had also operated a movie theater in Matador.

He is survived by his wife Lloyd "Pete" Dirickson of Matador.

K. Kyann Courtney

Amarillo -- K. Kyann Courtney, 16, of Amarillo died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, in First Baptist Church, 1206 S. Tyler, with Dr. Howard K. Batson officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery with Dr. Steve Austin officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Miss Courtney was born Aug. 30, 1985, in Stillwater, Okla. She passed away at her home following an illness with epilepsy. In July 1989 she moved to Dalhart and resided there until Nov. 4, 1992, at which time she moved to Amarillo where she resided until God took her home.

She attended Wolfelin Elementary, Austin Middle School and was a sophomore at Tascosa High School. She was a beautiful young lady with much love and compassion for all, especially children and animals. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Pallbearers were Dr. Vernon Rief, John C. Clemens, Doug Binham, Justin Banister, Denton Banister, Berry Bostick, Kenny Cranfill and Ty Shelton.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lewis W. Purcell, Kathryn V. Purcell and Hal H. Courtney; an uncle Tommy Purcell; and a sister, Chelsey Kathryn.

Survivors include her father, Quinn M. Courtney; her mother, Kitty Courtney; a sister, Kaylea Elizabeth Courtney; her grandmother, Sue Bird Courtney; an aunt, Shann Thomas; her cousins Matthew and Haley Thomas; her step-mother, Sharon Courtney; her step-brothers, Denton and Justin Banister; and a special friend, Charles Culp.

The family suggests memorials be in honor of Kyann to Amarillo National Bank, Plaza One, Amarillo, TX 79101, or to the Motley County Museum Memorial Fund.

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If you have any questions after receiving the new certificate please contact my office.

ELAINE HART
MOTLEY COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR
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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Childress
Contract 6081-17-001 for INSTALLATION OF RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on February 21, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$171,381.90.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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District: Childress
Contract 6081-16-001 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in HALL COUNTY, etc. will be opened on February 06, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$772,816.81.

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Contract 0098-01-032 for SAFETY TREAT DRAINAGE STRUCTURES & WIDEN in HARDEMAN County, etc. will be opened on February 06, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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FARM AND RANCH NEWS



PCG BOARD HIGHLIGHTS LEGISLATION AND TRADE
 The Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting Wednesday, January 16, and gathered the latest insights into development of new Farm Program legislation and a report on the status of the U.S. textile industry.

PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett updated the Board on the situation in Washington, DC in regard to prospects for completion of a new Farm Bill. He noted that some of the comments now circulating brighten prospects for getting a new program in place for 2002.

He explained that probably the most important indicator that things could get done is the fact that USDA and Administration officials are now saying that their preference is to get a program in place for 2002.

The Administration's change in attitude appears to have begun following the hiring of Chuck Conner as White House liaison and an early December meeting between President George W. Bush and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest.

Although it is unfortunate that the chance to pass a Bill in the Senate before Christmas was missed, Congress returns January 23 and the Senate could begin to reconsider their version shortly after that time.

Verett noted that while it will surely take more cooperation and less political gamesmanship from both sides to move the process forward, all sides appear to have the

goal of 2002 implementation as a mark they work toward.

The bottom line noted Verett is that past actions are water under the bridge as far as producers are concerned and that U.S. agriculture needs a Farm Bill as soon as possible. He added that agricultural lenders have made it clear that supplemental assistance simply won't provide enough help to allow producers to overcome the cumulative effects of the past few years.

In other business incoming American Textile Manufacturers Institute (ATMI) president Van May of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock, discussed the issues surrounding the current downturn in the U.S. Textile industry and the prospects for seeing that trend reverse itself.

He noted the symbiotic relationship that exists between cotton and textile production in the U.S. will eventually be the key to turning around the fortunes for both industries.

He noted that the U.S. textile industry has been and continues to be cost-competitive with its overseas counterparts but that post-production barriers eventually push the U.S. consumers.

He concluded that it appears the textile industry is bouncing along the bottom and that things could start improving from where they are now. That rebound, however, will be significantly influenced by both current and future trade policy decisions and the new farm bill.

Local lender approaches milestone

AMARILLO, Texas - Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA, CEO Robert R. Williams Jr. provided an update for the association and announced staff and location changes during 2001.

January 1, 2001 brought the association considerably closer to an important milestone. "We should surpass the \$200 million volume mark this year" reports CEO Williams. "Our volume now stands at \$191 million following a year in which we enjoyed a net growth exceeding 14%. We are truly pleased with this outstanding performance considering the uncertain nature of agriculture. Just as important as growth, our loan portfolio has maintained its excellent quality," Williams said.

"Our customers deserve the credit for another fine year, and they will realize the benefits of our strong financial position. Interest rates have provided an exciting ride with the variables moving from 8% in December of 2001 to less than 5% currently. The Association reduced its rates and in doing so returned to its customers over \$880,000.00 in 2001" said

Williams. "We are confident that our association can provide value to its membership with superior service and the best possible rate."

The association also announced the opening of its new office on SW 45th Street in Amarillo. The Amarillo loan officers and central office staff moved into the new location in April 2001. Also this past year, Loyce Wright joined the Pampa office as loan assistant.

Panhandle - Plains FLBA provides long term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of stockholders - elected board of directors. Board members include Larry Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Jerry K. Oswald of Abernathy; Dean H. Burger of Pampa; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Rusty Henson of Quitaque and Steve Brown of Floydada.

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By Ace Reid

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A&M's veterinarians wage war on MS

COLLEGE STATION - The fight against multiple sclerosis (MS) is being waged at a not-so-likely location: the

College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Jane Welsh, an associate professor in the Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Public Health, is demonstrating the vital role veterinary research plays in promoting public health.

"Our work highlights the diversity of research at the College of Veterinary Medicine, and we work on an animal model of a human disease, which may surprise the public," Welsh said. "Our work is aimed at understanding the origins of multiple sclerosis and advances may aid the understanding of the disease process in MS. Also, therapies that function in our model system may be beneficial to MS patients."

For the past three years, Welsh and her team have conducted tests using interferon tau, a protein produced by sheep during pregnancy, discovered by Dr. Fuller Bazer, director of the Center for Animal Biotechnology. This new protein could possibly replace interferon beta, which is given to MS patients as a shot and, although highly beneficial to MS patients, does have numerous side-effects



by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Some children go home with a blue ribbon or even a college scholarship. And every child leaves with more esteem, a greater understanding of the spirit of competition, and a better sense of who they are - and perhaps who they want to be.

Thousands of students across the state participate in stock shows and fairs every year. They spend months raising chickens or feeding and grooming steers after school and on the weekends. As a number of major stock shows get underway across the state, students from all walks of life will learn responsibility, gain respect for animals and others, and garner skills and knowledge for the future.

Shows like the San Antonio Livestock Show, Fort Worth Stock Show, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo offer families plenty of entertainment while contributing heavily to scholarship funds for youth. Since 1957 the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo alone has contributed \$85 million for scholarships and educational programs to area youth.

These shows also help introduce agriculture to people who might not be exposed to it otherwise. This year the San Antonio Livestock Show will have an exhibit called "The World of Agriculture" where folks will be able to watch ag demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities.

Stock shows give students a chance to learn business skills and financial responsibility while developing an animal worthy of the auction ring. They learn how to keep records of expenditures and track their progress, much like their own small business. Texas livestock shows are grooming today's youth into the efficient and dedicated agricultural producers of tomorrow.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Motley County Treasurer's Report Quarterly Report

REPORT OF JOE B. CAMPBELL, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001 TO DECEMBER 31, 2001

FUNDT	BALANCE October 1, 2001	RECEIPTS October 1, 2001	DISBURSEMENTS October 1, 2001	BALANCE Dec. 31, 2001
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 31,470.88	\$ 185,466.08	\$ 2,072,773.57	\$ 24,163.78
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 6,845.83	\$ 18,878.78	\$ 16,858.28	\$ 8,866.33
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 6,379.33	\$ 22,345.41	\$ 19,873.35	\$ 8,851.39
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 6,488.67	\$ 21,156.58	\$ 19,716.79	\$ 8,928.46
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 8,026.77	\$ 23,145.20	\$ 21,089.81	\$ 10,082.16
LIBRARY	\$ 10,241.87	\$ 3,381.86	\$ 4,422.58	\$ 9,201.15
LATERAL ROAD	\$ -0-	\$ 11,609.67	\$ -0-	\$ 11,609.67
BUILDING FUND	\$ 3,301.09	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 3,301.09
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 27,284.98	\$ 84,610.54	\$ 33,885.81	\$ 78,009.71
ANNUITY FEES	\$ 15,185.13	\$ 7,374.00	\$ 14,991.43	\$ 7,567.70
DONOR PROGRAM	\$ 643.50	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 643.50
HOT CHECK	\$ 1,982.66	\$ 171.84	\$ 90.24	\$ 2,064.26
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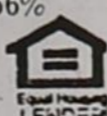


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