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Burns, Stevens, Cooper named top MC students

Honor students have been named for the 2001 graduating classes of Motley County ISD.

Leigha Burns has been named Valedictorian for the Senior Class of 2001, with a GPA of 99.02. She is the daughter of Steve and Reneigh Burns of Matador. Leigha plans to attend Texas Tech University in the Fall.

Ashley Stevens has been named Salutatorian for the Senior Class of 2001, with a GPA of 98.85. She is the daughter of Steve Stevens and Bettye Stevens of Matador. She plans to attend South Plains College in the Fall, with future plans to attend Texas Tech University and Law School.

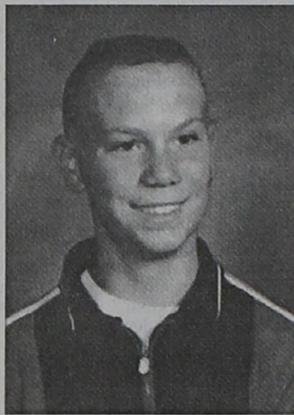
Cody Cooper has been named Valedictorian of the 2001 8th Grade graduating class. Cody has a GPA of 96.25. He is the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador.

Clay Cooper, with a GPA of 95.09, has been named Salutatorian of the 8th Grade class. He is the twin brother of Cody and also the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador.

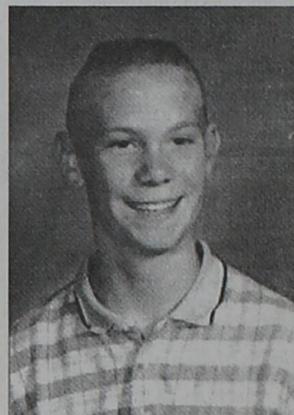
Eighth grade graduation cer-

emonies will take place Friday, May 25, in the school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Nineteen students will receive their diplomas. Members of the 2001 8th grade class are Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Annie Green, Veronica Mendoza, Kittie Campbell, John Stevens, Maria Martinez, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, Emily Hurt, James Henzler, Stacey Ho-Gland, Crystal Belk, Amanda Ashby, Kenneth Johannes, Seagram Sims, Obadiiah Saldana, Levi Buckner and Sandra Torres.

High School Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. also in the gym. Class members are Leigha Burns, Ashley Stevens, Brooke Decker, Charity Bartlett, Rachelle Renfro, Denise Shannon, LeeAnnra Wallace, Elizabeth Ho-Gland, Rabecca Morris, Brandon Lee, Alex Salazar, Chris Paul, Ben Ridgley, Jermaine Hendrix, Casey Lawrence, Chooch Meyer, and Scott Jones.



CODY COOPER
VALEDICTORIAN
2001 8th Grade Class



CLAY COOPER
SALUTATORIAN
2001 8th Grade Class



LEIGHA BURNS, VALEDICTORIAN
CLASS OF 2001



ASHLEY STEVENS, SALUTATORIAN
CLASS OF 2001

Chamber meeting to discuss Transportation Enhancement Application

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will host Dwayne Culpepper of the Childress Department of Transportation in a special open meeting on May 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Billie Dean's Restaurant meeting room.

The subject of the meeting will be the possibility of working toward a Transportation Enhancement Application for Bob's Oil Well corner. Shamrock recently received \$1.7 mil-

lion in federal funds to create a Visitors Center in an historic Route 66 motel and service station.

The landowner and adjacent property owners of the Bob's Oil Well corner will be special invited guests. Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting which could affect this key junction point of U.S. Hwy. 70 and Texas Hwy. 70. For more information all Barbara Armstrong at the Chamber office, 806-347-2968.

exception of a bill from Caterpillar to Precinct #1 and a bill from Airgas to Precinct #2.

Reports were read and accepted from the Motley County Treasurer, Tax Assessor-Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent and EA-HE Agent, and Library.

Commissioners meet in regular session

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, May 14. All Commissioners were present. Also attending were County Judge Laverna Price, and County Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

Minutes of the April 9 meeting were read and approved. Bills were reviewed and elected to pay, with the

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New trustee sworn in at recent School Board meeting

The Motley County School Board met on May 10 to canvass the votes from the May 5 board election for the trustee election with the following results:

Shonda Elliott: Northfield, 4; Flomot, 13; Matador, 110; Roaring Springs, 37; with a total of 164.

Sara Chapman: Northfield, 2; Flomot, 3; Matador, 36; Roaring Springs, 27; for a total of 68.

Les Wooley: Northfield, 1; Flomot, 9; Matador, 110; Roaring Springs, 57; for a total of 177.

Pat Smith: Northfield, 0; Flomot, 6; Matador, 76; Roaring Springs, 23; for a total of 105.

The Board met for their regular meeting, May 11, with all board members present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Sonya Herrell, and Bettye Stevens. Representing the Motley County Staff were Bob Ridgley and Judy Cooper.

New board member Shonda Elliott was administered the Oath of Office.

The board was reorganized with the following positions elected: President, James Gillespie. Vice President, Coy Franks. Secretary, Douglas Campbell.

No one was present during open forum.

Mr. Copp gave the Superintendent's informational report, which consisted of athletic participation at Regional. Although no students advanced past Regional, all students were praised and recognized at the Athletic Banquet for their time and efforts.

Dumont Darsey advanced to State UIL in Spelling, at Austin, and did extremely well.

Motley County has been notified that they have been awarded another TIF grant for \$50,000.00. This grant will be used to up-grade the elementary computer lab and the servers.

A report on the Shattered Dreams program showed it to be very successful. Mr. Copp expressed a big "thank-you" to everyone involved with the program to make it a success for MC students.

Mr. Copp reminded board members about the proper board training requirements and the hours required.

Exit level TAAS test results were given and students achieving Academic Recognition were named. Information about the changing of the gas/diesel supplier was discussed. Brooks' Oil of Floydada has purchased the delivery section of Western Marketing and will honor the bid from them for the rest of the year.

Mr. Copp reported that at the present the attendance rate for Motley County ISD is 97.47% and enrollment is at 191.

Items for board action included the following:

— Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

— The expenditure report was approved and financial statements were reviewed.

— The board approved calling for bids for a Student Accident Insurance. Bids are to be back in the office by July 9.

— Board also approved calling for bids for a bank depository for 2001-2003. Bids are to be back in the office of the Superintendent by June 7.

— Board approved Update 65, which deals with changes in the personnel and student sections of the policy manual made by the last legislative session.

— The Recommendation that all students graduating from Motley County ISD, beginning with the entering freshman, class of 2001, will graduate under either the Minimum, Recommended, or Distinguished State plans was approved. All students will be strongly urged to follow the Recommended plan. Students wishing to graduate under the minimum plan will be required to have parental approval.

— Increased Graduation requirements were approved. Beginning with the entering freshmen, class of 2001, will be required to have 28 credits. This requirement will fall into place with new state legislation that is being introduced.

Bids were opened for the Rolling Plains Shared Services building. The bid was awarded to L&M Builders of Lubbock. The building will be 32' x 98' and located on the parking lot north of the football field. The bid for the building was \$135,465.51. Others placing bids were Hindman Ready Built Homes of Lubbock for \$144,316.25 and Comark Building Systems of Desoto for \$158,483.00.

The board discussed possible budget cuts and changes that will

need to be considered for the 2001-2002 budget process. Several departments will be required to reduce spending from 10 to 25% in order to stay under budget plans. Personnel from the departments will be contacted prior to final budget approval.

The board elected not to enter executive session.

Board approved the recommendation to employ Kelli Martin to fill the full-time position in the cafeteria.

Volunteers plan to spruce up Old Settlers Grounds

The Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association directors met at the Old Settlers grounds in Roaring Springs for their April board meeting. It was reported that a group of civic-minded citizens headed by Tim Shannon and David Walker have volunteered to spruce up the grounds by painting a portion of the facilities. Graham Supply has offered to donate some white paint for the project. Other renovation will include patching the cracks on the dance floor and the perennial repair of the bathrooms.

The Board viewed the newly steam-cleaned Cook Shack and expressed appreciation to James Gwinn for the loan of equipment to clean it. The City of Roaring Springs was also singled out for praise for mowing the fields around the buildings and arena. Several bids for the exclusive food concession rights have been received, with a June 1 deadline looming.

Corky Marshall reported that his committee has had no luck in locating a carnival for the August celebration, due to the reduced numbers in attendance for the last few years and conflicts in dates with bigger affairs. Jeff Braselton will investigate the

possibility of getting Kiddie Rides as an alternative.

The directors discussed the rodeo events and plan to include a county barrel race, county cutting, a Ranch Horse competition, with the possibility of an open cutting class and a double mugging. The events for "Free Thursday Admission" were discussed: a chuckwagon breakfast to honor Old Settlers; the parade, memorial services, and business meetings; the Old-timers dance and county rodeo events. President Truitt Read and Bob Forbis will be contacting businesses for renewal of the advertising banners at the arena.

It was reported that the Motley County Schools would not be sending students by bus to the Thursday parade, although parents would be allowed to take their own children out of school for the event. However, at the request of the board to reconsider that position, Superintendent Rick Copp of Motley County Schools responded positively and students will be bussed to the parade.

Directors attending the regular monthly meeting were Truitt Read, Bill Smith, Mike Jones, Corky Marshall, Russell Alexander, Bob Forbis, and Marisue Potts. Absent was Wayne Smith.

Thief takes US Flag

There are thieves of all kinds. There are the ones who will steal flowers, waterhose, etc. from the Cemetery - which is about the lowest of low! And there are those who will steal a United States flag, flying from its pole, spotlighted, in the middle of the night. This is exactly what happened one night last week at the home of Ray Zabielski in Roaring Springs. Mr. Zabielski, a retired Master Sergeant, who served in the US Army/Air Force for 20 years, through three wars, War World II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and serving in India, Burma, China, Korea and Vietnam. He was also a

member of the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing.

Mr. Zabielski has flown his flag faithfully, displayed on the flagpole in his front yard, spotlighted at night. He says he is proud to display this flag which is so close to his heart, and many men and women have given their lives for. He hopes the person responsible for this will somehow realize the seriousness of this crime and return the flag in the condition in which it was taken.

The crime has been reported to Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, who is investigating the matter.

American Legion to sponsor Memorial Day Muster

Fleming Post 337 of the American Legion and Unit 337 of the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a Memorial Day Muster, Monday, May 28, outside the Matador Senior Citizens Center. The event will get underway at 7:00 a.m. All Veterans will gather at the center and proceed to the various cemeteries to decorate the graves of departed comrades.

Participants will return to the Senior Citizens center about 8:30 a.m. for a ceremony and breakfast. The breakfast menu will consist of coffee, SOS, and eggs. Shingles for the SOS will be sourdough biscuits, cooked outside in dutch ovens by Ed D. Smith.

Mike Crowley, Pastor of the local Church of Christ, and former Marine Gunnery Sergeant, is scheduled to deliver the message.

For additional information call (806) 348-7953.



I just want to brag a little, and say congratulations to my son, Jeremy, for a perfect 4.0 GPA at Texas Tech University. Jeremy, a Lubbock Police Officer, who works very late hours, attends class every morning, and takes very good care of his wife and two beautiful children. As you can see, I'm a proud mother! Way to go, Jeremy!

Speaking of mothers, I received the following from my cousin Shirlene, via e-mail. Although Mother's Day has already passed for this year, I found this too good to file away until next Mother's Day, and with graduation coming up, and mothers facing that letting go stage, I felt it was still appropriate to print at this time, so this is for all the mothers....

This is for all the mothers who froze their buns off on metal bleachers at football games Friday night instead of watching from cars, so that when their kids asked, "did you see me?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced with Oscar Mayer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's OK honey, Mommy's here."

This is for all the mothers of Kosovo who fled in the night and can't find their children.

This is for all the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

For all the mothers of the victims of the Colorado shooting, and the mothers of the murderers.

For the mothers of the survivors, and the mothers who sat in front of their TV's in horror, hugging their child who just came home from school, safely.

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes.

And all the others who DON'T. What makes a good Mother anyway?

Is it patience?
Compassion?
Broad hips?

The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time? Or is it heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time? The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

The need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a school shooting, a fire or a car accident, a baby dying.

So this is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies.

And for all the mothers who wanted to, but just couldn't.

This is for reading "Goodnight Moon" twice a night for a year. And then reading it again, "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swear them in despair and stomp their feet like a tired 2-year-old who wants ice cream before dinner.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school.

And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

For all the mothers who bite their lips sometimes until they bleed - when their 14-year-olds dye their hair green. Who lock themselves in the bathroom when babies keep crying and won't stop.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for all mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home.

This is for mothers who put pinwheels and teddy bears on their children's graves.

This is for the mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

This is for all the mothers who sent their sons to school with stomachaches, assuring them they'd be just FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up - right away.

This is for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation.

And mature mothers learning to let go.

For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers.

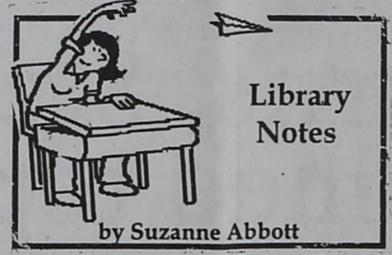
Single mothers and married mothers.

Mothers with money, mothers without.

This is for you all. So hang in there. "Home is what catches you when you fall - and we all fall."

I know all of us mothers can relate to most of those. And I would like to add one, very close to my heart and that of my mother's in-law -

To all the mothers of Law Enforcement Officers, who pray every day and night for the safety of their child.



The Motley County Library has received several new books this week. We have Stuart Woods' *Cold Paradise*, featuring Stone Barrington as a private investigator in New York. Stuart Woods is an excellent writer, choosing his words well and using them creatively. Readers will enjoy this newest effort.

A love story by Sandra Brown is *Seduction by Design*. This novel is set in an amusement park in the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee. Sandra Brown fans are sure to enjoy this latest. Another

love story, *Heart of a Warrior*, is by Johanna Lindsey. In this book, Lindsey has written a fantasy.

Finally, Joanne Harris, author of *Chocolat*, has a new novel called *Five Quarters of the Orange*. This is a novel set in the Loire River Valley in France and deals with a mother and her daughters with some cooking thrown in. Other new books will be arriving weekly. Come in and sample the library's new fiction.

Don't forget the book discussion Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Library to host book discussion

Marisue Potts and Freida Burns will lead a discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's novel, *The Poisonwood Bible* at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at the Motley County Library. This book relates the adventures and misadventures of a missionary family who served in the Belgian Congo in Africa. The story is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades during the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium.

Freida Burns and her husband Clint have been missionaries in Africa and their experiences will serve to lend credence to the trails and tribulations of the family in Kingsolver's novel. Marisue Potts will draw on her knowledge of history

to make the events of the time and place come alive.

We have had three copies of *The Poisonwood Bible* circulating and many have read it. However, it is not necessary to have read the book to attend and enjoy the book discussion. The events in the book evoke anger, pity, compassion and fear in the reader and these feelings will be sure to show themselves and make for a lively, interesting discussion. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting event at the Library.



Mary Meason at her 90th birthday party.

See related picture on page 5

Mary Meason honored for 90th birthday

Mrs. Mary Meason, longtime Matador resident, was honored for her 90th birthday, with a party at the Senior Citizens' Center in Matador, on Saturday, May 12. Friends, family and many former students attended and enjoyed the beautifully decorated cake, punch and other refreshments. The crowd sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Meason as she blew the candles out on her cake.

Mrs. Meason speaks of the party "of a lifetime" below -

"I'm sure that all of you have heard of a person having to eat crow. I am one of those people!

I have had a lot to say about the person who said that 'old age is the golden years.' Now, I am going to have to apologize to that unknown person!

My nieces and nephews, from England to Alaska, and all points in between, have convinced me that 'old age' can and should be considered as the really and truly golden years.

My birthday party was such a huge success! One-hundred and eighty people registered and some

failed to register.

So now, I want to thank everyone who called me, sent cards, flowers, balloons and gifts. I think I am the luckiest, happiest and most fortunate person in Matador.

One of the happiest parts of this party was seeing and visiting so very many of my pupils whom I have taught (or tried to teach).

I especially want to thank everyone for making that party such a huge success. I hope I wasn't the only one who had such a good time!

My cousins, nieces and nephews, great-nieces, and great-great nieces, and neighbors certainly deserve a lot of credit for putting together such a wonderful party.

I really thought that most of my friends would have about forgotten about me, but how happy and pleased I was to find out that so many friends have remembered me for these ninety years.

Thank you to all of you, for making this old 90-year-old woman so very, very happy."



Look Who's New

Katherine Elizabeth Echols

Kayla Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs would like to announce the arrival of her niece, Katherine Elizabeth Echols. She was born May 12, 2001, at 12:16 a.m., at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton. She weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 inches

long. Parents of the new arrival are Pamela and Brion Echols of Flower Mound.

Grandparents are Larry and Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs and Karen and Lynn Echols of Manchester, PA.

In Search of God



Where is God? How can you draw closer to God? Bezeq, the Israeli telephone company, has made it possible for customers to "fax God." Customers so inclined can now send fax messages to Jerusalem. Bezeq employees fold the messages and place them inside crevices on the Western Wall, considered by some to be the holiest site in the World.

What a convenience driven society we live in today! To be able to "fax God" is such a new convenience! A couple of important points develop from this new "service." One, it is interesting that in this form of prayer the Bezeq employees act as your intercessor rather than Christ (John 16:23f). Do you feel comfortable hoping your intercessor doesn't lose your fax, or perhaps a gust of wind might remove the fax from the wall before God has time to check His mailbox.

The second difficulty, and perhaps the most obvious, is the perception of God. Where is God that we may go to Him? The Apostle Paul describes mankind's efforts of reaching God as a searching and groping process, one that cannot yield results. However, Paul teaches that God is not far from each of us for He has made us and all that we have (Acts 17:23f). We do not look for a special "place" to find God, for He is Spirit (John 4:24). Indeed the Word of God teaches us of God and His Nature.

"For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.' Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man." (Acts 17:28-29)

You and I have been created in the image of God. We must not and cannot create God in our image.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96FM
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Sonbeams



by June Keltz

The rebellious teenager hurried out the door, lunch box in hand, to catch the school bus that bounced and vibrated over approximately twenty miles of dirt roads before reaching its destination. Her Mother stood in the doorway waving an anxious good-bye as she spouted a repetitious message of "Study hard and remember, don't get in the car with those two boys. They will kill themselves and will kill you." Not many days following the girl's perversely unyielding attitude took precedence over her Mother's warning. An opportunity presented itself to make a quick out-of-town trip with full assurance of returning before the final school bell rang.

Traveling up the "Cap" was pleasantly uneventful as was the visit with the driver's girlfriend, which was the purpose of the journey. Time passed quickly and with only minutes remaining to travel the forty miles to meet the time schedule, adrenaline rose to its highest potential as the boy challenged the old '39 Ford to prove its ability to perform under pressure. With a dare devil spirit and the peddle to the metal, he clipped every rural mail box along the highway sending them airborne. The girl's groanings to the Lord from the floorboard of the back seat competed with the groanings of the old, insufficiently powered, motor as it strived to get them there on time. Her Mother's cautioning words echoed in her ears as she cried out to a merciful God for a second chance. He grated her request and she learned a valuable lesson.

We learn obedience to God and Parents through suffering as did our Lord Jesus Christ. (Heb. 5:8). Rebellion and self-seeking are components of the old carnal nature that always results in acts of unrighteousness. It opens the door to indignation, wrath, tribulation and anguish. It is not burdensome for us to make a sacrifice to God when we have done wrong but He emphasizes in I Sam. 15:22, "To obey is better than sacrifice."

All characters in the true story above still reside in Motley County and through the years have made good citizens and attend church on a regular basis. God is good and long-suffering with us all.

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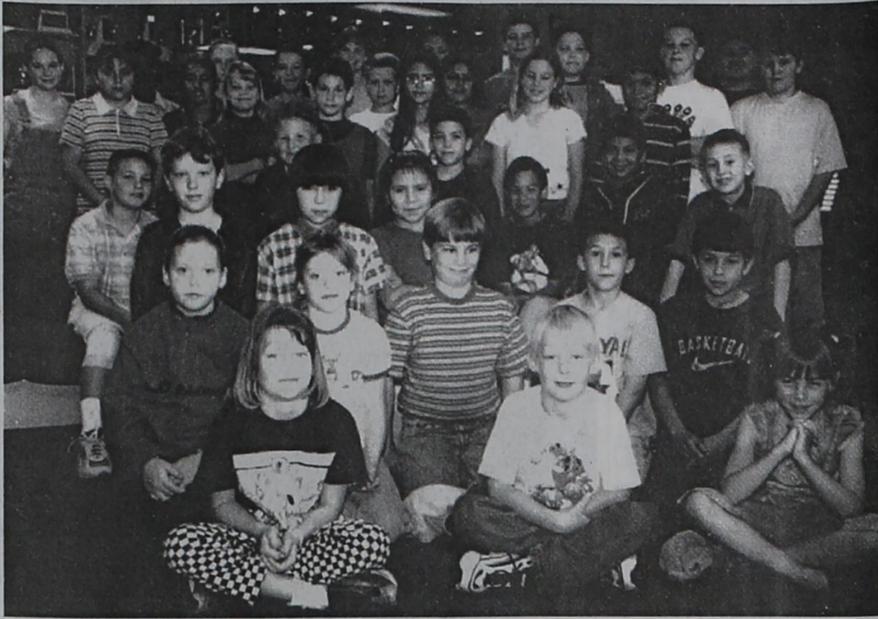
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Motley County School News



Elementary UIL participants



Jr. High UIL participants

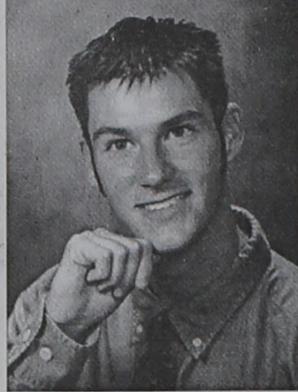


High School UIL participants

What's Up?

Thursday, May 17: EOY English II Exam (am)
 EOY U.S. History Exam (pm)
 Academic Banquet, 7:30
 Friday, May 18: Lions' Club District Contest at Lubbock
 Parent Senior Party, 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, May 19: Lions' Club District Contest at Lubbock
 Sunday, May 20: Senior Baccalaureate at 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 22: Semester Tests
 Wednesday, May 23: Semester Tests
 Pre-K - 6th Grade Awards Program, 1:00 p.m.
 Thursday, May 24: Semester Tests
 End of 6th 6-Weeks 7-12 Awards Program, 1:00
 Friday, May 25: Teacher Inservice
 Jr. High Graduation at 7:30
 Saturday, May 26: Teacher Workday
 Senior Graduation at 7:30
 All-Night Party

Senior Spotlight



BRANDON SCOTT LEE

Nickname: Flip, B-Man.
 Age: 18
 Date of Birth: April 25, 1983
 Parents: Roger Lee and Carmin Bell.

Siblings: Josh Lee.
 Who do you most admire and why: Coach Ridgley because he is always in a good mood.

Most embarrassing moment: I never get embarrassed.

What material thing do you most treasure: My parents.

Extracurricular activities: Football, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, UIL, One Act Play.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Good luck for the next few years, you're gonna need it.

Plans after graduation: Work and go to South Plains College.

Favorites:

Food: Rib eye steak
 Hangout: Jose's casa
 Movie: Gladiator

Musical Group: Godsmack
 Color: Blue

Past time: Chillin'
 Soft Drink: Sprite

Book: I don't read
 Song: Lay Low

Teacher: Mrs. Gillespie
 Sport: Basketball

Quote: Que' Paso



HILLARY BROOKE DECKER

Nickname: "Brookie," "Brooke Ellen," "Hill," "Del."

Age: 18
 Date of Birth: November 22, 1982

Parents: Jan Decker and Andy Decker.

Siblings: Tyler, 21, and M'Kinna, 5.

Who do you most admire and why: My mom, because she's always been there for me, no matter what the condition.

Most embarrassing moment: When I drove my car into the ditch for no apparent reason.

What material thing do you most treasure: My golf clubs.

Extracurricular activities: Cheerleading, Golf, National Honor Society, Student Council.

Special honors: Sr. Class President, District Champion golf (3 years), Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Have fun, because it goes by fast! Don't take Spanish.

Plans after graduation: Attend WTAMU, major undecided.

Favorites:

Food: Mexican - Fajitas
 Soft drink: Dr. Pepper

Hangout: Anywhere with friends.
 Movie: Grease and Wizard of Oz

Musical Group: Bon Jovi and Fuel

Color: Blue, Pink and Red.

Past time: Being with friends and Brad and sleeping.

Book: Don't read books much
 Song: "I Lost It" by Kenny Chesney.

Teacher: Mrs. Bingham.
 Sport: Golf

Quote: "No man, no cry."

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MAY 21

Breakfast: Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Fries, Pickle, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Cake & Strawberries, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Rolls, Honey, Milk

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Breakfast: Donuts, Sweet Rolls, Fruit, Milk.

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

Moving-up ceremonies set for May 24

The Motley County High School Moving-Up Ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 24.

Class awards, scholarships, and other awards will be presented, as well as the traditional moving up of classes.

Everyone is invited to attend.



Only six days of School left!

Mother's Day Special Continues...

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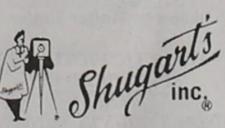
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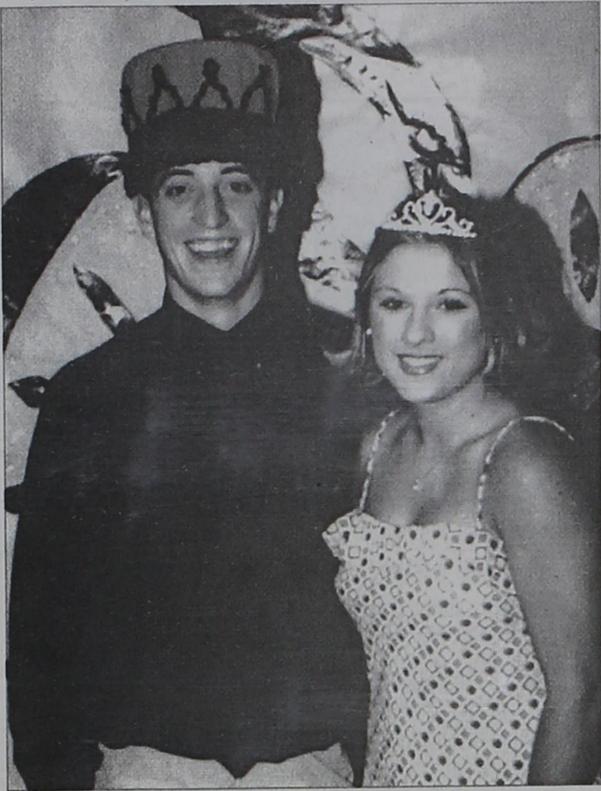
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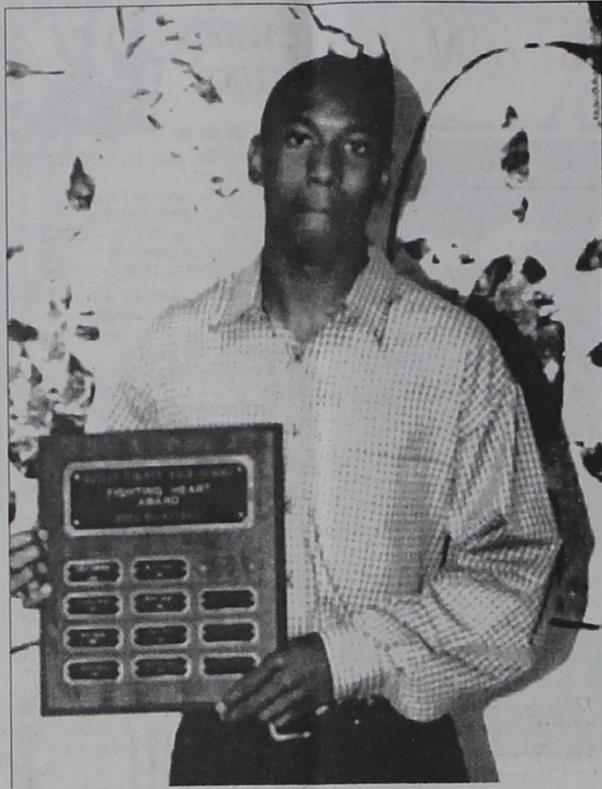
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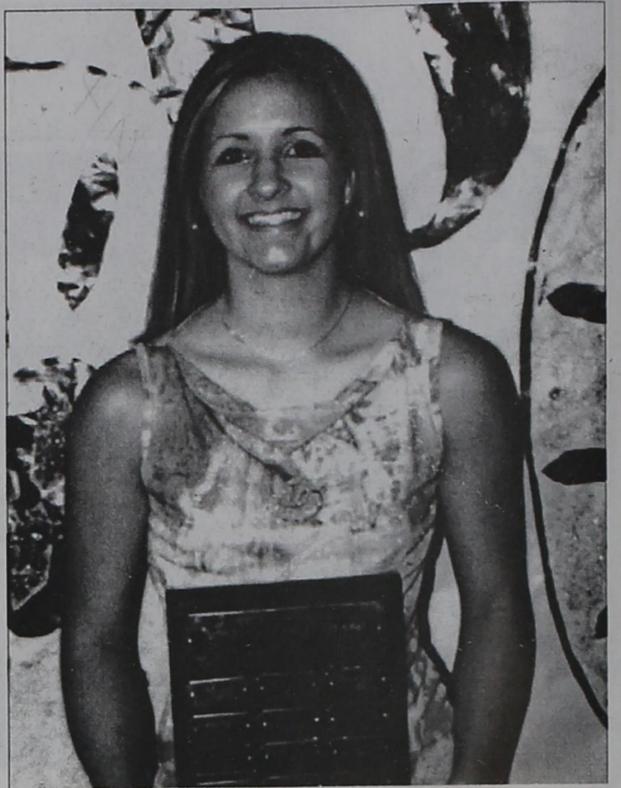
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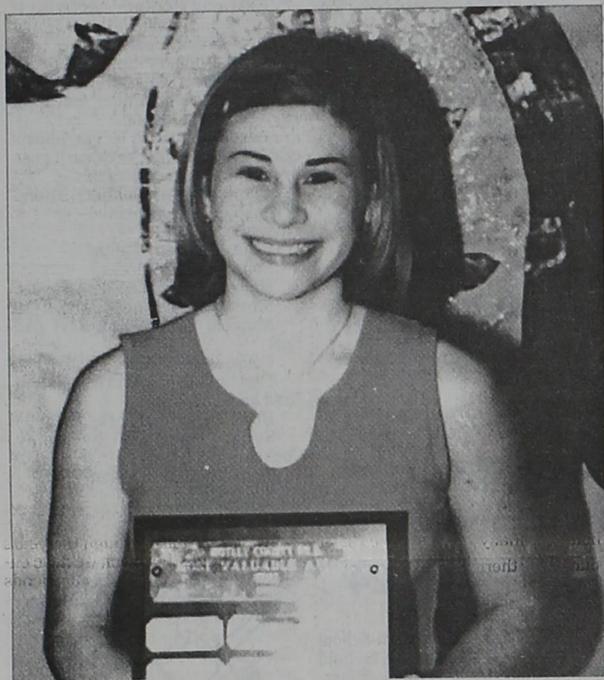
ATHLETIC KING & QUEEN — Casey Lawrence and Rebecca Morris, Seniors. Casey also received the Dayton Graham Football Award and the Boy's Golf MVP award.



BASKETBALL FIGHTING HEART AWARD — Jermaine Hendrix, Senior.



GIRLS TENNIS MVP AWARD — Leigha Burns, Senior.



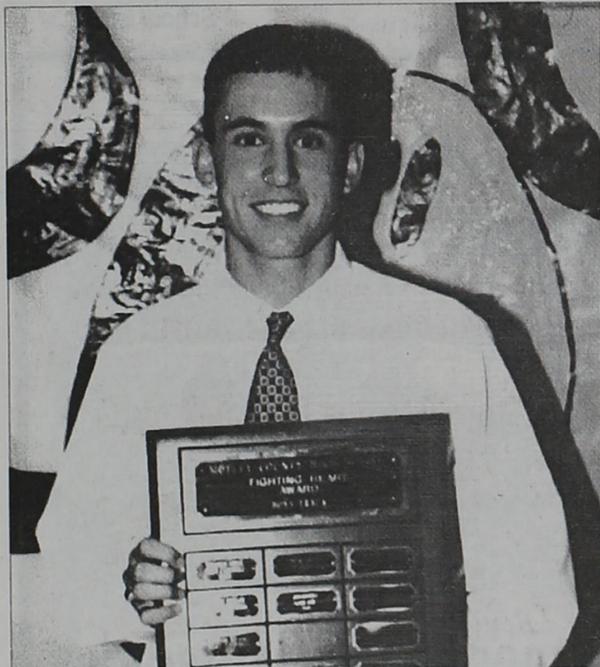
POWERLIFTING MVP — Brenda Gillespie, Sophomore. Brenda also received the Cross Country MVP Award.



DON EWING FIGHTING HEART AWARD — Denise Shannon, Senior.



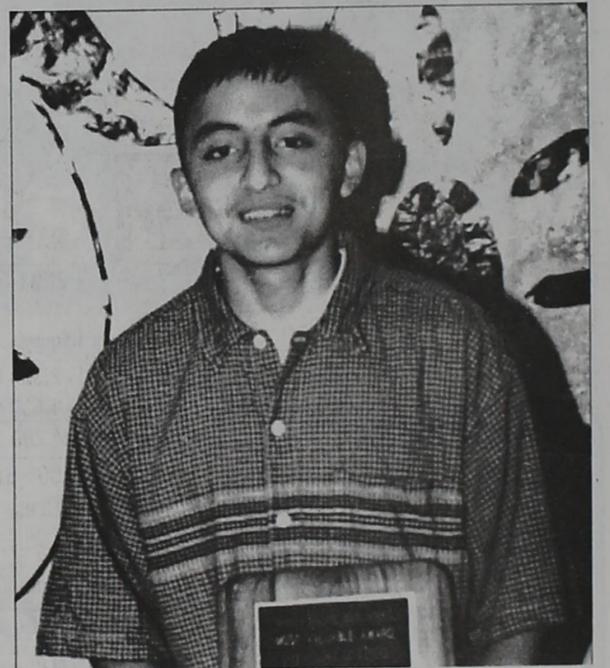
GIRLS GOLF MVP AWARD — Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker and Rachelle Renfro, Seniors.



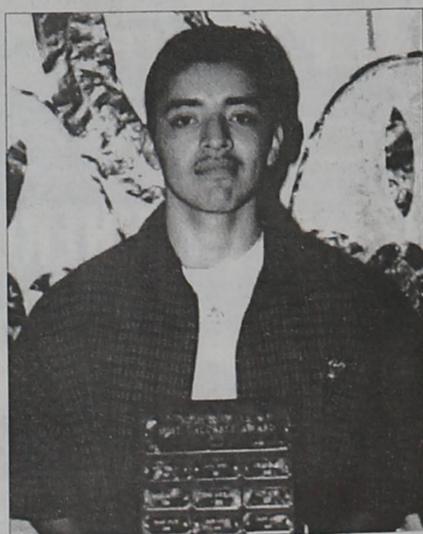
BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY MVP and TRACK FIGHTING HEART AWARD — Scott Jones, Senior.



MISS SPIRIT — Elizabeth Ho-Gland, Senior.



BOYS' POWERLIFTING MVP — Lorenzo Salazar, Freshman.



BOYS' TENNIS MVP AWARD

Tony Salazar and Brandon Moore, Juniors

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GIRLS' TRACK FIGHTING HEART AWARD —Brittany Donaldson, Sophomore, and Shandra Jones, Junior.

Summer Softball teams announced

Teams were announced this week for the upcoming Summer Softball League. Games are scheduled to begin June 4. A schedule will be printed when available.

T-BALL

RAIDERS
Coaches: Rhonda Norrell & Ruthie Stephens.
Hayden Davey, Jared Stephens, Andy Arocha, Stormy Darnell, Hance Davey, Tanner Norrell, Alexis Osborn, Keyan Kautz, Marcus Martinez, Mercedes Saenz, Christopher Saenz.

CUBS
Coaches: Kim Woolsey and Colleen Baxter.
Wesley Bishop, Michael Martin, Seth Baxter, Parker Meredith, Jacob Woolsey, Neal Potts, Hayden Scott,

Marti Walker, Christian Brooks, Jay Potts, Dillon Walker, Patrick Harvey.

MUNCHKINS

Coaches: Brenda Ferguson, Christine Martin, Denise Ford.
Meagan Ford, Logan Ferguson, Barrett Bland, Tamera Campbell, Noah Guerrero, Stormy Guerrero, Britt Simpson, Cody Martin, Tabatha Goodsite, Garrett Jenschke, Danielle Gwinn, Sarah Ferguson.

LIL SANDLOTS

Coaches: Olivia Osborn, Veronica Quintero.
Gage Renfro, Caleb Clary, Hannah Mason, Gunnar Luckett, Jamie Jameson, Dillon McCleskey, Dominique Quilimaco, Brett Fletcher, Jonathan Osborn, Mark Quintero, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey.

RUGRATS

Coaches: Tammy Simpson, Shane Taylor, LaKenna Simpson.
Korbyn Simpson, Bryant Taylor, Sam Hulsey, Matthew Mount, Hannah Hulsey, Demi Simpson, Austin Taylor, Mari Simmons, Gabriel Espinoza, Hanna Alexander, Kyla Simpson, Jacob Dilworth.

LIL RASCALS

Coaches: Shonda Elliott, Bobby Barton, Shawn Elliott.
Katie Barton, Shelby Elliott, Celeste Sims, Conner Mason, Christina Moehringer, Reagan Elliott, Bernardo Santos, Braden Mason, Chase Buckner, Adriann Walker, Ky Christopher, Gabbi Silva.

ASTROS

Coaches: Kathy Blanco, Andy Henzler.
Gavin Luckett, Patrick Ramsey, Cade Luckett, Taelor Norrell, Kayla Hollinsworth, Jacob Blanco, Rachael Bartlett, Marc Henzler, Jacob Johannes, Gene Salazar.

MINOR LEAGUE

SLUGGERS
Coaches: Tammy Simpson, LaKenna Simpson, Shane Taylor.
Tori Simpson, Andrew Martin, Sergio Espinoza, Andrew Davila, Kelley Simpson, Bradley Brown, Danielle Ho-Gland, Chicagra Brown, Cameron Martinez, Jesse Moehringer.

MAJOR LEAGUE

WILD BUNCH
Coaches: Clay Martin, Randy Martin.
Matthew Martin, Sandra Torres, Seagram Sims, Brittany Moore, Matt Henzler, Sylvia Martinez, Brandon Martin, Robby Womack, Kevin Elder, Brandon Moore, Shawn Marvel.

ANGELS

Coaches: Amy Perryman, Gary Simpson.
Eric Simpson, Kaleigh Kerns, John Hodges, Sean Braselton, Sam Fletcher, Isaiah Archer, Stacy Perryman, Martin Walker, Casey Fletcher, Riley Nordquist.

RANGERS

Coaches: Mindy Jameson, Kay Bingham.
Chance Bingham, Temika Campbell, Kenny Johannes, Levi Buckner, Obie Saldana, Lorenzo Salazar, Quintin Rose, Candace Buckner, T.J. Christopher, Frank Martinez Jr., Sandy Russell.



SPECIAL AWARD — Mrs. Betty Bearden, who will be retiring at the end of this school year, was presented a special award at the Annual Athletic Banquet, held last Tuesday night, by the class of 2001. Mrs. Bearden began her career at MC ISD when this class began Kindergarten. She will "graduate" (retire) with the class and they made her an honorary member of the Class of 2001 by presenting her with an "01" plaque and a basket of flowers. Mrs. Bearden is pictured here with Casey Lawrence.

Kasey Parks Inducted into National Honor Society

Kasey Parks, a senior sports and exercise sciences major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, was recently inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society.

Membership in the campus-wide honor society is limited to students who have completed at least 30 semester hours, are in the top 20 percent of their class and have a declared major.

Gamma Beta Phi is a service organization that is active in the campus and community through various projects, according to Pamela Lockwood, Gamma Beta Phi adviser.

Kasey is a graduate of Motley County High School and the daughter of Harold and Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs.



Mary Meason surrounded by the former students who attended her 90th birthday celebration.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the voters and kids who attend Motley County schools:

I would like to thank those who supported me for the school board election. Congratulations to Les and Shonda. I failed to get my questionnaire into the paper, but I would like to see the new members come up with some ideas for getting back our kids who have transferred, but I do not think it is fair to assume we know. I would like the new members to consider calling for a community meeting and invite everyone, especially the people involved (i.e. Teachers, parents, administrators, and school board members) to come and address this issue.

I have heard some people blame it on the kids. I have heard some people blame it on the parents. I have heard some parents say they have more to offer in Patton Springs or wherever they send their kids. I've spoken to the Principal at Patton and what I gathered from that is, at one time they did offer more than we did, but this is no longer the case. Then I heard that not all kids are treated equally here, it depends on whom you are as to how the rules apply to you. **The same rules MUST apply to ALL.** I assume this is not all the reasons people have come up with for a lot of our kids transferring out but whatever the reason, let's address it as a community.

I want all kids living in our school district going to our school, not because they have to, but because it can be the best school on the South Plains. I want to see kids transfer to our school because of what we can offer them. The school is the largest business in our community. If we lose our school, we lose our community. I have been here since 1964 and I've seen more kids transfer out of here in the last 3 to 4 years than in the whole 33 years previously combined.

Pat Smith

Dear Carla,

Thank you for the many hours that you spend putting out the weekly paper. Not many towns the size of Matador still have a newspaper anymore, but we are glad to get our paper and look forward to its arrival every week. Also, we like you printing the names and hometowns of your subscribers, for this tells us where a lot of people who once lived in Matador now live.

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As you know, Matador was our home for many years and we raised our family there. It's still a part of our lives. Matador schools are the only schools our children, Craig, Carla, and Cody, ever knew. They all got an excellent education there and all finished college at Texas Tech. For a small town, Matador has always had good teachers.

Barbara and I are thankful we had the opportunity to live in Motley County and raise our family around the best people in the world. I enjoyed the years of serving on the school

board, hospital board, church, lodge, and Lions' Club. Through the years when reading the paper, we have enjoyed the good times with our friends "back home" and have felt their sorrow when times were bad. Though I was born and raised in Turkey and Barbara in Lockney, Matador has always been our home.

Keep up the good work, and keep the papers coming!

Sincerely,
Ron Christian
Sanger, TX

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Buddy Allen came from Pampa to attend church with his mother, Pearl Patten. Meeting for lunch at the Cafe were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagen and Bryce of Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton, Angie Burkes of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burkes, Skee and Kalico of McClean, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten. Jennie Lou Murphy of Abilene visited recently with Cleo Watson recently.

Zella Palmer drove to Rotan Saturday morning, where she met Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer of Eureka, Kansas, at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spikes. The group traveled to Abilene to attend the Western Heritage Classic Rodeo. After spending the night at the Spikes' home, Mrs. Palmer returned home Sunday morning.

Odezza Mullins drove to Lubbock for a check-up with her dermatologist, Thursday. She also visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. "Bud" Roller.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins of Arlington spent Thursday until Saturday morning with his mother, Odezza Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins and son, Chris of Midland, visited his grandmother, Saturday. They treated her to lunch at LaNita's Cafe.

Mitzi Christopher, accompanied by son, Ky, drove her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marvel, to Hartman, Arkansas, last weekend to attend Mr. Marvel's class reunion.

Enjoying Mother's Day lunch at LaNita's Cafe in Roaring Springs were the Martin families, Mrs. Josie Martin, now a resident of Spur Care Center, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin of Lovington, NM, Raynita Newman of Spur, Katherine Martin of Matador, and local residents, Sharon Martin and John.

Joe and Joyce Meredith enjoyed Mother's Day supper at the home of their daughter, Jim and Carla Meador, in Matador. They were joined by Tony and Sherry Rose and Shea.

Audrey Jones and guest, daughter Betty McGregor of Garland, enjoyed Mother's Day supper at the home of Mrs. Jones' nephew, Tommy and Kate Hurt in Matador.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met in the Methodist Fellow-

ship Hall on Wednesday night, May 2. Mrs. Mary Lumsden was hostess, and she gave the opening prayer and the prayer for the food.

Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes, they were approved. Mrs. Pearl Patten was in charge.

Mrs. Chelsea Read gave the devotion on Forgiveness. She also gave our Study on 2nd Corinthians using the first chapter and the first eleven verses.

Those attending were Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Noma Wike, Lula Swim.

Mrs. Pearl Patten dismissed the group with prayer.

SENIOR CITIZENS MEET

The Senior Citizens had their noon meeting and pot luck lunch, Thursday, May 3. It was their regular time to meet. Mrs. Mary Lumsden played piano for the group to sing Happy Birthday to Jeanne Adams. She also played "When We All Get Together." Mr. Walter Trammel gave the blessing for the food.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammel, Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Bobbie Brown of Matador, Miss Sheila Lefevre, Miss Lula Swim, Mrs. Odezza Mullins, Mrs. Billie Clifton of Amarillo, and Mrs. Dorothy Lee.

Enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Fellowship hall on Monday morning, May 14, were Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, David and Dorothy Davenport of Lubbock, Mrs. Clara Ragland of Dickens, Mrs. Reva Sweeney, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Sally Hipp, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Peacock, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mr. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mrs. Sarah Campbell, Mary and Sam of Carbondale, Ill. Lula Swim and Mrs. Venita Sedgwick. LaVoe Thacker assisted Lula Swim with hostess duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matta and Perry Matta of New Home, Minnesota spent the weekend with Bill and Lea Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock and Mr. J.R. Swim of Abilene met their mom and dad in Dickens for lunch on Sunday. They also visited in their home. Mr. J.R. Swim also visited in the home of his aunt, Lula Swim.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

Wow! What a Mother's Day. The Methodist church at Roaring Springs was warmly blessed with visitors. Pearl Patten's children were welcomed, and the pastor's daughter and two grandchildren, Rita Groves' niece Mrs. Carl Duncan, who comes often from Aspermont and brings gifts, Venita Sedgwick and the Alex Crowders almost doubled their group, and Monta and Corky Marshall took advantage of the early service so they could be in Lubbock in time for lunch with family. It's dangerous to try to name the visitors in a congregation unless you sit at the back, and also nearly impossible. You know whether you were there, but it was a joy to have such wonderful fellowship even when you sit up front. If one of you carries a cane, the elements of the communion may even brought to you. Billie Koon of Matador sent gifts for the ladies. It's really uncanny how many wonderful things that Lady finds time and energy to do for friends.

We are praying for the return to health for Joanie Lawrence who was taken to the Childress Hospital to obtain rest and relief from the allergies that are running rampant in the area.

Have you noticed the many beautiful butterflies, and the marvelous blooming flower garden on the other side of Monta Marshall's house, or the rose hedge in front of the Zabielski's? The rains have helped, but they fell on a very thirsty earth. The home of new neighbor Kay Jones is changing daily. It is purely fascinating to see what Kay with hard labor and her "green thumb" have accomplished. The red maple set out 'at night' a couple of days ago, already has new leaves waving in the breeze, and a blue spruce neatly marks the corner of the lot where a rose bloomed behind a hedge at the corner of the house in recent years when the former Yeates home was unoccupied.

The wonderful 90th birthday party for Mary Hamilton Meason, Saturday after-

noon.

HARLIN DURANT WILLIAMS

The Grim Reaper has taken another of our loved old friends, a member of a pioneer family that settled on a farm that lay astride the county line between Motley and Dickens counties. Neither the index for "Dickens - and Its People..." nor Traweek's...Of Such As These" shows this Williams family, but the Dickens County Index skipped the Williams families! They are there from pages 358 to 364! Place a note in your "Dickens County - Its Land and People" index.

Harlin, was the first of twelve children born to Artie Durant Williams and Lillie Mae Judd. He died Saturday, May 12, in Lubbock. The first of five of these Artie Williams children were born at Clyde in Callahan County, TX. They were Harlin Durant, who married Nellie Mae Scott; Milton Judd who married Arla Marie Bearden; Oleta Mae who married O.B. Scott; Johnnie who married Juana Clifford Turner, and Alton Dewey who died in 1918 before his first year was out. Many pioneer babies did not survive a move in a covered wagon in the heat of summer.

Grace Truman Williams, born in 1919, who married T.J. Taylor, was the first of the remaining seven children all born in Roaring Springs. Millard married Lottie Belle Edwards; Artie Durant Williams Jr. married Eunice Lucille Newton; Leon married Margie Katrina Walker; Wilma LaVern, the family historian, married Clifton Lewis Newton, Ola Joyce married Joe Winfred King, and Minnie Lou married Carl Edgar Newton.

Many of the Motley County residents have had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Johnnie Williams speak, and remember his wife, Juana Turner, who accompanies him when he speaks or holds funerals for friends in the area. Those of us who live "one day at a time" never look ahead a week at a time, but that's all for this week.

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

LEAH CRUSE AWARDED DEGREE AT TEXAS TECH

Leah Cruse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, earned her Bachelor of Science Early Childhood degree at the Texas Tech University spring commencement ceremonies at 1:30 p.m., May 12, 2001 held at the Spirit Arena in Lubbock. She graduated with magna cum laude honors. Miss Cruse will be employed by the Lubbock Independent School District.

Attending her graduation and having dinner at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock following the ceremonies were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cruse; brothers, Keane and Derrick Cruse; grandmothers, Mrs. Marhelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot; great-grandmother, Mrs. Dona Browning of Snyder and Sahala and Kaycee Marricelle of Lubbock.

ATTENDS AWARDS CEREMONIES

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse attended the Texas Tech Awards Ceremony Friday afternoon, May 11 held at the Human Science building. Their daughter, Leah Cruse was presented a Trophy of Honor for her scholarship and many other achievements when attending Tech.

Linda and Travis Kendall and their houseguests, her father and brother, Richard March and Danny March of Westminster, California, visited in Midland, May 1st with son and family, Cory and Janet Kendall, Connor and Chancey. They celebrated Connor's first Birthday. Richard and Danny returned home Monday, May 7th, after visiting here the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Borger, Mother's Day, in the home of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Other guests were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Cory Cooper and Gavin of Borger.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert and celebrating Mother's Day were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Mrs. Mary Ann Browning of Rising Star visited from Wednesday until Saturday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning, Chasity, Malcomb and Jessica.

Johnnie Starkey visited from Monday until Thursday in Amarillo with his

brother and wife, Zelma D. and Bobbie Starkey. Bobbie had heart stent surgery, Wednesday at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary honored their mothers, Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. B. Rogers with a Mother's Day luncheon at the Sportsman Cafe in Quitaque, Saturday. Visiting B. and Howard Rogers Mother's Day were sons, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson Saturday and Sunday were daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and Brittany of Vernon. Joining them to celebrate Mother's Day was daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey and Mrs. James May of Quitaque.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Saturday were Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock and Ty Barclay of Matador. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Guests of Linda and Travis Kendall Saturday and Sunday were Cory and Janet Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland. They celebrated Mother's Day and Linda's birthday that was Monday, May 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin have been in Lubbock with his sister, Mrs. Laura Tiffin McDonald, a patient in Covenant Medical Center suffering a stroke. Also visiting were ex-Flomot residents, Mrs. A.D. Moseley and daughter, Mrs. Wanda Davis of Lamesa.

Mrs. Ruth Williams of Quanah, Mrs. Edwina Fairchild of Margaret and Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited Mrs. Aleda Ross, Sunday and celebrated Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, daughter and family, Tina, Pat, Ryleigh and Walker Carson and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey, Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah of Flomot enjoyed Mother's Day luncheon at Galvin's Restaurant in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin were guests Sunday night in Plainview for a Mother's Day supper in the home of daughter and family, Sue Tiffin and Kristy. Other guests were Darrell and Karen Kinney and David of Shallowater, Jennifer Ott of Plainview and friend, Aaron Martin of Houston.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green attended to business in Plainview, Tuesday and en route home visited in Floydada with Don Green.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEAD

Medical student: Professor, why do we have to take physics? It has nothing to do with our profession.

Professor: Because it saves lives. Student: How on earth can physics save lives?

Professor: It prevents idiots from graduating.

ATTEND CONCERTS

Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador attended concerts presented by the Wayland Baptist University Department of Music. They were held at the Harrell auditorium in Plainview.

The Wayland Handbell Ensemble performed Monday night. The Wayland Singing Women and The Wayland Singing Men presented a concert Tuesday night and then on Thursday night, The Wayland Singers gave a musical performance.

Mrs. Dixon's granddaughter and Mrs. Risser's daughter, Kaci, student at Wayland University with a major in music, was in the concerts.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited in Matador, Friday at the Gwinn home with Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Tommie Holcomb and Haley of

MATADOR NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY SURPRISE

The family of Dan Barton was almost completed, for a fun time and getting acquainted time, some had not met the latest cousin, Clark, who is seven months old.

Those present were Jan and Tom Hamilton of Plainview; John, Tamara, Channing and Clark, of Lubbock; Brent and Cari, Ashley and Jack of Plainview. Rob, who was completing his first year of law school in San Antonio, was unable to attend. Also present were Cherri and Courtney of Whitney; Kuen and Dee Karr, Kacci and Ashby of Clifton; Max Barton, Brae, Cy and Dustin of Ft. Worth.

The group enjoyed a cook-out Saturday, and assembling a gym set for the grandchildren.

The great surprise was the gift of a television given to Mrs. Barton on Saturday night, when she came home to all the lights out, and the family shouted "surprise." When the lights came on there were laughs and shouts and a television set all installed and ready to enjoy.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Luther Green had cardiovascular surgery on his neck, Friday at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. With him during surgery and his hospitalization were his wife, Edna Ruth, daughters, Virginia Green of Whiteface and Peggy Scoggins of Round Rock. Other relatives and friends have visited him.

E.A. Day who suffered a cracked rib recently is a patient at newstime at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Watson were in Houston the past week for her medical consultation at the M.D. Anderson Hospital. This week they are in Lubbock where

she is undergoing medical treatment. Others having medical treatment in Lubbock are Ralph "Bill" Jones, James "Tootie" Meador and Alfred Barton.

Glenard Moore is under medical treatment in Dallas.

Bobby Whitaker had emergency treatment for an inner ear infection Saturday morning at the Mangold Clinic in Lockney.

Mrs. Kathryn Russell had recent surgery at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She injured her hip when taking her afternoon walk. Colleen Baxter saw her when she fell and called the ambulance. After rehabilitation at the Lakeside Center she is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kay Watson of Canyon.

Bill Koon had recent laser eye surgery in Lubbock. He is recuperating at home.

Sis Davis enjoyed being honored on her 83rd birthday and Mother's Day with gifts, food, fun, family and friends last weekend. Her visitors included her sister, Lucille Beakley of Bogota and niece, Carla Roberts, Sherman. Also present were all of Sis's children: Ray and Don Baxter, Afton, Buddy and Frances Davis, Irving, Pete and Kay Davis, Brownfield; Charles and Lisa Davis, Idalou. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending were Don and Colleen Baxter, Bradley, Stachia and Seth, Matador; David and Leslie Baxter, Deke, Landon and Dusty, Dumont; Mike and Joni Davis, Brandon, Justin, Jennifer, Jessica and Holli, Bedford; Kathy Varner and Aric, Lubbock; Paula Baxter, San Angelo; Susan and Chuck Forshaw, Sarah, Rachel and Elaine, Lewisville; Blakley and Charlea Davis, Idalou. Other guests included Stanley and Lola Miller, Plainview and Robert Small, Carrollton.

Airman Kris Marvel graduates from Basic Training



Kris Marvel

Air Force Airman Kristopher E. Marvel has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Marvel is the son of Bucky and Debbie Marvel of Roaring Springs. He is a 1997 graduate of Kokomo High School, South Campus, Kokomo, Indiana.

Obituaries

Billye Estella Webb

Funeral services for Billye Estella Webb, 68, of Abilene, were held Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater. Burial followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sweetwater under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Webb died Monday, May 14, 2001, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She was born May 23, 1932 in Littlefield. She married Gene Webb, November 5, 1949, in Portales, New Mexico.

She was a member of Fourth and Elm Church of Christ. She had worked for

American National Insurance Co., as a bookkeeper, and had also worked for Montgomery. She was a loving wife and mother. She had lived in Sweetwater since 1964.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Webb, and by her parents, Grady and Esther Freeman.

She is survived by two daughters, Becky Nugent of Abilene and Ann Faith of Lovington, NM; one brother, James Freeman of Lubbock; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harlin Williams

O'Donnell - Services for Harlin D. Williams, 88, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Clifton Igo officiating and the Rev. Richard Rush assisting.

Burial followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, May 12, 2001, in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 21, 1912, in Callahan County. He graduated from Roaring Springs High School and moved to Brownfield and then to Borden County in 1941. He retired from farming in 1975.

He married Nellie Scott on Feb. 17, 1934, in Dickens County. She preceded him in death on March 17, 1994. He served on the Borden County School Board for 17 years and was a deacon at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth of Borden County and Ralph of Lamesa; two brothers, the Rev. Johnnie Williams and Artie "A.D." of Lubbock; three sisters, Wilma Newton of Abertathy, Ola Joyce King of Canyon and Minnie Newton of Buena Vista, Colo.; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Sydney Landrum

Sydney Landrum, 75, former resident of Matador, passed away March 11, 2001, after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Wichita Falls at the time of his death. Mr. Landrum had requested that his body be donated to Science.

He was born March 16, 1926 in Kress, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, a brother and a sister. He is survived

by three sons, a step-son and a step-daughter; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; his mother, Netta Jewel

Landrum of Wichita Falls, and a longtime, former resident of Matador; three brothers, John of Red Oak; Bert of Wichita Falls; Bobby of Odessa; one sister, Louise Johnston of Abilene; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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Farm and Ranch News



Farm Service Agency News

by Debbie Shaw, CED



Sign-up for Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) ended on Friday, May 4. We will upload Friday, May 18. \$430 million dollars has been set aside nationally for this program. We should know the national factor shortly and will issue payments as soon as we are authorized as soon as we are authorized to do so.

June 1 is the final date to request a farm combination or division on participating farms. All signatures must be obtained by this date as well as deeds and any other documentation required to complete the reconstitution.

June 15 is the final date to request a temporary release or reapportionment of peanut quota and July 1 is the final date to request a spring peanut transfer.

Acree certifications for spring planted crops, CRP, as well as native and improved grasses and all non-insurable crops will be taken until Monday, July 16. When you have completed planting, please make an appointment to certify your acres. Measurement service may be requested

if you are unsure of your acres, the cost is \$20 for the first 25 acres and \$0.05 for each additional acre. Measurement service may be requested through July 16th.

It is important to always be mindful of controlling weeds on idle PFC acres and CRP. Weed control is a requirement of participation in these programs.

August 1 is the deadline to designate shares on Production Flexibility Contracts and have all the necessary (CCC-502) farming operation plan, AD-1026 Conservation Compliance, (FSA-570) Waiver of Eligibility of Emergency Assistance and Direct Deposit forms filed. Any change in your farming operation should be reported. It is important to be aware that only the person(s) having a risk in the crop planted is eligible for a Production Flexibility Contract payment. If the land is cash leased, the owner is not entitled to this payment.

If you have questions concerning any of the FSA programs offered, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Landowners seek diversity, income through wildlife management

Lubbock -- Higher production costs and shrinking profit margins are leading many Texas landowners towards a greater appreciation of wildlife. They wonder if their abundant land resources can be profitably managed for eco-tourism as well as traditional livestock production.

"Basically, there are two motivations managing wildlife on your property. One is for personal recreation. Either you enjoy seeing or viewing wildlife, enjoy having them on your place - or you, your family or guests intend to hunt them," said Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist based in San Angelo. "The other is a commercial situation, where you are charging someone for the trespass rights to enjoy deer, quail, turkey or other wildlife."

"We're seeing increasing interest in both segments of that audience. On the commercial side, more and more landowners are seeking ways to diversify their income. Especially in situations where the cattle market is down, or drought is prevalent. They've got another asset out there, and in many parts of the state the income potential from wildlife surpasses grazing values from livestock production."

A grazing lease worth \$4 to \$5 per acre may well be worth that much or more as a quail or deer lease, Rollins added.

That's where Extension's wildlife appreciation days come in. These intensive, one-day seminars test landowners wildlife knowledge while educating them on best wildlife management practices.

A recent Deer Appreciation Day in Stonewall County on the Rolling Plains attracted more than 50 landowners interested in expanding their knowledge of wildlife stewardship and management.

"We bank on the deer management triangle at these events. Habitat is the bottom leg of the triangle. Our side is population management, such things as buck-doe ratios and harvest levels," Rollins said. "The other side of the triangle is people management...especially when you're dealing with leases."

"We teach landowners that habitat is the foundation. On habitat you build the deer population...through sound management. Then you integrate or add people management by marketing wildlife through hunting or eco-tourism."

Aside from receiving an overview

of deer management, landowners share their ideas on leasing land and managing land for hunting or tourism. They also get an up-close look at wildlife biology and anatomy.

Landowners also learn how to properly identify and age deer, the importance of genetics, and how nutrition plays a role in promoting and maintaining a healthy deer herd.

Then it's out to the field, where discussions on habitat assessment, beneficial plant species, predators, brush control and grazing are the order of the afternoon.

"Every landowner or land manager should carry a camera, and use it to build a scrapbook of the vegetation on their place," Rollins said. "This habitat is the foundation of your land management plan. There are a number of resources available to landowners who want to improve their wildlife and land management, but don't know where to get started."

"Resources they can access locally include the county Extension agent, USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists. These are free public resources. There are also consultants who can tailor-make land and wildlife management plans for a fee."

An often over-looked resource is the Internet. There is a wealth of background material, seminar information, and symposium proceedings on wildlife management available at non-profit and commercial Internet sites, Rollins said.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service offers several wildlife appreciation and management seminars throughout the state each year. At present, these seminars focus on two wildlife species: quail and deer.

"We talk about the critter, how to appreciate its habitat needs, and how to incorporate that into our overall land management scheme," Rollins said. "We haven't gotten into deer appreciation days full scale. We've spent a lot of time on quail, but there is a growing demand for deer information. I can see where we will be doing a lot more deer appreciation days in the future."

For more information on wildlife management, or the dates and locations for upcoming quail and deer appreciation days, landowners can call Rollins at (915) 653-4576 or contact their local county Extension office.

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Commissioners Report

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Amy Birdwell, agent for AFLAC insurance, asked the court's permission to contact each elected official and all Motley County employees about insurance. Commissioners approved that Ms. Birdwell could contact these individuals and they could pay for the insurance, if selected, by pay-roll deduction plan.

The Court discussed plans for the 2001-2002 FY Budget. This project will begin this month.

Gary Clark and Jimmy Bridges, Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District Office, met with Judge Price on Friday, May 4, to discuss the report on 2000 Off-System

Bridge Inventory, Inspection and Appraisal Program in Motley County. The report stated that Motley County has three (3) bridges that do not have load postings. The Commissioners will correct this problem this week. These sites will be checked again by the Childress District Office within the next 2-3 weeks.

Douglas Campbell, Road Maintenance Supervisor, with Texas Department of Transportation, discussed plans for Motley County. The bridges and several trouble areas in the county were discussed.



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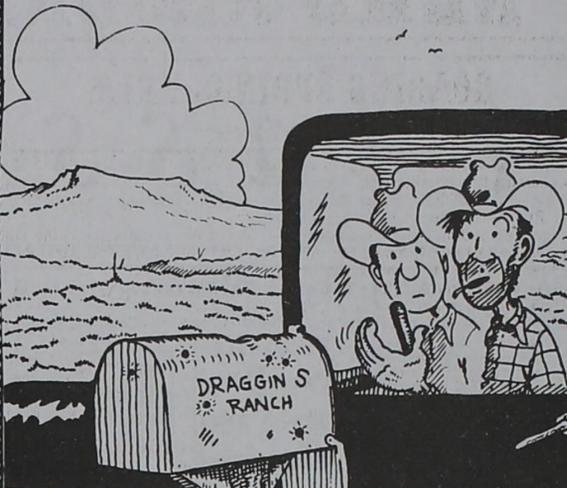
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