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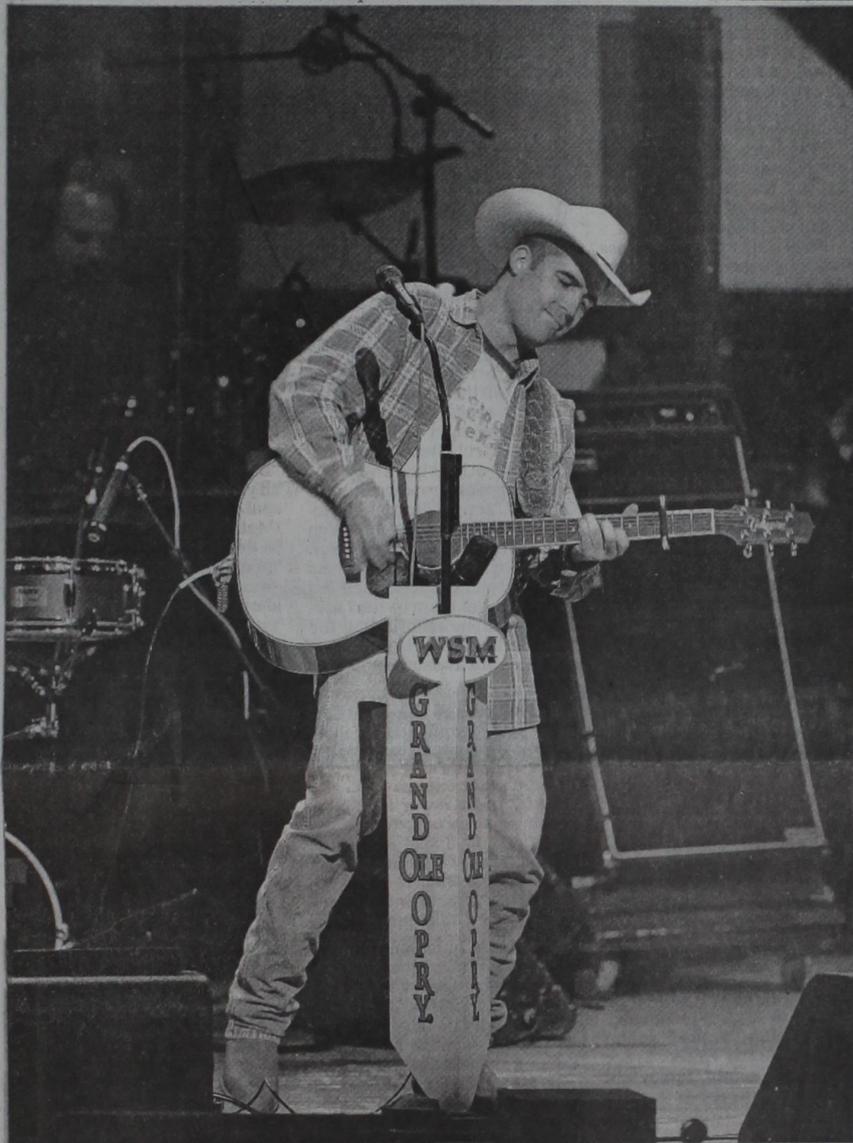
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Country music performer, Trent Willmon, makes his debut on the Grand Ole Opry. He will return to West Texas next Thursday to perform in Lubbock.

Nashville recording artist will return to West Texas for Lubbock performance

Editor's Note: Much thanks to Trent for calling the Tribune office Tuesday afternoon for an interview.

Nashville recording artist, Trent Willmon, a former Afton resident, will return to West Texas to perform in Lubbock, Thursday, February 25 at Graham Central Station.

Trent is the son of Dean Willmon of Afton and Billie Willmon of Huntsville. He grew up in Afton and attended school in Motley County through sixth grade, then to Patton Springs School, where he graduated in 1991. Trent's brother, Rusty, of San Francisco, California, is a 1990 graduate of Motley County High School.

His fourth single, "The Good Life," has stayed on the charts since its release, and is currently at 41. "I wrote the song about growing up in Afton," Trent said. "The Dixie Dog in Spur is mentioned in the song."

Recording artists Darryl Worley and Montgomery Gentry both cut "The Good Life" in the studio at different times, but the song didn't make their albums.

"The Good Life" is included on Trent's new album, which also features his popular song, Dixie Rose Deluxe.

Trent writes most of his songs and has written songs for other country artists including "Rain on a Tin Roof," recorded by Julie Roberts. Trent wrote Dixie Rose Deluxe with his co-writer, Michael Heeny, who actually got the idea for the song when he traveled back east and visited a real store called "Dixie Rose Deluxe" with a little bit of everything. "We just added a love interest to the story," Trent commented.

In a bio released by his publicist, it says "Trent is a study in contrasts so vivid that you can't help but fall under his spell. He has the moral values of a Boy Scout, yet can raise rowdy hell on a Saturday night. He can kill a rattlesnake and tan its hide,

but can write a poem to touch the heart. This gentleman uses "Sir" and "Ma'am" as a natural part of his speech. But on stage can whip a honky-tonk crowd into a frenzy with a lusty howl. Trent has engagingly shy humility as a conversationalist, yet has awards for public speaking."

Trent's self-titled debut Columbia Records album has many emotional dimensions, subtle shadings and colorful textures. The infectious fun of his hit single "Beer Man" shows one side of this singer-songwriter's personality. But then there's the soaring, aching chorus of "Every Now and Then," an exquisitely painful ballad of loss and regret. Trent sings of romantic joy in "The Good Life" and of dreams that turn to dust in "Population 81." The rocker of small-town life "Dixie Rose Deluxe" contrasts markedly with the waltzing, wistful nostalgia of "Medina Daydreaming."

The album features such diverse delights as the bluesy, swinging "All Day Long" and the dark-sounding stomper "She Don't Love Me." The lead character in "Here" is a loving ghost. The heart-breaking "Home Sweet Holiday Inn" finds Trent pining for his daughter. And there's a room full of stories and portraits in the searing "Wishing Well."

Trent has made three videos which are featured on CMT and GAC. His first video featured his hit single, "Beer Man." He also has videos for Dixie Rose Deluxe and Home Sweet Holiday Inn.

One might wonder how this talented young man hit the country music charts growing up in the little town of Afton. Trent said his first taste of country music was watching TNN after work at his employer's house who had satellite TV. "We didn't have TV and I didn't know anyone in Dickens county who had satellite," Trent said.

Trent was making good on

another love while working at this job in high school, breaking colts for Levi and Odessa Dunnam. "The Dunnam's would invite us in for tea after work, and the TV was always tuned to country music," Trent commented.

Trent speaks fondly of the Dunnams and other acquaintances in the area. He attended church at the Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs while growing up and has many fond memories of that time.

After high school, Trent attended South Plains College in Levelland on an Ag Scholarship. "When I figured out that I had to pass Algebra to make it in Ag, I knew it was time to find something else," he laughed.

Trent got into the music program at South Plains College and started writing songs with other students. "South Plains College has a great music program," he said. "It wasn't long before Trent knew he had found his passion. He even built a guitar from scratch."

After two years at South Plains College, Trent was offered a job in San Antonio, where he sang and played guitar at Fiesta Texas for two years.

Trent said he got burned out on music in San Antonio and thought maybe he should be doing something else. He moved to Houston and went to work for a phone company where he worked for a year.

"After being away from music for a year, I knew I wanted to get back into it," Trent said.

He moved to Austin and became a part of a Bluegrass Band, the Karl Shifflet Band and the Big Country Show. Trent played the upright bass.

Trent realized at this time that if he were to evolve as a songwriter, the move to Nashville was inevitable. He packed everything he owned into his '85 Chevy pickup truck and drove to Music City in 1995.

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Commissioners meet for February court session

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, February 14. Members of the court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3 and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and County Clerk Kate Hurt. Also in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace and Library. Minutes, reports and accounts for payment were approved.

Dianne Washington, CPA of Thayer & Washington, presented to the Court the FY 2002 audit report of the county.

Judge Smith informed the court of the information he had received on changing electric service for the County. The court gave Judge Smith the authority to change electric service that would best benefit the county's interest.

The court discussed the panic-duress alarm system the Judge presented to the court for the courthouse. Sheriff Meador and Judge Smith will gather information on other devices that are available to counties and the one that will best benefit this courthouse.

Chief Tax Appraisal Officer, Brenda Osborn, met with the court to give a report on the 2005 appraisal roll.

Texas Veterans Commission Officer, John Baker, met with the court, along with Jack Sanford, local service officer. Mr. Baker informed the court of some of the services that the

Veterans Service offers and training schools for Mr. Sanford that will enable him to serve Motley County Veterans.

Judge Smith informed the court that no bids were submitted on the painting and repair of the District Courthouse.

Matador Mayor, Paul Westbrook met with the court to present the City Clean-up Campaign. The Grant is through SPAG and has to be completed by July 31, 2005. The first operation clean-up day is set for March 12, 2005. Mayor Westbrook requested the County's support in this campaign.

The court was informed the DPS Stalker Unit is in need of repair or lease a new one. After discussion by the court on cost of repair or replacement of the unit, Commissioner Jameson

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School Board meets in January

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met for their regular meeting, January 10. All board members were present, as well as Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilynn Hicks, Denise Ford and representing the staff was Kathy Gillespie.

There was no one present for open forum. Rick Copp gave the Superintendent's report informing the board that each school has been given funding to hire a special education aid. Rebekah Jameson has been hired for this position to assist

Chelsea Read. The board was reminded of two training events, which were held January 20 and 24.

Mrs. Hicks presented the Principal's report. She informed the board that enrollment was at 157 and attendance was at 97.5%. Mrs. Hicks also said that Motley County has applied for the Positive Behavior Initiative. In order to have applied, at least 80% of the teaching staff had to be in support of the program.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and ap-

proved. The list of expenditures were read and approved.

At 7:58 p.m., the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss the appraisal and contract of the Superintendent. The board exited executive session at 10:02 p.m. After much discussion the superintendent evaluation overall was rated at 3.5, which meets expectations. The board made the decision to leave the Superintendent's contract as it stands, which runs through June, 2006.

Motley County Matadors will play for Bi-District title February 22

by Annie Green

The Motley County Matadors advance to bi-district after ending their season with the second place title in District, February 8, falling short to the Lorenzo Hornets, 40-87. The Matadors finished the season with 7 wins and 3 losses. Lorenzo finished in first with 10-0.

The Matadors will will face the Ropes Eagles, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Post for the Bi-District championship. District 6-A and 5-A family passes and coaches passes will be honored. Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

To get to this point, the Matadors faced the Wilson Mustangs, February 3, putting forth a valiant effort, but ultimately fell short, 54-57.

Bradley Brown led the scoring with 19 points. Other scorers for the nights game were; Chance Bingham-9, Matt Henzler-9, Seagram Sims-9, and Isiah Archer-8.

On February 4, the Matadors faced the Patton Springs Rangers. They came out with a big win, 65-35.

With 24 points for the night, Brown was the high scorer. Oth-

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Miss Motley County will be crowned Saturday

The Annual Miss Motley County Pageant will be held Saturday evening, February 19, at 6:00 p.m., in the high school gym.

Entertainment will be provided by Evan Johnson, a very talented young lady from Floydada.

Girls will compete in four age

divisions:
Tiny Miss: 4-6
Little Miss: 7-10
Jr. Miss: 11-14
Miss: 15-18

Mrs. Ashley Washington of Roaring Springs will be the emcee for the evening.

**MOTLEY COUNTY
JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW
FEB. 26, 2005**



It seems like we all have so much stress in our lives. Everybody is so busy, with too many irons in the fire. I'll be the first to admit that newspaper work is very stressful. A constant deadline keeps me tied down. Sometimes I just want to scream, as I'm sure a lot of you do with your various life stresses.

I received the following list via email. It sounds great.

36 Christian Ways to Reduce Stress

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often, too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you to do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra

house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest.
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you, Jesus."
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
32. Sit on your ego.
33. Talk less; listen more.
34. Slow down.
35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. God has a way of turning things around for you. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Library Notes
By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donation in Carl Barton's memory by the coworkers of his daughter and granddaughter at the Fort Worth Housing Authority. This was sent to the library by Delia Hoskins.

We have several **Burleson Family Bulletins** in the genealogy section of the library, now, thanks to the generosity of Marisue Potts. If you have Burlesons in your family these bulletins would be a good place to start looking. Allied lines include Underwood, Bearden, Chastain, Dinsmore, McLaughlin, and many more. Other bulletins include **The**

Bulletin of Chester District South Carolina, which is donated by Lea Peacock. We also have **Searchers & Researchers**, a bulletin from the Ellis County, Texas, Genealogical Society, donated by Beverly Vinson. All of these bulletins contain not only family information but also interesting historical pieces.

In fact the Motley County Library's genealogical section contains a great deal of interesting, historical information. I have found that you just can't separate genealogy from history. Come in and look at our great genealogy section.

Arts and Craft Club holds February meeting

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met February 7 at the Senior Citizens Center for its regular meeting.

President, Joy Archer, presided over a business meeting promptly held at 10:00 a.m. to review and plan activities for future programs and projects for the club. The members were enthusiastic over the plans.

Joyce Meredith was instructor for the workshop, the subject was tole painting on wooden plaques. Many pretty patterns were chosen by members. There were flowers, rural mail boxes, birds, pastoral scenes, and others. It was a gratifying

class with many lovely plaques resulting.

The club dined at noon with the Senior Citizens. The "Bill of Fare" of baked ham, pinto beans, salad, vegetables, cornbread, and pineapple cake was delicious and was a pleasant hour for all.

Members present were Lorene Lancaster, Vee Gordon, Dorothy Knight, Joy Archer, Joyce Meredith, Nova Dale Turner, and Winifred Darsey.

Nova Dale will teach a class on making beaded Easter Eggs at the March 7th meeting. Members are reminded to bring a glue gun and tweezers, in addition to their regular supplies. See you there!

El Progreso club members enjoy Valentine party

by Beverly Vinson

With Valentine decorations in the air, El Progreso Club met in the home of JoEtta Bumgardner, February 10, for their annual baked potato - bingo luncheon/meeting. This is a day members look forward to for it gives everyone a chance to rid their closets and homes of White-Elephant goodies to use for bingo prizes. Everyone said they didn't have much left after all the years this has been going on, but when the time came to play bingo there were many, many goodies to select from. If anyone went home empty-handed it was their fault. The items left over will be taken to the Santa Rosa District meeting and sold at the Country Store, which is a money raising project of the district for scholarships for those selected by the committee.

In the absence of the presi-

dent, Sharon Allen, president-elect, presided over the meeting. The club collect was read. Fredia Burns gave the invocation. Dorothy Day gave the inspirational thought for Proverbs 4: 4-6.

Mention was made of all the lovely collections in the Bumgardner home including vinegar cruets, cookie jars, bears, bears and more bears, lovely quilts and many things too numerous to list.

The baked potatoes were delicious served with chili, cheese, salsa butter, sour cream and other good things, then delicious "red" desserts.

Two guests were Michelle Howard and Geneva Wilson. Others in attendance, in addition to those already mentioned, were Lucretia Campbell, JoAnn Dickson, Beverly Vinson, Grace Campbell, Winifred Darsey and Elaine Hart.

Commissioners meeting

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requested Sheriff Meador to inquire if the State will furnish this unit for the DPS. Sheriff Meador reported back to the court that

the State does take request, but it could take up to two years for approval from the state. Com-

missioners approved leasing the Stalker Unit on a 36-month lease.

Bids were opened on the purchase of the Precinct 2 bridge. The bid submitted by Travis Jameson for \$560.00 was accepted.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS
by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

A popular definition of an insane person is one who keeps engaging in the same behavior under the same circumstances, expecting a different result.

-- Butler Shaffer

After going on for a couple of weeks about the fact that not changing is not an option, and hearing some comments to the effect that the point has been taken, remarks that some would be willing to change just a tad were cheering.

So, if the point has been accepted and a bit of change might be accepted, the next question is, of course, what this change might look like.

When one thinks of commerce and change, the first thing that comes to mind are retail businesses, and there certainly seems to be room for such in the county. What would you like to see here that does not already exist? A bakery, maybe.

But there are other kinds of businesses that could be important in Motley County, ones that serve customers in other areas but are located here, such as a dairy. It would be important to

have businesses move here and provide added employment opportunities, both for people living here now and for people who grew up here and would like to return and would, if they could find a worthwhile job.

Think about the possibilities by the internet -- and we are lucky to have high speed internet access here. Think about Richard Knowles cotton business -- without the internet, he could not be located here.

Or consider Jim Potts' composite design and manufacturing business, that relies primarily on a fax machine and UPS. Yes, we have manufacturing here, too -- the PolyPipe plant, and Thacker Jewelry are further examples. We might also soon have a gas plant. We could welcome more such businesses, because they provide more employment that can be realized by local retailers in a county with such a small population base.

Change such as these that would be brought about by the advent of more such businesses would not change the basic nature of the county, but could make the future more secure for us all. And that would surely be welcome.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH
BY TOM EDWARDS

WHAT IS APOLOGETICS (continued)

A while back, an insightful person asked me, "Just who are you trying to reach?" The answer is "everybody"! There are people out there, young and old, who are seeking the truth, and something right to hang their hat on. I truly hope that unbelievers, atheists, and "not sures," are also reading this column. If there is eternal life, either with God or in hell (which we can prove), based upon choices made in this life, with no later second chances, then I'm hoping to get them to start asking questions and finding the truth, because the consequences are awesome and eternal.

This raises the question, "Are you opening up Christianity to critical inquiry, and asserting that it is the only totally true religion and exclusive way to God?" The answer is, "Absolutely, on all counts, and we can prove it!" Also, this is why it is under such vehement attacks globally - it's true. To the skeptic I'd say, "Dive in and find out, while there's still time!"

The last question and answer leads to the rest of the folks I'm trying to reach - Christians. Most of us, long in the Faith, were brought up to believe one should not question it, but just believe, the blinder the better. This is anti-intellectualism, and is decidedly unbiblical! Christians are commanded to test religious beliefs (e.g., 1 Thess. 5:21), as well as to know what they believe and why they believe it, in order to give answers

to those who ask (1 Pet. 3:15), and to demolish arguments against the Christian faith (2 Cor. 10: 4-5).

Since God is reasonable (Isa. 1:18) and wants us to use our reason, Christians don't get brownie points for being stupid. In fact, using reason is part of the greatest commandments to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your MIND." (Matt. 22:37). Too many can best be described as ineffective and "mindless" Christians. The answer to this wake-up call is to learn apologetics. Join the war. You are already in it!

Apologetics is no substitute for the work of the Holy Spirit, but His handmaiden. The study is not an end in itself, but a means to multiple ends. It strengthens and matures the Christian in the correctness and understanding of his or her faith (a major comfort factor). It equips one to defend and withstand from criticism without, and against false theology within. It equips one to contend to unbelievers (effective evangelism - the best tool), and it equips one to demolish arguments supporting false competing world views.

In sum, it is both belief-forming and belief-sustaining, and best equips one to fulfill the Great Commission, something that most Christians are, sadly, ill-equipped to do. They have the truth, but don't know and can't explain why. Learning apologetics fills this void.

(Correction: Last week's reference to Job 38:41 should have been Chapters 38-41.

Look Who's New



Tyson Jade Hurst

Tamara Simmons of Matador and Dexter Hurst of Paducah announce the arrival of their son, Tyson Jade.

Tyson was born January 19, 2005, at 5:57 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He

weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20" long.

Grandparents are Craig Simmons of Tulia and Michelle Simmons of Matador and Arthur and Joyce Hemphill of Paducah.

YEE-HAW COWBOY!

GUESS WHO'S 40!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Living Our Lives

David Starr Jordon, an educator and writer, had this to say about life: "Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for." Mr. Jordon seems to have summed it up rather well. Some has said, "in a material world we easily forget that life is from within, not from without."

It is so easy to take life for granted. Solomon, in Ecclesiastes Chapter 12, compares life to a silver thread and that is very fragile. Life is sometimes abused. We sometimes abuse the principle our own selves. The spiritual aspect of life is not easily understood. There are times we ask ourselves, "How is my life going?" The answer to that is simply stated is, it is going. Slipping away day by day.

What is more important, the spiritual or material? Where do we place emphasis? In finding the answer we read the words of Jesus in John 10:10: "... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Jesus helps us to understand that the life we have in Him is spiritual. There we find our emphasis. All this world has to offer pales into insignificance when compared to the spiritual life that comes through Jesus. After all isn't heaven a spiritual place? Will not those who are spiritual inhabit that wonderful place?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



by Marilynn Hicks, Principal

The elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school last week. Students glued, or stapled, or taped, or painted 100 objects of some kind onto their clothing or an object they carried. They had a parade around the school, and then the most creative use of 100 items in each class was chosen by judges. The winners were Pre-K, Chealsey Gee; Kindergarten, Sage Guerrero; First, Mickey Clay; Second, Cassidy Turner; Third, Shayla Clay; Fourth, Hance Davey and Austin Taylor (they were tied together with their 100 rubber bands); and Fifth, Lexi Guerrero. A good time was had by all.

Our boys' basketball team is officially in the state playoffs. They will play a bi-district game against Ropesville in Post on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. I am pretty sure the parent organization will have a send off of some sort. It promises to be an interesting game. The girl's team

made a valiant effort against the Lorenzo girls but failed to garner the second place district finish. It was a sad evening in Floydada.

Shelley Cox, Ginger Gilmore, Cathey Turner and Mr. Copp all participated in the Texas Tech Technology Convention last week. They always come back from the meetings with enthusiasm and innovative ideas. I appreciate their effort in furthering technology at Motley County.

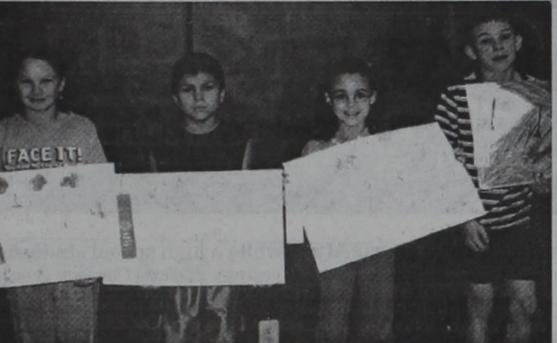
We start the TAKS testing next week. On Tuesday grades 4,7,9,10 and 11 will be taking writing or English language arts. The seniors will be taking ASVAB, an aptitude test developed by the military. Please make sure that students are on time and have had a good night's rest and a calm morning. The teachers have done their part, you as parents have provided the supportive environment, now the students must show what they know. I am confident that they will do well.



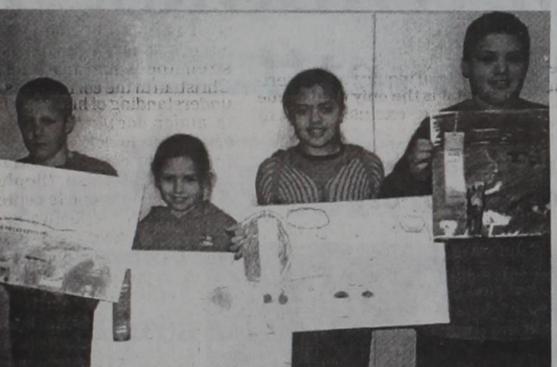
POSTER WINNERS — 2nd Grade - First place, Allen Martin; second place, Luis Mendoza; third place, Cassidy Turner; and fourth place, Tristan Tomlinson.



THIRD GRADE - First place, Shayla Clay (not pictured); second place, Jacob Woolsey; third place, Jamie Jameson; and fourth place, Virginia Gutierrez.



FOURTH GRADE - First place, Taylor Tomlinson; 2nd place, Juan Florez; third place, Kaitlyn Perryman; fourth place, Austin Taylor.



FIFTH GRADE - First place, Schyler Tomlinson; second place, Alexis Osborn; third place, Alex Guerrero; fourth place, Cody Martin.



SIXTH GRADE - First place, Sarah Ferguson; second place, Kyla Simpson (not pictured); third place, Ky Christopher.

Motley County students participate in 2005 Texas Conservation Poster Contest

Motley County Elementary students, 2nd grade through 6th grade, recently participated in the 2005 Texas Conservation Poster Contest. The Poster Contest is sponsored by the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District. The themes for this year's contest were: *The Living Soil* and *Celebrate Conservation*.

Students received blank poster boards January 20 and turned in their completed posters to District February 8 to be judged. Posters were judged based on creativity and the student's use of one of the themes.

James Gillespie of the Motley County Soil Conservation District, said, "The students did a great job this year and I can't wait until next year to see how well they will do."

Second grade students placing were: 1st place, Allen Martin; 2nd place, Luis Mendoza; 3rd place, Cassidy Turner; and 4th, Tristan Tomlinson.

Third grade: 1st place, Shayla Clay; 2nd place, Jacob Woolsey; 3rd place, Jamie Jameson; and 4th place, Virginia Gutierrez.

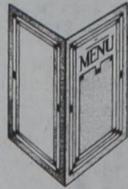
Fourth grade: 1st, Taylor Tomlinson; 2nd, Juan Florez; 3rd, Kaitlyn Perryman; 4th, Austin Taylor.

Fifth, 1st, Schyler Tomlinson; 2nd, Alexis Osborn; 3rd, Alex Guerrero; and 4th, Cody Martin.

Sixth grade: 1st, Sarah Ferguson; 2nd, Kyla Simpson; and 3rd, Ky Christopher.

Mr. Gillespie said, "All the students did a great job."

What's Cooking?



Motley County School Menu

MONDAY, FEB. 21

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk
Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Carrot Sticks, Potato Chips, Cookie, Milk

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Milk
Lunch: Steakfingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Peach Cobbler, Milk

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch: Tacos, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn Tortilla Chips, Jello, Milk

FRIDAY, FEB. 25

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk



A&P Class attends Conference in Lubbock

The Motley County High School anatomy and physiology class attended the 2005 Genetics Update Conference that was held at the Lubbock Civic Center on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. The A&P Students attending were Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Amy Easter, Annie Green, Emily Hurt, Veronica Mendoza, Brittany Moore, and Sabrina Osborn.

Sam Rhine was the featured speaker at the conference. Dr. Rhine, from Indiana State University, presented up-to-date information on regenerative medicine and cell sourcing. The information was presented in a college classroom environment. A powerpoint presentation containing good microscopic photographs accompanied the presentation.

The students were professionally introduced to many concepts and procedures that will affect their lives in the future. Every student learned material of educational importance as well as importance of good note taking and attentiveness in a college classroom.

According to Mrs. Gillespie, A&P teacher, "These students had a valuable experience during which they afforded the opportunity to hear the latest developments in an emerging field."

looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

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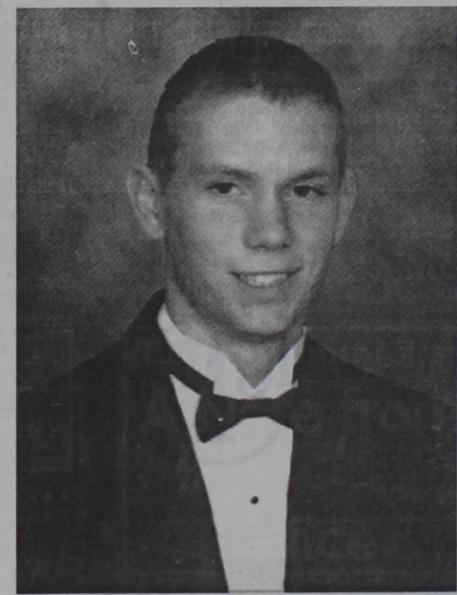
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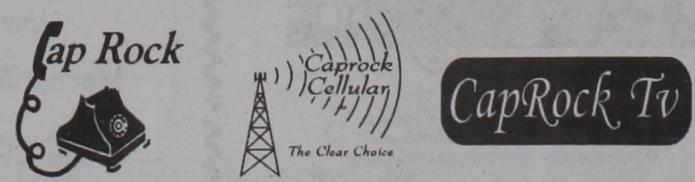
MC ★ Shining ★ Star February Student of the Month



CLAY COOPER

Clay is Motley County's February Student of the Month. He is the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador. He is a Senior at MCHS. Clay has two brothers, Cody and Clint. He has participated in football, basketball, track, Cross Country, and U.I.L. He is Co-President of Student County, Vice-President of NHS and the Senior Class. In FFA he has participated in Livestock Judging and Leadership Contests, Stock Shows, and is current the Greenbelt District Vice-President. Clay is a member of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church Youth Group, and enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. After graduation he plans to attend college.

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Life Lessons

By Annie Green



Isn't it funny how sometimes you read something and you can't wait to share it with someone. Well I recently read this article and I couldn't wait for you to read it as well.

This is a message every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not just as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to, and I

learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

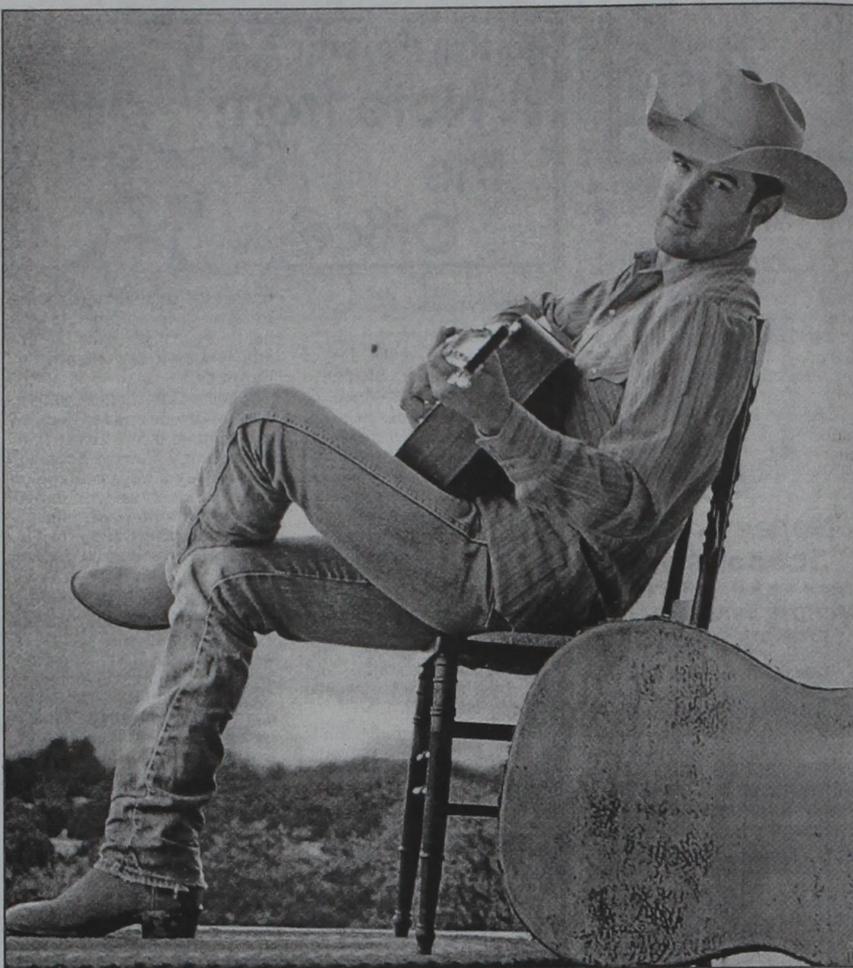
When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you give your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something, should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't



Nashville recording artist, Trent Willmon, has chart topping hits with a new CD recently released.

Nashville recording artists will perform in Lubbock

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"The caliber of talent in Nashville is so intense," Trent explained. "There are so many great song writers and musicians. Sometimes the best songs and musicians don't even make it to radio."

Trent kept writing songs and found work caring for horses at record producer Scott Hendrick's ranch south of Nashville. "When I went to work for Mr. Hendricks I didn't even know who he was," Trent said.

Gradually, Hendricks helped the rural young man make big-city contacts. One of them was song-publishing executive Chris DeBois. He was eventually offered a songwriting contract by DuBois, Brad Paisley and Frank Rogers who had formed Sea Gayle Music. In 1998, Trent Willmon was the company's first signee. Julie Roberts, McHayes, Montgomery Gentry and Darryl Worley recorded Trent's songs as his career as a tunesmith progressed.

Trent dove deeply into the craftsmanship of songwriting.

He assembled a group called Cow Camp and began a three-year stint as the "house band" at a honky-tonk called Big Jim Country in rural Lewisburg, TN. The experience transformed Trent into a dynamic showman. His voice blossomed into a powerfully emotional instrument. Sea Gayle's Frank Rogers witnessed the star-making change and took Trent into the studio and began playing the results for record executives.

A showcase at the Douglas Corner Cafe in Music City resulted in interest from four labels. Once Trent met with Sony's John Grady he knew he found a home.

With Rogers in the producer's chair, Trent Willmon proceeded to craft an album that is stunning on every level.

Trent enjoys competing at team roping just about every weekend. He also enjoys cooking barbecue and has done some catering. Using his welding skills he built a large smoker and for his album-release party, Trent served the crowd beef

brisket, smoked sausage, potato salad, beer bread, baked beans and strawberry cobbler he'd prepared from scratch. He recently won his first Tennessee chili-cooking championship.

Trent has a busy schedule and is on the road most of the year, spending only 15 days total at home between May and December of 2004. He and his band travel by bus to cities all over the U.S.

In addition to his show in Lubbock, February 24, Trent will perform at Graham Central Station in Odessa February 25; Albuquerque, N.M. at Cowboys, February 26; in Big Spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, March 18; Shamrock at the St. Patrick Celebration, Saturday, March 19; Dallas area, Cowboys - Arlington, March 23 and Cowboys-Red River, March 24; Durant, OK, March 25 and at The Library in San Angelo, Saturday, March 26.

Trent, who is single, tries to come home two or three times a year.



Trent Willmon at work on the Dunnam ranch near Afton, while a high school student. (photo courtesy of Odessa Dunnam)



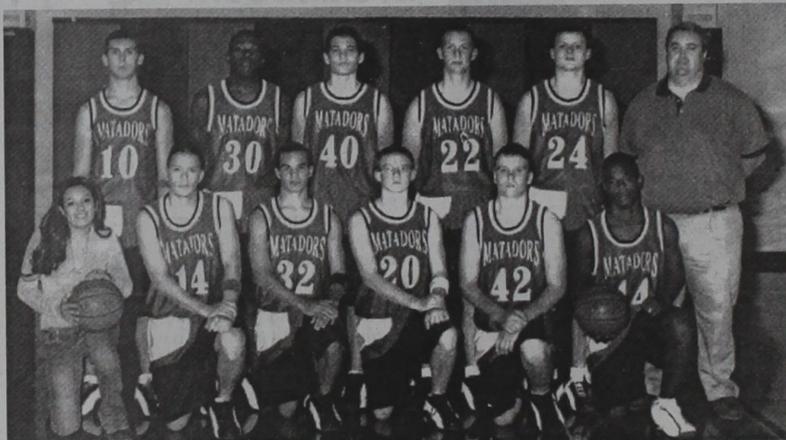
4-H'ers give cookies to Senior Citizens

Motley County 4-H members delivered homemade cookies to Senior Citizens Monday for Valentines Day. Pictured handing out cookies are Alexis Osborn, Colton Russell, Shane'a Russell, Christian Brooks and Reagan Elliott, left to right.

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MC BOYS VARSITY — Pictured left to right, beginning at back, Chance Bingham, Bradley Brown, Casey Fletcher, Clay Cooper, Kenny Johannes, Coach Rainer; (front) Veronica Mendoza (Manager), Matt Henzler, Isaiah Archer, Stacy Perryman, Malcomb O'Daniel, and Seagram Sims.

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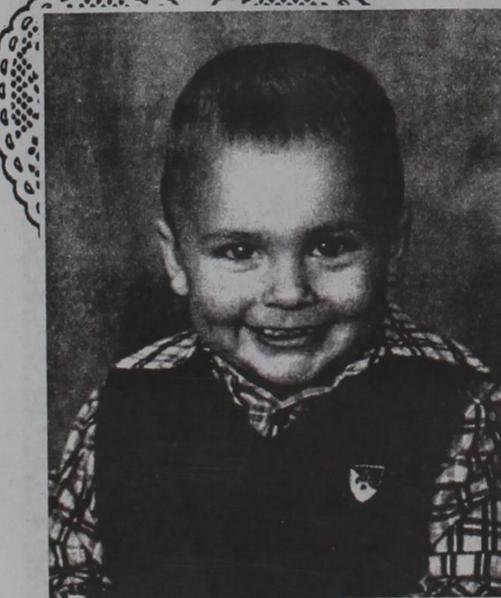
Senator Duncan's radio report in higher education available

Austin -- Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has released a radio report discussing higher education funding.

Each week, Senator Duncan will record an address discussing issues related to the current debate at the Legislature. In addition to providing a format in which radio news directors can access legislative news, this regular offering will give anyone within reach of a telephone Duncan's insights into the working of the legislative process.

During this week's address, Senator Duncan discusses the importance of funding higher education in this state and the impact on Texas' future.

To access the segment, simply dial 1-800-520-NEWS and then press "39" at the prompt. You may also access it at the Texas Senate website, www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist28/dist28.htm. Upon request, Duncan's staff may also email an MP3 version of the report.



Colton Ryan Martin
Son of Ryan & Jamie Martin of Matador
Grandson of Hal & Kelle Martin and
Great-grandson of Art Green of Matador



Lions International officer speaks to local Lions clubs

Matador and Roaring Springs clubs join forces to host annual Ladies Night Out

The Matador and Roaring Springs Lions Clubs met in a joint meeting for Ladies Night, February 8. Over sixty people enjoyed the event and an outstanding meal of mesquite smoked brisket and all the trimmings prepared by the award winning chuckwagon of South Pease River Ranch.

The highlight of the evening was guest speaker, Lion Jimmie Ross of Quitaque. Although most Lions consider him a local man, he has ascended to great heights in Lions Club International. Ross is currently 2nd vice-president of Lions Club International and in two years will become president of World Wide Lions Club International.

Ross spoke of events taking place in Lionism. Lions Clubs are being established world wide, with some soon to be established in Iraq. Lions Club International is the only service club to be invited to come into China where three clubs are now being established.

The Lions Club motto is "We serve - by serving." Lions exercise the power of giving, because they can give and not expect anything in return. In some countries, such as Russia, many

of the people are not accustomed to this kind of giving, and it is a concern to them. In some countries most of the Lions come from the blue-collar segment, while in other countries the majority of Lions come from the upper class. Regardless where the members come from, they are all focused on the main theme of serving.

One of the main projects of Lionism is the preservation and enhancement of a person's eyesight. This ranges from helping provide "seeing eye" dogs and leader dogs for the blind, or through Lionism's eye glasses project to help people see better by providing free eye glasses, and even to providing free eye surgery for people who cannot afford surgery.

Other projects of Lionism include crippled children's summer camps, projects to help people who have trouble hearing, supporting local charities, and other worthwhile activities.

After Mr. Ross's talk, a drawing was held for the centerpiece of the head table, which was won by Opal Johnson of Matador, and a dozen red roses, won by Mary Woods of Quitaque.



Local TxDOT employees work to clean dirt and debris from bridges in the area.

Motley County TxDOT working for the safety of the traveling public

CHILDRESS-The Texas Department of Transportation in Motley County can usually be seen out working to preserve our existing roadways and helping to insure that the public are always safe while traveling.

Recently the Motley County Maintenance crew was out cleaning up the dirt and debris that collects on our bridges.

"Dirt and debris collects under the guardrail and needs to

be cleaned out", said Ben Kautz, Motley County Maintenance Supervisor. "If not cleaned, this can cause water to not properly shed from the roadway during a rainstorm.

Anyone with questions about this, or any other TxDOT project should call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7145.



International Officer speaks to local clubs

Lions Club International 2nd Vice President, Jimmy Ross, spoke to local Lions club members at their annual Ladies Night Out Banquet held last Tuesday in Roaring Springs. In two years, Ross will become the President of World Wide Lions International.

Millions of Texas Children at risk

Buckle Up Kids program launched

AUSTIN-The Texas Department of Transportation has a message for parents: buckle up your kids. Safety officials are launching a two-week public education campaign this month to alert parents, grandparents, and caregivers about the dan-

gers of allowing children to ride in vehicles without using a child safety or seat belt.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children ages 2-14. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, six of every ten children be-

tween 5 and 9 years old--nearly one million children in Texas--routinely ride in cars and trucks without being buckled up, putting them at an unnecessary risk of being injured or killed in traffic crashes.

"We want people to buckle up children every single time, even for short trips to the grocery store or to school," said Carol Rawson, Deputy Director of TxDOT's Traffic Operations division. "Since 75% of injury-causing crashes occur within 25 miles of home, we're reminding moms, dads, grandparents and anyone who cares for children to make sure they secure them in safety belts every time, for every trip."

TxDOT is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and states throughout the nation around Valentine's Day to commemorate National Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 13-19). Safety advocates say for a minimum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers, simply need to follow the 4 Steps for Kids:

1. Use rear-facing infant seats in the back seat from birth to at least one year of age and at least 20 pounds;
2. Use forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age one and 20 pounds to about age four and approximately 40 pounds;

3. Use booster seats in the back seat from about age four to at least age eight--unless the child is 4 ft. 9 inches or taller; and
4. Use safety belts in the back seat at age eight or older or taller than 4 ft. 9 inches. All children age 12 or younger should ride in the back seat.

Texas law requires children in the front or back seat to be buckled up until they are 17. Children less than four years old and less than 36 inches tall must ride in a child safety seat. Parents can be fined up to \$200 for violating the law.

Safety experts estimate 113 children who died in traffic crashes in Texas in 2001 were not properly restrained.

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

DEATH OF SISTER

Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad, 84, sister of Tom Ross, died at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11 at the Wedgewood South Assisted Living Home in Lubbock. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Oakwood Methodist Church in Lubbock. Services and burial in El Paso are pending.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross visited overnight Friday in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. They met Mrs. Andestad's daughter, Mrs. Carlene Scott of Pebble Beach, California at Lubbock Airport Saturday morning. Her other daughter, Lori Andestad of Toronto, Canada will come later. Also in Lubbock, Saturday was Mr. Ross's daughter, Mrs. Jan Whitner of Washington, D.C. They visited Mrs. Ruth Williams at the Lakeside Nursing Home.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The birthday of Derrick Cruse, who was 20 years old Valentine's Day, was celebrated Friday night, Feb. 11 with a family dinner and his favorite chocolate cake in the home of his parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Derrick is a sophomore student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Those sharing the happy occasion were his grandmothers, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot; brother and wife, Keane and Lacy Cruse of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heise of Zumbato, Minnesota visited from Feb. 2 to Feb. 9 with their daughter and family, Lori and Bert Whitaker and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited the weekend in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday for her check up following recent eye surgery. They returned to Amarillo, Thursday for Jack a medical appointment at the

Veteran's hospital.

Tom Ross attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Alma Moore, 93, held at 2 p.m., Monday Feb. 14 at the Crowell Funeral Home Chapel and graveside services in Margaret Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were at the Lockney Hospital, Sunday Feb. 6th to be with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay of Matador and to welcome their granddaughter, Tylee Nicole.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary and grandson, Jake Abernathy of Abilene visited Thursday afternoon with her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Mrs. Ruth Lee and grandchildren, Kacee and Micah of Turkey visited in Childress, Wednesday with Cody Heck of Turkey, patient in Childress Hospital. Cody, son of Thomas Heck of Turkey had an emergency appendectomy, Sunday, Feb. 6.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington Friday were grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay and new baby daughter, Tylee Nicole of Matador. Mrs. Washington was in Plainview, Saturday attending to business.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Degan Thursday were son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary and grandson, one year old Jake Abernathy, son of Shawna and Jeff Abernathy of Abilene.

Trula and Wilburn Martin were in Plainview, Wednesday for each an optical appointment. They attended to business before returning home.

Those who met at the Community Center in Flomot Wednesday afternoon to cut out blocks for the Flomot Homecoming quilt were Mesdames B. Rogers, Judy Stark, Erma Washington, Suzie Shannon, Waydette Clay, Leona Degan, and Mary Jo Calvert.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Johnnie Starkey, Saturday.

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Brad and Weslyn Thacker of Amarillo and her brother, Wylie Maupin of Gruver, Texas, visited the Jeff Thacker's over the weekend. The men enjoyed bird hunting. They also visited with the Buzz Thackers.

Rev. Steve Halston and his mother had lunch at the Hitchin' Post on Wednesday at noon with Alex and Jo Crowder and Lula Swim. They were enroute to Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Lubbock, February 7.

Mrs. Cleo Watson's niece, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham of Abilene, visited her this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene spent the weekend with his aunt, Lula Swim, on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim, Mr. Ruston Swim and Jacob, and Edward Swim of Lubbock visited J.T. and Imogene Swim, celebrating her 86th birthday, Sunday. The group enjoyed lunch at The Hitchin' Post.

The Bible group, taught by Fredia Burns, met at the home of Minnie Collett Monday, Feb. 14, with 22 ladies present. Minnie shared her testimony and several passages of scripture were read. She served a delicious meal to all that stayed.

Matador News

R.J. Bell had a 3 bypass heart surgery Wednesday, February 2 at the Heart Surgery Hospital in Lubbock. He returned home Wednesday, February 9. With him during surgery and hospitalization was his wife, Miriam and his son, Roddy Bell of Lubbock.

Mrs. Brent (Teresa) Whitaker of Childress, former Matador resident, had additional surgery on her injured leg at the Childress Hospital this week.

Geraldine Key had major surgery on her bladder and colon January 21 in Amarillo. She is now in

Methodist Rehab Center and recovering and learning to walk again. Her address is 5515 Alvarado, Amarillo, TX 79106. Her phone number is 806-467-7401.

ATTENDS FUNERAL
Lewis Bostick and Cora Smallwood attended funeral services for their aunt, Opal Bostick, on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at Sanders Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Mr. Bostick served as a pallbearer. She was a sister-in-law to the late G.B. and Ruth Bostick.

Troy and Kathy Smallwood of Nazareth attended funeral services for James Simpson, Friday, Feb. 11.

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Obituaries

Iva Juanita Curlee

Funeral services for Iva Juanita Curlee, 82, of Odessa were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 22 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa with Roy Jones and Lynn Money officiating.

She died Thursday, January 20, 2005, at the Hospice House in Odessa. Burial was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, at Northfield Cemetery under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Fu-

neral Home. Born July 16, 1922, in Childress to William and Frances Bethany, she was a retired beautician and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her nephew, Johnny Thomas, of Childress; a niece, Jerry Anita Miller, of Odessa; five great-nieces and nephews and 10 great-great-nieces and nephews.

NOTE OF THANKS

The family of James Simpson would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for all your prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers and cards.

We would also like to thank Jim Meador and the Motley County EMT crew who came so quickly when we called.

A special thanks to Pat Seigler and Nathan Shannon for being so kind and helpful during our time of loss.

We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful community with such caring people.

May God Bless you,
LaVon Simpson
Bobby, LaKenna, Keeley, Tori & Demi Simpson
Rickey, Naomi and Casey Lawrence
Gary, Lisa, Trent, Eric & Britt Simpson, Miranda and family
Terry, Tammy, Kyla & Korbyn Simpson
Chad & Denise Lawrence

On behalf of the Crowley family we want to express our thanks to all of you that were so helpful during the time of Sammie Lynn's passing. Thank you for the cards, letters and expressions of your love and the support for us in the loss of my sister. Judy Ann and I are very grateful.

Michael and Judy Crowley

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and food that I received during my illness. Christine and I appreciate all our friends.

John Briscoe

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Matadors Basketball

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ers who contributed were as follows: Clay Cooper-15, Sims-10, Archer-8, Kenny Johannes-4, Stacy Perryman-2, and Bingham-2.

In their battle with the Lorenzo Hornets, February 8, Brown led in scoring with 11 points. Trailing close behind were Archer-7, Sims-6, Cooper-5, Perryman-4, Henzler-3, Bingham-2 and Malcomb O'Daniel-2.

The Matadors had a practice game against the Anton Bulldogs, February 11. Anton is also a play-off team getting ready for their time to shine. The Matadors defeated the Bulldogs in a very close game with a final score of 62-61.

Brown and Sims were the high scorers for the game with 20 points apiece. Following close behind were Archer-18, Cooper-2, and Johannes-2.

The winner of the MC - Ropes game will face the winner of the Grady Wildcats - Aspermont Hornets game, Friday February 25.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

Office Hours

Due to short staffing and increased work load, we ask that you please observe our office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The time that we are here before 8:00 and after 4:30 is generally the only time we have for filing or studying. With the constant changes it is very important that we spend time each day reading our notices, emails, etc...Occasionally we will stay open past 4:30 or open before 8:00, but this causes us to be less prepared. As always, thank you for your understanding.

Signature Authority Issues

In the next few months each county in our FSA district will be reviewed for proper signature authority. As we work through the documentation on file for signature authority, you may be contacted to provide additional information, or required to provide new FSA-211(s) (Power of Attorney). Signature authority has been under scrutiny in FSA offices across the nation. Washington will deny any relief in which the proper signature authority is not on file. It is very important to your farming operation that we have on file the exact documentation that our regulations require.

Livestock Assistance & Crop Disaster Programs

The Secretary of Agriculture has not yet announced details pertaining to LAP or CDP. As soon as we receive this information, we will pass it along to our producers.

1099s Should Have Arrived

During the last week of January, producers who have received payment from FSA should have received a CCC-1099 in the mail from our Kansas City Office. A CCC-1099 is a report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about FSA payments made to you in 2004. The CCC-1099 is a service to help you report taxable income and is not intended to replace your responsibility to report income to the IRS.

If you receive a CCC-1099, we recommend that you check the amounts shown with your

records to see that the amounts are correct. If you find the amounts are not correct, or if you have a question concerning the form, contact us. If you choose to visit the office, bring the CCC-1099 with you so that we may more readily identify the questionable items. If there is an error, we will furnish you with a corrected form CCC-1099.

Animal Identification Program

You've probably heard something about the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) being developed by USDA's Animal and Health Inspection Service (APHIS). If you would like more information, stop by the FSA county office and pick up a copy of APHIS' brochure, The National Identification System (NAIS), Program Aid No. 1797. Information about NAIS is also available online at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/nais/nais.html>

DCP Payment Options

Producers may receive a 50% advance of the direct payment amount beginning Dec. 1 of the program year. Final direct payments will be made on or after October 1 following the contract period. Counter-cyclical payments may also be authorized for one or more covered commodities, depending on the projected and actual market prices. Producers may elect to receive up to 3 counter-cyclical payments per year: (1) the first partial payment, if any, is available in Oct. of the calendar year in which the crop is harvested and cannot exceed 35% off the total projected payment; (2) a second partial payment, up to 70% of the projected payment minus the amount of the first payment available following Feb. and (3) final payments, if any, are made after the end of the marketing year for the crop. Producers who do not elect to take the first and second advance payments will receive the entire counter-cyclical payment at this time. The amount of the counter-cyclical payment is dependent upon the average of the actual process received by the farmers during the marketing year.

County Agent News

By Eric Lewis
Motley County Extension Agent

INTRODUCTION TO QUICKBOOKS PRO FOR AG PRODUCERS

Stan Bevers, District 3 Extension Economist, has just announced a computer workshop for March 3-4 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. The workshop is intended to teach farmers and ranchers how to more efficiently operate the QuickBooks PRO computer program. Quickbooks Pro is a management tool that, if used correctly, allows producers to be able to accurately manage their financial situation and to create easy to follow budgets and financial statements.

The cost of the workshop will be \$125 with enrollment limited to twelve farm/ranch operations. The registration fee covers: course materials, lunch, and break refreshments. Reservations are being accepted on a first come first serve basis. Fourteen notebook computers will be provided by the Extension Service for use during the training.

Mr. Bevers has asked that all interested parties enroll by March 1, 2005, by contacting him at 940-552-9941 ext. 231 or Brenda Duckworth at ext. 249. The class will be held at the Extension and Research Center in Vernon.

Any questions can be directed to the above parties or the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

The course schedule is as follows:

March 3

- 9:00 a.m. - Welcome
- Why are we here?
- Overview of the manual and other reference materials
- Setting up a new file (EasyStep Interview)
- Getting started and navigating QuickBooks Pro.
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch
- Using Lists
- Handwritten Transactions

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- Using the Bill Payment Feature.

5:00 p.m. - Adjourn.

March 4

- 9:00 a.m. - Questions
- Printing Checks
- Reconciling Accounts
- Delivering
- Accounting 101
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch
- Advanced Transactions
- Payroll
- Introduction to Managerial Accounting.
- 4:00 p.m. - Adjourn

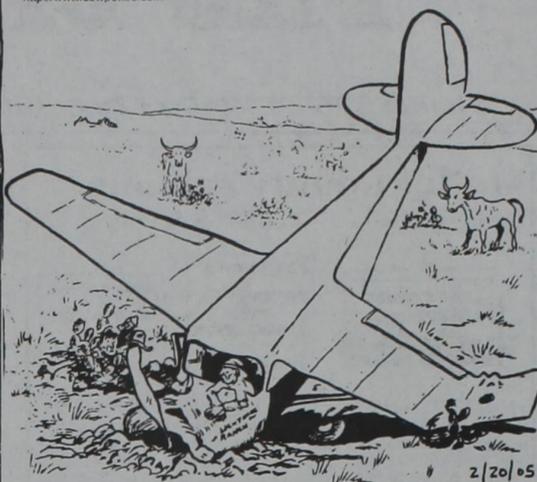
4-H MEETING

The Motley County 4-H club held its monthly meeting Thursday, February 10, in the Motley County Courthouse. Members were reminded that the Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, February 26. Each member was encouraged to start final preparations for the show and to keep working with their animals. Members that are interested in the photography contest had a short meeting after the regular meeting to discuss contest dates and rules. Any member not at the meeting, and interested in the photography contest needs to contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

Upon completion of the meeting, members decorated Valentine cookies for the Senior Citizens in appreciation for their support throughout the year. The cookies were delivered on Monday by 4-H club officers: Colton Russell, Shane'a Russell, Christian Brooks, Reagan Elliott, and Alexis Osborn. Members helping with the Valentine decorating were Jacob Woolsey, Shane'a Russell, Courtney Alexander, Austin Taylor, Christian Brooks, Braden Mason, Dillon McCleskey, Reagan Elliott, Conner Mason, Keyan Kautz, Alexis Osborn, and Hance Davey.

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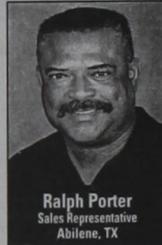
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7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**
Cloudy
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- Friday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 42
- Saturday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 61 Low: 37
- Sunday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 34
- Monday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 35
- Tuesday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60 Low: 33
- Wednesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 58 Low: 32

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 50°. The record high temperature for today is 84° set in 1959. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy in the morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 56°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
2/23	3/3	3/10	3/17

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Saturday	54	34	55/29	0.26"	0.49"
Sunday	59	38	55/30	0.22"	Normal precipitation 0.21"
Monday	50	33	55/30	0.00"	Departure from normal +0.28"
Tuesday	42	33	56/30	0.01"	Average temperature .42.6°
Wednesday	51	28	56/30	0.00"	Average normal temperature .42.7°
Thursday	58	31	56/30	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.1°
Friday	60	40	56/31	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

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Sun & Moon Times

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BID NOTICE
The City of Matador is accepting bids on a new Multi-Purpose Bucket for a 1994 model 416 CAT Backhoe. The City is also accepting bids for a 1990 to 1995 model, diesel, Dump Truck with new 12 to 14 yard bed. Bids must be submitted to City Hall at 706 Dundee, Matador, TX, by the close of business February 25, 2005. The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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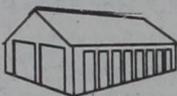
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