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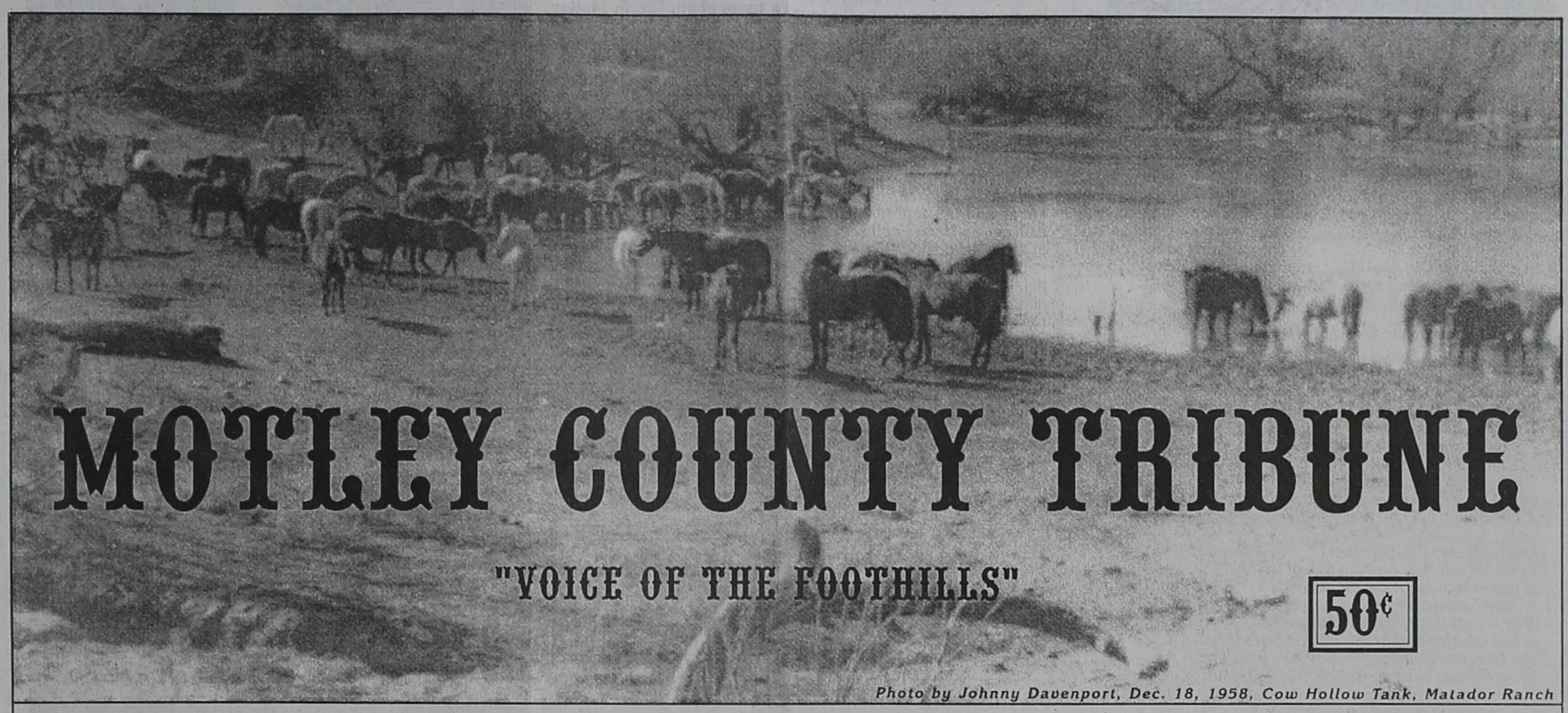
65th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show



MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

"VOICE OF THE FOOTHILLS"

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Photo by Johnny Davenport, Dec. 18, 1958, Cow Hollow Tank, Matador Ranch

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2005 ESTABLISHED 1891 ISSUE NO. 8

65th year for Motley County Livestock Show

4-H, FFA members will exhibit animals at annual County Show Saturday

Saturday, February 27, will mark the 65th year for the Motley County Junior Livestock Show. The annual show will be held at the Motley County Bus/ Show Barn and is sponsored each year by local volunteers to provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their livestock projects.

The day's events will kick off with Breakfast, which will be served from 6:30 until 8:30 a.m. The breakfast is sponsored by Lowe's Pay & Save and manager Frances Taylor. The delicious meal will be prepared and served by local volunteers, Richard Turner, Roy George Hobbs, Rodney Williams, Charlie Johnson and Vann Francis.

Weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m. and all animals entered in the show should be weighed in and in place by 8:30 a.m.

The order of show will be as follows:

9:45 a.m., Pee Wee Showmanship.

10:00 a.m., All Hog classes, beginning with Light Weight.

11:15 a.m., Bucket Calves.

11:30 a.m., All Lamb Classes, beginning with Light Weight.

12:30 p.m., All Rabbit classes.

1:00 p.m., All Heifers in place will be judged.

1:00 p.m., All Goat classes in place will be judged.

2:00 p.m., All Steers will be judged.

Motley County 4-H and FFA members will show 34 hogs, 16 goats, 15 rabbits, 9 lambs, 2 steers and 2 bucket calves. Members participating in this year's show are Christian Brooks, Jamie Jameson, Brittany Moore, Colton Russell, Shane'a Russell, Britt Simpson, Chase Buckner, Schylor Tomlinson, Kenny Johannes, Matthew Martin, Leanne Jameson, Chance Bingham, Jacob Johannes, Marc Henzler, Matt Henzler, Stacy Perryman, Taylor Tomlinson, Jacob Woolsey, Courtney Alexander, Keyan Kautz, Jonathan Osborn, Kyla Simpson, Alyx Smith, Austin Taylor, Reagan Elliott, Hance Davey, Colby McCleskey, Dillon McCleskey, Alexis Osborn, Karrie Valdez, Isiah Archer, Malcomb O'Daniel, Eric Simpson, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Emily Hurt, Brendon Wiltshire, Christy Smith, Mylissa Gilmore, Savannah Rose, Brendon Fisk/ Bucket Calf and Cassidy Turner/Bucket Calf.

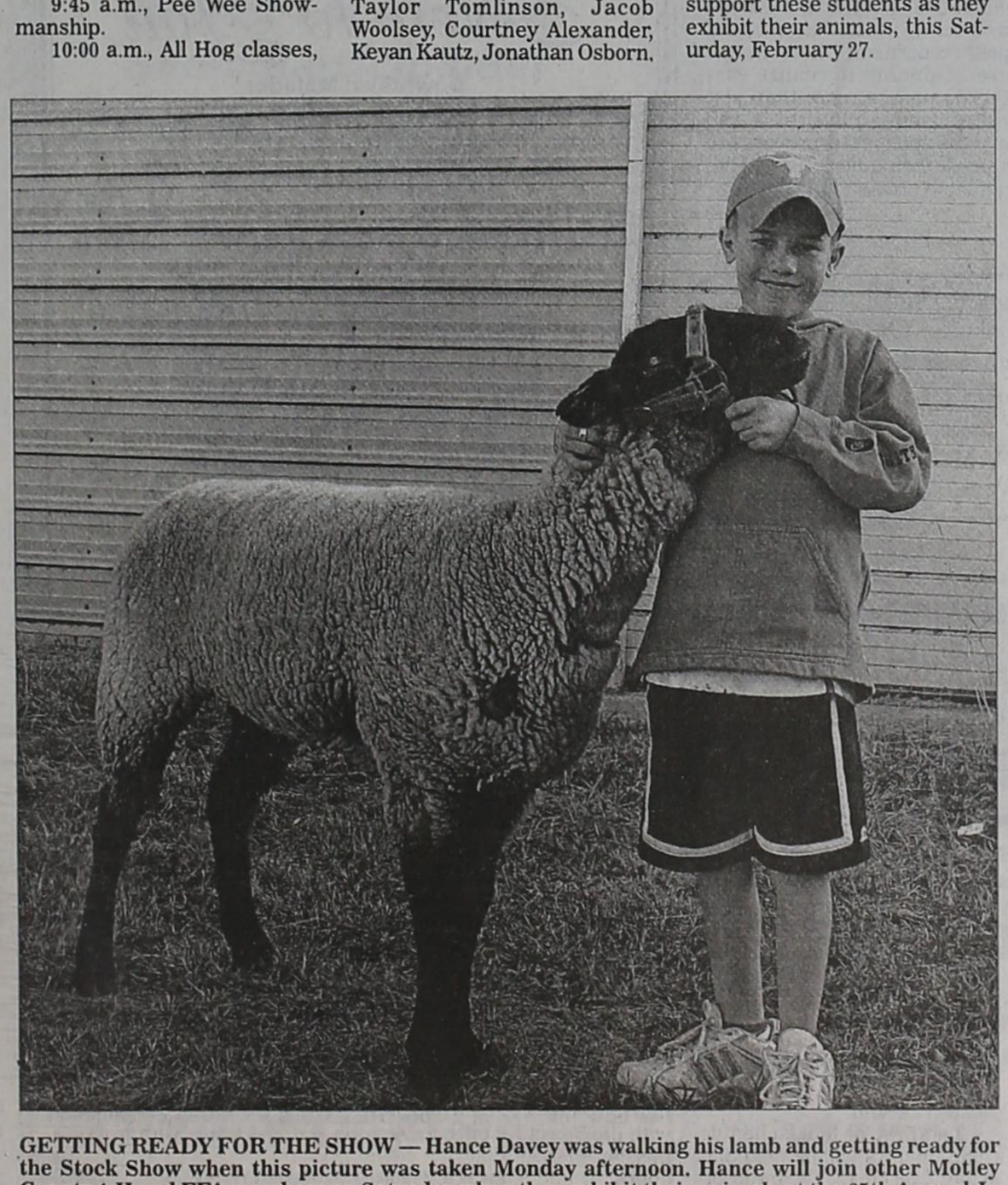
A Concession stand will be available, sponsored by the Livestock Association and will open immediately after breakfast. Among the items available will be Rodeo Wraps, Brisket Wraps, Chips, Drinks, Homemade Brownies and Rice Krispie Bars.

Parents of children participating in the show are asked to bring one dozen brownies or one dozen rice Krispie bars.

Make plans to come out and support these students as they exhibit their animals, this Saturday, February 27.

Jr. Miss Motley County

Courtney Alexander, center, was crowned Jr. Miss Motley County at last Saturday night's Pageant. She is the daughter of Rick and LeJeanna Faulks of Matador. Shane'a Russell, right was named first runner-up, and Hailey Blanco, left, was named second runner-up. Shane'a is the daughter of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador, and Hailey is the daughter of David and Kathy Blanco of Matador. See more pictures on page 4. *(photo by Shonda Elliott)*



GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW — Hance Davey was walking his lamb and getting ready for the Stock Show when this picture was taken Monday afternoon. Hance will join other Motley County 4-H and FFA members on Saturday when they exhibit their animals at the 65th Annual Jr. Livestock Show.

Operation Clean-up to get underway in Matador

Operation Clean-up will soon get underway in Matador. The City recently received a grant, sponsored by South Plains Association of Governments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that will allow for the clean-up efforts within the City. The City is joining forces with Market Matador, the City's Economic Development Corporation, to accomplish this operation.

"Operation Clean-up" is a volunteer effort that will aid in the cleaning of unsightly appliances, illegal dumping, and dry dead brush. Citizens are invited to join in and clean up litter and debris from their property. Dumpsters will be placed in several locations around the city which will allow for the disposal of all collected debris.

"This is a chance for property owners to get lots cleaned up at no charge," Mayor Paul Westbrook said.

The first of four schedule clean-up days will be held Saturday, March 12. Clean-up efforts will begin at the City Square and work out from there. Property owners or interested volunteers are urged to contact City Hall at 347-2255, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for further information.

Persons wishing to volunteer should meet at City Hall at 8:30 a.m. on March 12. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, rakes, hoes, etc., if possible.

"Operation Clean-up" is financed through a grant from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Bricks for Bob's order sent to engravers

Just over 100 bricks have been purchased as a fund raiser for restoration of Bob's Oil Well. This order was sent off this week and is expected to arrive in about two months. Plans are to include these bricks in a memorial pathway incorporated with the Texas Historical Commission marker that has been approved and is awaiting casting at the foundry.

If you missed this order you may still purchase a brick for $50 (one line of engraving, not to exceed 16 spaces) or for $100 (three lines of engraving, not to exceed 16 spaces each). Roy Hobbs, First State Bank, is taking orders and receiving the funds earmarked for the renovation of the still endangered structure. Plans are to start work again in March, utilizing volunteer help where possible and paid help where necessary.

It's Stock Show time! Just another event that makes me wonder where the year went?? If you've never attended a Motley County Stock Show, be sure to come out Saturday and support our kids. They work hard with their animals to prepare them for the Show. And they all do a great job. The animals all look great to me - it's a good thing I'm not the Judge.

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Congratulations to the MC Matadors for advancing to Bi-District. Although they lost their game for the Bi-District title, they fought hard to get there, and everyone should be very proud of them for their efforts.

As a mother of a son, I remember the sadness of defeat after losing an important sporting event and the joy in winning. But, the most important part is what is learned along the way and that you get up and go on!

The following poem is one of my favorites. Here's to the Matadors...

Courage

by Edgar A Guest

Courage isn't a brilliant dash,
A daring deed in a moment's flash;
It isn't an instantaneous thing
Born of despair with a sudden spring
It isn't a creature of flickered hope
Or the final tug at a slipping rope
But it's something deep in the soul of man
That is working always to serve some plan.

Courage isn't the last resort
In the work of life or the game of sport;
It isn't a thing that a man can call
At some future time when he's apt to fall'
If he hasn't it now, he will have it not
When the strain is great and the pace is hot.
For who would strive for a distant goal
Must always have courage within his soul.

Courage isn't a dazzling light
That flashes and passes away from sight;
It's a slow, unwavering, ingrained trait
With the patience to work and the strength to wait.
It's part of a an when his skies are blue,
It's part of him when he has work to do.
The brave man never is freed of it.
He has it when there is no need of it.

Courage was never designed for show;
It isn't a thing that can come and go;
It's written in victory and defeat
And every trial a man may meet.
It's part of his hours, his days and his years,
Back of his smiles and behind his tears.
Courage is more than a daring deed;
It's the breath of life and a strong man's creed.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donations that the library received last week. We thank Bob and Wanda Kilmer for their donation in memory of Sammie Lynn Lacey. We also thank Dahl and Deloris Clower for their donation in memory of Treva Clower Gillespie, Jake Edwards, Joe Campbell, and Donnie Jenkins.

February, March and April are important months in Texas history. The Siege of the Alamo began February 23, 1836; Texas Independence Day is March 2; the Alamo fell March 6, 1836; and Texas won its independence on the battlefield of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

To celebrate this part of Texas history, we are encouraging you to Read Texas! at the library. Everyone probably knows about the library's very good Texas Collection for adults, but did you know that we have an extensive Texas Collection for young readers?

The library has Texas cookbooks, books about Texas flowers and buildings. We also have books about famous and infamous Texans. The Texas landscapes are featured in many lovely books. There is something for everyone in our Texas collections. Come in and join in Reading Texas!

"The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid."

Psalm 27:1

HOW CLOSE ARE YOU?

"Come near to God and
He will come near to you." — James 4:8

Do you believe in God? What does He mean to you? What place does He occupy in your life? How is your walk with God? Are you as close to God as you want to be? As the above scripture states when we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. But, just how does one draw near to God anyway? Dick Stovall penned a little piece in the "Bulletin Digest" giving some suggestions we can all use toward this end.

• Get into the Word of God. You must let God talk to you from His word. The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. -- Romans 10:17.

• Live Near the Cross. We meet God at the cross. Christ was separated from God on the cross so that we can draw near to Him.

• Talk to God. Prayer is your direct link to God. -- I Thessalonians 5:17.

• Talk to Others about God. Nothing brings us closer to God than sharing what we've found in Christ with others. -- Mark 16: 15-16.

• Assemble with the Saints. Get together with God's people (Hebrews 10:25). We need the fellowship and encouragement of other Christians.

Letting God talk to us -- talking to Him -- talking to someone about Him -- a close communion with those who are doing the same thing -- and taking up residence in His community (the cross): Makes sense to me -- how about you?

Are YOU as close to God as you want to be? Do you need to move? Think about it.

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Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. **WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.**

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

When you don't know where you are going, every road will take you there....

--Old Yiddish Proverb

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This thing about change being inevitable and, if it's going to happen anyway, best direct it yourself instead of simply accepting what happens, has been going on for weeks.

And here a small voice says, OK, I'm convinced, but what can I do? Glad you asked!

First off, of course, you could start a small business yourself. The bakery idea has been around for a long time, and some people here in the county can even bake. You could start out small from your home, and sell pies and cakes and cookies at local restaurants.

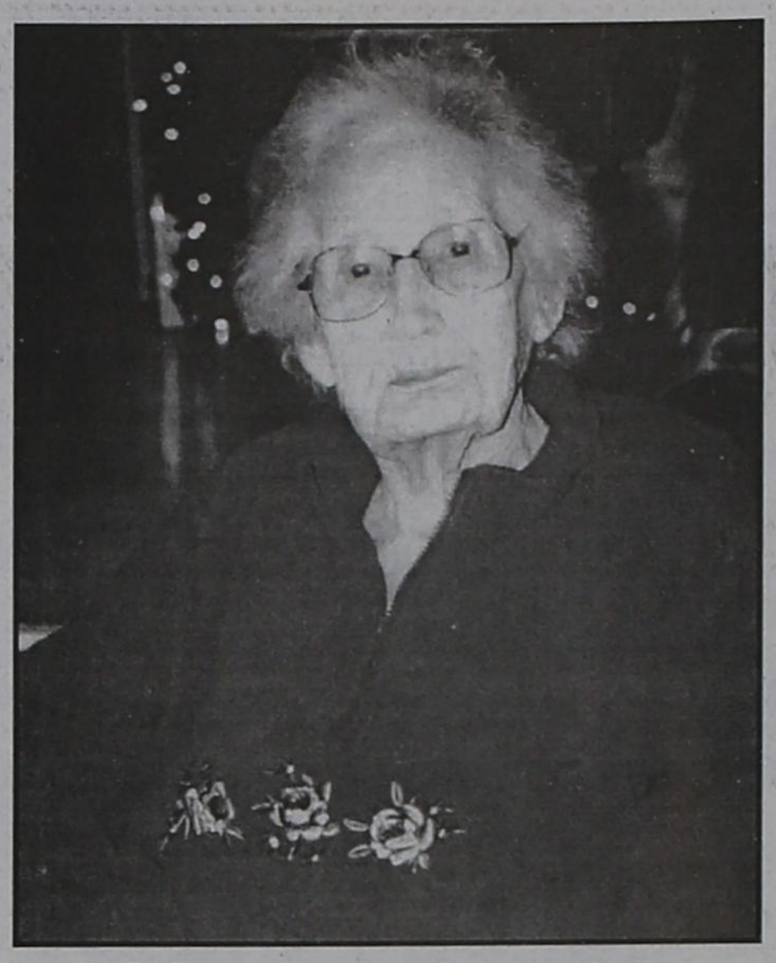
What about the pampered pets of the area? They need a kennel or pet hotel. One in the Canyon, TX area provides trees for the cats to climb, luxury accommodations, AC and carpet.

Or maybe you know someone not as enlightened as you (and thus not reading these weekly columns) who could be prodded and convinced that they should start a small business. Maybe you know someone who bakes. Maybe you know someone who is ever so good with animals Maybe you know someone with a different talent who just needs your encouragement to strike out in a new direction. Remember the Chamber is here to help.

Or maybe you know people in other places who might be open to living in a different place. Talk to them about life in Motley County. People in big cities cannot imagine what life here is like. Tell them about the benefits of living in a small town, where the excellent library is right next door to the only full service grocery store in the county. Maybe you can get them to move here and contribute to their talents.

Then their is the nursing home project, and it will need staff. You know people, lots of people, many of whom don't live here. But maybe you know some who are looking for just the kind of job that will be available there. Talk to them about life in Motley County. Tell them about what we are planning. Maybe you will find that you soon have friends moving here to be neighbors.

These are but a few of the things you can do to manage the change that will come, and we will all benefit from your efforts.



Celebrates 99th Birthday

Netta Jewel Landrum, a former longtime Matador resident, recently celebrated her 99th birthday with family and friends in Red Oak, Texas. Attending the festivities were her children, John Landrum, Bobby Landrum, Louise Johnson and their families, as well as other family members and friends from Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Wichita Falls, Mabank, Eustace, Lubbock and Red Oak. Mrs. Landrum has 23 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF APOLOGETICS

As already indicated, the practice is as old as history. God practiced it with Moses at the burning bush and in dressing down Job. The apostle practiced it and the Bible commands us to do the same. The use of reason covers the waterfront of providing answers, and that includes logic and true science also. Einstein said: "Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

Mindful that all truth is God's truth, the early church spearheaded the search for and a cohesive understanding of all truth, whether it be logical, scientific, or religious. This went on for some seventeen hundred years. The basic tenets of what has become known as Christian Apologetics were fleshed out by Augustive, Anselm, and Thomas Aquinas. We still heavily rely upon them. They had it right. Then things began going south. The French Revolution triggered awesome antagonism against the church. The industrial revolution led to modernism (the wrong idea that we can scientifically fix or solve anything), and exalted scientists to the top of the heap. They should never have been so exalted, and shouldn't be today, but it happened.

Thereafter, when the scientists disputed the church, the public believed the scientists. At the same time, there arose German Higher Criticism (now discredited) of the Bible, putting it in question. Darwin succumbed to this before coming up with his theory of evolution, which became immensely popular in the latter 1800's and most of the last century. It appeared to abolish the need for and very existence of God, putting man in charge of his own destiny. Other atheistic thinkers were hard at work also, such as Freud and Nietzsche (also now discredited).

The church, after a short two hundred years, found itself surrounded by atheism, relativism, secularism, and Darwinism (all of which are demonstrably phony), and rather than attack and defend, the church shelved apologetics, stuck its head in the sand, began doubting, and even watered down its theology to accommodate popular "science," e.g., theistic evolution, with disastrous results.

Today, the churches in western Europe are empty, with only 2% of the population attending! The same "isms" mentioned above are behind the phony current notions of separation of church and state, so troubling our nation.

Some of western Europe's experiences also happened and are happening in our country. Blind faith and anti-intellectualism have been urged and commended - and we've looked stupid to outsiders. But God works in strange and mysterious ways.

In the last half of the last century, particularly beginning with the 1980's, science and scientific discoveries have disproved a ton of accepted scientific "truths," and proved the Christian theologian was right all along, as well as the Christian apologist, and apologetics has come roaring back. The Hubble telescope has confirmed the universe's beginning - hence God's existence, and the discovering and understanding of DNA is the last nail in the coffin of Darwinian Evolution.

New archeological evidence continues to reaffirm the Bible as true. We are now in an age of post-modernism where people are beginning to realize that there must be more than just this declining physical world, and the apologist is prepared to answer their questions, and defend and proclaim the truth.

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY — Motley County Family & Consumer Science students, Monica Huddleston and Ashley Green presented a story and art to twenty-five children at the library, Thursday, Feb. 17. Monica read Tops & Bottoms, about a bear and some rabbits and their garden. After the story, Monica and Ashley helped the children draw their own garden. Carrots seemed to be the garden favorites. Storytime will be held again Thursday, Feb. 24, 3:45 - 4:15 p.m., at the library. This activity is a project of the Motley County FCCLA Chapter.

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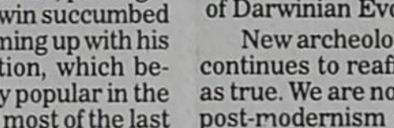

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★ HONOR ROLL ★

DISTINGUISHED LIST
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Kindergarten: Chole Geghorn, Sage Guerrero, Trey Lopez, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Chris Ward, Autumn Woolsey, Tristan Foster

First: Mattie Brooks, Matthew Faulks, Natalie Jameson, Katrina Lopez, Macie Marshall, Joshua Martin, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Micheal Seigler, Bryant Taylor, Kaylee Woolsey

Second: Katie Barton, Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Meagan Ford, Victoria Hernandez, Allen Martin, Korbyn Simpson, Tristan Tomlinson, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward

Third: Shayla Clay, Conner Mason

Fourth: Hance Davey, Kaitlan Perryman, Austin Taylor

Fifth: Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason

Sixth: Kyla Simpson

Seventh: None

Eigthth: None

Ninth: Savannah Rose

Tenth: Angelica Mendoza

Eleventh: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green

Twelfth: Clay Cooper, Veronica Mendoza

HONOR ROLL
(All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: James-Thomas Cooper, Brendan Fisk, Ruby Klebahn, Adrian Ramiriz

First: Mickey Clary, Joey Horton

Second: Michael Martin, Gabby Silva

Third: Virginia Gutierrez, James Horton, Jamie Jameson, Parker Meredith, Jacob Woolsey

Fourth: Juan Flores, Payden Perryman, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Taylor Tomlinson

Fifth: Christian Brooks, Chase Buckner, Brett Fletcher, Alexis Guerrero, Bernado Santos, Schyler Tomlinson

Sixth: Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Jay Potts, Timothy Ward

Seventh: Kortney Williams

Eigthth: Courtney Alexander, Kayla Hollingsworth

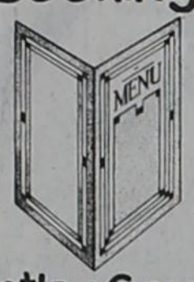
Ninth: Isiah Archer, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Christy Smith

Tenth: Griselda Flores, Cameron Jeffcoat

Eleventh: Monica Huddleston, Colton Russell

Twelfth: Amanda Ashby, Cody Cooper, Amy Easter, Annie Green, Matt Henzler, Emily Hurt, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn

What's Cooking?



Motley County School Menu

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Breakfast: Cinnamon French Toast, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Salad, Crackers, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Terriyaki, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Spinach, Hushpuppy, Orange Slices, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Hot Dog, Chili, Salad, Baked Beans, Fresh Grapes, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffin, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Honey, Milk.

Motley County ISD reduces employee injuries

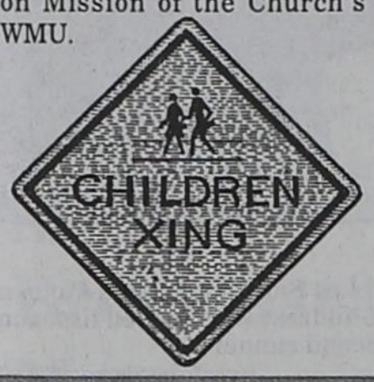
Motley County ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Resourceful Award for savings to the district of $11,497. Motley County ISD, represented by Mr. Rick Copp, Superintendent, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas schools in avoiding over 15,542 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over $184 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Mr. Wesley Slade, CEO of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Fourteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

Kid's Praise March 2

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, March 2, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.



Life Lessons

By Annie Green

I once read a quote that stated, "Letting go is like cleaning out your closet."

Letting go of something or someone can be a difficult task. But sometimes in life we must let go of people or things in order to continue to grow through Christ.

As I have become older, I have seen how important it is that we let go of the things that are becoming a "road block" in our walk with Christ. Maybe it is a bad relationship or a friend that is pulling you off the right track.....whatever it may be, sometimes we just need to take a step back, look at our lives....and listen to our hearts. God is speaking to us....it is our choice whether or not to listen.

So the question is..."does your closet need cleaning." Is there something in your life that is keeping you from achieving a closer relationship with God? Do you have a friend that is pulling you away from the light? Are you in a relationship consumed with confusion? Listen to your heart.

Letting go is not just about change, "it is about making space in your life for new people,

Don't Drink & Drive!

The Matador Fire Department led an escort for the Motley County Matadors as they were leaving for their Bi-District game at Post Tuesday. Although not visible in picture, a long line of well-wishers drove along behind the Matadors' bus, honking, cheering and showing their support for the team. The Matadors went up against Ropes for the Bi-District title, but were defeated, 45-35. A full report of the game will be printed in next week's paper.

We're proud supporters of the
Motley County Jr. Livestock Show!
Best of Luck to the Show participants!

MATADOR RANCH

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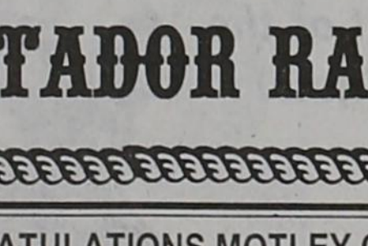

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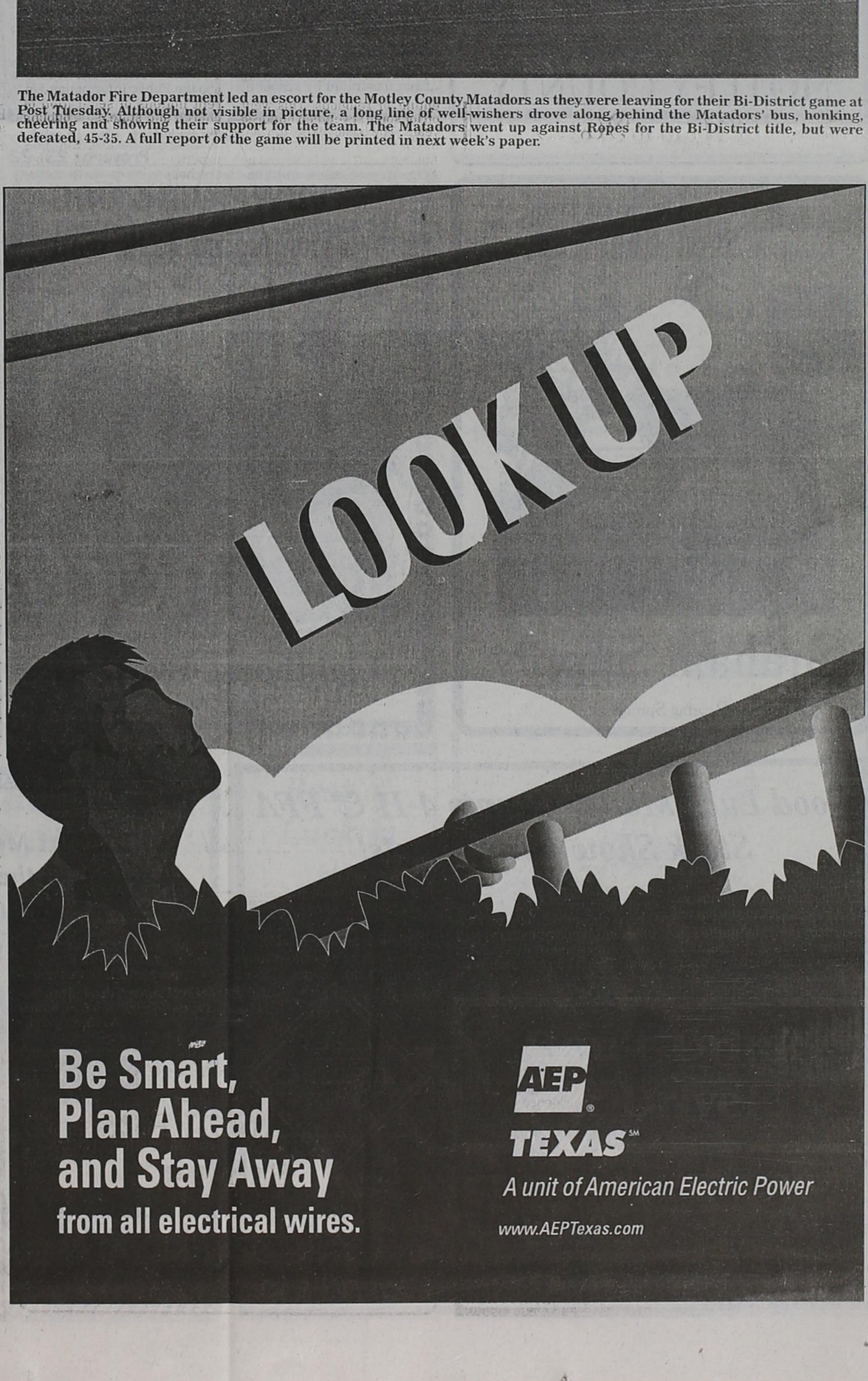

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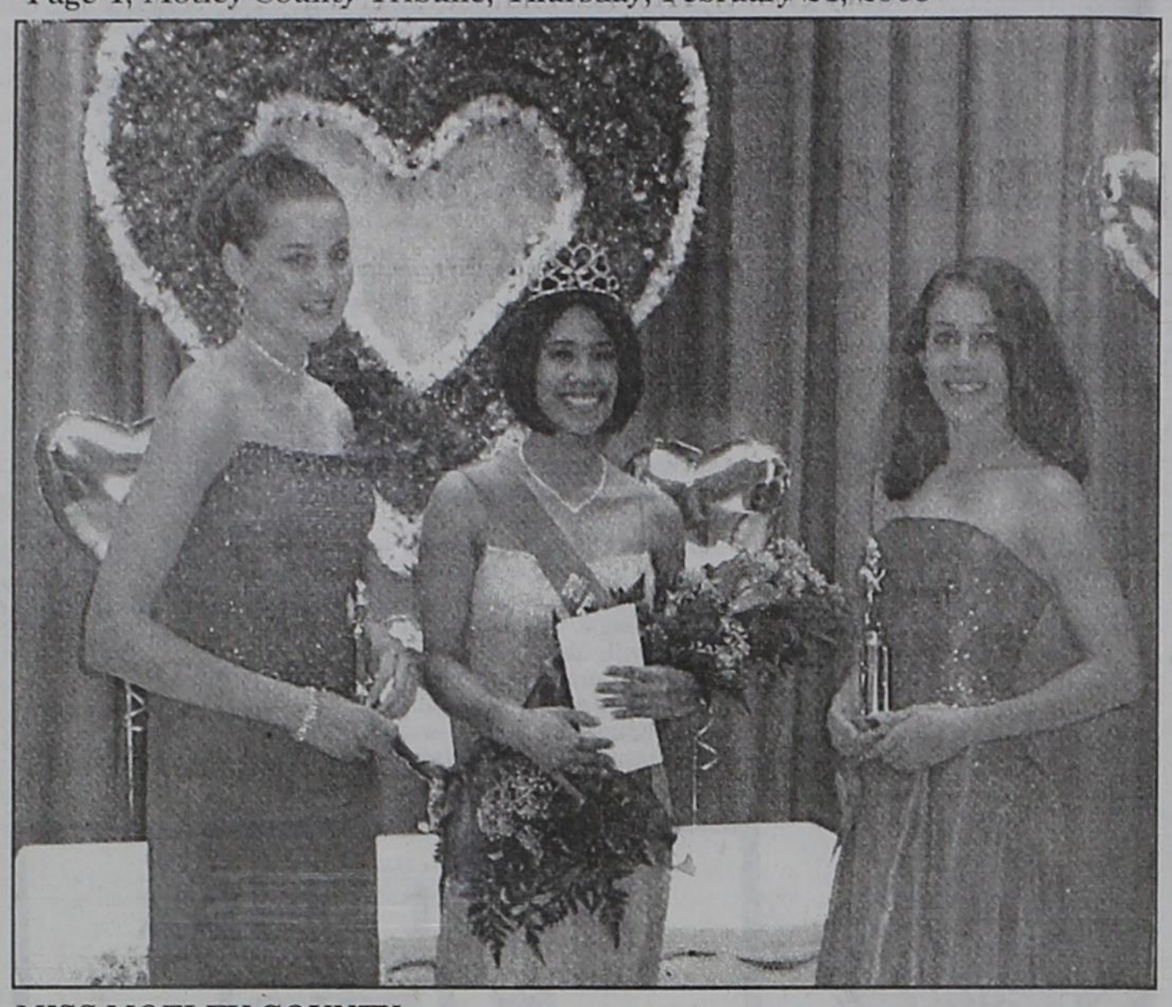

MISS MOTLEY COUNTY

Kimberly Garza of Floydada was crowned Miss Motley County at last Saturday night's Pageant held at the Motley County school gym. Emily Browning, right, of Childress, was named first runner-up, and Charity Pennington, left, of Hollis, OK, was named second runner-up.

(photo by Shonda Elliott)

Motley County Royalty

Pictured at left are Little Miss Motley County, Katie Hightower of Childress, (left to right), Mattie Brooks, of Roaring Springs, 2nd runner-up, and Emily De LaCruz of Childress, first runner-up. Pictured below are Tiny Miss, Kailee Woolsey, (right) of Roaring Springs, Bailey Lambert, center, first runner-up, of Childress, and Tristan Perryman, left, 2nd runner-up, of Matador.

Texas Press Association supports legislation requiring publication of names

AUSTIN--The Texas Press Association Board of Directors on Jan. 20 voted unanimously to support legislation requiring publication of the names of finalists for the positions of school district superintendent and for the positions of college president.

House Bill 415 by Todd Baxter, R-Austin, requires school districts to release the names of applicants for the position of school superintendent who have been interviewed twice, under the Texas Public Information Act. A Senate companion for Baxter's bill is expected, but has not been filed to date.

Historically, newspapers and taxpaying citizens of Texas have been frustrated by school districts that bring a single finalist into the public eye after having interviewed several applicants. When a school district closes off the list of finalists, the lack of information essentially and detrimentally removes the community--the stakeholders--from the process.

The pervasive problem of truncated finalist lists originally emerged as a discussion item in a meeting of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association/Texas Press Association Advisory Committee during the 2003 session of the Texas Legislature. The committee voted to recommend that both press associations work together to draft legislation to correct this weakness in the Public Information Act.

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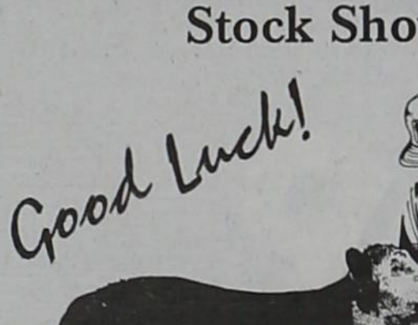

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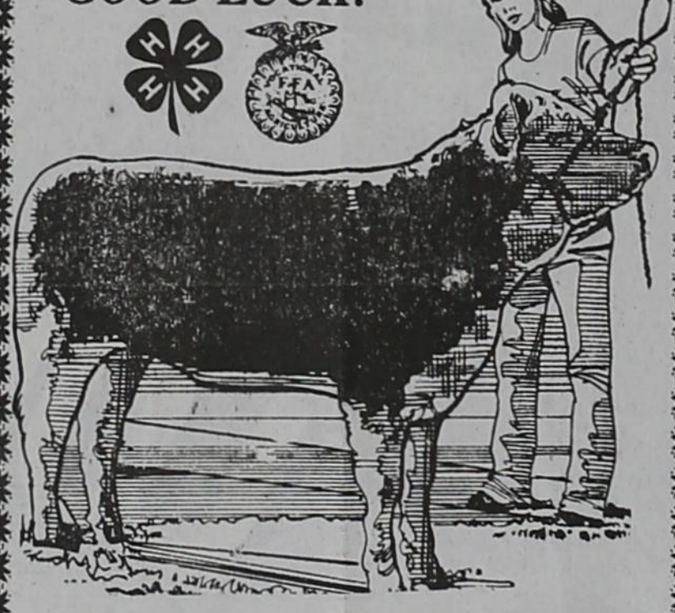

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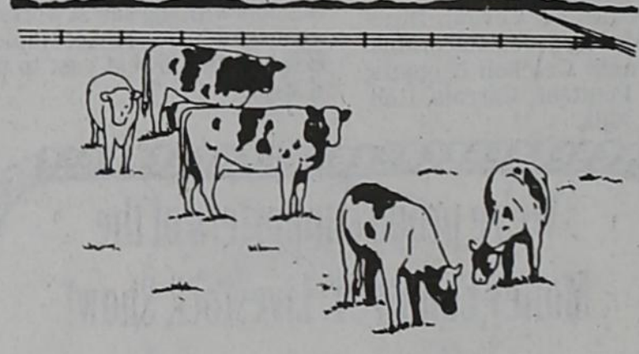

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Joint meeting for Historical Commission and Museum planned

Anyone interested in historical preservation is invited to attend a joint meeting of the Motley County Historical Commission and the Motley County Museum on Monday, February 28, 5:00 p.m., at the Museum.

Ted Davey will report on the progress of the proposal to convert the historic Motley County Jail into a law enforcement center. Mr. Davey has presented plans and blueprints to the Texas Historical Commission for approval and seeks the county commission's endorsement to save the 1891 rock structure from further deterioration. He has also been working with the Four Winds Resource Conservation & Rural Development Area in the area of grants available. Plans are to preserve the second floor as a living history museum, allowing the public to view the cells, gallows, and walkway made famous in the play, "Hello Out There" written by William Saroyan, and most recently, a movie entitled "The Lonesome Matador."

Also on the agenda is a report by the Texas Plains Trail committee on the tourism aspects of the Museum. This group is putting together a brochure that will cover some 56 counties in the Panhandle region and have taken on the task of evaluating all the places tourist might visit. Their report includes praises and recommendations on how to improve the facilities. Grants will be available in the future by the THC to address some of their concerns.

A progress report will be given on the restoration of Bob's Oil Well which was named to the 2004 list of most endangered historic structures by preservation Texas. The first order for 101 engraved bricks, used as a means for raising awareness and funds, has been sent off to Engraveastone, Mason, Texas.

The possibilities of a community building located next to the library will be discussed. The museum often makes use of the library conference room to have programs relating to county and regional history. Support for this project will be considered.

The County Historical Commission list for 2005-2006 has been named and sent to the Judge and THC. The commission welcomes anyone with an interest in preservation. Two new names were submitted to the County Judge, Ron Bailey and Dorothy Hanesworth, along with some who have served for many years, including:

Marisue Potts, Chair, Matador; Joan Patton, Matador; Beverly Vinson, Flomot; Earlyne Jameson, Whiteflat; LaVoe Thacker, Roaring Springs; Ruby McGuire, Roaring Springs; Joy Archer, Matador; and Barbara Armstrong, Matador.

In addition, Joan Patton has kept up with preservation issues by attending regional meetings at various times.

Museum officers include Wilburn Martin, president; Charlie Johnson, vice-president; Joy Archer, treasurer; and Marisue Potts, secretary.

State and local sales tax collections rise

Monthly data reflects holiday sales

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported that state sales tax revenue, up 6.1 percent compared to January, 2004.

Also, Strayhorn returned $502.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.2 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February, 2004.

"These numbers indicate that Texas' recovering economy had a positive impact on holiday season sales," Strayhorn said.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include some earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent $344.4 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 5.5 percent compared to February 2004 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of $28.5 million, up 6.4 percent.

Eighty-nine special purpose taxing districts around the state received $14.2 million in sales tax, up 7.2 percent compared to February 2004. Nine local transit systems received $115.6 million in February sales tax payments, up 4 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Matador, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of $6,981.46, compared to $6,162.16 at this time last year, a 13.29% change. 2005 payments to date total $10,455.47, compared to $9,519.72 at this time last year, a 9.82% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a payment of $3,079.26, compared to $5,575.47 last year, a -44.77% change. 2005 payments total $5,947.81, compared to $7,720.37 last year, a -23.00% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 11.

Men's Breakfast March 5

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held March 5 at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

All men in the county, regardless of denomination, are invited to attend.

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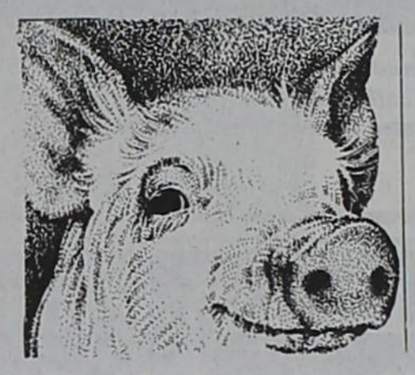

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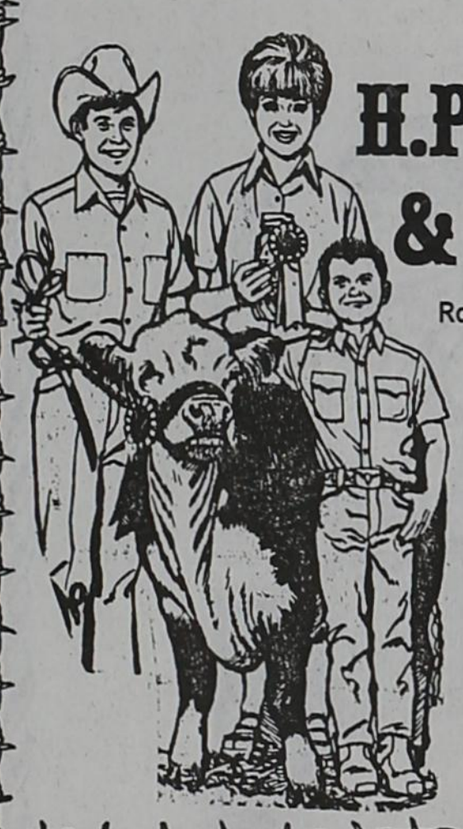

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Couple celebrates 51st Valentine's Day

NOTE: The following article was submitted by Earlyne Jameson. It first appeared in the *Midland Reporter Telegram*, by Jimmy Patterson.

Rene and Gary Laughlin have been married 50 years. He remembers well the lonely nights, the long dark drives over the dark West Texas roads and the sheer joy he would feel when the end of the road would come.

It's been 50 years since those days. Fifty years since Gary Laughlin and Rene Posey fell in love. Rene was a high school senior in Roaring Springs. Gary was a freshman at A&M University after graduating from Matador High School.

Back then, things were pretty cut and dry: "All the guys from Matador married all the girls from Roaring Springs and all the guys from Roaring Springs married all the girls from Matador," said Laughlin, who held true to the formula. He met Rene Posey when she was a junior at Roaring Springs High School and married her in January of her senior year.

That's love. And it's a love that is still burning, a half a century later.

Talk to the Laughlins and it's clear they're in love like a couple of kids. He's 70, she's a little younger. They still date and on their recent 50th wedding anniversary, Laughlin said, "I parked the suburban at La Mission in San Antonio and we didn't drive it again until the weekend was over. We spent the whole time together, walking up and down the River Walk. We walked everywhere."

Before there was togetherness 50 years ago, there was heartache. Heartache at being deprived of each other. Rene was finishing high school and Gary was away at college. "We were gonna get married in June after she graduated, but I was burning the road up. I was in love. And it hasn't changed a bit, since our marriage ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. The closest we ever came to a fight was over cigarettes and ice cream and we both haven't smoked in over 20 years."

With the couple celebrating their 51st Valentine's Day, February 14, Rene said she has no doubt her husband will make it a good one.

"It'll be wonderful," she said. "He always comes up with flowers and candy and sometimes even a piece of jewelry."

Rene isn't the only one who loves her husband. The florists in Midland think a lot of him, too. He's given his wife roses on every anniversary to match the number of years they've been married. It's a sentiment carried out by a lot of husbands. But ten years ago, Gary added a twist: For their 40th anniversary, he bought Mrs. Laughlin 40 red velvet roses and 10 gold roses. On their 41st, it was 41 red velvets and nine golds. He followed the countdown pattern every year until January 28 of this year, when he bought her 50 gold roses. Rene calls it the most fantastic, most romantic thing he's ever done.

"Gary's a romantic man, very fun-loving," she said. "That's one of the things you never know about him, you just never know what he's going to do."

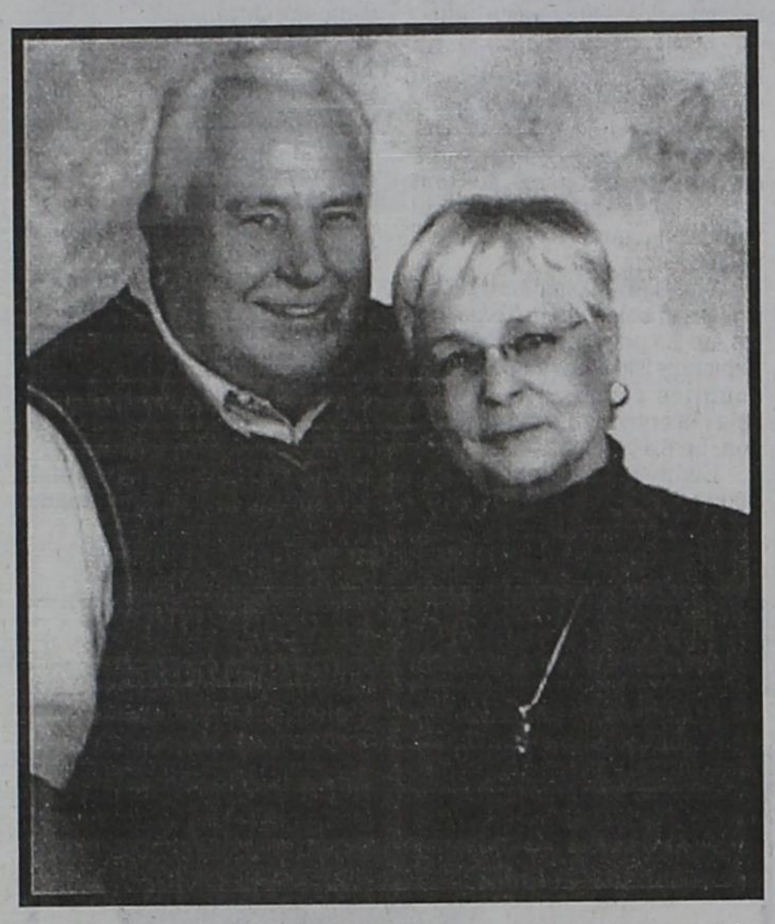
One thing Gary did do to prove his love even more was stand beside Rene during difficult times in 2002, when she battled cancer, two strokes, radiation and rehabilitation because of partial paralysis brought on by the strokes. Rene said she and her husband are living proof God answers prayers.

Rene is a bookkeeper with Giebel Petroleum and Gary retired in 2002 from the banking industry.

Their family includes two sons, Jay and wife Debbie of Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; and Reny and wife Teresa of Arlington; seven grandkids and two great-grandkids.

Rene said even in the beginning there was no doubt the two were meant to be together, a claim a dwindling number of couples can make. "I knew exactly what I wanted then and I still know," she said. "We've had some wonderful times and a lot of fun with our kids growing up."

Their togetherness ranges from a love of golf...both have had holes in one and still going on dates even after 50 years. Rene said of the hole in one," He had one first, but I couldn't let him outdo me, so I got one too."



Gary and Rene Laughlin celebrated their 51st Valentine's Day together this month. The Laughlins, former Motley County residents, also recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

VALENTINE KING & QUEEN — Decima and Jack Green were crowed King and Queen on Valentine's Day at the Stanton Care & Rehab Center. Jack and Decima, former longtime Matador residents, will soon be moving back home and will reside at 1515 Bundy.

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Thousands of Librarians, supporters to rally for Texas Libraries at Capitol

Austin - Thousands of librarians from all over Texas will gather at the State Capitol April 6 from 4-5 p.m. to send a message to lawmakers: Libraries are an investment that works, and funding for libraries is critical for economic development.

The Texas Library Association, representing the 7,000 librarians who work in the state's public, school and academic libraries, will hold their annual meeting in Austin for the first time in 40 years - not coincidentally, during the biennial Texas legislative session.

"Libraries are a critical part of our state's educational and workforce infrastructure," said Patricia Smith, executive director of the Texas Library Association. "Funding for Texas libraries was $30 million less in 2002 than 2004, and the impact of those cuts has been devastating to communities across the state," Smith said.

"Most Texans love their libraries, but what many don't realize is that in addition to providing access to information and serving as their community's town squares, strong libraries help Texas compete in recruiting new companies and retaining current businesses. Companies demand quality schools and an educated workforce, and libraries help Texas deliver on both fronts," Smith said.

High-profile library supporters will address the Rally, including Library Association President Carol A. Brey-Casiano. In addition, newspaper editors from around the state have been invited to attend the Rally as honored guests, and will be seated on the dais with the Rally speakers.

Perhaps playing against type, librarians will not be quiet at the Capitol. The Rally will begin with a performance by the performance group Drum Cafe', to set the tone for what organizers promise will be a spirited and inspiring event. Banners and signs promoting library issues will be in abundance.

TLA's legislative priorities include:

• Restoring funding for TexShare databases and other online resources so that all Texas communities and school children can have access to world-class online research and instructional materials. Nearly half of Texas' K-12 students have minimal (if any) access to online reference materials and periodicals, and millions of public library users and college students have far fewer online resources since funding cuts were made in 2003, putting their ability to learn and their futures at risk.

• Funding for Loan Star Libraries, a direct aid program to strengthen public libraries statewide, allowing them to maintain longer hours and provide better services. Texas spends only 9 cents per person for public library support.

• Supporting the continuation of the telecommunications discounts for all Texas libraries that were included in telecommunications deregulation legislation in 1995. Without such discounts, even the largest libraries will be unable to sustain their current services.

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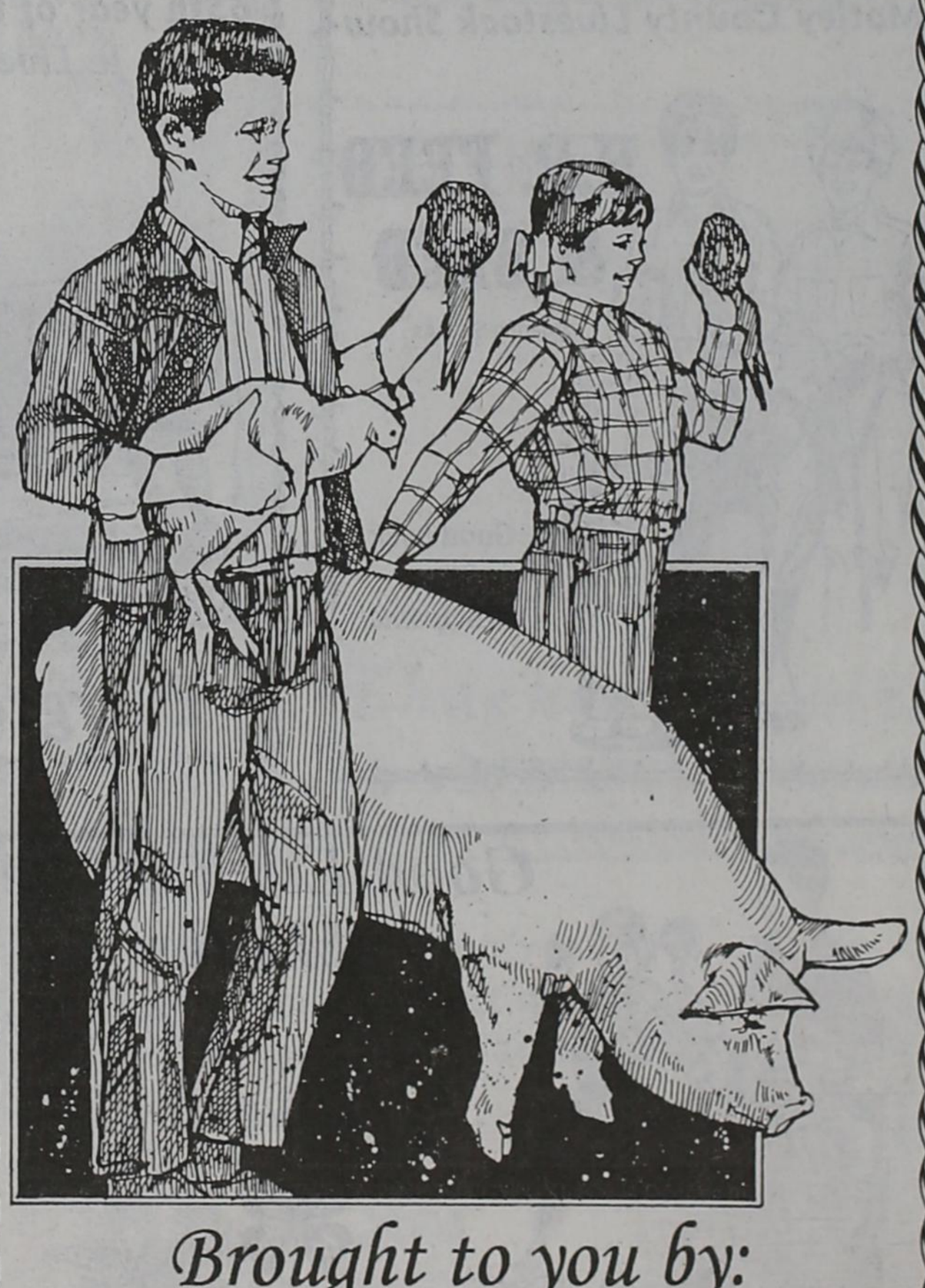

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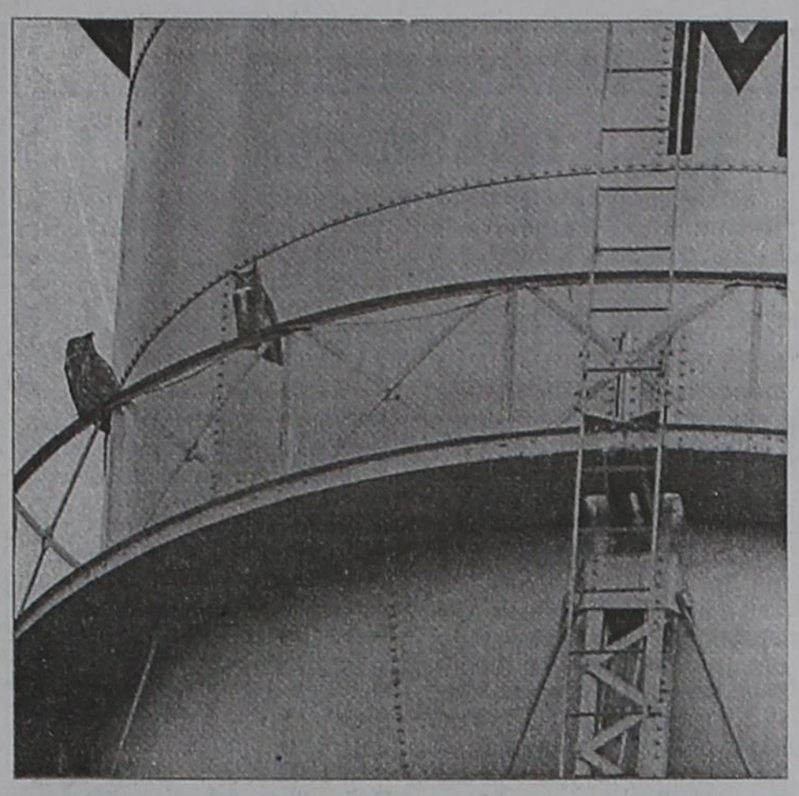

WATCHING OVER MATADOR — These two Owls keep watch over Matador from the water tower.

Patton Springs Blood Drive set to replenish supplies usually donated by the Military

United Blood Services is asking area residents to donate blood at the Patton Springs Blood Drive on Friday, Feb. 25th to honor our service men and women. Military personnel are typically faithful blood donors, however; many of them have not been able to donate for the community blood supply.

During World War II, civilians on the home-front were asked to step in for military personnel who were on assignment. Today, all eligible blood donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood at the Patton Springs blood drive, which will be held at Patton Schools from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"By giving just one hour of your time, you can help save the lives of several patients here locally," says Connie Hollinshead of United Blood Services. "And at the same time, you can do your part by honoring our South Plains area troops who are supporting the fight for enduring freedom." Those returning from Iraq are unable to donate blood for 12 months after they come home because they may have been exposed to Leishmaniasis, a tick-borne infection that can be transmitted by blood transfusion, Hollinshead explains.

To donate blood at the Patton Springs blood drive, you must be 17 years or older, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt or baseball cap. Donors must have a picture ID and a list of their medications that they are taking at the present time. Appointments can be made by calling Jean Appling at 697-2648.

Senior Notes

By Tommie Keith, Director

As usual, I'm running behind. The Center has received several memorials and donations. Steve and Joanne Stevens gave a memorial in memory of Billy Dan Bingham; Winsome Sunday School Class, Ann Huffman and Fran Williams gave memorials in memory of Charlotte Campbell Richardson; Rosemary Bloodworth gave memorials for Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Pitts, Sr., Mr. D.E. Pitts, Jr., and Norman Merle Pitts; Marguerite Edwards gave a memorial donation in memory of Betsy Andestad; Lindy Stafford gave a memorial in memory of James Simpson; and Jessie and Donna Pernell and family, and Jimmy and Rue Nita Cole and family gave a memorial in memory of Don Warren. We thank you all so very much.

The Motley County Arts and Crafts gave the Center a donation and we thank y'all so much.

For those of you who are not aware, we are exercising at the Center, Monday through Friday, at 7:30 am. We are having a good crowd and would like for everyone interested to come and join us. It's a little early but lots of fun.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come on out and have a good lunch and lots of visiting. See you at the Center!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter's to the Editor do not reflect the opinion of the Editor or the Motley County Tribune.

Dear Editor,

So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. And since Jesus was the actual son of David through Mary.

There is a heavy push to replace God with Jesus. We hear God is dead. Jesus was no more than another Randall Whitworth. I feel this may be the reason we are having this erratic weather all over the United States. Of late, my nephew, Tom Edwards, has been writing in the newspaper about truth, and that is what I am trying to do - bring the truth out. As long as I believe in God, I have no fear.

My dear people, I hope you haven't almost forgotten the Lord's Prayer.

Masons go back as far as King David and Solomon. Masons helped build "Solomon's Temple." King Solomon prayed to God the father for wisdom and he got it.

The most honest preacher I know is Fred Price of California, who says I can't save you, you can save yourself. After several years I am pleased to find someone who is thinking the same as I. I have read the *Fred Schwarz Report* for 50 years. He is one good read preacher.

In regards to a sermon I heard sometime ago by Rev. Adrian Rogers from Tennessee, I would like to make the following comments:

Sunday, July 18, 2004, was the most wishy-washy preaching I have ever heard. The Sunday before my wife heard Rev. Rogers preach, "We should not worship Jesus, but God only." I think he was on the right track then. So, I looked forward to hearing him preach the next Sunday. He did a 180° turn and preached Jesus 100% of the time and claimed He was the creator. We know that is not so. No doubt Rev. Rogers was reprimanded heavily by other preachers.

I wrote the following September 20, 1997:

Sorry folks, I have a different thought concerning Jesus from what we all have been taught to believe in America. His name is seldom mentioned in other countries. I think Jesus was the most religious and perfect man that ever dwelled among our ancestors. I think He honestly felt He was God's son. God has been good to me and I worship Him, not Jesus. We all were schooled to believe the only way we can reach God is through Jesus. Our country is falling apart. Maybe we need to give Jesus a rest and get back to God as our fore fathers did. I am troubled to believe God would put His own son through the pain and misery that we might exist. This doesn't wash to me. I had rather have never existed than put Jesus through this ordeal of being hung on the cross

Think about it, folks. All twelve disciples were with Jesus every day. All doubted him, more so Peter. The Jews are a very smart people. They hung Jesus on the cross to prove that he was a fake. I can understand why everyone else stands by Jesus because this is what we have been taught to believe. Tom Anderson says Jesus has to be for real or he is as big a liar as Bill Clinton. Jesus was so religious I think He is sincere in what He claims to be, but possibly not so. Jesus may have passed out on the cross due to pain and loss of blood. The soldiers that were guarding Jesus' tomb were asleep. The believers rolled the rock away from the entrance of the tomb and slipped Jesus away and nourished Him back to health.

Moses had a big problem trying to teach the people not to worship anyone or anything, like the golden calf, but to worship one God and God only. Jesus didn't die on the cross that we might have everlasting life. The Jews forced Him on the cross to prove He wasn't God as He claimed to be. This is what I believe. All people are related to God as much so as Jesus. I don't think you have to go through Jesus to reach God. This is the same pattern the Catholics use having to go through the Pope to be saved. It seems to me for the last seventy-five years the people and preachers are leaning heavily on Jesus, before then it was God.

In George Washington's times he prayed to God and God only when in battle to win our freedom and in most cases his prayers were answered. The English-speaking people may never have heard of Jesus if King James had not had the Bible translated in English, as late as the year 1611. This was one hundred nineteen years after Columbus discovered America. I feel the Jews might have had a hand in writing the Bible. While some people are worshipping Jesus, the Jews are worshipping God. So far what I have written is not a fact but a possibility. The preachers have had a hay day preaching Jesus. I read in the newspaper that Jesus went to Japan and married and lived to the age of one-hundred-twelve years old. Masonry teaches us to look to God for guidance.

Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant King David who sent a messenger Gabriel that Mary would soon have a son and he would be called the son of God. It might be likely King David's conscience was eating on him when he put the soldier in battle on the front line so he would be killed that he might have his pretty wife. King David wanted an heir to his throne and he chose Jesus hoping to get in good standing with God.

This may be the reason Jesus thought he was God because Mary raised him to think so. This also may be the reason Jesus left the holy land to escape any more punishment like being hung on the cross again.

We may have been schooled to believe the wrong story about Jesus like the grown ups lying to our kids about Santa Clause.

Who wants everlasting life anyway? We will have peace and rest in the grave. (1) It will be a relief to lose contact with the politicians. (2) I am beginning to tire from fighting gravity.

Harold Campbell

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Revelation 3:3

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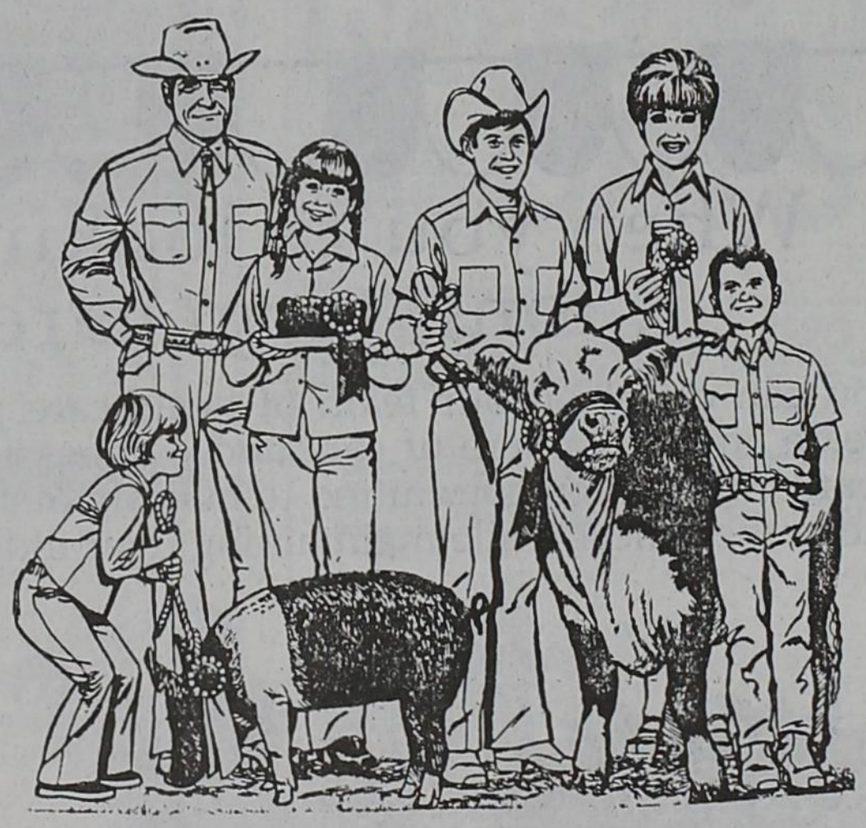

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

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We were sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where one of the men displayed his hospitality by tossing a fire-cracker into a toilet bowl.

The toilet was blown to pieces. As barracks chief, I was told by the battalion commander that unless the toilet was replaced by the next morning's inspection, heads would roll and mine would be the first.

I was also the battalion supply sergeant and had the reputation for finding hard to get items. One of my clerks was a plumber and with his help, we got the toilet replaced by the morning inspection.

Later that day, I saw the battalion CO on the company street. He smiled and said, "Good job."

I also heard that barracks in another unit did not fare as well during their inspection. It seems one of their toilets was missing.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The High Plains Food Bank, a non profit organization of Amarillo, will have its first Tri-County Food Pantry Give-Away at the Flomot Community Center, Wednesday, March 2, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

No financial stipulation is required, so EVERYONE in the Flomot area is eligible to leave with sacked up ready to go food. All that is needed is for you to sign your signature when you receive your supply of food. You are encouraged to take advantage of this courtesy made possible by private contributions of national manufacturers, wholesalers, grocery stores and restaurants.

EYE SURGERY

Mrs. Nada Starkey had additional surgery on her right eye, Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the Northwest Surgical Center in Amarillo. She returned home Thursday. We wish her a good recovery. Her husband, Jack was with her during surgery and hospitalization.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were in Lockney, Wednesday for him a medical appointment. Their luncheon guests, Sunday were son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock and son, Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Borger, Wednesday for her a medical appointment. They had lunch with their daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cary Franks were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock.

Butch and Janice Hughes visited in Lubbock, Wednesday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hughes, Brennan and Baylee.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Sunday were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and his son, Christopher Calvert stationed at the U.S. Marine Base in San Diego, California. He had served in Iraq.

Those at the Community Center in Flomot Wednesday for an afternoon of visiting and working on quilt blocks were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Anna Beth Clay, Leona Degan, Waydetta Clay and Mary Jo Calvert.

Mrs. Janice Hughes and grandson, Reagan Hughes of Floydada joined Billy and Becky Hughes and children, Brennan and Baylee of Lubbock in Shallowater, Saturday to enjoy the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby Race. Brennan did well as he placed 3rd in the race.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson have both been on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited overnight Friday and Saturday in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. They attended the funeral services Saturday of Tom's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad held at the OakWood Methodist Church.

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Joy Beason was hostess to the Wesleyan Service Guild when it met at the Methodist fellowship hall on Wednesday, February 16. Vic Read gave the opening prayer and he blessed the food. Debbie Martin was in charge. Callie Giesecke read the minutes and they were approved. Lula Swim gave the devotional, "The Missing Rose." Chelsea Read continued the study on "40 Days of Purpose." Each member gave a short prayer and Chelsea concluded the prayer.

The group was happy to have Vic Read to meet with us. He helped in our discussion. Those present, in addition to those already mentioned, were JoEtta Bumgardner, Robena King, Jan Jones, Kay Jones, Lea Peacock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman and Lula Swim were in Plainview, Tuesday, where Lula kept a doctor appointment.

Hanna Alexander of Lubbock visited here last week. She was in attendance at the Methodist Church with Russell and Lori Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman and Lula Swim spent the day Monday in Colorado City with Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike.

Visiting in the home of Bill and Mozelle Hand Saturday and Sunday were Kim and Abbi Watson and Hanna Alexander of Lubbock; Trudy Hand of Wolfforth; Kristi Adams of Tahoka. They all attended the funeral of Don Warren in Matador Sunday.

Bill and Mozelle Hand attended to business in Paducah, Thursday, and checked on her place there. They also visited friends while there.

Matador News

Kourtney Dunnam, student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, visited with her grandmother, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, February 12.

Van and Lee Bradford of Gruver spent the past weekend in Matador visiting her sisters, Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Vee and Harold Gordon and tending to business. They all attended Memorial services for longtime friend, Don Warren, on Sunday.

Shirley Smith is a patient in the ICU at SCCI Hospital, 2828 W. 27th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79109.

Kobbi and Brian Blair and daughter, Journey visited from Feb. 8-11 with her parents, Elaine and Fred Risser. Their daughter, Kaci Risser of Plainview also visited. They were luncheon guests of Mrs. Francis Dixon, Thursday, Feb. 10. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey of Clyde and Adrian Risser of Wheeler.

NOTE OF THANKS

Kindness from the heart gives the day a loving start. Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy at the loss of our loved one, B.B. Bristow.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson family
Gary Laughlin family

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls after my surgery. A special thanks to Nona Long and Sharon Martin for their help.

R.C. Giesecke

The Directors of the Hackberry Creek Care Center would like to express our thanks to each of you who have paid your membership dues. We would like to invite anyone to become a member. The membership dues are $5.00 per person. Also we would like to let you know that we are accepting any donations or memorials, which will be greatly appreciated.

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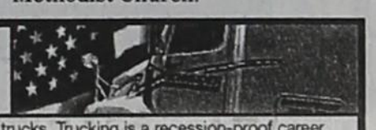

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Obituaries

Don Warren

Funeral services for Don R. Warren, 67, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 20, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with the Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor, and Keith Brooks officiating. Interment was in the East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Warren passed away Friday, February 18, 2005, in Lubbock, Texas.

Don was a graduate of Roaring Springs High School and was a lifelong resident of Motley County. He married Patsy Briscoe on October 16, 1961, in Spur, Texas. Don was a rancher and retired from the Texas Highway Department in Matador with over 30 years of service. Mr. Warren was a Volunteer Fireman with the Matador Volunteer Fire Department and served as Fire Marshall for many years. Don had served on the Matador City Council for a number of years, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs and a U.S. Army Veteran of Korea.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Briscoe Warren of Matador; one son, Joe Don Warren of College Station, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna Kay Solt and husband John of Lake Arthur, N.M.; two sisters, Kathy Brooks of Whitehouse, Texas and Jerri Poff of Dallas, Texas; father and mother-in-law, John and Christine Briscoe of Matador; three grandchildren, Haley, Donna Marie, and John Solt of Lake Arthur, N.M.

Pallbearers were Rick Heflin, Harold Parks, Pat Smith, Richard Thomas, David Taylor and Steve Barton.

Pansy Spray

Funeral services for Pansy Spray, 88, of Matador were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 21, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Spray passed away Friday, February 18, at Floydada Care Center in Floydada.

She was born April 1,1916, at Northfield, the daughter of W.W. and Lexie Bain. She attended school in Northfield, and was married to J.D. Spray on October 22, 1932, at Hollis, Oklahoma. She had been a lifelong resident of Motley County, except for three years at Olton and Hart, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Spray, on February 2, 1993, and also by her brother, Theodore Bain.

Her survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Joel Dean and Debra Spray of Matador; two granddaughters, Brandee Bennett of Ballinger and Lyndee Jameson of Matador; 7 great-grandchildren; an aunt and a niece and a nephew.

Serving as pallbearers were Rodney Williams, James Gillespie, Douglas Campbell, Larry Hoyle, Kenny Barton and Bob Davis.

Julie Bell Martin

Graveside services for Julie Bell Martin, 84, were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Rickey Lawrence officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. Martin passed away Monday, February 21, 2005, at Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

Julie Bell was the daughter of John Franklin Boner and Ada Frances Hardee Boner. She was a homemaker and had worked for Billie Dean's Restaurant and the Pizza Box for a number of years. She married Richard H. Martin on October 21, 1939, at Hugo, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on November 28, 1995.

Survivors include four sons, Richard Dale "Bill" Martin of Hamlin, Joe Franklin Martin of Wellington, Alvin Earl Martin of Matador, and Charles Wayne "Shorty" Martin of Aspermont; two daughters, Julie Mae Thomas of Matador and Frances Taylor of Matador; 20 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dean Osborn, Billy Osborn, Donnie Buckalew, Franklin Jameson, Travis Jameson, and Pat Smith.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

Local students to exhibit animals at Houston Livestock Show

Excitement continues to build as thousands of Texas 4-H and FFA members make their final preparations before heading to Reliant Center to exhibit their livestock at the 2005 Houston Livestock Show March 1 through 20.

Local students participating in the show are Gavin, Gunnar and Cade Luckett, Clay and Cody Cooper, all of Matador, and John Martin of Roaring Springs.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of 4-H and FFA exhibitors, as well as agricultural mechanics projects, begins with livestock competition on Wednesday, March 2. Professional breeders show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in the junior divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, barrows, lambs, goats, and poultry; beef and dairy heifers; breeding gilts and sheep; and commercial steers. Many of these exhibitors will compete in the 4-H and FFA Judging contests.

"The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has grown to be a premier place for hardworking and talented young Texans to bring world-class livestock for exhibition," said P. Michael Wells, president and chief executive officer of the Show. "We congratulate and commend these youngsters on a job well done."

The four market animal auctions (steer, lamb and goat, barrow, and poultry (broiler and turkey) represent animals raised by junior exhibitors for food sources. The animals judged as best in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2004, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales were in excess of $4.8 mil- and ranchers will begin competing for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry that same day.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse division, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Almost 17,000 entries, representing about 1,100 Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters, will compete in this year's junior lion.

In addition, the Show hosts one of the premier horse shows in the country. Cutting horse events begin the horse division competition on Tuesday, March 1. Competition in five different breeds of horses, Appaloosa, Arabian and Half Arabian, paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse, plus donkeys and mules, runs March 6-20.

The 2005 Show kicks off on Thursday, Feb. 24, with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, and runs through Feb. 26, in the southwest Reliant Park parking lot.

On Friday, Feb. 25, high school seniors from 60 Texas counties will be recognized with the presentation of the Area Go Texan scholarship.

The streets of downtown Houston will fill with the sounds of horses' hooves, children's laughter and marching bands on Saturday, Feb. 26, for the annual Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. After traveling by horseback to Houston, thousands of trail riders will join the parade festivities. Prior to the parade, participants in the Conoco Phillips Rodeo Run will make their way through downtown to Minute Maid Park.

Ticket prices for 2005 RODEOHOUSTON range from $16 to $77 and include admission to the horse division, livestock show, carnival, all exhibits, attractions and the Rodeo, excluding Rodeo Uncorked! activities. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Foley's Fiesta, select FYE stores and Warehouse Music stores; on the Internet at ticketmaster.com; or by phone at 713-629-3700.

Admission to Reliant Park for the livestock and horse show, carnival and all exhibits and attractions, excluding RODEOHOUSTON performances and Rodeo Uncorked! activities, is $6 for adults, $3 for children 3-12, and free for those ages 2 and younger.

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Check cotton seed quality carefully this year

by Tim W. McAlavy

Lubbock -- Cotton producers who catch their own seed for planting should pay particular attention to seed quality this year, said a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton agronomist.

"High quality seed is crucial for establishing a good stand. Some producers are reducing seeding rates due to seed costs and new precision planters. This makes seed quality even more important," said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist based at Lubbock. "Many growers still opt to plant conventional varieties using delinted, treated and bagged seed from the previous crop.

"We experienced cool, wet fall conditions on the South Plains in 2004, and we harvested some immature cotton. Both can reduce seed quality. If you plan on reducing seeding rates in 2005 or planting saved seed from conventional varieties, you should take extra steps to ensure seed quality."

Information from Norman Hopper, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Tech seed physiologist, provides some guidelines for checking seed quality, Boman said. Hopper conducts research on seed quality and seedling vigor.

"One way to gauge the quality of fuzzy seed is to test its free-fatty acid content," Boman said. "One lab here in Lubbock offers this test for $15 per sample, with a one - to -two-day turn-around."

"Fuzzy" seed is separated from cotton lint during ginning, and has short cotton fibers on its kernel.

To obtain a good random seed sample, producers should take a quart of seed from eight to 10 locations in a seed lot. Mix thoroughly in a large tub or container and pull a 2-pound, half-gallon sample from the mixed seed.

"If the lab results indicate a free-fatty acid content of 1 percent to 1.5 percent, the quality of that seed is suspect. It may already be deteriorating, and it isn't suitable for planting," Boman said. "Even if the free-fatty acid content is less than 1 percent, it's a good idea to run two germination tests on fuzzy seed."

A warm germination test costs about $9 per sample, and a cool germination test costs about $12 per sample. The Texas Department of Agriculture's Seed Testing Lab in Lubbock offers both tests, with a two-week turn-around time for each test, Boman said.

"You can submit fuzzy seed or delinted, gravity-sorted seed for either test, but remember that germination percentages will be higher for delinted, gravity sorted seed," he added

A second gauge of seed quality is the cool-warm vigor index, which combines the results of a seven-day cool germination test and a four-day warm germination tests. It costs about $21 to run a cool-warm vigor index test on a one-pound acid delinted seed sample, and the turn-around time is about two weeks, Boman said.

"Pull a representative sample from several bags in the same seed lot, but do not combine lots or varieties," Boman said. "It's best to submit a separate sample for each variety or each seed lot."

The cool-warm vigor index rates seed quality by number, in four categories. Excellent seed has an index of 160 or greater. Good seed has an index between 140 and 159. Fair seed has an index between 120 to 139, and Poor seed has an index below 120.

"Producers should use their highest vigor seed for early planting, or when field conditions are less than optimum. They should use lower vigor seed for later planting, when soil temperatures and other field conditions are optimum," Boman said.

"There is nothing wrong with seed in the Good vigor category, but seed that rates as Fair should be earmarked for late planting or replanting. Seed with a Poor vigor rating should not be used at all."

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Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 34

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 34

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 33

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 31

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 32

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 53 Low: 35

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 52% and an overnight low of 34°. The record high temperature for today is 86° set in 1982. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 48°.

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Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Saturday	57	44	57/31	0.01"
Sunday	73	48	57/31	0.00"
Monday	78	38	57/31	0.00"
Tuesday	76	45	58/32	0.00"
Wednesday	53	37	58/32	0.00"
Thursday	48	35	58/32	0.00"
Friday	48	35	58/32	0.09"

Precipitation . . . . . .0.10"
Normal precipitation . . . . . .0.23"
Departure from normal . . . . .-0.13"

Average temperature . . . . . .52.7°
Average normal temperature . .44.5°
Departure from normal . . . . . .+8.2°

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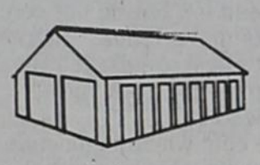

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BID NOTICE

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