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Commissioners meet for January Court session

Motley County Commissioners met for their regular court session, Monday, January 10. Members of the court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1; Donnie Turner, Precinct 2; Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3; Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and Kate Hurt, County Clerk. Also in attendance was Attorney Tom Edwards.

Clerk Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting and the Special Session called January 1, 2005. The outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners, as well as reports from the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace and Li-

brary. Minutes, bills and reports were approved.

Chief Tax Appraisal Officer, Brenda Osborn, met with the court to discuss the 2005 appraisal roll. All Commissioners agreed to work with Mrs. Osborn to update the tax roll in each precinct.

The Court discussed the needed repairs to the District Courtroom. Judge Smith will research the resources available for the painting and repairs.

The Court agreed, Senior Commissioner, Franklin Jameson, will preside over Commissioners' Court meetings in the absence of Judge Smith.

Judge Smith informed the Court that Jack Sanford had applied for the Veteran's Service Officer for the County. Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Sanford.

Commissioner Jameson informed the Court he had found a pickup to purchase for Precinct 3 road hand use.

Charles Johnson met with the Court representing the Motley County Library. The Library was informed the county's WTRCA Insurance could cover them. Mr. Johnson informed the Court the Library had decided to keep their previous insurance plan.

Governor proclaims School Board Recognition Month

(Austin) -- Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2005 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

Motley County School Board members are Douglas Campbell, Ted Davey, Pat Smith, Tina Brooks, Shonda Elliott, Les Woolsey and David Stafford.

"From kindergarten to university, a quality education opens doors of opportunity and promise. In addition to preparing students to embrace with confidence, ambition, and critical social skills. Realizing that the roadmap for the Texas of tomorrow is being carefully drawn in our classrooms, the dedicated men and women of our local school boards work with educators, government officials and the community to ensure that young Texans have the best start in life," Perry said.

"Since its inception in 1949, the Texas Association of School

Boards has worked with and on behalf of local school boards throughout the Lone Star State. Each January, in an effort to highlight the numerous contributions of school board members, the association launches an awareness campaign. At this time, therefore, I urge all Texans to recognize the integral role school board members play in our education system. As they work to empower young Texans, they highlight the best of our great state," he said.

"School board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the challenging and rewarding task of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "As dedicated advocates for Texas youth, local trustees face complex challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the demands and far-reaching implications of their responsibilities on local boards."

"We hope every community will take this opportunity in January to acknowledge the vi-

tal contributions of their local school board members who share their vision and voice about the future of Texas children. It is important to recognize the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected trustees across the state and support them as they diligently work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. These citizen leaders give of their time and work purely for the common good of every child. They help us to set high standards in the education system, urging us all to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation," Crow said.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of more than \$30 billion, employ more than 560,000 people, and serve more than four million public school students.



SR. CITIZENS CENTER ADDITION — Construction has begun on an addition to the Motley County Senior Citizens Center in Matador. Pictured above are Jim Watson and Frances Hobbs, members of the Board of Directors who worked on the funding for the project. A grant from USDA for \$31,100 was recently awarded. The new addition will provide additional food preparation and food storage space, in addition to a director's office, as well as additional dining space. The work is being done by GG Construction of Wolforth and completion is expected about May 3. Mr. Watson and Mrs. Hobbs expressed their thanks to everyone in the community for their support and continued support of the Sr. Citizens Center. Plans are being made for an Open House and Appreciation Supper upon completion of the project.

Community Blood Drive set to help avoid Winter blood shortage

As Mother Nature is in full swing with winter weather in Matador, the area's residents are gearing up for a community blood drive to help avoid possible blood shortages this month.

Inaugurated by the season's cooler temperatures, Matador residents are gearing up for a community blood drive to help avoid possible blood shortages this month.

"In areas with harsh winter weather, severe cold and storms often keep people from donating blood," says Connie Hollinshead of United Blood

Services. It's also a time when many families fake a winter holiday and leave town for a while. "With fewer people donating blood, some parts of the country run the risk of having critical blood shortages," Hollinshead says. To make sure there's a dependable blood supply locally, Matador High School has scheduled a community blood drive from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 24th, at MHS Multipurpose Room.

United Blood Services is asking all who are eligible to stop by the blood drive to donate life-saving blood. Potential donors

must be at least 17 years old and be in good health. Donors must have a picture ID and list of medications that they are taking. All donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt, cap, or insulated mug. Though our area is always in great need for all blood types, United Blood Services especially continues to need more units of O- and B+ on their shelves. UBS and Matador High School encourages all Matador and area residents to give blood at this upcoming drive. For appointments, please give Kathy Gillespie a call at 347-2208.

Valentine Banquet will combine Mother-Daughter and Father-Son banquets

The Eternas Study Club will sponsor a Valentine Banquet, Monday, February 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Motley County school. This banquet will combine the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Banquets.

Dress up or dress casual, just so your attire is school approved.

Mom, ask your son, and Dad ask your daughter, to attend a fun-filled evening of good food, music and dancing.

Tickets are \$4.00 for Pre-K

through 5th grade and \$6.00 for 6th through 12th grade, and Moms and Dads.

For more information contact Leadell at 347-2686 or Annette at New To You, 347-2388.

Texas Schools to receive book chronicling Medal of Honor recipients

AUSTIN--Gov. Rick Perry announced last week that 10,000 copies of the book "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty" have been donated to the State of Texas and will be made available to every school district in the state.

"I am proud to announce that the book chronicling the personal stories of 116 Medal of Honor recipients will be made available to every Texas public school district free of charge," Perry said. "To a great extent, the character of our country has been forged through the actions and sacrifices of these heroes. It is my hope that this

book will inspire our youngest generation to ponder the great price that has been paid for freedom, and to make the same commitment generations past have made on its behalf."

Joining the governor at the announcement were Medal of Honor recipients Mike Thornton, Bob O'Malley and David McNerney. Thornton was a Navy SEAL wounded while rescuing two comrades during an intense gun battle with more than 50 enemy soldiers. O'Malley is the first living Marine from the Vietnam War to receive the Medal of Honor; he single-handedly eliminated an enemy stronghold and then

helped his men evacuate. McNerney was an Army sergeant wounded after he assumed command of his company when his commander was killed in action; he then destroyed an enemy machine gun position and cleared a helicopter landing zone so his friends could be evacuated.

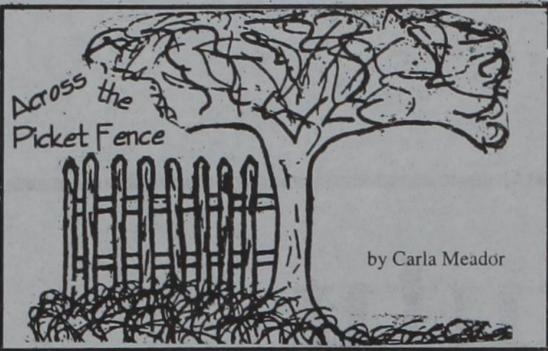
"These remarkable stories of courage remind us of the great price that has been paid to secure our freedom, and I am proud to help make this book available to the schoolchildren of Texas," said Ross Perot, who donated the books to the state.

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Who, What, Where ???

This photo was found by Joyce Burch, the granddaughter of Homer Jackson, a former Motley County resident, in her father's photo collection. She was curious about the details of the photo. It appears to have been taken at an Old Settlers meeting. Identified are, front left to right, Douglas Meador, Elbert Reeves and Jessie Freeman? (back) Homer Jackson, and the other three men are unknown. Do you know the details of this photo? If so, contact the Motley County Tribune at 806-347-2400.



We had the opportunity to enjoy a new experience this past Saturday night. Jim and I joined Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson, and attended a Cotton Kings Hockey Game.

I don't know a thing about Hockey, except that there are bunch of guys skating around hitting a little puck across the ice.

This night was special, because the Cotton Kings were giving game jerseys to the first 1500 kids. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. and we arrived at 5:15 p.m. I thought surely there aren't people there yet, and we wouldn't have to worry about establishing a place in line for the kids to get their jersey. I was wrong, when we arrived there were already a few hundred standing in 2 lines outside the Coliseum, but we made it in plenty of time.

After about 30 minutes the lines had grown and extended way into the parking lot. Now, these kids wanted those jerseys!

After about an hour or so, the doors were opened and everybody flocked in. The kids got their jerseys, of which they looked adorable in, by the way. We found our seats and settled down for the game.

Jeremy and Jim made a trip to the concessions before the excitement got started and brought back pizza, hot dogs, nachos, soda and popcorn.

Yuuuummm! The good food gave us plenty of energy to cheer for the Cotton Kings!

We enjoyed the game, even though we really didn't know what was going on. Morgan tried explaining things to me, and I think after one or two more games I might get the hang of it. There were even a couple of fights! The crowd roared at the fights!

But, for me the most enjoyable part of the evening was being with my family, and watching the kids. Morgan and Judson get into the activities of the game. Morgan danced and yelled so much she had a sore throat. At one time she had her jersey off (of course she had another shirt underneath), screaming and swirling it in the air.

There's a lot of fun to participate in at these games and Morgan enjoyed it all. She wasn't shy! She asked me to do the chicken dance with her, but when time came for the dance, she just started dancing, so I stayed in my seat. But, if she had really wanted me to dance, you bet I would have done it for her!

The evening was great, we had a lot of fun with the kids and watching our first Hockey game, and to top it all off we had Krispy Kream donuts on the way home!

What a blessed life we live in America!



The holidays are over and we are glad to get back into our old routine. This calls for a reminder of the library's hours: Monday--2-5; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday--1-6; and Friday--12 noon-5. On Mondays, our special people, the library volunteers, keep the library open. Sometimes there may not be a volunteer that can serve that day and the library might be closed. Please bear with us.

The library received donations from the Abbotts in memory of Aline Durham Brown, Jack Nichols, and Loutitia Armstrong. Memorials such as these help us keep the library's collection of books up-

to-date and we appreciate them very much. We thank Dorothy Knight for her donation to the children's section of the library.

We received a shipment of new paperbacks last week. Mostly these are westerns. We have many donations of paperbacks, also, so come in and find something good to read on these cold winter days and nights.

A new book coming soon to the library is the book on the 6666 Ranch by Wyman Meinzer and Henry Campbell. This book has an excellent foreword by Red Stegall and beautiful photographs by Meinzer.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

AREN'T FAITH AND REASON CONTRADICTIONARY?

It depends upon what kind of faith and reason we are talking about. "Blind faith" is believing something without any rational or actual support, such as believing in myths, and relativistic reasoning is based upon false assumptions. These may well contradict each other, as well as right faith and wrong reason, or right reason and wrong faith.

On the other hand, there is right-reasoned "reasonable faith" in and from factual evidence. This is Christianity, and to a lesser extent, its predecessor, Judaism. They are the only religions on the planet whose faiths are both reasonable and rationally based upon historical fact. Their faith and reason are

complimentary, not contradictory!

Christianity is the only one that makes complete sense, and connects all the dots. Unfortunately, even most Christians don't know this. Anti-intellectualism prevails. Hence, their need to learn apologetics. It strengthens their faith. Ultimately, what do you put your faith in, what is most probable from all available evidence, or what is highly improbable because of no evidence?

God has supplied all the evidence we need! But the decision is ours.

Next week: Aren't science and scripture contradictory?

Correction: Last week's piece on the "Big Bang Theory" should have said, "From nothing comes nothing, and nothing can't explode."

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

By: Mary Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider: Work expands to fill the time available.

--Parkinson's Law

Just what you always needed--another meeting. But that is what we are suggesting to you, since work that could and should be done is expanding, so we need more people to do the work.

Yep it's time to ring the bell for another meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, coming up next Tuesday, the 18th of January, at 5:30 p.m. in the library.

New people have been moving into the County, and we want to welcome them. Also, some people have moved in while we were in the throes of changing the officers and getting ready for the holidays. So if you moved in during the latter months last year and did not get your welcome basket, please let us know. You can contact the Chamber through the new president, Annette Hollingsworth, at New to You in Matador (806) 347-2388 or at home in the evenings at (806) 348-7515. Or you can stop by the store, or e-mail her at newtoyou@caprock-spur.com or the chamber at motcocm@caprock-spur.com.

The last meeting was held on November 16th, 2004 (the De-

ember meeting would have been on the 21st, but that was felt to be during a particularly busy time for everyone, so we decided to wait until January for the regular meeting.) At that meeting, one of the main topics of discussion was the plans for Late Night Shopping in Roaring Springs and Matador, and the Christmas decorations, towards which the Chamber decided to make a donation.

The Clean-up campaign was also discussed, from the viewpoint of the question what the Chamber can do to help with the effort. The Texas Plains Trails was also a topic of discussion.

The Motley County Bucks program results showed that the program is beginning to pick up, and the supply of Bucks was exhausted, so new ones were printed and they were available before Christmas, and they are still available at the First State Bank, New to You, and Matador Variety.

And finally, it was pointed out that the film "Lonesome Matador", after the play of the same name by William Saroyan, has a website (www.lonesomematador.com) that you can check out.

So now you know what was discussed at the last meeting--come to the meeting next week and see what is on the agenda for January 18th.

First Baptist Church will host ladies salad luncheon

Women on Missions of the First Baptist Church of Matador would like to invite all area women to their annual Salad Luncheon, Saturday, February 5, 2005, in the church basement, at 12:00 noon.

Virginia Taylor, a resident of South Plains and a gifted

speaker will present this year's program, and Carolyn Ewing of Matador will provide special music.

Everyone planning to attend is welcome to bring a friend and asked to bring a salad. Make plans now to attend.

Look Who's New

Brayden & Harley Norris

Zachary Norris, 8, is proud to announce the birth of his new brother and sister. Brayden Kendall came first at 8:44 a.m. on December 17, 2004, weighing 5 pounds 14 ounces and 19 3/4 inches. Harley Danielle came at 8:45 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces and 20 1/2 inches.

Proud parents are Robert and Chandra Norris of Meade, KS.

Maternal grandparents are Peggy and Kem Gollhofer of To-

peka, KS and the late Roger Feldman.

Paternal grandparents are the late Larry and Rita Norris.

Material great-grandparents are Barbara Feldman of Meade, KS and Carol Thompson of Mesa, AZ.

Paternal great-grandparents are Nadine Hecox of Liberal, KS and Robert (Bob) Burris of Meade, KS, and the late Red and Laverne Norris of Matador.

Local woman graduates from Nursing School

Rhonda Wiltshire of Matador recently graduated as an LVN from South Plains College. Pinning ceremonies were held at the South Plains College Reese Center campus in Lubbock, December 17, 2004.

Rhonda was recognized at the ceremony as the Most Determined by her teachers. She

drove everyday for one year to Lubbock for classes. Her teachers stated that "Rhonda was never late and never absent."

Rhonda is working in Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. She is the daughter of Rev. Jack and Jo Boggs, also of Matador.

Medal of Honor books

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"Over the years, Mr. Perot has shown an unwavering commitment to the education of our children and a profound support for our military men and women," Perry said. "This generous contribution of 10,000 books continues in that spirit and I thank him on behalf of the people of Texas."

The American Association of Publishers has agreed to pay for the shipping costs and the Resolve Corp., a distribution and fulfillment company, will coordinate the distribution of the books with the Texas Education Agency. The book was written by Peter Collier and published by Artisan Books.

Since 1861, the United States has recognized its most heroic

soldiers by awarding the Medal of Honor to those who have gone beyond the call of duty in combat to accomplish critical objectives or save the lives of their fellow soldiers and innocent civilians. Of the 3,440 individuals who have received the Medal of Honor, fewer than 140 recipients are alive today.

"Since our country's founding, our freedom has been purchased at great cost by men and women who have confronted evil with courage and placed themselves in harm's way for the liberty of others," Perry said. "For the future of our nation, and for the honor due these heroes, we have an obligation to pass their stories to current and future generations."

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It is often said that "opportunity knocks only once." And too, there are stories of businesses not making it because of missed opportunities. It seems that when opportunity presents itself that those who take advantage of it, often excel in whatever it is that they do.

There are several passages of scripture which teach us that we are to take advantage of opportunities that pertain to our spiritual life. When we consider the parable of the Talents in Matthew 25: 14-30 we find the servants are responsible for their use of talents which our Lord gave them. Two servants were rewarded and one was punished. The reason for the one being punished? He failed to take advantage of the opportunities to use his talent.

Another parable that deals with missed opportunities is found in Luke 14: 15-24. Here we find a man who invited many to join him in a great supper. When all was ready, he sent his servant to call the guest. However, those invited made excuses and refused to come. The host was angered and sent his servants to invite others to replace the first called. Those who made excuses missed their opportunity. For the Lord said of them, "...none of those which were bidden shall taste of my supper. Missed opportunity!"

When opportunity knocks at our door, let's answer it.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

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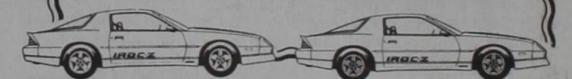
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THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



HONOR ROLL

DISTINGUISHED LIST (All grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Trey Lopez, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Autumn Woolsey, Tristen Foster.

First Grade: Mattie Brooks, Joshua Martin, Thalia Quilimaco, Mickey Clary, Joey Horton, Natalie Jameson, Katrina Lopez, Marcus Ortiz, Macie Marshall, Michael Seigler, Bryant Taylor, Kaylee Woolsey, Bailee Perryman.

Second Grade: Katie Barton, Seth Baxter, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Shelby

Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Meagan Ford, Allen Martin, Michael Martin, Korbyn Simpson, Tristan Tomlinson, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward.

Third Grade: Conner Mason, Jacob Woolsey.

Fourth Grade: None

Fifth Grade: Chase Buckner, Keyan Kautz.

Sixth Grade: None

Seventh Grade: None

Eighth Grade: None

Ninth Grade: Savannah Rose

Tenth Grade: None.

Eleventh Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green.

Twelfth Grade: Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Annie Green, Emily Hurt, Veronica Mendoza, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn.

HONOR ROLL (all grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: James-Thomas Cooper, Ruby Klebahn, Adrian Rameriz, Chris Ward, Brendan Fisk.

First Grade: Matthew Faulks.

Second Grade: Tanner Davey, Victoria Hernandez, Allison McCoy, Gabby Silva.

Third Grade: Shayla Clay, Dillon McCleskey, Parker Meredith.

Fourth Grade: Hance Davey, Juan Flores, Payden Perryman, Kaitlan Perryman, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

Fifth Grade: Christian Brooks, Braden Mason, Alexis Osborn, Bernado Santos.

Sixth Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, James Potts, Kyla Simpson, Timothy Ward.

Seventh Grade: Kortney Williams.

Eighth Grade: Courtney Alexander, Jasmine Porter, Kayla Simpson.

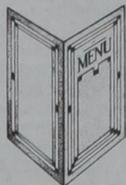
Ninth Grade: Isaiah Archer, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Christina Smith, Brittany Watson.

Tenth Grade: Chicagra Brown, Angelica Mendoza, Brandon Gressett, Gene Salazar.

Eleventh Grade: Ashley Fonseca, Monica Huddleston, Colton Russell.

Twelfth Grade: Amanda Ashby, Amy Easter, Matt Henzler, Seagram Sims.

What's Cooking?



Motley County School Menu

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Lettuce, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, 1/2 Apple, Cookie, Milk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli/Cheese, Hot Roll/Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Enchiladas, Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Orange Juice, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fiesta, Salad, Bread Slice, Peaches, Milk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Lettuce, Pickle Slices, Cake, Fruit, Milk.

by Marilynn Hicks, Principal

We start tutoring two afternoons each week beginning this week. Elementary students who are assigned for tutoring will stay on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The secondary students are tutoring each day during advisory. The teachers have a schedule that is posted in the hallway and are beginning to expect more from the students as we get closer to state test time.

I have heard the argument that we shouldn't be emphasizing the tests, but I think it is a good idea. As the schools in Texas are set up at the present time, there are TEKS, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, that are required to be taught at each grade level and in each course. Teachers must cover the material, and students must learn the material to get credit for the grade or course. The TAKS, Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, is the test over what is being taught. The expectations for students has been raised which is as it should be; there is not less to learn; there is more. Our students deserve to be on the same level as students from any other school, and this ensures that happens.

It also ensures that students are not being passed from grade to grade without mastering the required material.

If you haven't seen a report card from your child since the holiday, ask where it is. They went home with students last Wednesday. If you are not pleased with the progress your child is making, call and make an appointment with his/her teacher or with me. We will be setting up appointments with some parents if we are especially concerned about a student's achievement.

On February 3 there will be a workshop for seniors and their parents to help fill out financial aid forms. Plan to come to the school at 7:00 that evening. We will work with the forms on-line and will help you complete the forms after the program. In the next two weeks I will give you additional information about the workshop, but this will give you an opportunity to set that evening aside.

The basketball teams are into district play. They are doing well and seem to be improving every game. The players and coaches are to be commended for their effort and dedication. Come out to a game.

Life Lessons

By Annie Green



Amidst our darkest hours, it is such a sweet comfort to know that we are walking hand-in-hand with God. Obstacles may be placed before us, but with God by our side, there is not a battle that we cannot face. Though there are trials in our lives we all must endure, we never have to be afraid, God is always there. We are so privileged to have such a wonderful Savior, who loves and protects us dearly. God's love for us is far greater than any other.

We are also fortunate to live in a community that is willing to reach out its arms to those in need. We live in an exceptional county with people who have such warm and compassionate hearts. Growing up in a small

town has enabled us to form such strong ties with people, which are often difficult to come across. We should be proud to call this place home.

My sister and I would personally like to thank everyone for all that you have done for us. Your thoughts, prayers, and concerns meant so much more than you will ever know. May God bless you.

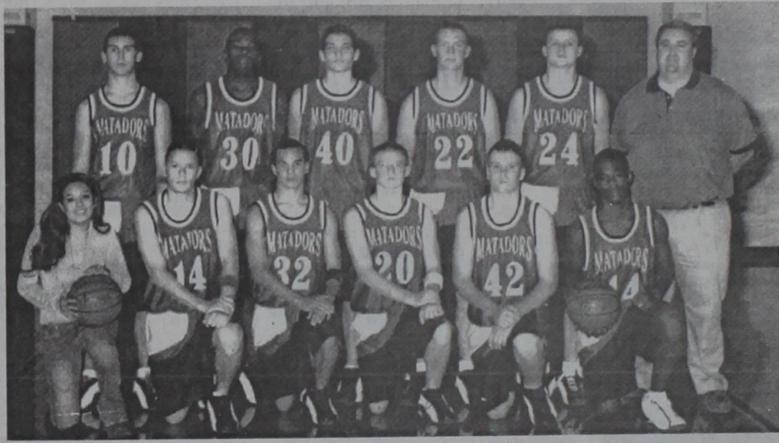
We would also like to say thank you to Stan Wrzesinski and Mariana Luyando. Thank you caring for us in our time of need.

"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, they are plans for good and not evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)"

MOTLEY COUNTY BASKETBALL



MC GIRLS VARSITY — Pictured left to right, beginning at back, Coach Bingham, Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Brittany Watson, Mylissa Gilmore, Veronica Mendoza (Manager), (middle) Kasha Denny, Ashley Fonseca, Angelica Mendoza, Griselda Flores, Ashlee Green, Chicagra Brown; (front) Amy Easter, Karrie Valdez, Brittany Moore, Leatrice Gutierrez, and Sabrina Osborn.



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

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DISTRICT SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
JAN. 7	SOUTHLAND	HERE	6:30 P.M.
JAN. 11	SPUR	THERE	6:30 P.M.
JAN. 14	WILSON	HERE	6:30 P.M.
JAN. 18	PATTON SPGS.	THERE	6:30 P.M.
JAN. 21	LORENZO	HERE	6:30 P.M.
JAN. 25	SOUTHLAND	THERE	6:30 P.M.
JAN. 28	SPUR	HERE	6:30 P.M.
FEB. 1	WILSON	THERE	6:30 P.M.
FEB. 4	PATTON SPGS.	HERE	6:30 P.M.
FEB. 8	LORENZO	THERE	6:30 P.M.

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MC Basketball teams have full schedule District play now in full swing

by Annie Green

The Lady Mats have been extremely active, before the Christmas break, and to the present.

On December 7, 2004, the Motley County Varsity girls basketball team traveled to Guthrie where they defeated the Jaguars with a final score of 63-36.

Leading scorer for the game was Brittany Moore with an impressive 31 points. Other scorers for the game were Ashley Fonseca with 6, Griselda Flores and Christy Smith each had 3, Mylissa Gilmore, Savannah Rose, and Ashlee Green also contributed to the game with two points each.

The games top rebounder was Amy Easter.

The Lady Mats then participated in the Vernon Tournament. In the first game they took home a win against Holiday with a score of 47-45.

Leading scorer was Brittany Moore with 14 points. Chicagra Brown and Ashley Fonseca each had 8 points, Amy Easter added

7, Griselda Flores had 4, and Sabrina Osborn, Christy Smith, and Ashlee Green all had 2 points.

Leading rebounders were Chicagra Brown and Brittany Moore.

In the second game of the tournament, the Lady Mats conquered Vernon Northside with an astounding victory, 60-16.

The games leading scorer was Brittany Moore with 22 points. Sabrina Osborn followed close behind with 12, Griselda Flores-8, Chicagra Brown-4, Christy Smith-4, Ashlee Green-4, Amy Easter, Ashley Fonseca, and Savannah Rose each had 2 points.

The leading rebounders were Osborn and Flores.

In the third game, the Mats defeated Wichita Christian, 47-24, to bring home the championship trophy.

High scorers for the game were Moore-19, Easter-6, Brown-6, Fonseca-6, Osborn-4, and Griselda Flores, Savannah Rose and Christy Smith each contributed 2 points.

In their next game, the Lady Mats were tripped up by Valley, 46-58.

Leading scorers were Moore-22, Fonseca-8, Brown-7, Osborn-5, Easter-2 and Rose-2.

The games top rebounders were Moore and Brown.

On December 17, 2004, the Lady Mats traveled to McLean for their final game before the Christmas break. They battled the Lady Tigers and came out on top with a score of 75-46.

Brittany Moore was the games leading scorer with her 30 points. Ashley Fonseca had 16, Amy Easter and Chicagra Brown added 6, Angelica Mendoza and Sabrina Osborn had 4 each, Ashlee Green had 3, Savannah Rose and Griselda Flores had two each, and Christy Smith had 1 point.

The high rebounders for the game were Fonseca, Moore, and Easter.

On January 4, 2005, after a long Christmas break, the Mats journeyed to Silvertown where they fell short to the Lady Owls, 46-59.

The game's top scorers were, Moore-19, Easter and Fonseca had 8 each, Flores-7, Smith-2, Green-2.

January 7, 2005, marked the Lady Mats first District game of the season. They defeated Southland with a final score of 47-44.

Leading scorers for the game were, Brown-15, Moore-13, Fonseca-10, Osborn-3, Easter-2, Flores-2.

The games leading rebounders were Brown and Fonseca.

On December 14, 2004, the Mighty Matadors won a hard fought battle against the Valley Patriots in overtime. The final outcome was 73-64.

Bradley Brown was the games leading scorer with 21 points. Isaiah Archer -15, followed by Matt Henzler-10, Chance Bingham-8, Clay Cooper-7, Seagram Sims-7, Stacy Perryman-3 and Kenny Johannes-2.

December 17, 2004, the Mats found themselves face on against the McLean Tigers. They put forth an excellent fight, but fell short in the end, 47-51.

Leading scorer was Brown with 21 points. Other scorers for the game were Sims-16, Cooper-8, Henzler-2.

On January 4, 2005, the Motley County Matadors traveled to Silvertown to battle the Owls. Silvertown came out victorious with a final score of 41-52.

Brown was the games leading scorer with 18 points. Other scorers for the game were Sims-13, Archer-4, Cooper-4, and Stacy Perryman-2.

For their first District game of the season, the Mighty Matadors faced Southland. They played a great game and ultimately came out on top with a score of 58-26.

Leading scorer for the night was Archer with 24 points. Following close behind, Brown-20, Cooper-10, and Sims-4.

Bingham, Brown, and Archer had two steals each.

Bingham had 5 assists, Brown-4, and Archer-3.

Seagram Sims had 3 defensive tips.

This is a fine group of talented athletes. Come on out and show both the boys and girls basketball teams your support.

Letter to the Editor

Free Grace vs. Man's Responsibility

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5. When it comes to salvation, this is the theme throughout the New Testament: free grace to those that believe (in Christ). "For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

It is human nature to want to depend on ourselves and not others for everything including our own eternal security. The truth of grace goes against the way we are naturally bent and taught to think in our society. It does nothing for our pride or ego, but gives the Lord Jesus Christ all of the glory.

Grace does not; however, free us from the responsibilities of our actions. Occasionally you may hear, "If I believed that (that we are saved by grace), then I could live any way that I want to."

This is what Paul was answering in Romans 6:1-2 when he said, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may be abound? God

forbid." If someone desires to "continue in sin", this is a clue that they may not be truly saved. I did not say if someone sins, because the Bible and our lives teach us that Christ was the only person ever on this earth that was not a sinner. I said "if someone desires to continue (live in) sin." With true saving grace comes a desire to not live in sin. According to Strong's Concordance, the original Greek word that was translated to "grace" means: the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in life.

By grace we are saved, and by grace we desire to do well. Why would we not want to please a Lord that has given us a gift that is so precious? Paul goes on to teach us that without the grace of God we can do nothing but sin. (See Romans 7:14-21). If we do anything good, it is only by the grace of God.

"But of all the foes we meet, none betray us into sin, like the foes that dwell within. But let nothing spoil your peace, Christ will also conquer these." Primitive Hymns, 1841. Author unknown.

In everything we do, let's give God the glory!

John Bird

Highway conditions website upgraded

AUSTIN-- To make it easier for motorists to navigate their way around the Lone Star State, the Texas Department of Transportation has launched a more user-friendly highway conditions page on its Web site, www.dot.state.tx.us.

"Motorists have been able to check our Web site for highway conditions updates since 1998, but thanks to new technology, we have been able to greatly improve the system and make it much easier to use," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT's executive director. We recommend that anyone planning a trip in Texas check our Web site before they hit the road.

The new Web page features a Texas map that displays in real time highway conditions expected to last more than two hours and either close travel completely or cause delays of more than a half-hour. Con-

struction, weather problems such as floods, snow, and ice, along with traffic crashes, fires and other incidents causing significant delays will be displayed.

To use the new system, go to the TxDOT homepage and click on the flashing Road Conditions icon on the upper right. That brings up the roadway information portal, where clicking view current conditions under the TxDOT Highway Conditions banner takes a user to the state map containing real-time information.

Color-coded dots on the map help viewers get a quick impression of what's going on in any part of the state. The interactive system allows a user to zoom in on a particular area or roadway for a detailed view. "A TxDOT team put in a lot of work to make this feature user-friendly," Behrens said. "Anyone used to navigating the Internet should

have little trouble finding their way around this page. And now they'll have less trouble finding their way around Texas, as well." For those without internet access, TxDOT continues to operate its toll-free road conditions hotline, 1-800-452-9292.

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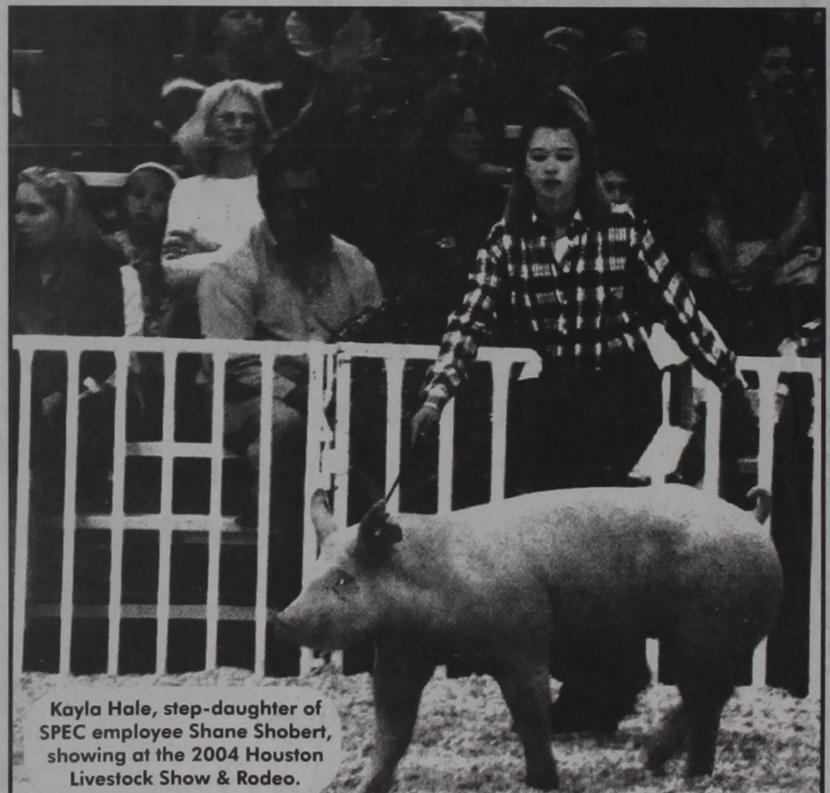
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Study rejects myths about Kid's attitudes on Hunting

HOUSTON-The "Bambi Myth" can be put to rest. Results of a three-year nationwide survey presented here recently during the 7th Governor's Symposium on North America's Hunting Heritage show that kids support hunting and are not being misinformed in schools about the role of hunting.

"The first myth is that kids don't support hunting," says Mark Duda, whose Virginia-based Responsive Management market research firm recently completed a study for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gauging the attitudes of youth toward hunting and fishing. "The information we gleaned from over 2,000 youth ages 8 to 18 shows that 58 percent support hunting, and that support increases as they get older."

The survey, which was funded through a grant from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration program, carries a confidence level of plus or minus 2 percent.

"The other myth is that people seem to think teachers are speaking negatively about hunting," said Duda, "when, in fact, most kids don't know if their teachers support hunting. But, those that had an opinion said they knew their teachers do support hunting."

The research findings gave leaders of North America's hunting and wildlife conservation community new resolve in their discussions about hunter recruitment and retention issues during the three-day Symposium.

"A common misconception among hunters has been that the classroom was a breeding ground for anti-hunting doctrine," said Mike Berger, Wildlife Division Director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "In reality, the study showed, kids get very little ex-

posure to hunting at school. I believe this shows clearly that we have an opportunity and a mandate to do a better job of educating our youth about hunting and wildlife conservation."

Steve Hall, education director for TPWD stated, "We've had much success in Texas integrating hunter education in high school curricula; primarily because of the agriculture science curriculum which trains students in outdoor recreation and wildlife management practices. At the elementary level, we train teachers in programs such as Project Wild that teach kids about the fact regarding conservation, wildlife and the environment." He added, "still, we can do much more working with professional educators to help them understand why the North American Conservation Model, which includes hunting as an integral tool of wildlife management, is the greatest conservation success story on the planet."

One of the more important findings, according to Duda, is that kids who hunt or fish tend to have greater knowledge about wildlife. Exposure to hunting is a very positive thing.

The study showed that 92 percent of children who hunt come from hunting families. It also concluded mentoring programs that do not include male family members are not as effective as those with male family members in initiating youth in to hunting. It also revealed that hunting families are leaving the kids on the porch--of the kids who came from a hunting family, only 25 percent went hunting during the last year.

"That means 75 percent of hunting families with kids did not involve those kids in hunting activities," said Duda. "They have all the elements to initiate new hunters, but failed to act. Hunting families produce hunt-

ers so programs that invite a youth to hunt need to invite another family member, too. You can't just drop a kid off at camp."

Research also indicated that single-parent households, including female-headed households, are not negatively affecting hunting participation. In fact, the study showed that a youth raised in a single-parent household had a greater likelihood of having hunting during their lifetime and during the last year.

"We can assume several reasons for that," said Duda. "In mother-headed households, fathers still play an active role in engaging children to hunt, but when the father does not do so, other male family members, particularly uncles and grandfathers, step in to fill that role."

The most common reason youth gave for going hunting were to have fun and to be with family and friends.

Not only do children approve of hunting, but also 44 percent of those surveyed went so far as to express an interest in going hunting and one in five were very interested in going hunting. Rob Keck, National Wild Turkey Federation CEO, views this as a recruitment opportunity.

"It's time to wake up and let kids do more than just sit on the porch and smell the gunpowder," Keck urged. "Over half the states in Canadian provinces do not allow kids to get a hunting license until they are 12 years of age and in New York, you have to be 16 years of age to hunt white-tailed deer. Some states do not allow Sunday hunting. That's a barrier. There are 32 million youth in America who participate in outdoor sports and we need to reach those kids. We have to make hunting cool."



YOUNG HUNTERS — These young Motley County hunters are pictured here with their trophy deer captured on recent hunts. For some this was their first deer. From left to right, beginning at back are Jonathon Osborn, 9 point white tail; Austin Taylor, 9 point white tail and a mule deer; Christian Brooks, 10 point white tail; Eric Simpson, 10 point white tail; (in front) Caleb Clary, 10 point white tail; Bryant Taylor, 8 point white tail; Jacob Woolsey, 8 point white tail; and Tanner Bearden, 9 point white tail.

Youth Hunting Dates January 15-16

Archery	October 2-31
General:	
*Special Youth Season	October 30-31 January 15-16
North Deer Zone Counties	November 6-January 2
Panhandle	November 20-December 5
South Deer Zone Counties	November 6-January 16
Edwards Plateau	
Late Antlerless and Spike	January 3-16
South Deer Zone Counties	
Late Antlerless and Spike	January 17-January 30
Muzzleloader Counties	
Late Antlerless and Spike	January 8-16

White Tailed Deer



Archery	October 2-October 31
Fall Season	
* Special Youth Season	October 30-31 January 15-16
North Zone Counties	November 6-January 2
South Zone Counties	November 6-January 16
Brooks, Kenedy & Kleberg counties	November 6-February 27
Spring Season	
North Texas	April 2-May 8
South Texas	March 26-May 1

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tification is 12 years and cost is \$10.

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age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or must be accompanied.

*age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a

hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be accompanied*.

New: Hunter Education Deferral (cost: \$10)-Allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. A person who has convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited for applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount.

*Accompanied means: By a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before September 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting. Note: Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.

Bowhunter Education: Certification is required on certain areas of Texas (Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Pottsboro and Camp Bullis, San Antonio.)

Note: Bowhunter education does not substitute for Hunter Education certification.

For course information, please consult the TPWD Hunter Education section or call toll-free (800) 792-1112 (menu 6) or call (512) 389-4999.



FIRST DEER — Bryant Taylor, 7, shot his first deer, an 8 point White Tail, in December on a hunt in Motley County. He is the son of Shane and Wendi Taylor of Matador.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Essie Payne, Bud Roller of Lubbock, and Charlene Cage of Andrews, were guests in the home of J. D. and Janey Henly of Marana, Ariz. over the holidays. Janey took them on scenic routes to Mexico. Kenneth Robbins, treated them to Casina De Sol, where Essie hit a big Jackpot. She was still on Cloud 9 when they returned home this week. They went to several occasions. Kenneth and Cathy Robbins prepared a wonderful New Year's dinner. A great time was had by all. The hospitality was great. They all wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rattan of Idalou visited Mrs. Cleo Watson on Sunday.

Mrs. Cleo Watson, Monty Watson and Sherri Harris made a trip to Lubbock on Saturday.

Mrs. Genetta Ameijide and Mrs. Lee Cook visited their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Vaughn of Snyder on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alexander and Jaci visited her parents in Denver City last weekend.

Mrs. Sherri Harris flew to Atlanta, Georgia to visit her parents for Christmas.

Mrs. Clint Burns was hostess to the Bible group this week. There were twenty-three ladies in attendance. The group is studying prayer for the next four meetings. The group will meet in the home of Lula Swim in two weeks.

Correction: Steve Halston is the pastor of the Roaring Springs and Matador Methodist Churches. His name was incorrectly printed as Houston last week.

Matador News

C.D. Garrison had major surgery Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Covenant Hospital in Plainview. With him during surgery and hospitalization was his wife, Evelyn, daughter, Mrs. Debra Scott and son and wife, David and Susan Garrison of Childress.

Mrs. Travis (Lou Anne) Jameson is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock having medical tests for a high white blood count.

Carl Hester, son, Christopher and friends, Gary and Conner McDaniel of Lovington, N.M. visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon and enjoyed hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner visited recently during an ice storm

in Wichita, Kansas with son, Joe Dean Bumgardner and other relatives.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mrs. Frances Dixon were daughter and family, Elaine and Fred Risser and daughter, Kaci Risser of Plainview. They celebrated the birthday of Elaine with all the trim-

Of interest to local residents, Jack Green, former Motley County resident, had surgery in Midland this past week. He is reported to be recovering just fine.

Shirley Smith has been a patient at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo for two weeks. She underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a pinched nerve in her neck.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
A husband and wife were watching the 10 o'clock news and a man standing on the ledge of a building was fixing to jump off.

The husband said, "I'll bet you \$5.00 he'll jump off. His wife said okay, then the man jumped off the ledge.

The husband feeling guilty said, "I'm going to have to admit, I saw him on the 6 o'clock news when he fell to the ground."

His wife shrugged and replied, "Well, I saw it too, but I thought he might change his mind."

Correction
Jim Stockton of Whiteflat registered a total of 37.65 inches of moisture in 2004 rather than the 37.23 inches as published. 1.40 to 2 inches of rain, Tuesday, Jan. 4, put a damper on the cotton and peanut harvest in Whiteflat and Flomot area.

Jerry and Sheila Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama visited from Tuesday until Thursday of last week with her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. Other guests, Tuesday were son and wife, Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert en route to Flomot and on return trip home, visited in Graham with his sister and family, Kathy and Neal Blanton, Loren and Christopher and their holiday guest, mother, Mrs. Christeen Gilbert of Quitaque.

Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers was grandson, Dane Degan and sons, Kyler and Kason of

Crosbyton. Mrs. Rogers has been on the sick list.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and son, Michael Starkey of Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her medical appointments and visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter met daughter and husband, Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville in Lubbock, Friday and celebrated the Sehon's 8th wedding anniversary with a luncheon and entertainment.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse met her children, Leah Cruse and Derrick Cruse in Canyon Saturday night and they attended the West Texas A&M University vs. Central Oklahoma University girls' basketball game.

Mrs. Alma Shorter was on the sick list the past week and received medical treatment in Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Thursday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah. They enjoyed the basketball game in which Kelsey and Panhandle teammates won when playing Spearman team.

Dane Degan and sons, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton visited Saturday with his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Word was received, but no obituary, that Barney Joe Martin, 74, of Sherman, former Flomot resident, died Friday, January 7, 2005. Funeral services were to be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Center Street Church of Christ in Sherman.

Senior Notes

By Tommie Keith, Director

Hi - how is everyone? Great we hope! The Center has received several memorial donations in memory of Joe Campbell. They have been from Tex and Eva Barkley, Hal and Kellie Martin, and Franklin and Susan Jameson.

In memory of Jack Davis from Tex and Eva Barkley, Laverna Frice Johnston, Hal and Kellie Martin, and Franklin and Susan Jameson.

In memory of Carolyn Rose, from Billy Paul and Betty Simpson and Hal and Kellie Martin. Betty requested their memorial go toward the building fund.

Hal and Kellie Martin, Carolyn & Howard Limmer and Lola Pohl gave a memorial donation in memory of Donnie Jenkins.

Carolyn & Howard Limmer, Lola Pohl, E.A. and Dorothy Day, Charlie and Opal Johnson, Carolyn Ewing, Ronald & Kay Bailey, Bill Paul and Betty Simpson, Leo and Joyce Archer and Geneva Wilson gave a memorial donation in memory of Charlotte Campbell Richardson. Carolyn and Charlie and Opal requested their memorial go to the building fund.

Margie Payne gave a donation in memory of John Payne.

Geneva Wilson and Winifred Darsey gave donations in memory of Billy Dan Bingham. Thank you all so much!

Jim Watson gave the Center a donation in memory of Jerry Watson. Thank you, Jim.

Donations that have been given to the Center come from D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Macedonia Baptist Church, Vance and Betty Campbell, Keith and Joan Patton, Anna Ortiz, Jeanne Williams, Kathy Shorter, Joyce Campbell, Phillip Sharp, Brad Jameson, Beverly Darsey, Lara Davey, James Gillespie and Sondra and Van Frances. Thank you all so very much. It is through the memorial donations and donations that keep us going.

Now, it's time for EXERCISE! We will be doing armchair exercises on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget about the Thursday night game night. Everyone is really enjoying it so come out and join the fun.

The Senior Citizens is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. See you at the Center.

A Note of Thanks

The family of Donnie Jenkins would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all who ministered to our family during our recent loss. You have been and continue to be a blessing. We appreciate those who brought food to the Methodist Church and served us lunch. We feel that Mother made a real contribution to the life and happiness of all who knew her. She was so precious to us. God bless you for your love and prayers.

Karmen and Ronald McCulloch
Steven, Jeff, Debbie, Heather, Kory,
Sean, Erin & Haley Braselton

Words do not really express what a blessing each of you are to us. But THANK YOU to the EMT's who left home on Christmas Eve to convey me in the ambulance to Crosbyton, then from there on to UMC in Lubbock. I was in the hospital for three nights due to a bleeding ulcer, which I got from taking too much Ibuprofen (a warning to be careful if you take IB, it gave me an ulcer). A special thanks to the ladies who brought our supper when we came home from the hospital, and to everyone for the cards, calls and words of sympathy at the loss of our Aunt Frances who passed away on Christmas Day.

May God bless each of you,
Barbara and Bill Armstrong

Obituaries

Paula Deloyce Eubanks

Funeral services for Paula Deloyce Eubanks, 75, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 10 at the Moore-Rose-White Memorial Chapel in Floydada with the Rev. Terry Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Floydada.

Mrs. Eubanks departed this life on Jan. 7, 2005 at Lubbock Care Center.

She was born Sept. 9, 1929, in Matador to Ferrell Frank and Cordi Mae Amoneit Stephens. She attended school in Flomot and attended Floydada High School for a year, graduating in 1945. She married Oran Eubanks Aug. 12, 1946 in the McCoy Community. They moved from Floydada to Lubbock in 1967, to White River in 1972 and returned to Lubbock in 1998. She was a homemaker and

a member of the Wayne Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Doyce Stephens and one great granddaughter, Shayli Stanton.

Survivors include her husband, Oran Eubanks of Lubbock; one son, Ronnie Franks Eubanks and wife, Linda of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Duane Stephens of Lubbock and Cloyd Stephens of Mathis; two sisters, Bobbie Claunch of White River and Patricia Stephens of Spur; three granddaughters, Katrina Stanton of Ralls, Stacy Stanton of Albuquerque, and Dena Rawsky of Las Vegas, Nevada and seven great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79244 or to a favorite charity.

Frances Arnold Ellis

Services for Frances Ellis, 91, of Paris, Texas, were held Friday, December 31, at Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home in Paris. She died peacefully in her sleep on Christmas Day at Alterra Sterling House of Paris, a retirement home where she had been living the past four years.

She was born January 8, 1913, in Greenville. She attended Wesley Junior College in Greenville. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin and English from East Texas State Teachers College, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Texas State College for Women. She was a home demonstration agent in Red River County, Cass County and Lamar County.

Mrs. Ellis, a former Home Demonstration agent, had been a columnist for The Paris News, where she began her writing career in 1943. In 1956 she initiated a radio station, KPLT, the first weekly radio broadcast to be hosted in Texas by a home demonstration agent. For sixty years she had been very active in civic and beautification projects in Paris.

She was a supporter of the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum in Greenville, her home town. She donated the block of land in Greenville where the Arnold home stood and where she grew up, for a Park. In Paris, she donated the land where the Ellis homeplace stood.

Mrs. Ellis had a long list of accomplishments too numerous to list.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Catherine Arnold Bird of Matador, as well as her husband, Prentis Ellis, whom she assisted in his insurance business in Paris. They had no children.

She is survived by a nephew, Tom Arnold, of Dayton, Ohio; and two nieces, Linda Arnold Cosgrove, of Chevy Chase, Md., and Barbara Bird Armstrong and son, Jason Jameson, of Matador and Barbara Ellis of Austin.

Her nieces and nephew spoke of their memories of their Aunt Francis at the services. She had made an impact on each of their lives in a different way.

Imogene "Jean" Sprayberry Smith

Imogene "Jean" Spraberry Smith, 83, of Amarillo died Saturday, January 1, 2005.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 3, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Murray Gossett of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mrs. Smith was born on a homestead outside Craig, Colo. She finished high school in Roaring Springs. She and her husband and children moved to Amarillo in 1942. She worked for the Graham Plow Co. and Sears Roebuck and spent 14 years as a housewife. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J.

Smith, in 1984. "Granmama's" survivors include a daughter, Elwanda Griffith and husband, Roger, of Carrollton; a son, Charles "Chuck" Smith of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Christian Griffith of Dallas and David Smith and wife, Beth, of Amarillo; a great-granddaughter, Emma Grace Smith of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Teddy Spraberry of Brownwood; a brother-in-law, Ed D. Smith and wife, Pat, of Roaring Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Jan Werner Adult Day Care, 3108 S. Filmore St., Amarillo, TX 79110. The Center provided transportation for Jean to go to her doctors.

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Psalm 47: 6

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

USDA Issues Final Procedures and Sets Date for Lamb Referendum
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 2004--The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service today announced the final procedures for a continuance referendum under the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information order, more commonly known as the Lamb Checkoff Program, and also announced that the referendum will be conducted Jan. 31, 2005, through Feb. 28, 2005.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. To be eligible to participate, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, that shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the period of Jan. 1, 2004, through Dec. 31, 2004.

Beginning Jan. 31, 2005, and continuing through Feb. 28, 2005, persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from county FSA offices either in person, by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained via the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm>.

Persons will vote in the referendum at the county FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the person not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the county FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Form LS-86 and supporting documentation may be returned in person, by mail or facsimile to the appropriate county

FSA office. Form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business of Feb. 28, 2005. Form LS-86 and accompanying documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight of Feb. 28, 2005, and received in the county FSA office by March 7, 2005.

For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of voters who also represent a majority of the volume in the referendum.

The Lamb Checkoff Program is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996. This program provides for assessments on the sale of lamb and lamb products and for an industry board to carry out promotion, research and information programs designed to increase the demand for lamb and lamb products.

The referendum is mandated by the act and requires that the secretary of agriculture conduct a referendum either prior to its going into effect or within three years after assessments first begin. Assessments began July 1, 2002. AMS oversees the activities of the program.

The procedures and notice for the referendum will be published in the Dec. 27, 2004, *Federal Register*. For more information contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, AMS Livestock and Seed Program, USDA Stop 0251, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251 or telephone number (202) 720-1115.

February Seminar in Vernon focuses on Wheat Marketing plans

VERNON--A two-day Advanced Topic Series seminar slated for Feb. 8-9 will help producers improve their marketing skills and generate a wheat marketing plan, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"This seminar is designed to help producers cope with market uncertainty by developing a written market plan," said Stan Bevers, Extension economist based at Vernon.

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon.

Bevers and Extension economist Mark Waller of College Station will address market fundamentals, technical signals, and seasonal trends in cash, basis and contracts. They will also discuss several different strategies for pre- and post-harvest marketing.

"The objective of this workshop is for each participant to leave with all the information necessary to complete a written marketing plan for the coming

year," Bevers said. "We will use a combination of classroom lectures and small work groups to provide a learning environment similar to our Master Marketer training."

Registration costs \$125 per person, and includes educational materials, breaks and lunch. Preregistration is required. The registration deadline is Feb. 1. To register or to get more information contact Bevers at (940) 553-4657, extension 231, or your local county Extension office.

Extension offers several Advanced Topic Series agricultural marketing workshops statewide each year. Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Bevers said. The series is also underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System, the Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

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Cotton  **News**
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FSA Clarifies Delinquent Status For Farm Loan Program Participants

Friday, January 7, 2005 By Shawn Wade

In an effort to avoid producer confusion and inconvenience, the USDA Farm Service Agency has clarified rules that determine when producers participating in the FSA Farm Loan Program are considered delinquent and how that status affects their ability to participate in various FSA programs.

Prompting the Agency's action was the concern that the term "delinquent" has multiple definitions as it applies to various FSA programs and could inadvertently create problems for producers.

Plains Cotton Growers has worked closely with FSA personnel in Texas and Washington and with the National Cotton Council to obtain the clarification.

The FSA notice, LP-1979, specifies that producers are not considered delinquent until 90 days after the due date on a loan made to them through the FSA farm loan program.

FSA's clarification insures High Plains producers who are waiting to have their 2004 crop ginned will not be deemed ineligible to receive farm program benefits, such as the ability to use the marketing loan program, even though they might have been unable to pay off an FSA loan by the scheduled due date.

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High: 33 Low: 15
-  **Saturday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 18
-  **Sunday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 20
-  **Monday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 24
-  **Tuesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 42 Low: 29
-  **Wednesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 30

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 34°. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1952. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy in the morning and afternoon with mostly clear skies in the evening, high temperature of 33°.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
1/17	1/25	2/2	2/8

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Saturday	68	48	51/27	0.00"	0.00"
Sunday	63	42	51/27	0.00"	0.14"
Monday	50	40	51/27	0.00"	-0.14"
Tuesday	40	33	51/27	0.00"	.41.0°
Wednesday	34	23	51/26	0.00"	.38.8°
Thursday	31	20	51/26	0.00"	+2.2°
Friday	54	27	51/26	0.00"	

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

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Sun & Moon Times

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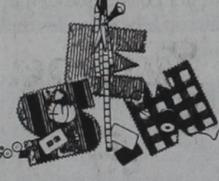
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