

Congratulations Graduates!



MOTLEY COUNTY CLASS OF 2004 — Seniors enjoyed a trip to Mott Creek Ranch for a group picture. Pictured left to right, beginning at back, are Mandi Ream, Quinten Rose, Sylvia Martinez, Brandon Martin, Stachia Baxter, Susana Mendoza and Sam Stapleton; (front) Lorenzo Salazar, Charli Ream, Amanda Hurt, Angie Marvel and Shea Rose.

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Susana Mendoza
VALEDICTORIAN



Stachia Baxter
SALUTATORIAN



Leatrice Guitierrez
8TH GRADE
VALEDICTORIAN



Mylissa Gilmore
8TH GRADE
SALUTATORIAN

Commissioners meet Treasurer's demands *Sheriff required to pay county almost \$1,500*

Motley County Commissioners Court met for a special called session open meeting Friday, May 21. County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, Russell Alexander, Precinct 4, County Clerk Kate Hurt, Sheriff Jim Meador, and several concerned Motley County citizens attended the meeting.

Judge Smith called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. He then presented a detailed account of the events regarding the lawsuit filed against Motley County Commissioners Court by County Treasurer Eva Barkley. The suit, *Eva Barkley, Motley County Treasurer vs. Motley County Commissioners Court*, cause #2336, was filed in District Court May 18, 2004.

Commissioners approved Tom Hamilton as legal counsel for the County.

The Commissioners discussed at length the details of the lawsuit, with questions pre-

sented by the citizens present. Mr. Hamilton explained the different courses the county could take to fight the suit or come to an agreement with the opposing side. Counsel advised the court to stop any further expenses incurred by Mrs. Barkley's lawyer, which is an expense against the taxpayers, and to accept the agreement as follows:

1. That the Motley County Sheriff's salary for the 2003-2004 fiscal year shall be as it was for the fiscal year 2002-2003, \$21,440.00. The Sheriff will pay reimbursement to the county in the amount of \$1,493.31 for the overpayment made by the county.

2. That the Motley County Commissioners Court shall pay all Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$2,000.00.

3. That the Motley County Commissioners Court shall pay all cost of court in the amount of \$233.00.

On the advise of Mr. Hamilton, Commissioners voted to accept this order.

Court was recessed until Monday, May 24, while legal papers were being drawn up.

Commissioners met in called session Monday to finalize the suit. Several concerned citizens were present. The \$2,233.00 that the County owes

the Plaintiff's Attorney will be paid out of the Court Appointed Attorney Budget Line Item Account.

Sheriff Meador paid, by personal check, the amount of \$1,493.31 to meet the demand of Mrs. Barkley's claim he had been overpaid for seven months.

Motley County will host two Memorial Day services

Memorial Day is Monday, May 31. Motley County will host two special ceremonies.

The first ceremony will be held in Matador at the Senior Citizens Center beginning at 7:00 a.m. Anyone who would like to participate should meet at the Center. From there groups will disperse to the various cemeteries to place flags on the graves of veterans.

Breakfast will be served at the Center and a brief special ceremony honoring World War II veterans from Motley County will be held.

Additionally, Motley County teacher, Shelley Cox, will show excerpts from videos of inter-

views of local veterans. Local students conducted the interviews for their Veterans History Project in conjunction with students earning advanced placement credits.

A second tribute will be held at the Frank N. Mitchell in downtown Roaring Springs at 11:00 a.m. Jimmy Watson will present a brief talk.

With the war continuing in Iraq, this Memorial Day is especially important. Already hundreds of young soldiers have lost their lives.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these special services.

Motley County Honor Students named *Graduation ceremonies to be held Friday and Saturday*

Honor students for Motley County ISD were announced this week. Susana Mendoza, with a GPA of 95.82 is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2004, while Stachia Baxter with a GPA of 92.41 is Salutatorian.

Leatrice Guitierrez, with a GPA of 92.40 is the Valedictorian of the 8th grade graduating class, while Mylissa Gilmore, with a GPA of 91.62 is the Salutatorian.

Eighth grade graduation ceremonies will be held Friday night at 7:00 at the high school gym. Twelve students will receive their Jr. High diplomas. In

addition to Leatrice and Mylissa, class members are Isaiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, William Dodson, Jacob Johannes, Malcomb O'Daniel, Stacy Perryman, Christina Smith, Karris Valdez and Adrian Wiltshire.

High School graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. In addition to Susana and Stachia, class roll includes Amanda Hurt, Shea Rose, Mandi Ream, Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Brandon Martin, Lorenzo Salazar, Quinten Rose, Sam Stapleton and Sylvia Martinez.

The All-Night Party for high school students will be held Saturday night after graduation. The party, sponsored by the Motley County Booster Club, will begin at 10:30 p.m. and will be held in the multi-purpose room, the gym, cafeteria and other various rooms in the school. Check in time is from 10:30 until 11:00 p.m. Every student planning to attend must be registered no later than 11:00 when the doors will be locked.

Each high school student is allowed to bring one guest of high school age.

Activities will include lots of

good food, games, movies, dancing, and the highly anticipated Casino.

Donations are being accepted and very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Brenda Osborn at 347-2401.

MOVING-UP CEREMONIES

The annual Moving-Up ceremonies will be held Thursday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. This event, which is very important to students, actually allows students

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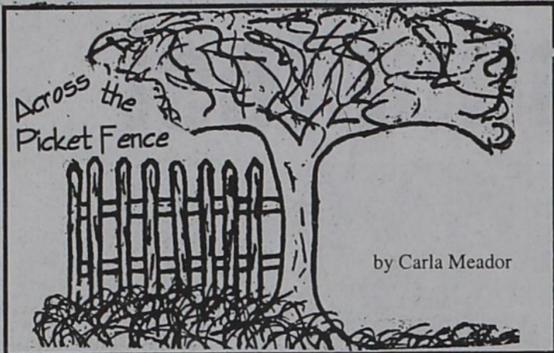
Old Settlers Association seeks Queen Candidates

The call for queen candidates is out for the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion and Ranch Rodeo to be held August 24, 25, and 26. Any young lady who lives in either county or whose parents own land in either county is eligible to enter the contest to promote the celebration in Roaring Springs. The candidates will be selling \$1 tickets on a pair of

hand-crafted spurs by Jim Bo Humphreys for prizes and awards.

The new queen will be crowned during Saturday night's ranch rodeo by reigning queen, Laura West of Dickens. The winner not only receives bragging rights and the title of

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Some unbelievable events occurred last week. As I stated in last week's column, there are, sadly, some people in Motley County who work to hurt others; to discredit them, their job and their livelihood.

Maybe as the wife of Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, I shouldn't be saying anything. Maybe I should just sit quietly and pretend that we were not deeply hurt by this event. Not only were we hurt, but amazed at the extent that some people will go.

This event not only hurt us personally, but also the taxpayers of this county and the reputation of this county.

The thought occurred to me — What is a life worth? Sheriff Meador's salary was set at about \$25,000. This is without benefits or insurance. It was then lowered to \$24,000 — and now to \$21,000! Is your life worth \$25,000, \$24,000 or \$21,000? I would guess that most everyone couldn't begin to put a price on their life.

But — that's exactly what Jim does when he puts his life on the line for any citizen in this county. It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from, how much you make, what kind of house you live in, what kind of car you drive, — man, woman or child — and yes, even animals — Jim puts his life on the line to protect the lives of Motley County citizens every time he answers a call.

Do you think his life is worth \$25,000, \$24,000 or \$21,000? Well, I do!

If, for instance, the person or persons responsible for this outrageous lawsuit, were to have a need for the Sheriff, no matter the time of day or night, he would be there — to protect their lives. Yes, even then. He wouldn't give it a second thought. He would jump out of bed, if the call came at midnight or 4:00 a.m. and run to their aid without hesitation. He would put his life in jeopardy to protect their's, no matter what the situation was.

Many people have advised — "Quit that job!" "Get out of that place."

But, let me tell you something — Jim loves his job. He is definitely called by God for law enforcement. This job takes someone special — someone who will put up with a lot of bull, hate, rumors, and still be willing to work for very little pay to do what he loves.

You know — most times when someone, their child or relative breaks the law — it's automatically Jim's fault. Believe me he takes a lot of blame, complaining, and criticism. Sure, sometimes it's hard, but he continues to stand firm. I never have figured out how it's Jim's fault when someone commits a crime.

Some of you may think I have no right to say these things. That I should just keep my thoughts to myself. And if you're offended by this column, I apologize, but I do not apologize for my feelings and the things I have said here.

Of course, I could go on and on, I could name names and criticize with hateful words, but I won't do that. God tells us to pray for our enemies. And I admit, sometimes that's hard — but I truly do pray that the persons responsible for this act against this County, our Commissioners, and our Sheriff, find a true relationship and a peace from God.

And again, I ask — what is a life worth?

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him."

Lamentations 3: 21-25

Roaring Springs July 4th Celebration set for Saturday July 3rd

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are planning their annual July 4th Celebration for Saturday, July 3rd. This is to avoid interfering with Sunday Church services.

The event, which will be held in downtown Roaring Springs, will include the annual

unique lawnmower parade, the ice cream supper and the spectacular fireworks show, in addition to many other activities throughout the day.

Watch for more details and make plans now for your red, white and blue celebration, Saturday, July 3, in downtown Roaring Springs.

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Memorial Day is at hand. It is a time to reflect and to remember. It is also a time when younger generations need to be grateful for the generation that paid an enormous price that we might have an enduring freedom. It began for us as a nation with Pearl Harbor. It is a place that began a new chapter in American history. We have since

relearned the lesson of December 7th, 1941. Complacency is to put the nation at risk. We learned again from 9-11 that we must never again be complacent.

Complacency almost cost America her freedom in 1941. It again resulted in tragic loss of life on 9-11. There is another form of complacency to be considered. That is the lack of concern over our conduct according to the standards found in the Bible. The Scriptures teach us that "righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

A Christ centered life-style is never complacent. There is found in the person living for Jesus the understanding of God and His work among the nations. God keeps a nation as long as there is righteousness practiced in the land. The Bible is very clear on this and there can be no mistake. As a nation, our security is found in power of the living God. And for those who served America, under God's great hand, we are sincerely grateful to them and will long remember them.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Motley County Lifestyles

El Progresso Club installs officers at last meeting of the season

by Winifred Darsey

El Progresso Club met May 13 for its final meeting of the year and to install officers for the ensuing year. Members also enjoyed an out-of-town trip.

The club departed Matador at 10 a.m. and traveled by "The Scenic Route" through Northfield to Childress and "The Jitter Tea Room" for lunch.

The luncheon was very enjoyable, the food was delicious and a tour of antiques on display

were memorable to times past. Some were so interesting that they had never been seen before.

JoEtta Bumgardner was hostess for the meeting and met her entourage at the tea room and guided them to the Bumgardner Summer Home on Lakeside Childress.

President Lana Copp presided over the meeting. The invocation was given by Winifred Darsey and Mrs. Grace Campbell was installing officer. After a brief address by Mrs.

Campbell, Mrs. Lana Copp was installed as President for a second term; Mrs. Sharon Allen as Vice-President; and Mrs. Loys Campbell as Secretary-Treasurer. Other officers will be appointed.

The members enjoyed playing Bingo for "White-elfant" gifts donated by the membership.

Mrs. Bumgardner favored the club with desserts and a tour of their lovely lakeside home.

Members present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Jeannie Adams and Dorothy Day.

The club adjourned until September.

Look Who's New

Jackson Carl Rains

Scotty and Chesle Rains of Matador would like to announce the arrival of their son, Jackson Carl Rains. He was born May 12, 2004, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Fred and Mellane Parson of Matador and David and Shirley Bunch of Plains.

Great-grandparents are Sue Parson of Lubbock, Violetta Rains of Brownfield, and Ernest and Ruby Sellars of Plains.

Going Away & Retirement Party

Motley County 4-H Adult Leaders and members will host a Going Away Party for Lonnie Jenschke & family in conjunction with a Retirement Party for Extension Secretary Greta Smallwood

Greta has served the Extension~4-H Program for 25 years and has worked for 14 agents.

Please come to help celebrate Greta's Retirement and Lonnie's new job as the Childress County Agent with a COME & GO, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27, 2004
Motley County Courthouse

Please drop in and let Greta and Lonnie know they will be missed!

Best of Luck, Seniors!



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Library Notes



by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

It was Christmas in May at the library this week. We received two large shipments of new books. Some of these books were written by authors new to the library, but some of our favorites were new at one time. I am sure you will enjoy these books.

Some of the new books include *Goodbye Summer* by Patrick Gaffney, *I'd Kill for That* by Marcia Talley, and one that has been on the best seller list by Harlan Coben, *Just One Look*.

Other new books are *Death Match* by Lincoln Child, *Hidden Prey* by John Sandford, *Paid Companion* by Amanda Quick and *The Narrows* by Michael Conneley. It's hot to be outside so curl up under the air conditioner with a good book from the Motley County Library.

I haven't published our hours in a while. We are open on Monday's 2:00 to 5:00. On Tuesdays through Thursdays we are open 1:00 to 6:00 and on Fridays we are open 12:00 noon to 5:00.

Pivots & Divots



by Mary

Ladies playday on Thursday, May 20, was Most Rough Shots. Playing 18 holes were Francine, Liv, Geneva and Louise. Liv won with 10. Playing 9 holes were Dartha W, Tempie, Mary, Frances, Judy R., Marihelen and Nell. Tempie won with 7. We are happy to have Nell back with us.

The Tuesday Scramble on May 18 had 24 players. Conway Clary got closest to the pin on #6 with 11'11".

Winners were:
First, 28, Ken Marshall, Jim Robinson, Geneva Wilson.

Second, 32, Corky Marshall, Gerald Barnett, Robert Osborn.

Third, 32, Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Randy Martin.

Others playing were Cody Dodson, Weasel, Jim Watson, Alan Bingham, Louise Barton, Paul Westbrook, Bill Heatly, Kay Heatly, Kelly Keltz, Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Olivia Osborn, Conway Clary, Billy Tidwell, Robert Carter and Tempie Francis.

Thirty-nine teams entered

the Jack & Jill Scramble held Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16. Winners were: *Championship Flight:*

First, 126, Clay and Susan Simpson.

Second, 130, Clyde and Cara Cash.

Third, 130, Jared and Rhonda Aven.

First Flight:
First, 138, Kenny and Liv Barton.

Second, 139, Vann Francis and Francine Braselton.

Third, 141, Alan and Kay Bingham.

Second Flight:
First, 146, Tom and Pam Melton.

Second, 147, Elton and Petty Faulkner.

Third, 148, Conway Clary and Deb Scott.

Third Flight:
First, 155, Matt Washington and Stachia Baxter.

Second, 155, Dick and Jo Davenport.

Third, 157, Ken and Theresa Shelton.

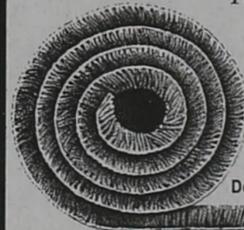
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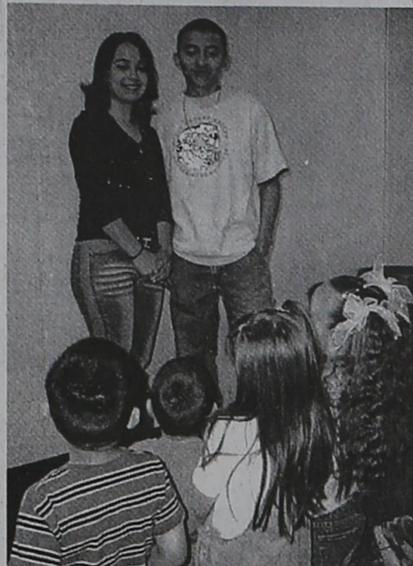


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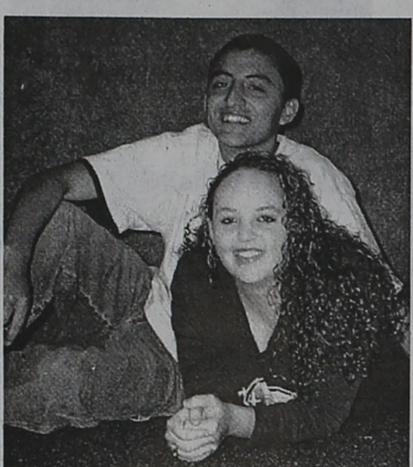
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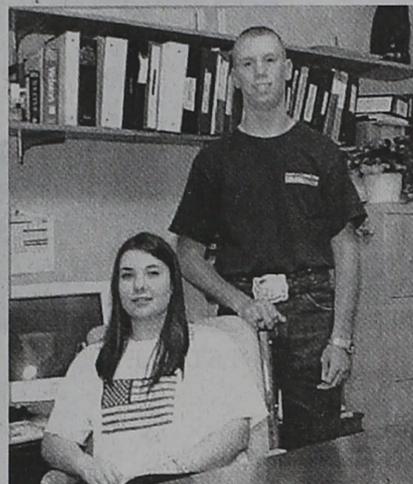
BEST ROLE MODEL — Voted by their peers as the best role models in high school are Susana Mendoza and Lorenzo Salazar.



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED — Susana Mendoza and Quinten Rose.



MR. & MISS MCHS — Amanda Hurt and Lorenzo Salazar.



MOST SCHOLARLY — Ashlee Green and Cody Cooper.



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HARDEST WORKING
Stachia Baxter,
Clay Cooper,
Veronica Mendoza,
and
Chance Bingham.



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Class of '04
Did you know?

Did you know that five members of the Class of 2004 are cousins?
That's right, Amanda Hurt, Shea Rose, Angie Marvel, Quinten Rose and Stachia Baxter are all cousins!
There are also two sisters in the class, Mandi and Charli Ream.



MOST BEAUTIFUL & MOST HANDSOME — Mandi Ream and Quinten Rose.

Consider what God has done...
Who can straighten what He has made crooked; When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider God has made the one as well as the other.
— Ecc. 7:13-14 NIV

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May the Lord continue to bless you in the future!



We will close at 4:00 p.m. Saturday for Graduation
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Downtown Matador

Homecoming date set

Matador/Motley County Homecoming has been set for October 1 and 2. The Matadors will face Benjamin Friday night, October 1. A program will be held Saturday at the school.
If you plan to have a class reunion, please contact Homecoming President, Clint Burns at 347-2021.
More details will be printed when available.

Notice to Senior Parents

All Senior parents are asked to come to the high school gym, Saturday, May 29, at 9:00 a.m. to help decorate for graduation ceremonies which will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

Love Fund established for Matt Easter

A Love Fund has been established at the First State Bank in Matador for Matt Easter and the Easter family.
Matt, a member of the Motley County class of 2001, and currently a member of the Lubbock Christian University baseball team, has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Matt is a brother to local resident, Misty Jones. He is the son of Billy and Cory Easter, who are former Roaring Springs residents.

Honor Graduates

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to "move up" a row of seats officially naming them their classification for the next year.
Students will be honored at this ceremony for their accomplishments throughout the year.
All parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend any or all of these events.

Queen Candidates

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Queen, but also a beautiful silver bracelet designed especially for Old Settlers. She, as well as the runner-up, will also earn 10% of the ticket sales and a cash bonus.
For more information on the Queen's contest, call Wayne Smith of Dickens at 806-623-5326, Russell Alexander of Roaring Springs at 806-348-7987, or Marisue Potts, Matador, at 806-787-0592.

Where will I be in ten years ...

AMANDA HURT — "I will be a successful journalist, happily married, with 2 or 3 kids, living in New York or Los Angeles."
MANDI REAM — "Where I see myself in 10 years is probably no where close to where I will be. Where I would like to be is ... hopefully married with children, working as a successful PA at a hospital. Maybe I will be rich and hopefully I will be happy."
SHEA ROSE — "In ten years I would hope to be married with at least one kid. I hope to have a good job as an L.V.N. in a hospital."
SYLVIA MARTINEZ — "I will be a Nurse living in some place besides Lubbock or Matador, with about 2 kids, married and happy and rich."
SUSANA MENDOZA — "I see myself being married with two kids and I am a successful accountant. I have a happy and rich family."
QUINTEN ROSE — "I see myself happy and pretty wealthy."
LORENZO SALAZAR — "Being a DJ."
CHARLI REAM — "In ten years I see myself married to a wonderful, handsome man with two beautiful children, living a happy life."
BRANDON MARTIN — "I see myself as a Nurse in a hospital or in an automotive shop re-doing cars."
ANGIE MARVEL — "I see myself having a successful career in the animal field, married to a hot guy and have one child."
STACHIA BAXTER — "In ten years I see myself married with (maybe) two kids. Hopefully I will have become a dental hygienist and live in a fairly large town making some money."
SAM STAPLETON — "Welding on the pipelines in Alaska."



A HONOR ROLL — Veronica Mendoza, Ashlee Green and Cody Cooper (not pictured) were recognized at the Academic Banquet as the only MC students on the A Honor Roll for the entire year.



A-B HONOR ROLL — Recognized at the Academic Banquet held last week were Colton Russell, Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Angie Marvel, Mandi Ream, Annie Green, Aaron Dodson, Brittany Moore and Susana Mendoza. These students remained on the A-B Honor Roll for the entire school year.



INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY — Ashlee Green, center was inducted into the National Honor Society at last week's Academic Banquet. Also pictured are NHS member Veronica Mendoza, left, and NHS President Susana Mendoza.

Best of Luck Seniors!

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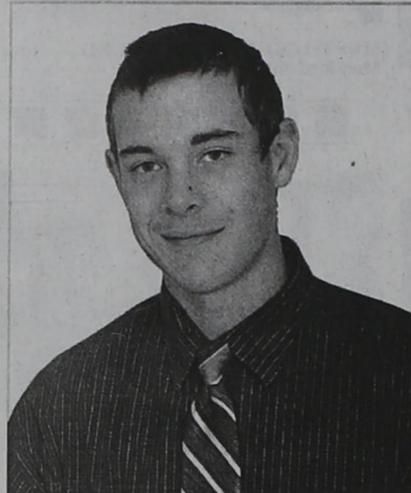
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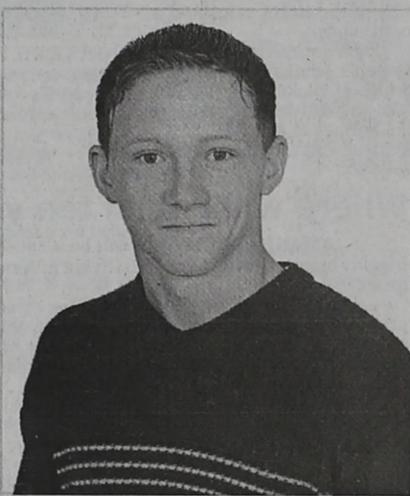
MANDI REAM



CLASS OF 2004



SYLVIA MARTINEZ



QUINTEN ROSE



CHARLI REAM



LORENZO SALAZAR



Last Will and Testament ...

We, the senior class of 2004, being of over-worked minds and senoritis infested bodies bequeath and hereby donate our scarce assets and abundant liabilities to the less fortunate underclassmen.

Amanda leaves her incredible arguing skills to Emily; Mr. Taylor should never win an argument.

The senior cheerleaders leave their awesome basket tossing abilities to the upcoming cheerleaders. Good Luck to the flyer!

Shea Rose wills her quietness to Brittany, and her kindness to Veronica, these things will come in very handy.

Lorenzo, Quinten, and Brandon leave their baggy pants to Cody, Clay and Kenny. Just remember to wear a belt.

Stachia, in her generous nature, wills Emily her horrible sun burns, be sure and use lots of aloe vera gel.

Amanda wills her talent of coloring a picture in less than a minute to Dakota.

Charli wills her wonderful, loud burping skills to Kittie, she also leaves her the driving skills that led her through a fence.

Sam leaves his welding skills to the Cooper boys, be careful

and wear your welding shield. Brandon, after long thought and losing lots of sleep, leaves his ability to sleep through every class to Kenny.

Angie leaves Kittie her ability to "eat the fruit", just don't eat to much, she also wills her ability to get a ticket every other day.

Stachia and Charli leave their fencing skills to Kenny and Colton, use them wisely.

Mandi and Charli leave the green Grand Am to Brittany, you can add it to your old car junkyard.

Angie leaves Kittie her horrifying Wal-Mart experiences, keep on the look out.

Susana wills her good heart to Veronica, a good heart always comes in handy.

Stachia and Sylvia hand down the "tradition" to the future golf players, bad luck will come if it's broken.

The senior Spanish class leaves their pinatas to the upcoming Spanish classes, have fun in ITV.

Amanda wills Windy to Matt, Seagram, and Emily, take good care of her.

The senior guys leave their ability to pink belly to the junior guys, don't get caught.

Stachia and Sylvia will their "hamburger eating" ability to Sabrina, don't ever forget Diddi!

Lorenzo leaves his business and ability to get rims to Seagram and Matt.

Amanda leaves Annie her motherly instincts, good luck.

Sylvia leaves her wonderful talent to draw to Sabrina.

Amanda and Mandi will their ability to get cars mixed up, go 90 in a 35, and rescue someone in the middle of the night to Emily.

Left to Annie was Charli's ability NOT to care, just take it easy.

Shea leaves her awesome cooking skills and wonderful Home Ec classes to Amanda, take care of Mrs. Jones.

Mandi leaves her basketball skills to Sabrina, be tough and hang in there.

Stachia wills her ability to foul out in almost every game to Brittany, make sure they are good fouls.

Amanda Hurt leaves her ability to ask 20 questions in one minute to Amanda Ashby.

Lorenzo wills the fun he has in his single life to Cody and Clay.

Sylvia leaves everything blue to Seagram, True Blue always

One day while visiting Metley County, a member of the class of 2004 decided to take a walk to see if anything or anyone had changed.

I walked by the Tribune where I happened to pick up a copy of the newspaper. It was now called The Matador Times. I picked up the newspaper and none other than Stachia Baxter was on the front page. After high

and forever.

Lorenzo, Quinten, and Sam will the junior football guys the ability to ignore coach when he says "go home, stay on the field, don't leave!"

Brandon, after long hesitation, decided to leave his mumbly skills to Kenny; the key is not to let anyone understand you.

The senior guys wish to leave their charming attitudes, intelligent looks, soft sweet hearts, their muscular bodies, and their modestness to the less fortunate freshman boys. Guys, we hope that you have better luck than we did.

Last, but not least, the seniors of 2004 would like to give the seniors of 2005 their ability to make the best of what short time you have, it goes by fast.

school she become a multibillionaire for inventing SPF 5000 sunscreen for albinos. She currently resides in Spur, TX with hubby, Derrick. NO NO NO, not the deputy.

On the next page of the paper, I was astonished to find our dear friend, Amanda Hurt. Shockingly, Amanda decided to remain in Matador, Texas. She works treacherous hours as Mr. Taylor's very own assistant in yearbook. She is well know for her excellent creation of Spanish Spam. She also holds the Guinness World record for the largest amount of Spam consumed in one day.

Page 3 of the news had a fascinating report on Lorenzo Salazar. While swimming across the Mexican border into the United States, Lorenzo was mistaken for the president of Mexico. He went along with the scam in order to inherit a very wealthy lifestyle. However, not even the clever Lorenzo could fool the FBI. His scam became public and he was sentenced to be a servant for the president. I decided to pay Lorenzo a visit since I had a lot of spare time.

While there, I ran across the one-the-only Charli Ream. She appeared to be in full police uniform guarding the mansion

gate. As I stepped closer I noticed she was only a mail carrier. Boy was I shocked. I was visiting with Charli when she informed me she had been divorced 4 times and had 6 children. She is now a red head, just like her sister Mandi.

Speaking of Mandi, I asked Charli how she was doing. I found out she had opened a cheerleading daycare for babies. All of Charli's kids attended. Mandi is currently single and looking for a certain male NCA cheerleader by the name of Kyle. In her free time, which she hardly has, she is working very hard to dig an enormous hole. She has hope of one day finally putting her little green car to rest.

In another paper, I happened to be reading the animal health section. I was astonished to find a new brand of dog food made by Matador's own, Brandon Martin.

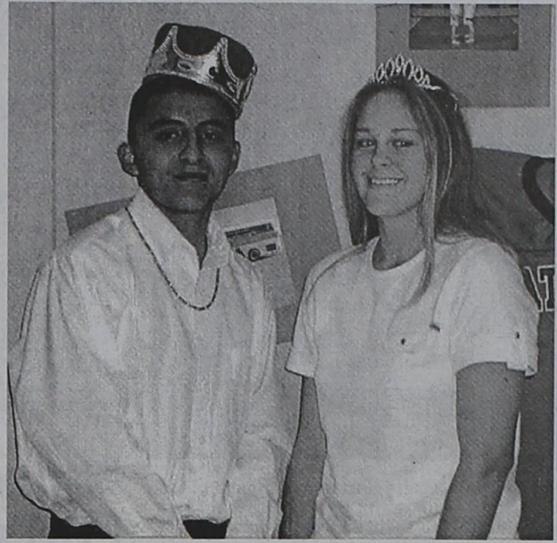
The food consists of peanut butter and cheeseburger flavors. A smile appeared on my face as I felt proud of my fellow schoolmates, unfortunately I kept reading. Brandon Martin had acquired his recipes from an unknown source. The source

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Athletic Banquet



SENIOR ATHLETES — Pictured left to right (back) Stachia Baxter, Sam Stapleton, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Lorenzo Salazar; (front) Mandi Ream, Amanda Hurt, Shea Rose, Angie Marvel, Charli Ream, Sylvia Martinez.



ATHLETIC KING & QUEEN — Brittany Moore and Lorenzo Salazar.



JUNIOR ATHLETES — Pictured left to right (back) Kenny Johannes, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Seagram Sims, Matt Henzler; (front) Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn.



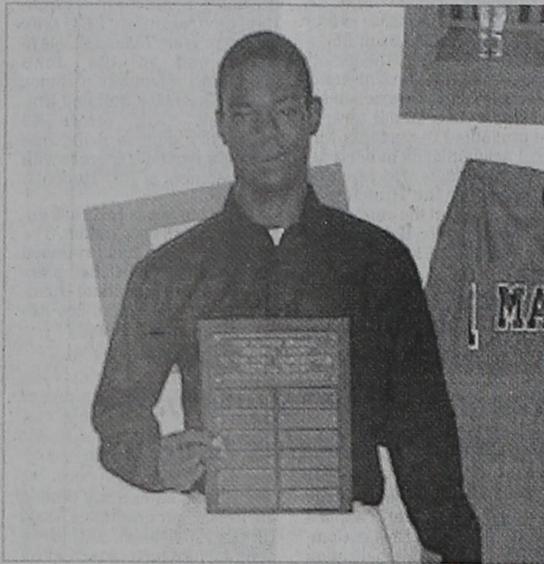
SOPHOMORE ATHLETES — Pictured left to right (back) Colton Russell, Chance Bingham, Brandon Gressett; (front) Ashlee Green, Ashley Fonseca.



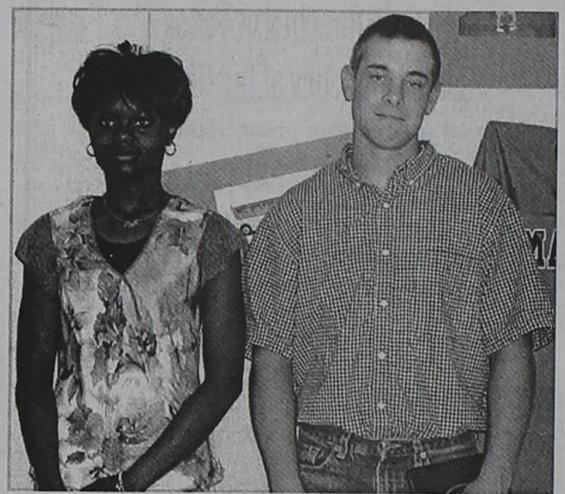
FRESHMEN ATHLETES — Marc Henzler, Chicagra Brown, Aaron Dodson, Cameron Jeffcoat.



TENNIS MVP — Quinten Rose and Lorenzo Salazar



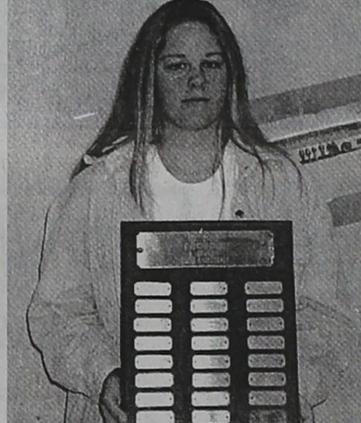
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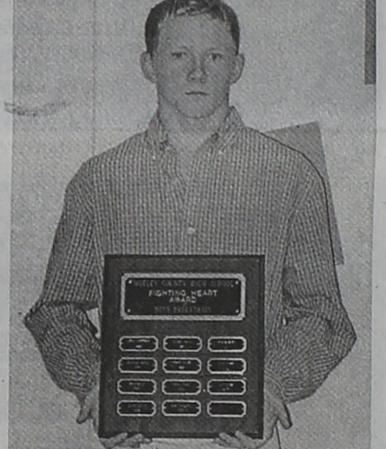
TRACK MVP — Chicagra Brown & Sam Stapleton



MISS SPIRIT — Amanda Hurt



DON EWING FIGHTING HEART — Brittany Moore



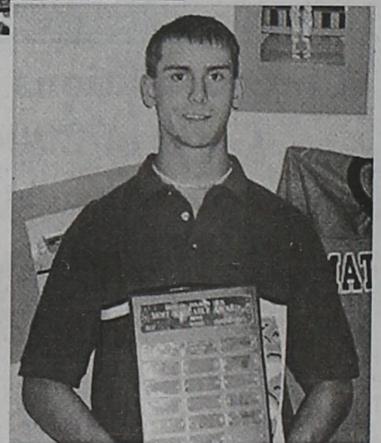
BASKETBALL MVP — Quinten Rose



TENNIS MVP — Amanda Hurt and Brittany Moore.



GOLF MVP — Stachia Baxter



GOLF MVP — Chance Bingham

Motley County athletes honored at banquet

On May 7, 2004 the annual Motley County Athletic Banquet, sponsored by the Booster Club, was held in the school cafeteria. Those who attended were treated to a great meal of Mexican Stack. High school students receiving honors were the following:

Football: Most Improved-Matt Henzler, Leading Receiver- Quinten Rose, Leading Passer- Clay Cooper, Leading Rusher- Seagram Sims, Leading Tackler-Lorenzo Salazar, Special Teams Player-Brandon Gressett, Offensive Player-Seagram, Defensive Player-Lorenzo Salazar. Rookie of the Year-Cameron Jeffcoat, Will to Win-Chance Bingham, Dayton Graham Award- Seagrams Sims, All-District-Lorenzo Salazar, Brandon Gressett, All-Region-Lorenzo Salazar. **Girls Basketball:** Most Improved-

Chicagra Brown, Most Assists-Mandi Ream, Most Steals-Brittany Moore, Best Defensive Player-Griselda Flores, Most Rebounds-Ashlee Green, Best 3pt Shooter-Sabrina Osborn, Best Free Throw Shooter-Stachia Baxter, Rookie of the Year-Ashley Fonseca, Will to Win-Charli Ream, Player of the Year-Brittany Moore, Don Ewing Award-Brittany Moore, All District-Brittany Moore, Honorable Mention-Mandi Ream.

Boys Basketball: Most Steals-Lorenzo Salazar, Most Assists-Chance Bingham, Most Rebounds-Quinten Rose, Best 3pt Shooter-Quinten Rose, Best Free Throw Shooter-Lorenzo Salazar, Most Improved Player-Colton Russell, Rookie of the Year-Aaron Dodson, Will to Win-Clay Cooper, Best Defensive Player-Chance Bingham,

Fighting Heart Award-Quinten Rose, All District-Quinten Rose. **Cross Country:** Griselda Flores. **Tennis:** Girls MVP-Amanda Hurt and Brittany Moore, Boys MVP-Lorenzo Salazar and Quinten Rose. **Track:** Chicagra Brown and Sam Stapleton.

Boys Golf: Rookie of the Year: Dakota Meyer and Marc Henzler, MVP - Chance Bingham.

Girls Golf: Rookie of the Year - Sylvia Martinez, MVP-Stachia Baxter.

Miss Spirit: Amanda Hurt.

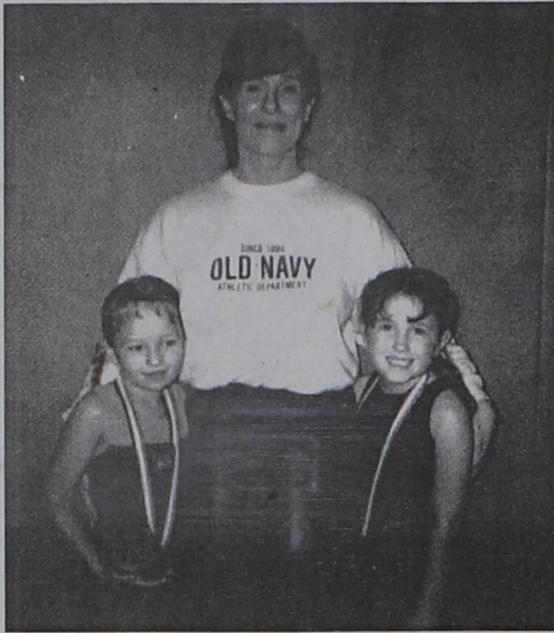
Athletic King & Queen: Brittany Moore and Lorenzo Salazar.

Most Reliable Fan: Shea Rose.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in sports during the 2003-2004 school year.

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS — Katie Barton and Meagan Ford received gold medals at the Shallowater Gymnastics Meet held May 15. They are pictured with their instructor, Mrs. Sherry Fogerson.



FIELD TRIP — Motley County Elementary students, Pre-K through 6th grades, enjoyed a field trip to the Omnimax, Science Spectrum and Mr. Gatti's. They had a great time and join the elementary teachers in giving a big thanks to the MCYO and PTO for their support in providing the trip.

Sheryl Davis awarded LCU's Bronze Medal

Lubbock, Texas - May 11, 2004 - Sheryl Davis, a senior Humanities major from Matador was selected by the faculty of Lubbock Christian University as winner of the Bronze Medal. The Bronze Medal awards are presented to students who excel academically in each department. Davis was honored for receiving the Humanities Writing award at the annual Student Appreciation Banquet held at the end of the spring semester.

Lubbock Christian University is a liberal arts institution of higher learning dedicated to

providing a quality in a Christian environment. LCU was among only six Texas schools to be named in the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character Building Universities. LCU offers 43 bachelor's degree programs and eight master's degrees with an enrollment of 1937 students.

In recent years LCU has enjoyed national recognition. The sports program has produced nine national team championships, a dozen individual champions, and more than 200 All-American performances.

Rachelle Renfro graduates from South Plains College

Rachelle Renfro recently received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Design Communications Art Specialization from South Plains College in Levelland.

Rachelle was among a record 539 students participating in South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises Friday, May 14 in Texan Dome. A record 901 students applied for graduation.

"This is an exciting time in the lives of our graduates," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have reached an educational milestone, and both they and their families should be very proud. SPC extends its best wishes to all our graduates."

Rachelle is the daughter of Butch and Judy Renfro of Matador.

Class Prophecy

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is now taking him to court. We wish him the best of luck.

His lovely wife, Susana loved playing basketball throughout her high school career, so it was no surprise when I learned she was now a member of the Harlem Globe Trotters. She is the shortest member, just in case you did not know. She travels most of the time and rarely returns home. In her free time, she studies hard in hopes of someday receiving her driver's license.

In the real estate section the notorious Shea Rose made an infamous investment when she purchased Michael Jackson's Neverland estate. It is now called, "Shea's Reading Land" for the little kids she teaches. She has chosen to have no kids because she is dedicated to her program. Oh did I forget to mention she now owns half the continent.

In the Hot and Happening section of the paper the sexy Quinten Todd Rose is now a top star foot model. You might recognize Quinten from the popular show American Idol. He appeared in hot pink bell bottoms, sang his heart out, and was kicked off after he closed his mouth. He goes by the name Q.T. and resides in Canada with 3 wives, none of which know each other yet.

Worldwide news showed a picture of the brave, Angela Marvel, or should I say the Crocodile Huntress. She worked for Steve Irwin for quite some time before quitting to pursue her lifetime dream. She is currently the world's most productive farmer. Angie is now happy to admit that she is not only a member, but an advocate for the National Hillbillies of America. Ain't that something?

In current events, Sam Stapleton, also known as "Samo Slago", is currently a fugitive in hiding. He was the leader of a

massive cult and, at the moment, is working towards his goal of world domination. When he is not hiding he is sleeping.

On the last page of the paper was an ad for West Coast Customs, under the management of Sylvia Martinez.

Not only does she work on cars she also competes in grueling Tetris competitions worldwide. People seek her for her great wisdom and knowledge of Tetris. She is married and has 3 kids.

As I closed the paper I couldn't believe how the class of 2004 was doing. Some good, some bad, and some still the same. Memories began to pour through my head faster than I could blink.

It seems like only yesterday when Stachia ran over Kenny's foot and Amanda got her mirror knocked off the "Rambler" while playing cat and mouse.

I can still remember when Lorenzo got ISS for Pink Belly participation.

But, I also remember when Mandi had an accident in her green car.

How could we forget all of Charli's boyfriend drama? Remember when Brandon's little red eggmobile got stolen? And when Susana had a sleepover that consisted of an 8 mile walk in the heat through Flomot.

Remember when Shea skipped class for the first time? I remember all the times Angie got pulled over coming to school. Remember when Britany and Quinten weren't together? Neither do I!

Don't forget the time when Sam ran track in his hiking boots and when he skated on Kenny! And last of all we will never forget the time when Mr. Gleghorn and Sylvia had it out and she got ISS.

The day was coming to an end, and I realized my journey through time must once again become a memory. I can only imagine what will become of our friends in the future. We wish them luck wherever they may be.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Of all those persons holding positions with the state, county or city government, no one deserves a regular salary increase more than the concerned individuals in law enforcement.

I think most would agree that it would be an impossible task to put a price on the lives of those we love, and that's why I believe that even a pay raise would be well founded.

In addition to making themselves available 24 hours, seven days a week, these men and women readily put their lives on the line for the safety of friends, neighbors and even strangers in the communities they serve. No matter the time of day, our Sheriff is willing to go above and beyond what might be expected. He will leave his own home and family to round up loose cattle, settle domestic squabbles, see to our safe travel on the highways and protect our homes and businesses from harm.

We, in Motley County are especially blessed in that our Sheriff is an honest Christian man. I have lived in places where this was not the case.

Sincerely,
Shirley Smith

Dear Editor,

Mrs. Glenna Burns of Lubbock Dist. 17 Texas Retired Teachers Association, president, addressed a large gathering of retired teachers and school employees Tuesday morning, May 11. The meeting room of the Floyd County Museum in Floydada was filled to capacity with school retirees registering from Olton, Plainview, Hart, Roaring Springs, McAdoo, Crosbyton, Matador and Floydada.

The speaker reported on the recent state TRTA Convention in Corpus Christi; on the Texas legislature's benefits for retired school personnel, and the U.S. Congress' bringing the Government Pension offset (Social Security) to committee. At the present time Texas retired school employees cannot collect on Social Security benefits they or their spouses have paid for.

A show of hands revealed about one-third of the audience are members of TRTA. Non-members were urged to form a local or join the Lubbock or Plainview locals to support representation in Austin.

Coffee and refreshments were provided by the Plainview local. Visitors toured the Museum after the meeting.

Joyce Williams

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confident knowledge that they will help us.

—Epicurus

Dear Carla,

After reading about the lawsuit against the Commissioners Court and your comments in "Across the Picket Fence," I wanted to let you know how proud I am that you took the high road. I am also glad that you printed the facts in your newspaper.

I know that Judge Ed D. Smith and the Commissioners would not intentionally break the law, (i.e. giving a raise higher than the published amount in the newspaper). After all, they were still discussing the budget at the time and the County Treasurer was present during the discussions.

Question: Where was the County Attorney when this all took place. Isn't she supposed to advise the Commissioners Court in regards to the law?

How is it that it was the County Treasurer, who a month later, brought it to the attention of the Commissioners Court? Did she (new on the job) take it upon herself to question the legality of the pay raise, and who gave her this information?

Why didn't the County Attorney advise the Commissioners Court instead of the County Treasurer?

And why, after the budget was amended to reflect the published amount of the raise in order to correct any wrong doing, did the County Attorney seek an opinion from the Attorney General's office? (And it is an opinion).

I think it would be wrong to ask the Sheriff to pay back eight months wages (of which he has paid income tax on) to satisfy an opinion of the Attorney General's office.

The County employees do not have a retirement plan, life insurance, health insurance or any benefits paid in part by the County. Those benefits simply do not exist. They are the lowest paid county employees in the state of Texas. Why do they stay? Because they love Motley County and the people who live here.

It is sad that the good people of Motley County who volunteer their services to promote Motley County as a good place to live, and who dig into their pocketbooks to help the Senior Citizens, Library, Bob's Oil Well, school activities, etc. have to witness a lawsuit that will only hurt the County and bring bad publicity.

I pray that something good will come from all of this and not the bad.

God bless you,
Patricia A. Smith



WELCOMED TO MOTLEY COUNTY — Chamber of Commerce members welcomed new residents to the county at last Tuesday night's meeting. Pictured left to right are Chamber member Ken Young, Amanda Bird, Brandt Underwood, Chad Overton, Chamber member Marie Liebe-Harkort, and Derek Dowty.

MOTLEY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

When men cease to believe in God, they don't believe in nothing, they believe in anything.

— G.K. Chesterton

When new people move into the county, the Chamber presents them with a Welcome Basket, containing items provided by local businesses. We want the newcomers to know how welcome they are and to give them a good start at getting settled in their new home. The four baskets this month went to Chad Overton, John and Amanda Bird, Brandt Underwood and Derrick Dowty.

These baskets were handed to the newcomers at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce that was held on the third Tuesday of the month, which was May 18th.

The main topic of the meeting had to do with Bob's Oil Well. Marisue Potts told of the history of the attempts to reinstate Bob's Oil Well to some of its

former glory. People from the Chamber and Market Matador, as well as many hard-working volunteers (whom we thank so much) have been working on this project for a long time. Rodney Williams spoke about the work going on, and the progress that has been made, some of it visible as you drive by, more of it not immediately apparent, but essential. A great deal of time and work has been donated to the cause, and financial contributions are arriving weekly, due to the publicity the project has generated, including articles in the *Motley County Tribune*, the *Lubbock-Avalanche Journal* and the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram*. The goal of having the derrick lit so that it can again be seen far and wide should be reached in the near future, and it is hoped that there can be a lighting ceremony for all to enjoy.

If you wonder why Bob's Oil Well is important or why it is part of the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, it is because it is a symbol of the County. It has fallen into such disrepair over the last years

that people traveling through might get the impression that the county just doesn't care about its appearance or its history. Almost everyone passing through the County sees it, and some folks all over Texas remember how it used to be. When they compare their memories to the rundown landmark, they wonder about the future of the County. And for those with no recollection of the past, first impressions count, and if we want to attract more people and businesses to our area, we have to take this opportunity to make the right first impression.

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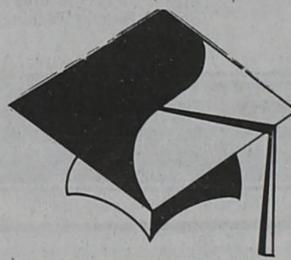
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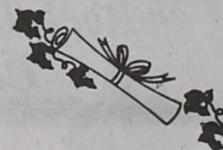


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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The House of Faith kids met at the park on Wednesday afternoon, May 19. Those helping were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mr. Kenneth Abbott, Mrs. Jo Trammell, Mrs. Joyce Meredith and Mr. Corky Marshall. There were 20 children attending.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Wednesday afternoon, May 19, with Mrs. Pearl Patten in charge.

Mrs. Giesecke read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

Mrs. Onie Bell was welcomed as a new attendee.

Mrs. Chelsea Read gave another story of a person in Barbara Johnson's book. She also led the group in prayer.

Mrs. Pearl Patten gave the prayer for the meal which was served to the following, in addition to those already mentioned: Mrs. Mary Lumsden and Miss Lula Swim.

Mr. Monty Watson drove his mother Mrs. Cleo Watson, to Lubbock Friday to see her doctor.

Mrs. Coral Wright of Plano arrived on Tuesday to drive her mother, Mrs. Robena Duncan, to Lubbock on Wednesday to see her doctor. She returned to Plano on Thursday.

Miss Lula Swim went to Plainview on Thursday to have an x-ray done.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams of Lubbock gave their friends, Mr. and Mrs. French, a tour around the city last week. Miss Lula Swim enjoyed having supper with them at the Hitchin' Post, Friday night.

Mr. E.A. Ludwig, a nephew of Bill Peacock, of Williston, N.D., and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock, visited in the Peacock's home for the weekend. They attended church services with Mrs. Peacock Sunday morning.

Rev. Paul Stearns received word this week that his mother's sister of Spokane, WA passed away. Funeral services were conducted on Monday.

The Bible group which is conducted by Mrs. Clint Burns, met in the home of Miss Lula Swim on Monday morning, May 24. There were 15 ladies and one little girl present. The group discussed the 7th chapter of Acts. Prayers were presented by Mr. Ken Young and Mrs. Virginia Taylor.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

This Memorial Day, please pause to recall all those who sacrificed their lives for America. Where you are or with whom you are makes no difference, it is performing this simple act that matters.

The National Moment is a time to reflect and rededicate to pay our debt to Americans who paid for our freedom with their lives.

TRIP TO FLORIDA

Mrs. James (Darla) Gwinn and daughter, Danielle were in Orlando, Florida from Tuesday until Saturday. Darla attended the 50th Anniversary of the Small Business Association Exposition held Thursday and Friday at the Orange County Convention Center. The featured speaker was Hector V. Barreto of Washington, D.C. and he made the presentations to the National SBA Award Winners.

Danielle and Darla enjoyed the Four Theme Parks in Disneyland that included Magic Kingdom, Disney MGM, Epicot and Animal Kingdom.

They stayed at the Disney Animal Kingdom Resort Lodge with an African decor and exhibits. They were impressed by the views outside the Lodge that had three established Savanas for African animals of every breed and the African guides.

They were pleased with the pleasant weather in Florida and air-plane trip from Lubbock Airport.

Bill Shannon had pace maker heart surgery Monday morning, May 24 at the Medical Covenant Center in Lubbock. Family members including his wife, Susie were with him.

Mrs. Linda Kendall visited in Midland from Friday until Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor. She attended the dance recital of Chancey Saturday afternoon.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended to business in Matador, Thursday and had lunch with her niece, Mrs. Judy Renfro.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and daughter, Mrs. Julie Edwards visited in Panhandle Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay and children, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah who competed in a track meet.

Jere Banewski of Houston arrived Wednesday to visit the week with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendal, Jere and Jacob.

Visiting during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Michael of Canyon, Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy and Jackie Lee and Tanya Starkey of Higgins. Jack and Nada attended the 8th Grade Graduation of grandson, Jackie Lee held Tuesday night, May 25 in Higgins.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Brenda and Darrell Cruse and Mrs. Tommie Cruse attended the bridal shower honoring Miss Lacy Carson of Lubbock, fiancée of Keane Cruse of Turkey, held in Borger Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended to business in Amarillo, Tuesday.

Mrs. Nola Long and son, Clifton of Wynnewood, Okla., Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla. and Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde are here attending to business.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Waydette Clay were vocalists at the funeral services of Mrs. Bessie Starkey held in Lockney Baptist Church Thursday.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary brought a pre birthday luncheon with all the trimmings honoring her mother, B. Rogers, Sunday whose birthday is May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross attended the MCHS Baccalaureate held at the Methodist Church in Matador Sunday night.

Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay met brother, Charles Tanner of Tulia at the El Camino Restaurant in Tulia Friday and celebrated the birthday of their sister, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart. Also attending was Mrs. Barham's daughter, Mrs. Brenda Davis of Hart.

Kathy Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Suzie Shannon and Earlyne Jameson killed a rattlesnake when working in their yards this past week. Caution is advised.

Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla. and Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, Okla. returned to their respective homes last Friday after their mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey was admitted to the Lockney Nursing Home, Tuesday.

Matador News

HONORED FOR 50th ANNIVERSARY

Jackie and Shirley Smith were honored for their 50th Anniversary with a family supper, Saturday evening, May 22, at their home. The event was hosted by their daughter, Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana and their son, Steve Smith of Matador, their grandchildren, Jayson and Barbara Cooper of Plainview, Amber Lujan of New Braunfels, and Nick Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana.

Family members from Motley County and the surrounding areas visited with the couple and enjoyed a supper of Brisket, Ham and all the trimmings. After the meal the couple were presented with a "bride's" cake and a "groom's" cake, baked and decorated by their

granddaughter-in-law, Barbara Cooper.

Jackie and Shirley Smith were married May 7, 1954 in Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser met their granddaughter and daughter, Kaci Risser at the Lubbock Airport Friday night who returned home after being in Kenya the past three weeks on a Baptist Mission Trip.

Vic Read is under medical treatment for pneumonia.

Ellis Terry returned home recently from Lubbock after having an MRI and other medical tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon attended to business in Quitaque and Crosbyton, Thursday in Plainview, Tuesday.

TO: FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF MOTLEY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS

We would first like to sincerely thank you for all the support we have received toward our expansion project. We wish that we could just say that and say no more, but circumstances beyond our control require another appeal for help.

The expansion is to be a 600 square foot work and storage area. At this point in time we are using a military surplus box trailer for storage that the city has graciously loaned us.

When we submitted the grant application we believed that with the award, local contributions and in-kind work, we would have enough resources to complete the project. The entire process was delayed because the USDA required that the application be resubmitted in the county's name as opposed to the Senior Citizen's name. During that three year period the price of steel has reportedly risen by 40 percent. Additional items, for example gasoline, have also risen in cost.

The net result is our cash resources are approximately \$36,000 and our low bid is approximately \$56,000. There are three ways to make up the difference. We are working with the contractor to make cost reducing changes, but each change diminishes the quality and integrity of our addition. We can borrow money, but that starts the paperwork nightmare again and finally, we can appeal to our supporters. We honestly believe that we will have to do a combination of all three, but we will succeed.

The more money we have in hand, the less we have to take away from the original design and the less we have to borrow.

We don't think it is any secret as to what this center has done for our seniors, so we will merely conclude by saying that perhaps you have thought about making a donation and just haven't gotten around to it. Perhaps you have made a contribution and have discovered that you could possibly afford a little more.

If you have questions, please contact our Director Tommye Keith or any of the Senior Citizen Board members. Please help if you can. Thank you very much for all you have done and what you continue to do each day.

Sincerely,
Motley County Senior Citizens Board of Directors

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to say thank you to those of you who have voiced your support, care and concern during this difficult, mixed-up time. I respect and appreciate our Commissioners Court, Franklin Jameson, Donnie Turner, Russell Alexander, Ronnie Davis, County Judge Ed D. Smith, and County Clerk Kate Hurt for their support and their work to bring a quick solution to the problem in order to protect Motley County and its taxpayers.

I would especially like to thank those of you who may of said a prayer on my behalf in this matter. I appreciate your continued prayers.

Again, thank you for your support and your trust in me. I strive to do the job of Motley County Sheriff with the utmost integrity and respect for our citizens.

Sheriff Jim Meador

We would like to thank everyone that had a part in the baby shower for Bonnie Lee Bird. There was a large number of people there and many more that sent gifts. We have been treated very well since we've been here, and we feel very blessed to be around such fine people. Hopefully, Bonnie will start getting out and about very soon.

Thanks again, we truly appreciate everything.

John and Amanda Bird

Thank you for the food, prayers and support during the illness and loss of our mother and grandmother. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

The family of Bessie Starkey

The family of Edith Washington would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and other acts of kindness shown to Edith and all of us. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends.

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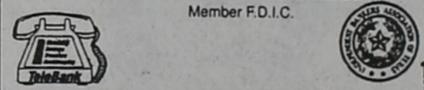
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Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



Managed Grazing of CRP: Unlike last year, we may not get to choose the 120 day period to graze our CRP. Last year's policy stated that producers who signed up for managed haying and grazing could choose a 120 day period any time between July 2 and February. Washington has rejected this policy. We don't have anything official yet, but we're told that the 120 days will start on July 2. If a producer doesn't start grazing until August, they will only have 90 days, September, 60 days, etc. The important thing to remember is you must sign up for this before you do it!

DCP Payments: Please sign up for 2004 DCP before June! Some of you received a letter from Washington dealing with the 2003 Counter-Cyclical payments. Basically, if you received an advance counter-cyclical payment, you will probably have to pay it back. CCP payments are never guaranteed, so it is risky to get advances on them. Advance payments come regardless of market prices, so it is safe to get advances on them.

Summer Certification: When you plant your cotton, haygrazer, peanuts, etc., please come in and certify it. Remember, you also have to certify your CRP. If your farm has an operator, but you control the CRP or grass, then you are actually the operator. You need to be the one to certify that acreage.

Farm Program Rules and the County Office Staff: Please remember, the county office staff is here to help producers, that is what we enjoy doing. We

do not make the rules, and sometimes we may not agree with them, but all we can do is what we are told. Let us know about your concerns so that we can pass them on.

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Confirmed in West Texas: First U.S. Case Since 1998.

The country's first case of Vesicular Stomatitis since 1998 was confirmed Wednesday, May 19, on a premise with nine horses and eight head of cattle near Balmorhea, in Reeves County in west Texas. VS is a viral disease that occurs sporadically in the U.S., usually in southwestern states. The disease can affect horses, cattle and pigs, and occasionally sheep, goats and deer, causing blisters to form in the animal's mouth, on teats or along the hooves, resulting in excessive salivation, lameness or oozing sores.

Report these signs of disease to your private veterinary practitioner or the TAHC immediately. The TAHC hotline number is operational 24 hours a day at 1-800-550-8242, and a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian always is on call to take reports and work with your private veterinarian at no charge.

"As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him....." Psalm 103:15-17.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

June Agricultural Survey Is Opportunity To Provide Facts About Texas Agriculture

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service has targeted May 27-June 13 as the timeframe for conducting the 2004 June Agricultural Survey.

The June Survey is one of the more important survey programs conducted by TASS and is used to develop the first clear indications of potential acreage and production of major commodities for the 2004 growing season.

All farmers and ranchers selected for the survey are encouraged to participate.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts a number of survey programs throughout the year to establish projections for crop acreage, production and input usage across the United States.

Information gathered during the survey is used by a wide variety of people in the agriculture industry, as well as within the federal government, and it is imperative that the information provided is as accurate as possible.

The information provided by farmers and ranchers is used by a wide variety of people including industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations. The data is also often used in the development of agricultural policy.

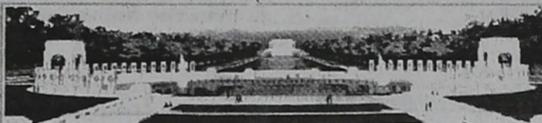
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The University of Georgia risk index generally rewards later planting. But that also creates more potential for insect problems, especially since plants will still be in the field in September and October. That's why scouting is critical in making the decisions to help a grower's bottom line.

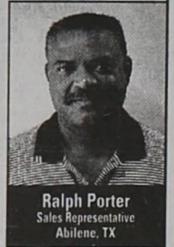
Timing is everything when you're trying to maximize insect control. Growers should quickly and efficiently identify insect pests, then determine the best treatment option for that point in the growth cycle of the crop. For control of soil borne insects such as Southern corn rootworm, growers should work to identify fields that are at higher risk for insect problems.

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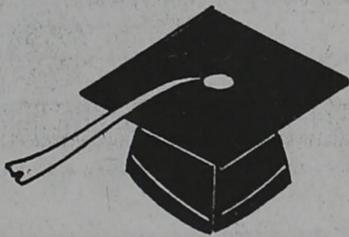
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