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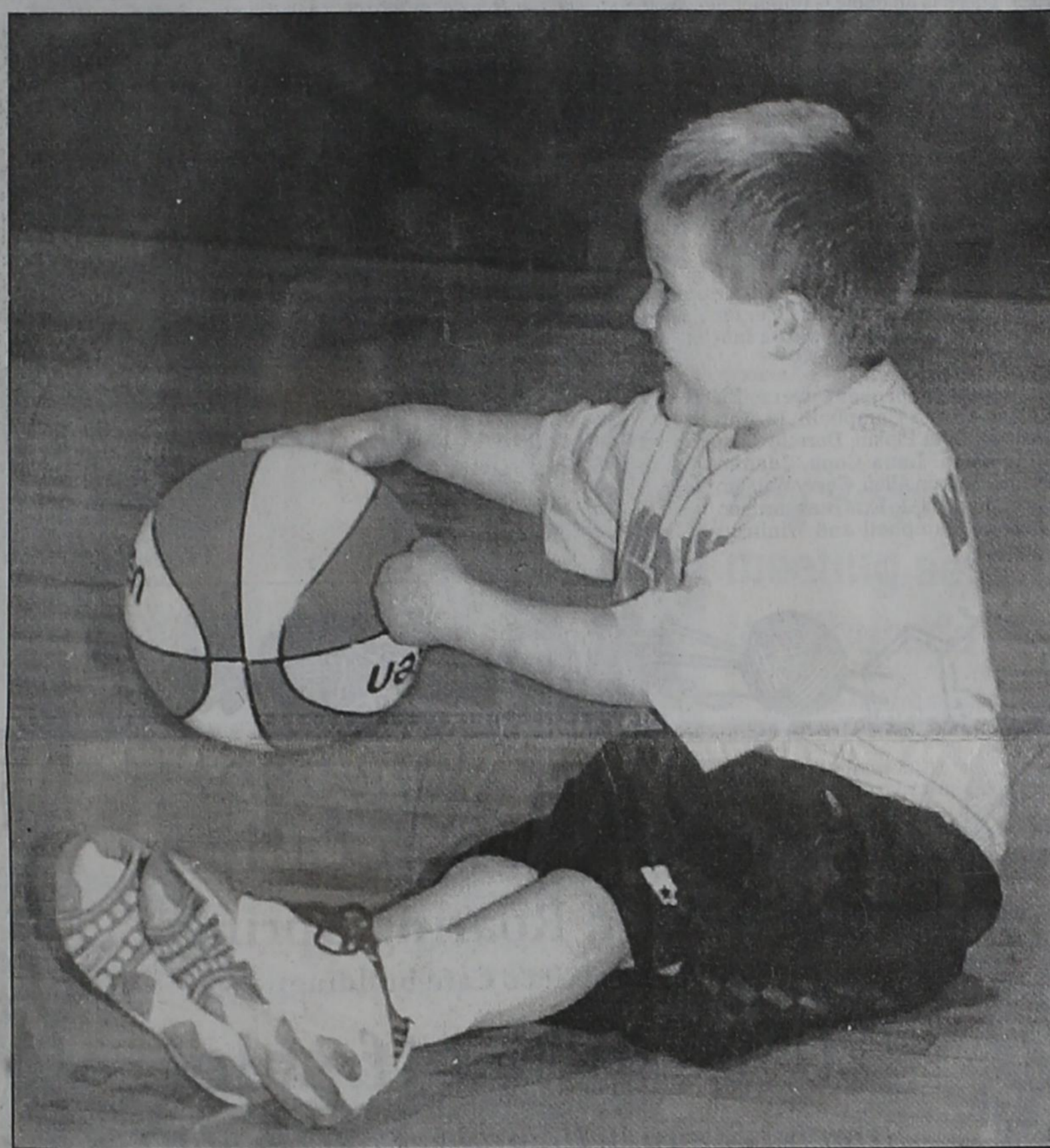


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HEY! THIS IS FUN! Motley County Gym Rocker, Jacob Woolsey seems to be having a lot of fun during the group's performance at last Friday night's basketball games. He and other team members demonstrated their ability to sit and dribble, as pictured above, and other basketball skills they have learned this year. Jacob is a kindergarten student at Motley County school and the son of Les and Kim Woolsey of Roaring Springs. See group picture on page 6.

Motley County Little Dribblers program will continue

Yes! Little Dribblers will live! Motley County PTO members accepted the responsibility of organizing future teams, coaches and tournaments when they met for their regular meeting, January 22. To date, Little Dribblers now has 4th and 6th grade teams and will participate in the Paducah tournament.

In other business, field trip money for grade school was requested by Yolanda Kautz and Pam Thacker. A donation of \$500 was granted to Motley County Elementary School, along with money raised from the Box Tops collection. In addition, the high school has the option of petitioning the PTO for additional field trip funds, not to exceed \$5 per person, when the need arises.

PTO updates were given on the Pajama Reading Party and Box Tops Contest. The Pajama Reading Party is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The date coincides with Dr. Seuss' birthday and five sessions are planned for this reading-full evening. The children, in grades Pre-K through 6th grade will enjoy craft making, a used book exchange, refreshments, and two full sessions of reading. The 4th - 6th grades will bring to life one of Dr. Seuss' adventures. In addition, a Book Mark contest will take place at school and the lucky winner will have his/her design printed on the bookmark, and distributed to all who attend the party. Door prizes will be given to some lucky kids who will receive extra goodies at the door just for coming to the party. PTO donated \$150 to this special event.

A final update was given on the Box Tops contest. As of January 25, Motley County school collected 1159 box tops. This translates into \$110 towards school field trips. The contest is scheduled to end on March 22.

Roaring Springs Council gives okay for garage sale

The Roaring Springs City Council gave the Highway 70 Association permission to hold a garage sale in the City Park when they met for their regular monthly meeting, January 21. The garage sale has been set for May 4 and 5.

Bids for the cafe equipment are being accepted. The opening of bids was tabled until the next council meeting, to be held February 11. Council discussed the fact that the junction box at the Depot went out, causing the meter box to short

Keep clipping those box tops.

PTO is also collecting A+ labels from Tyson Chicken products and Campbell Soup labels. Parents are encouraged to collect these items to help Motley County school and its

children. Pam Thacker, second grade teacher, won the book prize for having the most parents present at the PTO meeting.

A decision for repairs was tabled until a later date.

Regular council meeting minutes from the previous meeting were accepted. Bills were approved to be paid as presented.

Those attending the meeting were Mayor Joey Thacker, and Council members Corky Marshall, Alex Crowder, Timmy Brooks, Gary Simpson; City Secretary, Zella Palmer; and Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith.

School Board sets new polling places for May elections

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees changed the polling places for the Motley County ISD Trustees

election in May, when they met in a called meeting, January 18. Board

members directed Superintendent Rick Copp to work with Schwartz and Eichelbaum, School Lawyers, to submit the pre-clearance submission to

the U.S. Department of Justice. The following locations for the new polling places for elections are:

Precinct 1 - Box 1: Motley County Elementary Building (old building)

Precinct 2 - Box 5: Motley County Elementary Building (old building)

Precinct 3 - Box 6: Motley County Elementary Building (old building)

Precinct 2 - Box 2: Flomot Community Center

Precinct 3 - Box 3: Cemetery Building at Northfield

Precinct 4 - Box 4: Volunteer Building at Roaring Springs

All board members were present except Marisue Potts, Shonda Elliott and Coy Franks. Also present was Superintendent Rick Copp.

Motley County heart fund campaign is set for month of February

In honor of National Heart Month, the Motley County Heart Association, a community based organization, will have its annual Fund Drive during the month of February.

The heart is nestled behind the breastbone, between the lungs, in the middle of the rib cage and above the diaphragm and considered the bodies most protected organ. However, this doesn't mean it is immuned to harm. It is the bodies little power house that pumps 200 gallons of blood through the circulatory system each day by expanding and contraction more than 100,000 times.

The take home message is to work hard to be healthy for the long haul. Fighting heart disease is team work and AHA research and educational programs have grown by leaps and

bounds. The use of new methods of detection, diagnosis and treatment, death from cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases is decreasing.

The AHA is a voluntary health agency, supported by the public contributions and donated time of volunteers.

Volunteers serving on the Motley

County American Heart Association board of directors are Mesdames Judy Cooper, Myrna Blasingame, Odessa Mullins, Mary Jo Calvert and

Earlyne Jameson. If you wish to give a Memorial, please contact Myrna Blasingame at the First State Bank in Matador or Earlyne Jameson.

Your contribution to the Heart Fund is being used for a vital cause. You will give our hearts a boost when you give to the American Heart Association. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE!

One-vehicle accident results in Motley County's second fatality in two weeks

A one vehicle accident on Saturday night resulted in the second fatality in two weeks for Matador. Bert Landrum, 65, of Matador, was killed after losing control of his 1991 Plymouth Laser. An accident last Saturday morning resulted in the death of L.H. Dirickson, 94, also of Matador.

The Matador Sheriff's department received a call reporting the

accident at approximately 10:36 p.m. Saturday night. DPS Trooper Mark Gumaer said that Mr. Landrum was traveling west bound at a high rate of speed on US 62 when his vehicle veered into the east bound traffic lane. Mr. Landrum jerked back to the right causing the vehicle to go into a sideways skid, resulting in loss of control of the vehicle. The vehicle veered back to the north ditch and hit a tree.

Alcohol may have been a factor in the accident.

Justice of the Peace Cora Smallwood pronounced Mr. Landrum dead at the scene.

He was born October 22, 1936 in Matador. He was a retired fireman, paint contractor and truck driver. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Matador.

Texas Cities and Counties begin new year with \$207.8 million in sales tax rebates

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered last week \$207.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,114 Texas cities and 121 counties, a 0.5 percent increase compared to the \$206.6 million paid in January, 2001.

January's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in November and reported to the Comptroller in December. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.1 billion, up 0.2 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent January sales tax rebates of \$190.9 million to Texas cities, up 0.3 percent compared to January, 2001. Texas counties received January sales tax rebates of \$16.8 million, up 3.2 percent compared to one year ago. Another \$7.6 million went to 65

special-purpose taxing districts around the state. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$70.4 million in sales tax rebates.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a net payment this period of \$1,391.81, compared to \$1,725.65, a -19.34% change. 2002 payments to date are \$1,391.81, compared to \$1,725.65 last year, a -19.34% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received \$1,624.12, compared to \$2,623.87 last year, a -38.10% change. 2002 payments to date are \$1,624.12, compared to \$2,623.87 last year, a -38.10% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 15.

Around Town

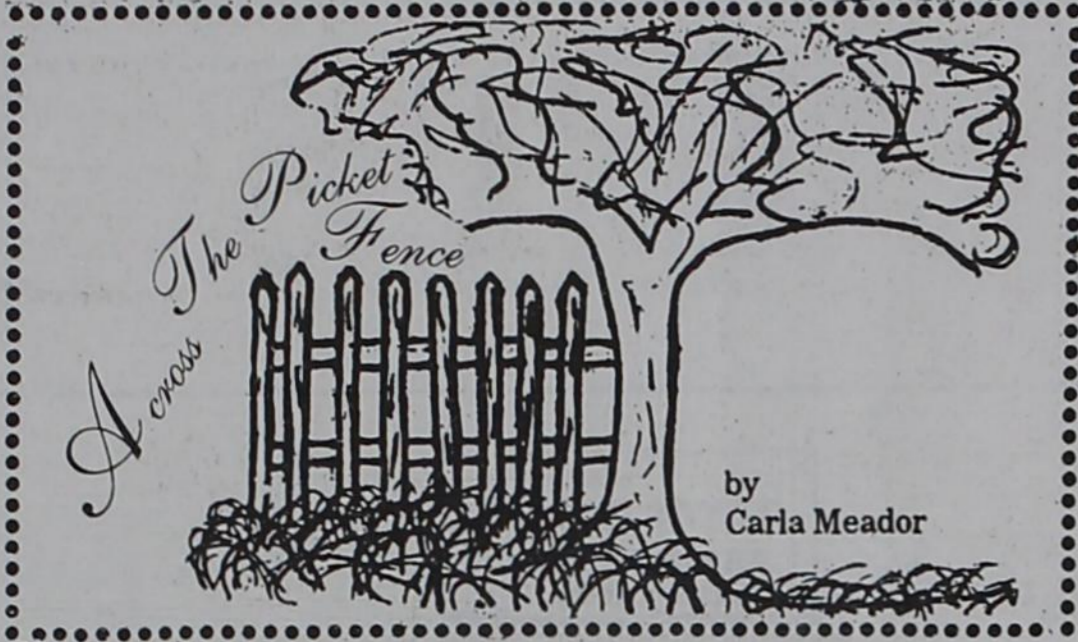
Sr. Citizens Center to host Valentine Party

The Motley County Senior Citizens Advisory Board will host a Valentine Party on Wednesday, February 13. A Valentine King and Queen will be crowned and refreshments will be provided by the Center. An afternoon of fun and games is being planned for those wishing to stay after lunch on that day.

Voting for the King and Queen will begin Friday, February 1, and end February 13, with each meal participant casting secret ballots each time they visit the Center.

This is an endeavor to thank everyone who uses the Center and to honor our Motley County Senior Citizens.

For more information call Eva at 347-2496 or Frances at 347-2734.



These are a few facts for women that I made up. They simply must be practiced on a regular basis. I'll admit some are just pretend, but they are fun anyway.

— There are absolutely no calories in broken cookies, candies, or crumbled cake.

— Also no calories in soft drinks poured into a small glass and sipped slowly.

— Shopping is necessary for a woman's overall good health.

— Antique shopping at least three or four times a year reminds you how young you are. (But, I guess this could also remind you of how old you are) Oh well, it is still one of those necessary activities.

— Looking through Country Living magazines or other magazines of this type keeps your creative juices flowing.

* Caution - the above practice must be done while sipping hot tea with your feet up. One of those broken cookies is good to have during

this activity, also.

— Dancing in your socks with your grandchildren, will keep a smile on your face and in your heart for weeks afterwards.

— Singing with your grandchildren, nieces and nephews, on pretend microphones, again - will guarantee a smile and laughs.

— Having lunch with your friends on a regular basis is good for the soul.

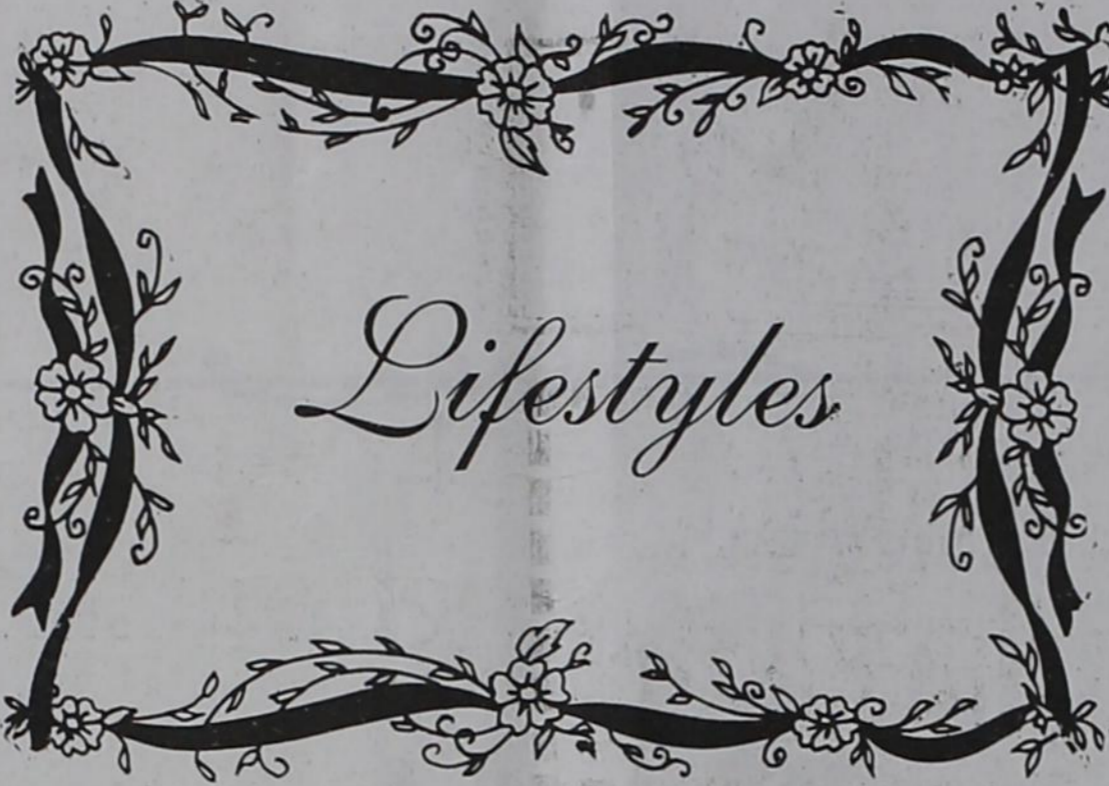
— Exchanging grandchildren stories with your friends is a sure way to have a laugh - or share a tear of joy.

— Reminiscing with your sister about playing "Miss Lady" as little girls brings happy thoughts.

— Rearranging your furniture, even if you have to move it back the way it was, is real good exercise.

— You can eat frosting or cookie dough with a spoon out of a mixing bowl and, again - no calories!

I'm out of room, but these are only a few of my rules for women. I'm sure my women readers could add a few of their own.



El Progreso club members hear program on Texas Women

by Winifred Darsey

El Progreso Club met January 10, in the Multi-Purpose room on the school campus, for its regular meeting.

President Jeanne Adams called the meeting to order at 3:30 p. m.

Billie Koon gave the invocation and pledges were given to the American and Texas flags.

Sharon Allen was program leader and introduced Lana Copp, who was the presenter of the program on Texas Women - Yesterday and Today. Mrs. Copp presented a film: "True Tales of Texas Women." It was amusing how heroic the deeds of the pioneer women in Texas were, how lovely and difficult to have lived at time and year.

The Indian tribes occupied a large portion when settlers began to arrive. They were not as hostile at first, until later when settlements became more prevalent, buffalo hunters came and began to destroy their source of food and substance.

Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured at Fort Parker near Mexico, and became the wife of Nacona, a Comanche chief.

Rose Farris brought slaves to East Texas.

Mollie Goodnight, the wife of Charles Goodnight, lived on famous J.A. Ranch established by Charlie Goodnight, Scout and trailblazer, in far west Texas.

Miriam Ferguson, who became

the first woman Governor of Texas. The schools were established by women of Texas.

The Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio was established in 1869 by three nuns.

Seventy-five percent of Libraries were established by women.

Clara Driscoll gave her plantation to save the Alamo.

Women won the right to vote in 1925. There is an endless number of women that could be mentioned.

It was an awe-inspiring program and the women of Texas should be proud of the intrepid women who were not afraid to try.

Hostesses for the day were Lu Walker, Dorothy Day and Lucretia Campbell.

A floral arrangement centered the table, laid with a beige lace cloth. The finger foods were delicious and abundant.

The February meeting will be held at the Senior Citizens Center and will be Guest Day, with a luncheon and a Valentine Party.

Members present were Lu Walker, Grace Campbell, Jo Ann Dickson, Opal Pipkin, Dorothy Day, Billie Koon, Lana Copp, Jeanne Adams, Sharon Allen, Gerry Watson, Loys Campbell, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Lucretia Campbell and Winifred Darsey.



We appreciate all the hard work by Betty Henry, Ruby McGuire, Patricia Green, Marihelen Wason, Jo Scott, Jo Crowder, Lea Peacock and Doris Moore at the library. I have been gone for three weeks and these ladies have pitched in and done a great job making the library function smoothly.

As you are reading this Patricia, Ruby and Betty have gone to a librarian's meeting in Lubbock. We thank Jo Scott for keeping the library open so the Motley County Library can be represented at the meeting and so I can be home with Kenneth.

We have some great new books in the library, including *Millionaires* by

Brad Meltzer, *Roscoe* by William Kennedy, *Shooting Chant* by Aimee Thurlo, and *World of Thieves* by James C. Blake.

We also have *Death of A Celebrity* by M.C. Beaton, *Smoke in Mirrors* by Jayne Ann Krentz, and *Thursdays Child* by Sandra Brown. Other new books include *Cold Hunters Moon* by K.C. Greenleaf, *Star Light Star Bright* by Katherine Stone, *To Trust a Stranger* by Karen Robards and *Visitors Book* by Caroline Upcher.

We also have new paperbacks coming in every week. Come in and check out some of these good books.

Women's banquet will feature guest speaker

Melissa Griswold of Canyon will be the special guest speaker for the upcoming Women's Banquet at the First Baptist Church, Matador, on Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. 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. Pastor Jack Boggs will present special music.

Theme for the evening will be "Bloom Where You're Planted," and all women of the community are invited to attend.

The banquet will begin with a salad supper, and those attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two to three women in the group.

Everyone is invited to bring a friend.

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

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Proverbs 22:6

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February 11, 2002, will be the last day to register to vote concerning the March 12, 2002, General Primary Election.

Persons already registered to vote in this County should have received a new certificate prior to this notice.

For more information please contact my office.

Elaine Hart
Motley County Voter Registrar
806-347-2252

IT'S TIME TO PREPARE

I'm thinking eternity. Are you prepared? It's something we need to think about. Here are a few thoughts garnered from "here and there" to motivate our thinking:

- ⊕ The best vitamin for a Christian is B-1.
- ⊕ We should be more concerned with the Rock of Ages, instead of the age of rocks.
- ⊕ Don't wait for the hearse to bring you to church.
- ⊕ It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees - and remember - Seven days without prayer makes one weak.
- ⊕ Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.
- ⊕ Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
- ⊕ Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.
- ⊕ If you don't want to reap the fruits of sin - stay out of the devil's orchard.
- ⊕ The wages of sin is death ... SO repent before payday!!

"And as it appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement - Hebrews 9:27. We are all headed for the same place -- ETERNITY. Now is the time to prepare. Start today. It's urgent. Your soul hangs in the balance."

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I have been retired in Matador for four years. I can devote full time to the job and would like to be of service to our community.

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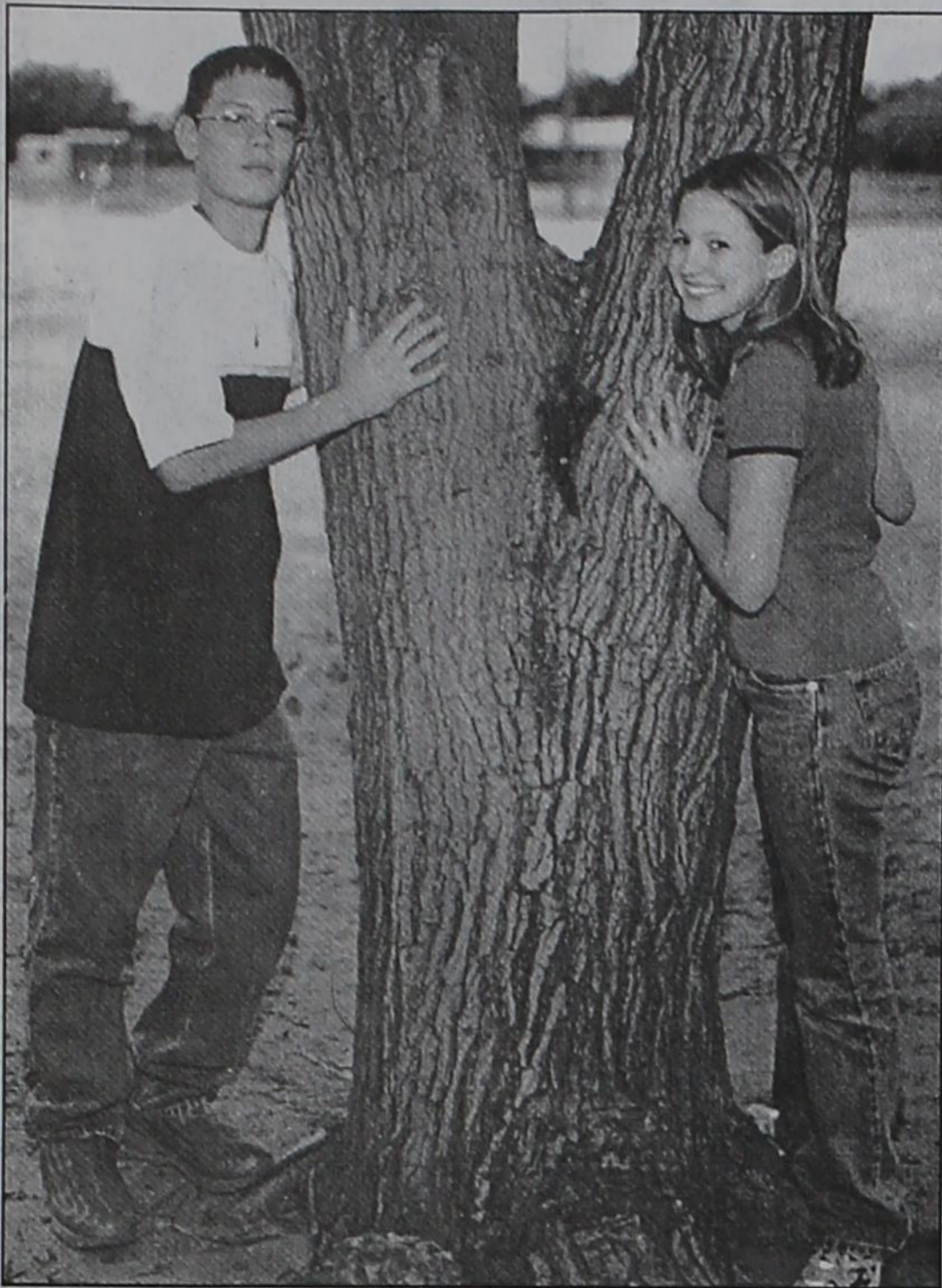
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Motley County School News



SPORTS



FRESHMAN CLASS FAVORITES — Matt Henzler and Emily Hurt.



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS — Standing at back, Annie Green, Reporter; Seated left to right, Maria Martinez, Vice-President; Sabrina Osborn, Secretary; and Emily Hurt, President.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Breakfast: Cereal, Oats, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Breakfast: Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Fresh Salad, Crackers, Cake, Peaches, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Pea Salad, Texas Toast, Fruit Fluff, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Rosy Apples, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

Lady Matadors win close game against Spur

by Amanda Hurt

This past Friday, the Spur basketball team travelled to the Motley County gym for another exciting group of games. The night started off with the JV boy's game. They were defeated, 48-40. The highest scorer for the JV team was Brandon Martin with 12 points; Clay Cooper and Quinten Rose had 10 points. Kenny Johannes followed with 8, Cody Cooper, 4, Bo Long and Lorenzo Salazar, with 2 each.

Varsity girls were up next with a big challenge. After a very close game our girls came up with another win. The final score was 38-37. Lead scorer was Chasity Holman with 11 points. Brittany Moore (Fr) had 10, Brittany Donaldson added 7, Brittany Moore (Jr) put in 4, Lisa Perryman, 3, Courtney Hays, 2, and Mandi Ream, 1. The girls were excited about their victory.

The next game was a very upsetting game. After already defeating Spur once, the Matadors were defeated with an ending score of 44-52.

Clint Cooper lead with 9 points. Tony Salazar added 8; Brandon Moore and Seagram Sims had 6 each; Frank Martinez and Ysef Alvarado put in 5 each; Brad Baxter, 4; and Shawn Marvel, 1.

So far in District play the girls and boys have records of 3-2. Both teams are going to work very hard to win over the second round of district games. They will go up against Guthrie, Friday, February 1, here, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come out and support the Matadors!

JV teams bring home second and third place trophies from Jayton tournament

by Amanda Hurt

Motley County JV teams traveled to Jayton on Saturday, January 26, to compete in a tournament. The boys played first against Roby, with the win going to Roby, 52-60. Seagram Sims was lead scorer with 26 points. Clay Cooper added 8; Cody Cooper, 7; Lorenzo Salazar, 3; and Brandon Martin put in 2.

The boys' second game was against Jayton, with the Matadors

winning 52-47. Cody Cooper led in scoring with 14 points, followed by Kenny Johannes who put in 10. Clay

Cooper added 9 to the score; Seagram Sims, 6; Tim Mangram, 3; and Brandon Martin, 2.

The girls played Hamlin for their first game of the tournament, and

lost 31-40. Stachia Baxter was lead scorer with 16 points. Sabrina Osborn added 6; Charlie Ream, 5; and Sierra

Atherton put in 4. For their second game, the girls played Jayton and

defeated the Lady Jays, 40-28. Sabrina Osborn put in 14 points,

Stachia Baxter, 10; Charlie Ream, 9; Annie Green, 3; and Sierra Atherton, 2.

The girls placed second in the tournament and the boys received 3rd place. Congratulations to both teams!

Boy Scout meeting set for Thursday

A Boy Scout meeting will be held Thursday night (tonight) at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Matador.

All boys, ages 12-18, who would like to become a member of the local boy scout troop are encouraged to attend. Parents are welcome.

Brenda Gillespie places third at Childress Powerlifting meet

Powerlifting season began Saturday, January 26, at Childress. Due to scheduling conflicts, Brenda Gillespie was the only Motley County lifter who attended the meet.

Until the lifters reach the State competition, lifters from all school classifications compete against each other within the weight classes.

Brenda, who weighs 106 pounds, lifted in the 114 pound weight class.

Brenda did an excellent job at this meet. She squatted 200 pounds, benched 85 pounds, and deadlifted 215 pounds for a total of 500 pounds. Brenda placed third in her weight class. The two girls who placed ahead of her were both from 4A schools.

Brittany Donaldson and Robert Gillespie accompanied Brenda and assisted her by wrapping her knees and helping with her bench shirt. Coach Bowles was pleased with Brenda's performance at this first meet.

Good job, Brenda!

What's Up?

Friday, February 1: Fort Worth Stock Show.

High School Basketball games with Guthrie, here, 6:30 p.m., 2 games.

Saturday, February 2: Fort Worth Stock Show.

Monday, February 4: Jr. High Basketball at Patton Springs, 5:00 p.m.

Re-alignment released.

Tuesday, February 5: High School Basketball at Patton Springs, 6:30 p.m., 2 games.

Wednesday, February 6: Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 7: First Baptist Church Women's Banquet, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 9: ACT at MC ISD.

Powerlifting at Petersburg.

Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice, take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.
—William Shakespeare, Hamlet

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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.

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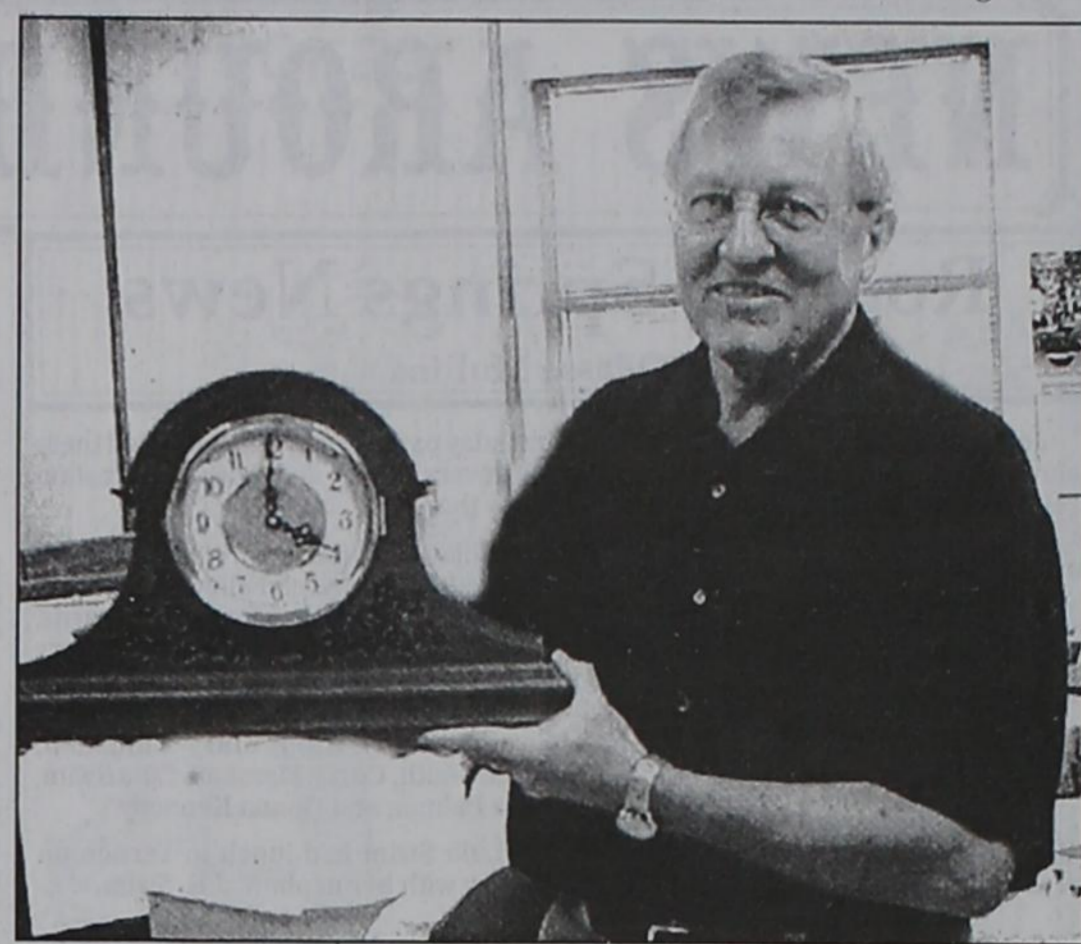
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GYM ROCKERS — Pictured left to right, (back) Mrs. Lacy Rankin, Gabriel Espinoza, Alyx Smith, Sarah Ferguson, Shane'a Russell, Christy Smith, Kayla Hollinsworth, Cody Martin; (front) Jacob Woolsey, Jonathan Osborn, Austin Taylor, Braden Mason, Reagan Elliott, Conner Mason, Lexie Osborn, Kyla Simpson. Not pictured are Xavier and Clarissa Elizondo, Kortney and Colby Williams.



Bobby Williams recently retired from TxDOT after working with the department over 30 years. He is pictured above at a retirement party given for him at Childress, with the clock he received as a gift.

Valued employee retires after 30+ years with TxDOT

CHILDRESS - Recently the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District said good-bye to long-time employee, Bobby Williams, who retired after 31 years of service with the Department. His tenure began with TxDOT in September, 1970, as an Engineering Aide in what was then the Matador Residency. When the Residency closed, he worked as a Maintenance Technician in Dickens County for a short time before transferring to the Clarendon Area Office in Clarendon as an Engineering Aide. On January 1, 1979, he finally made it to Childress as the Projects Manager for the Childress Area Office.

Bobby doesn't have any plans to take it easy. He is currently Vice President of the newly formed Market Matador, Inc., a corporation

formed for the promotion of Economic Development of Matador. In his spare time he plans to pursue his hobbies: hunting and gardening.

Bobby and his wife Jeanne also plan to travel. "We love the mountains and have plans to spend some time in Branson and Ruidoso," says Bobby. He also admitted that a lot of his travel time would be spent on the road between Matador and Anson to visit their daughter, Paige Barns and new granddaughter, Zoe.

"I have a love for TxDOT" said Bobby. "It's a great place to work. There are peaks and valleys in every job and there were always more peaks than valleys." "I will miss it, but I am looking forward to my retirement and spending more time with my family," continued Williams.

Matador landfill saves money for residents

The City of Matador has in operation a Type A Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, 2 miles north of the City. Matador is the only town of its size in this area with a landfill still in operation. The "dump ground" was operated for many years on 10 acres of land. In 2000 an additional 37 acres of land was purchased for needed expansion.

The City of Matador contracts with Caprock Waste Systems of Lubbock to collect the waste generated by the citizens of Matador. This waste is transported to the Matador Landfill. Caprock Waste, formerly Glen Martin Companies, operates out of Spur and collects waste in Dickens and surrounding counties which is also transported to the Matador facility.

The City of Matador landfill exists due to the hard work and perseverance of past council members and Mayor. The landfill exists for use by the citizens of Matador and as a source of supplemental income to assist with the purchase of equipment and related costs. This outside income is the reason that the cost of removing waste for the citizens of Matador remains well below the cost of other surrounding communities. Residential customers in Matador pay \$7.00 per month compared to \$15.50 per month in Spur and \$15.00 in Paducah. Matador businesses are charged \$17.00 per month compared to \$23.50 and \$22.50 in Spur and Paducah, respectively. These cities have no landfill.

The City of Matador recently completed negotiations with Total Waste Systems of Norman, Oklahoma agreeing to accept solid waste from the City of Paducah. Waste from

Paducah was previously been transported to Vernon and then to Iowa Park for final disposal. Contracts have been completed and the Matador landfill began receiving this waste January 1, 2002. This will further increase the amount of revenue generated at the local landfill.



COOKING PANCAKES — Matador Lions Club members, Ronnie Vandiver, right, and Vann Francis, cooking pancakes for last Friday night's sell-out crowd at the club's annual Pancake Supper. The event was held in the school cafeteria during the Motley County vs. Spur basketball games.

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Democrat

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Cora Smallwood
Democrat

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Eva Barkley
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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Jr. Bearden was conveyed by Motley County Ambulance to Covenant Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Tuesday, January 22, after suffering a light stroke. He returned home on Monday, January 28.

Zella Palmer, Vera Mitchell and Pearl Patten visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mitchell's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell in Paducah.

Odessa Mullins visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis in Matador Saturday afternoon.

Dorothy Lee went to Muleshoe Saturday morning and returned home Sunday evening. Her children hosted a 75th

birthday party for her. She had lived there for several years and worked in restaurants there.

Enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Monday morning were Rev Paul Stearns, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Larry Watson, Cleo Watson, Gale and Lindy Stafford, Lea Peacock, Bill Bowley, Reva Sweeny, Ruby Hipp, Mary Lumsden, Joyce Smith, Corky Marshall, Lula Swim, Zella Palmer, and Donna Kennedy.

Lula Swim had lunch in Vernon on Sunday with her nephew, J.R. Swim.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

MRS. C.W. STARKEY HONORED ON 97TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was honored on her 97th birthday, Sunday with a family luncheon and all the trimmings. Nine of her eleven children and families attended the celebration.

Those attending were Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla; Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla; Mrs. Phyllis Gladson and Rhonda of Austin; Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve, Shelly and Kelly of Dougherty; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey, Wendy and Vanissa of Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. John Starkey, Elaine and Loretta of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Jamie Drowder of Amarillo; Christina Reid of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey, Joey, Dustin, and Taylor of Canyon; Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weaver of Olton, Johnie Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington were in Amarillo last Saturday and Sunday where they enjoyed the Bluegrass Jam held at the Raddison Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited from Friday until Sunday at Lake Conroe with daughter and family, Judy and Richard Rhodes and grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rhodes and twin daughters, Katherine and Christine of A&M University in Bryan. They also visited his sister and husband, Opal and Thurman Kirtley in Cyprus.

Mrs. Howard Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers attended a baby shower Saturday in Lubbock given for Mrs. Jimmy (Shay)

McDaniel, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Donnie, Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and daughters, Mrs. Pat Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey and Julie Clay of Lubbock visited Friday and Saturday in Clifton with Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. Joining them Saturday to attend the wedding ceremony of Tammy Clay and Glen Fuhrmann held at the Catholic Church in Lindsay were Joe Ike Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay and Larry Clay and Sarah of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mrs. Carson and children and Julie Clay visited Saturday night and Sunday in Ringling, Okla. with Tammy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clay.

Mary Ellen Barton visited Monday and Wednesday in Floydada with Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Cody, Mandy, Lane and Ashton Barclay of Borger visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters and families, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Mesquite, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

The Three M musical group, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing, Gerald Pipkin and Billy Donaldson of Matador; Penny and Kelly Keltz of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Sharon VanHoose of Lorenzo and Mrs. Kathy Shorter of Flomot were the featured guests at the First Baptist Church in Hart Sunday night. Mrs. Geneva Martin attended and visited her sister and family, Mrs. Joy Barham.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

For those who don't know the tradition behind Groundhog Day, let me quote from the Encyclopedia. "According to tradition, the groundhog awakens from his winters sleep on Feb. 2 and sticks his head out of his home in the ground. If the day is sunny and he sees his shadow, he becomes frightened and retreats back into the ground. In popular belief this implies that there will be six more weeks of winter. However, if the day is cloudy and the groundhog does not see his shadow, it is a sign that spring will soon arrive."

This has not been confirmed by scientists, but we all believe the tradition and have seen its truth borne out many times. We had many weather advisers before the evening TV weathercast. Wooly worms, wind direction, signs in the sun and moon and the old standby red sky at morning or dusk were our indicators of impending fair or foul weather.

I've never seen a groundhog on Groundhog Day, but each Feb. 2 I'll keep looking for the furry forecaster who predicts the weather ahead.

Mrs. Hal (Kellie) Martin visited in Amarillo, Friday with niece and daughter, Mrs. Seretha Pearce and Katie.

Pat and Lynn Minton of Granbury visited Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Juanita Cooper. Other visitors during the weekend were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver. Mr. and Mrs. Minton visited in Lubbock from Tuesday until Thursday with his brother in law, Eldon West of Littlefield, a patient at Covenant Medical Center following knee surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Wednesday for Mr. Dixon to have the stitches removed from his injured arm.

Mrs. Lula Cramer of Arlington visited at her rural home from Sunday until Friday. She and Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney attended the funeral of Mrs. Doris Meriwether Monday held at the First Baptist Church in Plainview. She had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin

Former resident honored as employee of the year

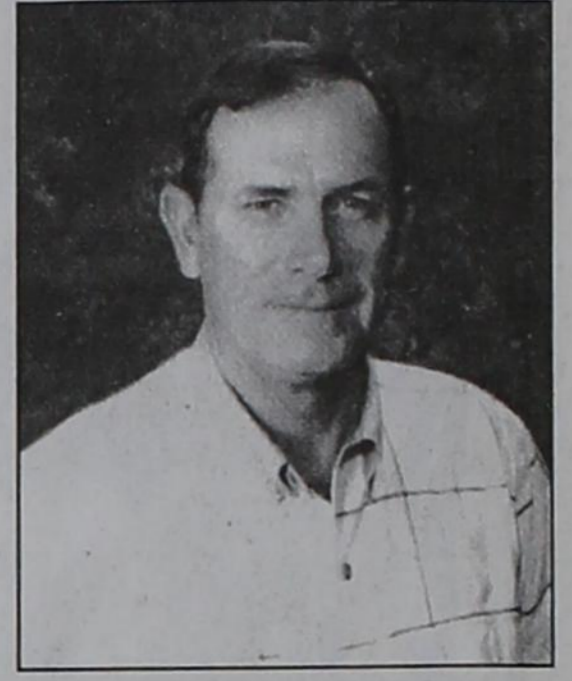
Texas Agricultural Experiment Station senior research associate, Tommy Moore of Dumas was honored recently as employee of the year by the faculty and staff at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

Mr. Moore is a former Matador resident, graduating from Matador High School in 1967. He is the son of Billie Moore and the late Tommy Moore of Floydada, former Matador residents. He is a nephew to Calvin and Virginia Nimmo of Matador.

The commendation is presented annually to an employee, nominated by his peers within the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension units of the Texas A&M University System, headquartered in the Texas Panhandle at Amarillo.

Moore's career spans more than 30 years at the Experiment Station's North Plains Research Field near Etter where he supports a variety of research and demonstration projects conducted by scientists, engineers, extension specialists and county agents with participating producers. He is a valued member of the 4-person staff who maintain the NPRF facility.

He is relied upon by all personnel involved in research at the Etter unit, according to NPRF superintendent, Thomas Marek, experiment station agricultural engineer.



Tommy Moore

Moore has been instrumental in launching use of precision agriculture techniques in established crop production regimes to enable evaluation by scientists and engineers. His efforts have helped increase the numbers of research tours and field days held annually at NPRF.

Moore holds a bachelor of science in general agriculture from West Texas State University. He served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam conflict. He and his wife, Rotha are parents of four children and grandparents of six.

Obituaries

Bert Landrum

Funeral services for Bert Landrum, 65, of Matador, were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 30, at the Church of Christ in Matador. Officiating was Michael Crowley. Graveside rites were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 31, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Landrum died Saturday, January 26, near Matador in an automobile accident.

He was born October 22, 1936, at Matador. He had been a longtime resident of Odessa and Dallas, prior to returning to Matador three months ago. He was a

retired fireman, paint contractor and truck driver. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by two children, Albert Landrum, Jr. and Donna Lynn Landrum.

His survivors include three daughters, Netta Hurt, Laurie Usery, and Sandy Landrum, all of Mabank, Texas; his mother, Jewell Landrum, of Matador; two brothers, John Landrum of Red Oak and Bobby Landrum of Odessa; one sister, Louise Johnson of Abilene; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Motley County Independent School District

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 740,015	\$ 281,418	\$ 1,021,433	\$ 922,499
5800	State Program Revenues	1,115,472	34,932	1,150,404	923,571
5900	Federal Program Revenues	--	376,650	376,650	377,057
5020	Total Revenues	1,855,487	693,000	2,548,487	2,223,127
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction & Instructional Related Service	1,027,956	408,681	1,436,637	1,469,832
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	59,467	144,889	204,356	200,069
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	159,407	130,216	289,623	288,815
0040	Administrative Support Services	176,712	1,260	177,972	143,140
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	268,127	54,638	322,765	225,852
6030	Total Expenditures	1,691,669	739,684	2,431,353	2,327,708
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	163,818	(46,684)	117,134	(104,581)
Other Financing Sources:					
Operating Transfers In					
7020	Total Other Financing Sources	--	46,980	46,980	7,172
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out					
8030	Total Other Financing Uses	35,400	--	35,400	37,852
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)					
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Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)					
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Use	129,668	--	129,668	(134,029)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	471,381	--	471,381	637,860
1300	Prior Period Adjustment	(9,459)	--	(9,459)	(41,909)
Residual Equity Transfer In					
Residual Equity Transfer Out					
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 591,590	\$ --	\$ 591,590	\$ 461,922

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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 Office(s)

Childress District
District Engineer
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Childress, Texas 79201
Phone: 940-937-7100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

FARM AND RANCH NEWS



Quin Bradshaw, a young hunter from the Dallas area, had a change of luck while deer hunting recently at Mott Creek Ranch, when he shot five ducks with only one shot.

Young hunter gets a change of luck

by Marisue Potts

scouting.

Quin Bradshaw, 9, joined his brother, Will, 12, in pursuing an opportunity to tag a whitetail deer at his dad's hunting lease on Mott Creek Ranch during the windup of Youth Season on January 20. The family had made the long trip from their home south of Dallas many times during the season. But, with the exception of bagging a couple of wild hogs, luck, for one reason or another, had eluded them.

As the day progressed the wind came up and the noise-sensitive deer laid low, making their hunting difficult, if not impossible. So, by noon the trio, plus little brother, Seth, 6, had given up the morning hunt for a whitetail and were driving around

On a small windmill pond they spied some wary ducks and decided to try their luck. Quin loaded his 870, youth model, with one 3 inch #4. Then he started sneaking up on the ducks at the pond.

The nine-year-old raised up, spotted the ducks, pointed his gun and squeezed the trigger as the ducks started to fly off. Almost immediately, he yelled, "Dad, I got one. No, I got two. Three. No, four. No, I got five!"

The Bradshaws retrieved the ducks from the dirt tank. Quin's lucky shot had nailed two mallard drakes, two mallard hens, and a green wing teal, all within the legal limit. His proud dad said, "You never saw a little boy so excited with his first ducks."



CONGRESS RETURNS TO BUSINESS; PCG OFFICERS SCHEDULE WASHINGTON TRIP JANUARY 28

The leadership of Plains Cotton Growers is to renew their efforts to secure passage of a Farm Bill effective in 2002 with a trip to Washington, DC the week of January 28.

The PCG contingent will include President Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg; Vice President Mark Williams of Farwell; Secretary-Treasurer Rickey Bearden of Plains; and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

With Congresses return to work a renewed round of speculation has also surfaced in an effort to gauge the probability of passage of an implementation of a new Farm Program in 2002.

The good news is that despite the debacle that occurred prior to Christmas, odds are improving that a Bill can be agreed to in the Senate, conference with the House's version (HR2646) and implemented for the 2002 crop.

That opinion is not universal by any means, but it is supported by recent comments made by Administration officials and various members of the Senate. Members of the House Agriculture Committee continue to be ready to move to conference and work toward a finished product that can be sent to the White House.

Most speculation appears to center around the first week of February as the most likely timeframe for the Senate to revisit the debate on the Farm Bill (S. 1731).

PCG President Ronnie Hopper notes that the primary purpose of the PCG trip will be to reemphasize the importance of getting a new Farm Bill in place for the 2002 crop. He added that another important facet of their visit will be heading off potentially crippling amendments to the Senate Bill that would substantially alter payment limitation language currently included in the Senate Bill. For cotton the main impact of the

proposed payment lamination amendment put forth by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa would be a significant rule and a reduction in the combined payment limit for the fixed and counter-cyclical support payments.

Another huge problem posed by the Grassley Amendment would be the elimination of marketing certificate authority and the marketing loan program from a non-recourse to a recourse loan program.

Producers are encouraged to contact their senators to express the negative impact such a change would have and to encourage quick debate and passage of a Farm Bill following the State of the Union address January 29.

2002 SOUTHWEST CROPS PRODUCERS' CONFERENCE

Producers across the High Plains are reminded that one of their last opportunities to earn required Continuing Education Unit credit for private and commercial pesticide applicator licenses will be at the 2002 South Crops Production Conference and Expo.

The Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 5th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The day will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m.

Scheduled speakers include Van May, incoming president of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute, David Stanford, of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, and Craig Brown Vice President of Producer Affairs for the National Cotton Council in Memphis Tennessee.

Also on the agenda are Dr. James Bordovsky, Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Jim Leser, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Todd Bauhman and Dr. John Hunter and a Producer panel.

Sponsors for the event include Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Texas Cooperative Extension, The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University and USDA - ARS in Lubbock.

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