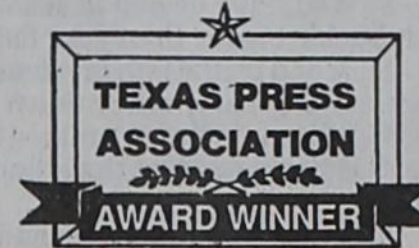




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Local student wins scholarship in luck of the draw contest

Kittie Campbell, a Motley County High School Sophomore, recently won a \$1,000 savings bond in a luck-of-the-draw contest sponsored by Make Kids Count of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal.

Kittie's name was among 600 other entrants when the contest originally began. Her name was drawn in the first drawing which picked at random 64 names. In the second round, 32 names were drawn, then 16, then 8 and finally four. Kittie made it through all rounds except the

final round when only two names were drawn.

In the final four, Kittie, along with Katie Hancock of Brownfield, Jesse Finley of Floydada and Derric Ruiz of Lubbock were the lucky students who had the chance to win a \$10,000 savings bond.

Unknown to Kittie, her grandmother, Joyce Campbell entered her name, as well as the names of all her grandchildren, into the contest. Kittie only discovered she was in the contest after the first drawing. Her

name was the first name drawn out of eight and the last name drawn out of four.

Out of the final eight contestants, four received \$500 savings bonds. The two quarterfinalists each received \$1,000 savings bonds. The winner of the contest will receive a \$10,000 savings bond. The runner-up will receive a \$5,000 savings bond.

Kittie is the 15-year-old daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador.

The scholarship contest was made possible through the support

of 22 corporate sponsors including Alderson Cadillac, BMW, Lexus, Subaru; American State Bank; Caprock Home Health; Coca-Cola; City Bank; Clear Channel Radio; Covenant Children's Hospital; Fox TV Channel 34; Horkey Oil Co.; the Junior League of Lubbock; KTXU TV; the Lubbock Cotton Kings; Lubbock National Bank; Market Lubbock; PNB Financial; South Plains Fairgrounds; South Plains Mall; Spikes Brothers; Sprint PCS; Texas Tech University; United Supermarkets; and University Medical Center.



Kittie Campbell recently won a \$1,000 savings bond in a luck-of-the-draw contest after having her name drawn to the last four out of 600 beginning entries.

Motley County School Board meets

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met on November 11 for their regular meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Les Woolsey. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Sonya Herrell, and Denise Ford. Representing the staff was Pam Thacker.

During open forum Mr. Copp asked Ms. Herrell to report on the Elementary and Jr. High UIL results. The elementary is to be congratulated for winning first place at Wilson in the UIL contests. The Jr. High was fourth and overall Motley County was third.

During Mr. Copp's report, he informed the board that The Academic Excellence Indicator System Report Card for the district is on-line. The report will be presented to the board and the community at the December

board meeting in its entirety. The report has all the indicators required by the state to grade the school districts. The report is an indicator that the Motley County ISD did receive the Recommended Rating by the Texas Education Agency.

Mr. Copp has completed the Integrated Pest Management workshop and has taken the required exams.

A discussion about problems being associated with the activity bus was presented. The bus is currently at Plainview being checked out for possible malfunctions. An agenda item will be on the December agenda for further action.

Currently there are approximately 11 adults attending the Community Network 3 classes being taught by Cathy Turner. The class is going well and the class members

are currently learning basic computer and Internet skills. The class meets from 10:45 to 11:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Motley County ISD received a visit from the National Rural Systemic Initiative Committee on Friday, November 15. This committee, along with the Texas RSI conducted interviews with the administration, staff, and students to evaluate the effects that being a member of the TRSI has had on the District.

The current school enrollment is 173 and the current attendance is 97.48%.

Items for board action included the following:

— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements.

— Approved the textbook committee. The textbooks to be adopted

this year are Social Studies, grades 1-12; Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten and Economics.

— Approved an Option 4 Agreement with Guthrie.

— No action was taken on an Option 4 Agreement with Klondike.

— Amended the 2002-2003 budget to include the CN3 and LB13 grants totaling \$277,447.00.

— Approved a grant proposal through TRSI that Kathy Gillespie is currently pursuing.

The board entered executive session at 8:16 p.m. and exited at 9:07 p.m. Upon recommendation of Mr. Copp, Mrs. Ewing's position for PEIMs will be filled internally. Mrs. Woolsey will take over as PEIMs Coordinator and Mrs. Johnson will become the school secretary in the Superintendent's office. Principal's secretarial position will be eliminated.

Alexander Fuel, last full-service gas station in the county

The only full service station in Motley County has been in operation for 80 years. Alexander Fuel in downtown Roaring Springs was first established in 1921 by Dan Davis. He was joined by his brother, Lewis Clyde Davis in 1924. Lewis Davis' son, Jack joined his father in the business in 1945. Jack's son, Ronnie joined the business in 1970. Russell Alexander purchased the business in April of 1988. Alexander Fuel will soon celebrate its 15 year anniversary. The Roaring Springs service station is one of the oldest gas stations in the state of Texas still in operation. The business has been in continuous operation, with the exception of one year, since its beginning in 1921.

Russell grew up in Clarendon and graduated from high school there. He worked at a tire center in Clarendon before moving to Roaring Springs. "I was approached by some friends at the pipe plant about buying the business. After some thought, I decided it was a good idea and I have not regretted my decision," Russell said.

With everything going to a faster, more convenient way of business, Alexander Fuel is one of the very few operations that will still pump your gas, check your oil, and wash your windshield. "I've tried to keep the same friendly service the Davis family gave their customers for so many years," Mr. Alexander said. In addition to full-service, the station has available a 24-hour service truck for truck and tractor customers, offering 24 hour road service day or night. The station sells batteries, parts, tires, and more. "We have tires available for just about anything that has tires," Russell said. "We sell tires for bicycles to 18 wheelers or big loaders, and everything in between."

Alexander Fuel is never closed, except for Sundays and major holidays. The station now has two employees, but Russell has run the business alone many times. Cody



Russell Alexander stands near a display of tires at his downtown Roaring Springs service station, Alexander Fuel. The station, which was originally established in 1921, is the only remaining full-service station in the county.

Dodson of Matador works full-time and Robert Osborn of Roaring Springs works part-time. With full-time customers in seven counties, Mr. Alexander has a personal friendship with most of his customers.

"We have a lot of visitors come in for a soda and a visit. Especially when the weather is bad, this is a warm place to sit a while. We enjoy our visitors," Russell said. "I have always enjoyed getting to know my customers and having them as friends." Russell has especially enjoyed his elderly customers. "These people have practically raised me." Only 20-years-old when he bought the business, he says he feels a special closeness to a lot of those customers. One

customer in particular that Russell enjoyed knowing and spending time with is the late Elmer Hipp. Elmer's picture sits on a shelf in the station. "Elmer visited here almost everyday," Russell said. "He was a great guy with a sense of humor." Russell told of a trip the two took to Lubbock one evening to attend a wrestling match. "One day while Elmer was in I made the comment I had seen on TV that professional wrestling was coming to Lubbock and told Elmer we should go. I never thought he would take me up on it, but he showed up one day with money for the tickets. We had a great time and Elmer was very involved watching the matches. When the event was over, he told me he had always thought

that wrestling was fake, but after watching in person, he believed it was real. That is an evening I will always remember."

Russell appreciates each customer and always buys a soda for someone when they pay their bill. He says he can remember only one customer turn down that soda. "It was funny, but when I asked the man if he wanted a soda, he said 'No, but I'll take the 50¢.'"

Russell's uncle has recently moved to this area from Clarendon and is now operating the mechanic shop across the street from the station. John Alexander has had over 30 years of experience in automotive repair.

Russell has one daughter, Hanna, 8, who lives in Lubbock. He was recently elected as Commissioner, Precinct 4 and will begin that position in January. He says he is proud to be a part of Roaring Springs and Motley County and plans to stay here. He welcomes visitors and extends an invitation to everyone to stop by.

EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

There will be an early deadline for next week's paper, the November 28 edition, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. All news and ad copy must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, to be included in that edition.

The paper will be printed and mailed Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Churches to come together for annual Thanksgiving Services

Area churches will join services this Sunday evening, November 24, for the annual Thanksgiving Community Services.

Services in Roaring Springs will be held at the Full Gospel Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Churches of Matador will meet at the Assembly of God Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed after the Matador services at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Everyone in the county is invited to attend one or both of these special Thanksgiving services.



WINS FIRST PLACE IN ART SHOW — Kayla Hollinsworth, pictured here with some of her prize-winning paintings, brought home first place from the Spur Art Guild Homecoming Art Show held in September. Kayla also brought home second and third place from the show. Kayla's paintings were entered in the youth division. Kayla's art instructor is Betty Bostick of Matador. She is a sixth grader at MC ISD and the 12-year-old daughter of Larry and Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs.

Sen. Robert Duncan won't seek election to Congressional District 19

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has issued the following statement regarding his decision not to seek election to the Congressional District 19:

"When I was elected to serve in the Texas Senate in 1996, my goal was to strengthen the bonds in West Texas and expand its influence. Through initiatives such as Ports-to-Plains and statewide water planning, we're well on our way. But this job is not complete.

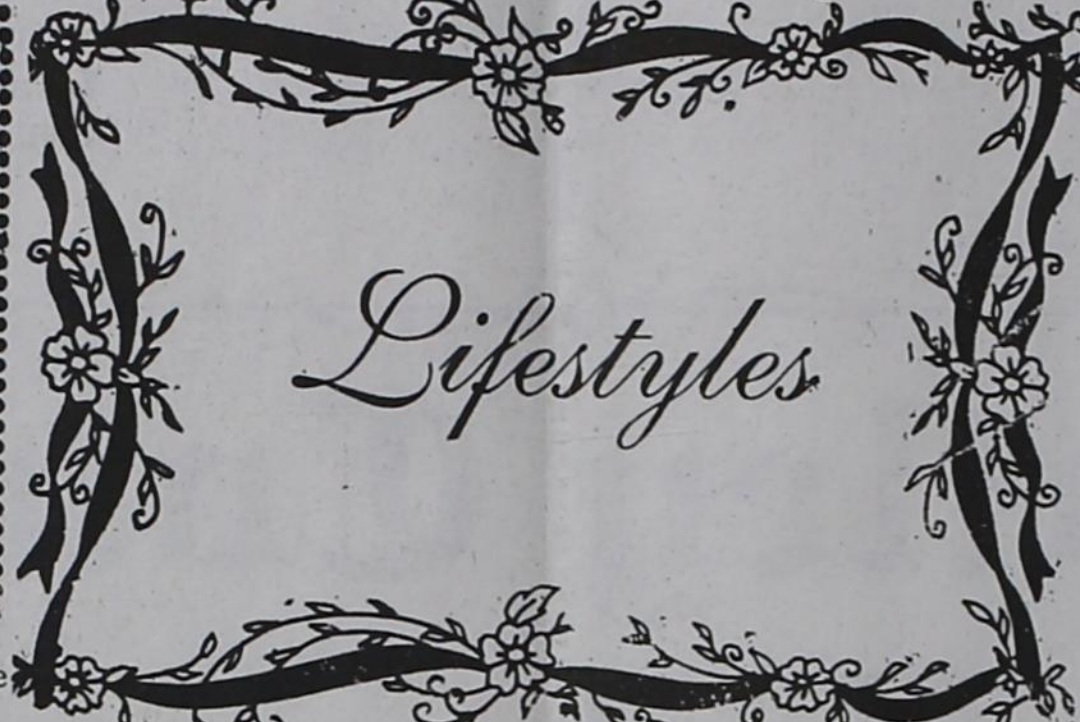
There remain many issues critical to both our region and our state that must be addressed during the 78th Legislature. Our state budget, water, transportation, medical mal-

practice reform, public education and higher education will each have significant impact on our area. I intend to see that these issues are met head-on so that West Texas can grow and thrive.

My work in the Texas Legislature is not finished.

Congressman Larry Combest has worked hard for our region for 18 years, and he will be missed. However, I trust that whomever follows will continue his good work, and I look forward to working with the next United States representative from District 19."

★ Congratulations ★
Motley County ISD Elementary
1st Place Winners in UIL Contest!
Jr. High, 4th Place * Motley County 3rd place overall!



My brother-in-law, a former Texan of course, and now of New Jersey, sent the following list to me. I guess once a Texan always a Texan. You are 100% Texan if...

1. It doesn't bother you to use an airport named for a man who died in an airplane crash.
2. You use the phrase "fixin' to" almost daily.
3. Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.
4. You've ever been excused from school because "the cows got out."
5. You can properly pronounce the town Mexia, Waxahachie and Mesquite.
6. You know exactly what calf fries are, and eat them anyway.
7. You can recall hot summers by the year they happened easier than you can remember your mother's birthday.
8. You think that people who complain about the wind in their states are sissies.
9. You know that the true value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door but by the

availability of shade.

10. You have owned at least one belt buckle bigger than your fist.
11. A bad traffic jam involves two cars staring each other down at a four-way stop, each determined to be the most polite and let the other one go first.
12. When you hear a tornado siren, you go out and look for a funnel.
13. Your "place at the lake" has wheels under it.
14. You aren't surprised to find movie rentals, ammunition, and bait all in the same store.
15. A Mercedes Benz is not a status symbol. A Ford F350 4x4 is.
17. You know that everything goes better with Ranch.
18. You learned how to shoot a gun before you learned how to multiply.
19. You know that 'y'all' is a singular and 'all y'all' is plural.
20. You are 100% Texan if you have ever had this conversation: "You wanna Coke?" "Yeah." "What kind?" "Dr. Pepper."

Thanksgiving observed at recent Do Gooders Club meeting

The Do Gooders' Club met Monday afternoon, November 4th at the Community Center in Flomot. Thanksgiving was observed and Mrs. Edith Washington, guest and former member of the club, was honored on her 89th birthday with song, gifts and birthday cake. Mrs. Susie Shannon and Mrs. Judy Stark presided at a table laid with an ecru lace cloth, centered with an autumn floral arrangement with a profusion of mums and other Thanksgiving decor. They served salads, crackers, and dips, cake, coffee and punch. Mrs. Waydette Clay opened the business meeting and in observance of Thanksgiving, each one in attendance told of a God given blessing for which they were thankful.

The club's annual Christmas party will be held Tuesday, December 3rd. At this meeting new officers will be elected to serve in 2003. They concluded plans for the Country Store Bazaar and concession stand for Saturday, November 9th. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay was the lucky winner in the raffle ticket drawing for the beautiful crocheted designed Christmas ornaments made by Mrs. Nada Starkey. Those attending the cheerful afternoon beside the honored guest, Mrs. Edith Washington were Mesdames Trula Martin, Tommie Jo Cruse, Geneva Martin, Barbara Payne, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Judy Stark, Suzie Shannon, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers, Anna Beth Clay and Leona Degan.

Margaret Stanley recognized for accomplishments in Special Education

Margaret Stanley, a special educator from Lubbock and formerly of Matador, was recently awarded Professionally Recognized Special Educator (PRSE) certificates for Special Education teaching and Educational Diagnosis by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The PRSE designation is awarded to special educators who have demonstrated that they meet professional standards for practice in the field. PRSE recipients must have earned professional degrees or endorsements in special education, have at least three years experience in their area of expertise and follow CEC's code of ethics and standards of practice. "CEC is proud to award the PRSE designation to deserving special educators," said Richard Mainzer, CEC's Assistant Executive Director of Professional Standards and Practice. "These special educators demonstrate their commitment to their profession and their students by meeting professional standards that result in effective practice in the field. Margaret is the Language Retraining Teacher for Ed Irons Jr.



Margaret Stanley High School in Lubbock. She taught Special Education for 13 years at Motley County School and was the Educational Diagnostician for the Rolling Plains SSA for 8 years prior to moving to Lubbock.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic to be held in Matador

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on December 31, 2002. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam., mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

Texas Cooperative Extension to offer Food Service Manager Certification Course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick. 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to foodborne illness. During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager. Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of Health must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for 5 years. Texas Cooperative Extension is offering a foodservice manager certification training. This program will be offered for \$79 on January 28 and January 30, 2003, at Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination, it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness
- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- Complying with government regulations
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- Controlling pests.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Protection Management training program of Texas Cooperative Extension, call Jennifer Trufan at (940) 552-9941 or leave a message at the local extension office.

Correction

Matt Roy, grandson of John and Dorothy Russell, was recently married to Kelly Shepard. Matt is a 2000 construction science graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by Steele-Free-man Construction in Fort Worth. Kelly is a 2000 international business and marketing graduate of Baylor University and is employed by IBM in Dallas. The couple are currently living in Bedford. The above information was incorrectly reported in last week's paper. We apologize for the mistake.

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A Heart for Worship

Acceptable worship of our God must be with a response from us that both captures our attitudes and engages our hearts. There is a big difference between institutional worship (just going through the formalities) and worship that is a natural response to what our God has done for us.

Some might be trapped in the institutional worship syndrome in which people worship because they feel forced to. Then there might be an attitude developed that goes something like this: "Well since I'm already here I may as well go through the motions." There is a misunderstanding of some in thinking if a certain ritual is carried out or a prescribed formula is used, then worship has been achieved. This however would be worship that never engages the heart. It would be by the Bible's definition, "vain worship."

We can go through all the right motions and carry out all the right forms and still be cold and lifeless as a corpse. Our God desires from us, worship based on submissive lives and genuine hearts. What God wants is a relationship with us. Notice Psalm 51: 16-17:

16. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.
17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and contrite heart, These, O God, You will not despise.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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Bible Study - 10 am Worship - 9 am

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

The Used Book Sale is going on now at the Motley County Library. Today and tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, are reserved for Friends of the Library shoppers. Beginning Monday, November 25, all are invited to shop for great bargains at the used book sale. This sale will continue through December 13. Don't miss it! Materials new to the library include a three-book set of audios of Janet Evanovich. Those of you who have read her books know that she is very funny. Her tapes are even better. These are short enough to listen to one book on a round trip to Lubbock. We also have biographies of Florence Harding and Herbert Hoover that are new to the shelf. The Stephen Ambrose book I mentioned last week has been reviewed by our patrons as being a book that "every young person should read and that readers of all ages will enjoy." The title is *To America* and there is a waiting list. We will be glad to add your name. I have been told that it "reads fast."



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STUDENTS of the month

November Students of the Month at Motley County ISD are Aaryn Brandon, Leslie Alvarado, Matthew Martin and Sabrina Osborn.

Aaryn is the 6-year-old son of Amber Brandon of Roaring Springs. He is a first grader. His favorite subjects at school are Hidden Pictures and Computers. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Davis.

For fun, Aaryn enjoys riding bikes, playing on the computer, building stuff in his sandbox and playing with his cat, Patty Cake.

Aaryn wants to be an Electrical Engineer when he grows up. His advice to fellow students is to do good in school or you'll go the principal's office.

His favorite colors are mixed. His favorite food is Pizza. His favorite music is classic rock and his favorite movie is Tom & Jerry The Movie. The last book he read was Garfield.

Aaryn admires his Mom and his Pa the most.

He believes the qualities of a good citizen is being trustworthy and honest.

Leslie is the 9-year old daughter of Yolanda and Francisco Alvarado of Flomot. She is a fourth grader.

Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Kautz.

For fun Leslie enjoys swimming. Leslie makes good grades and is listed on the AB Honor Roll.

After high school she plans to attend college and wants to work on computers when she grows up.

She has two dogs and seven puppies for pets.

Leslie's advice to fellow students is to pass all grades so you can go to college.

Her favorite color is green. Her favorite food is Pizza. Her favorite musical group is the Back Street Boys and her favorite movie is Model Behavior. The last book she read is The Dragonling.

Leslie admires her brother Ysef the most.

She says the qualities of being a good citizen is to obey all the laws.

Matthew is the 14-year-old son of Christine and Clay Martin of Matador. He is a freshman.

His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Bingham.

He enjoys riding motorcycles,

playing football and hanging out with friends in his spare time.

Matthew is a member of the Full Gospel Church youth group. He is also a member of the MC Football Team and Student Council.

After high school he plans to attend college and get his degree and become a law enforcement officer.

He has one dog and one cat for pets.

Matthew's advice to fellow students is to go to college and get a degree.

His favorite color is green. His favorite food is chicken fried steak and fried potatoes. His favorite type of music is gospel and his favorite movie is What a Woman Wants. The last book he read was My Brother Sam is Dead.

Matthew says his hero is Jesus, my Christ and Savior.

He believes the qualities of a good citizen is to be nice, Christianity, friendliness and show a great personality.

Sabrina is the 16-year-old daughter of Brenda and Billy Osborn of Matador. She is a sophomore.

Her favorite subject is World History and her favorite teacher is Coach Cooper.

She enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball and talking on the phone in her spare time.

Sabrina is involved in FCCLA and Pep Club.

After high school she plans to move away from Matador and go to College. She wants to do something that makes good money when she grows up.

She has a Great Dane named Dax for a pet.

Her advice to fellow students is 'don't get on the teacher's bad side.'

Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is Sour Cream Enchiladas. Her favorite music is System of a Down and says she will listen to any kind of music that sounds good. Her favorite movie is Resident Evil and the last book she read was Never Say Never.

She admires her big sister the most.

Sabrina says the qualities of a good citizen is someone who respects themselves and everyone around them.



THE MATADOR



— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —

SCHOOL MENU



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Nacho, Cheese, Cookie, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday November 27-29

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS!!

School to dismiss for Thanksgiving

Motley County students and staff will be dismissed for Thanksgiving holidays Tuesday, November 26 at 1:30 p.m. Busses will run, and parents of town students will need to pick up their children at this early out time.

Classes will resume at the regular time, Monday, December 2.

Danielle Gwinn selected to participate in Distinguished youth program



Danielle Gwinn.

Danielle Gwinn, daughter of James and Darla Gwinn of Matador, Texas, has been selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program," to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, November 29 to December 1, 2002. During the weekend event, two Texas students will be selected to receive a \$1,000.00 U.S. Savings Bond and the right to serve as the State Program Titleholder for one year.

In addition, both winners will receive \$250.00 to present to their respective schools from the Distinguished Youth of America Program. In all, more than \$5,000.00 in awards and prizes will be presented to various participants. The Distinguished Youth program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities. The judging criteria used to select the two state titleholders includes following: Scholastic Record; Service to School and Community; Personality Projection; and Interview. Program Founder, Warren Alexander, stated: "This program truly reflects the female youth of the twenty-first century. The candidates are intelligent, well-rounded students. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes, with another significant portion being the Judge's Interview."

The Program Finals will be held Sunday afternoon, December 1, at the Renaissance Hotel and will culminate in the naming of the new Young Miss Texas and Little Miss of Texas. Special Guests featured in the program will be the current Young Miss of Texas, Shea Flynn of Wharton and the current Young Miss of Texas, Kara Mangum of Arlington. Featured Mistress of Ceremonies will be Miss Teen of Texas, Ashlie Kelly of Pasadena.

Danielle will be sponsored for the weekend by the following: Oden Chevrolet-Olds-Floydada, Tx, Floydada Ford and Mercury, First Ag Credit-Matador, Red Ball Gin, Alexander Fuel, Motley Mill and Cube, The Hitchin' Post, Sun Cotton Bio Fuel, all of Roaring Springs.

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MC HONOR ROLL

DISTINGUISHED LIST (all grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Katie Barton, Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Megan Ford, Allen Martin, Cassidy Turner, Korbyn Simpson.

First Grade: Hannah Hulsey, Conner Mason.

Second Grade: Hance Davey, Christina Moehringer, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

Third Grade: Clarrisa Elizondo, Braden Mason, Keyan Kautz, Nayo Santos, Garrett Jenschke.

Fourth Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson.

Fifth Grade: Xavier Elizondo.

Sixth Grade: Jasmine Porter.

Seventh Grade: Savannah Rose.

Eighth Grade: None.

Ninth Grade: Ashlee Green, Colton Russell.

Tenth Grade: None.

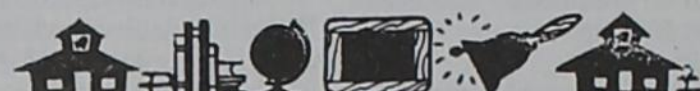
Eleventh Grade: None.

Twelfth Grade: Cassie Campbell, Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

Cooper, Kittie Campbell, Annie Green, Veronica Mendoza.

Eleventh Grade: Susana Mendoza, Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Angela Marvel, Mandi Ream.

Twelfth Grade: Sara Fuston, Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Perryman, Chasity Holman, Brittany Moore.



Roosevelt squad members are (back row, from left) Kylie Rocha, Logan Hill, Denee Reynolds, Isaac Arriaga, Lindsey Grizzell, Latrice Ervin and Kendall Chitwood; and (front row, from left) Michelle Patschke, Kacey Brown, Brandi Fallin, Katy Tyler, Danie Martinez and Amanda Rojas.

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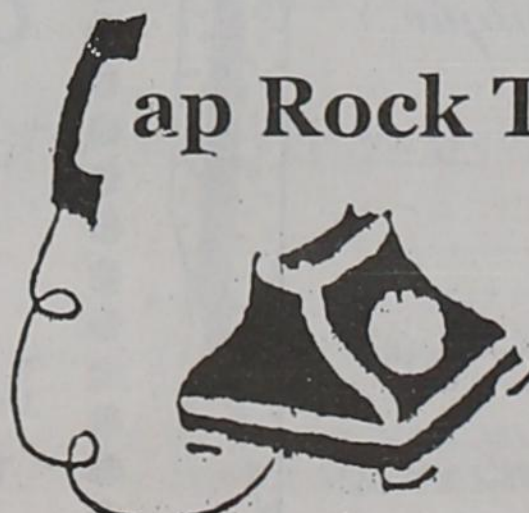
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

ROARING SPRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS MEET

The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens met on their regular day of Thursday with a pot luck luncheon. Happy Birthday was sung to honor Mrs. Vera Mitchell, who recently celebrated her 99 birthday! Mrs. Mitchell was unable to attend as she had suffered a fall on Wednesday and broke her hip. Happy Birthday was also sang for Mrs. Shirley Barton.

Rev. Jack Boggs gave the blessing for the food.

Those enjoying the delicious lunch and fellowship were Carl and Shirley Barton, Jo and Walter Trammell, Dorothy Lee, Roy Kinard, Lula Swim, Larry Watson and Cleo Watson, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Boggs, and Rev. Paul Stearns.

Visiting with Mary Lumsden were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Don

Largent, local residents. Thursday they had lunch at Anna's Mexican Restaurant in Matador. Visiting her on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. John Fostel of Bridgeport. They were on their way to Lubbock to attend the Texas Tech football game. They also visited her dad and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton drove to Muleshoe Saturday visiting her mother, Avis Haney and with her sister and brother, Sunday.

Imogene Swim was taken by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center Sunday morning.

Pearl Patten spent several days at Boyd visiting her son-in-law, Arnold Parker, Erica and Tara, while daughter Linda took some school children on a field trip to Corpus Christi.

Linda Mullins spent Sunday and Monday in Covenant Medical Center for tests. Her husband, Lester, accompanied her. They returned home Tuesday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Nada Starkey had eye surgery in Amarillo, Thursday. She had surgery, Monday, Nov. 18 at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

With her during surgeries beside her husband, Jack were children Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Starkey of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Mrs. Tim (Melissa) Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob visited from Friday until Sunday in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottilie Gray.

Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty is visiting this week with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and son, Derrick, their mothers, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, Keane Cruse of Turkey, Mrs. Darla Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle of Whiteflat enjoyed the football game in Miami Friday night. Derrick and his Valley Patriots teammates started the six man bi-district playoffs with a 46-0 win over Follett. The game was stopped at 6:08 mark of the third quarter.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter attended to business in Plainview, Friday. Weekend visitors of Wilson Barton was

nephew, Alfred Seay of Truth or Consequences, N.M. and son, Cliff Seay of Las Vegas, N.M. They enjoyed the Volunteer Fireman's supper in Matador Saturday night.

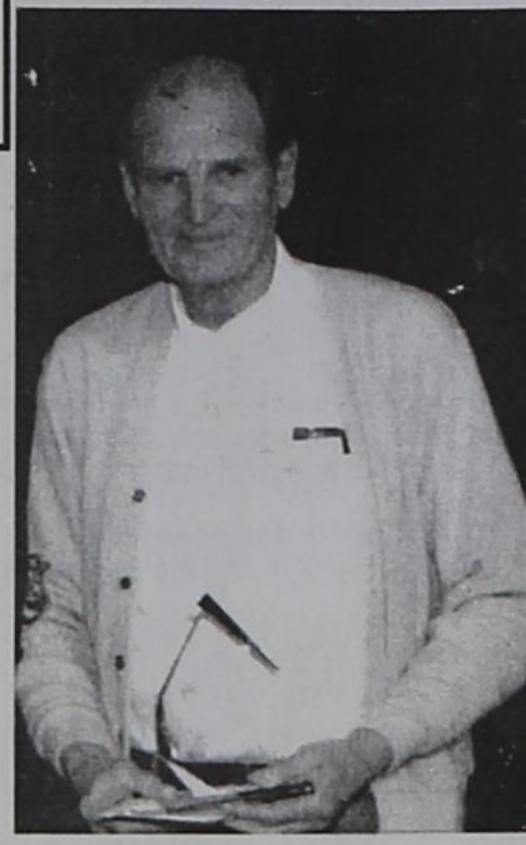
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Lockney recently for her medical tests. They were in Plainview, Sunday attending business.

Mrs. Cora Gail Gunn Trent of Albuquerque, N.M. visited last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Their grandson, Parker Carson of Turkey visited them Saturday night and Sunday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Ryleigh and Walker were in Amarillo to attend the rodeo.

Visiting overnight Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Carrollton and Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg. Other guests in their home Sunday were Mrs. Salina Elloit of Floydada, Chad Calvert of Carrollton, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brain of Ropesville, Dwain Milam of Petersburg, Mrs. Judy Stark, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shorter of Flomot. Chad Calvert also visited in Turkey with his mother, Mrs. Wanda Calvert.

Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock visited last Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross.

Former resident named Employee of the Year



Ted Alsop

Former Roaring Springs resident, Ted Alsop, has been named Employee of the Year by the Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association. Mr. Alsop works at The Broadmoor Hotel.

Auditing standards are based on fiduciary standards that are applicable to retirement plans, foundations endowments and private trusts. Mr. Alsop lived in Roaring Springs with L.A. and Odessa Mullins and attended school in Roaring Springs graduating in 1956.

Late Night Shopping December 7th!

Matador News

Mrs. Marihelen Wason visited last Saturday in Snyder with daughter and husband, Charla and Bennie Marrace. She visited Sunday in Hunt, Texas in the home of college friends, David and Felina Keeper. Other college friends joining her there were Jack Durham and Vernon Compton.

John M. "Sonny" Russell returned home Friday from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following cardiovascular neck surgery. He is reported to be doing fine.

Mrs. Joel Dean (Debra) Spray had surgery Tuesday, Nov. 19 at United Medi-

cal Center in Lubbock.

Bill Koon is recovering from a broken arm he suffered when falling out of his car.

Charlie Keith of Georgetown, former Motley County resident, is a patient in Hospice in Austin.

Truitt Read suffered a broken leg recently following an accident on a horse.

Albert and Norma Hall of Duvall, WA, and Norma's sister, Janet Martin of Portland, Oregon are visiting Mr. Hall's mother, Cora Hall. Mrs. Martin will return home on Saturday. The Halls plan an extended visit.

Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Even for people who spend a lot of time alone, friends are important. We all need people who choose to stand by us, and for whom we choose to do the same.

"We've had a wide range of friends. Unfortunately, not all of them are still in our lives. It makes us more thankful for the ones who are.

We care about these people and value their friendship as well as their unique personalities.

Mrs. Jim (Wanda) Stockton was in Lubbock, Tuesday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Debra Spray of Matador, who had surgery at the United Medical Center.

Mrs. James Gwinn and son, Fannin were in Lubbock, Tuesday at the

Covenant Medical Center for a check up on Fannin's broken finger. He received a good report.

Ryan Martin of Stephenville and Jamie Pigg of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Wednesday for her a MRI. When returning to Lubbock, Friday she was told she would need extensive surgery on her recently injured arm and shoulder. The surgery is pending until they can make arrangements for their livestock preparations.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were in Lubbock during the week for medical appointments and tests. They visited B.B. Bristow and Mrs. Lanette McClain before returning home, Tuesday.

Grandson graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

Navy pilot, Adam Green, grandson of Luther and Edna Ruth Green, of Matador, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering with a concentration in astronautics. He is the son of Andy and Gay Green of Keller and is a 1997 graduate of Keller High School.

Green will begin flight school in Pensacola, Fla., in November, then will transfer to other flight schools over the next two to 2 1/2 years. After that he will probably be assigned to a squadron and then to an aircraft carrier. "The goal was always to be a pilot," he said. "I'd like to fly jets, but it depends on the Navy."

At Annapolis, Green became interested in astronautics. He said he

would like to earn a postgraduate degree, leading to test pilot school, and then possibly to becoming an astronaut.

"It would be a dream," he said. The dream could take between 10 and 15 years to achieve.

While at Annapolis, he also met his future wife, Meredith Seala, who was attending Rutgers University.

Adam's parents, Andy and Gay Green, and sister Katye, a student at A&M University in College Station. Also attending were grandparents, Luther and Edna Ruth Green and Marge Huff of North Richland Hills, also an Aunt Virginia of Whiteface flew to Newark, N.J. to attend his wedding in Red Bank, N.J., October 26.

Grandson inducted into International Honor Society

James Brent Haralson, grandson of Greta Smallwood of Matador, has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honor Society and was individually honored during a Texas Tech campus ceremony.

Golden Key International Honor Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand. Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

Brent is an honor graduate of Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland. He is the son of Neal and Debbie Haralson of Allen, former Matador residents. He is a senior at Texas Tech University.

Mrs. Smallwood attended the ceremony. Brent's parents also attended.

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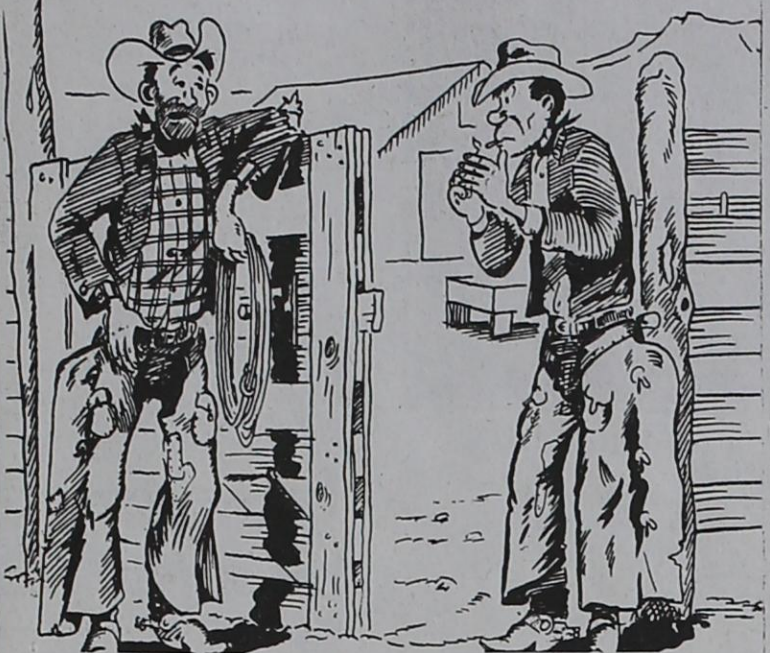
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HIGH PLAINS TO MISS CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEADERSHIP OF LARRY COMBEST

Representative Larry Combest's announcement that he will retire from Congress effective May 31, 2003, has left High Plains agriculture in a state of shock.

It has also reemphasized the deeply felt appreciation of both the producer on the turn-row and commodity organizations for his leadership over the past 18 years.

While voicing their dismay at the prospects of a future in which Larry Combest's knowledge and experience are not readily available to shape future agriculture policy, the membership, offices, and staff of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers offer a fond and heartfelt farewell to Mr. Combest as he returns to the role of citizen.

"There is no way to adequately describe what Larry Combest has meant to High Plains cotton producers during his 18 years of service on

our behalf," say PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"Larry will be missed at every level by the membership of Plains Cotton Growers and we wish he and Sharon nothing but the best as they embark on this new phase of their life together."

Virtually every producer on the High Plains has recognized just how important his efforts and experience have been as they watched him beat what were termed impossible odds to secure one of the most sweeping reformulations of U.S. agriculture policy in over half a century.

Combest's crowning achievement is no doubt to be the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 and having this important legislation top the list of his accomplishments is justified. Also near the top of the list, however needs to be the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and dozens of other important legislative and regulatory victories, large and small, that have meant so much to the High Plains agricultural industry.

USDA Farm Service Agency encourages voter turnout for County Committee Elections

Debra Shaw, County Executive Director for the Motley County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds eligible voters that County Committee elections are just around the corner. FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning November 19, 2002. Ballots need to be returned no later than December 2, 2002.

"FSA County Committees make decisions on commodity price support loans and payments; allotments, yields, marketing quotas, eligibility for conservation programs; incentive, indemnity and disaster assistance," said Shaw. "The FSA County Committee is the farmer's voice in making national programs fit local situations -- democracy at its best, local in nature, and representing the customers that USDA programs are designed to serve," she added.

Shaw stressed that the FSA County Committee system will only work if all of FSA's customers are actively involved in how the agency's programs are administered. FSA's County Committee system needs diverse representation -- small and large farm/ranch operators, truck farmers and producers of specialty crops, livestock producers and local businessmen and women.

"Diversity is a must in today's changing world of agriculture -- from people on the business side of the operation to those who plant for specific markets. The County Committee should mirror the demographics of the communities they serve. We need and welcome voter participation from men, women, minorities and voters from all walks of life," said Shaw.

The Motley County office encourages all eligible voters to cast their

ballots this year. Mrs. Shaw emphasized that if you are eligible to participate in FSA programs, you are eligible to vote. If you are eligible to vote, you are eligible to serve on the County Committee.

"While we try to send ballots to all eligible voters, we may have missed one or two," said Shaw. "Persons who believe they qualify to vote in this election, and did not receive a ballot should contact our office," she said.

In Texas, the spouse of an eligible voter is also eligible to vote and a person under legal age can vote if he or she runs a farming or ranching operation. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, sex, age, religion, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin, or marital or familial status.

"It is crucial that every eligible voter take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grassroots committees are comprised of and make decisions for producers and concerned citizens that live in the local community," said Shaw.

Nominees for the Motley County Committee are William T. Armstrong, Lucretia E. Campbell, Gary D. Ford, and Truitt W. Read. The elected person(s) will represent LAA-3, the Roaring Springs area of the County.

For more information on County Committees and to determine voter eligibility, contact the Motley County Farm Service Agency at (806) 347-2263 ext. 109, or visit the national FSA Web Site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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I would like to thank those who remembered us at the loss of our loved one, Lula Stapleton Cramer. A special thanks to the ladies at the Flomot Community Center who prepared and served the meal. We appreciate the cards and words of concern, and to others who gave their support.
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