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## Matador City Council appoints Municipal Judge

The Matador City Council approved an ordinance appointing Cora M. Smallwood, Motley County Justice of the Peace, to the position of Municipal Judge when they met for their regular meeting January 13. Council approved a salary of \$300 per month.

A second ordinance was approved appointing Lara Davey, City Secretary, as Municipal Court Clerk.

In other business, minutes from the December 9, 2004, meeting were read and approved. A list of expenditures were presented and approved for payment.

Market Matador Board of Directors, Bobby Williams and Roy Hobbs, were approved for reappointment.

The City of Matador would like to increase the Matador Housing Authority management fees from \$500 per month to \$700 per month. With a motion from Bert Darsey, a second from Jim Watson and a unanimous vote, the City will ask for this proposed increase.

Current landfill charges for waste disposal are \$25.00 per ton of discharge. Contracts between the City of Turkey and the

City of Quitaque increase this amount to \$29.00 for the 2005 calendar year. Caprock Waste is the exception with a discussed amount of \$27.00 per disposed ton. A motion was given by Jim Watson to increase all landfill charges for paying customers to the \$29.00 per ton with the exception of Caprock Waste. Chuck Ream seconded the motion and motion carried.

The annexation plan for the City of Matador was presented. This plan is necessary for the annexation of any land into the City limits. Council accepted the plan.

The ordinance that allows for the annexation of the property north of town, designated for the Hackberry Creek Care Center, was presented by Mayor Paul Westbrook. Council approved the annexation.

Council adopted three new City ordinances. The first being an ordinance that provides for the removal and cleanup of trash, weeds, grass and junk in the City of Matador with penalties that can be enforced after proper notice is given to the property owners. These notices will be issued through the Municipal Court.

The second ordinance declares junk cars a nuisance and allows the City to remove and abate this nuisance. Again, after proper notice of violation from the municipal court, the City will be allowed to dispose of the "junk cars" at the expense of the owner.

The third ordinance calls for the regulation of animals within City limits. Dogs and cats and other animals, wild or domestic, will have to be properly restrained whether by fence or fastened to a lead within the property lines of the owner. The fines for the unrestrained animal can result in a fine of no less than \$1.00 to no more than \$500.00, enforced by the Municipal Court.

An amended budget was

presented to Council showing the increase of expenditure in the General Fund 2004-2005 Budget. An increase of the budget was made for \$7500.00 out of personnel for the pay of the Deputy. A motion was made by Chuck Ream to approve this increase and a second was given by Bert Darsey. Motion passed to amend the budget.

City Water Superintendent Steve Barton was not present to give his report, so a brief financial review was presented by Councilman Jim Watson.

Those in attendance at this meeting were the following: Mayor Paul Westbrook, Council members, Bert Darsey, Chuck Ream, Jim Watson and Pat Seigler; and City Secretary Lara Davey.

## Valentine Banquet will combine Mother-Daughter, Father-Son Banquets

Attention Dads, Moms, boys and girls, Pre-K through twelfth grade, are invited to a Valentine Banquet to be held on Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Motley County School.

The banquet will combine the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Banquets.

An evening meal will be served, followed by DJ music and dancing. Fun for all ages!

Tickets are \$6.00 for sixth grade through adults and \$4.00 for Pre-K through 5th grade.

For more information and tickets contact Ginger Gilmore at the school or Annette Hollinsworth at New To You.

If a child would like to attend, but does not have an escort for the banquet, surrogate parents are available. Please inform Mrs. Gilmore or Mrs. Hollinsworth.

## Matador Assembly of God to host Revival

Rev. Kevin Akins and family will be joining Pastor Vince Sandlin and the congregation of First Assembly of God Church in Matador on January 30, 2005, for a Pentecostal Revival. The church is located at 900 Bundy, and the services will be held

nightly at 7:00 p.m.

Come together to hear a word from the Lord with Pentecostal praise and worship. Witness real people who have come to tell about a real God through testimony and scripture.

## Roaring Springs City Council meets

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session January 10. Those in attendance were Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro-Tem Alex Crowder, Council members Patricia Green, Gary Simpson, Kelly Keltz, Timmy Brooks, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Zella Palmer.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order and Kelly Keltz

gave the invocation.

Council voted unanimously to purchase a new Gas Jet Sewer Machine, Trailer and Tank.

Council discussed the possible purchase of a new pickup. A bid will be placed in the *Motley County Tribune*. Bids will be opened at the February 14, 2005, regular City Council meeting.

## USDA-NRCS seeks comments on Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking comments from Texas landowners and organizations on its flagship conservation costshare program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, is launching a comment period to allow public input on EQIP through March 15, 2005.

"NRCS periodically reviews and updates the EQIP priorities, with input from the public, to ensure the program continues to address the most important resource needs as well as emerging resource issues," says Dr. Butler. The program originated in the 1996 Farm Bill and was re-authorized in 2002. "Updating the national priori-

ties will help us prepare for the 2006 program year and for the next Farm Bill reauthorization in 2007."

Public listening sessions will be held in each State in coordination with the State Technical Committee. NRCS is looking for a wide array of public and stakeholder input from these sessions. Feedback from agricultural organizations, environmental groups, commodity organizations, agencies, individuals and others is encouraged.

A listening session will be held on March 1, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, Del Valle Room, in Austin. In addition to State listening sessions, the Federal register and the NRCS national website.

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## State records sixteen months of sales tax growth

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that the state collected \$1.35 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 8.3 percent compared to December 2003.

"Our state's great economic engine is improving. We have experienced 16 months of positive sales tax growth," Strayhorn said. "In my biennial revenue estimate, delivered this week to the 79th Legislature, I predict sales tax revenues will increase 4.1 percent in fiscal year 2005, 3.6 percent in 2006 and 4.8 percent in 2007."

Strayhorn sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first sales tax allocations of 2005. January payments to local governments total \$329.1 million, up 8.6 percent compared to January 2004.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent January sales tax allocations of

\$223.1 million to Texas cities, up 9.4 percent compared to January 2004. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.5 million, up 11.6 percent compared to last January.

Another \$9.3 million went to 89 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 17.3 percent compared to last January. Nine local transit systems received \$77 million in sales tax allocations, up 4.6 percent compared to a year ago.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,474.01, compared to \$3,357.56 in January of last year, a 3.46% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received \$2,868.55, compared to \$2,149.90 in January of last year, a 33.42% change.

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

## MC Parents' Club to meet Jan. 27th

The Motley County Parents' Club will meet tonight (Thursday, January 27) at 5:30 p.m. in the Motley County cafeteria. Upcoming events sponsored by the club will be discussed, including the All-Night party, MC Pageant, Reading Party, just to name a few. The meeting should be concluded by 6:00 p.m. to enable those wishing to attend the MCYO meeting to be able to do so. Those who can stay will address business letters to go out for the All-Night Party.



The Atkins Family, Kevin, Kendra and Kristi, will hold revival services at the Matador Assembly of God Church January 30.

## First Baptist Church will host Women's Luncheon February 5

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Women's Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Saturday, February 5, at 12:00 noon.

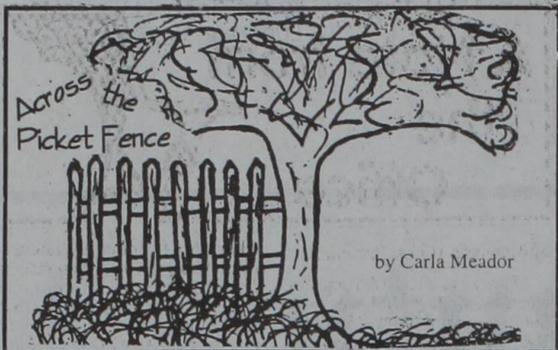
Special guest, Virginia Taylor of South Plains, will share a dramatic interpretation of the life of Mary Magdalene, and Carolyn Ewing of Matador will present special music.

The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

For more information call Lana Copp (347-2425) or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).



GINNING IS STILL IN PROGRESS IN MOTLEY COUNTY, and these numerous modules on the lots at Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs indicate that it will continue for awhile. Red Ball reports ginning over 6,000 bales and still ginning. Flomot Gin reports ginning over 6,200 bales and still ginning. Johnson's Gin in Quitaque reports ginning over 20,000 bales. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of the Red Ball Gin said, "We're ginning day and night and the cotton is ginning well."



Don't you just feel awful when you think you've said something that might have hurt someone's feelings? We all say things we wish we wouldn't have. I know I have stuck my foot in my mouth more than once. Wouldn't it be great if we really did think out everything we were going to say before we just blurted it out. Here a few little quotes that are good to remember.

"My friends are my estate."  
— Emily Dickinson

"Friendship is love without wings."  
— Lord Byron

"Flowers are lovely; love is flowerlike; Friendship is a sheltering tree."  
— Coleridge

"A good laugh is sunshine in a house."

— William Makepeace Thackeray  
"Keep true to the dreams of your youth."  
— Johann Friedrich von Schiller  
"The best way to make children good is to make them happy."  
— Oscar Wilde  
"Youth comes but once in a lifetime."  
— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
"There is nothing like a dream to create the future."  
— Victor Hugo  
"Don't forget to love yourself."  
— Soren Kierkegaard  
"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."  
— Abraham Lincoln

## Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

New books in the library include *Bloodlines*, an Irene Kelly novel by Jan Burke and *By Order of the President* by W.E.B. Griffin. We also have *Unexpected Blessings*, the newest book by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

We have the sequel to *The Queen's Fool* by Philippa Gregory. This book is called *The Virgin's Lover*. These are historical novels. The first is about Queen Mary and the second is about the reign of Elizabeth I. Both books are very good, presenting history that is woven together by fictitious characters.

New to the library is Michael Crichton's *State of Fear* and David L. Robbins' *Liberation Road*. *Liberation Road* is a novel of World War II and the Red Ball Express. We have John McCain's book, *Why Courage Matters*.

Also, new to the library's shelves is the newest by John Grisham, *The Broker*. We have this book in both regular and large print. The library has Lisa Gardner's newest, *Alone* and one by Linda Fairstein, *Entombed*.



Jared Craig Johnson and Kandi Renee Keltz

## Engagement Announced

Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kandi Renee Keltz to Jared Craig Johnson, son of Kenton Johnson of Samnorwood and Janice McCloy of Morse. Grandparents of the bride are Corky Marshall of Roaring Springs and the late Margaret Slover, and June Keltz Level of Ft. Worth and the late Bennie Keltz. Grandparents of the groom are Bryce and Annie Johnson of Scranton, ND and Alice Kelly of Allison, and the late E.O. Kelly. Kandi is a graduate of Motley County High School and Texas Tech University. She will attend the Masters of Occupational Therapy Program at Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock, June 2005, and is currently employed by Covenant Hospital. Jared is a graduate of Gruver High School and Texas Tech University. He is currently working on his Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture at Texas Tech. The couple plan to be married March 12, 2005, at Christian Life Assembly of God Church in Lubbock.

## Red Rovers gather for first meeting of the new year

by Joan Patton

The Red Rovers held their first meeting of the new year recently with a bevy of enthusiastic and helpful ladies.

As usual it was hosted by Suzanne Abbott, at the Library, and we thanked her once again for making us all comfortable.

Our "Queen" Joyce Campbell, opened the meeting and laid out suggestions for trips for the next few months.

Scrapbook work was continued by some of the members.

In addition to the above mentioned members those attending were Ruby McGuire, Mary Helen Wason, Patricia Green, Dan Barton, Betty Henry, Joan Patton, Dorothy Day, Mary Jones, Norma Marrs, Robena King, Lula Swim, Donald Letkeman, Sharon Allen, Eugenia Barton, Evelyn Garrison, and new member Greta Smallwood.

## Santa Rosa District President visits local El Progresso Club

by Beverly Vinson

In the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Burns, El Progresso Club welcomed Santa Rosa District President, Linda Merrick, whose home is in Iowa Park. She is a lovely, outgoing person, very excited about TFWC. Some likened her to our Grace Campbell in that she knows how and can do the work of Federation.

A report on the status of El Progresso; the City and the Jail was presented by Lucretia Campbell, and a thank you from Vernon Hospital for our Christmas donations sent by a member in the club's name.

The next meeting will be held at the home of JoEtta Bumgardner for the annual Bingo-Potato luncheon and Valentine party on February 10 at 11:00 a.m.

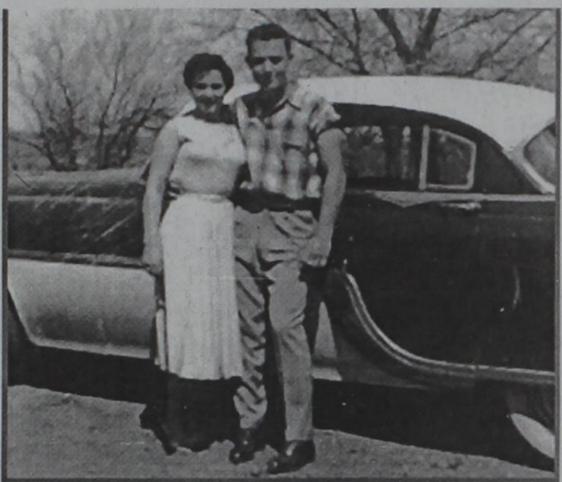
The club was also reminded of the annual Guest evening to be held March 10. Fredia Burns asked if the club would like to donate stuffed toys for children in the hospital at Big Spring or wherever needed. These are "comfort" pieces for youngsters to cuddle when ill.

JoAnn Dickson introduced the guest, stating her qualifications for the job she has as Santa Rosa District president. Mrs. Merrick commended El Progresso on its work through the years in the local area and district-wise. She stated TFWC will be a part of this Legislation Day in Austin where club

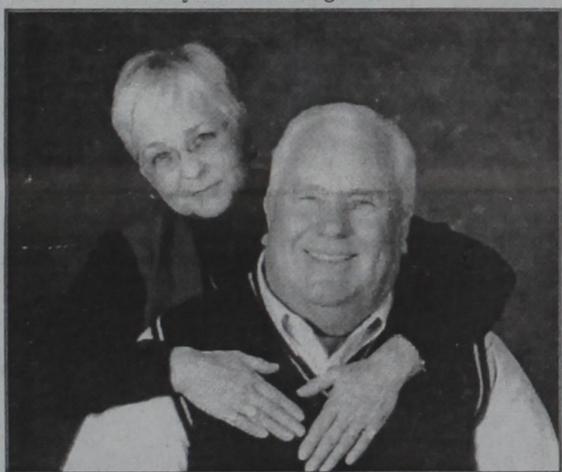
women can be heard as to projects they would like to see enacted. She encouraged clubs to put the articles of meetings in the surrounding newspapers so the people will be informed of the club's work. Mrs. Merrick was commended on her talk and thanked for coming to visit the club.

Fredia Burns gave the inspirational thought after which all enjoyed various flavors of hot tea or coffee and a large selection of cookies.

Those attending were JoAnn Dickson, Sharon Allen, Fredia Burns, Beverly Vinson, Lana Copp, Lucretia Campbell, JoEtta Bumgardner, Dorothy Day, Grace Campbell and Winifred Darsey.



Gary and Rene Laughlin, 1955.



Gary and Rene Laughlin, 2005

### Couple to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Gary and Rene Laughlin are celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary January 28, 2005. Laughlin and the former Rene Posey were married in the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, January 28, 1955. They have two sons, Jay and wife Debbie of Soddy Daisy, TN and Reny and wife Teresa of Arlington, TX; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The couple are members of the Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland. Gary retired from banking January 1, 2000, and Rene has worked at Giebel Petroleum for the last 24 years. They plan a trip to San Antonio to celebrate the occasion, and will have a family celebration in the summer. Your thoughts and prayers will be appreciated on their special day.

### Disciples are "Learned" Followers!



In reading the New Testament we find that most people understood that Peter was a "follower" of Jesus Christ. They drew their conclusion from the fact that Peter had learned of Jesus and was always with Him. Peter also was an active participant with the Lord in His work while on this earth. Therefore, he was recognized by most as a disciple of Jesus. By definition, the word disciple means "...a learned follower."

We, today, can follow Jesus and also be an active participant in the things He would have us do as Christians. The word Christian itself means to be "Christ-like." In our reading of John 10: 3-6 we find the principles that show us that we need to be familiar enough with our Lord to both recognize and obey His directives. The passage reads in part, "...and when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and they follow him, for they know his voice."

The principle found here is simple. Wherever the Good Shepherd directs we are to follow. The most difficult part of this is getting our heart right with God so that our Lord Jesus can lead us. If our heart is not in tune with God, you and I will not hear the Shepherd's voice. We learn to tune our hearts to hear the Shepherd when He speaks. After all, we are "learned followers."

### Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

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## Valentine Brag Pages

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County I.S.D.

## A Note from the Office ...



### Local students will participate in Groundhog Job Shadow Day

Motley County students will participate in the 7th Annual Groundhog Job Shadowing Day, sponsored by South Plains College Tech Prep Department. 47 high schools and 1350 students will participate in the job shadow event on February 2, 2005. Motley County students; Chance Bingham, Ashley Fonseca, Ashlee Green, Monica Huddleston, Matthew Martin, and Colton Russell will be participating in this learning experience.

Students will have the opportunity to experience jobs in fields of study that interest

them. This is a great educational way to inform students about employment options after high school. The Groundhog Job Shadow Day has the possibility to open many doors for young futures.

"It is a great way to utilize the expertise of our businesses and college instructors," she said.

For more information on Groundhog Job Shadow Day, contact Tech Prep/Schools to Careers, located at the SPC Reese Center campus, 885-3048, ext. 4667.

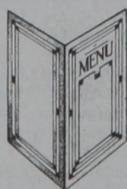
### Kid's Praise set for Feb. 3

Kid's Praise has been set for Wednesday, February 3, 5:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Matador. This fun time, which includes a Bible story, crafts, and much more, is for all kids ages 3 through 6th grade.

### Little Dribblers meeting January 27

MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) will hold a "Little Dribblers" meeting tonight (Thursday, January 27), at 6:00 p.m. in the Motley County ISD Cafeteria.

### What's Cooking?



### Motley County School Menu

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 31

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon French Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Chicken Fiesta, Salad, Corn, Biscuit, Peaches, Milk.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Steak Patty on a Bun, Lettuce, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Dessert, Milk.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Macho Nachos, Salad, Crackers, Peaches, Milk.

by Marilyn Hicks, Principal

I am so excited. We received word on Friday that we have been approved for the Positive Behavior Support Initiative. The initial meeting for principals will be on January 31st. The people who have volunteered to serve on the task force for this important project are Lacey Rankin, Yolanda Kautz, Carolyn Johnson, Tommy Gleghorn, Tina Brooks, and Beverly Mars. I have heard no negative comments from schools that are already in the program, and I will keep you updated about progress.

I sent out the mid-year reports for TPRI today. Every student in K-3 should be bringing home a score sheet. If the reports are not clear, please call me or Yolanda Kautz, our reading coach. We will be glad to go over progress...and with every child, there has been progress.

Emily Hurt is beginning college classes through South Plains College this week. Hopefully we will have more to enroll another semester. Be sure to give Emily a pat on the back for her efforts.

I was in Austin last week for

a one day training on how administrators can support science and math and increase rigor in those disciplines. Most of the information will apply to other areas also. This is training that is being funded by the TEXTeams Science Grant. I am also going to attend a session Wednesday about making classroom visits more effective. This is also funded by the grant. Science teachers are in the middle of some Saturday workshops. Much of the training is through the Dana Center in Austin, and it is very practical and useful. Our school is truly a community of learners: not just the students, but the faculty and staff as well.

The basketball games have been very exciting and promise to be even more so as we get to the end of district play.

Tutoring is going on each morning, during Advisory Period and after school most days. If you think your child needs to come in and hasn't been scheduled, call and make arrangements. Our focus is academic, with extracurricular in a secondary, but important, place.

Keep reading everyday with your child.

### Life Lessons

By Annie Green



In our lives we all have choices, choices that play a vital role in determining our futures. But every single day we are shaping our lives and writing the script of our own life story.

To me, one of the greatest choices you can make is to stand up for yourself, even if that means going against the crowd. It is so easy to fall victim to peer pressure and just give....to sell yourself short and settle for less than you deserve.

But to be able to say "I stood tall when everyone around me was trying to drag me down," is a wonderful feeling. To know that the little eyes of children

are watching, and absorbing in all that we do, is one good reason we should think before we act. For those searching eyes to see someone who refused to do what others perceived as "cool", or someone who isn't afraid to be different, just might be the one thing those wondering eyes were looking for.

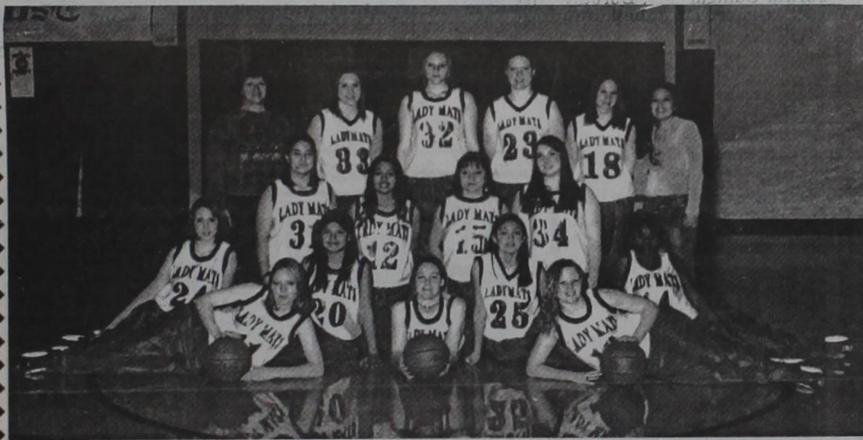
Whether we like it or not, we are role models. Children listen and watch what we do, not just sometimes...but always. Everything that we do is setting an example for them. The words we speak, they notice. The actions we choose, they notice. We can start making a difference in the world by starting with ourselves. After all, it's those little eyes that look upon us that are going to be the future someday. We should influence them in a positive manner. So why not make what we pass on to them something worth remembering.

You can not take materialistic things with you to Heaven, but you can take friends. How many are you bringing?



Support the Matadors!

# 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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Motley County Lady Matadors in action with the Patton Springs Lady Rangers last Tuesday night.

(photo by Annie Green)

# Motley County basketball teams have good standing in District play

by Annie Green

On January 11, the Motley County Matadors took on the Spur Bulldogs, there. The Matadors brought home a well-deserved victory with a score of 54-38.

Leading scorer for the game was Bradley Brown with 17 points. Isaiah Archer followed close behind with 16. Other scorers for the game were Seagram Sims-10, Clay Cooper-9, and Chance Bingham-2.

Brown also led in rebounding with 13 rebounds to his name. Sims obtained 6, Clay Cooper added 4 and Chance Bingham rounded it out with 3.

Other impressive stats during the game were as follows: Brown had 2 steals, 4 assists, and 1 blocked shot. Sims had 4 steals, 4 assists and 1 blocked shot.

On January 14, the Mats defeated the Wilson Mustangs, 49-42.

Brown led in scoring with 24 points. Other contributors to the final score were Archer-12, Cooper-8, Sims-3, and Matt Henzler-2.

The games leading rebounder was Brown with 21 rebounds. Other rebounders for

the night were; Sims-10, Archer-5, Cooper-8, Henzler-3 and Bingham-2.

Bingham and Brown led the game in assists with 3 apiece. Archer managed 2 and Sims added 1.

On January 18, the Mighty Matadors battled the Patton Springs Rangers at Patton. With a final score of 46-28, the Matadors brought home a big victory.

Leading scorers for the game are as follows: Brown-16, Cooper-10, Archer-8, Sims-8, Henzler-2, and Bingham-2.

High rebounders for the game were: Brown-24, Sims-13, Cooper-5, and Bingham-3.

Brown and Archer tied with 3 assists. While Sims added 4 defensive tips to his name.

On January 21, the Mats went head on with the Lorenzo Hornets. The ultimate outcome was 34-76, in Lorenzo's favor. Leading scorer was Sims with 13 points. Following close behind were: Brown-9, Archer-7, Bingham-3, and Johannes 2.

The Matadors District record thus far is 4 wins and 1 loss.

These guys are doing exceptionally well in their District, and are making an astounding

name for themselves.

On January 18, the Motley County Lady Mats took home a hard-fought victory against the Patton Springs Rangers. The battled it out to the end and came out victorious with a final score, 57-54.

Chicagra Brown was the leading scorer for this exciting game with 19 points. Other high scorers for the game were: Britany Moore-18, Griselda Flores-10, Ashley Fonseca-6, Christy Smith-3 and Ashlee Green and Amy Easter added 1 apiece.

Amy Easter led in rebounds with 9. Other team members also tackling the boards were: Brown-7, Moore-6 and Flores-5.

On January 21, the Lady Mats went face-to-face against

Lorenzo. They put forth a tremendous amount of effort and it showed. They defeated Lorenzo with a score of 64-37.

Leading the scoring portion of the game was Moore with 19 points. Other high scorers for the night were: Brown-15, Flores-10, Easter-6, Green-5, Smith-5, and Fonseca-4.

Brown and Moore 7 apiece. Green added 6 and Smith added 5.

These talented young ladies are doing extremely well in their District. They work hard as a team and their effort shows.

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www.nrcs.usda.gov, can be used to submit written comments. The culmination of the State lis-

tening sessions will be a national public listening session scheduled for the spring of 2005.

"These listening sessions are not exclusive to EQIP," adds Dr. Butler. "We also invite comments on our other programs, such as the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, and Conservation Technical Assistance Program." NRCS will be providing updates on all Farm Bill program activities in Texas as a part of the listening session.

All comments received will be recorded and forwarded for national review and consideration in developing the 2006 EQIP and beyond.

EQIP's national priorities, which NRCS uses to guide which producers will be selected for program funding, are:

1. Water Quality: Reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDLs where available, as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination and the conservation of ground and surface water resources;

2. Air Quality: Reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards;

3. Soil Erosion: Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land; and

4. Wildlife Habitat: Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation. The following questions will be used to guide comments on the EQIP national priority portion of the session:

1) What emerging natural resource issues are not addressed by the current national EQIP priorities? Identify the nature of the concern and its extent or significance within Texas.

2) What modifications, if any, are needed to the four existing National priorities? Do these existing priorities continue to reflect the critical national resource needs and concerns?

A compilation of inputs from the States will be presented at the National Listening Session tentatively scheduled for this Spring. Further details on the National Listening Session will be forthcoming.

Comments can be faxed to 254-742-9819, emailed to norman.bade@tx.usda.gov or sent by U.S. mail to Norman B. Bade, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76701.

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# Groundhog Day is February 2nd

Groundhog Day will be celebrated next Wednesday, February 2. If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow there should be six more weeks of winter. Following is some history of the tradition.

In 1723, the Delaware Indians settled Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania as a campsite halfway between the Allegheny and the Susquehanna Rivers. The Delaware considered groundhogs honorable ancestors.

The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means "the town of the sandflies." The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of "Wojak, the groundhog" considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

When German settlers arrived in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemas Day, which has an early origin in the pagan celebration of imbolc. It came at the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of Winter would be stormy and cold. For the early Christians in Europe,

it was the custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of Winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home. The day's weather continued to be important. If the sun came out February 2, halfway between Winter and Spring, it meant six more weeks of wintry weather.

The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day can be found at the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center at Franklin and Marshall College:

February 4, 1841 - from Morgantown, Berks County (Pennsylvania) storekeeper James Morris' diary... "Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

From 1887 until 2004, there have been 94 times Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow; 14 times of no shadow and 9 times of no record.

## PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

### Answering the skeptic's response to the "Cosmological Argument for the Existence of God."

A few weeks ago, in exposing the lunacy of the "Big Bang Theory," I outlined the above argument, saying it was irrefutable, and it is. Also, it is the beginning point in Classical Apologetics. Being so important, many of the sharpest atheists have tried to shoot it down. Here are their typical assertions, and our responses. This gets to be fun.

1. "The universe created itself." Amazingly, this is the position of most atheistic scientists. It is called "self-creation." In plain English, the claim is: "First there was nothing, and then it exploded!" BUT, from nothing comes nothing, and nothing can't explode! AND, nothing has no force or being (existence), so nothing can't cause or affect anything! FINALLY, in order to cause its own existence, the universe would have to be (exist) before it is (does exist), and this is absurd, because something cannot be and not be at the same time and circumstance. Re-

member, an explosion is an effect, which requires a cause!

2. "Then matter is eternal." This is a more sensible claim, BUT, we know that the universe is expanding and running down, which means that at some time in the past, it was much smaller, and had a beginning. The current favored scientific claim is that it erupted from a super-heavy, hyper-compacted singularity, and then evolved into order. BUT, the Law of Inertia says that things at rest tend to remain at rest, and things in motion tend to remain in motion, unless acted upon by an outside force. If the singularity existed, it would still be quietly sitting there, unless some outside force of being overcame the Law of Inertia and lit the fuse! FINALLY, we know that explosions cause chaos and increasing disorder, not order, leading to devolution, not evolution.

There is only one other option - God. The truth is: We can't not know that God exists (Rom 1)!

Next few weeks: Charting the course, and what is apologetics?

Consider:

... That ... reflects the cravenness of people who take a stand on "principle" only when it is safe to do so. Such people are akin to the "animal rights" advocates who berate Beverly Hills matrons for wearing fur coats, instead of confronting "Hells Angels" motorcyclists for wearing leather jackets.

- Butler Shaffer

Sometimes when you look down Main Street, you see horseback riders riding down the street. Or you see horse trailers with horses on board parked in front of this restaurant or that.

That sure is a lot different from the sights you can see in lots of other towns. In towns in Germany, you can look out the window and see army tanks driving down the street. Not a sight residents of Motley County would like to see.

In fact, there are lots of residents of Motley County who would like to keep things just as they are -- with no changes at all. Of course, there have been changes over the past years, but some residents would like to see that no more changes happen.

But change is in the nature of life, and it takes more energy to keep things the same and preserve the status quo than to change. So if change is inevitable, the question becomes what kind of change do you want, and what are you going to do to bring that about.

As far as Motley County is concerned, there are pretty much two options -- continue to let the population decline, accept the demographic problem of a lack of young couples with school age children, the closing of the schools, and ultimately face the dying of the county. The other option is to do what we can to solicit families to move here, to create jobs for these people so they can make their home here, so they can contribute to the community and make life here better for all of us.

The latter option seems the better way to go, and is the direction chosen by the Chamber of Commerce. If you agree, and have ideas as to how this can be achieved, drop by New to You and talk to the Chamber president, Annette Hollinsworth, about it, or come to the next Chamber meeting on Tuesday, February 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

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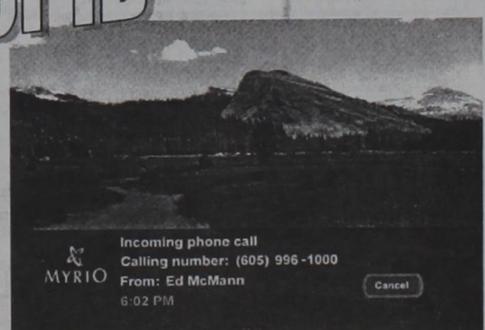
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### Motley County Treasurer's Quarterly Report

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FUND	BALANCE October 1, 2004	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE December 31, 2004
GENERAL FUND	\$ 27,640.25	\$ 235,558.94	\$ 259,041.26	\$ 4,157.93
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 100.87	\$ 9,563.00	\$ 8,573.69	\$ 1,090.18
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 27,900.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 22,900.00
ROAD & BRIDGE #1	\$ 1,579.63	\$ 26,095.91	\$ 25,094.36	\$ 2,581.18
R+B #1 - Investment	\$ 30,450.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 36,000.00
ROAD & BRIDGE #2	\$ (2,967.55)	\$ 41,016.72	\$ 36,912.87	\$ 1,136.30
R+B #2 - Investment	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,250.00	\$ 45,550.00
ROAD & BRIDGE #3	\$ 161.25	\$ 29,889.46	\$ 26,388.64	\$ 3,662.07
R+B #3 - Investment	\$ 53,450.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 58,700.00
ROAD & BRIDGE #4	\$ 1,783.93	\$ 35,493.14	\$ 34,532.17	\$ 2,744.90
R+B #4 - Investment	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 22,100.00
LIBRARY	\$ 11,026.55	\$ 8,696.20	\$ 4,434.02	\$ 15,288.73
LATERAL ROAD	\$ -	\$ 11,523.09	\$ 11,523.09	\$ -
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 773.00	\$ 24,026.07	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 6,299.07
COURT COST & ARREST FEES	\$ 2,080.64	\$ 7,456.30	\$ 3,848.65	\$ 5,688.29
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 316.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 316.50
HOT CHECK	\$ 3,698.00	\$ 342.07	\$ 1,293.44	\$ 2,746.63
INVESTMENT	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ -	\$ 33,350.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 231,443.07</b>	<b>\$ 638,260.90</b>	<b>\$ 465,392.19</b>	<b>\$ 404,311.78</b>

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

*Eva Barkley*  
COUNTY TREASURER

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
February 1, 2008

# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Chelsea Read was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild when members met at the fellowship hall on Wednesday afternoon. Debbie Martin was in charge and she gave the devotional, "Weathered Barn." Pearl Patten gave the opening prayer and blessed the food.

The program consisted of preparing for the church services on Sunday.

Refreshments were served to Debbie Martin, Pearl Patten, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Donalda Letkeman, Joy Beason, Robena King, Billie Stuckey, Lula Swim, Chelsea Read, Lea Peacock.

Jo Etta gave the closing prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Lubbock on Tuesday where she saw two doctors. Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams met them at Furrs for lunch.

Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Donalda Letkeman and Lula Swim, Mrs. P.K. Green and Mrs. Ruby McGuire attended the Red Hat Society meeting at Matador Thursday afternoon.

The Bible group met in the home of Lula Swim Monday morning, Jan. 24. P.K. Green had charge of the business. Fredia Burns taught the lesson. There were 21 ladies present.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all the loving and caring people of Motley County for the loss of my Dad, Billy D. Bingham. May you be blessed by God's grace.

Alan and Kay Bingham  
Don and Judy Morris

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

While stationed at an aviation cadet training base during World War II, a number of trainees went to see a new movie at the base theater.

One scene in the movie had Betty Grable sitting in a bathtub full of water. She sang a beautiful song while sitting in the suds. When she was finished, all of the cadets applauded.

When the applause ended, one cadet in the back of the theater yelled out, "Hey Betty, stand up and take a bow!"

### CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Jaxon Edwards, son of Julie and Neal Edwards, celebrated his first birthday Sunday afternoon in the home of his parents. He blew out his one candle on a John Deere decorated cake made by his aunt, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink of Clifton. Jaxon was wearing a John Deere shirt and cap to go along with decor of party. His little friends helped him open his gifts. Among his gifts was a riding John Deere tractor.

Family members attending were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot, grandfather, Fred Edwards of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stafford, Collin and Conner of Sweetwater, Mrs. Tina Carson, Walker, Parker and Ryleigh of Turkey, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton, Larry Clay and Sarah of Panhandle, Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey.

Rebecca Morris of Amarillo visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her an optical appointment. She is scheduled for additional eye surgery. They visited Bessie and Clifton Reid in Amarillo and Michael Starkey in Canyon before returning home.

Visiting from Thursday until Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughter and family,

Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner of Lubbock visited during the weekend at their rural home in Flomot and attended to business.

Members of the Flomot Baptist Church have had sessions of Bible Studies on the book, "The Purpose Driven Life Book" for several months.

Tommy Beck of Turkey visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers, Sunday.

Mrs. Brianna Sperry of Clarendon accompanied Savannah, Blayne and Gage Sperry, children of Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, to Silvertown Sunday afternoon to attend a party celebrating Jack Brooks' first birthday. It was held in the home of his parents, Jeremiah and Kristen Brooks.

Mrs. Tom Ross was in Lubbock, Wednesday for a medical appointment. Before returning home, she visited Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad, a patient in the Covenant Hospital, Mrs. Ruth Williams and Stan and Elisa Wigley.

The cotton harvest is winding down this week in Whiteflat and Flomot communities. The dry weather the past week was a benefit for the farmers.

## Matador News

### HOSPITALIZED

C.D. Garrison was conveyed by ambulance Saturday evening to the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following heart failure. He had cardiac medical tests Monday.

Mrs. Jackie (Shirley) Smith remains in Intensive Care at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rattan of Idalou visited Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Frances Dixon.

## Pat Peacock named to President's List

Pat Peacock of Lubbock has been named to the President's List and the Dean's List for the Fall 2004 Semester at Texas Tech University. Norman Hopper, Associate Dean, stated, "You have earned this prestigious recognition because of your commitment and dedica-

tion to excellence in your education."

Students must maintain a 4.0 GPA to be named to the President's List and a 3.5 GPA to be named to the Dean's List.

Pat is the son of Bill and Lea Peacock of Roaring Springs.

## Obituaries

### John C. Payne

John Cecil Payne, age 73, passed away January 2, 2005, at Kindred Hospital in Ontario. He was born October 20, 1931, in Roaring Springs, TX and was a Chino resident for the past 32 years. He worked for Sears, retiring after 17 years. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the United States Army. He and his wife lived and traveled in their motor home for over 13 years.

Mr. Payne is survived by his wife of 51 years, Shirley Payne of Chino; his daughters, Robin

(Dale) Carter of Rancho Cucamonga and Rhonda (Steve) Brown of Ontario; his grandchildren, Jay Carter and Dean Carter; his step-grandchildren, Steve (Sharon) Brown, Jr., Dustin (Kristen) Brown and Shawna Brown; his seven step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery, Staging Area, #5, in Riverside.

Arrangements were by Draper Mortuary.

### May Turner Carson

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in the Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers for May T. Carson, 83, who died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at her residence.

Interment was at the Little Red Church Cemetery between Sunset and Opelousas on La. 182.

The Rev. Perry Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Carson, the daughter of the late Luther B. Turner and the former Rose Jones, was a native of Flomot, Texas. She graduated from Flomot High School in 1938. She was a resident of Youngsville. She retired from Amoco Production Company. She taught preschool and children's Bible study for 50 years.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence R. "Kit" Carson;

one son, Terry George; five daughters, Sharon George, Kay Richardson, Linda Gordon, Betty Allain and Beth Carson Bruno; 16 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard Turner of Matador.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were Martin Allain, Lester Bruno, Malcolm Richardson, Chad Leger, Shane George and Andrew Bright.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael George, Betty Heath and Dr. Rick Matis.

The family requests that contributions may be made to any Christian charity of choice.

Delhomme Funeral Home of Lafayette, was in charge of arrangements.

### Billy Dan Bingham

Spur -- Billy Dan Bingham joined his wife with the Lord on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004. He married Marie Powell Bingham on Feb. 23, 1946, and they had been married 40 years when she passed from this life on March 2, 1987.

Billy was born May 4, 1925, in Spur, the youngest of nine children to Thomas Oscar Bingham and Fannie Mae Spraberry Bingham. Except two brothers, all have preceded him in death.

On May 12, 1943, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps and trained at Camp Elliott in San Diego, Calif. Cpl. Bingham went overseas on April 15, 1944, to serve in American operations in the South Pacific. He was involved in engagements at Saipan, Iwo Jima, and the occupation of Japan. For his service he was decorated with the American Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon, and the Victory Medal. Cpl. Bingham returned home to the U.S. on Dec. 23, 1945.

Upon his return to Spur he became a farmer and rancher, worked for West Texas Gin, and was a store manager for Farm-

ers Co-Op Gin and Supply. His community credits include serving both as a member and president of the Spur I.S.D. School Board, serving on the Valley Municipal Water District Board, serving as an officer and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and being a Mason.

Billy was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Spur, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Usher.

He is survived by his son, Alan Bingham and wife Kay, of Matador; his daughter, Judy C. Morris and husband Don of Jolly; two brothers, Rodgers Bingham of Denton, and V.F. (Bing) Bingham of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, Misty Morris of College Station, Kim Morris of Austin, Beth Fritsch and Mindy Jameson, both of Lubbock, Alana Carr of Littlefield, Cody Dodson, Chance Bingham, and Isiah Archer of Matador; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at First United Methodist Church in Spur.

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

## Field Day to be held at Matador Wildlife Management Area

Prescribed burning is a practice commonly used by landowners to manipulate the vegetation in an area to control or stimulate the growth of certain plants. The Matador Wildlife Management Area will be hosting a field day on prescribed burning on Thursday, February 17, 2005. The field day will be held at the Matador WMA located approximately 7 miles north of Paducah or 21 miles south of Childress on Highway 83 and 2.5 miles west on FM 3256.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and topics for the day will include: how to plan a burn, vegetative responses to a burn,

effects of prescribed burning on quail and other grassland birds, liability and prescribed burning associations. There will also be a range tour and demonstration, weather permitting, with the field day ending at 3:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to pre-register by February 10, 2005. You can register by calling Justin Nash, Cottle County Extension Agent at 806-492-3151 or Dana Wright, Matador WMA at 806-492-3405. Cost of the field day is \$15 per person which includes refreshments, lunch and other materials. Participants can also earn 3 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by attending the field day.

## County Agent News

By Eric Lewis  
Motley County Extension Agent

It is not too soon to start thinking about spring and summer. This is a time that families and friends get together for reunions and backyard barbecues. Now think about how much more fun it will be if your yard is not a grassburr patch. Homeowners need to start their preparations for these events within the next few weeks.

Summer Annuals, such as grassburrs and crabgrass, germinate in the late winter and early spring. Pre-emergent herbicides can lessen the effect these pests have on you at gatherings. These herbicides control the germination of summer annual seeds, therefore they must be put out before germination

takes place. For this care it is usually suggested this be done in February and early March. A list of pre-emergent herbicides and more information can be

obtained at the Texas A&M Turf-grass site at <http://aggie-turf.tamu.edu>. If you have any questions contact the Motley County Extension Office.

### AG CONFERENCE

The North West Texas Ag. Conference is set for Tuesday, February 8, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Memphis Community Center. The Schedule is as follows.

8:00 a.m. - Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Cotton and Peanut Update - Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist  
10:00 a.m. - Cotton and Peanut marketing - Steve Amosson  
11:00 a.m. - Beef Animal ID - Cool Program - Ron Gill.  
12:00 p.m. - Bacterial Monitoring for Buck Creek Water Shed.

1:00 p.m. - Laws and Regulations.  
2:00 p.m. - Peanut Diseases - Chip Lee.

3:00 p.m. - Ag Company Technology Updates.  
4:00 p.m. - Adjourn.

Registration fee for this conference is \$7.00. Seven CEU Credits are available: 2 1/2 General, 2 1/2 IPM, 2 Laws and Regulations. Please RSVP to the Hall County Extension office at 806-259-3015 or you can call the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

### EMERGENCY PROGRAMS FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE, 2003-2005

In October 2004, President Bush signed disaster and drought legislation (PL 108-324) that provides more than \$3 billion in financial relief to farmers, ranchers, foresters, and other agricultural producers who incurred losses due to weather conditions in recent years. The legislation funds new and existing programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). Here are a few highlights:

• Nationwide, payments will be made to qualifying producers who have suffered crop losses or quality losses because of natural disasters and drought in 2003 or 2004 (producer's choice).  
• The bill also provides relief for livestock feed losses, losses for cottonseed and losses for dairy producers.

#### Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Q. What assistance is authorized for crop losses?

A. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to use such sums of funds as are necessary, of the Commodity Credit Corporation, to make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm, other than producers of cottonseed or sugar cane, that have incurred qualifying crop or quality losses due to damaging weather or a related condition, as determined by the Secretary for the 2003, 2004, or 2005 crops. The producer is limited to electing only one of the crop years listed. Qualifying crop losses for the 2005 crop are limited to only those losses caused by a hurricane or tropical storm of the 2004 hurricane season in counties declared disaster areas by the President.

#### Q. What loss thresholds and eligibility requirements will be applied to determine who is eligible for assistance?

A. Producers must have suffered a minimum of a 35-percent crop loss or a 20-percent quality loss. To be eligible for assistance, producers must be in compliance with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions. In addition, adjusted gross income (AGI) must not exceed \$2.5 million, unless more than 75 percent of the AGI is from farming, ranching and forestry.

#### Q. What is the per "person" payment limitation and what is the 95-percent cap provision?

A. There is an \$80,000 per "person" payment limitation. Additionally a 95-percent payment cap applies. This means that assistance provided by the Crop Disaster Program to a crop, and the value of the crop that was not lost, together with crop insurance payment made for the same crop, may not exceed 95 percent of what the value of the crop would have

been in the absence of the losses, as estimated by the Secretary.

NOTE: A "person" for payment limitation purposes may be many things, including an individual; a limited liability partnership; a limited liability company; a corporation; a joint stock company; an association; a limited stock company; a limited partnership; an irrevocable trust; a revocable trust together with the grantor of the trust, an estate; a charitable organization; and a State, political subdivision, or agency thereof.

#### Q. Are producers who did not obtain crop insurance or coverage under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) eligible?

A. Producers on a farm shall not be eligible for assistance with respect to losses to an insurable commodity or non-insurable commodity if the producers on the farm:

• In the case of an insurable commodity: did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the insurable commodity for the year in which the loss was incurred.

• In the case of a non-insurable commodity: did not file the required paperwork, and pay the administrative fee by the applicable State sales closing date, for the non-insurable commodity under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for the year in which the loss was incurred.

However, the Secretary may waive the crop insurance requirements if the producers enter into a contract with the Secretary under which the producers agree:

• In the case of an insurable commodity: to obtain a policy or plan of insurance, providing additional coverage for the insurable commodity for each of the next 2 crops.

• In the case of a non-insurable commodity: to file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable State filing deadline, for the non-insurable commodity for each of the next 2 crops under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

#### Livestock Assistance Program

#### Q. What assistance is authorized for livestock producers?

A. Funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, as are necessary, are available for assistance to livestock producers for either 2003 or 2004 losses (as elected by the producer), but not both, in a county that has received a primary disaster designation by the President or the Secretary after January 1, 2003.

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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

### Motley County Tribune Weather Jan. 27, 2005

#### 7-Day Forecast

	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 57 Low: 37
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 36
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 59 Low: 34
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 52 Low: 31
	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 33
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 35
	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 32

#### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 57°, humidity of 31% and an overnight low of 37°. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1969. Friday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 56°.

#### Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
2/2	2/8	2/15	2/23

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Saturday	28	18	52/26	0.00"	0.00"
Sunday	32	18	52/26	0.00"	0.12"
Monday	42	18	52/27	0.00"	-0.12"
Tuesday	54	19	52/27	0.00"	36.5°
Wednesday	65	33	52/27	0.00"	39.3°
Thursday	77	34	52/27	0.00"	-2.8°
Friday	73	37	52/27	0.00"	

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

#### Weather History

Jan. 27, 1772 - On this date the "Washington and Jefferson Snowstorm" occurred. George Washington reported three feet of snow at Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson recorded about three feet at Monticello.

#### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:43 a.m.
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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Motley County is requesting proposals for painting of and water damage repair to the district courtroom on the second floor in the Motley County Courthouse at 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas. The courtroom can be inspected daily during normal business hours. Questions or proposals should be directed to Ed D. Smith, Motley County Judge, P.O. Box 719, Matador, Texas 79244. Judge's Office telephone number is 806-347-2334. Motley County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to refuse any or all proposals.

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## MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Applications for a place on the ballot of the Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustee election may be obtained from the Motley County ISD Superintendent's office.

The election will be held on May 7, 2005. Two positions of three year terms are to be filled on the Motley County ISD School Board.

The Superintendent's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The sign-up period will begin February 7, 2005, at 8:00 a.m. and end March 7, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

**DUE TO TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY** Rules and Regulations dealing with school owned property, bids for the property located at Roaring Springs will not be accepted until after further board action can be incorporated at the February 14, 2005, regular board meeting.

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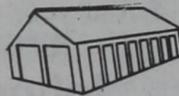
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