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67th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday

The 67th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show is set for Saturday, February 24. Events will kick off early with breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. The delicious meal sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save and manager Frances Taylor will be prepared by Richard Turner and other volunteers and will be served until 8:45 a.m.

FFA and 4-H members will exhibit 45 head of swine, 10 lambs, 26 goats, 4 steers, 10 rabbits and 11 bucket calves.

The little ones will start off the show in the PeeWee Swine Show beginning at 9:45 a.m. This much anticipated event gives future Motley County stock show exhibitors the chance to get some hands-on

experience. There are no losers in this event, everyone is a winner and receives a ribbon.

Hog classes will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Bucket Calf show at about 11:30 a.m., and Lambs at 11:45 a.m. The Rabbit show will begin at about 12:15 p.m., followed by Heifers and Goats at about 1:15 p.m., and the Steer Show at 2:15

p.m. The Premium Sale will begin at approximately 2:45 p.m. All show times will depend on the previous showings.

Show judge will be Robert Herrington, former Patton Springs ISD Ag teacher. Mr. Herrington now teaches at West Texas A&M University.

A concession stand, sponsored by the Livestock Board,

will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. All monies raised will go back to the kids.

2007 Motley County Show exhibitors are Ashley Brackeen, Austin Taylor, Bailee Perryman, Braden Bigham, Braden Mason, Braden Pope, Brendan Fisk, Brendan Wiltshire, Britt Simpson, Brodie Rankin, Bryant Taylor, Carley Turner, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward, Chase Buckner, Christian Brooks, Christy Smith, Chloe Gleghorn, Cody Martin, Colby McCleskey, Conner Mason, Courtney Alexander, Derick Fisk, Dillon McCleskey, Dodie Gleghorn, Dominique Quilimaco, Eric Simpson, Gabby Silva, Hance Davey, Hayden Davey, Jaci Taylor, Jacob Blanco, Jacob Woolsey,

Jamie Jameson, Jaylee Flowers, Jonah Meredith, Joshua Martin, Kaitlan Perryman, Kaylee Woolsey, Keyan Kautz, Korbyn Simpson, Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, Logan Ferguson, Macie Marshall, Mattie Brooks, Marc Henzler, Matthew Faulks, Michael Martin, Michael Seigler, Natalie Jameson, Parker Meredith, Patrick Harvey, Payden Perryman, Reagan Elliott, Sabra Pope, Sage Guerrero, Schyler Tomlinson, Seth Baxter, Shane Newman, Shane a Russell, Shelby Elliott, Tatum Guerrero, Taylor Tomlinson, Tristan Tomlinson, and Tyge Flowers.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Show, enjoy the concession stand and support Motley County youth.



SHOW PREPARATION — Motley County 4-H members, Jonah Meredith, left, and Parker Meredith, walk their goats in preparation for Saturday's Jr. Livestock Show. This will mark the 67th year for the annual event.

Lubbock Boondockers will return to Matador for 2nd Grand Prix Race

The Boondockers of Lubbock will host their second annual Grand Prix in Matador, Sunday, March 4. There are several classes, from beginners to the expert.

The Boondockers Dirt Bike Club is expecting a large crowd of racers. The Matador race was voted the race of the year in 2006 by riders. Ten extra points will be awarded to the riders who participate in Matador this year.

The Grand Prix circuit is geared to families and everyone in the area is welcome to come out and enjoy the day. Food booths will be set up by various groups as fundraisers. Motley County Senior Citizens will sell rodeo wraps and brisket sandwiches; the Catholic Church will serve turkey legs as well as other goodies; Hackberry Creek Care Center will serve David Stafford's famous grilled ham-

burgers and homemade goodies; and the Full Gospel Church plans to sell water and soft drinks again this year. All other groups are encouraged to participate in the activities. Additional food booths, as well as craft booths, and other family activities are welcome.

The Boondockers donate part of the profit back to the community hosting the race. All groups helping with the actual race will share in the Boondocker donation. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 3, to help set up the course. Tentative plans are to meet at the Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Other volunteers are needed for clean up, etc., after the race. Please contact Shane Jones at 347-2820, or Dianne Washington at 347-2636, for more details.

Comptroller Combs distributes \$609 million in local sales tax

Austin — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said last week the state collected \$1.76 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 12.9 percent compared to January 2006.

Combs sent \$609.4 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.4 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2006.

"Local sales tax collections are up, but not by double digits," Combs said. "This confirms

what retailers reported earlier regarding their holiday sales. Sales were up, but not as strong as some businesses expected."

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$414.5 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 6.1 percent compared to February 2006 payments. Texas

counties received February sales tax payments of \$35.6 million, up 6.9 percent

The 115 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$18.7 million in sales tax, up 12.9 percent compared to February 2006. Ten local transit systems received \$140.6 million in February sales tax payments, up 6.2 percent compared to a year ago.

Matador, with a 2.000% rate, received a net payment of \$6,715.46, compared to \$7,124.12 at this time last year, a -5.73%

change. 2007 payments to date total \$11,936.26, compared to \$11,032.25 at this time last year, a 8.19% change.

Roaring Springs, with a 2.000% rate, received a payment of \$2,310.44, compared to \$4,965.38 at this time last year, a -53.46% change. 2007 payments to date total \$4,641.76, compared to \$5,998.86 at this time last year, a -22.62% change.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 9.

Candidates can sign up for May elections until March 12

Motley County candidates may sign up for a position on one of the municipal boards until March 12. Local elections will be held May 12th.

Three places are available for the Matador City Council, those currently held by Lara Davey, Bert Darsey and Chuck Ream. No one has filed.

The Roaring Springs City Council will also have three positions open, currently held by Timmy Brooks, Patricia Green and Alex Crowder. James McCleskey has filed.

Three places are open for the Motley County School Board. Those board positions are now held by Shonda Elliott, David Stafford and Les Woolsey. Tim Ward has filed.

Those wishing to sign up for one of these positions, may do so at their respective City Halls for a place on a City Council; with Carolyn Johnson at School for a place on the School Board; or at Thayer-Washington CPA office for Hospital Board.

Texas First Lady's 2007 Main Street tour will include Spur

Austin — Texas First Lady Anita Perry will join the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for the Texas Main Street Program's First Lady's Tour, an annual event bringing excitement and exposure to communities across the state. The tour celebrates the designation of the 2007 Official Texas Main Street Cities which includes stops on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in Cotulla from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m., Bridgeport from 11:45 - 1:00 p.m. and Spur from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Perry will also stop in Bastrop on Thursday, March 1 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

"Growing up in a small

town, I know the vital role downtown plays in a community," said Perry. "Being a Main Street city means citizens recognize that downtown is still the heart and soul of their community."

Mrs. Perry will give the keynote address at each celebration and unveil the first architectural rendering for the downtown renovation. A reception follows a tour of the city's downtown area. The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) sponsors the 2007 First Lady's Tour.

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Motley County School Board meets Contracts extended for Coach, Principal

by Tina Brooks
School Board Reporter

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Les Woolsey. Also attending were Superintendent Randy Brown and Principal Marilyn Hicks.

The invocation was given by Ted Davey.

No one was present for the AEIS Public Hearing.

No one was present for open forum

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. The board reviewed the list of expenditures and financial statements; all were approved.

The District Improvement Plan was handed out at the January meeting for the board to review. Mr. Brown recommended the board accept the plan as presented. The board approved.

The board reviewed the proposed textbook adoptions for the 2007-2008 school year. Mrs. Hicks informed the board that Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Gillespie have been working to find a more in depth math curriculum.

The Board reviewed and approved the 2007-2008 school calendar.

The Board reviewed several bids for Suburbans and Expedition ELs. After much discussion the board tabled the issue until the end of the meeting as to give further thought. No action was taken.

Mr. Brown informed the board that he and Mr. Ream will travel to Marble Falls to consider the purchase of a used bus with a wheelchair lift.

Principal Hicks has purchased a house leaving options open for school housing changes. Coach Bigham will be moving into the house of which Mrs. Hicks was living in and this will leave Coach Bigham's house open. The board discussed options for this property and approved a resolution to accept bids for the sell of the house.

The board reviewed Schwart and Eichelbaum's 2006 contract package. Mr. Brown recommended the board accept the updated package; the board approved.

The May school board elec-

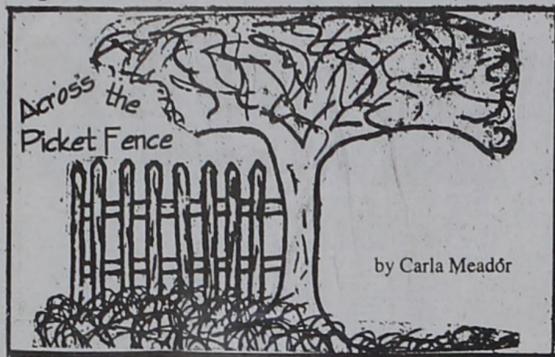
tion is set for May 12, 2007. Board members for re-election are Shonda Elliott, David Stafford and Les Woolsey.

David Stafford announced that all board members have met the board training requirements for the 2006-07 school year.

During the Principal's report, Mrs. Hicks informed the board that enrollment is at 180 students with a 96.6% attendance rating.

Mrs. Hicks announced that a pep rally will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday for the Boys' Basketball team. They will be traveling to Idalou for their first playoff game against Whitharral. If the Matadors win they will play Saturday at Post against Meadow at 5:00 p.m.

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My space was limited in last week's paper, so I did not have room to print this Valentine poem, submitted by Bill Crenshaw of Canyon. Mr. Crenshaw is a Cowboy Poet and Storyteller and a member of the Matador High School class of 1960. Thank you, Mr. Crenshaw for sharing this delightful poem. I'm sure there are a lot of people in this area who can relate.

A COWBOY'S VALENTINE

Oh how I love thee, let me count the ways.
 I'll start with your lovely hair, so blond and full of waves.
 Your big brown eyes when they look at me,
 Are the most beautiful eyes that I ever did see.
 Your lightly tanned skin covering your curvaceous frame
 Is enough to drive an old cowboy insane.
 Your long and slender legs are sure something to admire.
 And the way they move your body sets a cowboy's heart on fire.
 You're always there to carry me in times when I couldn't walk.
 And always a good listener when I just wanted to talk.
 There's no doubt you've given to me
 some of your life's best years.
 And everytime I think of you my cheeks stain with tears.
 For nearly twenty years you've been with me every single day.
 So to express to you my love there's something I want to say.
 You are always faithful and true as together we run life's course.
 So Happy Valentine's Day, Queenie,
 my Palimino Quarter Horse,

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."
 -- William Arthur Ward

Other realists think about how they might benefit from it. And Renewable Energy System has done just that, deciding to build a wind farm near the Floyd and Motley County line closer in line with Whiteflat.

So Dora Ross at the Floydada Economic Development Corporation is looking for rent houses, with or without furnishings, for the wind farm subcontractors.

According to Winfield Davernport, one of the four landowners involved, the work on the wind farm will take about eight months, and there should be about 60 people working at any one time. Road construction is set to begin next month, and if all goes to plan, the wind farm could begin producing energy by November.

The project will need transmission lines, and they are being built from the edge of the Caprock to Matador. Then 262.3 megawatt towers will be constructed to feed in to them, and should produce enough electricity for about 60,000 homes. The

expected life of the towers is 30 years.

This project is independent of the CREZ designations, information about which has been provided locally. Many people have shown interest in wind farms, so it may be that this is only the first of several projects in this area.

There may well be jobs for locals in connection with this first project.

There will be parts of the project that local businesses can bid on, and there will also probably be hiring of office staff locally. If you are interested, either in renting housing to the subcontractors or in any jobs, contact Dora Ross at (806) 983-3318 or toll free at (866) 983-3318 or mail at P.O. Box 15, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Please don't forget about the upcoming Boondockers races on March 4th. Volunteers are still being sought, both for the day of the races (Sunday) and the day before (Saturday), to set things up. And organizations wanting to raise funds need to get ready to supply the visitors with food and drink.

Please call Dianne Washington at (806) 347-2636 or leave a message at the Chamber office at (806) 347-2968, stating what you can do and when, or what your group is planning.



Beth Pratt, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Religious Editor, spoke at the Matador First Baptist Church ladies luncheon last Saturday. Mrs. Pratt is a resident of Floydada.

Lubbock AJ Religious Editor speaks at FBC Luncheon

by Carol Campbell

The annual Women's Salad Luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church Saturday, February 17. About 35 area women attended. Guest speaker was Beth Pratt, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Religion Editor.

Mrs. Pratt spoke on "renewing our minds" through the study of scripture. Her remarks were based on the biblical scripture: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12: 1-2). Mrs. Pratt said that "renewing your mind" is a daily process, and often transformation is accomplished through life changing events like the death of a parent or spouse, or the death of a child. She challenged the audience to be transformed by "changing our thinking, to re-

fect on the Lord."

Mrs. Pratt, a graduate of Floydada High School, earned a journalism degree from Texas Tech University in 1982. She has received numerous awards during her work with the A-J, including First Place in column writing from the Texas Press Women, 1991; and the Community award from Committee on Churches, 2004. She is President of the Association of Women in Communications, 2005-2006.

In addition to her community participation, Mrs. Pratt volunteers as an adult Sunday School Teacher, and conducts a televised lecture class, First Baptist Church, Floydada. She and her husband, A.C., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 3, 2007. She has three children and three grandchildren.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



We thank W.C. Pallmeyer for his donation to the Motley County Library in memory of Mollye Simpson. We thank Jim Irwin and Jim and Kay Copeland for their donations in memory of Opal Pipkin. We appreciate the donations by Cheri and Phil Foster and Lena M. Ellis in memory of Marjoria Moore Harper.

We also thank Lynn Gibson, LaDola Mount, Sharon Saunders, Linda Spangrud and Barb Jaquet for their donations to the "library" in memory of Marjoria Moore Harper.

We thank all those who braved the cold to come to the Mat Hatter's Tea Party last Thursday. As usual it was a fun event and the program by Patricia Green was great! We thank Winifred Darsey, Beverly Vinson and Sharon Allen for the delicious refreshments.

New books in the library include *Family Tree* by Barbara Delinsky, *Grave Tattoo* by Val McDermid and *Sisters* by Danielle Steel. We also have *Step on a Crack* by James Patterson, and *Water like a Stone* by Deborah Crombie.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva

Tommye Keith, President of the Ladies' Golf Association hosted a party and business meeting at her creek home Tuesday night, Feb. 17.

A delicious meal and all the trimmings were served and enjoyed very much. She had some extra help with that. Thanks to all.

The upcoming Golf season was discussed, ideas given about the yearbook, golf tournaments, playdays and etc. She asked input from those in attendance, and we all agreed to help in anyway we can.

Those attending were Kay Bailey, Carol Campbell, Virginia Nunn, Jan Martin, Judy Cartwright, Marihelen Wason, Frances Hobbs, Tommye Keith, Polly Campbell, Olivia Osborn, Geneva Wilson, Judy Renfro, Pat Warren, Liv Barton, Lindy Stafford, Beverly Barton, Kathy Blanco and Mary Jones.

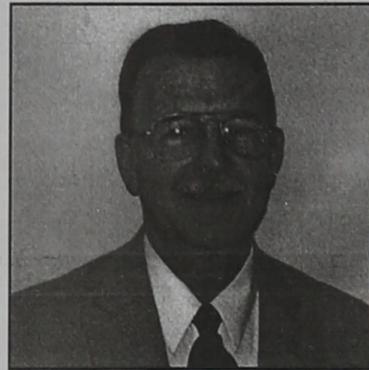
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Spring Gospel Meeting

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Carroll F. Sites of Higdon, Arkansas, in a series of Bible Lessons

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 - THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Sunday Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. - "Proper Reception of the Word"

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - "One Nation Under God"

PLEASE STAY AND ENJOY A POTLUCK MEAL WITH US FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. - "The Blood of the Cross"

Monday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Christianity According to the Bible"

Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Pleasing God - or Pleasing Self"

Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Five Saved - Five Lost"

Thursday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "What Is Your Destiny"

A Warm Welcome Awaits You!

Silence Can Be Golden



Silence is an indispensable part of any spiritual development. We need to be quiet in the presence of God. Consider the prophet Elijah who stayed still long enough amid the noise of life, (the wind, earthquakes and fire), to finally recognize the quiet whisper of God. Read of this in I Kings 19: 10-13.

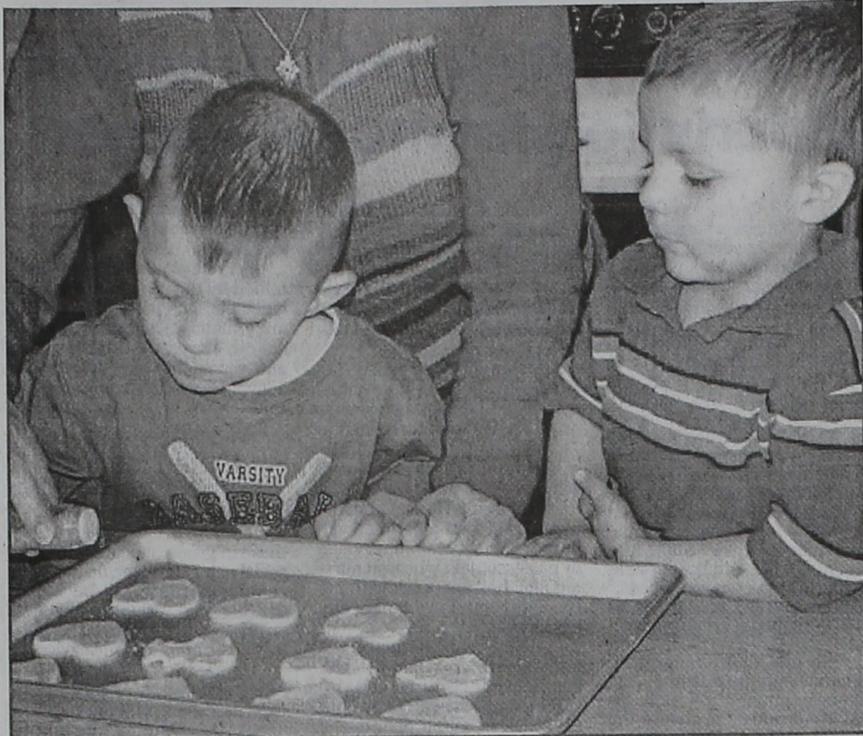
We, like Elijah, need some quiet time. Then perhaps we can in the stillness, seek our God. In our culture, we generally make a lot of noise and speak lots of words, even to God or about God. That often makes it difficult to stop and be still and let the quietness overtake us. It seems that there is some matter always pressing and urgent. The idea of just sitting there and "doing nothing" seem to trouble some of us more than it seems to help.

In the stillness will come our heart felt need to pray. Prayer is taking time to let God refresh us, touch us as the artist who is making a sculpture of our lives. Quiet! Well what happens when there is nothing to say? When we are with friends and we stop talking, is it the end of the relationship? Of course not! So it is with God. Be still! I'm sure with a little practice, those moments of quietness will bring depth to our spiritual lives. Why? Because we are communing with our God, the creator of us all.

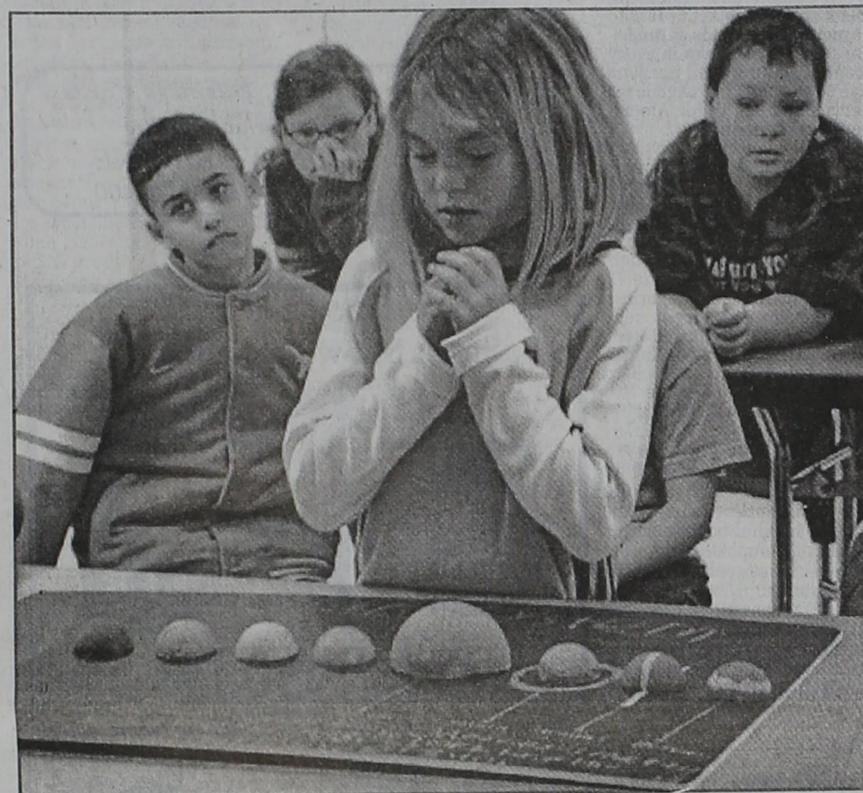
ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.



These two Pre-K students were participating in a Valentine baking project last Wednesday at school. They were assisted by Mrs. Jan Jones' class in making heart cookies. Dawson Baker (left) and Derick Fisk seem to be very involved in the project.



Motley County 4th grader, Hannah Mason, examines closely her solar system model. Hannah received an award for Best Linear Representation. Also receiving awards in this category were Michael Martin, Gabby Silva and Katie Barton. Others recognized were Most Ingenious, Seth Baxter, Braden Bigham, Cassidy Turner; Most Unique, Logan Ferguson, Korbyn Simpson, Hayden Davey and Meagan Ford; Most Detailed Coloring, Caleb Clarey, Tristan Tomlinson, Shelby Elliott, and Tallon Pollard; Good Distance Representation, Tanner Bearden, Allison McCoy, Luis Mendoza, and Victoria Hernandez.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW ARRIVALS!

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A Letter from the Office

by Marilyn Hicks
Motley County ISD Principal

In response to requests from parents who wish to know when their child gets in trouble for even minor infractions, I am instituting a note that will come to parents whenever a student is sent to the office. It will state the reason for the referral to the office and the resolution of the problem. If there are any questions about the referral, please call me. These notes will be sent in the mail to the parent address on file in the office.

The boys' basketball team has a playoff game against

Whitharral this Thursday in Idalou at 7:00. We will have a send-off pep rally at 3:00 in the gym. We welcome all parents and community members to this celebration of success and send off.

The stock show is this weekend. The kids are walking animals and practicing showmanship all over the county. This is a wonderful event; come out any time on Saturday and watch the show and eat lunch in the concession stand.

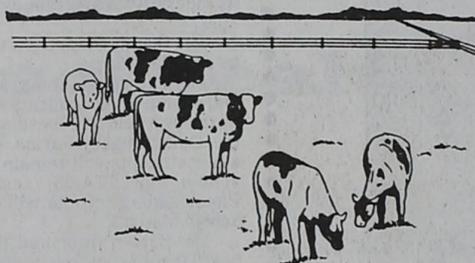
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School Menu



MONDAY, FEB. 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Brownie, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Cheese Sticks, Crackers, Jello, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice.

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Potato Chips, Oranges, Milk.

Play-off
Game...

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Matadors

VS.

Whitharral

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at Idalou, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 22

67TH ANNUAL

MOTLEY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

Come on out Saturday, February 24, 2007, and support
Motley County Junior Livestock Show Participants

Ashley Brackeen
Braden Bigham
Brendan Fisk
Brody Rankin
Cassidy Turner
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Cody Martin
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Logan Ferguson
Marc Henzler
Michael Seigler
Patrick Harvey
Sabra Pope
Seth Baxter
Shelby Elliott
Tristan Tomlinson

Austin Taylor
Braden Mason
Brendan Wiltshire
Bryant Taylor
Catherine Ward
Christy Smith
Colby McCleskey
Courtney Alexander
Dode Gleghorn
Gabby Silva
Jaci Taylor
Jacob Woolsey
Jonah Meredith
Kaylee Woolsey
Kyla Simpson
Macie Marshall
Matthew Faulks
Natalie Jameson
Payden Perryman
Sage Guerrero
Shane Newman
Tatum Guerrero

Bailee Perryman
Braden Pope
Britt Simpson
Carley Turner
Chase Buckner
Chloe Gleghorn
Conner Mason
Derick Fisk
Dominique Quilimaco
Hance Davey
Jaci Zingerman
Jamie Jameson
Joshua Martin
Keyan Kautz
Lexi Osborn
Mattie Brooks
Michael Martin
Parker Meredith
Reagan Elliott
Schyler Tomlinson
Shane'a Russell
Taylor Tomlinson
Tyge Flowers

These kids will exhibit 45 hogs, 10 lambs, 26 goats,
4 steers, 10 rabbits and 11 bucket calves

All animals must be weighed in and in place by 8:30 a.m.

SHOW SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

9:45 a.m. - Pee Wee Showmanship
10:00 a.m. - Hog Classes
11:30 a.m. - Bucket Calves
11:45 a.m. - Lambs
12:15 p.m. - Rabbits
1:00 p.m. - Heifers & Goats
2:00 p.m. - Steer
Premium Auction will start at approximately 2:30 p.m.

BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY LOWE'S (Frances Taylor, Mgr.)
and cooked by Richard Turner and gang, 7:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Concession Stand available beginning at 9:00 a.m.
All monies go back to the kids!





SWINE SHOW — Jamie Jameson (left) and Catherine Ward were only two of the many participants in last year's Swine Show. Jamie and Catherine are Motley County 4-H members and the children of Tim and Lyndee Ward of Matador. Jamie is also the son of Jason and Sam Jameson of Matador. This year's show will feature 45 hogs.

Area Agency on Aging allows elderly to stay home longer

The U.S. Congress reauthorized the Older Americans Act in October, ensuring the continuation of the Area Agencies on Aging program, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

A five-year reauthorization of the Older Americans Act was signed on October 2, 2006, and sent to President Bush. According to the National Council on Aging, the legislation not only reauthorizes the program, but strengthens services offered.

"Whether you are an older adult or a caregiver concerned about the well-being and independence of an older adult, Area Agencies on Aging are well-suited to help meet your needs," said Andrew B. Crocker, Extension gerontology health specialist.

"By providing a range of information and options, the agencies make it possible for older individuals to choose the services and living arrangements that suit them best," Crocker said.

Area Agencies on Aging were established under the Older Americans Act in 1973 to respond to the needs of Americans ages 60 and over in every local community. All persons age 60 and older are eligible for services under Older Americans Act programs.

The Older Americans Act also helps fund Native American aging programs, known as "Title VI," to meet the unique needs of older American Indians, Eskimos and Hawaiians.

Services available through the aging agencies and Title VI fall into five broad categories: information and access services, community-based services, in-home services, housing and elder rights.

Categories and some examples of programs offered include:

— Nutrition: Home-delivered meals, group meals and nutritional counseling.

— In-Home Assistance: Support for home bound elderly, including housekeeping, domestic chores, personal care and visitation.

— Transportation: Rides to essential destinations such as nutrition sites, senior centers, health appointments and grocery shopping.

— Senior Centers: Places to go for nutrition services, em-

ployment services and health screening, as well as a venue for social interaction and recreation.

— Information, Referral and Assistance: Help getting information about federal, state or local services.

— Benefits Counseling/Legal Assistance: Help provided by trained benefits counselors on public and private benefits.

— Care Coordination: Arrangement and coordination of services.

— Nursing Home Ombudsmen: Trained and certified volunteer advocates, supervised by professionals, who visit nursing facilities and work with the residents, families and facility employees.

— Health Maintenance: Coordination or provision of health services including, health screening, oral health and optical services, and proper use of prescription drugs.

— Other Assistance: Services such as home repair/modification, adult day care,

emergency response systems, respite services and escort service.

Service availability is determined by the regional needs of older persons within a service area, the level of funding available to support these services and availability of providers to deliver these services, Crocker said.

Not all services are available through all Area Agencies on aging, he said.

When program resources are limited, priority is given to those in greatest economic and social need; however, no income requirements must be met, Crocker said. Voluntary contributions are encouraged to defray costs and expand services.

He said Area Agencies on Aging often serve as portals to care, assessing multiple service needs, determining eligibility, authorizing or purchasing services and monitoring and appropriateness and cost-effectiveness of services.

LOOKY, LOOKY...



WHO'S 40??

LOVE - MOM + DOPPA

School Board

from page 1

Due to scheduling issues this was the best possible time available.

The County Stock Show will be held Saturday.

Pre-K through 2nd grade and 6th-8th grade students will be taking a field trip Tuesday to the Dairy Legacy Farms. All other students will remain at school for TAKS tests. Cheerleading tryouts will be held in March.

Mr. Brown informed the board that the preliminary taxable value finding from the Comptroller were received. This is something that Motley County ISD and the Appraisal District have been working to improve for the last few years. The state found that although Motley County's values did increase, they did not increase enough to be in compliance with the preliminary values. The Motley County Appraisal District recently approved appealing the preliminary values.

Mr. Brown informed the board of school board training opportunities. There will be two board meetings in March. March 19 is the regular scheduled meeting and a budget workshop will be held March 26.

The board entered Executive Session at 9:26 p.m. and exited at 11:45 p.m.

Out of Executive Session no action was taken on Cafeteria assignments.

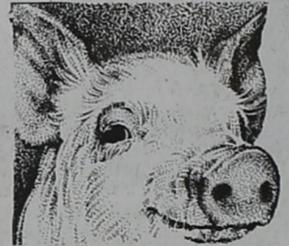
Mr. Brown recommended extending the Athletic Director's contract. The board approved.

Mr. Brown recommended extending the Principal's contract. The board approved.

The board further discussed the purchase of the student transportation vehicles. Although the board originally asked for bids on Suburbans, the purchase of 3 Expedition ELs would save the district approximately \$15,000. Mr. Brown recommended the Ford Expedition EL. The board approved accepting the bid from Sama's Pack Five Star Ford for the purchase of three 2007 Ford Expeditions ELs.

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Statewide Transportation improvement program meeting scheduled for Thursday

Childress - The Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District has scheduled a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) meeting at which citizens from the area are invited to discuss needs for transportation improvements in the 13 county Childress District.

This Munday Area meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2007, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Guthrie Community Center, in Guthrie. The Guthrie Community Center is handicap

accessible. Under discussion will be the proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the years 2008-2011. The STIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the district. The Public Transportation STIP will also be discussed at these meetings.

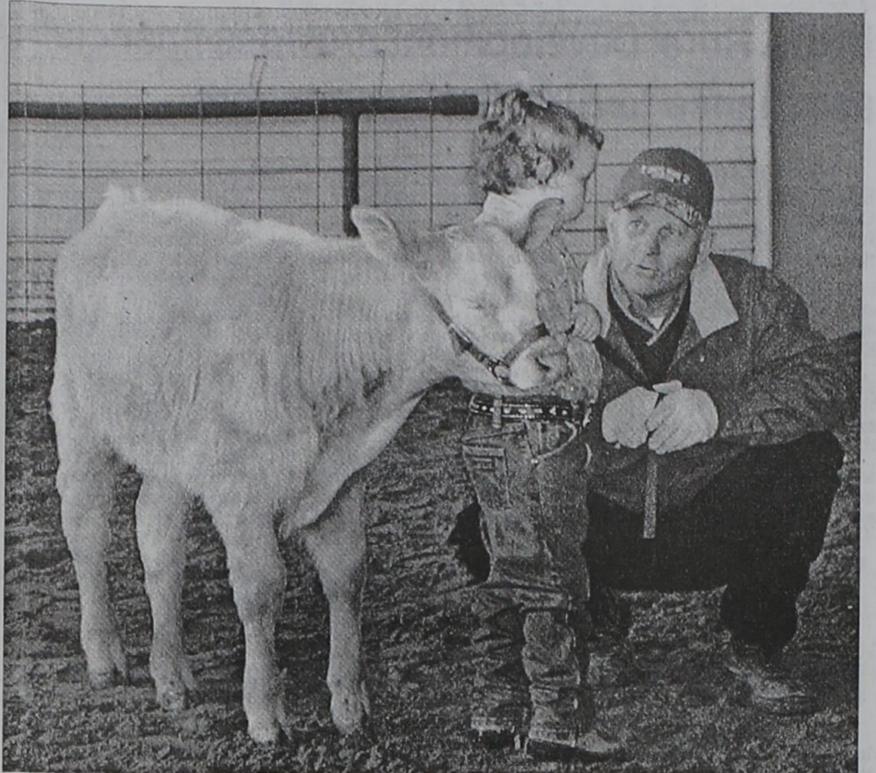
This meeting will cover Cottle, Dickens, King, Foard, Knox and Motley Counties. Interested citizens from the above mentioned counties or any of the 13 counties of the Childress

TxDOT are invited to attend.

A copy of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) can be viewed and discussed at the Munday Area Office, 10860 SH 222 East in Munday.

Your attendance at this meeting is greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to contact Marty Smith, Director, Transportation Planning and Development, at (940)-937-7250.



SERIOUS TALK — Carley Turner was involved in some serious conversation with the Stock Show Judge, Lynn Walling, at last year's Stock Show. Carley did a good job showing her Bucket Calf. She is the daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner of Matador. This year's Show will feature 11 bucket calves.

Secondhand smoke harms smoker's loved ones

In addition to harming their own health, smokers' habits harm the health of their loved ones, said Courtney Schoessow, Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist for health education and development.

"Did you know that if you smoke around others, especially children, you are being selfish?" she said. "Think about how smoking harms the people you care about."

Secondhand smoke occurs when cigarettes and other tobacco products are burned, Schoessow said.

"This smoke can make you and your children sick — really sick!" she said. "Children who live in homes where people smoke get sick more often with coughs, breathing problems such as asthma and ear infections."

Secondhand smoke is also bad for adults because it can cause such diseases as lung cancer and cardiovascular problems, she said.

"It can even cause death," Schoessow said. "If you are a

husband who smokes, think about your wife. Your smoking is causing harm to her."

Her advice: Protect your family by making your home and car smoke-free.

"Take your smoking outside and away from your loved ones," she said.

"Poisons from smoke linger in the air for up to seven days. When you smoke inside the house or in your vehicle, you are exposing people to dangerous poisons even if they are not present while you are smoking."

Although quitting isn't easy, it can be done, Schoessow said. The first step is smoking outside away from loved ones.

"By making a smoke-free home and vehicle, you are showing your loved ones that you are not selfish," she said. "You are showing them that you care for them. By making a smoke-free home, you are making their health better."

For more information on how to quit smoking, contact the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org> or 800-

ACS-2345, or the National Cancer Institute at <http://www.cancer.gov> or 877-44U-QUIT.

For more information on the harmful effects of secondhand smoke, contact a county Extension office about the "Put it Outside for Healthier Kids" program.

Keys to a healthy heart

by Tom Quirk
Chief Executive Officer of the United Healthcare of Texas

February is American Heart Month. While Valentine's Day has us focused on our hearts, we should take time to celebrate healthy hearts — our own and those of our loved ones.

The American Heart Association cites cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, as our nation's No. 1 killer. Texas ranks 39th nationwide in cardiovascular deaths per 100,000 people, according to the just-released 2006 United Health Foundation America's Health Rankings Report. This is up from 37th in 2005 and 21st in 1990 (when the first Rankings were released). Given the increase of cardiovascular deaths in Texas over the past 16 years, we must take steps together to improve these numbers.

The keys to a healthy heart include changes in diet, exercise and lifestyle. These changes aren't difficult, but it does take some effort. Taking care of your heart can pay off in long-term good health as well as many more Valentines!

Here are a few tips to help ensure your heart and those of your loved ones are strong and healthy for years to come:

- Visit your doctor. Have regular checkups. Include blood pressure and cholesterol level readings, as appropriate. Talk with your doctor about any risk factors. Discuss any illnesses, ongoing health concerns and family medical history. If you have health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol, carefully follow your doctor's instructions, and keep him or her informed of any symptoms or changes.

- Quit smoking. Don't put it off any longer. Smoking poses numerous health risks includ-

ing heart disease and elevated blood pressure. Try a quit-smoking program or talk with your doctor about aids such as nicotine gum or patches. Counseling or a support group also may be helpful. Quitting smoking may not be easy, but your health- and life- depends on it.

- Fuel up with good food. Eat foods that are low in trans- and saturated fats, cholesterol and sodium. Remember that low in fat doesn't always mean low in calories, so read nutrition labels carefully. A diet high in fiber can lower cholesterol. Be sure to include foods such as

oats and beans in your diet. Fruits and vegetables are a good source of fiber as well, plus they have many heart-healthy vitamins and minerals. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

- Keep your body moving. Exercise is important for a healthy heart. That doesn't mean you need to run marathons. Aerobic exercise such as walking, biking or swimming is great for your heart. Choose an activity that is a good match to your fitness level, and be sure to start slowly. Gradually work up to five days a week, 30 min-

utes a day. Talk to your doctor before beginning any exercise or sports program.

- Manage stress and anger. A life free of stress is nearly impossible; however, you can change the way you react to life's daily challenges. Use relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, gentle stretching or meditation. Look at your daily and long-term priorities. Are your goals realistic? Do your best each day and let the rest go. Eating well and exercising also can help. Make time for good health and good relationships. It will do your heart good.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It seems your reporter can't even report the news correctly. I had calls telling me that I did not have the right phone numbers for Joyce Smith or Rita Groves.

Rita Groves does have a phone and Pat reported that he now has the correct number. It is 806-785-0808. Joyce does not have a phone connected yet. The number that Buzz had given me was just for Ventura Place's office and they do not connect calls.

Mary Lumsden has called. She says that she is doing well. She lives at Grand Court in Lubbock.

The body of Truman Groves will be laid to rest in the Roaring Springs Cemetery on March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Truman died from complications after falling in his home and breaking his hip.

Kelly Keltz was thrown from a horse Sunday afternoon. He has some internal injuries and is being kept for observation at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. They do not believe that any bones are broken, but there has been some internal bleeding. Pennie reported that he was doing better Tuesday.

The Women on Mission at Roaring Springs First Baptist Church have almost gotten their cookbook ready for the publisher. There is a lot to do on a cookbook. We know that we have spent more than 60 hours typing and many more correcting, meeting, making decisions, planning pages, selling ads, etc. We hope it will be a good one. We have 385 plus recipes.

Sybol Brandon is still recuperating from dislocating her shoulder. She is doing well, it is just a slow process to heal.

Dorothy Lee moved from our community last Friday. We will miss her. She has moved to Muleshoe to be near her son. Dorothy lived there for a number of years so she told me she had friends eager for her to arrive. How nice to be going somewhere that you already have friends. Dorothy has such a friendly disposition and she has kept herself busy working for the public for many years. We will miss her at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers

where she has been a willing worker. I am sure she will be missed at her congregation, the Church of Christ.

Johnny Morris underwent minor surgery as an outpatient on Thursday last week. He was able to preach at both the FBC and the Matador Assembly of God Sunday morning.

Jack Stuckey of Edmond, Oklahoma, has been visiting his brother and wife, Don and Billy Stuckey. Don and Jack went on a quail hunt near Fort Stockton. Can you imagine, Don going on a hunt?

Imogene Swim continues to have to go back and forth to Lubbock as an outpatient. They still have not found what is causing her illness. She is doing some better at this time.

On Friday, Devonne Dillard and Dana Graham flew to McAllen, TX where they were met by Jarod's bride, Hilda and her mother. On Saturday, they attended a wedding shower in Reynosa, Mexico at a country club. There were almost a hundred ladies (family and guests) attending the shower and a dinner. Hilda's family is well known in McAllen and Reynosa as her mother has been the county clerk in Reynosa for thirty years. Hilda's grandfather was the judge there more than 40 years. Her mother lives in McAllen.

Devonne said that the shower gift was a money gift. Hilda had requested money rather than gifts because Jarod and Hilda will soon be transferred by the Air Force to Germany. Hilda a medical unit; she is a medic. When they go to Germany she has requested to be one of the nurses that flies into Iraq to help bring out wounded troops.

Devonne said the flight was nice because returning they flew over the edge of the Gulf and the scenery was beautiful. They were so busy attending dinners and the shower they did not get to drive around the countryside as they would have loved to do. Jarod and Hilda will be married in Reynosa on May 11th.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
— Proverbs 3: 5, 6

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

MOM WRITING HER AGGIE SON: Dear Son, I'm writing this slow

cause I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left. Your Dad read in the paper where most accidents happen within twenty miles of home, so we moved. This place has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in it, I pulled the chain and haven't seen them since. It only rained twice this week, three days the first time and four days the second time. The coat you wanted me to send you, your aunt Sue said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with those big heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. We got a bill from the funeral home, said if we didn't make the last payment on Grandma's funeral bill up she comes. Your uncle John fell in the whiskey vat, some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off playfully, so he drowned. We cremated him and he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving the other two were in the back. The driver got out. He rolled the window down and swam to safety. The other two drowned, they couldn't get the tail gate down. Not much more new this time. Write more later. Love, Mom. PS. I was going to send you some money but already had this sealed.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited last weekend and again this weekend in Midland with other son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were son and family, Cody, Mandy, Lane and Ashton and friends, Tracy, Kim, Dakota and Logan Mitchell of Borger.

Johnie Starkey and brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls attended the graveside services Monday, Feb. 12 of nephew, Lonnie Northcrest, 41, held at the Memorial Cemetery in Newton, Kansas.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Thursday. Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cary Franks, Anissa Huckert, Cory and Amy Franks and children, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock.

Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary and Donnie Rogers of Flomot visited B. Rogers, Sunday and accompanied her to the Mangold Clinic in Lockney for emergency medical treatment and on return trip home. We wish B. the best with her medication prescription.

Visiting Janice and Butch Hughes Sunday were son and family, Rickey and Tasha Hughes and children, Kendal and Kason of Floydada.

Kathy and Clois Shorter met Mrs. Keri Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville and Christi and Dwain Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg in Lubbock Saturday to visit. Brian, Emily and Haley returned home with them and visited until Sunday.

Mrs. Aleda Ross and houseguest, son, Tommy Ross of Castroville attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Mrs. Waydette Clay accompanied Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton to Childress, Tuesday where they both had medical appointments.

Shonda and Roger Lee visited in Plainview, Sunday with her parents, Rex and Wanda Davey. Mr. Davey returned home recently following hospitalization at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He is reported to be doing fine.

Proof of the Truth

By Tom Edwards

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Part 15)

God is love, or omni-benevolent. And thank God that He is! Otherwise, we would be in a major world of hurt. See Ephesians 2: 4-5, and John 3:16, and think of the consequences if God did not love! In love, He seeks the highest good of dis-

playing His own will. He is patient and forgiving, not desiring that any soul be consigned to Hell. It is a gracious, self-giving, "agape" love, not primarily emotional, but a responsible and faithful commitment in seeking the well-being of others.

In mercy, God withholds or modifies our deserved judgment, but in love He offers us His amazing Grace, giving us what we don't deserve - salvation and eternity with Him! But God's love involves matters often overlooked, e.g., discipline, "Spare the rod and spoil the child!"

Sometimes the most loving answer to a prayer request is "No," particularly from someone who knows us and our future! He also desires that we love Him, but forced love, like rape, is not loved at all, so in perfect love, He gives us free will to reject His Grace - with eternal results.

Thus, He can't force us to love Him, but only woo. That IS true love, and literally, God IS love (1 John 4:8)!

Next: God is truth.

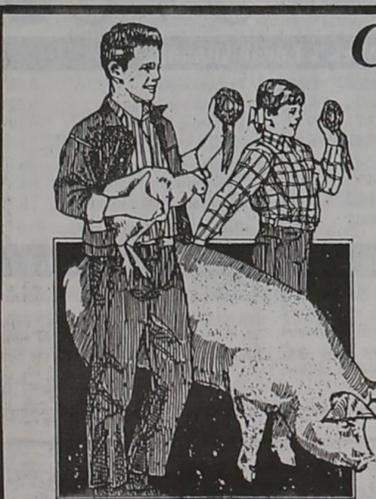
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OBITUARY

Marian M. Jones

Marian Alice "Mitch" Jones was born in Roaring Springs, Texas October 9, 1926, to Judson D. and Isabelle Mitchell. She passed from this life on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at her home in Monterey, California.

Mrs. Jones married Col. Louis Farr Jones on June 15, 1947. Col. Jones was declared missing in action, Laos, Viet Nam, in 1967.

Mitch was a woman of very bright colors and diversity. She was an accomplished artist and produced wonderful oil paintings which will be cherished by friends and family for generations. She attended Texas Women's University and Texas Tech University where she met her husband. The two of them continued their education at Baylor University. She assisted Mr. Jones in his service as a minister at a state orphanage for girls before he joined the US Air Force. They traveled extensively through the United States Air Force. Her first trip overseas was to Fukuoka, Japan, where their daughter Rhonda Jane was born. After returning to the United States, their son Jonathan David was born in Long, Island, New York.

Mitch was a very busy and had a diverse personality, always expressing her life on a broad canvas. She accomplished many things that extended beyond being a wife and mother. She taught one year of high school in Roaring Springs, Texas. She was a Civil Engineer and City Planner for the cities of Reno and Las Vegas, NM. She worked for the Tumpane Company in Adana, Turkey, designing military bases and air strips through the Department of Defense. Upon returning to the states, Mitch and Louis landed in the Mojave Desert where she enjoyed her art work and raising her children. She opened "Mitch Jones" a fashionable women's clothing

store in the High Desert. She built a great clientele and opened two more stores.

When her husband was shot down in Laos and declared Missing in Action, Mitch closed her stores and began her campaign to get her husband home and express her dislike for the Viet Nam War. This journey included a trip during the war to Cambodia, Laos and South Viet Nam with authorization and sponsorship from H. Ross Perot and the Department of Defense to offer the Southeast Asian governments \$1 million per military captive prisoner of war. This trip and other motivations encouraged her to move back to Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress to end the war and bring the US troops home.

She later moved back to California making her family's home in Monte Sereno. And later moved to Roaring Springs, Texas to try her hand at cattle ranching and recreational land development. After two years in Texas, it was back to Northern California, Los Gatos, where she sold real estate for twenty years before moving to Santa Barbara and later to Monterey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two brothers, Doyle and Frank.

She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Jane, her son, Jonathan David; four grandchildren, Jeremy David, Molly Jane, Joshua David and Sara Christine, and three great-grandchildren, Morgan Anne, Judson David and Isabella Jane; a sister, Rosalyn Work; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Mitchell; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at Los Gatos, California. Burial followed at the Golden Gate Cemetery, San Francisco, California.

Sue Maxey

Services for Sue Elizabeth (Granny Sue) Maxey, 92, of Post were held Saturday, February 17, 2007, at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ.

Officiating were David Joyner, Homer Jones, and Charles McCook. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Maxey died Thursday, February 15, 2007, in Lubbock UMC. She was born June 28, 1914, in Motley County to John Duff and Myra Green. She graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1932. She married Quannah Maxey December 27, 1936, in Lubbock. He preceded her in death September 22, 2005. They farmed in the Graham Community for many years prior to their retirement.

Mrs. Maxey was active in the Garza County Extension Homemakers Club and served as a 4-H Clothing leader for many years. She was a seamstress for the public until her death. She was infamous for baking Italian Cream cakes for auction to support the Garza County Jr. Livestock Show.

She was an active member of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ.

In August 2006 she was recognized and presented a plaque for attending all 83 years of the annual Roaring Springs Old Settlers Reunion.

Velma Gillespie

Velma Gillespie, 79, of Lubbock died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at a local nursing home.

Celebration of Life services were held Saturday, February 17, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Church of Christ Chapel with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Velma Lee Gillespie was born April 18, 1927, in Point to the late Sylvan and Iva Lee (Powell) Cunningham. She was a former resident of Whiteflat and ex-classmate of the Matador High School Class of 1943. She grew up in Lorenzo, where she graduated high school in 1943. She also was a graduate of Draughon's Business College and began working as a bookkeeper/accountant for the Lubbock Bus Company, Lubbock Cotton Oil Company and several Lubbock builders. Velma married Edmond Gillespie on June 21, 1945, in Lubbock. She and Edmond served as alternate house parents for the Lubbock Children's Home. After her retirement in 1982, she and Edmond had adult foster care and child care in their home until 1998.



Survivors include three daughters and their husbands, Orabeth and Noel White, Jane and Lewis Mason, and Diane and Ronnie Graves, all of Post; two sisters, Nell Stevens of Gardnerville, NV, and Nina Sinclair of Lubbock; nine grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren serving as pallbearers included Steve White, Brent, Brad and Bart Mason, Russel and Ron Graves, Sam Butler, Keitha Beth Hill, and Angela Sue West.

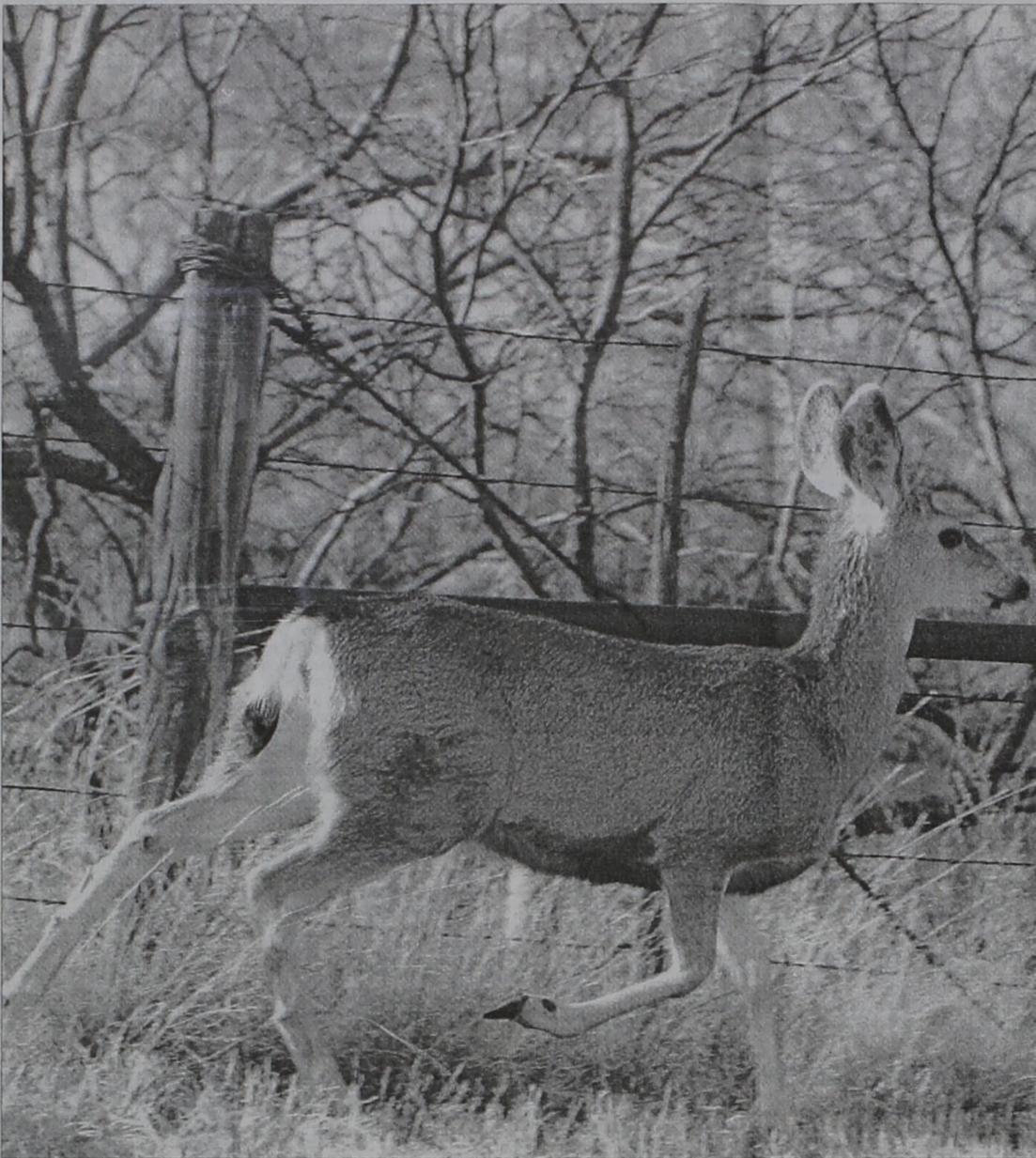
The family suggest memorials to Garza County Trailblazers at 205 East 10th, Post, Texas 79356, or Graham Chapel Community Center, 621 FM 1313, Post, Texas 79356.

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MOTLEY COUNTY BEAUTY — This Motley County beauty was sighted south of Matador, one of several deer feeding on the roadside grasses. Deer and other wildlife are abundant in Motley County and are frequently seen near the highways. Drivers are always urged to use caution when deer are spotted, as many accidents have occurred in the area.

(photo by Carla Meador)

Quail need help rebuilding numbers

Austin — For some, the 2006-07 Texas quail hunting season may not have been as rewarding as in recent years, with dry conditions contributing to below-average quail production and fewer birds in the field.

As the season draws to a close Feb. 25, there's hope renewed for the future of this important upland gamebird, so

long as there's help from landowners and managers. Now is the time to begin making habitat management decisions that will have positive impacts on quail in the years to come, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists.

"This was not a stellar season by Texas standards, but it was still better than in 48 or 49

other states," said Steve DeMaso, TPWD's Upland Game Bird Program Leader. "Right now weather conditions are looking favorable with winter moisture, but quail populations probably won't bounce back immediately; it usually takes a couple of years to get the nesting cover back that we lost during last year's drought."

Quail prefer to build nests in residual dead bunchgrasses left from the previous year's growing season. Drought conditions last year created less productivity and more demand on these grasses for other uses, such as livestock grazing. Looking ahead, biologists predict fewer desirable quail nesting sites will be available this summer, but management practices that protect bunchgrass species can still help carry birds during lean times.

"Quail won't nest in green grass, but they will attempt to nest in forbs and shrubs if the preferred cover is lacking," DeMaso said. "Late winter and early spring is typically the time for prescribed burning to get rid of rank ground cover and open things up. Now is a good time to do any strip disking if you have dense growth that needs to be opened up, but really the biggest contribution for quail right now is for land managers to do some brush sculpting and managed grazing to reduce livestock numbers to protect the nesting cover for next year."

Fortunately, landowners and managers with an interest in helping quail populations now have several resource and incentive options available through TPWD as part of the Texas Quail Conservation Initiative, a recovery plan developed by a consortium of wildlife experts and quail stakeholders.

TPWD's new Managed Lands Gamebird Program serves as the agency's clearinghouse for quail management, connecting landowners and wildlife biologists at the local level for free habitat conservation guidance. Biologists can make recommendations on habitat improvements, assist

landowners interested in cost-sharing incentive programs and help small tract owners build management cooperatives with neighboring landowners.

There are also cost sharing programs under the federal Farm Bill to help landowners doing good things for wildlife habitat. Details on these programs are available on the TPWD web site or from your area wildlife biologist. To find a biologist near you, call toll free 1-800-792-1112.

For those with a strong interest in quail, from ecology and management to hunting and economics, a comprehensive book entitled Texas Quails is now available. With input from nearly two dozen quail experts, including several TPWD biologists, this is the first complete assessment of the four species of quail found in Texas. The book is available from Texas A&M University Press and retails for \$40.

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OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

MOTLEY COUNTY: The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 was Spudded last week and is currently drilling ahead.

FLOYD COUNTY: The Apollo Energy Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 has been re-equipped to pump and is currently set on a percentage Time Pumping schedule.

The rods and tubing have been pulled from the wellbore of the BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1. The Foster #1 remains shut-in since December 2006.

The PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Horizontal Well #176 was spudded on Friday, February 16 and is currently drilling ahead.

HALE COUNTY: The PetroGlobe U.S.A. Ltd. Ramsower Lease Well #1113 reached total depth the first of last week. The drilling rig moved from the Ramsower location to the McIntosh location. No information has been released on this well.

SWISHER COUNTY: PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. has had a workover unit on the Young Lease Well #1032 last week.

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| | Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 41 | Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 72°, humidity of 32% and an overnight low of 41°. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1996. The record low is 13° set in 1963. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 72°. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th> <th>High</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Normals</th> <th>Precip</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>53</td> <td>32</td> <td>56/31</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>70</td> <td>39</td> <td>57/31</td> <td>0.12"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>39</td> <td>23</td> <td>57/31</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>24</td> <td>17</td> <td>57/31</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>29</td> <td>9</td> <td>58/32</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>66</td> <td>16</td> <td>58/32</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>56</td> <td>32</td> <td>58/32</td> <td>0.00"</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Sunday | 53 | 32 | 56/31 | 0.00" | Monday | 70 | 39 | 57/31 | 0.12" | Tuesday | 39 | 23 | 57/31 | 0.00" | Wednesday | 24 | 17 | 57/31 | 0.00" | Thursday | 29 | 9 | 58/32 | 0.00" | Friday | 66 | 16 | 58/32 | 0.00" | Saturday | 56 | 32 | 58/32 | 0.00" | First 2/24 | Full 3/3 | Last 3/11 | New 3/18 |
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| | Friday Mostly Sunny High: 72 Low: 38 | Last Week's Local Almanac | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 57 Low: 29 | Precipitation 0.12" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 25 | Normal precipitation 0.22" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Monday Partly Cloudy High: 60 Low: 28 | Departure from normal -0.10" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 62 Low: 34 | Average temperature 36.1° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 64 Low: 35 | Average normal temperature 44.4° | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | Moonrise today 10:12 a.m. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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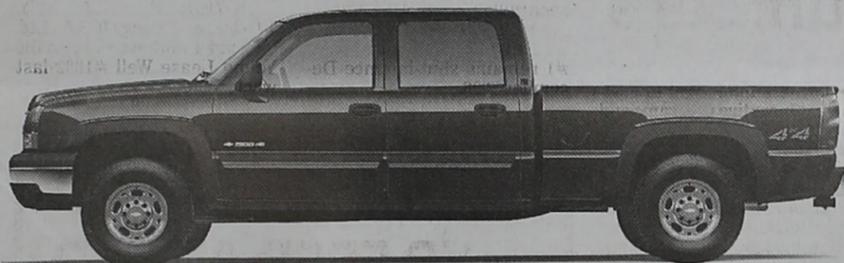
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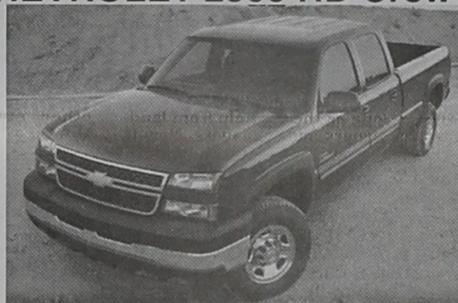
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