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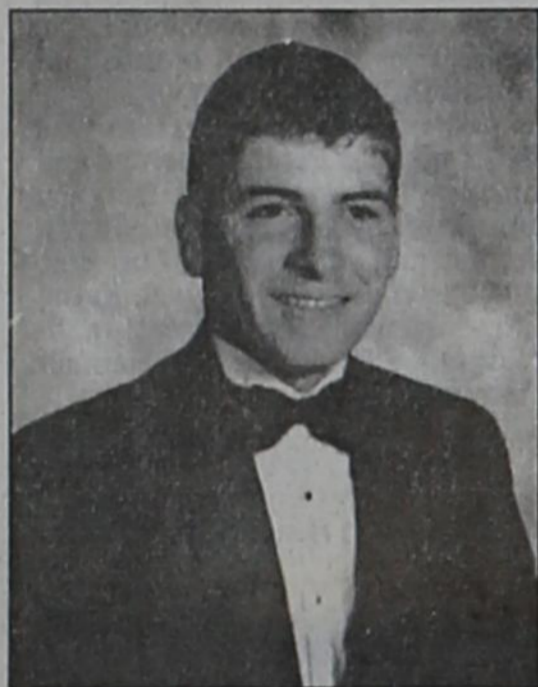
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2002 Motley County honor students announced



JUSTIN JAMESON
CLASS OF 2002
VALEDICTORIAN



KAYLA COPP
CLASS OF 2002
SALUTATORIAN

Motley County honor students for the 2002 graduating classes have been announced. Eighth grade Valedictorian is Ashlee Dawn Green, with a GPA of 97.12. She is the daughter of Billy and Cindy Green of Matador.

Eighth grade Salutatorian is John Colton Russell with a GPA of 91.75. Colton is the son of John Douglas and D'Anna Russell of Matador.

The 2002 eighth grade class will graduate Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Motley County School Gym.

Other Eighth grade graduates are Chance Alan Bingham, Levi Wyatt Buckner, Matthew Chase Martin and Jose Rodrigo Martinez.

Eighth grade class officers are President, Chance Bingham; Vice-President, Jose Martinez; Secretary/Treasurer, Colton Russell; and Reporter, Ashlee Green. Student Council Representatives are Ashlee Green and Chance Bingham.

Class Favorites are Ashlee Green and Chance Bingham.

Class colors are Red & White. Escorts for graduation ceremonies are seventh graders, Griselda Flores, Cameron Jelfocat, Kristen Lane, and Jerry Whitaker.

Justin Frank Jameson is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2002 with a GPA of 98.50. Justin is the son of Travis and Lou Anne Jameson of Matador. He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the Fall.

Kayla Sharell Copp is the Salutatorian of this year's Senior class, with a GPA of 98.15. She is the daughter of Rick and Lana Copp of Matador and plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday evening, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

Graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 25, at 7:30, also in the gym.

Other members of the class of 2002 are: Ysef Eridan Alvarado, Kyle Edward Ashby, Bradley Paul Baxter, Kristopher Allen Bethard, Arturo Pacheco Flores, Jose Antonion Pacheco Flores, Sergio Pacheco Flores, Mylinda Charice Gilmore, Courtney Ann Hays, William Lorance Ho-Gland, Ramiro Aguilar Martinez, Shawn Anthony Marvel, Brandon Kyle Moore, Lisa Richele Taylor Perryman, John Anthony Salazar, Leslie Michele Taylor and Kelsi Kay Wallace.

Class officers are President, Tony Salazar; Vice President, Leslie Taylor; Secretary/Treasurer, Kelsi Wallace; Reporter, Courtney Hays. Student Council Representatives are Brad Baxter and Courtney Hays.

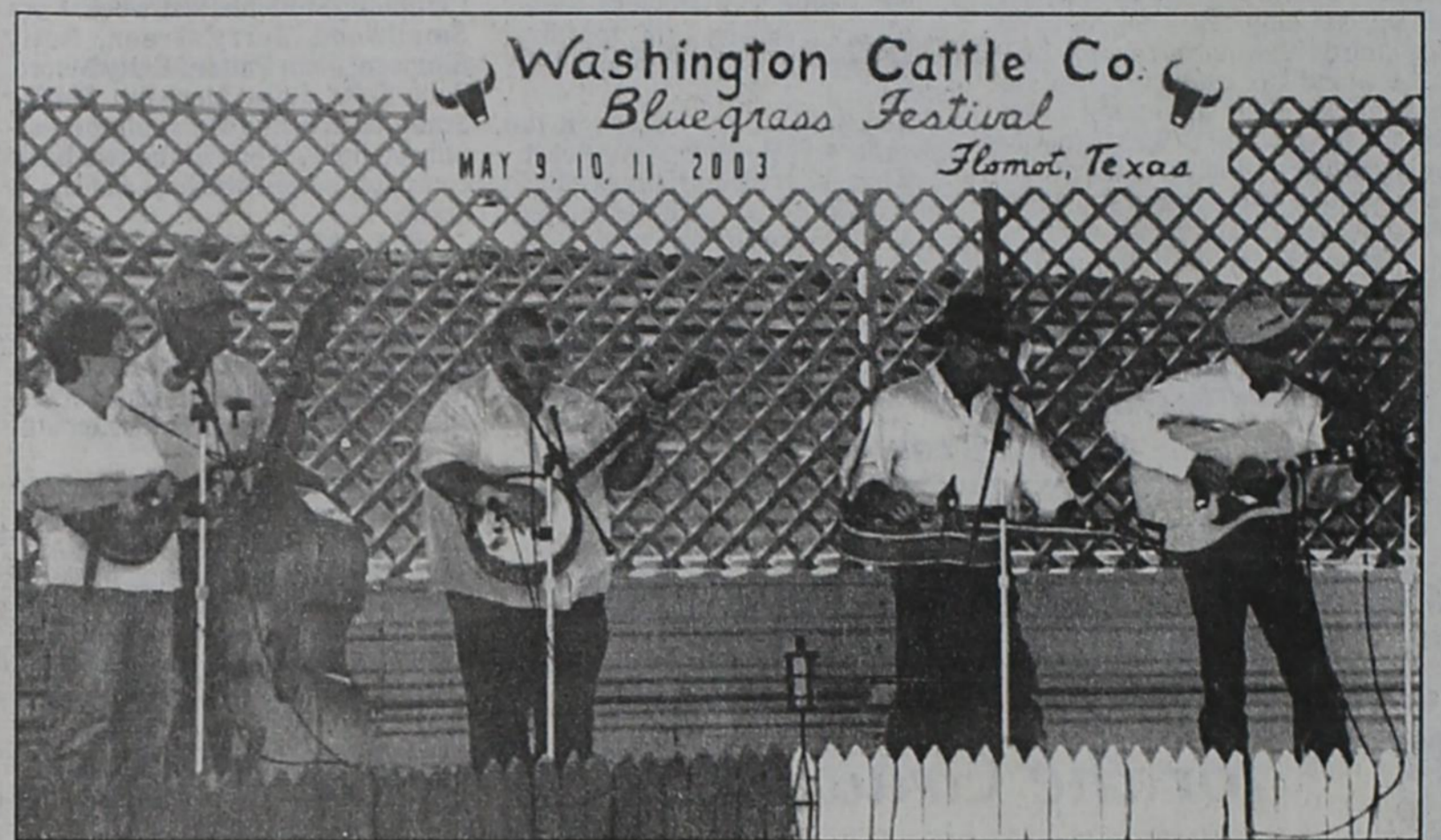
Ushers for graduation ceremonies are Juniors Brenda Gillespie, Cassie Campbell, Chantry Meyer and Clint Cooper.

Everyone is invited to attend these special ceremonies honoring Motley County 2002 graduates.

MC Booster Club will elect 2002-03 officers at next meeting

A special meeting of the Motley County Booster Club will be held Monday, May 20, to elect officers for the 2002-03 school year. Anyone interested in becoming a member or serving as an officer is welcome to attend.

The Booster Club supports students in various activities. In order for the organization to continue, the help of parents is necessary. Parents of students who will be in grades 9-12 for the 2002-2003 school year are encouraged to attend.



Pickin' & Grinnin'

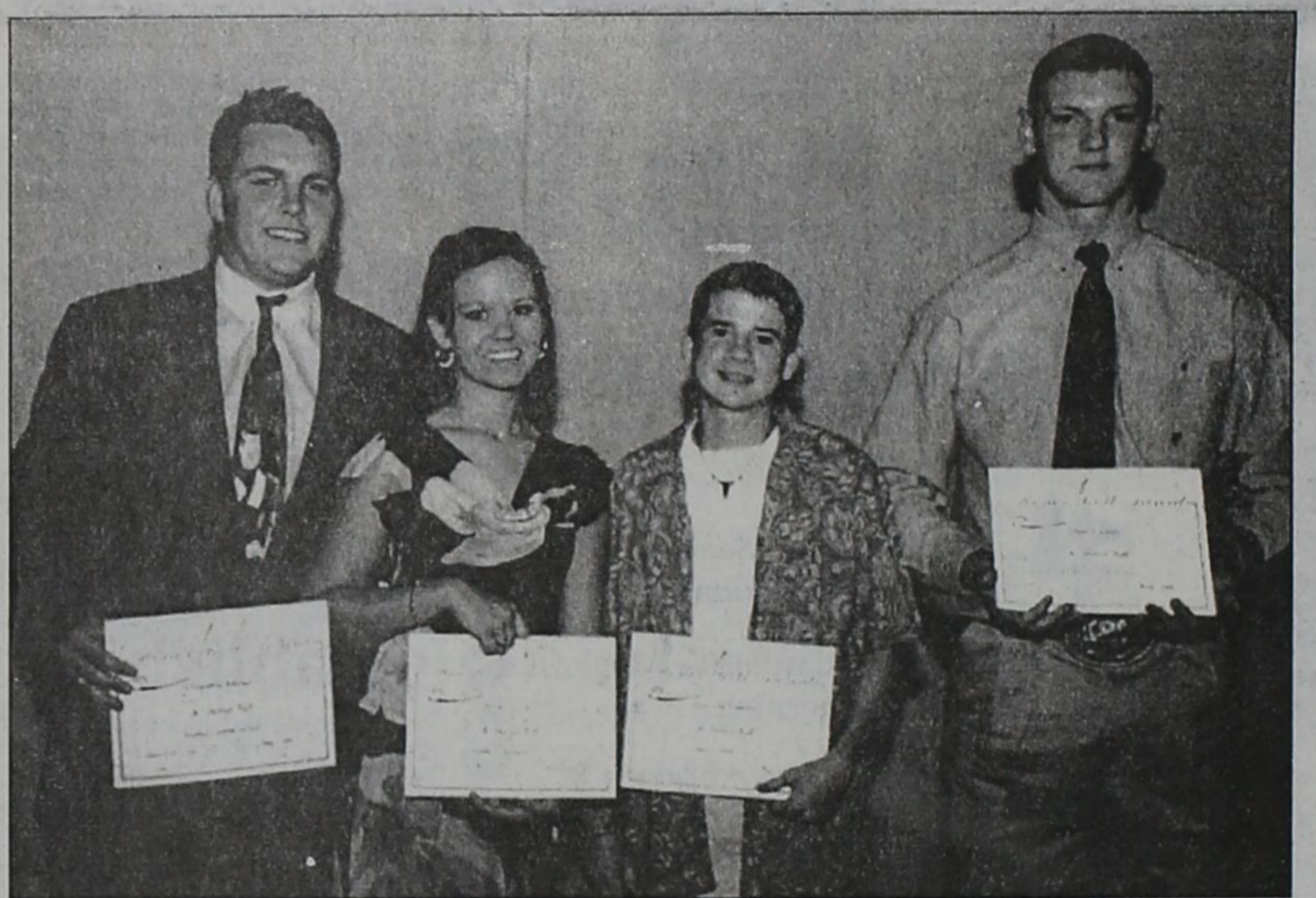
A whole lot of pickin' and grinnin' went on in Flomot last weekend for the third annual Bluegrass Festival. Pictured above is one of the many groups performing at the music festival. The event, sponsored by Washington Cattle Company, has been set to be held again next year for May 9-10-11, 2003.



ASHLEE GREEN
8TH GRADE VALEDICTORIAN



COLTON RUSSELL
8TH GRADE SALUTATORIAN



A HONOR ROLL — The students pictured above received academic recognition at last Thursday night's Athletic/Academic Banquet for remaining on the A Honor Roll for the entire year. Pictured left to right, Chantry Meyer, Kayla Copp, Dumont Darsey, and Clint Cooper. See more banquet pictures on pages 3 and 4.

2002 Motley County Teacher of the Year



Motley County School Principal, Sonya Herrell, left, presents Mrs. Patricia Moore with the coveted apple trophy for being named Teacher of the Year at last Thursday night's Honor Banquet. Mrs. Moore was chosen to receive the award by other Motley County teachers. She is a special education teacher.

Comptroller Rylander sends \$383.4 million in May sales tax rebates

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$383.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts, on Friday, May 10. These rebates are a 5.6 percent decrease compared to the \$406.2 million allocated to local taxing entities in May, 2001. Year-to-date sales tax allocations are down 1.7 percent, compared to 2001.

May sales tax rebates represent local sales taxes collected by monthly sales taxpayers in March, and by quarterly sales taxpayers in January, February and March, and reported to the Comptroller in April. The state's share of sales tax reported in April was \$1.16 billion, down 3.3 percent compared to one year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax payments totaling \$259.8 million to Texas cities, down 5.9 percent compared to May 2001. Texas counties received \$20.9 million in sales tax, up 0.8 percent compared to a year ago.

Sixty-six special purpose taxing districts received \$10.1 million in sales tax, up 6.6 percent compared

to May 2001. Sales tax allocations of \$92.5 million went to six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments, down 7.2 percent.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a net payment this period of \$2,656.17, compared to \$3,196.36 last year, a -16.90% change. Matador has received \$10,570.88 to date for 2002, compared to \$13,163.88

at this time in 2001, a -19.69% change. Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$3,793.31, compared to \$3,895.11 last year, a -2.61% change. 2002 payments to date are \$10,954.80, compared to \$14,109.90 last year, a -22.36% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, June 14.

Matador City Council meets City clean-up project progressing

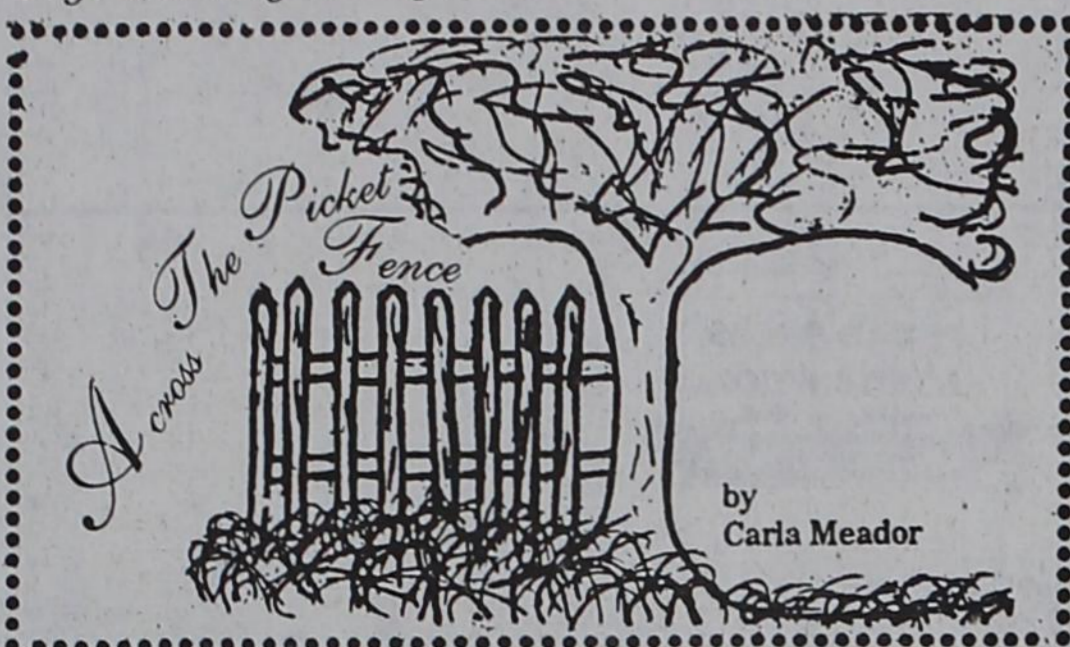
When the Matador City Council met for their regular meeting May 6, City Superintendent Steve Barton reported that demolition and clean-up is progressing on the properties that the City has received permission to clean up. The City is still available to clean any lot in town. The owner must sign a permission slip.

In other business, the council adopted a resolution for a seal coat project. They also discussed fuel and

flat purchases. Since open accounts are no longer available at local retailers an alternative is necessary. The use of a credit card will be considered.

The installation of street lights was discussed. There are 5 more lights available for installation.

Sign-up for the HOME program was discussed and a sign-up will be announced at a later date.



Some of you may have received this e-mail, but for those of you who did not, I thought it was pretty neat.

THE 7 UPS

1. Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day. "This is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118: 24
2. Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16: 7
3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13: 3
4. Stand Up!! ...for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..."

Galatians 6: 9-10

5. Look Up!! ...to the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13

6. Reach Up!! ...for something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and he will direct your path." Proverbs 3: 5-6

7. Lift Up!! ... your prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Phillipians 4:6

A positive thought...
If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

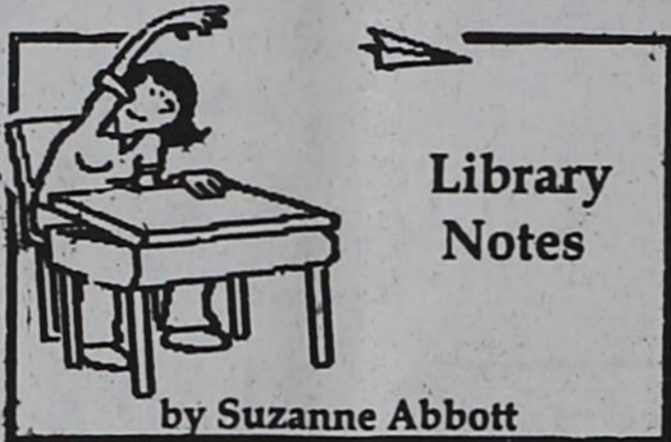
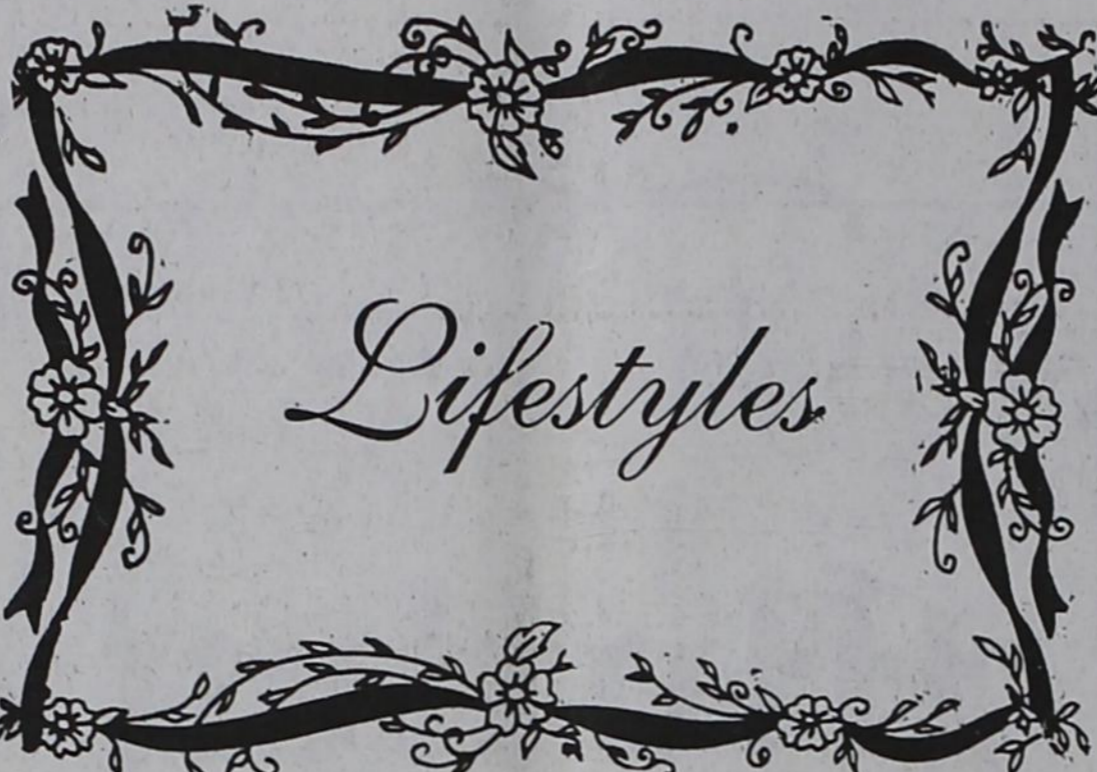
If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary.

Face it, He's crazy about you!



The Motley County Library "graduated" its first class of Basic Computer students last week. Cora Smallwood, Jerry Green, Betty Simpson, Joan Patton, Betty Moore, June Keltz, Joyce Meredith, Shirley Smith, and Norma Marrs all successfully completed one of the two basic computer series presented at the library.

D.A. McGuire and Dumont Darsey taught the series of lessons. The Loan Star Libraries fund paid the fees to the teachers and the library picked up the cost of supplies. We appreciate all those who participated, either as teachers or as students.

New books in the library include *Running Scared* by Elizabeth Lowell and *Medal of Honor: Profiles of America's Military Heroes* by Allen Mikaelian. Other new books arrive weekly so be sure to come by the li-

brary to check out something good to read on these hot days.

Jean Auel's long-awaited new book, *Shelters of Stone* will be in the library next week.

The kids' Summer Reading program is fast approaching. This program is for kids in grades K-2 and will be conducted by Pam Thacker. Jan Jones and Betty Henry will also help with the programs. Each Wednesday in June, at 10:00 a.m. at the library, there will be a special program for kids. These programs will include story-time, art and crafts, and refreshments.

There will be prizes for those who attend and for those reading the most books. Refreshments will be served each Wednesday by the Friends of the Library. Be sure to register your child or grandchild now for this fun program.



Lola Pohl and daughter Carolyn Limmer

Lola Pohl honored with 90th birthday celebration

Mrs. Lola Pohl was honored for her 90th birthday, Sunday, May 5, with a party in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

Guests attending were served birthday cake and punch from a table covered with a white cutwork cloth, centered with fresh spring flowers in a crystal vase. Cari Limmer served the large, decorated cake and Kathy Limmer poured punch from a crystal punch bowl.

Another table displayed pictures of Lola and her family along with a card basket. A scrapbook made by special friend, Jeanne Adams of Roaring Springs, centered the table.

Mrs. Pohl was born May 4, 1912 in Floyd County to Eva and Charlie Knierim, who were both Floyd County pioneers.

Many friends attended from Mot-

ley County. Those attending from out of town included Dorothy Traweek Hanesworth and husband, Stan, of Houston; Tom Hamilton of Plainview; Harry Hamilton, Lubbock; Duck and Patti Hamilton of Anchorage, Alaska; Karmen Jenkins McCulloch and Donnie Jenkins of Levelland; Carol Reese, Floydada; and Monte and Noma Wike, Sudan.

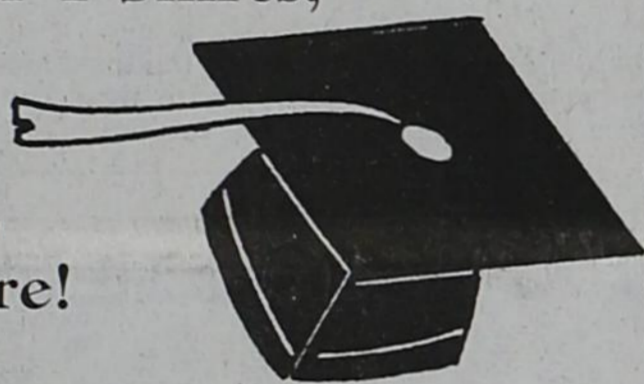
The birthday celebration was hosted by Mrs. Pohl's daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Howard Limmer of Snyder; grandsons, Bryan Limmer and wife Carl, of Lubbock, and Jayson Limmer and wife Kathy of New Orleans, LA; and great grandchildren, Griffin, Bailey and Hannah Limmer of Lubbock.

Mrs. Pohl, now a resident of Lakeside Care Center in Lubbock, was a longtime resident of Matador.

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Look Who's New



Nellie Bly Shannon

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shannon are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Nellie Bly Shannon. She arrived at 1:47 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Grandparents welcoming the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon of Roaring Springs and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farwell. Great grandparents are Mrs. Annie

Shannon of Turkey and Mrs. Noni Eubank of Farwell.

CORRECTION

The Landscape portion of the Paul Milosevich painting workshop will not be held at the Mott Creek Ranch. It will be held at the Roaring Springs community center, along with the other painting sessions.

Love Fund established

A Love Fund has been established for Judy Crowley at the First State Bank in Matador. Mrs. Crowley recently underwent open-heart surgery.

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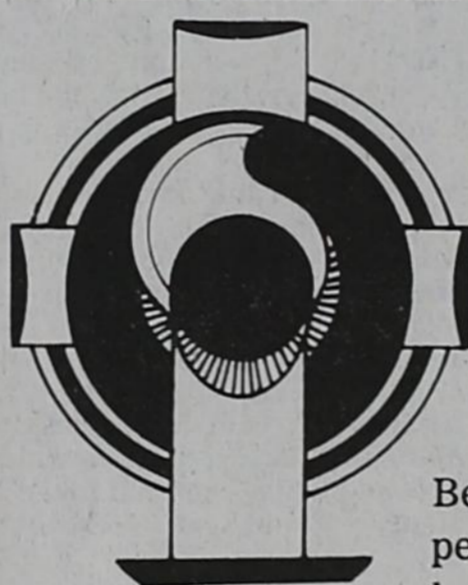
Great gifts for the Graduate!



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Matador Variety



The Most Important Christian Doctrine

Jesus Christ's blood was poured out on the cross. Because the Lord Almighty, his Father, may be found still perfectly Holy and righteous and just, because all of the human race came from Adam and Eve, and we have all

done badly in the way of a life of sin, so we need to pray to God, confess our sins to him in repenting from that way of life. Even though we will all make mistakes even afterwards, it's a total change of life, a new one. So since we have all sinned there had to be something worthy to make up for all of it. Jesus Christ's blood did just that. Like Jesus used to ask before healing someone; do you believe? If they believed, then he healed them, you must believe. And Grace comes through the redemption found in Jesus. We are hereby justified completely, by believing in Christ's shed blood that will wash away all your sins. And to God it will be as if you never sinned at all. There is no other way to gain life, you must be baptized to be born again and contact Jesus Christ's blood. This is the only way to abide in God's love. There are sufferings of the cross that all those who become Christians will bear, and conflicts from the "Resister," and "Adversary" the devil. Prayer is important to get through these things each day, but Christ has promised happiness, but it will not be without trouble. This will move us then to be better people, striving always to obey Christ's commands found in the New Testament, and desiring to please God, the Father, which is also a necessity to receive the gift of eternal, immortal life. To live in that wonderful city in Heaven named New Jerusalem with all those who live for Christ, yes those who run the race for immortality, and fight the fight of the faith, those who never gave up all their long life, those who endured to the end. A city whose streets are paved with pure gold, like unto transparent glass, and many, many mansions, and a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, that comes from the throne of God and of the Lamb. And many other beautiful things that no man can describe in words. Our being like the angels in the resurrection, the spirit and soul of each of God's people being given a beautiful new body that is filled with affection and minds of perfect wisdom, and the love and praise of God in our hearts always. Blessed children of God to live in Heaven forever. Reading the Bible daily will help you immensely every day. If not reading daily, how can you have it fresh on your mind and written on your heart to tell others? God's command is to carry on the testimony of Jesus Christ, his son, yes, speak of it. You cannot if you do not read it daily. Do not leave it to the preachers in the church to read it for you, as if they are the only ones who should read it. Because everyone who presses to get into the Kingdom of Heaven MUST! Some choose not to go to church, very well, but this is for you too. Pray about all things.

Paid advertisement

A NEW CONCEPT



The "old rugged cross" was and is a sign of submission. It was the cross of Jesus that taught us, "not mine but thy will be done." As the cross became the supreme sign for submission the towel is the sign for Christian service.

When our Lord gathered his disciples for the Last Supper they were having great difficulty in deciding who was the greatest. This was not a new discussion between them. The Bible tells us in Luke

9:46, "And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest." This was early on in their time together. The issue was ever present in their minds throughout their training process.

Here is the problem they struggled with in this issue. Whenever you ask who is the greatest, there is trouble over who is the least. The early disciples were very much that someone needed to be the foot washer. They understood that people who wash feet are considered the least. Not one of them wanted to be considered as the least of them.

Our Lord then gave to them a new concept and in so doing He redefined Greatness. "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13: 14-15). It was a radical concept then and now. So, who is the greatest?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr

Radio Programs, K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am

Motley County School News



Booster Club will sponsor T-Shirt Design Contest

The Motley County Booster Club is sponsoring a T-Shirt Design Contest. The winning idea will be used as the 2002-2003 Spirit Shirt, which will be sold next Fall. This is one way Motley County boosters can represent their school in a fashionable manner.

Those wishing to enter the contest are asked to use good judgement. No vulgarities will be considered. These shirts are worn by all ages, 1 - 100! Character counts!

The winning entry may be altered to meet requirements of the T-Shirt printing company.

- The rules are simple:
- 1) One entry per student.
 - 2) Open to all MCISD students. Parents are allowed to help. Use free-hand or computer graphics.
 - 3) Use no more than 3 colors on a 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
 - 4) Remember that these shirts should be able to be worn to all school activities, including all sporting events.
- The grand prize is a free t-shirt and \$20.

Hurry! Deadline is Friday, May 17!

Game tables needed for Project Graduation

The Motley County Booster Club will sponsor the All-Night Project Graduation Party, Saturday, May 25. Game tables, such as Ping-Pong, Foos Ball, and a Pool Table are needed. If you have one or all of these game tables and would not mind lending them for the party, please contact Ronda Miller at 347-2290 or 347-2714. Your help is very much appreciated.

MCYO will sponsor Mini Olympics May 18th

Motley County Youth Organization will sponsor a Mini-Olympics, Saturday, May 18. Registration will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of the Motley County football field. Events will begin at 10:00 a.m. for 2 year-olds through the first grade. Second grade through sixth grade will immediately follow.

Each child participating needs to fill out a registration form and have it turned in to their home room teacher by May 10 if possible. If your

child is not enrolled in school and needs a registration form contact Tammy Simpson at 347-2663 (8-4) or Kim Woolsey at 348-7011, or they may register that morning. All children in surrounding counties, ages 2 years through sixth grade are invited to participate.

Entry fee will be \$5.00 to enter all or just one event. Ribbons will be given to all participants in all events. Concession stand will be available.

Project Graduation party plans in full swing

The All-Night Project Graduation plans are in full swing. The party, which is sponsored by the Motley County Booster Club, will be held Saturday night, May 25, after graduation, from 10:30 until 5:00 a.m. at the Motley County High School.

The party is an all-night, substance-free, safe celebration for all current high school students. Each student may invite one high-school age guest. The party will consist of a dance, beginning at 10:30 p.m., movies, and games. A casino will open around 4:00 a.m. in which students

can win prizes. Pizza, Mexican Pile-up, and other refreshments will be served including breakfast before students leave, around 5:00 a.m.

Donations of prizes are being taken at Matador Variety or Graham Supply. To make cash donations, please contact Ronda Miller or Jeannie Moore.

Everyone's help is needed to make this year's party a success. The success of the party depends on the support of the community.

A big thanks to all of those who have already donated.



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Dumont Darsey received a medal and certificate for participation in the Regional UIL Solo Piano contest. He and MC ISD also received a letter from the House of Representatives for his participation in the 2001 State UIL Meet.

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MONDAY, MAY 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ on a bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Rosy Apple, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

Lunch: Tamales, Pinto Beans, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle, Fries, Oreo Cookie Fluff, Milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Applesauce, Milk.

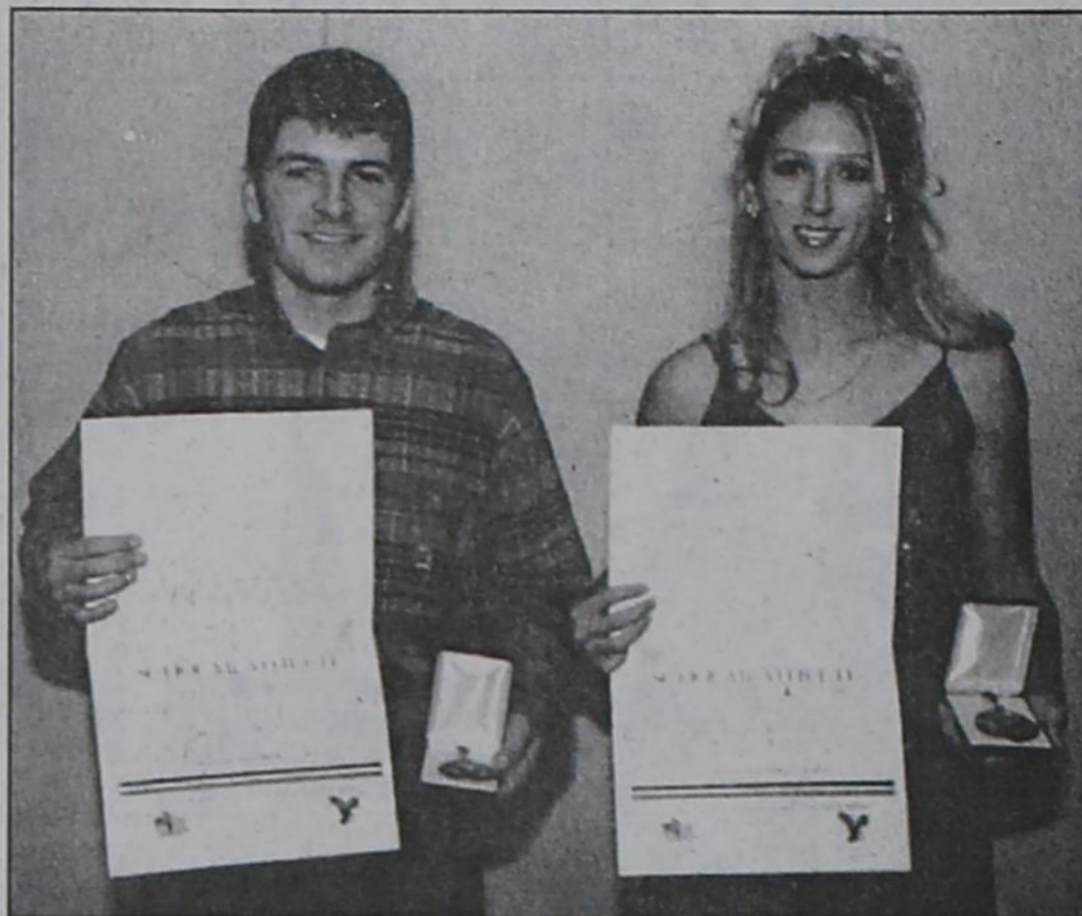
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Dessert, Milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 24
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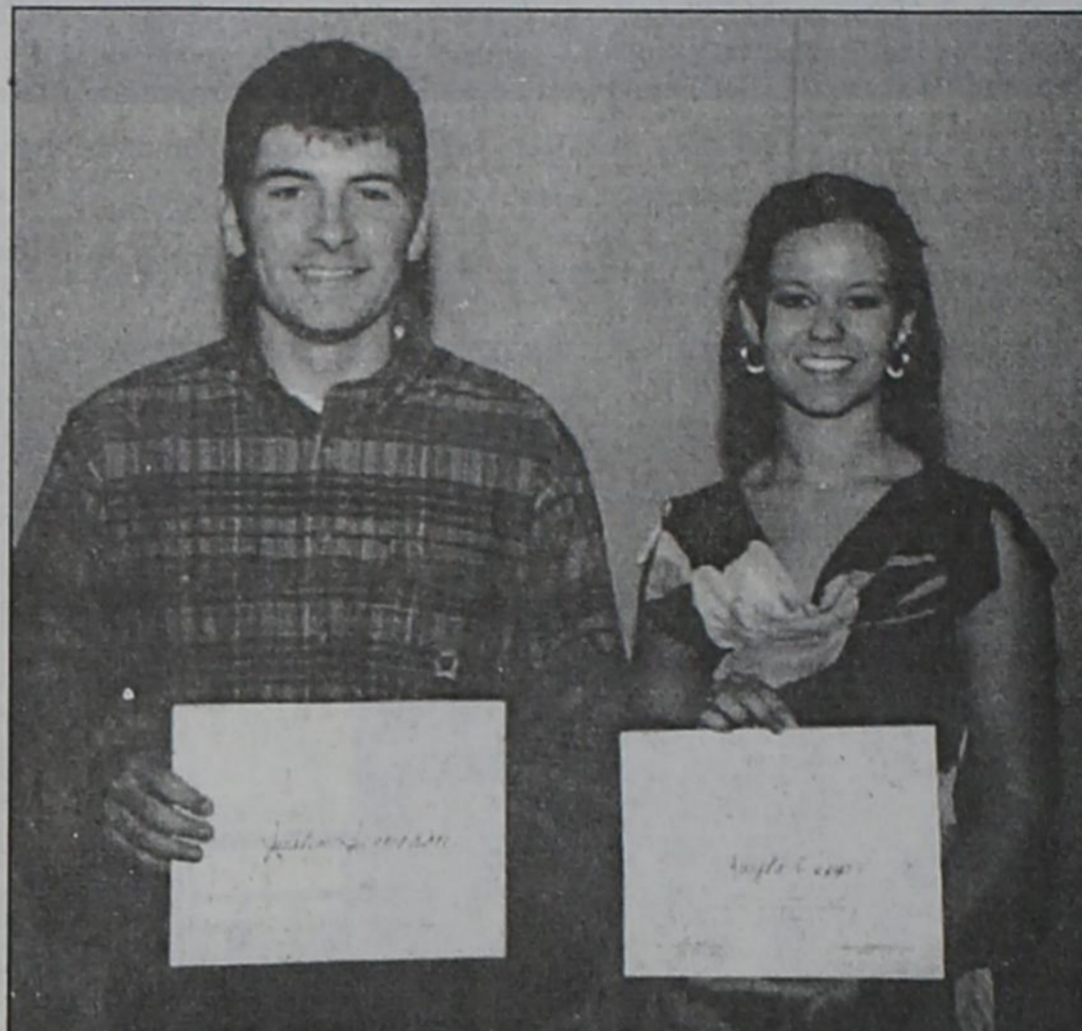
MCYO clean-up day rescheduled

The MCYO clean-up day has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 25, at 9:00 a.m., at the Matador baseball field.

The Mini-Olympics is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the Motley County football field. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.



SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD — This award, sponsored by the US Army Reserve, went to Justin Jameson and Courtney Hays.



UIL SCHOLAR AWARD — Justin Jameson and Kayla Copp received academic recognition at last Thursday night's banquet. Both are 2002 Seniors.



UIL PARTICIPANTS — Motley County high school students competing in UIL events this year were (left to right) Courtney Hays, Clint Cooper, Amanda Hurt, Brandon Moore, Emily Hurt, Ysef Alvarado, Kayla Copp and Tony Salazar.



A-B HONOR ROLL — Students receiving academic recognition for staying on the A-B Honor Roll all year were (left to right) Courtney Hays, Cody Cooper, Sara Fuston, Cassie Campbell, Brenda Gillespie, Kattie Campbell, Chasity Holman, Suzanna Mendoza, Mandi Ream, Brandon Moore, Clay Cooper and Kelsi Wallace.

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Paul Milosevich Art Seminar

Sponsored by Roaring Springs Community Volunteers

Place: Roaring Springs Community Center

When: Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Sack Lunch Provided)

\$40.00 per day

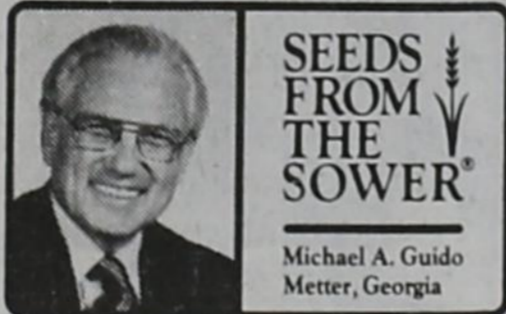
Charcoal Portrait Demonstration - Portrait Class
Landscape

Bring your own photograph for portrait
Mediums: Charcoal, Watercolor, Acrylics, Oils*

Reception: Thursday, May 16, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Call 348-7000 for more information

* Oils may be used outside in the pavilion if weather permits
* Please do not wear perfumes or colognes, as Paul is very allergic to chemicals



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

One day I heard a fellow pray, "Lord, make me a Christian. But it's all right with me if You'd like to take Your time about it."

But you can't become a Christian by delaying or drifting. It takes more than that. The Bible says, "Seek the Lord, and His strength."

To "seek the Lord" is desire plus determination. That which makes the difference between the saved and the lost, the strong and the weak, is determination.

In seeking the Lord, you'll find His strength - strength to become a Christian and to behave like a Christian.

Seek the Lord, and He'll make your week days strong, and your holidays happily wholesome.

You'll seek Him, won't you?

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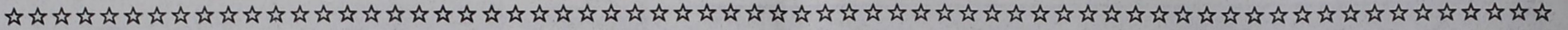
Call 291-1000 for more information. New students, call our Admissions Office at 291-3500 to enroll.

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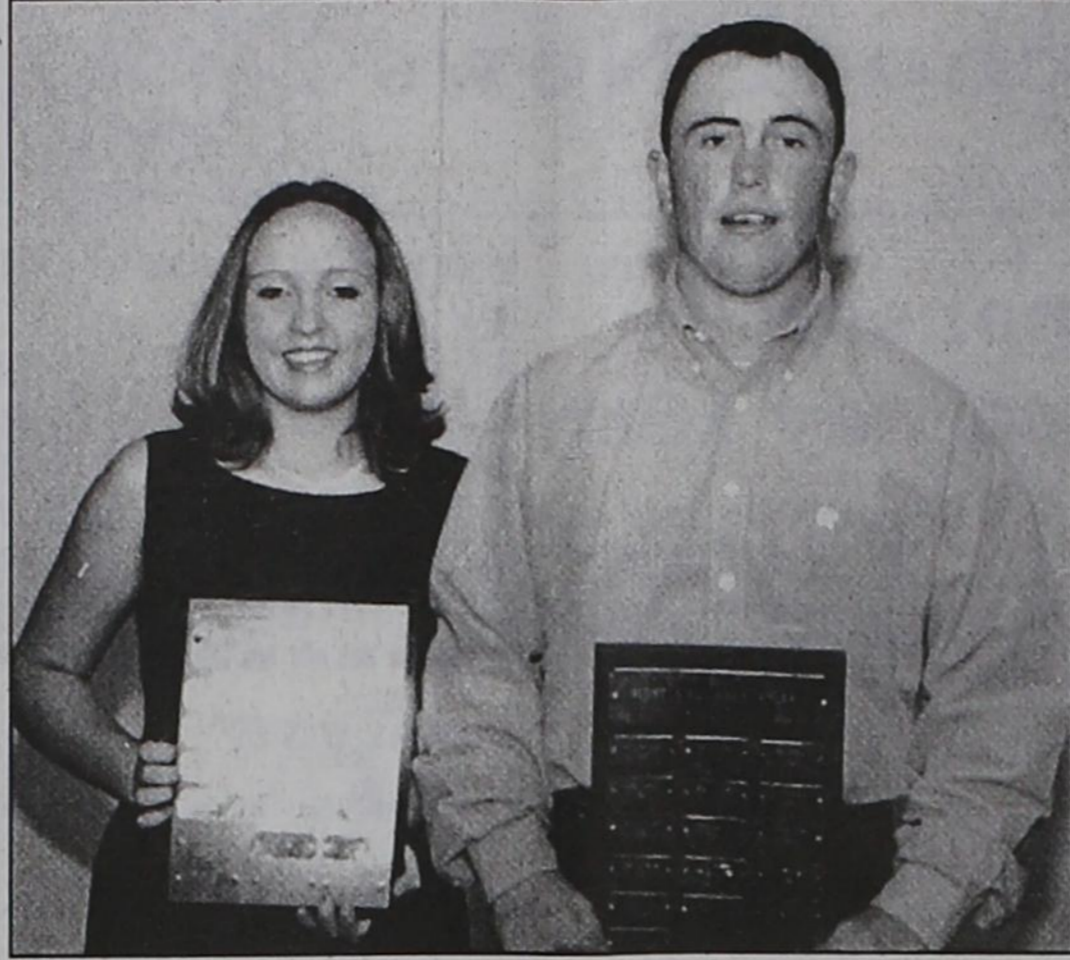
OFFERING A VARIETY OF CORE COURSES AND UPPER-LEVEL CHOICES



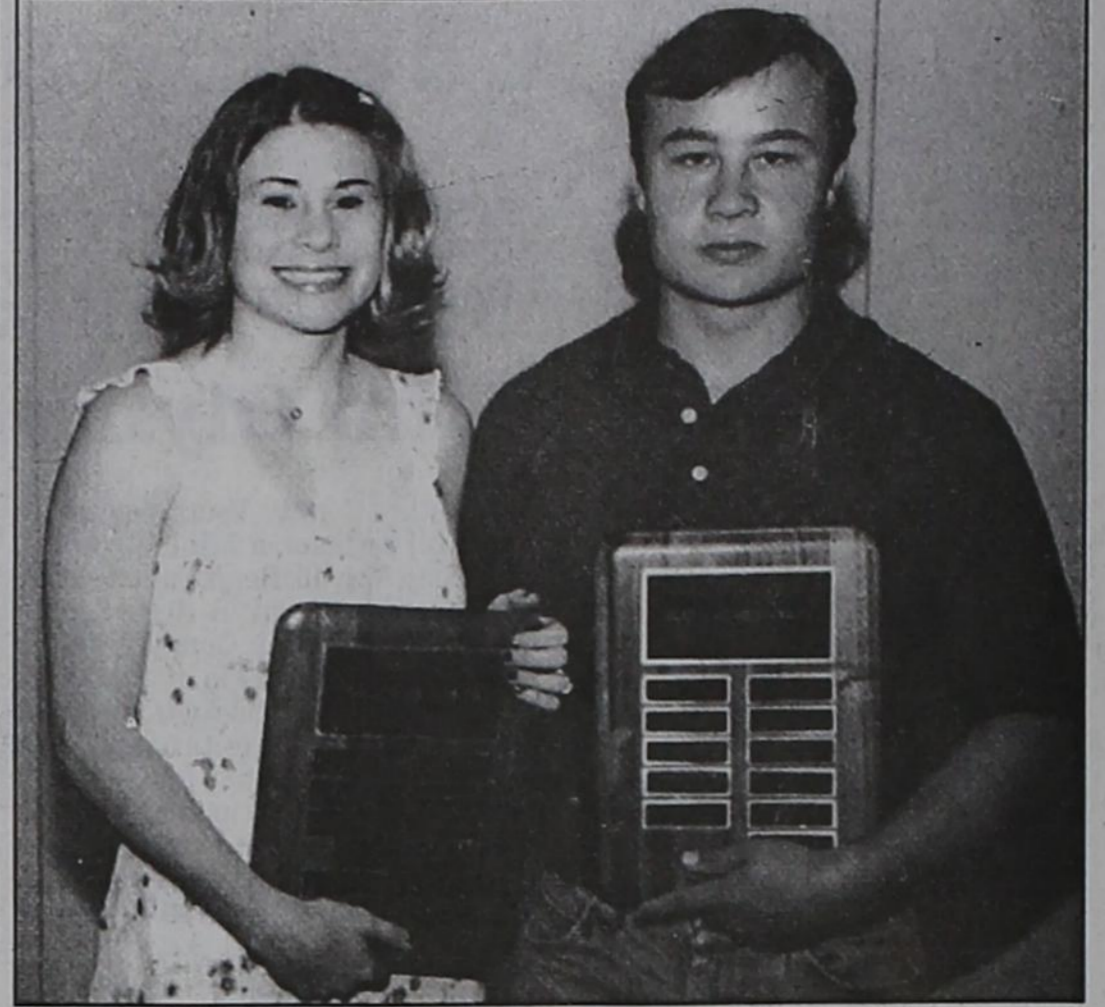
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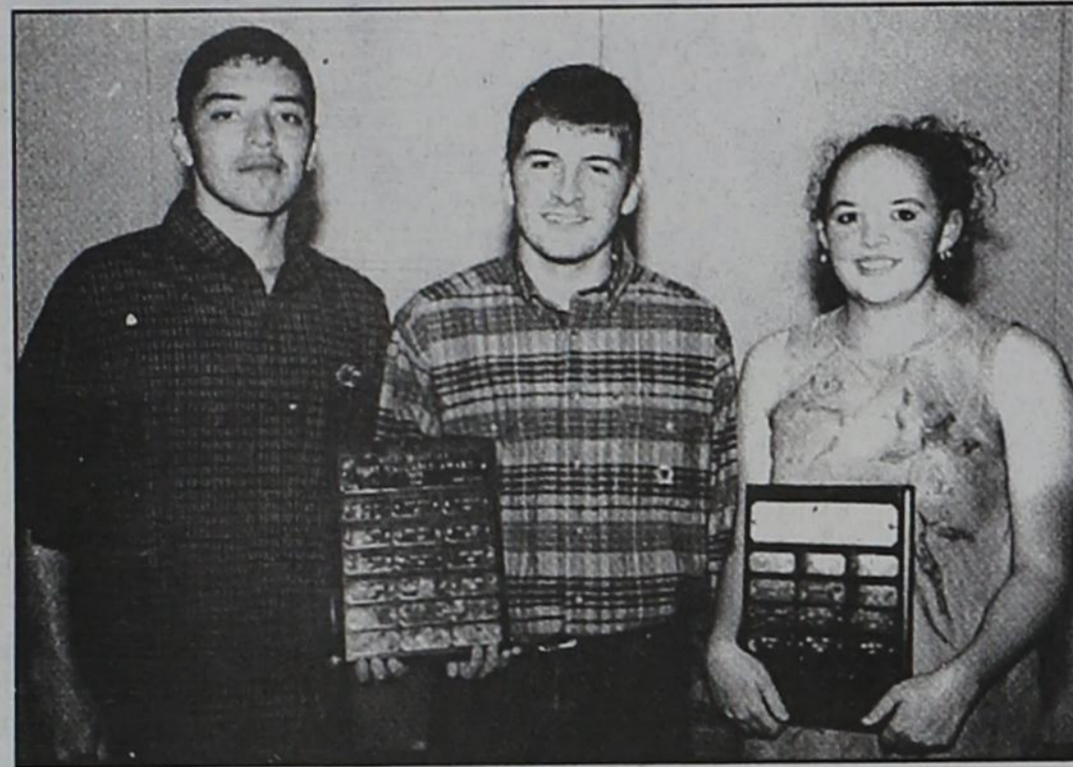
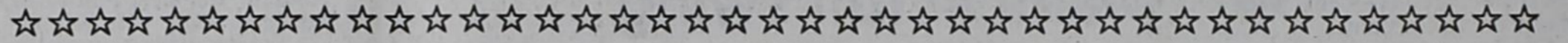
TRACK FIGHTING HEART AWARD — Brittany Donaldson and Clint Cooper.



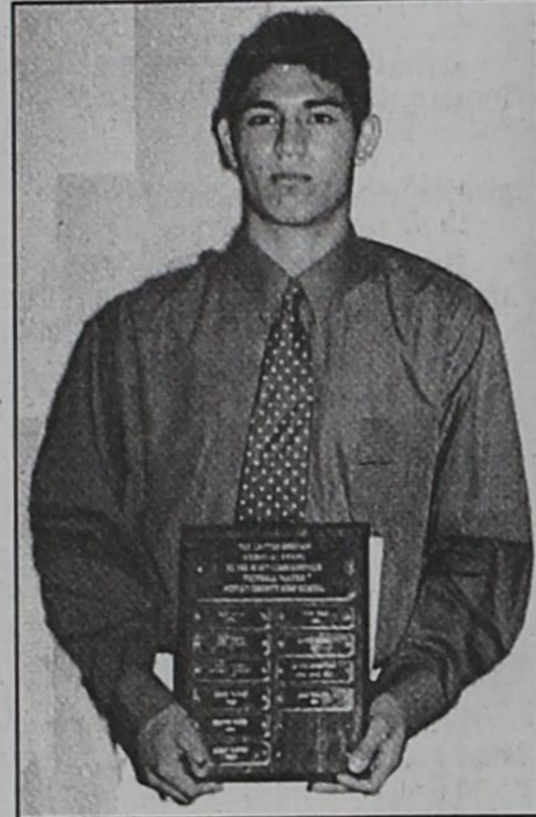
GOLF MVP — Cassie Campbell and Brad Baxter.



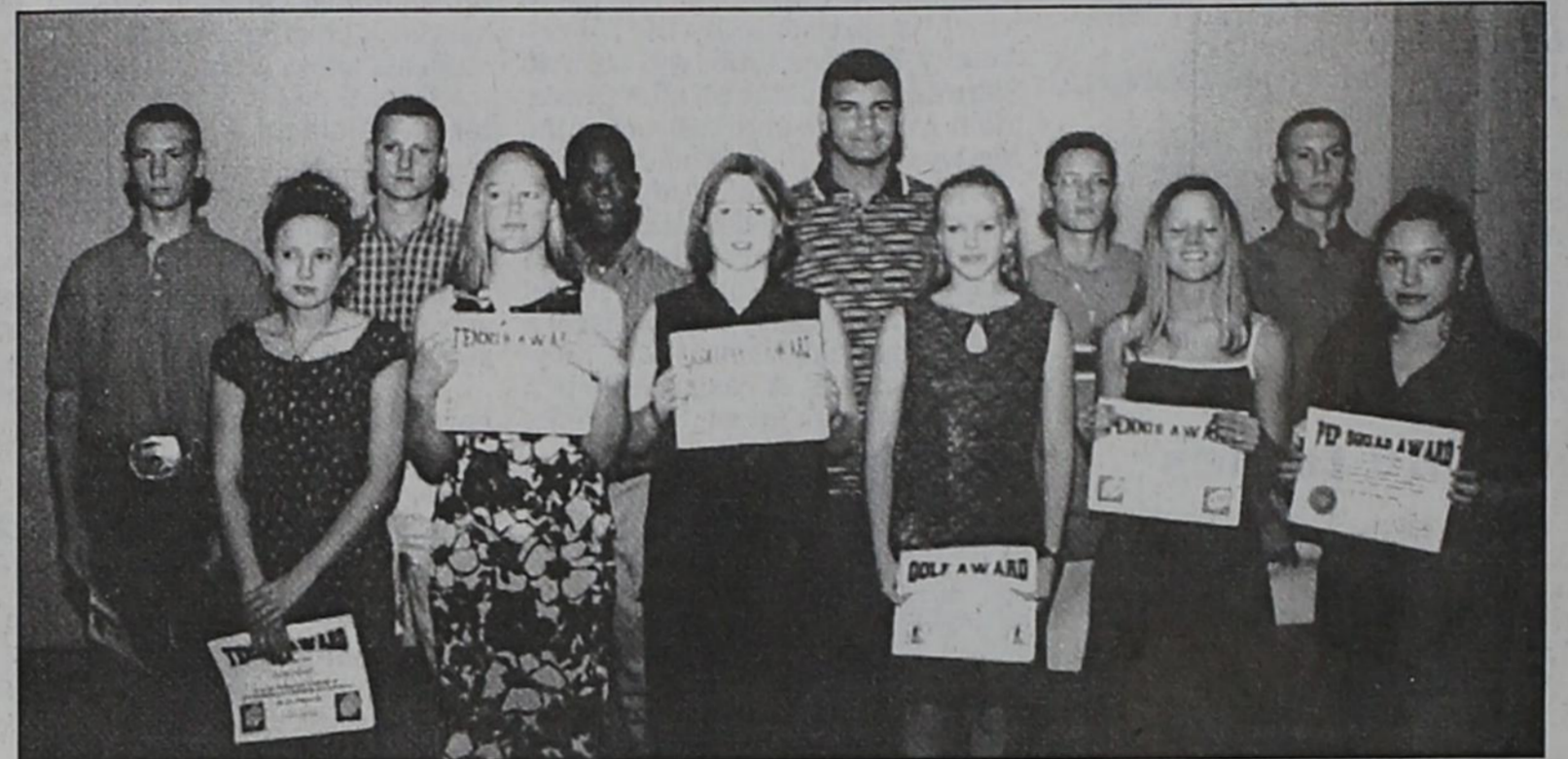
POWERLIFTING MVP — Brenda Gillespie and Bo Long.



TENNIS MVP — Tony Salazar, Justin Jameson and Amanda Hurt.



DAYTON GRAHAM FOOTBALL AWARD
Ysef Alvarado



FRESHMEN ATHLETES — Students from the MC freshman class receiving recognition at last Thursday night's Athletic/Academic Banquet are pictured left to right, Cody Cooper, Emily Hurt, Kenny Johannes, Brittany Moore, Seagram Sims, Sierra Atherton, John Wesley Stevens, Kittie Campbell, Matt Henzler, Sabrina Osborn, Clay Cooper and Sandra Torres.



MOST SPIRITED AWARD — Sis Taylor.



BASKETBALL FIGHTING HEART AWARD
Clint Cooper



SOPHOMORE ATHLETES — Receiving recognition for athletic participation from the MC Sophomore class were (left to right) Brandon Martin, Charli Ream, Stachia Baxter, Suzanna Mendoza, Lorenzo Salazar, Amanda Hurt, Mandi Ream, Dumont Darsey, Sylvia Martinez, Crystal Garcia, Shea Rose and Quinten Rose.



DON EWING BASKETBALL FIGHTING HEART AWARD
Lisa Perryman



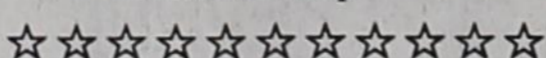
JUNIOR ATHLETES — Juniors recognized at last Thursday night's banquet were (left to right) Chantry Meyer, Brittany Moore, Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie, T.J. Christopher, Brittany Donaldson, Cassie Campbell, Chasity Holman, Bo Long, Tim Mangram.



CROSS COUNTRY MVP
Brenda Gillespie



SENIOR ATHLETES — 2002 Seniors receiving recognition for athletic accomplishments were (left to right) Brandon Moore, Justin Jameson, Will Ho-Gland, Lisa Perryman, Shawn Marvel, Courtney Hays, Brad Baxter, Kayla Copp, Ysef Alvarado, Sis Taylor, Tony Salazar, Kelsi Wallace, Kris Bethard, Kyle Ashby.



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TREE PLANTING — Students from the Motley County seventh grade were on hand at Monday's Stephen F. Austin tree planting ceremony held on the courthouse lawn. The students participated in the program which was sponsored by the local DRT chapter.

Motley County students participate in oak tree planting ceremony

A ceremony was held on the Motley County courthouse lawn on Monday morning, May 13, for the purpose of planting a live oak tree, as part of the state wide Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oaks Project.

Every courthouse in Texas' 254 counties has been offered a live oak tree grown from acorns of a giant tree located where Stephen F. Austin died, the McKinstry home just north of Columbia, Texas.

To honor the memory of Stephen F. Austin and his accomplishments, Bill Price of Houston, in cooperation with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, has provided a Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak to be planted at the county seat of each county in the State of Texas.

Austin, called the "Father of Texas" by Sam Houston, was an empresario who was given the right by the Mexican government to bring settlers into Texas.

At the Convention of 1832 he was elected leader of a group that demanded changes in the way the Mexicans were ruling Texas. He was arrested and held in prison, which angered the Texans and led to more protests and eventually the Texas Revolution.

Austin died only a few months after the Battle of San Jacinto, an eighteen minute skirmish that assured the Texans of their independence from Mexico.

The General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic

of Texas is sponsoring the Motley County oak tree, in cooperation with the County Commissioners, Franklin Jameson, Donnie Turner, Ronnie Davis, J.N. Fletcher and County Judge Ed D. Smith.

Beverly Vinson, Joyce Smith, and Marisue Potts are local members of the DRT, a heritage organization that promotes Texas history and oversees the operation of the Alamo in San Antonio.

Motley County seventh graders attended and participated in the tree planting ceremony.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I would like to update everyone on the Veterans' Memorial in Roaring Springs.

Now that winter is over and our 'man with the plan,' Ken Abbott, is back in gear after his heart surgery, we are working again and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. With the help of Robert Osborn and the Motley Mill forklift we have the granite slabs in place. Walter Trammell graveled them in place. We have another flag pole built for a Texas flag and lights installed for them. We ran the last large batch of cement to hold the large granite slab with the military insignias on it.

We will run underground electric wire and take down the above ground wire, clean and paint the names, plant the flower beds and landscape the grounds. If we have enough money we plan to lay paving brick down the center of the project.

Since I last wrote we have received donations from:

Dumont Bridge (in memory of Tommie Bridge, Bonnie Bridge and Jim Bridge); Jenna Lou Murphy (in memory of Garland Murphy); Gordon Harmon, Tootie Meador (in memory of Jerry Birchfield and Algie Groves); Tom and Lorene Jordan, Parks Welding Service, and Motley County Tribune.

We have received 86 money donations and a lot of donated work since the Lions Club took on this project.

We will have this ready for the 4th of July dedication. Be sure to come by and see it.

Thank you all.

Corky Marshall, Secretary
Roaring Springs Lions Club
Ph: 806-348-7000
Box 307
Roaring Springs, TX 79256

Dear Carla,

We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped at the Park Work Day on Saturday, May 11. Thank you to Donnie Jackson at Higginbotham Barlett who generously donated paint for the existing equipment that needed a fresh coat. Thank you to Matador Variety and Shane Jones for the paint she donated and the time she spends helping keep the park mowed. Thank you to Kellie Martin and JoEtta Bumgardner for the flowers they donated to be planted at the Park. Also, thank you to Bud Barton for donating your entire day and all of your equipment for use at the Park.

A BIG THANKS to Marty and Brenda Ferguson, John Stevens, Kathy Blanco, Chesle Rains, Nancy Marshall, Fred Parson, Steve Barton, Shonda Elliott, and Brooke Barton who spent their Saturday painting, trimming trees, loading trailers with tree limbs to take to the landfill, and creating 2 new sand piles for the kids to play in.

Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Mellane Parson
Beverly Barton



Playing in the Park

These kids enjoyed playing in one of the newly installed sand tires at the Matador City Park on Saturday while their parents worked on clean up crew. Although only a few residents showed up to help clean the park, they were able to accomplish a lot, by painting the playground equipment, installing the sand tires, and a new see-saw, planting flowers, tree trimming, etc. Hats off to these residents who gave their time for such a great cause!

Pictured are (left to right) Katie Barton, Bryson Elliott, Reagan Elliott, and Logan Ferguson.



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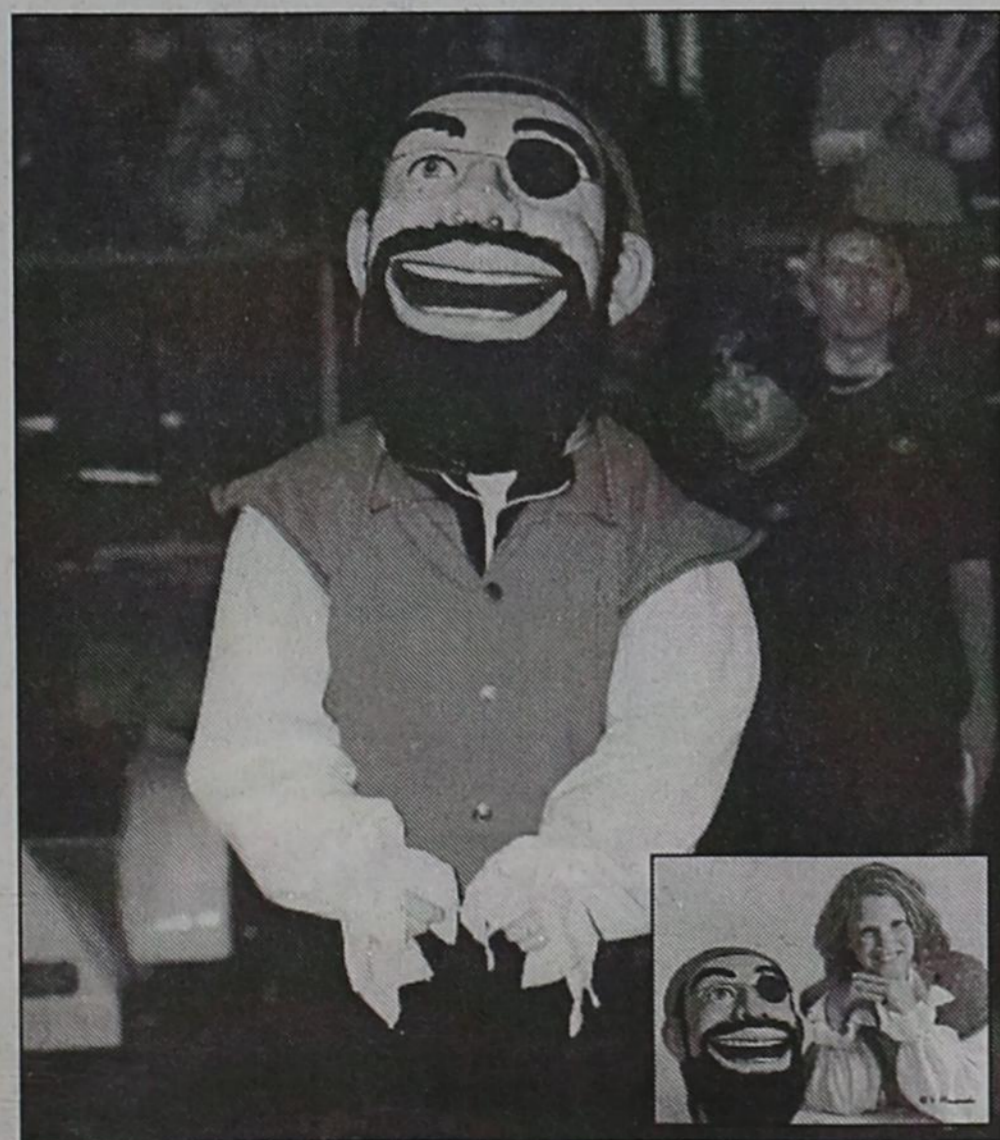


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Erika Church, 2001 Lubbock-Cooper High School Mascot.

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Those enjoying coffee and breakfast at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday morning, May 13, were Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Joyce Smith, Cleo Watson, Larry Watson, Corky Marshall, Ruby Hipp, Lula Swim, Donna Kennedy, Dean McInroe, and Jeff Thacker.

Rev. and Mrs. Donnie (Berdie) Howell had lunch at the Hitchin' Post Cafe last Thursday with Lula Swim and visited with other friends. They also visited in the homes of Vera Mitchell, Modean Brooks and Odessa Mullins.

Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Goss of Littlefield visited her mother Thursday. Mothers' Day guests were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell and Mrs. Seigler of Paducah.

Pearl Patten and Zella Palmer at-

tended the Bluegrass Festival at Flomot Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wittler of Floydada visited her son Tommy Cooper, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer of Matador had lunch with his mother, Zella Palmer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins returned home Saturday afternoon after she was in Covington Medical Center in Lubbock on Tuesday. She is recuperating at home from fluids in her lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith enjoyed Mother's Day lunch in Matador at the home of their daughter and husband, Carla and Jim Meador. Others attending were Kenneth Ashley, Jackie and Shirley Smith, Steve Smith, Jeremy and Whitney Jones, Morgan and Judson, and Sherry and Shea Rose.

Matador News

Attending the dedication service of baby Kaitlyn Keltz, at the Christian Life Assembly of God Church in Lubbock, were proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Keltz of Roaring Springs and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall of Roaring Springs and June Keltz of Matador. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Keltz of Lubbock. Joining them for the special event was Aunt Kandi Keltz who is a student at Texas Tech.

John M. (Sonny) and Dorothy Russell accompanied by Shane'a Russell went to Snyder on Thursday, May 9, joining Jesse and Caron Perkins to travel to College Station to attend the graduation of Jessica Perkins from Texas A&M University. Joining them there for the celebration were Marilyn Hicks of El Paso, Jeremy and Dana Perkins of Dallas, Jason, Kim and Hannah Hicks of Burnett, Matt Roy of Waco, Luke Roy of Lubbock and Kelly Shepard of Dallas.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

MEMORIAL TO CLAUDIE PATE

We mourn the loss today of Claudie Pate. Claudie, named by my brother Claudis Nichols, died Saturday, May 11, in Brownfield, leaving his mother Winnie who lived in the home and a brother Doyle of Dickens. Claudie was born in the South Twin house, the present Carl and Shirley Barton home. The twin houses were built even before the Roaring Springs Hotel or Depot were built and are in use today. A.B. Nichols remodeled the North Twin house to a one story structure as it is today, the home of Joe and Dianna Martinez. Algie and Rita Groves were present when

Claude became a 32nd degree Mason. Rites were held Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church, and burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery. A fine citizen and staunch friend is missing from the pioneer Kennedy Family of Dickens County.

Visitors in the Groves home on Mothers Day were her sister in law, Ruby Nichols of Lubbock with her daughter Rita Little. Lula Swim brought gifts from the Koons, Bill and Billy of Matador, who sent gifts to the Methodist Mothers.

A Note of Thanks

Words cannot express my gratitude to each and everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, food, flowers, transportation to and from the hospital and doctor's office in the past month. May God especially bless every one of you.

L.V. Damron

We would like to express a big thank you to everyone who offered encouragement, for phone calls, visits, cards, food and most of all your prayers concerning our knee replacement surgeries. A special thanks to our loving family for care and all the other very special things you do.

God loves you and we do too!
Pete and Bessie Jean Williams

To my dear friends,

Thank you for making my 90th birthday a very special occasion. I appreciate all of you who sent cards and those of you who attended the party. It was a wonder day for me.

Sincerely,
Lola K. Pohl

Thanks to the Courthouse crew for the Retirement Party! And to everyone who attended!

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Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

COY FRANKS EXHIBITS CAR AT BENEFIT SHOW

The Plainview Roadrunner Car Club hosted their annual Meals on Wheels Car Show May 4th and 5th. Over 150 cars were on display inside the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

Coy Franks took this opportunity to show his customized racer, a 1982 Pontiac Firebird that was a crowd pleasing entry. He was presented a runner up trophy in the competition.

ATTEND DAUGHTER'S GRADUATION

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended the graduation ceremony of their daughter, Mrs. Marilee Martin Cooper of Borger held Friday night at the Event Center at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She was awarded her Masters of Education degree. The guest speaker was David Swinford, Texas State Representative of District 87.

Mrs. Cooper is a Counselor at the Frank Phillips College in Borger. Mr. and Mrs. Martin visited with Marilee and husband, Fred Cooper before returning home.

Visitors of Mrs. Edith Washington from Friday until Sunday were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Max Washington of Elizabeth Town, Kentucky. Other visitors during the weekend were Cary Franks of Lubbock, Cara Franks of Canyon, Tim Washington, Ashley, Matt, and Brazos Washington of Roaring Springs and their houseguest, Ashley's mother, Mrs. Carol Henderson of Birmingham, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington and Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert Mother's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock and Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and son, Cary Franks of Lubbock attended the graduation of Sorrel Schmidt held at the South Plains College in Levelland Friday morning. She was awarded her certification as an X-Ray Technician.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary hosted a lunch, Thursday at the Sportsman Cafe in Quitaque for his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan, her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Visiting Mother's Day with Mrs. C.W. Starkey were children, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Mrs. Ersie VanCleve of Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cyfert of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks was his ex-college roommate at Texas Tech, Barry Pickett of Dallas, their children, Cara Franks of Canyon and Cary

Franks of Lubbock. Connie, Coy and Barry enjoyed the Drag Races in Idalou, Saturday.

Donnie Rogers attended the graduation of Jill Moring of Amarillo held at the West Texas A&M University Event Center in Canyon Friday night. His daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Tyler also attended the graduation and returned home with him and visited until Saturday night when he accompanied them to Amarillo for return trip home.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited Mother's Day in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning.

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot visited Mother's Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mrs. Beatrice Skaggs, Caden and Caitlyn of Matador visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Sunday.

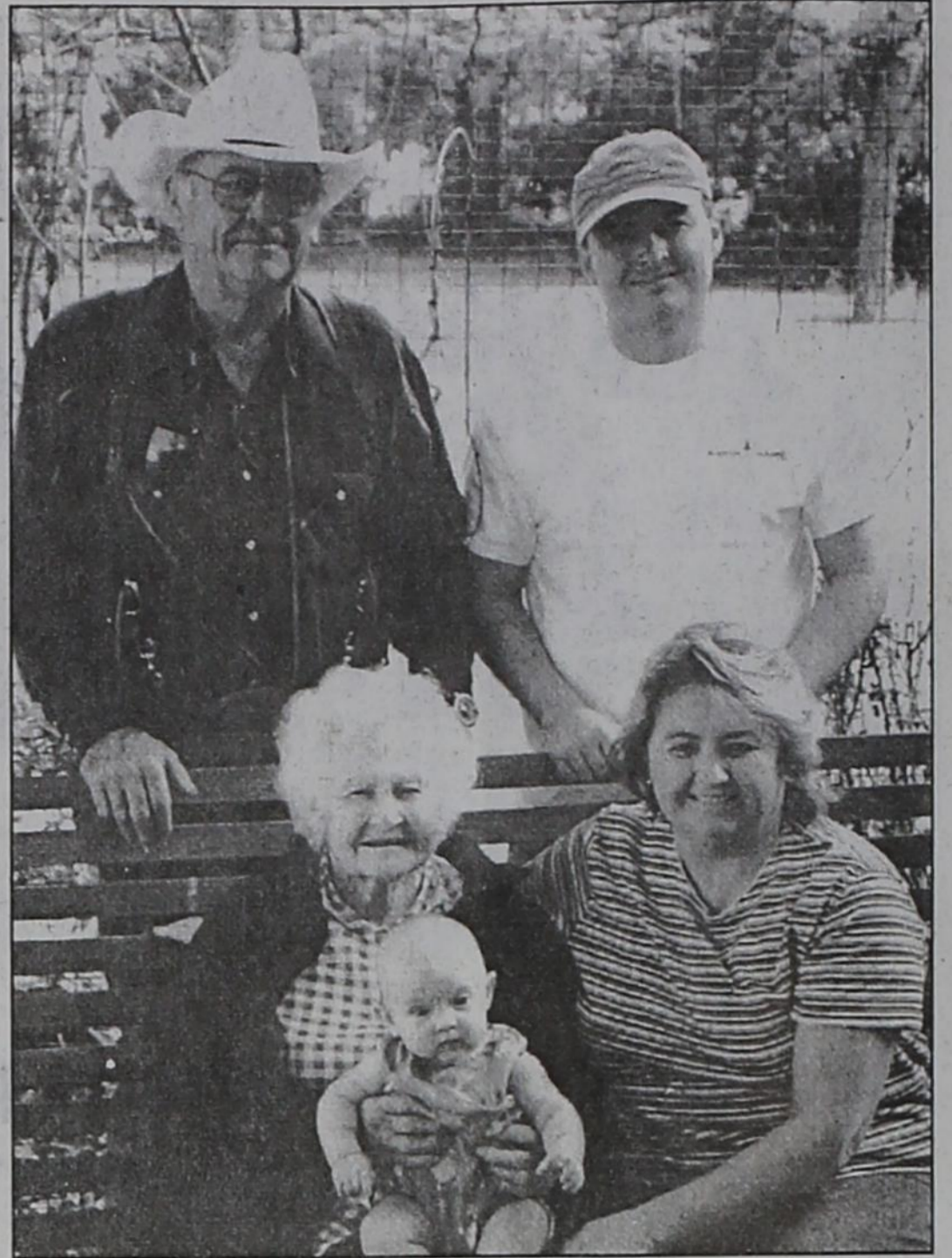
Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and celebrating Mother's Day were children, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Mesquite, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville. Chad also visited in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert.

Visitors during the week of Gina and Tim Shannon and baby daughter, Nellie Bly were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank, grandmother, Mrs. Noni Eubank and Betty and Randy Kelly of Farwell, her sisters and families, John and D'Lynn Hale, Alyson and Walker of Lubbock and Mrs. Ronda Cowgill and Kacey of Carrolton. Also visiting was Tim's family, parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon of Roaring Springs, grandmother, Mrs. Annie Shannon, uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon of Flomot and brother in law, David Walker of Matador.

Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner, Sunday.

Danielle Gwinn was featured with a musical solo at the annual spring musical recital held at the Baptist Church in Floydada, Saturday night. She was awarded 3rd place trophy for her entertaining performances given during the year. Her teacher is Mrs. Dell Gray. Attending the recital were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, brother, Fannin and his friend, Matt Dozier of Turkey who visited overnight in the Gwinn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited from Friday until Sunday in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher. The families also visited in Hobbs N.M. with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hansard.



FIVE GENERATIONS — Members of the Washington family recently gathered for a five generation picture. Madison Franks and father, Cory Franks of Bastrop, grandmother, Mrs. Connie Washington Franks, great-grandfather, Bill D. Washington and great-great grandmother, Mrs. Edith Washington, all of Flomot.

Obituaries

Alvin Garrison

Services are pending for Alvin Mr. Garrison died early Tuesday morning, May 14, 2002.

APPLICATION NOTICE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Matador HOME Program Fund provides help to eligible homeowners within the City for home repair. A program information sheet is available from Matador City Hall. Applications will be taken Monday, May 20, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. at the Matador City Hall. Applications will only be taken this one-day unless there is further notice. Please bring the following: 1) Proof of income (ex: 3 months of pay stubs, Social Security Benefit Statement, etc.)

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Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD BUMPER STICKER: "When did all my wild oats turn into prunes and bran flakes?"

ATTEND MUSICAL CONCERTS

Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter Mrs. Fred Risser of Matador attended Wayland Baptist University Musical Concerts in Plainview the past week. Their granddaughter and daughter respectfully, Kaci Risser, student at Wayland Baptist University performed in the concerts.

They enjoyed the Wayland Singing Women and Wayland Singing Men Thursday night, May 2nd. They also enjoyed the performances of Wayland Singers Concert Monday night, May 6th and the Wayland Hand Bells Concert Thursday night, May 9th.

HAS ACCIDENT

Roy Rowe of Roaring Springs suffered an injured leg Friday morning, May 10th when working with cattle at the H.R. "Skeet" Jameson farm. The accident was inside the corrals. He was conveyed by the Motley County Ambulance to the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He had injured his leg in a previous accident. He is reported to be doing fine.

VACATION TRIP

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper enjoyed a vacation trip to California from May 5th to May 11th that included visiting in Coalingua with his sister, Mrs. Nona Barton and Jo and Richard Smither.

Mr. Samford and Mrs. Cooper drove to Sequoia National Park and were impressed with the size of the redwood trees. There was snow on top of the 8,900 foot peaks and also in the valley. In Fresno, they visited his high school friend, Cub Hollman, from Peacock School. They continued to San Joaquin Valley and toured the fruit orchards, vegetables, dairies and even saw cotton making an appearance.

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They returned to Coalingua to visit relatives. Mrs. Nona Barton returned home with them to visit Mr. Samford. They enjoyed scenic attraction when going to California and en route home.

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FARM AND RANCH NEWS

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County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent

SENATE GIVE FARM BILL OK; NOW IT'S THE ADMINISTRATION'S TURN

One step at a time, that's how the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 has slowly gotten within sight of the President's desk and a final signature to make it law.

The process has at times been unbearably painful. The two day Senate debate on the FSRI Conference report brought much of that pain back into focus as opponents of the Bill stood one after another to rail against the legislation without offering a truly substantive alternative to solving agriculture's problems.

Unfortunately, most of the opponents of the Bill decided to base their arguments on a repetitive set of facts that were presented out of context in either a deliberate effort to muddy or debate or through an equally irresponsible lack of investigation.

Despite these last ditch efforts by organizations like the environmental working group and others, the measure passed the Senate on a strong 65-34 vote.

Now the focus shifts to the White House and President George W. Bush's pledge to sign the law once it gets to his desk. Current information has the signing ceremony set for Monday, May 13.

The President's signature will fully set in motion the already shifting tide of implementation. United States Department of Agriculture officials have been working proactively to develop implementation procedures for those provisions that have long appeared to be destined for final inclusion and the Bill.

State and County Farm Service Agency offices are already gathering

the available files to determine what additional information, if any, will be needed to help producers make decisions on updating bases and payment yields.

Other features of the Bill will require the dusting off and updating of rules governing delivery of direct and counter-cyclical program payments.

Work is also underway to utilize the additional funding allotted for conservation programs.

Two new provisions that will not see implementation until 2003 are the Conservation Security Program and the Adjusted Gross Income Payment eligibility cap.

One new set of statistics that growers should get used to keeping up with is the Average Price Received by Growers for program crops. Published monthly, the Average Price Received by Growers will provide the monthly marketing and average price received for each program commodity.

The resulting 12 month weighted average price will then be used to determine the availability of counter-cyclical payments under the Bill. These numbers will also be used in the calculation of the final CC payment rate.

For cotton the marketing year will begin August 1 of the year the crop is harvested and end July 31 of the following year.

For the 2002 crop the Counter-cyclical payment rate will be determined using the August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003 marketing year.

To see how the Average Price Received by Growers has tracked during the 2001-crop marketing year see the table below.

FARM BILL??

How will the Farm Bill effect you? Get an overview of the Farm bill May 28, 1:00 p.m., at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey. Stan Beaver, Extension Economist from Vernon will be providing the information. This tri-county meeting will help provide you with information that will assist you in making your decisions. For more information contact the Briscoe County Extension Office at 806-823-2131, Hall County Extension Office, 806-259-3015 or the Motley County Extension office at 806-347-2733.

TEXAS' DOWNGRADE FOR CATTLE TB STATUS

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will stop Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1. The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state. "Since last February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state." "The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-infected cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began skin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test-positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB." Dr. Logan said the two infected herds, found in South Central Texas in summer 2001, and in Southwest Texas in fall 2001, have been depopulated. More than 130 other herds have been tested, as

test must be applied on the animal's neck by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian. This comparative cervical test also requires a waiting period of 72 hours after injection before it can be read, she said. Animals with negative results on the comparative cervical test also are free to move. "One or two percent of animals will test positive on the caudal fold test but then are cleared for movement with a negative comparative cervical test," said Dr. Logan. "If the animals have skin reactions on both tests, however, they need to be slaughtered and closely examined, as there is strong evidence that the animal has been infected with TB." "Veterinarians from the TAHC and the USDA in Texas will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers to conduct all needed comparative cervical tests as quickly as possible," said Dr. Logan. "Preventing bottle-necks and keeping Texas livestock moving will be a key goal for our staff." Dr. Logan said that cattle industry groups continue to develop plans to address federal TB requirements that will apply to Texas feeder cattle as of January 2003. "More than 1.5 million feeder cattle leave Texas each year, and each of these animals will have to wear an official identification ear tag," said Dr. Logan. "Currently, official tags are used to identify animals tested for brucellosis, and these must be applied by private veterinary practitioners, or state or federal staff. We are working with industry and the USDA to develop an acceptable ear tag that can be provided and applied by the cattle owner. The identification tags improve the ability to trace animals back to their herd of origin." "Additionally, it is anticipated that feeder heifers and most bull calves in interstate movement will also have to be TB tested, unless they go to an approved feedlot or directly to slaughter. This is to prevent untested heifers or bulls from being moved from the feed yard back to the ranch. In order to regain our state's TB-free status, we must conduct stepped-up surveillance to ensure that we do not have additional undetected TB infection," declared Dr. Logan. "We are trying to find an acceptable alternative to testing the 750,000 feeder heifers that move, as this would require a greater number of veterinarians than are currently available to conduct the testing," said Dr. Logan. "We hope to strike an agreement with the USDA to allow approved pastures or feedlots in other states that would accept untested heifers. Heifers selected for breeding could be moved from these sites to a ranch after they've had a negative TB test." "We will continue to work with the USDA and the cattle industry associations to find a workable solution to our changing TB status," said Dr. Logan. "It is of utmost importance that we maintain the ability of Texas cattle to move across state lines without undue hardship while we work to regain our TB-free status."

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