



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



MOTLEY COUNTY CLASS OF 2003 — T.J. Christopher, Sara Fuston, Chantry Meyer, Tim Mangram, pictured at back, left to right; (middle) Bo Long, Brittany Donaldson, Clint Cooper, Kevin Elder, Chasity Holman; (front) Cassie Campbell, Brenda Gillespie, Brittany Moore, and Brittany Perryman. High School graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday night, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.

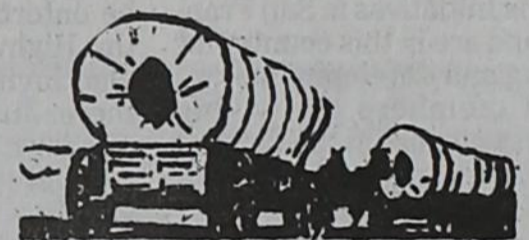
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American Legion will sponsor Memorial Day Muster Monday

Members of American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 will sponsor the annual Motley County Veterans Memorial Day Muster, Monday, May 26. The event will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

After Veterans have decorated the graves of their comrades, everyone will return to the Senior Citizens Center for the traditional ceremony and breakfast.

For more information call Post 337 Adjutant at 348-7953.

First phase of Bob's Oil Well restoration slated for Saturday

by Marisue Potts

An agreement has been signed recently joining the forces of Princess Skaggs, owner of Bob's Oil Well, Market Matador, the City of Matador, and Motley County Chamber of Commerce to begin restoration of the prominent historic landmark, once known as beacon of the foothills. Truckers remembered the great steaks and carried advertising signs far down the road. Little children thrilled to see, and never forgot, the main attraction of the service station, a pit of rattlesnakes, rattling, writhing and wiggling. To see Bob's once-famous

derrick alight once again has been the dream of many, but the goal has been elusive. In 2001 it was the focus of the Chamber's T-21 grant proposal for \$1,000,000. Those efforts, which created a great deal of interest, even to the Texas Historical Commission level, failed, but the Roaring Springs Depot renovation was approved.

According to Matador Mayor Rodney Williams, the operation at the site of a service station, restaurant, blacksmith shop, and roadside zoo will be carried out in three phases. The first includes a general over-all cleanup of the lots, demolition of a wooden structure and out-

house, disposing of tires and batteries, sorting of junk iron and disposal of what is determined to be trash. The second phase will include repair and maintenance work on the buildings and capping gas pipes. The final and most exciting (electrifying) stage, and possibly the most expensive, will restore the beacon to shine once again.

Already Ms. Skaggs and her family have started the tedious process of sorting an accumulation of over seventy years. In fact, so dedicated to the task was the young mother that she spent Mother's Day working around her grandfather's famous Cook Shack. For Sale

signs have been placed on a mobile home and camper trailer to be moved.

The work at Bob's Oil Well will be performed by volunteers who will sign release of liability forms. There will be many jobs at different times. Those willing to lend a hand in this community beautification project should contact Shane Jones at Matador Variety (347-2820), Brian Marshall at Marshall Brothers Propane (347-2290) or Rodney Williams (347-2857) to tell how they can help. These people will then coordinate the plans and direct the beginning cleanup on Saturday, May 24. Everyone is reminded that this is personal property to be respected and holds many memories for the owner. Princess Skaggs requests that no one remove any item in her absence or without her permission.

Funds, yes, funds will be

needed for materials to carry out the ambitious goals outlined. (Previous donations to the Chamber of Commerce T-21 proposal for Bob's Oil Well were utilized in hiring an architectural firm for a professional presentation of the restoration, creating bike and hike trails, and hooking up with the jail facilities). Donations to the 2003 Bob's Oil Well Restoration may be made through Market Matador's special account at the First State Bank.

Long a dream of many, the restoration of the unique corner of Texas Highway 70 and U.S. Highway 70, holds promise of becoming a tourist destination on the Highway 70 route. It will also be a source of pride to the hundreds who pass it each day, tipping their hats to the memory of Bob Robertson, the entrepreneur who once put Matador on the map with Bob's Oil Well.

New School Board members take oath of office

by Tina Brooks, Board reporter

The Motley County ISD board of trustees met Monday, May 12, for their regular scheduled board meeting. All board members were present with Marisue Potts there to turn over the meeting to the new board and officers. Also present were

Rick Copp, Denise Ford, Walter Taylor, Pam Thacker, Chelsea Read, D'anna Russell and Dianne Washington. No guests were present for open forum.

Mr. Copp started the meeting with a prayer. The oath was administered to the new board members, Ted Davey and J.D. Russell. The board was reorganized as follows: President,

Douglas Campbell; Vice-President, Shonda Elliott; and Secretary-Reporter, Tina Brooks.

Mr. Copp reported that Cassie Campbell participated in the State Golf meet. Cassie placed in the top half of participants. Cassie and Mrs. Bingham are to be commended for all of their hard work to get to State.

In his informational report, Mr. Copp stated that the search is still on for the boys' basketball coach.

He reported enrollment at 184 with a 98.6% attendance rate.

He announced that there will be a board training in Lubbock June 2.

Mr. Copp also reported that the school is in need of a new industrial lawnmower. He is looking into this matter.

Copp reported that the State Comptroller appeal passed.

There was a 7 million-dollar difference between what the state values were compared to the local values. If the appeal had failed Motley County ISD stood to lose state funding of 1.1 million. Those working on this appeal locally were James Gillespie, Jeannie Navarro, and Brenda Osborn. The board thanks them for all their hard work.

Cathy Morton has been hired by the consortium of all seven schools to help with grant writing, curriculum and technology. Her salary will be paid out of grants.

The board was asked to start thinking about what to do about a bus or multi-passenger vehicle, because next year Motley County will be picking up a student at Northfield. This will be discussed at a later date.

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Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioners' Court met for their regular meeting Monday, May 12. Members of the Court present were County Judge, Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; Russell Alexander, Precinct 4;

and County Clerk Kate Hurt.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. They were approved as read. Outstanding bills were reviewed along with reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace and Library.

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Queen candidates sought for Old Settlers celebration

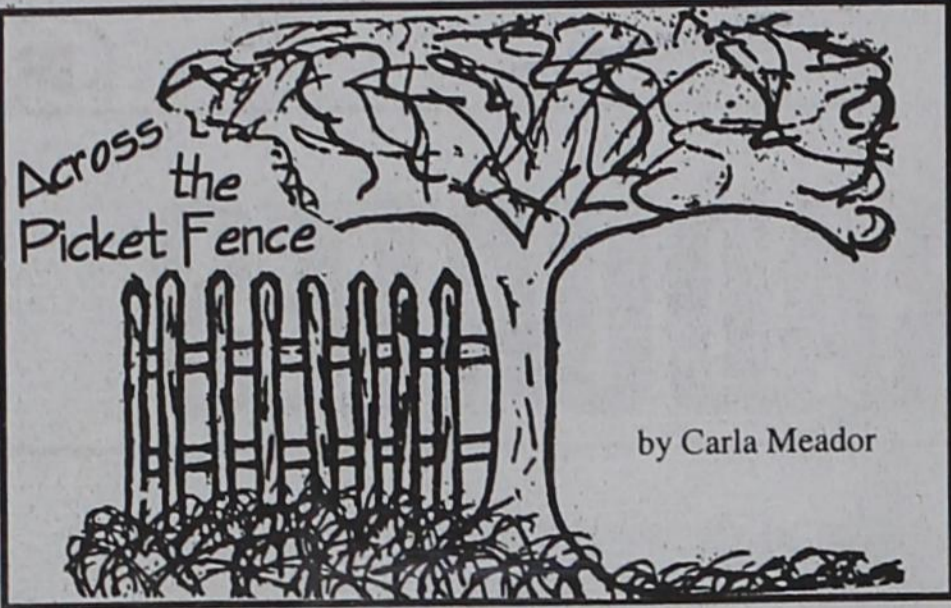
The Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Assn. is seeking girls and young ladies to carry their banner at the August 28-30 celebration. To be eligible they must either live in the counties or their parents must own land in either Motley or Dickens counties.

The candidate who sells the most tickets for a chance on a

beautiful pair of spurs created by Jim Bo Humpreys of Dickens will be crowned during the Matador Ranch-sponsored Ranch Rodeo on August 30. She and her court will earn 10% of what they sell, cash awards, and the winner will receive a special Queen's silver bracelet, roses, and the title.

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Motley County Graduation Ceremonies
8th Grade, Friday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
High School, Saturday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
Motley County Gym



It's here, the long awaited time of the year that every kid looks forward to, from the time they enter Kindergarten — Graduation! Every year I feel older when I put this paper together. It just doesn't seem possible for these kids to be old enough to graduate from high school! Where does time go?

Good luck, Seniors. And good luck, parents - especially those who will have an empty nest.

A big thank you to Walter Taylor for taking all these pictures. I appreciate being able to use his pictures so much. Last Tuesday night when the Athletic Banquet was held, we had a much more important engagement to attend in Lubbock. That of our little grandson's end-of-year pre-school program. We wouldn't have missed that for

the world. And of course, Judson was the cutest kid on stage. There was just no way I could attend the banquet to take pictures, so again, thanks, Mr. Taylor.

With graduation in mind, here a few tips for the Seniors, from the book, "God's Little Instruction Book."

A person's true character is revealed by what he does when no one is watching.

"Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart." Ephesians 6:6

There is a name for people who are not excited about their work — unemployed.

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23

Full Gospel to hold dedication services

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will mark the dedication of their new sanctuary June 8.

Pastor Rickey Lawrence and the church membership extends a welcome to everyone to come and enjoy a day of worship, a delicious noon meal and Christian fellowship. The morning worship service will begin at

its regular time and the fellowship and dedication will follow the noon meal.

According to Rev. Lawrence, "This will be a time for old friends and new to get together to reminisce and share with expectations of what God has in store for all the family of God."

The Russians are coming!

The Russians are coming. It's true! This Saturday, May 24, a group of 12 entrepreneurs (plus an interpreter) from different locations in Russia, will spend the day in Motley County, hosted by the West Texas Chapter of People to People International.

The group, one of 40 other teams from Russia and Eastern Europe currently in the United States, is funded partially by the U.S. State Department and sponsored by the Center for Citizens Initiatives in San Francisco and are in this country for training and development.

All members are young business owners in the fields of food processing and distribution. They are spending three weeks with Lubbock companies to observe and learn about current food industry and marketing technologies.

The group will be introduced and explain what part of

Russia they are from during an informal lunch at the Senior Citizens Center starting at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to meet them and hear about their homeland, you are invited to bring a sack lunch and join them at that time.

Other activities planned are a visit to the Motley County Museum, the Matador Ranch, the Caprock Canyon State Park, and a picnic dinner at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club swimming pool at 5:00 p.m. They will be entertained by members of the Highway 70 Band. You are also invited to join the group there. Just bring a picnic supper, lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and get ready for a very interesting and entertaining evening.

For more information about the group and Saturday's activities, call Penny Pipkin at 347-2747.

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Our Lord surely gave us good advice in Matthew 7:12. This scripture has come to be called the "golden rule." There is no avoiding the fact -- we all have to deal with one another -- all the time. We can make our time on this earth pleasant or we can make it unpleasant. To a large degree it mostly depends on how

we treat each other. Allow me to use something that I borrowed from Carroll Sites of Higdon, Arkansas.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

- * Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- * Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown -- only 14 to smile.
- * Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.
- * Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
- * Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- * Be genuinely interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
- * Be generous with praise; cautious with criticism.
- * Be considerate of the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.
- * Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy: Yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
- * Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

There you have it. Surely this will help us all in our dealings with our fellow man. Let's treat others as we would be treated. It will help make a better world.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



Mother's Helper Christian Pre-School

Mrs. Judy Crowley with her 2002-2003 Pre-School students, pictured above, beginning at back, left to right, Carli Holley, Leslie Mayo, Natalie Jameson, Bryant Taylor, Chloe Gleghorn, Addie Guerrero; (next row) Ryleigh Carson, Jolee Hill, Sydnee Meyer, Kylie Brown, Sage Guerrero, Ashleigh Jones; (next row) Brenda Fish, Jack Price, Trey Smith, Bryson Elliott, Garrett Jameson, Autumn Woolsey; (front) Cameron Stafford, James-Thomas Cooper, Cade Drum, Brody Rankin, Eli Marshall, Amber McKinney, Mikenna Ford, Carley Turner, Dode Gleghorn. Not pictured are Grant Potts and Gage Baker. This year marks Mrs. Crowley's 13th year since she first established her Pre-School. She has students from Matador, Roaring Springs, Turkey and Paducah. Next year's Senior class, the class of 2004 will be students from her first class.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donation to the library from Vance and Betty Campbell in memory of Elwanda McCaghren.

New books in the library include Jonathan Kellerman's *Cold Heart* and Tony Hillerman's *Sinister Pig*. Also ready to check out is Larry McMurry's *The Wandering Hill*, the continuing saga of Berrybender's riverboat trip down the Missouri River. The first book in this series is *Sin Killer*. Also new in the library is *Circle William* by Bill Harlow and *Naked Prey* by John Sandford.

Billie Beth Moore has presented to this library a set of Generations, the pedigree charts of the members of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. This six-volume set contains a wealth of information for all genealogists. Billie Beth has also presented *The Mamie Wynne Cox Award Essays*. This book contains essays about

Texas, and it includes Marisue Bursleson Potts' essay about Juinus Motley. "The Road to San Antonio." We appreciate the donation of these interesting and informative books.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary

We are happy to welcome new member, Lindy Stafford! Play on May 15th was Most Rough Shots and there were many of these! Playing 18 holes were Louise, Geneva, Jeannie, LaVoe, Liv and Francine. Liv won the ball. Playing 9 holes

were Mindy, Francis, Lindy, Judy, Tempie and Mary. Tempie won the ball.

There was a good turnout for the May 13th scramble. I didn't get the names or results, but will try to have this next week. Come out and join the fun!

Congratulations to the MC Class of 2003!



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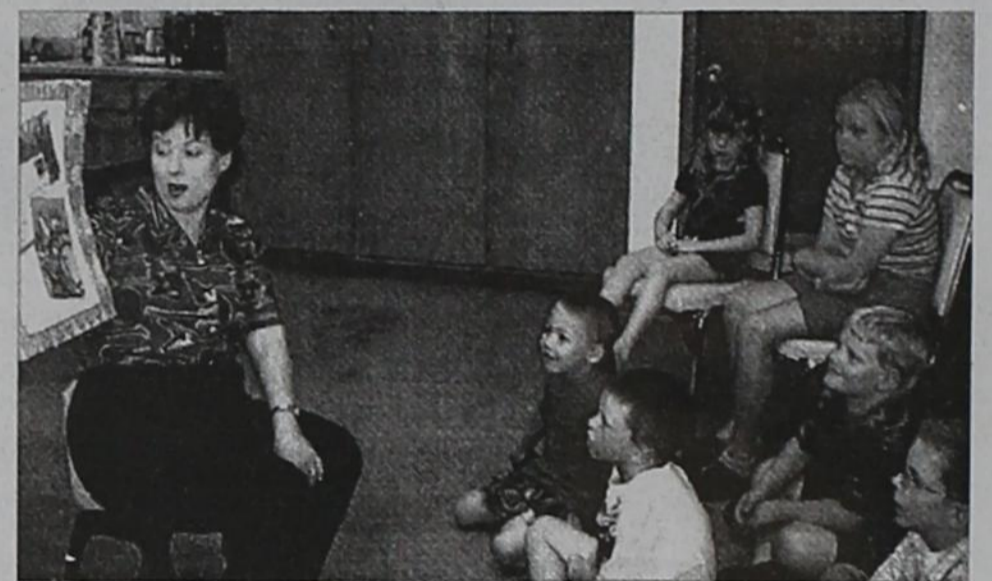
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Mrs. Pam Thacker reads to the kids at last year's Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading Program will begin soon at Library

All children in grades K-2 are welcome at the Motley County Library's summer reading program. Tuesday, June 3, and Tuesday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the Library, the kids will enjoy stories, arts and crafts, and refreshments.

Registration is going on now at the library. If kids register

early, they will receive a prize. Participants will also receive a prize each time they attend the story time. Mrs. Pam Thacker will read the stories and Mrs.

Betty Henry will guide the arts and crafts activities. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments.

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NHS MEMBERS — Pictured left to right (back) Clay Cooper, Clint Cooper, Chantry Meyer, Cody Cooper; (front) Cassie Campbell, Kattie Campbell, Susana Mendoza, Veronica Mendoza, Brenda Gillespie.

National Honor Society inducts new members

The Motley County High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held its 2003 induction and pot luck supper on Thursday, May 15. The 2002-2003 NHS officers are Brenda Gillespie, President; Chantry Meyer, Vice-President; Susana Mendoza, Secretary-Treasurer; Cassie Campbell, Reporter; and Clint Cooper, Parliamentarian. The Chapter Adviser, Kathy Gillespie, recognized the four seniors who have received awards this year. Clint Cooper and Brenda Gillespie were Wendy's High School Heisman Award recipients. Brenda was one of the nineteen finalist in the state. Cassie Campbell was the Prudential Spirit of Community Award winner. Brenda Gillespie and Chantry Meyer were the NHS Scholarship Nominees. Clint Cooper received the Principal's Leadership Award.

The evening concluded with the induction of the four new members for the school year 2003-04. Kattie Campbell, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper and Veronica Mendoza were inducted into the NHS via a candlelight ceremony conducted by the current officers.

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PTO Plans



by Mary Ann Potts

On April 22, 2003, in the school cafeteria, the Motley County PTO gathered for its regular monthly meeting. At 5:00 p.m. D'anna Russell, President, called the meeting to order with Mary Ann Potts (Sec.) reading the minutes from the February meeting, and Wendy Taylor (Treas.) reporting account activity and announcing a balance of \$4,607.22 as of this date.

Moving along, programs and events were discussed. The Pajama Reading Party held on Feb. 28 was a great success. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers from "Friends of the Library" who took time out to read to the children. Also to Ed D. Smith, County Judge, for taking time out for storytelling and administering the Reader's Oath.

All members were reminded about the Senior U.I.L. Scholarship fast approaching. The senior with the most U.I.L. points at the end of the year will receive a \$100 scholarship. In the event of a tie, like last year, a \$100 scholarship will be granted to both students. Student name will be announced later this month.

A Box Tops update was quickly given by Mary Ann Potts who announced that \$229 will be

received from General Mills this school year for collecting 2290 box top labels.

And the most exciting event yet to take place is the Elementary Field Trip to Joyland! Yes, all elementary kids will get FREE admission to Joyland again this year, courtesy of the Motley County Youth Organization. The date is yet to be determined. Thank you MCYO for such a generous gift - again. Also, the PTO purchased snacks from the school athletic department to give the kids an extra boost while on their fun-filled adventure.

D'anna Russell anxiously waited to announce a Big Surprise to all teachers present at the meeting. The PTO officers unanimously voted and selected a park bench to be purchased for the elementary playground so teachers will have a place to sit and watch the children during recess. We truly hope you enjoy it.

Before adjourning, D'anna reminded all to check their child's backpack for notes about upcoming events, since May is a very busy month.

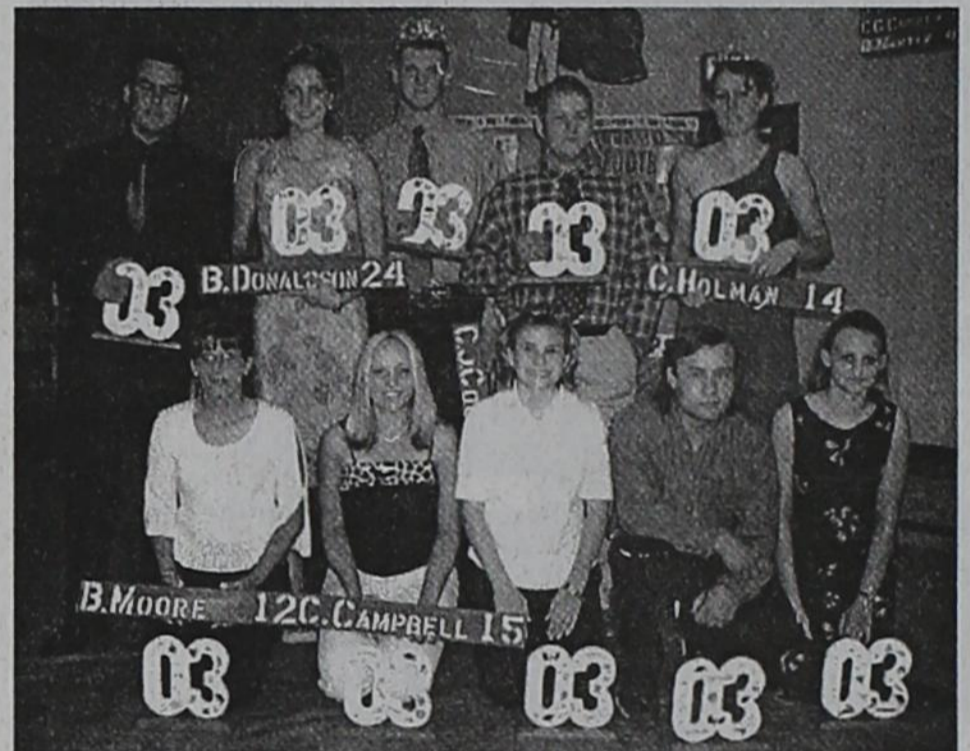
May 19, at 5:00 p.m., will be the election of officers for the 2003-2004 school year and the final PTO meeting for this year.



ACADEMIC ALL-STATE — Clint Cooper, Cassie Campbell and Chantry Meyer.



GOLF WILL TO WIN AWARDS — Stachia Baxter and T.J. Christopher.



2003 MC SENIORS received these wooden cutouts "03" at last week's Athletic Banquet. Pictured left to right (back) are Chantry Meyer, Brittany Donaldson, Clint Cooper, T.J. Christopher, Chasity Holman; (front) Brittany Moore, Cassie Campbell, Brenda Gillespie, Bo Long, Brittany Perryman.

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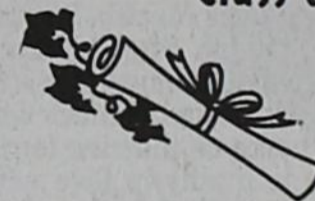


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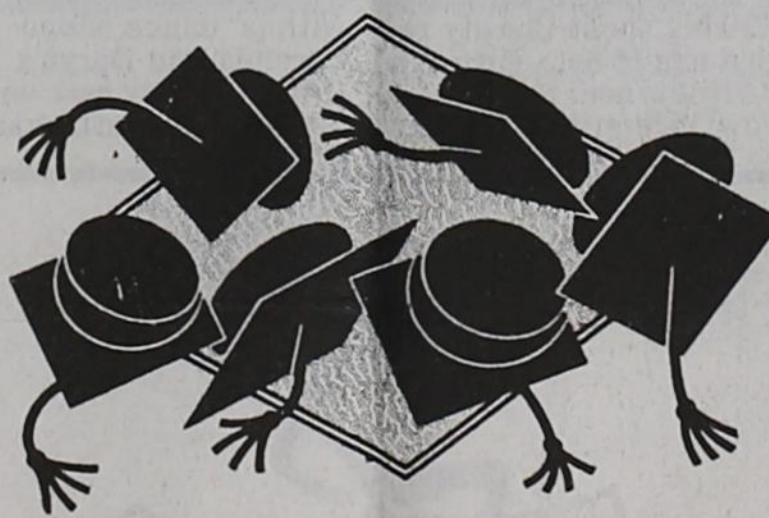


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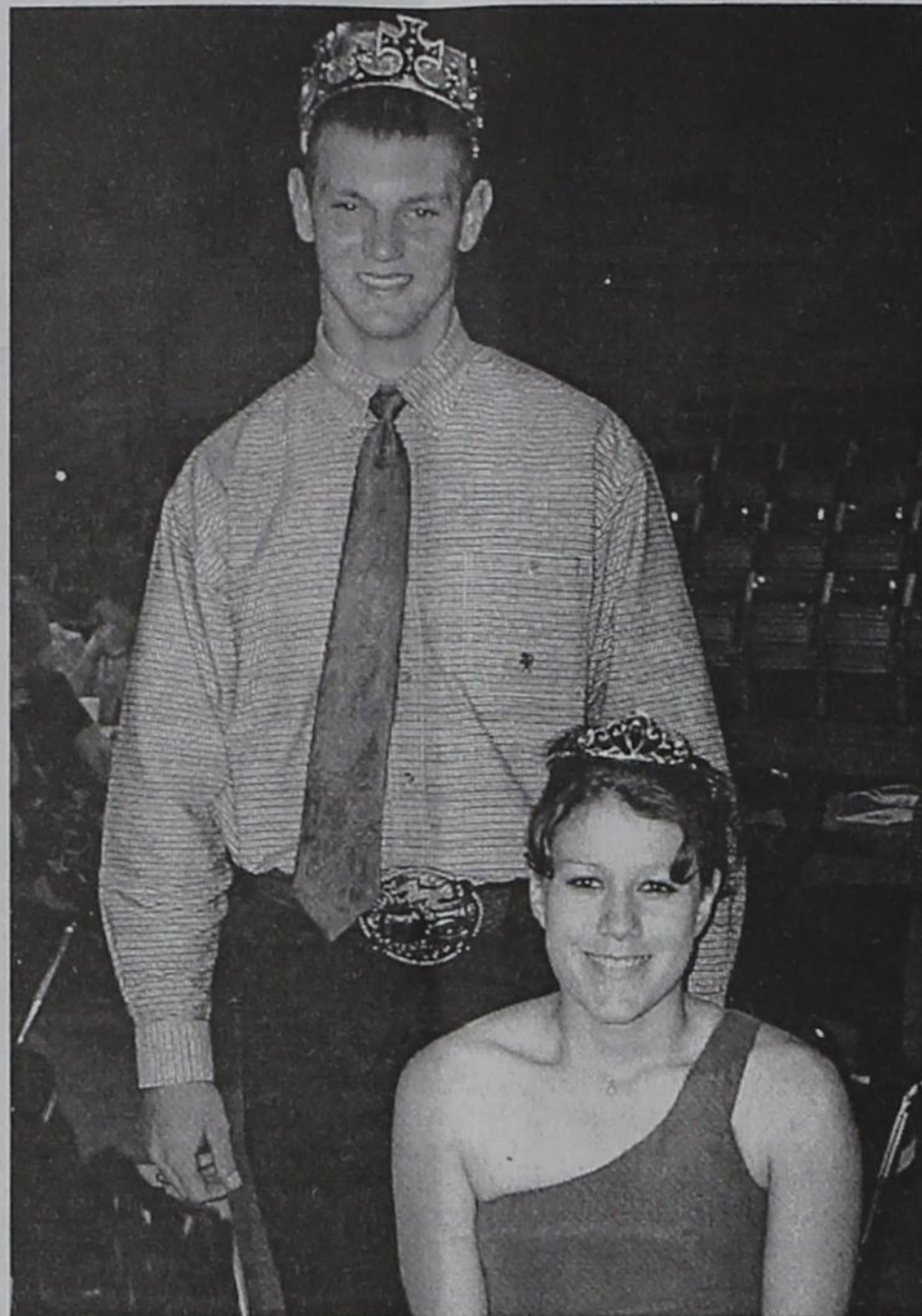
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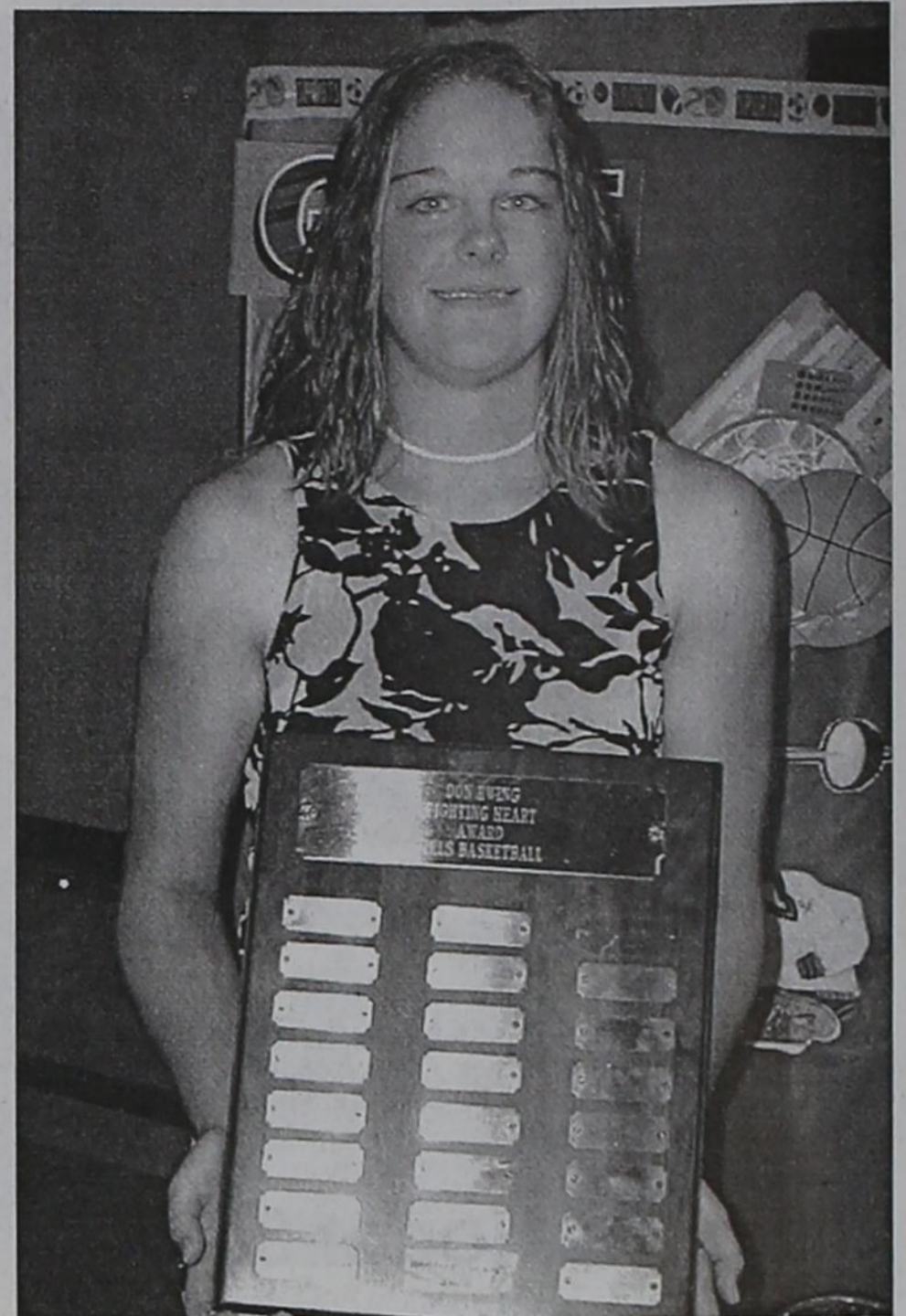
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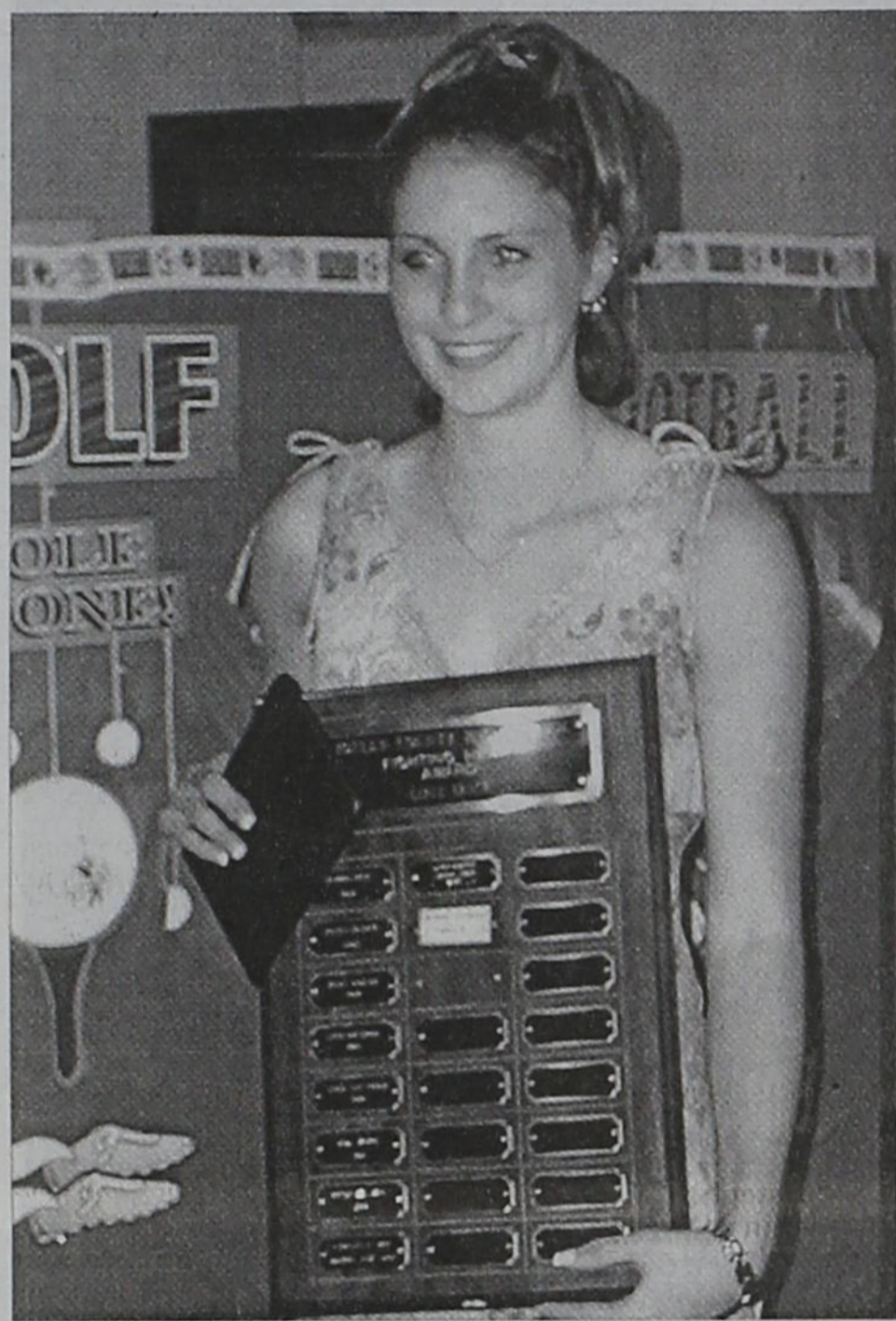
AMANDA HURT was named MISS SPIRIT at last Thursday night's Annual Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Booster Club.



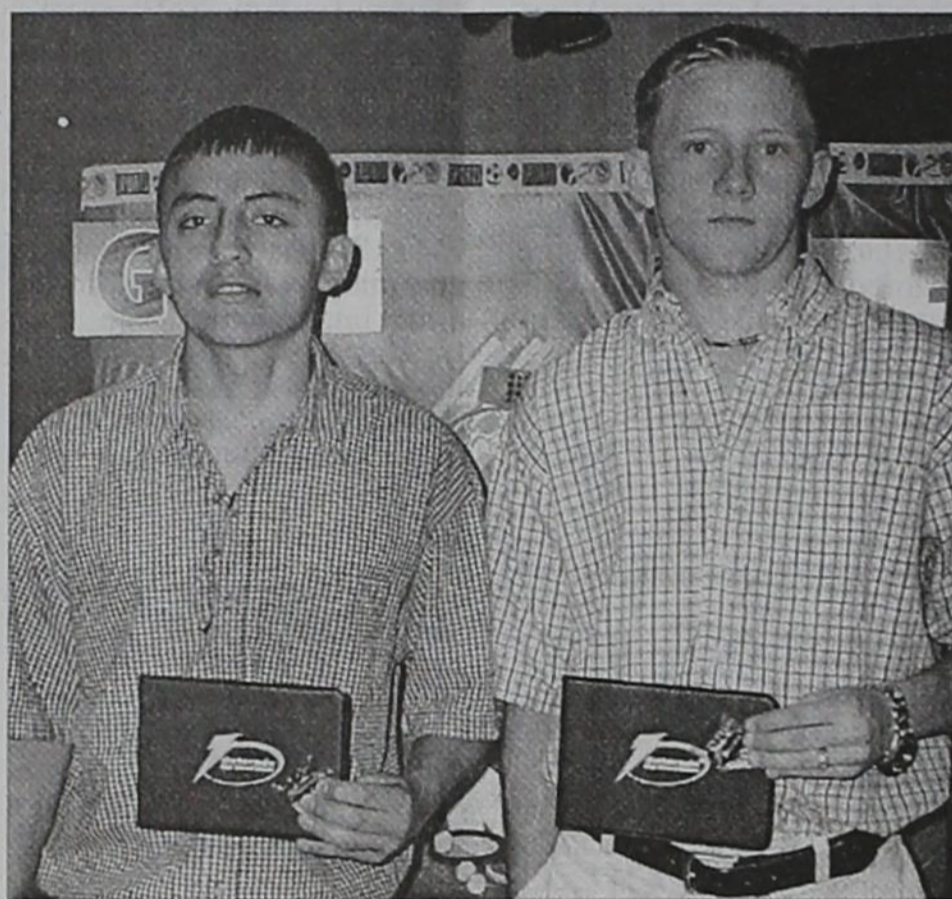
ATHLETIC KING & QUEEN — Clint Cooper and Chasity Holman. Clint also received the Dayton Graham Football Award and MVP Basketball.



DON EWING BASKETBALL AWARD — Brittany Moore.



TRACK MVP — Brittany Donaldson



TENNIS MVP'S — Lorenzo Salazar and Quinten Rose.



TENNIS MVP'S — Brittany Donaldson and Brittany Moore.

Banquet photos are by Walter Taylor.

Senior Class prophecy looks bright

While on spring break vacation at Maui, members of the Junior class were surfing the waves and came in for a break when a strange guy walked up and said we looked familiar. After chatting for awhile we discovered that the stranger was Chantry Meyer. Chantry filled us in on what he had been doing.

He had been living in the mountains in Colorado and traveling back to Matador in the summer to manage the lake he bought. We knew it as Jameson Lake, but he renamed it Trophy Bass Lake. Many people have come from all over the world to fish there. He informed us that he was still living the single life. Come to find out he kept in

touch with all his classmates. We sat in the sand while he shared all the details with us.

Chantry had recently talked to Brittany Perryman; she had taken over Martha Stewart enterprises. She renamed it Smartha's Doings. She is the co-owner of the business with her old home ec. teacher Jan Jones. She is madly in love with her husband Ty Barclay and living happily in Smittyville with their three kids.

He had been following Tim Mangram's career as a Fashion Designer. He said that Tim had gone to college and majored in fashion design, he now has his own line of clothes called BUFU. He can be seen at Paris and Milan strutting a white suit

and wearing lots of platinum. Tim is now married to Tyra Banks and raising their own modeling herd.

Thinking of Tim made Chantry remember Brittany Donaldson's modeling adventures. She had become one of the richest models in the world. She won Cover Girl of the Year in 2007. After her career started in Lubbock she moved to New York. She later married a handsome cowboy and moved to Montana. She has no children, but there will be many in her future.

Brittany Moore, who was an old friend of his, is still close to Matador. She lives in Dry Lake and is working for Caprock Telephone Communications as an operator. Her conversing on the phone in high school went to some good use. She's happily married with four children.

Living in Alabama was Chasity Holman, who became the women's world champion boxer. She has held many different titles around the world. Chasity has yet to get married but is still looking for Mr. Right.

Talking about Chasity reminded him of Sara Fuston, a good friend of hers. Sara moved to New York after marrying

Shawn Marvel. She attended business school and is now one of the most popular business managers around New York.

He remembered Cassie Campbell going to State in golf their senior year. After winning the gold medal she joined the WPGA. Her sponsor was Mary Kay, which she co-owns with Ashley Washington. Cassie married a guy named Zach and is expecting their first child.

Chantry was watching a basketball game on television one night and none other than Clint Cooper came running out. He has taken Michael Jordan's spot on the Chicago Bulls basketball team. To add to that excitement he's married to Jessica Andrews, that famous country singer. They have two children who excel in FFA just like he did. Clint and Jessica have a country house outside of Chicago.

Speaking of basketball made him think of Brenda Gillespie, a cheerleader in high school. Brenda met Daryn, a famous choreographer; they soon were married and came out with a dance video called "Brenda and Daryn's Dance Grooves." They have one child named Isaiah and they are rais-

ing him in Anaheim, California.

Going on and on about sports made him remember Bo Long. Bo blew his knee out while playing football in high school. He recovered from that and is now playing for the Dallas Cowboys as halfback. Bo married his high school sweetheart and lives on the outskirts of Dallas.

Also in the Dallas area lives T.J. Christopher. After graduating from school he and Trisha continued their courtship. Meanwhile, T.J. attended medical school and became a brain surgeon. During all of this he married Trisha and they had a

child.

Kevin Elder won the Texas Lottery and bought Billie Dean's, he renamed it "Elders." He and Crystal own a mansion outside of Matador where they reside with their daughter Chyenney.

You wouldn't believe it, but Matador is over populated because his restaurant brought in so many people.

Since we were sitting in the sun, we had caught too many rays and decided it was time to go back to the hotel. Chantry went his way and we went ours. It was nice to know that everyone had become really successful in life.

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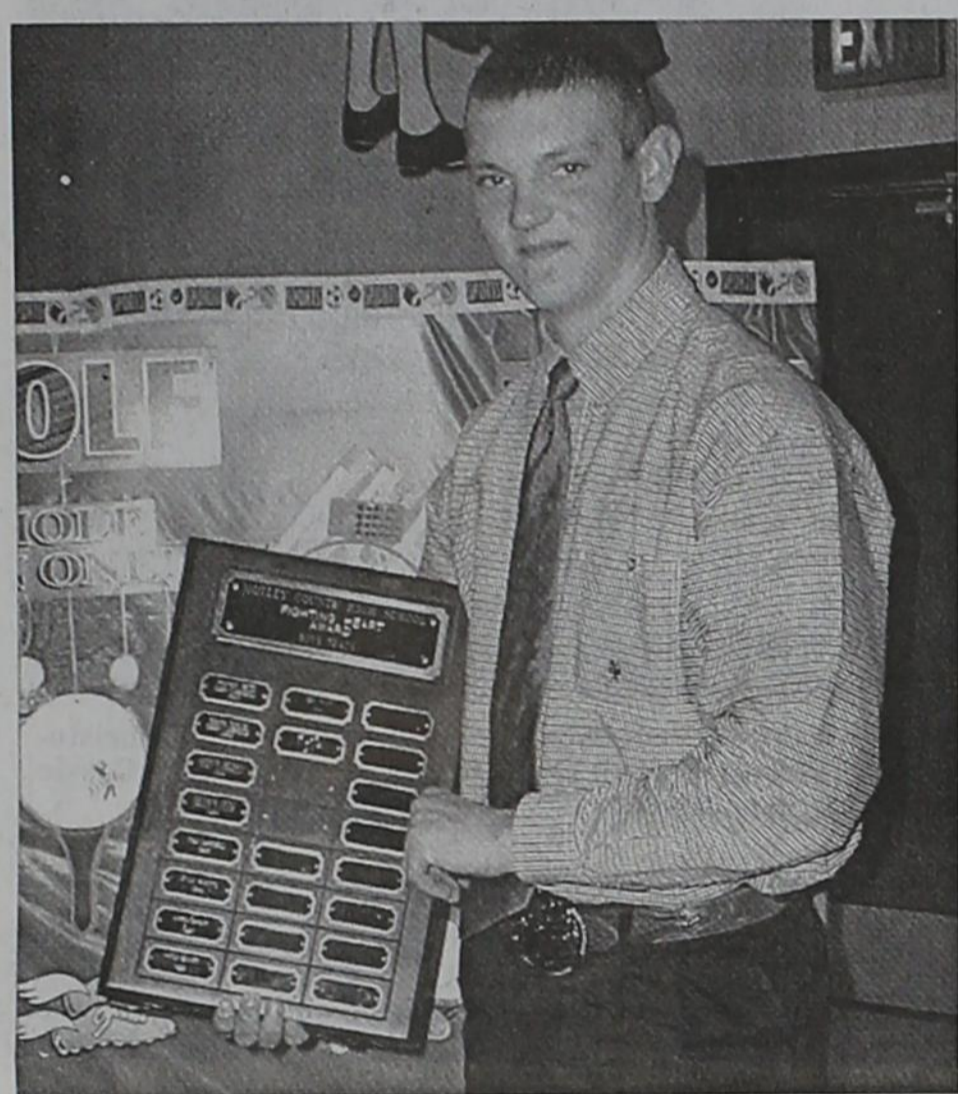
MVP POWERLIFTING — Brenda Gillespie.



MVP GOLF — Cassie Campbell



MVP GOLF AWARD — Chance Bingham, and Coach Kay Bingham.



MVP TRACK AWARD — Clint Cooper



CROSS COUNTRY MVP'S — Brittany Moore and Brenda Gillespie with Coach Loy.

Graduations

Graduations are like stepping through
A veil into another, larger room.
Behind, where we can never go again,
Are memories like a shipwreck full of gold.
Strange, the harmonies of pride and sadness,
The dawn and sunset of the new and old,
The bittersweet good-byes while looking forward
To things unseen beyond the ridge of time.

Numb with too much life we stagger through them,
Time passing in the ordinary way.
Relatives and friends all swarm around us,
Buzzing round the silence of the real.

And once the ceremonies and the parties
Are over, and the sweet days come and go,
All we've lost comes back to us as music
Of love departed, never to return

— Nicholas Gordon

Where do you hope to be
in ten years

- Bo Long - I hope to have a nice family and be really successful at what ever I'm doing.
- Brittany Perryman- I plan to be married to Smitty with about 2 or 3 kids and be well off financially.
- Sara Fuston - In ten years, I will be Mrs. Shawn Marvel, a mother of four, with one on the way. I will have finished my elementary education degree, but will still be working on becoming a psychiatrist. I will be living happily, with my gorgeous husband and angelic kids, in a cute little house.
- Brittany Moore - I plan on being married with 4 kids. And working as a nurse.
- Clint Cooper - I'll be a college graduate, living somewhere in this part of the world, making some good diners, and raising a family.
- Chasity Holman - Working in the medical field, probably married and living life to the fullest! Maybe I'll be rich too!
- Cassie Campbell - I plan to be married, have kids and be financially well off. I hope to be successful in my career and in all of my future endeavors.
- Chantry Meyer - I will be graduated from college and holding down a good job.
- Brenda Gillespie - Hopefully graduated from college with a degree. Working for a major company as a public relations director. Married, maybe with some kids and very successful.
- Tim Managram - Still alive and praising Jesus, as a master mechanic with 2 kids and a nice 4 room 2 bathroom home and be driving a 97 Ford 1 ton diesel.
- Tye Christopher - Married to Trisha, making a good living and having fun with my family.
- Kevin Elder - Living in the city running my own restaurant with Crystal and our kids. Making a great living and not having to worry about money problems.
- Brittany Donaldson - I plan to be happily married with one or two kids and teaching Pre-K or working at a day care.

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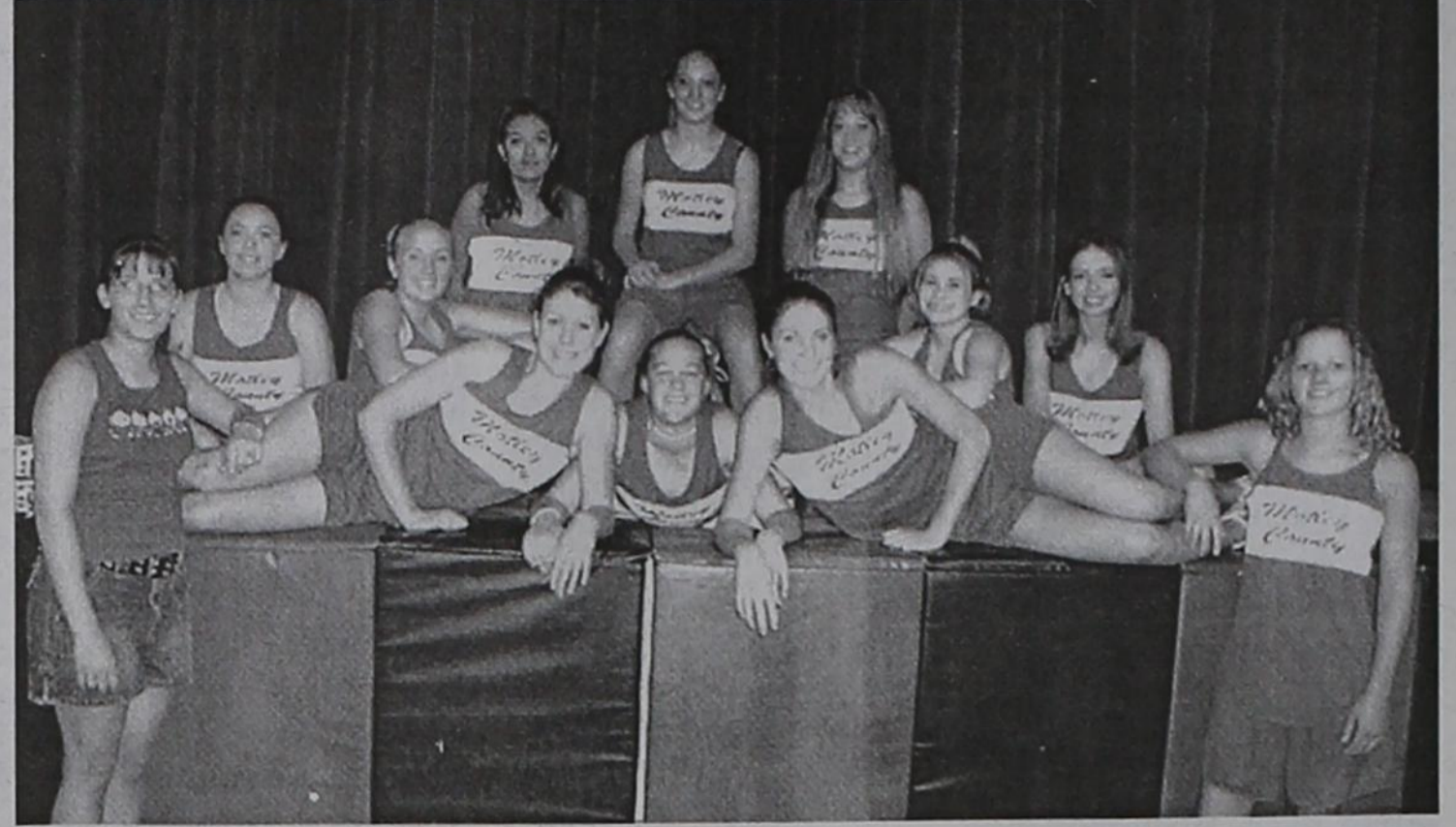
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2003 MC BOYS' TRACK TEAM — Colton Russell, Brandon Martin, Clay Cooper, Clint Cooper, Lorenzo Salazar, Kenny Johannes, Seagram Sims, Quinten Rose, Cody Cooper, Chance Bingham, pictured left to right.

Photos by Walter Taylor



2003 MC GIRLS' TRACK TEAM — Pictured left to right (back) Veronica Mendoza, Mandi Ream, Charli Ream, Stachia Baxter, Cassie Campbell, Brenda Gillespie, Sara Fuston; (front) Brittany Moore, Chasity Holman, Brittany Moore, Brittany Donaldson, Sabrina Osborn.



2003 MC TENNIS TEAM — Beginning at back, left to right, Quinten Rose, Charli Ream, Amanda Hurt, Mandi Ream, Lorenzo Salazar, Coach Elizondo; (front) Brittany Moore, Brittany Moore, Brittany Donaldson, Angie Marvel.



2003 MC GOLF TEAM — Standing left to right, Sabrina Osborn, Kenny Johannes, T.J. Christopher, Kevin Elder, Quinten Rose, Brittany Moore; (seated) Emily Hurt, Lorenzo Salazar, Cassie Campbell, Stachia Baxter, and Chance Bingham in front.

DPS wants Memorial Day drivers to do the Texas three-step

DPS is reminding drivers to remember three steps to roadway safety during the Memorial Day weekend - don't speed;

don't drink and drive, and always wear a seat belt. Following these simple steps will increase the safety of Texans, traveling during this busy holiday weekend.

"We want to encourage all drivers to take responsibility for their own safety and that of their passengers," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS.

"Remember to designate a sober driver, and make sure that everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt or buckled into the appropriate child safety seat."

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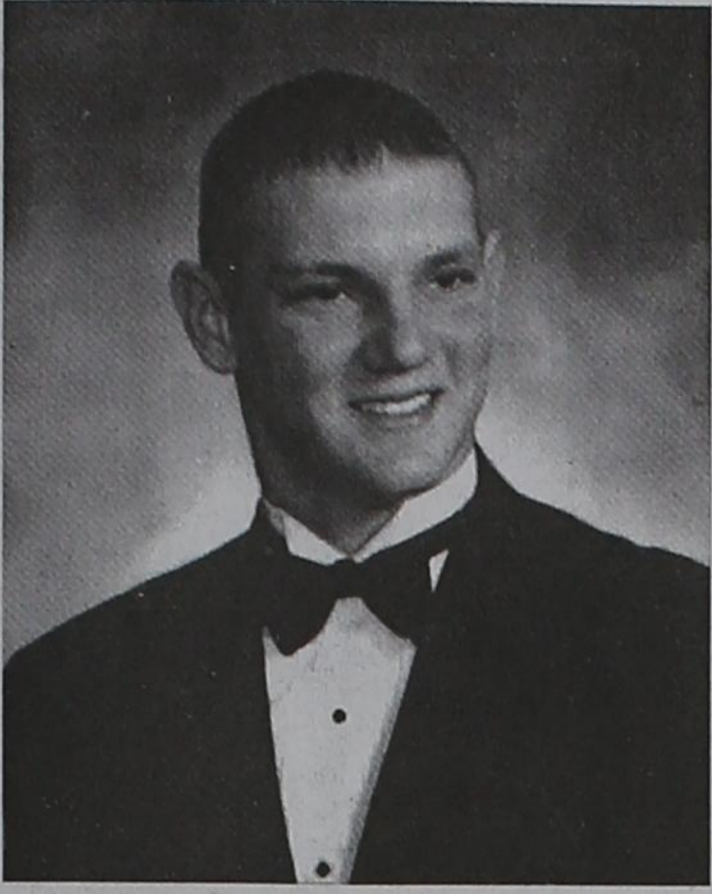
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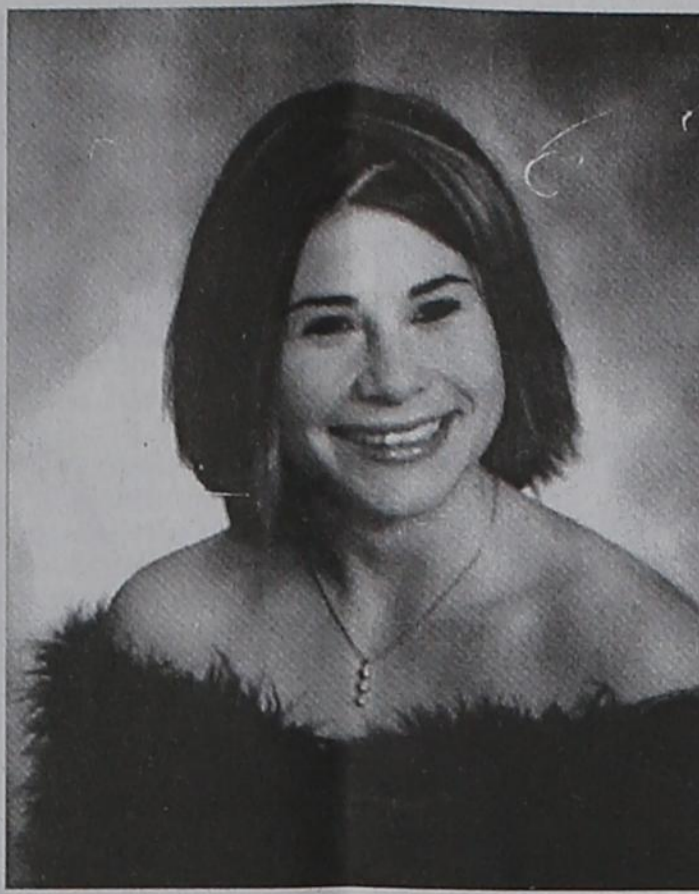
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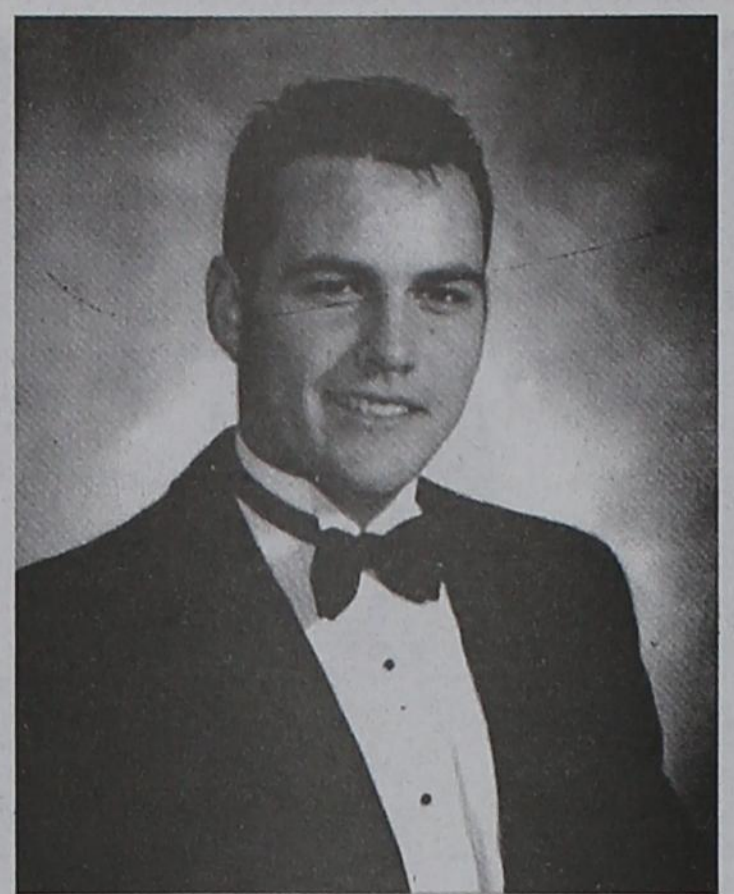
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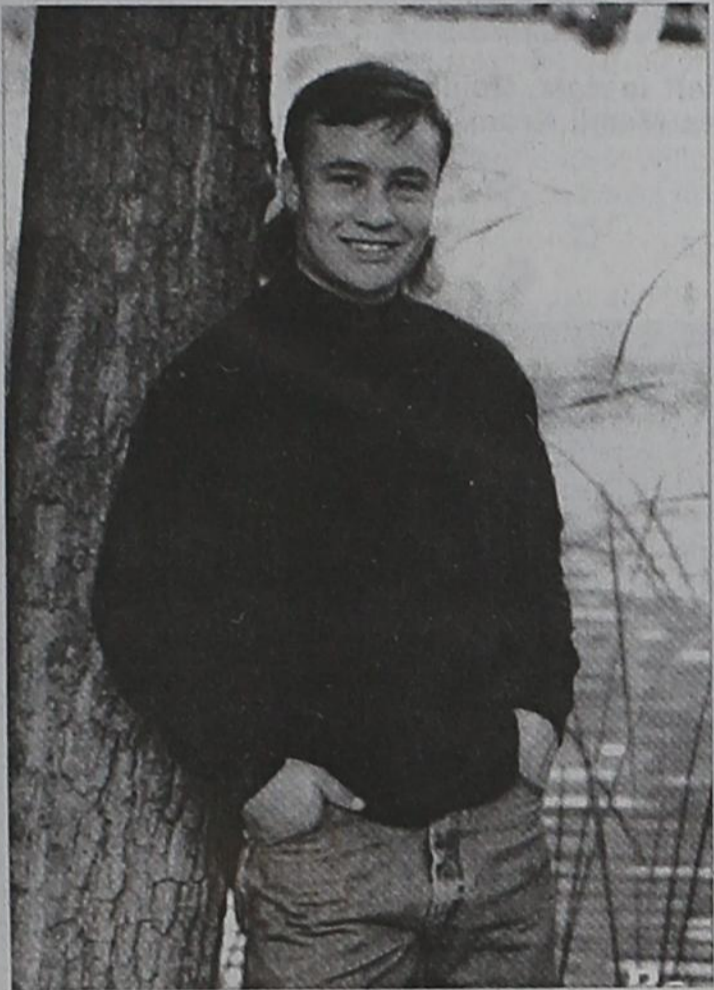
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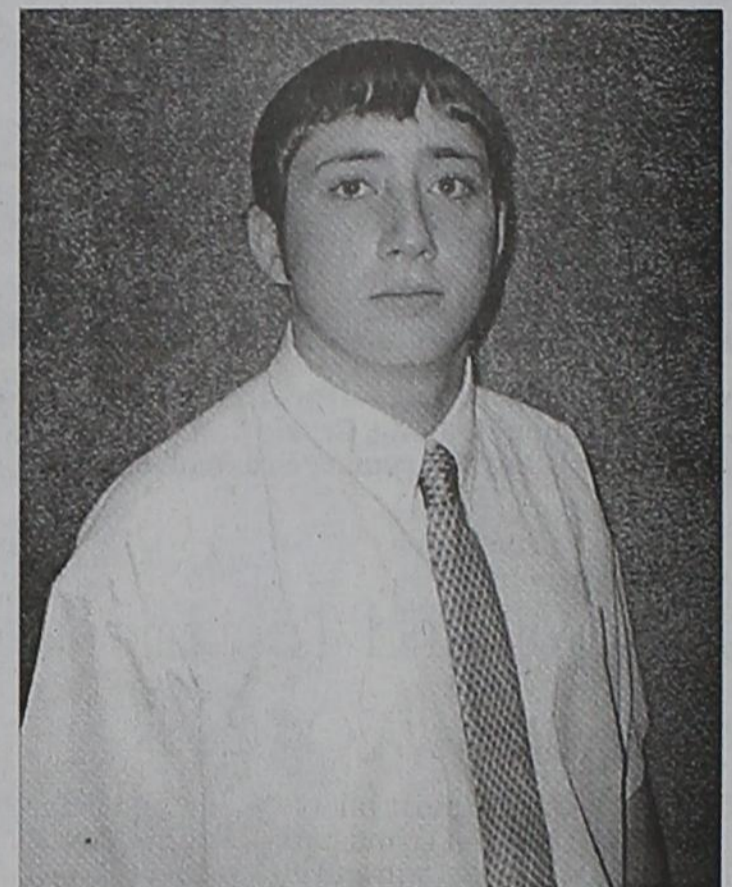
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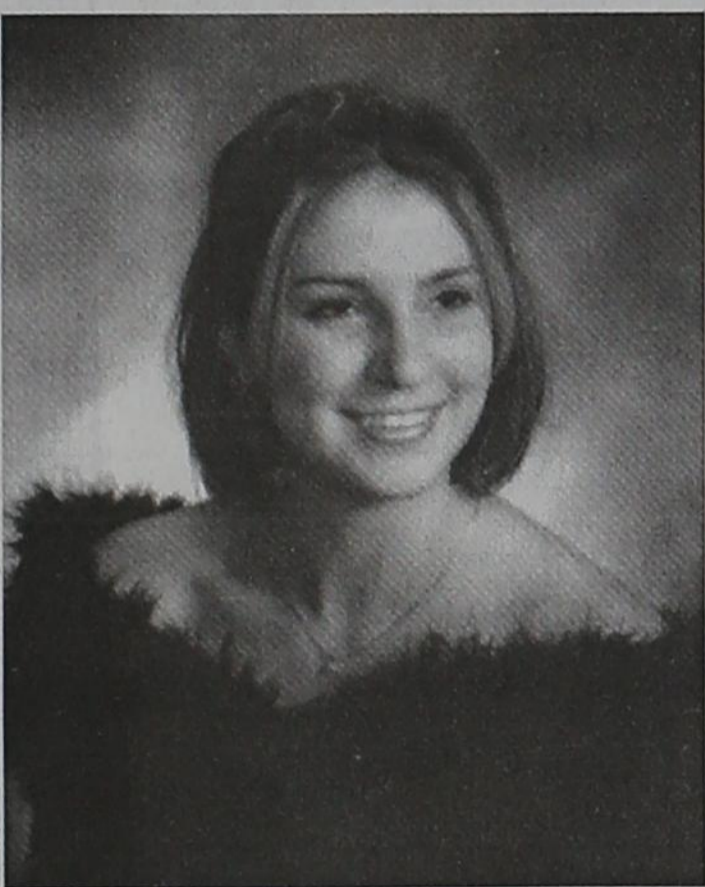
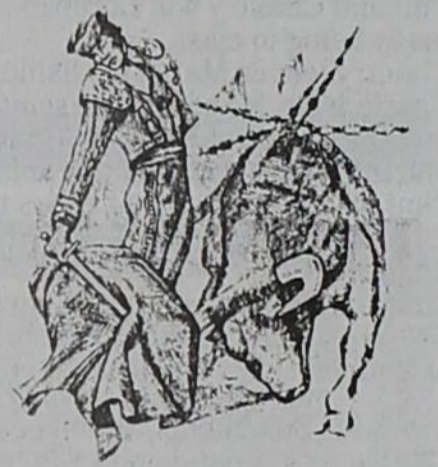
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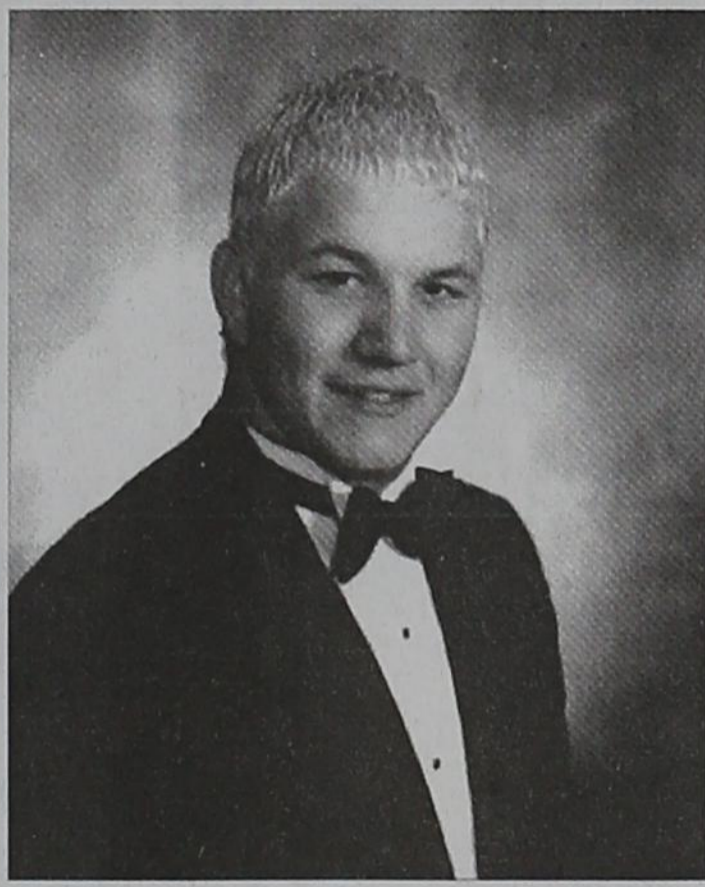
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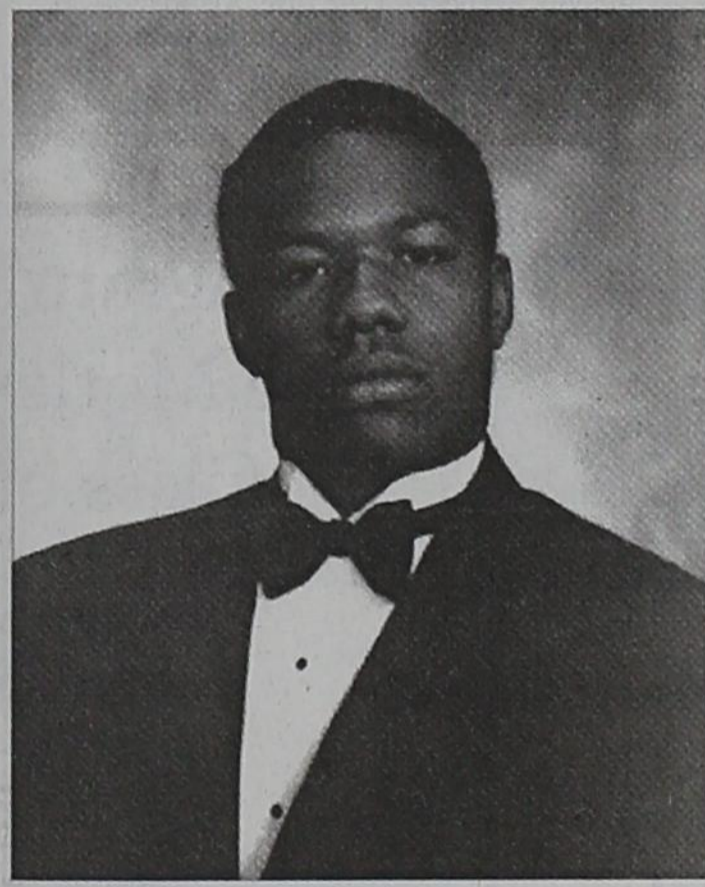
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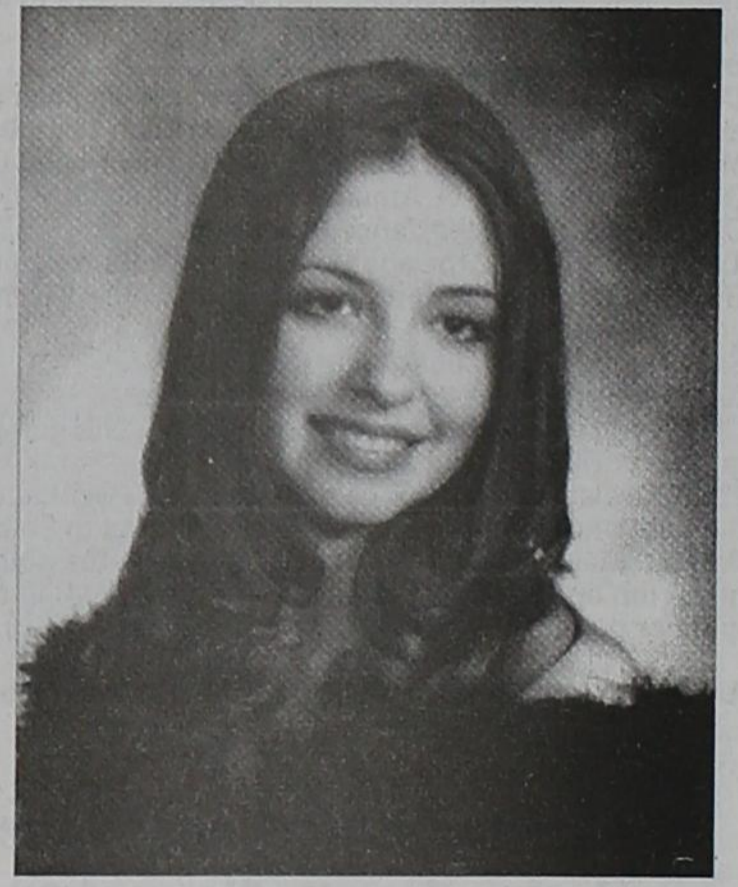
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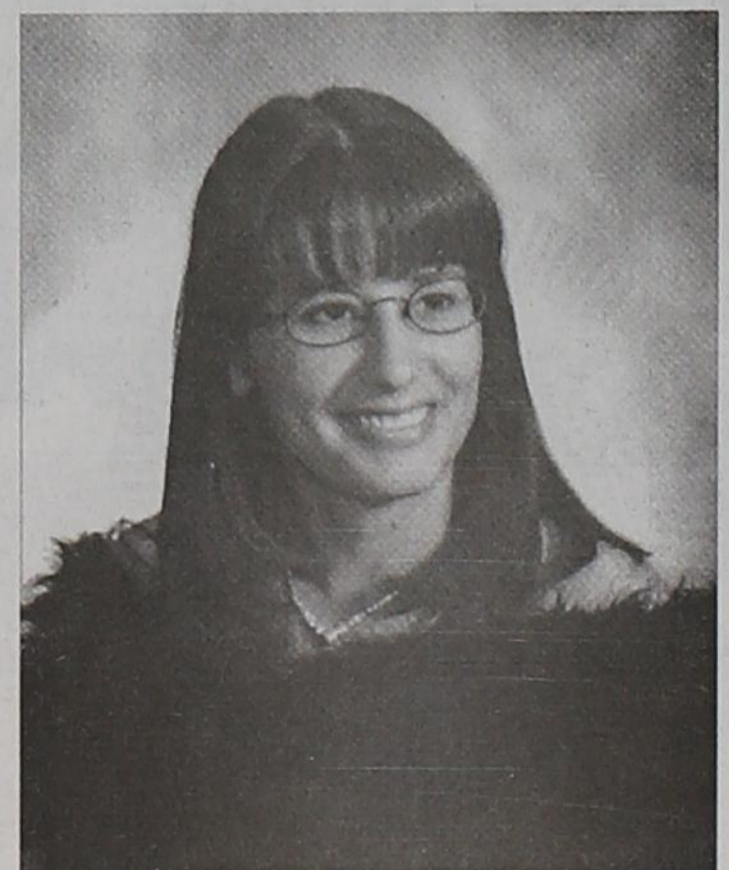
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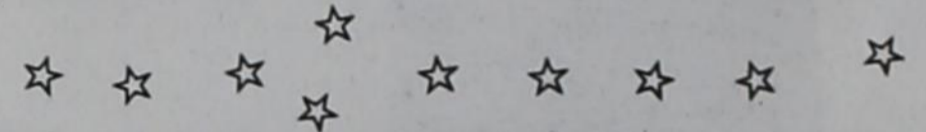


2003 SENIORS AT THE PROM — Pictured left to right, Clint Cooper, Tim Mangram, Chantry Meyer, T.J. Christopher, Bo Long, Cassie Campbell; (seated) Sara Fuston, Brittany Moore, Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Perryman, Brenda Gillespie, Chasity Holman.

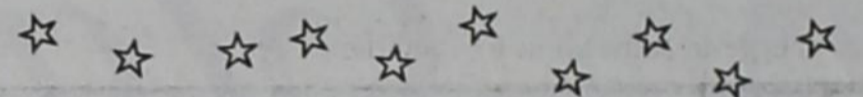


JUNIORS AT THE PROM — Standing left to right, Quinten Rose, Charli Ream, Shea Rose; (seated) Brandon Martin, Stachia Baxter, Mandi Ream, Angie Marvel, Amanda Hurt, Sylvia Martinez, and Susana Mendoza.

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2003 PROM KING & QUEEN — Tim Mangram and Brittany Moore.



Last Will And Testament
Seniors, 2003

The very capable, most talented, and highly intelligent Senior Class of 2003, being of sound mind, healthy body, and good spirit, do hereby offer this last will and testament.

Sara wills Angie her hill country accent.
Brittany D. leaves Charli her bloomers (not youth - sized).
Clint and Tim will their ability to roam the halls to Quinten and Lencho.
Brittany D. leaves Emily her crown.
Kevin leaves Brandon the ability to hit harder in football.
Chasity wills Stachia her most awesome post moves and perfect dribbling skills.
Brenda leaves Susana her "Cadi" and hopes it runs.
Tim and Chantry will Lorenzo the ability to go to class without actually being in class.
Chantry leaves Mandi his fishing abilities.
Cassie wills Mandi her gaseous abilities. She leaves the last six months supply of Beano to Charli.
Martha leaves Amanda her ability to work on pages calmly.
Clint wills his big size 14 shoes to Brandon Martin.
T.J. and Chantry leave the word "Can-ooch" to Chance, Kenny, and Colton.
Cassie wills Shea all the fun memories of the "Ralphmobile".
Brittany D. and Brittany Moore leave Stachia the ability to stay out of trouble.

Tim wills Susana his "unshyness".
Clint leaves Amanda and Emily his boat.
Sara wills Mandi her crazy facial expressions and fabulous story telling abilities.
Brenda, Chasity, Brittany D. and Cassie leave their awesome basket tosses, excellent dances, and perfect cheers to all the upcoming cheerleaders. They'll need it.
Bo wills his sleeping ability to Sylvia.
Chantry leaves Emily a Real Man's truck, as soon as he gets an extra one. Maybe she can drive it faster than 10 mph.
Martha wills Emily her ability to leave to door open for her.
Brittany Moore leaves Amanda her tennis skills.
Clint wills his pant leg dance to Charles.
T.J. leaves Chance the ability to leave school and not get caught.
Brittany Moore wills Mandi the ability to watch "Gremlins" and not get scared.
Sara leaves Lil Brit her acting talents.
Kevin wills Levi his 48 absences per semester.
Chantry leaves Quinten his Tiger Woods style golf game and his golf cart driving abilities.
Cassie wills her ability to go to state in UIL writing to Shea. She's the only who practices and might actually get to State.
We, the Class of 2003, will the Class of 2004 the ability to have as much fun and to enjoy themselves to the fullest, in the most legal manner possible.

And, Hey --- It's been real; its been fun; but it ain't been real fun!

**Congratulations to the
Motley County Class of 2003!**

**Good Luck in the Future
CLASS OF 2003!**



Billie Dean's
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School Board
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It was discussed that the Pre-K program may be in trouble, depending upon funding from our legislation. This is to be discussed more at a later time.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved with changes made. Expenditures were reviewed.

Dianne Washington informed the board of the Annual Dropout Report she had prepared and submitted to TEA. Board approved her work.

First State Bank was approved for a Bank depository for 2003-2005.

Two transfer students were approved to attend Motley County ISD.

It was decided to extend bids of the Roaring Springs property until the next meeting.

Queen Contestants
from page 1

Last year's spirited and hotly contested fund-raiser for the Old Settlers celebration earned Tana Bateman of Dickens the title. Also doing an outstanding job in sales and promotion of the annual event were Holley Hurt of Guthrie and Shane'a Russell of Matador. The proceeds help defray the ex-

June 9. At the time of this meeting, no bids were submitted.

Board approved the dress code, with a few changes noted.

The Title I contract with Region 17 Service Center was approved.

New elected board member, J.D. Russell, resigned from the School Board due to a family conflict with the school. It was noted that he was not aware of the conflict until the deadline had passed to withdraw from the race for the board. The board discussed an appointee to serve a one-year term to end at the next scheduled election. The following names were mentioned in no particular order: Gary Lancaster, James Gillespie, David Stafford and Marisue Potts. Consensus was made to offer David Stafford the position on the board. It was also the consensus to hold a called meeting Monday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m., to administer the oath to the new board member. The board will discuss and hire a new principal at this meeting.

pense of putting on the traditional celebration and reunion of county residents.

Those enterprising entrepreneurs interested in participating should contact as soon as possible the following: President Wayne Smith at 623-5326, Vice President Russell Alexander at 348-7987, or Secretary Marisue Potts at 806-787-0592.

**Congratulations to
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

HOUSE OF FAITH MEETING

There were about 25 children on Wednesday evening to attend the House of Faith meeting. Mrs. Monta Marshall had charge of presenting the Bible Story and used the theme of Faith.

Adults helping were Mrs. Jo Trammell, Mrs. Joyce Meredith, Corky Marshall, Alex Crowder and Lula Swim.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Austin visited here over the Easter weekend with family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Locke of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Wright of Plano visited their mother, Mrs. Robena King over the weekend. The group traveled to Lubbock to attend

graduation ceremonies at Texas Tech for the Wright's son.

PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS

Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was hostess to the Predicta Study Club when it met on Thursday night, May 15. She gave the devotional, "Cultivating a Friend."

Officers were elected with all officers being re-elected to their current positions. Mrs. Nona Long was elected Vice President to fill the seat of Mrs. Odessa Mullins.

Those enjoying the meeting and a salad supper, in addition to those mentioned, were Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Jeff Thacker and Miss Lula Swim.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

VOLUNTEERS

Let's get with it! I don't know how to process words into an application on this computer, but I feel compelled to write often and have long neglected that love. The funniest thing is that the only thing I have no trouble doing is sleeping well at night, but when I want to take a nap in the day time, I'm wide awake as an owl. My personal news is that I finally went for a check-up; there is nothing wrong with me. How about that!!

I was notified to get a prescription filled. The co-pay was five times as much as on my one other prescription and there were no instructions except that I should take one two times a day - with food - and use caution with machinery. I already didn't drive my car. Son Pat will be pleased. My sister - in - law Eva said my brother Claud, who is in a nursing home in Quannah has the same drug, so she will send me instructions. Son James Truman Groves has moved from Arcadia, CA to Mesa, AZ but doesn't have a telephone yet, and in about 70 years has written only one letter to me, so he probably will have to have a new address.

MEMORIALS

Friends still love stories of the pioneers we knew. Remember that I was born the same year Roaring Springs was born, and Carl and Shirley Barton's house and the former Nichols home, now belonging to the Martinez family, just next north of them, are two years older (the house) than the TRAVELERS INN and the Depot. Since I have trouble recovering from several "bumps in my road", I've neglected to pay tribute to several much-loved pioneer friends.

Trail Dust by Douglas Meador

THE WISDOM OF SILENCE

While possessing a comparatively active imagination, I have never been able to make the story of my wild oat crop sound very convincing or interesting. Anyway I have observed that the more worldly a man is, the less he says about himself and I have about decided to bury my past in silence. A man may be stupid but as long as he remains silent he does not have to share the secret with anyone.

Congratulations



We know you've got what it takes to make the future bright. Best of luck!

THE WORLD IS IN YOUR HANDS

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Matador, Texas

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers hosted a Mother's Day luncheon in Quitaque for their mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and husband Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited last weekend in Fritch with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were guests Mother's Day in Borger of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper.

Visiting Mother's Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Schon and Brian of Ropesville. Joining them for a Mother's Day luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay met son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger in Amarillo, Sunday and celebrated Mother's Day.

A Mother's Day luncheon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick was enjoyed by her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Keane Cruse of Turkey and Leah Cruse of Lubbock.

Visiting Mother's Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were children, Cara Franks of Canyon and Cary Franks of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee celebrated Mother's Day in Lubbock.

Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

One hundred years ago this month, one of America's favorite performers made his entrance into a world that would forever be changed by his presence. Legendary comedian Bob Hope turns 100 years old on May 30, 2003. Known for his stand up routines, self-deprecating humor and commitment to U.S. service members, Hope's long and successful life is one to celebrate and honor on Memorial Day.

Lance Jameson of Vernon visited Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet"

L. E. SHORTER HONORED WITH U.S. ARMY PLAQUE IN MUSEUM

L. E. Shorter who served in the armed services in World War II was surprised Sunday when viewing his name and picture on a plaque honoring veterans of the World War II Pacific War at the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg. This was a belated Christmas gift presented in his honor by his family.

His son Clois and wife, Kathy accompanied him and wife, Alma Shorter to Fredericksburg, Friday. Joining them there for the celebration was his daughter, Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Montgomery, son and family, Louis and Beverly Shorter and Megan of Mansfield, grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rhodes, Kristen and Katherine of San Antonio. They returned to their respective homes, Sunday.

ATTENED GRADUATION

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey attended the graduation ceremony of their granddaughter, Christina Reid of Amarillo, held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She earned her degree in Restaurant, Hotel Institutional Management.

Preceding the graduation her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo, hosted a reception at the Residence Inn in Lubbock. Among those attending the events and returning home with Mr. and Mrs. Starkey to visit Saturday night and Sunday were Christina, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Reid of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, James Browder and Valerie Williams of Amarillo and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Jameson. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jameson of Matador accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jameson to Goree, Sunday to attend the funeral services of their uncle, Les Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited from Friday until Monday in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher.

Mrs. Evelyn Garrison of Matador and Mrs. Earlyne Jameson visited Thursday afternoon in Matador with Mrs. Mary Meason and her houseguests niece and husband, Jeanne and Dean Straub of Nordland, Washington.

held in Goree, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jameson, Jeremy Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jameson and Justin, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Jameson.

Keep your shopping dollars at home!

Obituaries

Melba Jo Beeson

Graveside services for Melba Jo Beeson, 82, of Kress were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at the Kress Cemetery. Her son-in-law, Jim Sharp officiated. She died Sunday, May 11.

She was born December 23, 1920, in Flomot. Her parents were the late Casey and Mollie Jones of Motley County. She graduated from Flomot High School in 1939. She married Jehu Beeson, May, 1940, in

Hollis, Oklahoma. He died November 11, 1990.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Scarlett Sharp of Colorado and brother, Ralph "Bill" Jones of Matador.

She is survived by a son, Gary of Tulsa; two daughters, Barbara Green of Idalou and Cilla Landers of Bay City; a sister, Joyce Bynum of Abilene; 9 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Thomas Leslie Jameson

Funeral services for Thomas Leslie Jameson, 89, of Goree were held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 18 at the First Baptist Church in Goree. The Rev. Royce Denton officiated.

Burial was in the Goree Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas. He died May 15, 2003, at the Seymour Hospital.

Les was born August 19, 1913, in Motley County and was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lee Jameson, pioneers of Motley County. He attended Whiteflat Schools.

He moved to Goree in 1935 and was very active in the community, church and civic activities. He was a former Mayor of Goree and a member of the United Methodist

Church. He was involved in farming, plumbing, hardware, well drilling and mechanic operations.

He married Billie Goode Pilgrim May 5, 1956. She preceded him in death September, 1987. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Yarbrough.

Survivors include a daughter, Rebecca Litteral and husband, John of Bakersfield, California; step daughter, Madelyn Honia of San Antonio; two sisters, Oma Mae Merriman of Brownwood and Ruth Jameson of Kerrville; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Franklin Jameson, Travis Jameson, Clay Jameson, Jarret Jameson, Kent Trainham and Ricky Redder.

Nathan Coy Morris

Graveside services were held for Nathan Coy Morris, 78, of Crosbyton, formerly of Afton, at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, in Afton Cemetery with the Reverends Harold Abney and C.L. Atkinson officiating. Services were under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton. Mr. Morris passed away Sunday morning, May 18, at his Crosbyton home.

He was born in Cottle County to Nathan S. Morris and Ossie Morris on April 16, 1925. He graduated from Paducah High School and attended Texas A&M and Texas Tech. He was a veteran of World War II, a B-24 pilot. He married Vivian Holt on January 30, 1945. He farmed at Paducah before moving to Afton in 1953 where he continued to farm and ranch until illness caused him to move into Crosbyton in September, 2002.

He was active in both Cottle and Dickens Counties, serving on ag

committees and Co-op boards. He owned and operated an aerial agriculture spraying business. He served 37 years on the Federal Land Bank Board of Spur that evolved into First Ag Credit of Lubbock. He was also a long time member of Afton Baptist Church.

Mr. Morris is survived by his wife of 58 years, Vivian Morris of Crosbyton; two sons, Dr. Don S. Morris, DVM and his wife Judy of Wichita Falls, and James M. Morris, an attorney, and his wife Alice of Sherman; a daughter, Marian M. Farr, a recently retired County Extension Agent-FCS and her husband Raymond of Midland; a sister Martha Alma "Dink" Thompson of Lubbock; seven grandchildren, Misti, Kim, Jennifer, Erica, Seth, Delise and Bailey, and a great-grandson, Sean Cole.

Contributions may be made to the Ralph Marshall Scholarship Fund of Patton Springs School.

Leroy Lipham

Aspermont - Leroy Lipham, 65, of Aspermont went home to glory Wednesday, May 7, 2003, in Denver, Colo. Funeral services were held Monday, May 12 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Aspermont under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

He was born December 11, 1937, in Whiteflat and grew up in Matador. He married Beverly Sue, on February 16, 1955. He remarried his child bride in a vow renewal Feb. 16, 2003. He along with his wife moved to Aspermont and started Lipham Construction company, Inc., in 1965.

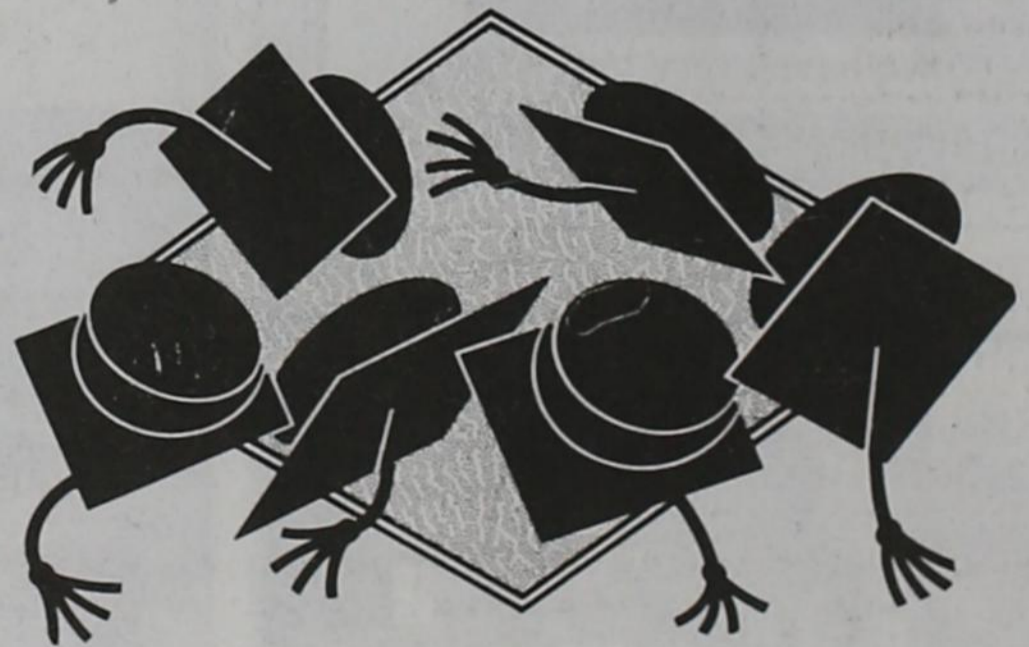
Leroy loved many people and was dearly loved by many. He touched many lives and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was honored to be ordained as a deacon on April 27, 2003. He served on the board of the Cross Country Emmaus Community. He was honored to be chosen as Lay Director of Cross Country Walk #102.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; son and daughter-in-law, Johnny

(Skip) and Terri Lipham and grandchildren John Christopher of Lubbock and Lindsey of Aspermont; daughter, Deabra and granddaughter Candace Gallagher, daughter and son-in-law Ronda and Lee Ward and grandchildren Trevor and Trinity Ward, all of Aspermont; brothers and sisters-in-law, Julian and Joyce Lipham of Corsicana, Norman and Jordene Lipham of Abernathy, Doyle and Dovie Lipham of Weatherford; sister Nelda Wagoner of Ozona; sisters and brothers-in-law, Wanda and Irvin Willard of Uvalde, Ida and Roy Ewing of Pasadena, Juaneice and Ed Poe of Florence, Ala., Bill and Jeannene Foster of Carrollton; and Judy and Charlie Trussel of Grand Saline, Texas; sister-in-law, Phillips Sunday of Aspermont; brother-in-law, John Bowen of Aspermont; and many loving nieces and nephews

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Family Life Center of Aspermont, Cross Country Emmaus Community, Ben Richey's Boys Ranch, or your favorite charity.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

NRCS announces EQIP financial assistance available

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced today that financial assistance will be available in Texas to conserve natural resources and address environmental concerns on private lands. These funds are part of conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill authorized by the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Eligible farmers and ranchers may apply for these funds as cost-share assistance.

In making the announcement Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, said, "Each county will be provided a base allocation. Local Work Groups (LWGs) have established resource concerns, eligible conservation treatment practices, and developed the ranking criteria and screening processes. This is the government at its best where local landowners and operators establish local conservation priorities at the grassroots level."

In Texas, NRCS works with

261 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to address local natural resource issues. James Timmons, Chairman of the Upper Press SWCD, said he was pleased with the input they have reached in developing the local conservation needs criteria for Motley County. "The process for the 2003 EQIP Program gave local people the opportunity to have input in identifying conservation practices most beneficial to producers and the community. The process did an excellent job of involving local people in identifying the most crucial natural resource concerns in this county."

Applications for the 2003 EQIP program in Texas will be accepted through June 13, 2002. For more information about the 2003 EQIP program, contact the local SWCD district office or NRCS field office. NRCS recommends that you call for an appointment. The phone number is 347-2263 extension 3.



HIGH PLAINS PLANTING PROGRESS SHOW; PRODUCERS LOOK FOR PLANTING RAINS TO ARRIVE

It's still premature to say how the 2003 High Plains cotton crop will fair since a large part of the area has yet to be planted.

What is becoming clearer everyday, however, is that in order for producers to take advantage of a relatively decent sub-soil moisture situation Mother Nature is going to have to come through with a decent starter.

With little to no rainfall activity occurring over the May 14-16 time frame it is back to a wait and see approach for High Plains producers.

Weather forecasts for May 14-16 indicated the best chance in quite some time for rain to fall over an extended area of the High Plains. With nothing of consequence materializing producers will continue to wait for something good to happen.

Time is still on the growers side, but another week or two without significant rainfall and the situation will take on a considerably darker complexion.

A current estimate of planted acre indicates that probably not more than 700,000 acres, of an expected 3.5 million plus acres to be devoted to cotton, have yet been planted. Dryland acres as a whole remain basically unplanted, while the majority of the progress to date has been irrigated acreage.

One interesting situation impacting some producers who have installed drip irrigation systems is an inability to get enough moisture to the top of the planting bed. Dry weather and the force of gravity are causing considerable consternation for those growers who did not retain any alternative irrigation options when making the conversion to drip irrigation systems.

Senate passes legislation to assist groundwater district

Austin -- Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, passed legislation through the Texas Senate last Thursday that clarifies the process of groundwater permit applications and rule-making.

Senate Bill 738 prescribes a notice and hearing process for groundwater conservation districts, and it allows a district to use alternative dispute resolution procedures instead of going straight to court for permit challenges.

Currently, Chapter 36 of the Water Code does not adequately outline the notice and hearing procedure that groundwater conservation districts must fol-

low. There are more than 30 groundwater districts in Texas, and each has its own interpretation of the notice and hearing process.

"Having a process set in law for groundwater permit application and rule-making is critical toward streamlining the application process for both the landowners who want to drill water wells and the groundwater conservation districts that govern those activities," Duncan said. "The current lack of procedure can make the application and rule-making process a difficult and frustrating exercise that the Legislature should rectify."

Commissioners meeting

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Judge Smith reported that he had received a resolution from The Texas Association of Counties. The Association is requesting the Legislature to solve the State budget problems, and requesting Counties to join in the request. Commissioners voted to join in the request.

County Agent Lonnie Jenschke met with the court to inform them the county share of the computer and printer for his office will be \$450.00. This will be divided between each precinct. Mr. Jenschke also informed the court that the Jr. Rodeo Association will be selling 250 tickets at \$50 each for a chance to win a Reyes trailer.

Game Warden Ted Davey met with the court to request help with costs to apply for a grant to remodel the jail. The

top floor would be kept original and be a tourist attraction. The ground floor would be remodeled to house law enforcement office space. Mr. Davey informed the court the county has \$3,200 left from the Courthouse Grant money it applied for. The county has to submit a plan drawn up by an architect to apply. The cost will be \$3,400. Commissioners voted to let Mr. Davey have the remaining money left from the grant and to approve the additional \$200.

Commissioner Donnie Turner informed the court he had a request from several Precinct 2 residents about hiring county equipment to bury old abandoned houses that they want to burn. The request was approved.

Douglas Campbell with TxDOT met with the Court and informed them this would be a good time to request road millings. The court also requested road reflectors in several locations.

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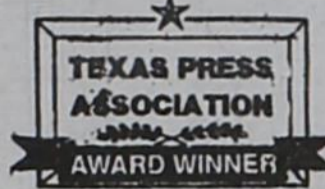
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MOTLEY COUNTY ISD is accepting sealed bids on property located at 1008 3rd St., Roaring Springs, TX 79256. The property includes lots 5-12 in Block 49. The lots are 25' W & 140' D with a small house that has a new installed metal roof. The property and house is being placed for bids as they are. The district assumes no improvements being made to the house or lots. The person being awarded the bid will be responsible for their own financing of the so called property and must pay the school in full for the property before a deed will be released. Bids must be sealed and into the administration office by 4:00 p.m., June 9, 2003. All bids will be opened at the regular board meeting on June 9, at 7:30 p.m. The Motley County ISD reserves the right to refuse or accept any or all bids.

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