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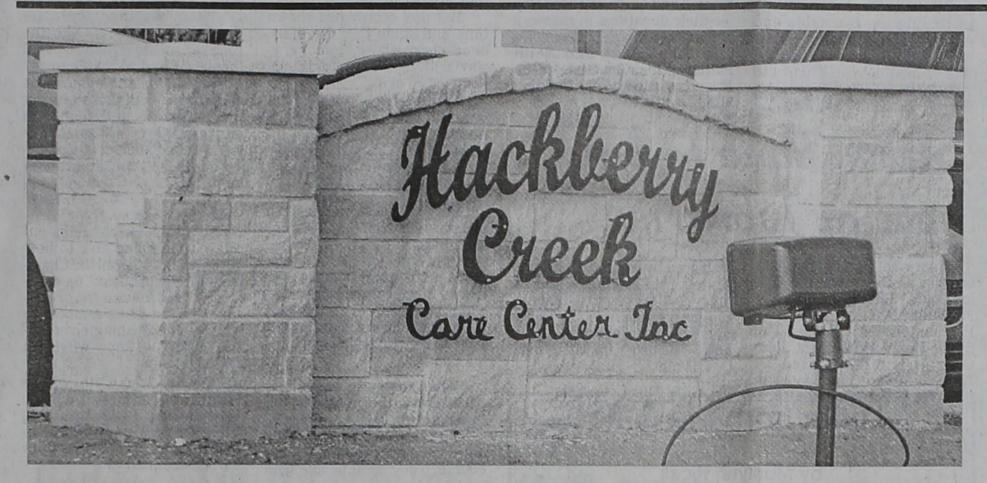
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NEW SIGN — The Hackberry Creek Care Center sign is now on display and gives a sense of completion to Motley County's new Care Center. Work on the project is winding down and completion is expected soon.

# Commissioners meet in regular session

The Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, February 12. 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 were Sheriff Jim Meador, County Attorney Tom Edwards and Carol Campbell, assistant to County Judge and County Attorney.

Judge Smith called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

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

Judge Smith presented the TxDOT Bridge Report and pre-sented the states' plan for future TxDOT projects in 2008-09.

Al McLaughlin, outside Tax-Appraiser met with the court to give his update. Mr. McLaughlin has completed appraising the town sites in Motley County and will now start on acreage. He requested the help of each commissioner to give him a report on improvements in their pre-

Sheriff Meador informed the court of the cell phone plan consolidation in the Sheriff's Department. The plan will save the County money by adding the DPS and Game Warden to the Sheriff's Department and canceling their independent plans.

The Court discussed the county electricity vendor. Eva Barkley, County Treasurer will gather information on different electric rates offered, and if the

electric company will accept the street light billing.

Motley County Extension Agent, Ryan Martin, informed the court his office has a map of Motley County landowners. So far landowners have shown interest in leasing 45,000 acres of land to produce wind energy farms in the county. The court request any landowner interested to contact Ryan to keep the map current. Ryan has information for anyone interested. He reininded the Court that February 24 is the date set for the Motley County Stock

Judge Smith read the list of names to approve for the Motley County Historical Commission. They are Marisue Potts Powell as Chairman, Earlyne Jameson, Joy Archer, Ron Bailey, Barbara Armstrong, Joan Patton, Beverly Vinson and Betty Moore. Commissioners approved the list.

The court discussed trading the old county spare motorgrader for a dump truck. This will be an even trade with no monies involved. Commissioners approved.

Commissioner Turner informed the court the Precinct 2 motorgrader is in need of replacement. The county will advertise for bids on a new grader. The deadline to submit a bid is Friday, March 9, 2007, before 5:00 p.m. to County Judge

Court recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The court and county officials reviewed the Motley County Personnel Policy rough draft. After much discussion and a few changes made, the policy was not approved until further questions can be answered. County Treasurer Barkley will get in touch with TAC for answers and present the draft at the next Commissioners Court meeting.

# Hackberry Creek Care Center nearing completion

by Marisue Potts Powell

What a difference a little of bit of landscaping makes! This week, pallets of sod suddenly made the Hackberry Creek Care Center appear close to being finished. Landscapers have bundled up and worked through some bad weather, but also had some nice weather to lay out their patterns, quilt pieces of dormant grass. Trees have been planted and staked.

Inside Paul Westbrook has had a painter in tow, touching up dings and imperfections. Paul has had a nit-picky job that just never seems to end. In addition, Seab Washington and members of the building committee are always on the prowl looking for things that must be corrected before the building is "completed." Unfortunately, they usually find something that is just not quite right.

The company sign with metal art letters donated by the Furman Vinson Family, Beverly, Roger and Doris, and Linda and Bill Perryman, has been hung

on the rock wall. With one wing turned over to personnel for furnishing, Administrator Steve Moncrief has had his staff hanging curtains, buffing the floor, setting up offices, and moving and uncrating furniture. They were assisted last week with the moving of furniture from the school's bus barn by workers from Potts Composites, Frankie Ortiz, Casey Lawrence, Omar Garza and Jim Potts, as well as Bob Davis, Paul Westbrook, and

Marisue Potts Powell.

Time is of the essence as inspectors are expected to return on February 20. At that time, the facility is expected to be set up in a functioning mode and decorated in a homey atmosphere. All of the staff that has performed beyond the call of duty and job descriptions in getting the facility ready are commended for their good natured cooperation. No doubt they will really appreciate going back to their specified jobs after achieving their sweat equity, a real investment of effort, in the care center.

Recent donations have included the following memorials: Pauline Blevins Ray by Bob and Jimmie Jameson; Mollye Simpson by Billy Paul Simpson and Carolyn Ewing; L.B. Campbell by Sammie Phillips, Ronnie and Karen Davis, Leslie and Linda Jameson, Brad Jameson, Dorothy Day, and Butch and Judy Renfro; Leola McKelvy by Ronnie and Karen Davis and Dorothy Day; Bill Dean Washington by Ralph & Marisue Powell, Sammie Phillips, Bobby & Jeanne Williams, Seab & Dianne Washington and Jerry and Sandra Smith; Mary Meason by Dorothy Day. Bertha Ann Campbell by Dorothy Day; Rusty Birchfield by Sammie Phillips and J.N. and Darleen Fletcher. Jackie Smith made a donation to be used in the Chapel in memory of Shirley Smith. Bob and Wanda Kilmer gave a dona-

# Matador City Council meets

Matador City Council met Thursday, February 8 with council members Terry Simpson, Lara Davey, Bert Darsey, Pat Seigler and Chuck Ream in attendance. Also present were Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott and Water Superintendent Steve

Barton. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and Terry Simpson gave the invocation.

Water Superintendent Barton reported they are working on grant projects and he is checking into leasing a tank for water tower repairs. Mr. Barton has checked and replaced City

Secretary Scott gave the Secretary's report. She stated that delinquent landfill statements can now be attached to water billing. She announced that the Boondockers are scheduled for March 4. Mrs. Scott reported that easements have been signed for water grant and a notice will be posted in the window about election applications and will be printed

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Council also approved payment of bills and requested the additional electric bills be paid upon their arrival.

in the newspaper.

Mayor Smith reported he

had met with the Sub Standard Housing Board. They will submit recommendations to the

Traffic control resolutions were tabled until the next meet-

Council suggested a letter be written to customers using excessive amounts of water due to water leaks, asking that they be repaired to prevent possible contamination of water sources.

A resolution was passed allowing Pat Smith, Steve Barton and Debra Scott to sign the documents for the Downtown Revitalization Grant.

An Excessive Force Resolution was passed.

A Local Opportunity Plan was passed.

Items for the next meeting include interest on CD's and Shey Shaddel, representing OJD Engineering.

# Motley County Jr. Livestock Show set for February 24

The Motley County Jr. Live-stock Show will be held February 24 at the County Show Barn. Breakfast will be furnished by Pay-N-Save Grocery and served by volunteers from 7:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 a.m. The Show will begin at 9:45 with the PeeWee Showmanship followed by the Swine Show, Bucket Calves, Lambs, Rabbits, Heifers and Steers, and the Hereford Steers. The premium auction will begin at 2:30 p.m. 4-H and FFA members may

also pick up a copy of the rules in the extension office. Make plans to attend this event and support Motley County youth as they display their months of hard work and dedication.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show should contact Extension Agent Ryan Martin or D'Anna Russell or a Livestock Director. Donations will also be accepted at the Show.

# Sr. Citizens Site Committee will sponsor Sunday Dinner fund-raiser

The Motley County Site-Council members will hold a fundraiser for the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. A Sunday dinner will be served February 25, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Cen-

A delicious meal will be served consisting of Texas Chicken Fried Steak with Gravy,

Real Buttered Mashed Potatoes, Garden Green Beans, Fresh Tossed Green Salad with Homemade Dressing, Hot Rolls and an assortment of homemade cakes, all for the low cost of \$10 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12.

a great Sunday dinner!

Come join the fun and enjoy

# Area women invited to Salad **Luncheon featuring Beth Pratt**

All women of the area are reminded about the upcoming Women's Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, this Saturday, February 17, at 12:00 noon.

Special guest, Beth Pratt, Religion Editor of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, will speak on "Living the Call to be Trans-

Mrs. Pratt has held her current post since 1983, and was recently named the 2007 Lubbock YWCA Women of Excellence Award in art and culture. She is credited by the YWCA for "bringing information and inspiration on various faiths to readers, and a column that approaches eternal truths through life's simplicity."

She has received many other awards and recognitions, as well as serving on various civic boards and in state and national church leadership

Mrs. Pratt, an active member of First Baptist Church, Floydada, has served the church as Director of Media Library services for many years, as well as an Adult Sunday School teacher.

She and husband A.C. have been married almost 50 years, and have three sons and three grandchildren.

All women are invited to attend the luncheon and are also encouraged to bring a friend. 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.

to discuss AEIS Report The Motley County Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator

**Motley County ISD** 

System at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2007. The AEIS is an annual rating of state school districts by the Texas Education Agency. The state agency looks at criteria such as attendance figures, dropout rates, and student achievement on TAKS exams. This report is available over the internet at www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/ aeis/2006/district.srch.html.

Motley County I.S.D. re-ceived a recognized rating for the fourth consecutive year. The hearing will give the public a chance to discuss the report. Review copies of the report are available as well at the school

# Matadors' first play-off game set for February 22

The Motley County Matadors will participate in their first play-off game, Thursday, February 22 at Idalou. The Matadors 'will go up against Whitharral; game time is 7:00 p.m.

If the Matadors defeat Whitharral they will play Saturday, February 24, 5:00 p.m. at Post, against Meadow.

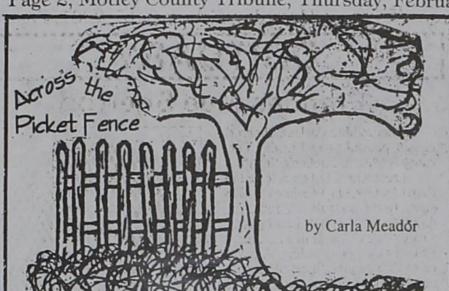
The boys played Knox City Monday, February 12 for a practice game and came out on top,

Another practice game will be held here Saturday, February 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Matadors will play Spur.

Coach Bigham said they would have preferred a later game time for the Meadow game, since the Jr. Livestock Show will take place that day, but due to differences in negotiations, that was the only time available.



PROCLAMATION - Judge Ed D. Smith, center, signs a proclamation declaring February 4-10 National Food Check Out Day in Motley County. Also pictured are Motley County Farm Bureau agent, Richard Archer (right) and Kelly Beckworth, agency manager. The average American works about 36 days of each year to earn enough income to buy food for the entire year. Farmers, ranchers and workers in American agribusiness have combined efforts to ensure that food is one of the great bargains in





I know some of you will receive this edition after Valentine's Day, but I wanted to share this beautiful antique card sent to me by Joe Dean Bumgardner of Wichita, Kansas. Joe Dean is an old friend and we share a love of old things. He inherited some items after his Great Aunt passed away at the age of 95, which included several beautiful old Valentine cards, some dating back to 1907. This copy doesn't do justice to the beauty of the old card. It's very colorful and opens from the bottom. The cards were made in Germany. Thanks, Joe Dean! Joe Dean is the son of Dale and JoEtta Bumgardner of

February is the month of love. There's not much of this month left, but I truly hope you feel the love of those you cherish, everyday, this month and every other month!

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## **Making Changes**



It is suggested that when making changes the place to start is with oneself. The Lord tells us in the sermon on the mount that we should be aware of things in our eyes before becoming alarmed at what others have in their's. Changes are usually things that we want others to do in order to suit us.

But the things we want to change are easier if the change starts with ourselves.

The following words were written on the tomb of an Anglican Bishop (in 1100 A.D.) in the crypts of Westminister Abbey.

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change

But, it too, seemed impossible.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: If I had only changed myself first, then by example I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country, and, who knows, I may have even changed the world. - Anonymous

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# Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



Today, Thursday, February 15, there will be a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Library at 2:00 p.m. Wear a hat; bring a favorite teacup, and bring a friend.

During January we had a great group of volunteers on Mondays and on days that I could not be here. We thank Ruby McGuire, Pina Sturdivant, June Moss, Marihelen Wason and Patricia Green for helping at the library. Our table and chairs for the Annex arrived last week and we thank all the men that helped unload. Thanks to Kyle Moore, Pete Gonzalez, Tony Rose, Matt Crawford and

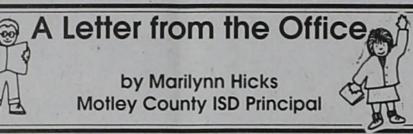
Charley Johnson for unloading 92 chairs, two dollies, and 13 tables in record time. We thank Ken Jones for cleaning the windows in the Annex. It was really a difficult job and we appreciate the sparkling windows. We appreciate the donations

that the library received last week. We thank Lucretia Campbell, Diane Lawe, Dorothy Russell and Linda and Tom Roy for their donations in memory of Marjoria Moore Harper. We also thank Joan and Keith Patton for their donations to the Friends of the Library Building

# Story Time to be held at Library

There will be a special story time for all children at the Motley County Library on Tuesday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. Patricia Green will read <u>The</u> Snow Bear, written by Jean George and illustrated by Wendell Minor. Other books il-

lustrated by Minor will be presented. The Friends of the Library will serve refreshments. Children 4 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. The program will be over by 4:45 p.m.



Students have the first of the TAKS tests next week on the 20th. The schedule is as follows:

Grade 3 - Reading Grade 4 - Writing Grade 5 - Reading Grade 7 - Writing Grade 9 - Reading

Grade 10 - English Language Arts Grade 11 - English Lan-

guage Arts Grade 12 - ASVAB

Please make sure that your child has a good night's sleep and comes in time to have breakfast at school if he/she doesn't eat at home. The kids are ready for the tests. The teachers do a good job of teach-

School

Menu

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mac

Biscuit,

& Cheese, California Blend, Hot-

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Ce-

Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Chips,

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, French Fries, Gravy, Green

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, or Cereal, Toast, Juice,

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Vanilla

MONDAY, FEB. 19

Roll, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20 Breakfast:

real, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Beans, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

Juice, Milk.

Juice, Milk.

Wafers, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

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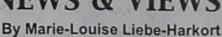
Greeting

ing, not just to the test, but for all of the knowledge and skills that they are required to learn.

We are having a presenta-tion on March 1 to which the FBI field office out of Lubbock is sending an agent. He will talk about Internet security and such sites as My Space. Parents and students are invited to the gym at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Cox has had several inquiries about this topic and felt that we needed to make these arrangements. People from surrounding communities are invited to join us for this important meeting.

The student council is sponsoring a dance this Friday afternoon for students in grades 6-12. There is no charge for this activity that starts at 1:00, but there will be a concession from which students may buy items.

# CHAMBER **NEWS & VIEWS**



Consider:

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

-- Author Unknown

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Yep, volunteers are needed, and no, they won't get paid, because there is not enough money to pay them (because they are priceless).

But this county has shown time and again that there are people here who volunteer anyway, and get wonderful things done for all of us.

And this is a very special occasion where volunteers are needed -- it's the upcoming Boondockers Grand Prix Motorcycle races, which will happen in Matador on March 4th.

Part of the reason it is so special is that the volunteers will share in the monetary rewards of the event. Not be paid, mind you, but share in the money that the organizers of the event take in. They cover their costs, and then are going to split the profits with us here in Motley County.

What do you have to do to participate in the profits that are to be shared?

The organizers need hay bales to be put around the race course. They need people who

will sit at certain places around the course during the races and be sure that none of the racers comes to harm, or shortens the course, or otherwise does anything not planned. And, of course, the clean-up crew (though the Boondockers left Matador in fine order when they left last year, so it is to be presumed that the clean-up crew will not have that much to

Then, of course, there are the usual suspects, like the EMS, who were on hand last but thankfully had very little to do.

Last year, the money was also shared with those who put up booths to sell food and drinks, but there will be less this year (probably), and those selling things will be making money on the event, so the money will go to those who otherwise would not see a penny.

So you priceless folks out there, willing and able to help out on March 4th, call the Chamber at 347-2968, send us an email at motcocm@caprockspur.com, or leave a message with Dianne Washington at 347-2636 letting us know what you can do to help.

Sunday, March 4th, will be here before you know it, and the Boondockers Races are a big event for the county. So volun-teer if you can, and let us know we can count on you.

## Little Dribblers Playday set for Saturday in Patton Springs

A Little Dribblers Play Day will be held at Patton Springs school, Saturday, February 17. Play will begin at 10:00 a.m. in both gymnasiums with the last game starting at 4:45 p.m.

Over 120 young athletes in addition to 100 coaches, parents, siblings and guests are ex-

There will be 6 teams from Matador, 9 from Spur, 4 from Jayton, and one from Valley. Girls and boys in grades 3-6 participate with divisions for 3/4 girls and boys and 5/6 girls and

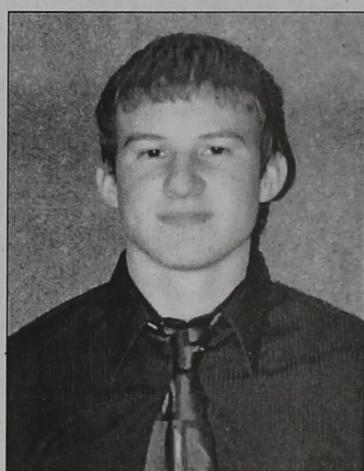
A "playday" is not tournament play. Each team plays two games. The playday encourages fellowship, healthy competition, and sportsmanship. It also provides a showcase for the Little Dribblers to display their basketball skills. This event will be the hottest ticket in Afton this Saturday! Don't miss out on the



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Stacey Perryman

Stacey is a Junior at Motley County High School. He is the son of Danny Perryman and Brenda Hurt. He plays football, basketball, track and golf. He is an active member of the Full Gospel Church Youth Group in Roaring Springs. Stacey received district honors in football and basketball this year and he was a member of the Regional qualifying golf teams during his freshman and sophomore years.

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# News Around the County

# Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Don't forget to give your Valentine a big hug on Valentine's Day. Do a little reminiscing back to your courtship and honeymoon days. Bake a Valentine cake or do something to let your honey know you appreciate them.

Rita Groves is still at Lakeside Convalescent Center at 4306 24th Street in Lubbock. Her phone number is: 806-744-7273.

Sunday morning Imogene Swim was taken by ambulance to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. I am happy to say that she got to come -home Monday evening and will be going back for more tests as an outpatient later this week.

Dana Graham and Devonne Dillard will be flying to South Texas to attend a bridal shower at McAllen, Texas for Hilda, bride of

Jared Rieger. Jared and Hilda were married in a military ceremony but plan to have a church wedding in May. Jared and Hilda are both in the Air Force and are stationed at Sheppard Air Force in Wichita Falls,

Joyce Smith has moved to Ventura Place, Apt. #222 at 3026 54th St., Lubbock, TX 79413. Her phone number is 806-785-5565.

Johnny and Connie Morris returned home Sunday evening after a nine day area revival in snowy Colorado. Johnny preached in Holley, Lamar and Springfield, Colorado. He told me they had four feet of snow in the fields and snow was piled higher than his head along the roadways; however the roads were dry. The revival was well attended

in spite of the snow.

# Matador News

Kobbi and Brian Blair and daughter, Journey, of Salem, Oregon visited from Tuesday until Friday, February 6-9, with her parents, Fred

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and Elaine Risser and grandmother, Mrs. Frances Dixon. Visiting the family Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bailey of Clyde.

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# Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD** 

To be well liked, you do not have to have a lot of money, but you must be an optimist who makes a dark sky sunny. To win real friends you first must prove to always be sincere, the kind of person other folks desire to be near. Volumes have been written on making lasting friends and each of them contains some things which bring great dividends and yet, the best and surest way is often cast aside perhaps because too many folks harbor too much pride. If you desire to win friends, practice the art of LOVE. Do this and friends will multiply as sure as stars above!

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Rosetta Nall of Amarillo visited last Monday with her aunt, Mrs. B. Rogers and attended the funeral of Bill D. Washington.

Leah Cruse of Canyon visited the weekend with her parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Thursday. Jack had a skin cancer removed from his face and had several stitches following the surgery. He was a patient at the Vet-

erans' Hospital. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay during the week and attending the funeral of Bill D. Washington were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay of Lockney, Mrs.

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Bobbie Bomar of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and children of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay and children of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay and children of Matador.

Brandon Lee of Plainview visited the weekend with Shonda and Roger Lee, Josh Lee and Ruth and Orville Lee. They celebrated the birthday of Josh, Friday.

Rickey Hughes and son, Kason of Floydada visited Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Visitors during the week of Mrs. Erma Washington and attending the funeral of her husband, Bill D. Washington, were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Ballinger of Canyon, Jim Bob Nall of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington and son, Brazos of Roaring Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clarey and children of Matador.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Degan, Friday were Mrs. Leota Johnson and daughter, Celia Johnson of Turkey.

Wilburn Martin had a medical appointment in Lockney Monday and continued to Lockney to attend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter of Fort Worth and grandchildren, Allison, Braden and Matthew of Roaring Springs visited overnight Saturday with his father, Everett Shorter. They were luncheon guests Sunday of his brother and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter. They attended the Sunday morning church services with them held at the Flomot Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton from Thursday until Saturday night with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They enjoyed the Talent Show and basketball games in which grandchildren participated.

**Motley County** Jr. Livestock Show

February 24

# **OBITUARY**

#### Frances Mae Sherrod

Frances Mae Carlson Sherrod, age 86, passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2007, in Lubbock, Texas.

than 65 years, she was born in Mission, Texas on July 11, 1920, the daughter of Swedish immigrants, Frank Oscar Carlson and Annie Frances Caroline Shilling. She was raised in Matador, Texas, along with her beloved brothers Joe Edward Carlson and Grant Earl Carlson, who predeceased her. She met and married her husband, Herman Ray Sherrod, of Ralls, Texas, during World War II and moved to Lubbock to be with him while he was training as a glider pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Their 3 children were all born and raised in Lubbock. After Herman's sudden death in 1969, she returned to Texas Tech University to obtain her Associate Degree in Social Work and launched her career as Project Manager for the Lubbock Housing Authority until her retirement. Her later years were enriched by the arrival of 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was an active member of Broadway Church of Christ for more than 60 years and her greatest joy was to share devotions with her Sunday Children's Bible Classes until declining health recently prevented her from doing so. The pleasures of an azure sky, a blue jay on the wire, a nest of sparrows in the juniper, a smiling pansy in the garden, were reflections of a simple life of undaunted faith. She was as strong as an oak tree and the winds that buffeted her branches left her unchanged and provided a home to



us all.

She is survived by her three children: Annette and husband, Charles Dickinson of Eagan, MN; Robert and wife, Karen Kornbleet Sherrod of Austin; and Greg and wife, Cheri Gilbert Sherrod of Lubbock; grandchildren Leah Sherrod Jenkins (Nathan) and Rachel Sherrod of Austin, Joshua Sherrod (Amy), Jennifer Brawley (Ernest), Jordan Rodriguez (Thomas); greatgrandchildren, Aleia and Jonah Brawley, Michael and Jason Sherrod, and Estella Rodriguez, all of Lubbock; and five nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Saturday, February 10, 2007, at 11 a.m., followed by a private family burial at the City of Lubbock Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Children's Home of Lubbock, Box 2824, Lubbock, TX

To send online condolences, please visit www.rixfd.com.

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## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped us out after Kenesaw's fall at the playground. We appreciate all the prayers, calls, and cards to wish him well. A special thanks to the ambulance crew (Tina, D'anna and Seven) and Pat for checking him out before we left to go to the hospital. We feel blessed to live in such a wonderful community!

Sincerely,

James, Ruthie, Jared and Kenesaw Stephens

We are so overwhelmed at the love shown to us at the loss of our loved one, Bill Dean Washington. God has blessed us with many caring friends and family. A special thanks to the ambulance crew - Jim Weeks, Debbie Wellman and Susie Saul. Thank you all for everything and God Bless you and yours.

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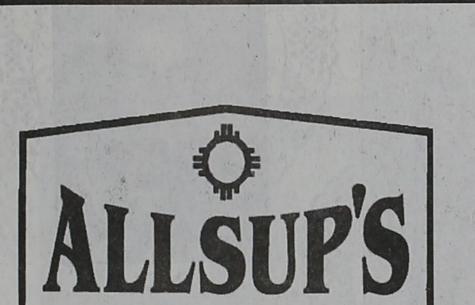
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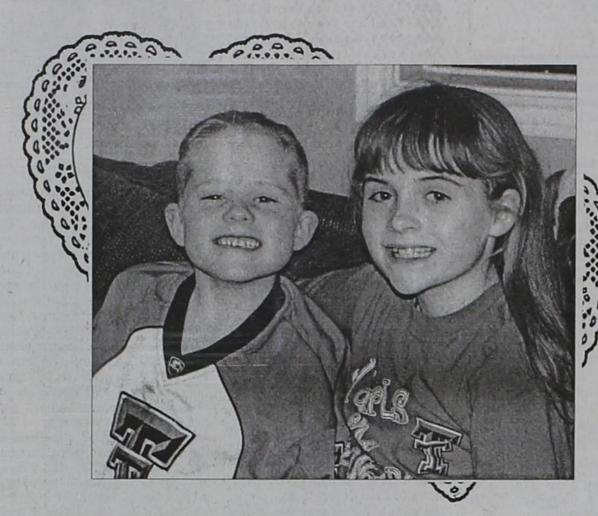
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# My Sweet Valentine...





JUDSON DAVID & MORGAN ANNE JONES Children of Jeremy & Whitney Jones of Lubbock Grandchildren of Jim & Carla Meador and Travis & Lou Anne Jameson of Matador

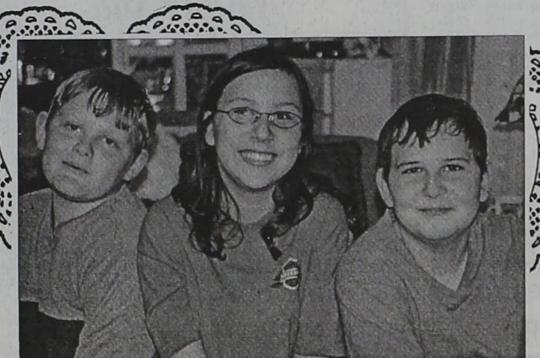
and Jon & Chris Jones of Fremont, CA Great-grandchildren of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs, Marion Woodruff of Matador and Dorothy Nichols of Floydada



JUSTIN COOPER OF ARLINGTON & EDITH LUJAN OF NEW BRAUNFELS

Valentine Sweethearts of Great-Grandpa "Pa-paw" Jack Smith and Uncle Steve Smith of Matador





PARKER, ANGELICA & JONAH MEREDITH

Parker is the son of Yancy & Daphne-Meredith of Roaring Springs; Angelica & Jonah are the children of Cody & Leah Meredith of Las Vegas, NV. Grandchildren of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs, Ronald & Dorothy Farmer of Hale Center and Garrett and Levette Timmins of Austin.

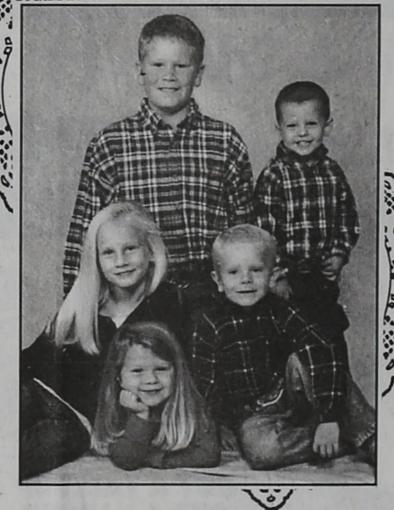


Parker is the great-grandson of Mildred Sowell of Hale Center.



SKYLAR ALYSON (5) & JAXON CASH (21/2) BLOUNT

Children of Heather & Scott Blount of Lubbock. Grandchildren of Johnney & Carol Ann Turner of Lubbock and Ben and Irene Blount of Paducah. Great-grandchildren of Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton, and Georgia Ann Rekieta of Paducah.



MATTHEW & CLAIRE MEADOR Children of Doug & Natalie Meador of Kingwood Grandchildren of Doug & Barbara Meador of Ozona

Great-grandchildren of Dena Meador of Floydada and Bob Copeland of Afton

CAMBREE GLOVER, JAYLEE FLOWERS & COBY GLOVER (front) CUTTER GLOVER & TYGE FLOWERS

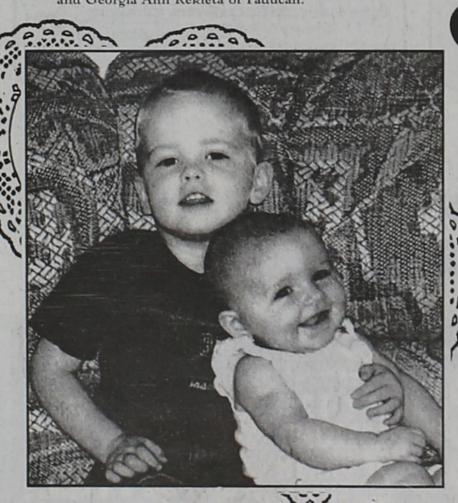
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! · Love - Mammy & Granddad (Grandchildren of Gary & Carolyn Lancaster of Matador)



5-year-old son of Tommy Hurt Grandson of Tommy & Kate Hurt of Matador, Cindy Campbell of Roaring Springs; Great-grandson of Thomas & Dora Hurt of Matador

and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell. Special aunts & uncle are Josh & Amanda Piercy and Loretta Thompson





ANDREW & RANDA WESTBROOK Children of Randy & Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock Grandchildren of Rodney & Glenda Williams of Matador and David & Terry Westbrook of McCall Creek, Mississippi Great-grandchildren of Pete & Bessie Williams, Jim & Wanda Stockton of Matador, Jim & Paula Westbrook of Lubbock,

and Andy & Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, Arkansas

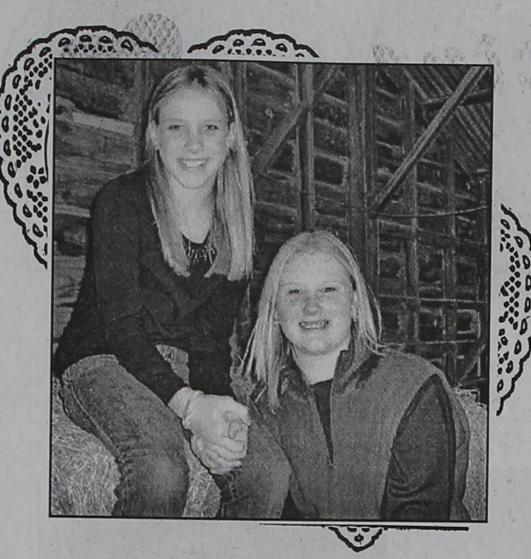


TAILOR BRASEN GREEN (4 mts.) Son of Aaron & Randa Green of Matador Grandson of Billy & Cindy Green of Matador and Butch & Janice McBee of Quitaque

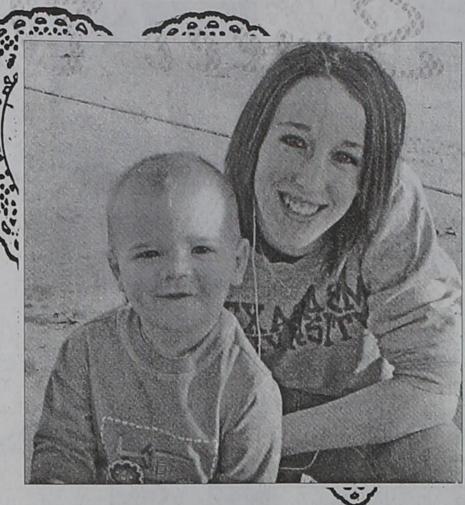


BROOKLYN MAREE FREEMAN (2 mts.) Daughter of Jeremy & Annie Freeman of Matador Granddaughter of Billy & Cindy Green of Matador and Logan & Starlett Freeman of Dickens

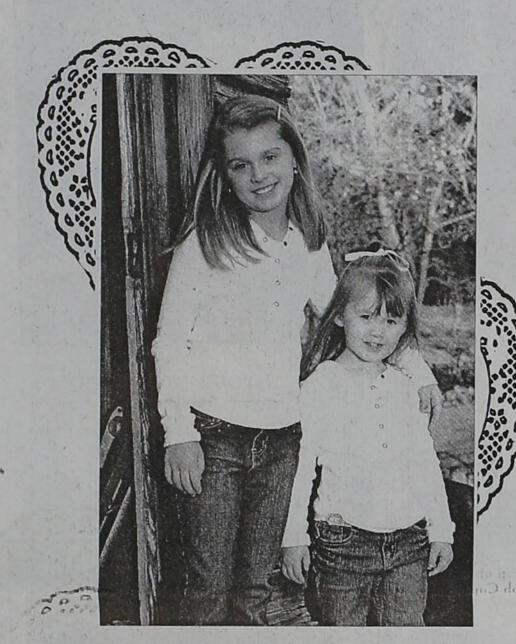




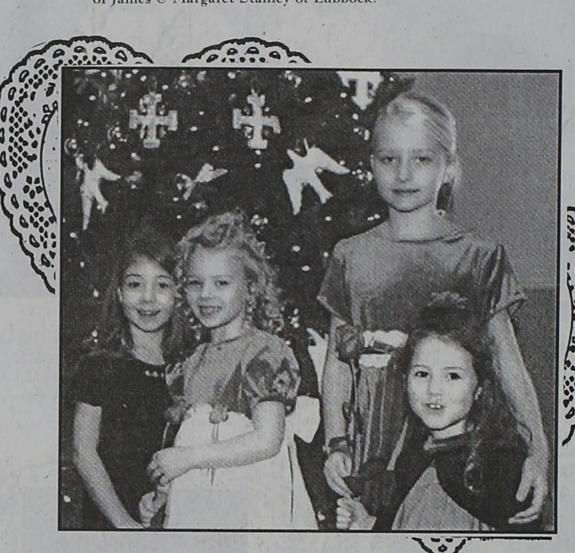
JACIE ZINGERMAN & HANNA ALEXANDER Daughters of Russell & Lori Alexander of Roaring Springs



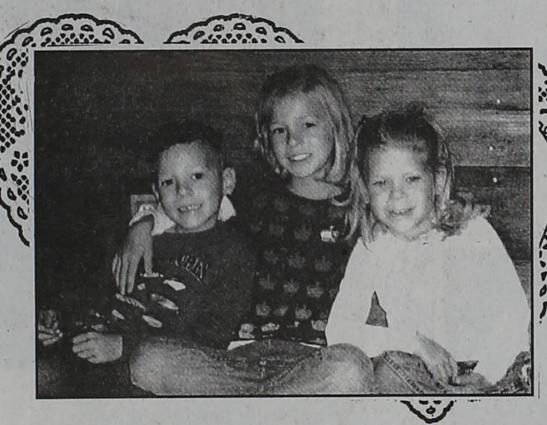
KADYN KITCHENS 22-month-old son of Greg & Jill Kitchen's of Midland KENZIE ROGERS 16-year-old daughter of Jason and Tamera Stanley of Lubbock Kadyn & Kenzie are the grandchildren of James & Margaret Stanley of Lubbock.



KAITLAN PRICE & MADISON GIVENS Granddaughters of Larry & Donna Hoyle of Matador



SIERRA (5), EMILY (5), NATALIE (8) & JAYDA (3) JAMESON Sierra & Jayda are the daughters of Jarrett & Shawna Jameson of Tell; granddaughters of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield and Jack & Sue Mixon of Lubbock. Emily & Natalie are the daughters of Jeromy & Danika Jameson of Matador; granddaughters of Cindy & Jeff Erickson of Edmondson and Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield. Great Grandmothers are Dorothy Nichols of Floydada and Margie Payne of Roaring Springs



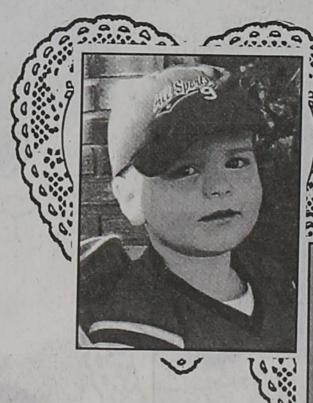
ELI, MACIE & CAMBRIE MARSHALL Children of Brent & Jana Marshall of Matador Grandchildren of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador Great-grandchildren of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs.



RIVERS (5), REESE (2) & TYNE (3) MARSHALL Daughters of Brian & Nancy Marshall of Matador Granddaughters of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador and Jackie & Sharon Martin of Roaring Springs. Great-granddaughters of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs and R.C. & Callie Giesecke of Matador



KATIE & TUCKER BARTON Children of Bobby & Brooke Barton of Matador Grandchildren of Fred & Mellane Parson and Steve & Beverly Barton of Matador Great-grandchildren of Sue Parson of Lubbock and Bud Barton of Matador.



JACKSON & EMORY RAINS Children of Scotty & Chesle Rains of Matador Grandchildren of Fred & Mellane Parson of Matador and David & Shirley Bunch of Plains Great-grandchildren of Sue Parson of Lubbock, Ruby & Ernest Sellars of Plains, Violetta Rains of Brownfield, Great-great grandchildren of Ernest Carey of Plains medial stated to modeline section O





Love - Mom & Dad Daughter of Billy & Brenda Osborn of Matador. (Grandson of Billy & Brenda Osborn of Matador) Granddaughter of Charlie & Mary Renfro and

Betty June Bearden of Matador.



TRACE OSBORN

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY Love - Mammy & PePaw



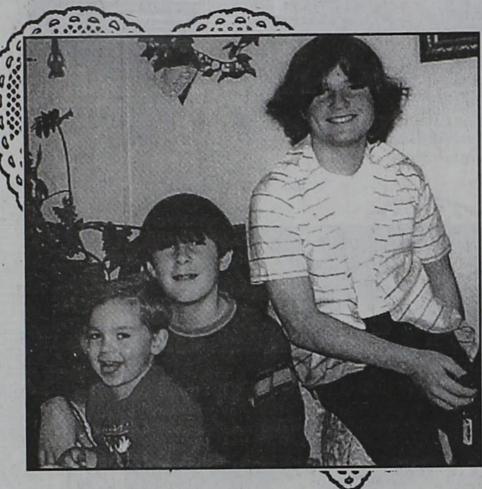
THOMAS ENGLE

Son of Phillip & Susan Engle of Roanoke, VA Grandson of Phil & Pat Engle of Oklahoma City, OK Great-grandson of Dorothy Day of Matador



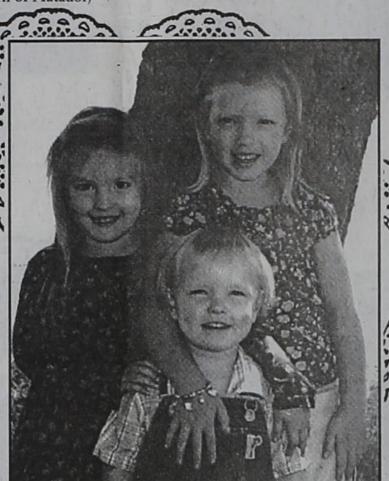
ALEXANDER ENGLE

Son of Phillip & Susan Engle of Roanoke, VA Grandson of Phil & Pat Engle of Oklahoma City, OK Great-grandson of Dorothy Day of Matador



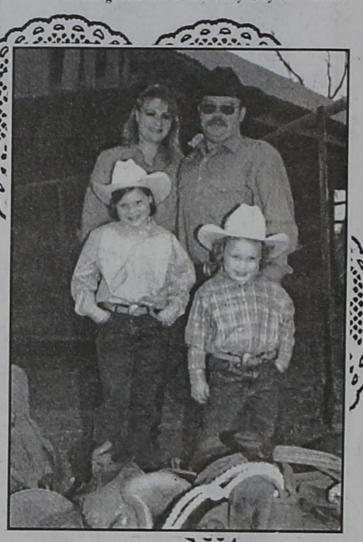
CHARLIE (3) & NATHAN (12) DEVADER & CALEB WAGER, (14)

Charlie & Nathan are the sons of Brian & Julie DeVader of Topeka, KS; grandsons of Randy & Ronda Wager of Levenworth, KS and the great-grandsons of Kuehn & Wanda Faulkner of Matador. Caleb is the son of Randy & Ronda Wager of Levenworth, KS and the grandson of Kuehn & Wanda Faulkner of Matador.



Children of Matthew & Cherie Tresser of El Cajon, CA

ABIGAIL (6), ABRAH (4) & JACOB (2) TRESSER Grandchildren of Randy & Ronda Wager of Levenworth, KS Great-grandchildren of Kuehn & Wanda Faulkner of Matador



TO OUR VALENTINES

Craig, Cathey, Cassidy & Carley Turner YOU'RE SPECIAL!!



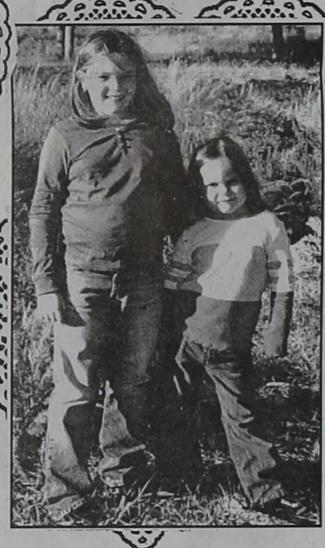
HALYN ELIZABETH STONE (8 mths) Daughter of Chris & Shannon Stone of Lubbock Granddaughter of Major Gary & Lisa Stone of Temple. Great-granddaughter of Kuehn & Wanda Faulkner of Matador.



MICHAELA MONTGOMERY Daughter of Bill & Cris Sheffield of Amarillo. Granddaughter of Wendell & Regina Sheffield of Matador and Richard & Pamela LeGrand of Amarillo



LEXIE FAYE SHEFFIELD Daughter of Bill & Cris Sheffield of Amarillo. Granddaughter of Wendell Regina Sheffield of Matador and Richard & Pamela LeGrand of Amarillo



SAGE & TATUM GUERRERO

Daughters of Gilbert & Zacha Guerrero of Roaring Springs Granddaughters of Dixie & Franklin Harris of Floydada, Frances Guerrero of Plainview and Alex Guerrero of Louisiana

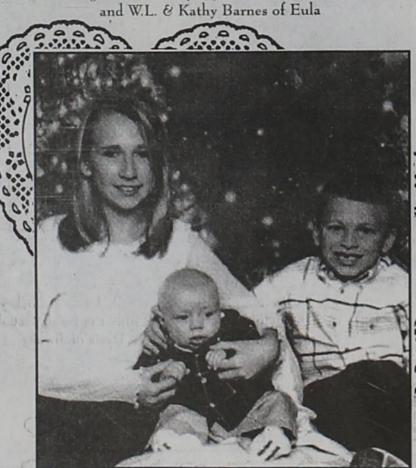


ZOE (5) & MADILYN (2) BARNES Children of Bryan & Paige Barnes of Lubbock. Granddaughters of Bobby & Jeanne Williams of Matador

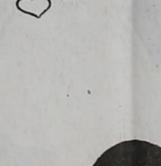


JOURNEY BLAIR (3 1/2) Daughter of Brian & Kobbi Blair of Salem, Oregon. Granddaughter of Fred & Elaine Risser of Matador Great-granddaughter of Frances Dixon of Whiteflat





ASHLEY ALLRED (11), BRADLEY ALLRED (7) & BROCK TAYLOR (5 mts.) \* HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! • • Love - Mom & Dad



JAMIE & LEANNE JAMESON Children of Jason and Samantha Jameson and Lyndee and Tim Ward of Matador. Grandchildren of Barbara & Bill Armstrong, Clay & Melinda Jameson and Debra & Joel Spray of Matador. Great-grandchildren of Sybol & Banty Brandon of Roaring Springs and Jim and Wanda Stockton of Matador.





CAITLYN SKAGGS (8) Daughter of Beatrice Skaggs of Breckenridge Granddaughter of Kay Skaggs of Roaring Springs



CAYDEN SKAGGS (5) Son of Beatrice Skaggs of Breckenridge Grandson of Kay Skaggs of Roaring Springs



KIMBERLY CARROLL (9) Daughter of Tommie Kay Carroll of Hobbs, NM Granddaughter of Kay Skaggs of Roaring Springs



SIERRA PIPKIN (4) Daughter of Tommie Kay Carroll of Hobbs, NM Granddaughter of Kay Skaggs of Roaring Springs



**BAYLEIGH PIPKIN (6)** 



TANNER LOGAN BEARDEN Daughter of Tommie Kay Carrol of Hobbs, NM
Granddaughter of Kay Skaggs of Roaring Springs
Grandson of Judy Woolsey and the late Darrell Woolsey of Roaring Springs, Dell Bearden of Santa Fe, NM and Ross Bearden of Matador.

Great-grandson of Margie Payne of Roaring Springs.



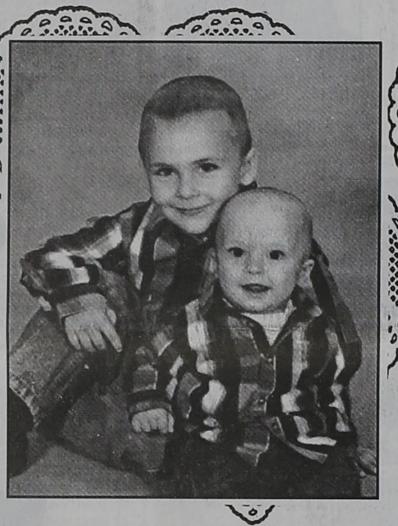
HANNAH MASON Daughter of Wes & Liz Mason of Matador Granddaughter of Virginia & Bud Brinsfield of Matador Ray Mason of Plainview Great-granddaughter of Betty & Crawford Wesley of Tulia



THIS YOUNG LADY GREW UP TO BE THE FIRST LADY OF ROARING SPRINGS AND SHE IS MY



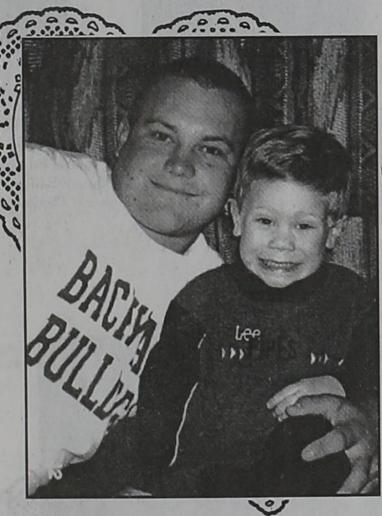
CHARLEE FRANCES THACKER Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Thacker of Amarillo Granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker of Roaring Springs and Micky Maupin of Gruver. Great-granddaughter of Buzz Thacker of Roaring Springs and Elmer & Charline Oquin of Stratford.



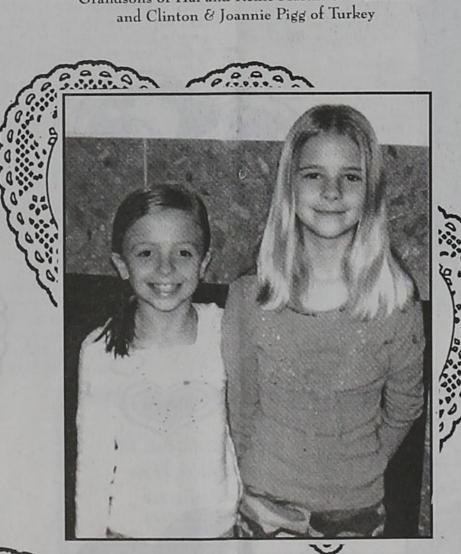
COLTON RYAN (4) & CADE TURNER (11 mth.) MARTIN Children of Ryan & Jamie Martin of Whiteflat. Grandsons of Hal and Kellie Martin of Whiteflat



KEYGEN (4) & AUTUMN (8) WOOLSEY Children of Matt & Teresa Woolsey of Roaring Springs Grandchildren of Judy Woolsey of Roaring Springs and Manuel & Beverly Herrera of Spur. Great-grandchildren of Margie Payne of Roaring Springs, Leo & Lillie Mae Griffin of Spur and Harold & Pauline

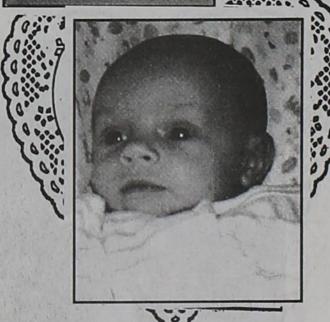


HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! WE LOVE THE COACH & BRADEN

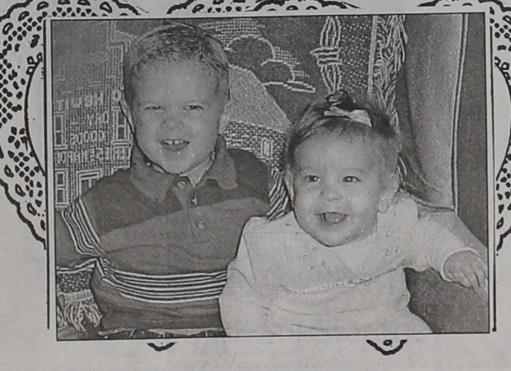


MADISON & MORGAN MZYK Daughters of Frank & Renee Mzyk of Flower Mound Granddaughters of Butch & Judy Renfro of Matador and Irene Mzyk of San Antonio





**BRYAR & REAGEN DAVIS** Children of Brody & Rachelle Davis of Turkey Grandchildren of Butch & Judy Renfro of Matador



BROCK DOUGLAS (2) & OLIVIA GRACE (8 mts) **FOWLER** Children of Courtney & Blair Fowler of Midland Grandchildren of Vaden & Carrol Hays of Matador

and Mike and Sara Fowler of Midland



and Joe Mark & Cherri Davis of Turkey





#### A VALENTINE STORY

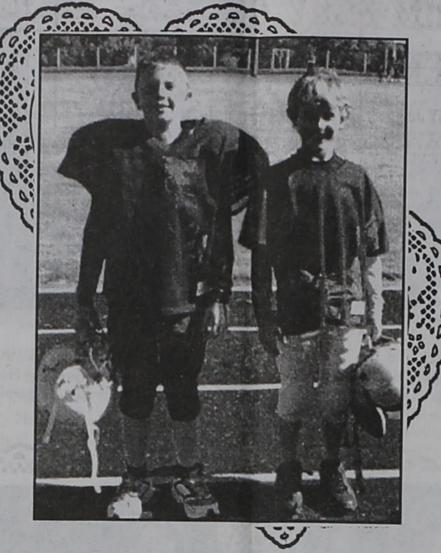
It was in high school in 1948 She was a beauty and he had a crush on her then She never knew; He never asked for a date. He was a country boy; too bashful way back when

Many years passed: She lost her mate His wife died at a later date Leaving two lonely people adrift, subject to the whims of fate.

So they graduated. She took a husband; he took a wife. In different worlds, they each faced the joys and heartaches of life.

Two years ago they met again; Now together they're having fun pand facing life's challenges as they come in 59 years later, her hand he has won.

Who can believe it, Who could ever say This would happen for Classmates Billie Skaggs and Norman Spray!



SETH BAXTER & HAYDEN DAVEY

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



MIKELA BARTON





**CUTTER COUVILLION** 

Son of Brandon & Leanndra Couvillion of Lohn Grandson of Barbara Durham of Eunice, NM and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Couvillion of Lohn Great-grandson of JoAnn Durham of Matador.



Granddaughter of Eugenia Barton of Matador



GREAT-GRANDKIDS OF MRS. EUGENIA BARTON (Beginning at front l-r) Barrett Bulls, Jack Price, Tyler

Campbell, GG, Mitch Edwards, Bailey Bulls, Mattie Edwards, Payton Price, Anna Sanders, Jessie Price, Maegen Sanders, Chancey Campbell; (bottom photo) Tanner & Dayton Greenhaw



BAILEY & BARRETT BULLS Children of Jamie & Kimberly Bulls of Southlake CHANCEY & TYLER CAMPBELL (left) JESSIE, PAYTON & JACK PRICE

Chancey & Tyler are the children of Brent & Lisa Campbell of Turkey; Jessie, Payton & Jack are the children of Stacy & Koree Price of Turkey. GRANDCHILDREN OF BUNDY HAL & DIXIE CAMPBELL OF MATADOR .



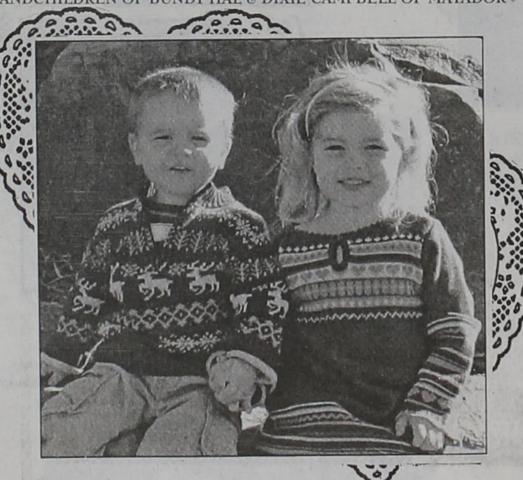






NOLAN (2) Son of Scott & Callie Great-grandson of Grandpa Rice and Grandma Ream LOVE - PAPA & MEEMA (Chuck & Gail Ream)

ARYN RAYLIEN (1) Daughter of Gabe & Amanda Great-grandson of Grandpa Rice and Grandma Ream ♥ LOVE - PAPA & MEEMA ♥ (Chuck & Gail Ream)



RIGGS (2) & SKYLAR (4) HOREN
Children of D.J. & Paka Horen of Plano.
Grandchildren of Kenny & Olivia Barton of Matador and Pam & Don Horen of Hartford, Wis.
Great-grandchildren of Adeline Heckel of Appleton, Wis.,
Louise Barton of Matador and Vivian Campbell of Amarillo

# County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin, Motley County Extension Agent

#### HUNTING LEASE DIRECTORY

In 2004 a hunting lease directory was developed for our area. This directory has not been updated since it was published. We are in the process of developing an updated directory for Motley County and would like all persons interested in advertising their hunting leases to contact the extension office with their information. This will be free advertisement for your hunting leases. You may call the extension office at 806-347-2733 or come by. You can also email your information to motley@ag.tamu.edu.

#### OLD AG YEARBOOKS

The Extension Office has several old/out of date agricultural yearbooks that we would like to give away. If you are interested in these yearbooks, please come by the office and pick through them. If any books are left over they will be disposed of.

#### MOTLEY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Motley County Jr. Livestock Show will be held February 24, 2007. Breakfast will be furnished by Pay-N-Save and served by volunteers from 7:00 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 a.m. The show will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the PeeWee Showmanship.

The premium auction will start at 2:30 p.m.

4-H and FFA members may pick up a copy of the rules in the Extension office.

If you would like to make a donation to the Show please see me, D'anna or a Livestock Director. You may also donate at the Show.

#### WIND ENERGY UPDATE

I have spoke to several individuals that have stated at this time everyone is waiting for the designation of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones. The Public Utility Commissioners are meeting this week to accept nominations for the different CREZ zones. Once these nominations have been made they will sort through them to decide which zones will be accepted. The deadline for designating a CREZ is July 5, but we could hear something as early as mid March. I have made contact with an attorney in Austin that is attending the meeting of the PUC's and will forward any new information as soon as she hears something. Once I have any new information I will pass it onto the public.

I still have the map of Motley County in my office and anyone interested in leasing their land for the development of a wind farm is welcome to come by or call and we can add their land to the map.

# **OIL & GAS REPORT**

BY THOMAS MUSSER

FLOYD COUNTY: On Saturday, February 10, the Railroad Commission of Texas approved the Amended Drilling Permit for the BASA Resources, Inc./ Tyner Texas Operating Company joint venture, Maurice

Campbell Lease Well #1. This Amendment to the original drilling permit filed October 19, 2005 changes the well location from the southeast corner of Section 50 to the southwest corner of

Section 50. The amended well location of the Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1 will be 467 feet from the south line and 467 feet form the west line of Section 50, Abstract-2230, Block 1, Adams, Beaty & Moultan Survey, 11 miles east of Floydada. This will place the Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1, 3772

feet north-northwest (3767 feet north and 193 feet west) of the PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh Lease Well #1077 located in Section 77.

On Monday, February 12, 2007, PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. filed an application for a Horizontal Drilling Permit for the McIntosh Lease Well #176 to be located in Section 76; Block 1, Adams, Beaty & Moultan Survey, 10 1/2 miles East of Floydada. The surface location will be 710 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line of Section 76. The formation penetration point will be 1347 feet from the south line and 1765 feet from the east of Section 76. The Terminus location will be 660 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 76.

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# FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

BY JOHN BIRD, CED

#### GOVERNMENT ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

Since those of us who work in the office everyday can barely keep up with all of our program names and abbreviations, we thought you might have trouble too. From time to time someone will tell me that I need to "explain what all that stuff means," so that is what I'm going to try to do. Below I'll give a list of abbreviations, what they stand for, and what they really are. This is especially for the out of town landowner or the person who is just interested, but it might also help some of the producers that come in every day.

DCP (Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program): This is that thing that you have to sign up for every year by June 1. You get payments based off of your farm's crop history, not what you plant. In fact, you don't have to plant anything to be eligible, as long as you keep the weeds off the land and don't let it blow away. In Motley County these planting histories, or "bases", are generally cotton, peanuts, or wheat. When you sign up you'll get a guaranteed direct (D) payment. You can get part of it in advance (in any month) and the rest (or all of it) in October.

The "C" in DCP is the confusing part. This stands for Counter-Cyclical, and we really don't know what that means. The Counter-Cyclical payment is also a DCP payment, but is separate from the direct payment. It is not guaranteed. This payment comes into effect when the market for the base that you have is low. If you have cotton base, even if cotton is not planted, when the price drops low enough you can earn the CC payment. It is paid a year behind (06 will be paid in 07), so that we will have an accurate picture of what the market was for that crop year. If you receive an advance on this payment, you could end up having to pay it back at the end of the year. DCP is sometimes called

"the farm program", and used to be PFC.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program): Under this program, land classified as HEL (highly erodible land) is taken out of production and planted to grass. In exchange for agreeing to not farm or graze the land for the life of the CRP contract, the producer receives an annual rental payment. The benefits of CRP are that it keeps land from eroding and promotes wildlife. CRP is the reason there are more deer, quail, and pheasants in our area than there used to be. It's also the reason the dust storms aren't like they used to

Certify (Report your crops): This is what you have to do to be eligible for any of the above. Every year, even if there is no change or nothing planted, you have to report 100% of your cropland. Pasture land that is not considered cropland only. has to be certified if you want it to be eligible for NAP or any livestock programs that might come up. You tell us what is out there, when it was planted, what the shares are, how many acres are planted, etc... We draw it on a map and put it in the computer. When you sign the printout, you have "certified" what is on your land for that year. FAV (Fruits and Veg-

etables): This is what you can-not plant on your DCP land under the current farm program. If you have an approved history of planting a specific fruit or vegetable on a specific farm you

can plant that fruit or vegetable on that farm, but you will get a reduction in your payment. If you do not have an approved history and plant FAV's on your DCP land, penalties will apply.

NAP (Non-insured Assistance Program): This is basically an insurance policy for crops that are not usually insurable. It can cover many fruits and vegetables, but for Motley County it's usually grass, wheat for grazing, and haygrazer. The price is \$100.00 per crop.

Sometimes NAP is called 'that grass thing.'

LDP (Loan Deficiency Payment): LDPs are paid when you sell a commodity. If the AWP (average world price [what the price really is]) is lower than the target price (what we think the price should be), then you can receive an LDP. You can apply for this at the same time that you sell your crop. The price you receive, say on a cotton crop, would be based off the payment rate on the day that you apply, and the number of pounds of cotton you are selling.

This is also known as the "pop" payment. "Popping cotton" is to get an LDP on cotton.

MAL (Marketing Assistance Loans): These are nine month commodity loans. When you gin your cotton you can put it in one of these loans if the price is low. Hopefully, sometime over the next nine months, there will be a better price. At that time you can sell your commodity. The buyer pays back the loan. If it doesn't get paid back, the commodity is forfeited to CCC. The purpose of the MAL is to help the farmer get some income for the crop when he needs it, without having to wait for a decent price.

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Day

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

7-Day Forecast

Thursday Mostly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 24

High: 50 Low: 29 Saturday Sunny High: 51 Low: 31

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High: 50 Low: 28 Monday Mostly Sunny High: 52 Low: 34

Tuesday

Sunday

Mostly Sunny



Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 32

Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 35

# Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of

38°, humidity of 48% and an overnight low of 24°. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1979. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 50°.

22

24

36

55/30

**In-Depth Forecast** 

# High Low Normals 55/29 55/29

Last Week's Local Almanac

Feb. 15, 2007

**Moon Phases** 

3/3

3/11

First

2/24

2/17

55/30 Wednesday 36 Thursday 27 56/30 29 56/30 Friday 30 Saturday Weather History

Feb. 15, 1982 - An intense cyclone off the Atlantic Coast capsized a drilling rig, killing 84 people. The storm also sank a Soviet freighter, resulting in 33 more deaths. The cyclone produced 80 mph winds that whipped

the water into waves 50 feet high.

	Precip	Precipitation
	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.2
	0.00"	Departure from normal0.2
	0.00"	
	0.00"	Average temperature
	0.00"	Average normal temperature42
	0.00"	Departure from normal3
	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texa

Sun & Moon Times Sunset tonight . . . . . . . . . . . 6:27 p.m. Moonrise today .........6:17 a.m. Moonset today . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4:21 p.m.

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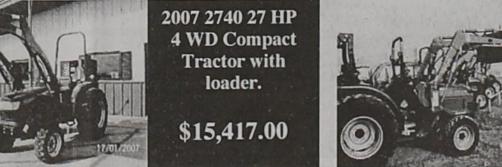


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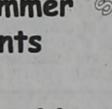
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