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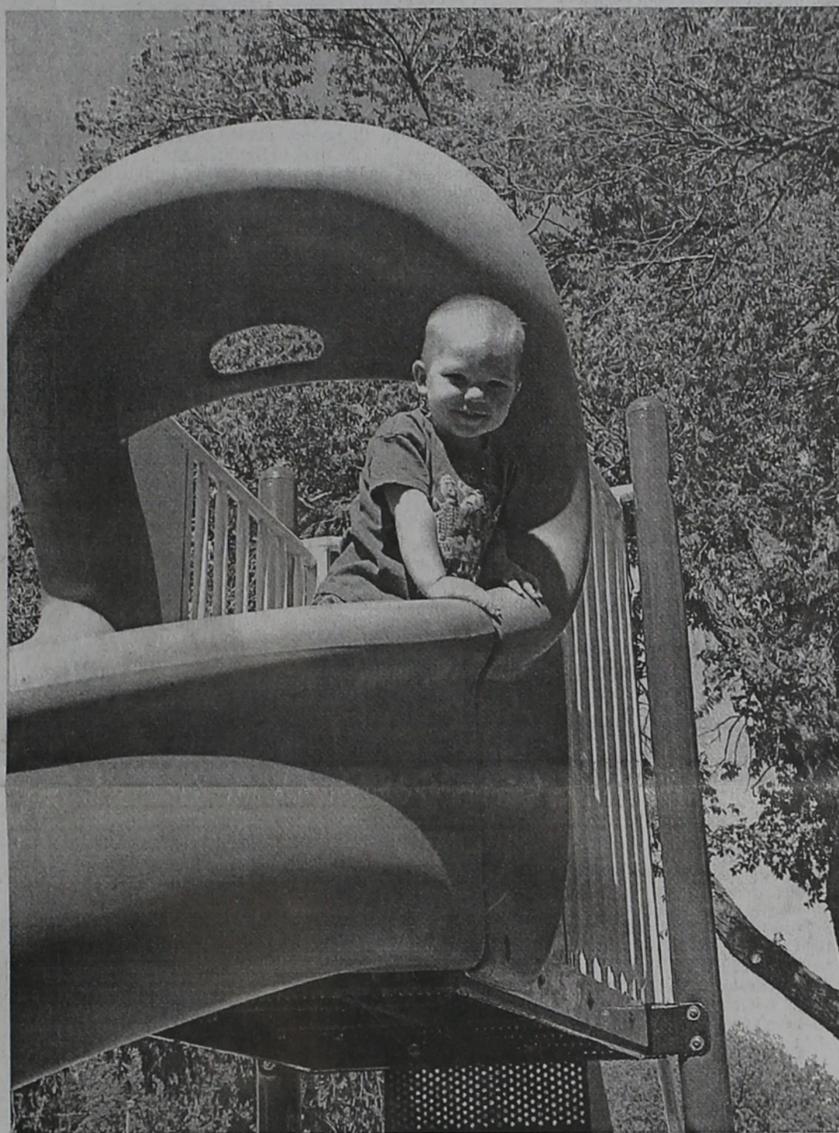
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## New Playground equipment

Zach Hurt, 2, enjoys playing on the new slide at the Frank N. Mitchell Memorial Park in downtown Roaring Springs. The slide is only part of the new playground equipment which has been installed, with volunteers doing most of the work. Zach is the son of Amanda Ashby of Roaring Springs and Tommy Hurt of Matador.

## Motley County Commissioners meet for April Court session

Motley County Commissioners met in regular session April 12. Members of the Court present were County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Prec. 1; Donnie Turner, Prec. 2; Franklin Jameson, Prec. 3; and Russell Alexander, Prec. 4; and Kate Hurt County Clerk.

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

The County Clerk read the minutes from the previous

meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace, and Library. All reports and minutes were approved as read.

Payment of accounts was approved.

Douglas Campbell of TxDOT met with the court to update them on the bridges that are to be replaced in Motley County. He also informed the

court there are 238.135 miles of road in the county.

Judge Smith read a letter from TAC requesting counties to sign a resolution opposing Gov. Perry's tax cap plan. After reviewing the resolution Commissioners approved signing the resolution.

Judge Smith informed the Court they were invited to an Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the Senior Citizens Center.

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## Roaring Springs City Council approves application for grant

The Roaring Springs City Council met April 12 with Mayor Corky Marshall and Council members Alex Crowder, Gary Simpson, Kelly Keltz, Patricia Green, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Zella Palmer in attendance.

Minutes of the March 8 meeting were approved. Minutes of the March 23 special city council meeting were approved.

Bills were approved to be paid as presented and the financial report was also approved.

Council voted unanimously to accept the bid submitted to the Motley County Tax Assessor

Collector, by K.D. Abbott for Lots 5 & 6, Block 38, Roaring Springs Town Site.

A Resolution was approved unanimously by the council to authorize a 2004 Texas Home Program for Owner Occupied Housing Assistance application, up to an amount of \$520,000 to be prepared by GrantWorks, Inc. and submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Council voted unanimously to continue with the project of cleaning up old houses within the city.

## Faculty will face off with Seniors for basketball action

MC ISD faculty members will face the Class of 2004 for some basketball action, Thursday, April 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Admission for the event, which is sponsored by the Booster Club, will be \$1.00 for adults and .50¢ for students.

Pie by the Slice will be sold during half-time for \$1.00 which includes a drink.

Proceeds will go towards the All-Night Party.

## 70-Mile Garage Sale promises bargains

Organizers hope to bring shoppers to area

Saturday's 70-Mile Garage Sale promises lots of bargains to those on the trail for a day of fun and shopping. The third annual event is sponsored by the Texas Hwy. 70 Association, an organization established just a few years ago to promote this area. Organizers of the event hope to bring people to the area and let them see the unique qualities this 70 miles of rural area has to offer. The last two years of the event have done just that, with many shoppers from other areas, such as Lubbock, Amarillo, Plainview and other larger towns, coming to find some bargains. Of course these shoppers have to eat, drink and be merry, so that means extra revenue to the local restaurants and other businesses.

Sales will get underway Saturday morning, May 1, beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be garage sales, estate sales, bake sales and more for a 70 mile stretch from Spur to Turkey, including Spur, Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs, Matador and Turkey.

It's not too late to register if you plan to have a sale. For a small fee of \$10 those wishing to be an official participant of the event may sign up in Matador at Calico Treasures; or in Roaring Springs with Alex Crowder, 348-7336, or Corky Marshall, 348-7000. The \$10 fee is to cover advertising costs only. This event is not a fund-raiser, it is a promotional event. Reports indicate that sales will be held all over Matador, while most sales in Roaring Springs will be set up at the City Park.

Make plans to get up early Saturday morning, put on your sneakers and bring your dollars to take advantage of this fun event.

For more information contact Alex Crowder or Corky Marshall at the above listed phone numbers.

## Soldier home on leave after serving year in Iraq

When Chris Paul left Matador, he traded his high school basketball career for an Army uniform and a machine gun. The young high school graduate's life changed from 'making the drag' to learning to survive in combat.

Cpl. Christopher Paul is visiting in Matador, home on leave after serving in Iraq since March 19, 2003.

Cpl. Paul is the son of Janet Whitefield of Spearman and the grandson of A.M. Whitefield and the late Dorothy Whitefield of Matador. Chris lived with his grandparents and attended high school in Matador, graduating in May of 2001.

He joined the Army in August of 2001, and left for basic training at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri where he spent 19 weeks. After basic training he was stationed to Ft. Hood, Texas. Other than an assignment in Ft. Levinworth, Kansas where he helped move military prisoners to new detention barracks, Chris was in Ft. Hood until his deployment to Iraq March 19, 2003. He arrived in the United States March 20, 2004, one year and one day after leaving for Iraq.

After spending several weeks in Ft. Hood for mandatory debriefing and classes for stress, his leave started April 13.

He will return to Ft. Hood May 3.

Cpl. Paul is a member of the 411th Military Police Co. of the 720th MP Battalion (MPBN). His company of about 130 soldiers were part of the invading forces to enter Iraq when the conflict began.

"When we arrived in Kuwait we immediately unloaded our trucks and equipment off the boat, grabbed food and ammo and started to work," he said. "My first impression was 'what a hot, dry, desolate country.'"

"The sand blows constantly, and you can hardly see anything. At first it's hard to breathe and sleep. We tried to sleep in the Humvees sometimes, but the sand could find the smallest hole and fill the vehicle, until you felt like you were suffocating," he said. "We finally learned to eat and breathe sand."

He explained that while the soldiers were very busy and involved, the feeling of fear was always present. "We were always alert to the danger we were facing," he said.

While in Kuwait the soldiers went through four scud missile attacks. Cpl. Paul explained that the scud missiles carry chemical and biological agents which can blow up in the air or on the ground. "Every time an attack went off we had to get into our

Mop Suits," he said. He explained that a mop suit is a chemical protection suit.

After spending about a week in Kuwait his company traveled with a convoy of Humvees (high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle), and LMTVs (light medium tactical vehicle) about 18-20 hours to camp. "We were shot at several times along the route to camp," Paul said.

In addition to the gun fire, the convoy had to use great caution to stay on roads traveled, because of the numerous amounts of land mines left from previous wars, he explained.

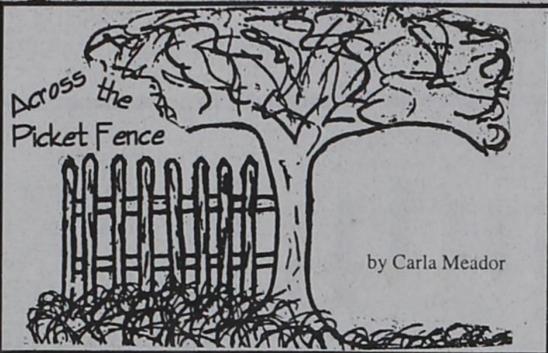
The company's first camp was in southern Iraq. "Most people are friendly in southern Iraq," Paul said. "The people in southern Iraq were treated differently by Saddam. Most of Saddam's family live in Northern Iraq."

Cpl. Paul's company didn't actually stay at camp. "We slept mostly in our Humvees," he explained. His squad was selected to go on missions and perform presence patrol. They traveled up through Baghdad when the main battle was in process. "We had to fight all the way there," he explained. "We were shot at and involved in gun battles all the time we were in Baghdad."

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Cpl. Christopher Paul displays the United States Flag which flies outside the squad's sleeping in Fallujah. Notice how the flag pole is staked up with sand bags.



While interviewing Cpl. Christopher Paul, I remembered this tall, lanky kid playing basketball, but I was talking to a young man who had grown, not only physically, but in spirit and thought. As a mother I was practically in tears half the time I was talking to him.

Chris still has a sense of humor, joked around and that was good to see. But, this young man, along with all the other young soldiers who are in Iraq fighting to protect the United States, have seen and experienced more than most of us could imagine.

Talking with Chris brought the war close to home for me. I'm just like most people, I read about it in the papers, I watch the news and see the horrible scenes on TV, but talking with a soldier fresh from the battle lines, brought the reality of the conflict to life.

## Red Hats on the road again

by June Keltz

Childress rolled out the red carpet for Motley County's "Red Rovers" red hat society. Their brochure listings of ten or more novelty shops pulled the six ladies northeast like a magnet. A tearoom called "Jetters" which was located in an old Hardware Store was irresistible when lunchtime rolled around. Numerous flavored teas, salads and scrumptious desserts were proof they had made a right choice.

Word spread quickly that the red and purple clad women were in town. Halfway through the meal, a reporter/historian/photographer from the local newspaper joined the group gathering facts and taking pictures. Title or not, she was an

After talking with Chris, I told him that I just wanted to thank him for what he has been doing for our country, and that I am truly grateful that he put his life on the line to protect our freedom. I could tell he was a little embarrassed. I told him that as a wife and mother of law enforcement officers, I understand what it feels like to never receive any thanks for the job of putting your life on the line for others. And I'm sure that the men and women of our armed forces don't receive the thanks they deserve a lot of times.

Being so far away from the actual reality of this war, we sometimes forget that we should constantly be praying for this situation and our service men and women.

Again, Chris, thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedom. And thank you to all our soldiers!

excellent rep for the Chamber of Commerce with a wealth of information on coming events in Childress, Quanah, Crowell and Goodlet.

Time ran out with still more to explore but for a future time. The adventurous ones were: Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Evelyn Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Norma Marrs, Lana Copp and June Keltz.

David Garrison, who resides in Childress, recognized his mother and friends' picture on the front page of the paper. He sent the clipping to her which she shared with all the Senior Citizens' Center.

The old adage "Blondes have more fun" should be changed to "Red Hatters have more fun."



## Arts & Crafts Club enjoys art tours in Roaring Springs

by Winifred Darsey

Eight members of the Arts and Crafts club enjoyed a field trip to Roaring Springs April 5 to tour the art exhibit and The Traveler's Inn. It was an interesting trip. The club enjoyed the art on display at Graham's Supply, the mural at the Baptist Church and the Traveler's Inn.

The Traveler's Inn was built in the "heyday" of the Railroads. Many travelers were housed there and enjoyed the beauty of the Caprock Country and the lovely town of Roaring Springs.

The club returned to Matador in time to dine with the Motley County Senior Citizens at noon and enjoyed a luncheon of chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans and fruit.

Club President Loys

Campbell presided over a business meeting at 2 p.m. The members elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Joy Archer, President; Vee Gordon, Secretary-Treasurer; Winifred Darsey, Reporter. Other officers of committees will be appointed.

The members said 'good-bye' to Donald Letkeman for the Summer. She returned to Canada for the summer months and will be back for the winter in Motley County. She is appreciated by the members of Arts and Crafts.

Members present were Vee Gordon, Loys Campbell, Grace Garrison, Nova Dale Turner, Donald Letkeman, Jo Trammel and Winifred Darsey.

The July Program will be announced later.

## Pivots & Divots



by Mary

The RSRC Ladies Golf Club had 12 players on Thursday, April 22. Play was for Most One Putts.

Playing 18 holes were Liv, Fran, Jeannie, Geneva, Louise, LaVoe, Dortha and Kay. Liv and Jeannie both won balls, each having seven one putts.

Playing 9 holes were Tempie, Judy R., Marihelen and Mary. Tempie won the ball with four one putts.

The Tuesday Scramble on April 13 had eleven players with the following results:

1st, with a score of 20, Ken Marshall, Max Barton and Tempie Francis.

2nd, with a score of 33, Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Cody Dodson and Kelly Keltz.

Others playing were Jim Watson, Tommye Keith, Paul Westbrook and Stan Hanesworth.

Ken was closest to the pin on #3 with 11 ft. 6 in.

Thirteen golfers entered the Tuesday Scrambled held April 20.

1st, with a score of 30, Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Kenneth Marshall, Paul Westbrook and Chance Bingham.

2nd, with a score of 31, Alan Bingham, Louise Barton, Kyle Moore and Brandon Moore.

Others playing were Corky Marshall, Don Stucky, Kelly Keltz and Roncho Grundy.

No one was closest to the pin on #6.

There will be a \$13.00 carryover to next week.

The Babe Zaharias Cancer Benefit Tournament was held Sunday afternoon, April 25. Twenty-eight players entered. Results were as follows:

31 — Corky Marshall, Kelly Keltz, Paul Westbrook, Dortha Westbrook.

33 — Chance Bingham, Isaiah Archer, Geneva Wilson, Jake Goodson.

33 — Alan Bingham, Kay Bingham, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker.

33 — Derrick Cruse, Darrell Cruse, Tom Stokes, Shelby Stokes.

34 — Jerry Johnson, Jeannie Johnson, Randy Martin, Lahonda Peters.

35 — Bill Heatly, Kay Heatly, Sutt Braselton, Fran Braselton.

37 — Don Nickson, Row Nickson, Larry Hartsell, Sharon Hartsell.

Donations totaling \$390 were received. In addition to the players, also donating were Monta Marshall, Dan Brandon, Stan Hanesworth and Mary Jones. Additional donations can be made by a deposit to the American Cancer Society at the Matador First State Bank.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Two distinct and overlapping groups of you fine folks have deeply touched me: you who have made a point to say, "Welcome Home," and you who have eulogized and/or made donations in memory of my father. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Tom Edwards

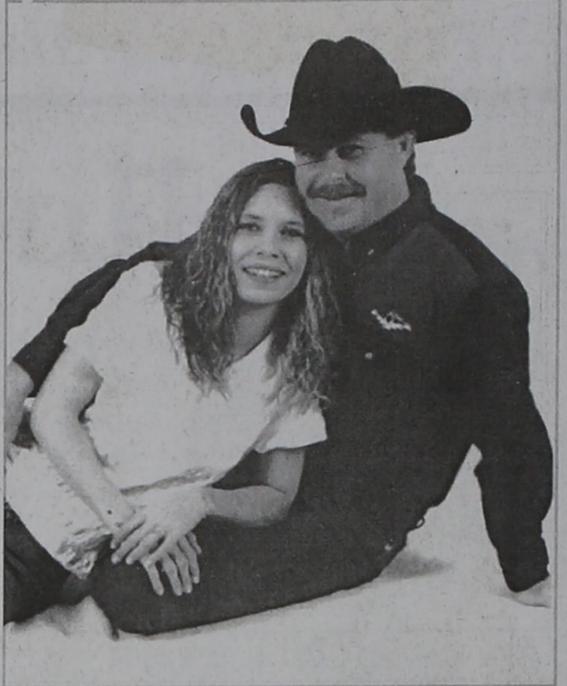
On behalf of the Motley County Senior Citizens Association I would like to say thanks to the 80+ people who attended the Appreciation Supper, Saturday, April 24. Your support of the Center is greatly appreciated.

Among this group there were some I feel need special recognition, volunteers working on the Bob's Oil Well project "shut down" early to attend and be recognized for their support to the Sr. Citizens Center.

Also, I want to commend Frank and Anna Ortiz, owners and operators of Anna's Restaurant, who placed signs on their business and closed early both Friday and Saturday night. They not only attended but encouraged their customers to attend and support the young people, MCYO and the Sr. Citizens of this community. I believe this was an unselfish and loving gesture, and did not want it to go unnoticed. Thanks Anna & Frank for your support to the community and these two groups of people.

Special thanks to Marihelen Wason, Elaine Hart and Tommye Keith who went over and beyond the call of duty to make the Appreciation Supper such an overwhelming success. Thanks, also, to Rodger Evans, who stayed late and helped with the clean-up detail.

Thank you all,  
Frances Hobbs  
President, Motley County  
Sr. Citizens Association



Kristie Hendry & Thomas Lee

## Wedding plans announced

Kristie S. Hendry of Spur and Thomas "Tuffy" Lee of Jayton would like to announce their approaching marriage. The couple plan to exchange vows May 29, 2004, in Spur, Texas.

Kristie is the daughter of Martha Phillips of Spur and Lester Phillips of Calgary.

Thomas "Tuffy" is the son of Cindy Johannes of Matador and Eugene Lee of Jayton.



## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Alvin Lynn presented a fascinating account of searching for the old buffalo hunters' camps at the Motley County Library last Saturday afternoon. He spoke to a full house and all who heard him thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

Marisue Potts arranged for the library to borrow a display about the buffalo from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Come in to see this interesting display. The photographs of the huge pile of buffalo bones are truly awesome. We appreciate Marisue's help in obtaining this display for the library.

We also thank Janie Campbell for donating over fifty new kids' videos to the library. We will be working to get these videos ready to be checked out. Please mark your calen-

dars. We have a Friends of the Library meeting on Thursday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m. We will, among other items of business, make plans for the refreshments for the kids' Summer Reading Program.

New books in the library include *Gospel According to Paul* by Robin Griffith-Jones. Also, we have *Hole in Texas* by Herman Wouk, *Nighttime Is My Time* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Art of Mending a Novel* by Elizabeth Berg, *Reckless Abandon* by Stuart Woods and *Wind Spirit* by Aimee Thurlo.

We also have *Hallowed Bones* by Carolyn Haines. The *Book of Joe* by Jonathan Tropper, and *Right as Rain* by Bev Marshall. We have other new books arriving each week. Come in and check them out.

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## Temptations



There are times when we wearied in our thinking about our lives. This causes us to draw some wrong conclusions. One, being that "I am the only one" struggling with the things that perplex me in this life. This is simply not the case. Whatever we are struggling with at the moment, others have struggled with also. Temptation is something with which we all struggle from time to time.

Quite often we struggle with temptation out of ignorance. We simply do not know what the real problem is behind it. Most know the difference between right and wrong. However, the problem comes with a thing called desire. A desire to participate in whatever we are being tempted with is where the difficulty lies. Giving in to the desire takes down the old familiar path of sin. Then we feel powerless to stop the momentum. And that feeling is correct. We find that we cannot stop on our own power.

But with the help of Jesus Christ, we are able to resist temptation. Jesus is able to help us because he was also "tempted in that which he has suffered." Yes, temptations can be overcome. Ask for the Lord's help. Learn through Jesus to stop the cycle that leads to sin. We can do it!

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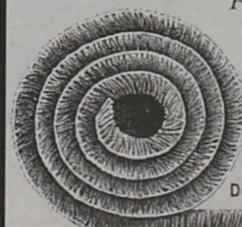
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# THE MATADOR

Motley County School News & Happenings



## ★ HONOR ROLL ★

### DISTINGUISHED LIST (all grades 90 or above)

**Kindergarten:** Mattie Brooks, Bradie Dodson, Maegan Jameson, Natalie Jameson, Macie Marshall, Marcus Ortiz, Thalia Quilimaco, Michael Seigler, Bryant Taylor.

**First Grade:** Seth Baxter, Hayden Davey, Caleb Clary, Meagan Ford, Allen Martin, Michael Martin, Gabby Silva, Catherine Ward, Tristan Tomlinson.

**Second Grade:** Conner Mason, Jacob Woolsey.

**Third Grade:** Hance Davey, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor, Taylor Tomlinson.

**Fourth Grade:** Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason.

**Fifth Grade:** Kyla Simpson.

**Sixth Grade:** None.

**Seventh Grade:** None.

**Eighth Grade:** None.

**Ninth Grade:** None.

**Tenth Grade:** Ashlee

Green.  
**Eleventh Grade:** Kattie Campbell, Cody Cooper, Annie Green, Veronica Mendoza.  
**Twelfth Grade:** None.

### HONOR ROLL (all grades 80 or above)

**Kindergarten:** Mickey Chary, Matthew Faulks, Joey Horton, Joshua Martin, Kaylee Woolsey.

**First Grade:** Katie Barton, Tanner Bearden, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Victoria Hernandez, Hannah Mason, Korbyn Simpson, Celeste Sims, Cassidy Turner.

**Second Grade:** Gaby Santos.  
**Third Grade:** Juan Flores, Dominique Quilimaco, Neal Potts.

**Fourth Grade:** Christian Brooks, Chase Buckner, Reagan Elliott, Alexis Osborn, Bernado Mayo Santos, Marti

Walker.  
**Fifth Grade:** Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Jay Potts, Timothy Ward.

**Sixth Grade:** Cory Durham, Sam Fletcher.

**Seventh Grade:** Courtney Alexander.

**Eighth Grade:** Alec Dodson, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Christy Smith.

**Ninth Grade:** Aaron Dodson, Griselda Flores, Daniel Gressett, Cameron Jeffcoat, Angelica Mendoza.

**Tenth Grade:** Ashley Fonseca, Colton Russell.

**Eleventh Grade:** Clay Cooper, Matt Henzler, Emily Hurt, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn.

**Twelfth Grade:** Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Angelica Marvel, Susana Mendoza, Charli Ream, Mandi Ream, LaShea Rose, Sam Stapleton.

## Seniors Shine



Motley County Class of 2004!

## Hey, Kids...

### House of Faith Bible Club to begin May 5

House of Faith Bible Club will resume Wednesday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Roaring Springs City Park. The usual format will be followed including games, Bible stories, cookies and Kool-Aid.

When school is out, beginning June 2, the meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. so it isn't so hot.

All children of the county are invited to be a part of this fun club!

### Mini Olympics May 8

MCYO will sponsor the Annual Mini Olympics May 8 at the football/track field.

All kids, ages 2 years through 6th grade, are encouraged to participate.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m.

### Kid's Praise May 5

Kid's Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, May 5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. All children of the community, 3 years through 6th grade, are invited to attend.

Songs, crafts, a Bible story and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Kid's Praise is sponsored by the Women on Missions of the Church's WMU.

## 4-H members meet at Matador Ranch

by Colton Russell

Motley County 4-H Club members met April 15 at the Matador Ranch Horse Barn. Vice-President, Charli Ream, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Motto and Pledge were read by Secretary, Shane'a Russell.

D'anna Russell gave reports and upcoming events information in the absence of Agent Lonnie Jenschke.

The 4-H District 3 Fashion Show will be held May 1 in Childress. Three local members are planning to participate, Christian Brooks, Taylor Tomlinson, and Shane'a Russell. The 4-H District Roundup was held Wednesday, April 14. The Jr. and Intermediate 4-Hers had 14 pictures competing. Individual results have not been announced, but it has been reported that MC members did not receive anything less than a red ribbon. Good Job!

If you are interested in Prime Time or Spectra Camp you need to contact the office at 347-2733.

The District 3 Horse Show is set for June 19-21, with an entry deadline of May 27. Horse identification forms are due in the County office by May 1. King County has invited Motley County 4-Hers to their horse

show on May 22 and to an Open Team Roping to be held April 24.

Those interested in being a District 3 Council Officer should pick up an application from the Extension Office listing the requirements.

Tarleton is holding a Lamb Workshop June 15-16 and a Goat Workshop June 17-18. Senior 4-Hers need to complete scholarship applications, which are due by May 1.

Those who have not picked up their Livestock Show Check

should write their thank you notes and have their project forms completed and turned in so that they may receive their check.

If you are planning to turn in a record book this year you need to be busy rough-drafting and fine-tuning them.

After the meeting was adjourned, Colton Russell led the program on Horsemanship. He gave a very informative talk and demonstration on basic horse care and riding equipment.



Colton Russell conducted a demonstration on horsemanship at the recent Motley County 4-H Club meeting held at the Matador Ranch. J.D. Russell, left, looks on.



ANGELA MARIA MARVEL

Name: Angela Maria Marvel.  
Age: 18  
Nickname: Ang, Angie, Marie.  
Parents: Debra Tagle & Bucky Marvel.  
Brothers & Sisters: Kris, Brad, Candace, Shawn.  
Birthday: October 22, 1985  
Favorites:  
Song: Behind Blue Eyes  
Movie: Butterfly Effect  
Book: Beowulf  
Sport: Tennis  
Color: Red  
Food: Lasagna & Chili  
Musical Group: Simple Plan  
Teacher (K-12): Coach

Ridgley, because he made learning fun!

Subject: Webmastery, because the class is fun and easy.

Best advice ever received & from whom? Just try your hardest, do your best and you'll succeed in all you do; my Dad.

The person I have admired most in my life & why? My grandma, Alice Monroe, because she has always understood and supported me.

Best memory of school: My freshman year.

Activities: Cheerleading, basketball, tennis, track.

Special awards: Spanish 2 award, tennis mvp, most school spirit, OAP honorable mention.

Worst habit: Probably popping my knuckles.

Hobbies: Hanging out with my friends and family and mostly my dogs Raja and Oscar.

Favorite pastime: Eating the fruit!

Two words that best describe me: Outgoing & Intelligent.

Words of wisdom to the underclassmen: Make the best of the time you have left, because it'll pass you by faster than you know.

Plans after graduation: Attend college at WTC in Snyder.

## MC golf team participates in Regional meet

The girls and boys golf teams competed in the Regional meet on April 19-20 held in Sundown and Levelland.

The girls competed at the Sundown Country Club where they placed 5th overall out of 16 teams. Members of the team are Stachia Baxter, Sylvia Martinez, Emily Hurt and Britany Moore.

The boys competed at the Levelland Country Club where they placed 13th out of 16 teams. Lorenzo Salazar, Quinten Rose, Kenny Johannes, Chance Bingham and Dakota Meyer made up the boys team.

Neither of the teams advanced to state but had a very successful season.

## Drug Testing policy possibility at MC ISD

All students at Motley County School have brought home a survey to see if parents would like for the school to have a drug testing policy for students who participate in extra-curricular activities. The forms are to be returned to school by this Friday, April the 30th.

## Athletic Banquet set for May 7

The Annual Motley County Athletic Banquet will be held May 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school gym. The event will honor MC athletes.

Ticket sales will begin soon. Contact Brenda Osborn at 347-2273 or 347-2401, or Colleen Baxter at 347-2825 for more information.

## Academic Banquet May 11

The Academic Banquet and National Honor Society Induction will be held for Motley County ISD High School students on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

Tickets are available until May 7 in the school office for \$10. Tickets include a steak dinner.

Family of students who are to be recognized are encouraged to purchase tickets and attend.

## School Menu

**MONDAY, MAY 3**  
**Breakfast:** Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 4**  
**Breakfast:** Biscuit Scrambled Eggs, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Peas, Hot Roll/Honey, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hot Dog, Mexican Beans, Pickle Spear, Fruit Fluff, Milk.

**THURSDAY, MAY 6**  
**Breakfast:** Breakfast Bagel, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Chicken Fajita, Pepper, Onions, Beans, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** BBQ/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Cake/ Strawberries, Milk.

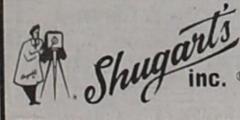
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1114 MAIN MATADOR, TX.

FRIDAY MAY 7

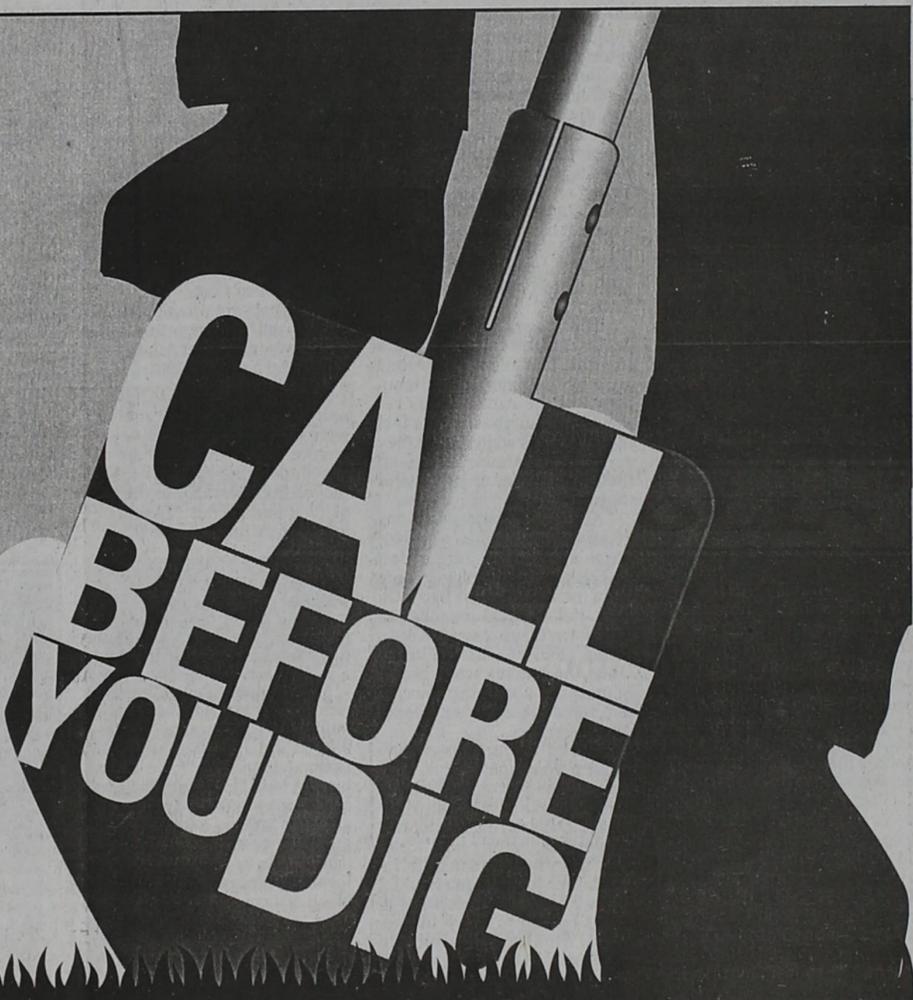
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Cpl. Chris Paul and one of his weapons



Soldiers washing clothes in makeshift washing machines made from sticks, buckets and wet weather bags. Cpl. Paul says he washed his clothes by hand the entire time he was in Iraq.

## SOLDIER HOME ON LEAVE

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Paul's company made their way to Falujah where they remained about a month and a half. "We hadn't had a bath in 30 days," he said. "There weren't any camps set up in Falujah when we got there, so we took a bath in a lake. That was the best bath I have ever had."

"It's hot all the time," he explained. The temperature stays around 136° in the Summer and around 90° to 110° in the Winter during the day and about 70° at night. It actually feels cold in the winter, after going through 136° days in the summer."

Paul said a real treat for them was when they were able to obtain a block of ice, which was about 6'x6'. They broke up the ice and put it in coolers to chill their bottled water. "You cannot drink their water, it makes you very sick," he explained.

His squad, along with another squad, a company of Bradley tanks, 2 Apache Helicopters and 2 jets, protected the Jordanians and brought in a large group of the people out from west of Fallujah to set up a humanitarian hospital.

"We lived with these people, ate with them and shared their lives," he said.

The squad was engaged in gun fight several times while in Falujah. They carried out missions of a series of raids on houses of Saddam's followers and a weapons market, he explained. The MP's also set up checkpoints on the roads where they seized weapons and mass amounts of money.

"Everyday for three weeks we seized large rooms full of

weapons and money," he explained. Cpl. Paul said the weapons were destroyed and the money was turned over to the proper authorities.

From Fallujah the squad moved up north to Takrit, Saddam's birth town. While there they lived in one of Saddam's palaces.

"These palaces were unbelievable," Paul said. There were gold sinks and toilets, lots of marble, they were very extravagant and gaudy."

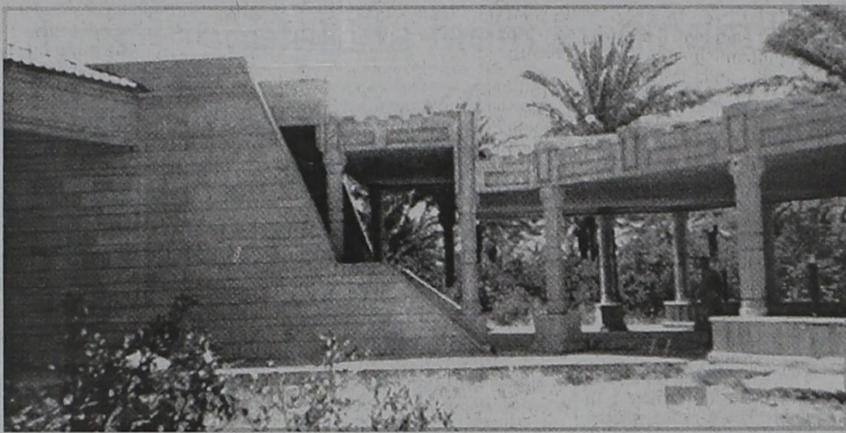
While in Takrit the squad conducted presence patrol and set up an Iraqi police force. They were involved in many fire fights while there, and provided security for the camp for the remainder of the tour.

Out of the 130 soldiers in Cpl. Paul's squad, one was killed and many others were injured. "The invading force usually gets to come home after 6 months, but the orders came in that everyone with boots on the ground must stay at least one year," he explained.

Cpl. Paul, who should make Sgt. in two months, is scheduled to be in the United States for eight months and return to Iraq for another six month tour.

The young high school graduate who left Matador such a short time ago, has grown so much. The tall, lanky Varsity basketball player has filled out to a muscular soldier. The excited look of wonderment in his eyes has changed to one of wisdom beyond his years.

After being thousands of miles away from home, Chris is enjoying his leave spending time with his grandfather and friends in Matador. "It feels good to be home," he said.



Pictured at left is one of Saddam's palaces. Notice the ornate detailing. Pictured below, left, is a group of houses common in Iraq made of mud bricks. The roof is made of sticks and mud. Notice the criss-cross fence, which is also made of mud.



Cpl. Chris Paul stands on the steps inside one of Saddam's palaces after it was bombed.

*Praise the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord.*

Psalm 135:1

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### REMEMBERING BOB'S OIL WELL

It was born in the 1930's, grew to manhood in the 1940's, reached middle age in the 1950's, and retired in the 1960's.

L.B. "Bob" Robertson had a vision in the 1930's when he established Bob's Oil Well. He selected a strategic location at the crossroads of US Highway 70 and State Highway 70 to locate his truck stop. His set-up was a forerunner to modern day truck stops. He had a Conoco service station, a cafe called the "Cook Shack," a garage, and a zoo for the benefit of tourists and travelers. He later discounted the zoo (except for the rattlesnakes) and constructed a restaurant in the zoo's location.

The unique thing about this complex was the oil derrick constructed above the service station which he kept lighted. This derrick was about eighty feet above ground and could be seen for miles. If I am correct, he had a patent on that design. The service station had a basement for storing Conoco Oil Products and an upstairs which I believe was used for an office.

If you are under 50 years of age, you probably do not remember the east-west traffic on US Highway 70. US Highway 70 was one of nine national highways which crossed America from east to west at the time. US 70 was over 2900 miles long. It started on the east coast in North Carolina and ended on the west coast at Los Angeles, California. The highway crossed eight states on its way to the west coast. It entered Texas from the east near Vernon and came through Matador and exited the state west of Muleshoe, Texas.

So why was the percentage of traffic on US 70 reduced? I believe the Federal Interstate Highway system reduced it. Interstate 20 was constructed loosely following the route of old US Highway 80, one of the national highways, and crosses the state south of us at Abilene, Texas. Interstate 40 traverses the state north of us at Amarillo and it loosely follows the route of the old national US Highway 66. This has the affect of siphoning the coast to coast traffic over 100 miles to the north and over 100 miles to the south of us. Interstate 30, which would have benefitted this area, was built from the east and was turned southward to connect with Interstate 20 near Forth Worth

rather than coming on west as Interstates 20 and 40 do.

Bob Robertson was an innovator and promoter. He handed out signs to truckers to be placed at locations across the country. Signs would say, "300 miles to Bob's Oil Well, Matador, Texas" or "500 miles to Bob's Oil Well." These signs were everywhere. It has been said that during World War II signs were seen in Europe that said, "4000 miles to Bob's Oil Well, Matador, Texas."

The zoo was another innovation of Bob's to get travelers to stop. The zoo was already gone by the time I was a teenager but the rattlesnakes remained. I can attest to the fact that travelers waited until they arrived in Matador to gas up their vehicles in order to view the snakes.

About two years ago I was at an estate sale in Ranger, Texas and was wearing a Motley County cap. A stranger came up to me and asked if Bob's Oil Well still had rattlesnakes to view. I was taken aback because it has been at least 40 years since the snakes were there. Something about the derrick and the snakes makes people remember.

I read an autobiography about a year ago written by a man who had grown up in Oklahoma. He was a young kid in the 1930's. It was during the depression and his family had to sell their dairy herd and their farm. His father found a job in Lubbock. The kid was depressed about having to leave his beloved Wichita Mountains in Oklahoma. In route to Lubbock they passed through Matador. He made mention of all the activity surrounding Bob's Oil Well when they passed through town and that has been almost 70 years since that occurred.

Just a few months ago I saw a man with New Jersey license plates photographing Bob's Oil Well. There is an old saying which says, "He couldn't see the forest for the trees." I believe we are like that to some extent. We have gotten used to seeing Bob's Oil Well in its dilapidated condition over the past several decades. It is a diamond in the rough. We have forgotten what it looked like in the old days when it was all dressed up in its Sunday britches.

Bob's Oil Well has been there all my life and I vaguely remember when the Rock Cafe was constructed. I am not sure when it closed, but I remember

eating there in 1953 or '54. Most of my memories are of the little "Cook Shack" attached to the service station. It was on the main drag for the high school kids in the 1950's. We would go from the oil well on the west side of town to the Dixie Dog stand on the east side, back through downtown, and back to the oil well. I have eaten many hamburgers at the Cook Shack and chased them down with a small bottle of Coca Cola.

I am not sure when Bob's Oil Well closed but I know that both the service station and the Cook Shack were open in 1962.

When my wife, Linda Kay, finally agreed to marry me we went into the Cook Shack to announce to our friends there of our impending marriage. We moved from Matador in the fall of 1962 and do not remember when Bob's finally closed.

The oil well will always be remembered as a landmark. It was recently designated by Preservation Texas as one of the 13 Most Endangered Historic Places in Texas.

Bob Robertson had the derrick lighted with dozens of light bulbs and there was a Conoco sign at the apex. Bob was the Conoco distributor for a large hunk of west Texas and I believe his territory extended into eastern New Mexico. You could see the derrick for miles. It was the last thing you saw when leaving town and the first thing you saw when returning to Matador.

I drove a farm tractor for Edgar Lee for three summers in the late '50's and early '60's. Ed had served three years in Hawaii during World War II which is a long time for anyone to be away from friends and family. I asked Ed what he thought or felt when he saw Matador for the first time after so long. He told me that when he was coming off the caprock and saw Bob's Oil Well that a big lump developed in his throat because he realized he was finally home.

Now, a whole generation has grown up in Motley County and not seen Bob's Oil Well lighted up. My hat is off to Marisue, Rodney, Shane, Princess Skaggs, and all the others who are working to restore Bob's Oil Well to its 1940's prominence.

Ronald G. Bailey

Dear Carla,

Enclosed is a check for \$50 on the Bob's Oil Well project. This is in memory of my Dad, W.F. "Bill" McCaghren, who worked for Bob Robertson when I was a kid.

In response to the article last week, the original color of the building was green and white. Conoco colors were green trucks and red tanks. When Conoco changed their colors to red and white they also changed their logo from a triangle to a cube, and the building's trim was painted red over the green.

I appreciate your help in this matter very much.

Sincerely,  
W.F. McCaghren

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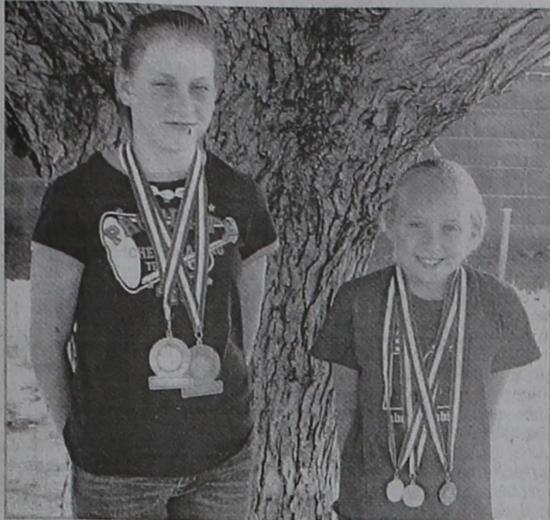
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**STATE CHAMPS** — Shane's Russell, left, and Leanne Jameson were named State Champs at the Division I Tumbling and Trampoline Meet held April 24 at the Texan Dome in Levelland. Leanne won in Level 2, age 10-11, in Tumbling and Trampoline. Shane won in Level 5, age 13 & over in Tumbling and was runner-up in Trampoline. Both girls attend Motley County ISD. Shane is the daughter of J.D. and D'anna Russell and Leanne is the daughter of Jason & Samantha Osborn of Matador and Lyndee Jameson, also of Matador.

## Kayla Copp selected to National Dean's List

Kayla Copp, a sophomore at Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas has been selected to The National Dean's List, one of the highest academic honors that can be bestowed on college students. The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the county recognizing gifted students selected by their deans. Each year 2,500 of our nation's finest colleges and universities use this special award

to honor their best students. Only 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award.

Kayla is the daughter of Rick and Lana Copp of Matador. She is a 2002 graduate of Motley County High School and is majoring in Ag-Journalism. Kayla is the granddaughter of Jackie and Edna Duke of Floydada, Sandra Copp of Lubbock and Bill and Margie Womack of Haskell.

## Commissioners meeting

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The Sheriff's new pickup is in and the funds are in place to purchase it.

Judge Smith reported that the District Courtroom Judges picture project is completed. It was discussed where the originals could be archived safely. The Judge will follow up on this.

Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, met with the court to inform them that the DPS has discontinued the warrant data bank. Judge Smallwood has found a private vendor to go with. Commissioners approved signing a contract with Omni.

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## Volunteers continue work on Bob's Oil Well project

A busy weekend of Highway 70 traffic prompted many visitors to stop and see what community volunteers were doing with their restoration project of Bob's Oil Well. Pete Chambliss and Jack Darnell liked what they saw and left donations to encourage further work. Two other gentlemen who had enjoyed an afternoon of Bob Wills music in Turkey stopped because they had been reading about the project in the paper. By the end of the day, framing had outlined the major re-

pair areas, and the results impressed those who had been working with the progress. Foundation cement work continued, as did the clean up of the restrooms, the car wash and lift areas, and the basement. Mowing, trash hauling, wiring, paint preparation, sweeping and carpentry work kept everyone busy at some task throughout the day.

Giving up a beautiful spring day to work in the yard or prepare for the Texas Highway 70 garage sale were the following

who showed up for the second major work day: Stan Hanesworth, Paul Westbrook, Douglas Campbell, Brian Marshall, Rodney Williams, Ken Marshall and Eli Marshall, Roger Evans, Jane Campbell, Penny Pipkin, Lee Jones, Marisue Potts, Shane Jones and Gerald Pipkin.

Donations, other than the above mentioned, received during the week include W.F. McCaghren of Amarillo, in memory of his dad W.F. "Bill" McCaghren, J.H.

Hub Swaringen and Jerry Swaringen of Canyon.

Brick pavers to be placed in the driveway will be engraved with names for any donation of \$50 or more. All names will be included as donors in the Bob's Oil Well Scrapbook, to be put together by volunteers unable

to participate in the actual renovation. Donations may be sent to the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, the First State Bank of Matador or the holding agent, Market Matador, Inc.

## TxDOT taking measures to reduce costs

**CHILDRESS** - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has implemented a plan to assist the State of Texas in reducing operating cost. Starting April 26, 2004, TxDOT's Childress District Maintenance Sections will begin working 4-10 hour days. "The longer daylight periods through the spring and summer months will allow for earlier start times and a longer work day," said Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer.

All maintenance and maintenance support offices will work 4-10 hour days with offices being closed one day a week. Telephones will be forwarded to the District Office in Childress or the Maintenance Supervisor in your respective County.

This plan will allow the maintenance sections to spend more time on the job sight and will save fuel cost, by reducing trip time and traffic control set up time. A further savings in energy will be realized by the of-

fices being closed one day per week.

"TxDOT started this program a few years ago, and we saw a significant increase in work efficiency and a reduction in operation cost", said Keener.

"Each office has been instructed to adjust their thermostats to coincide with the office being closed, and emergencies will be responded to promptly. We expect the public will continue to experience a high level of customer satisfaction" continued.

The maintenance offices in Childress, Wheeler, Donley, Motley and Knox Counties will be closed each Monday. Collingsworth, Briscoe, Hall, Hardeman, Cottle, Foard, Dickens and King will be closed each Friday.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT issue may contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940/937-7145.

## 13th Annual Cynthia Ann Parker Days Celebration set

**Crowell, TX** — A National World Champion Wild Hog and BBQ Cook-off, Outdoor concerts of Western and Gospel music, arts and crafts, Wild Hog Bingo and much more will highlight a weekend of festivities during the 13th annual Cynthia Ann Parker Days Celebration set for Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st.

Commemorating the life and times of Cynthia Ann Parker, the white mother of Quanah Parker who is known as the "last chief of the Comanche's", the two day festival is sponsored by the Crowell Chamber of Commerce, the Foard County 4-H Horse Club and the Texas Southern Plains Heritage Foundation. It attracts noted historians and authors, artists and artisans, musicians and story tellers, and Championship cooking teams from all over Texas to lend their considerable talents to the task of celebrating the unique history of the Crowell Area.

Friday's activities focus on the area's ranching heritage, with a ranch style Chuck Wagon BBQ at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dance at 8:00 p.m. This event is hosted by the Bowen Ranch, located six miles west of Crowell. Music for the dance will be provided by the Foard County Wranglers. Tickets for the "barbeque, dance, boots and jeans" event are \$15.00 and will be sold on a first come basis and are available through the Chamber of Commerce.

Also Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the 4-H Horse Club will hold the first of two TCRA Rodeos during the weekend. Among the events will be Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Bull Riding. For the ladies there will be Barrel Racing and Breakaway Roping. Local ranch hand events include Ranch Bronc Riding and Double Muggin. A calf scramble for participants twelve and under will be offered both Friday and Saturday nights along with a Stick Horse Race for the little ones. This year's Rodeo Producer is the T-N-T Rodeo Co. Rodeo general admission tickets if \$5 for adults and \$3 for children twelve and under and can be purchased at the gate.

Before dawn on Saturday, the heart of the festival begins at 6:30 a.m., with a Chuck Wagon Breakfast located at the southeast corner of the Square. Then at 7:00 a.m. the Trail Riders at the Bowen Ranch will whip up their teams, as horses, wagons and stagecoaches head into Crowell to join the Cynthia Ann Parker Days Parade that begins at 10:00 a.m.

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by Marie Liebe-Harkort

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The Highway 70 Garage Sale is coming up this weekend, and this once-a-year event will undoubtedly once again offer those seeking some wonderful bargains. On Saturday, you can drive from Turkey to Spur on Highway 70, and combine fun and frugality all along the way.

But don't forget that some remarkable bargains are also going to be offered by the local

businesses. Many of the merchants will participate by setting up special sidewalk sale areas, but to find some of the treasures, you will have to go inside the stores. Be sure to check out all the opportunities. It could be well worth your time.

In addition, there will be vendors of delicacies and goodies of every description, and they will be clustered in the local business areas as well.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Vanarca, Stephanie and Brett of Srinsbury, Conn. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pepper Nichols and daughter of Wichita Falls visited his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Banty Brandon, over the weekend.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper drove Miss Lula Swim to Plainview to keep a doctor appointment. They met Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Howell for lunch. On the way home they visited Mrs. Billie Koon.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim went to Bovina on Wednesday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Swim's brother, Mr. Dean Hastings. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Miss Lula Swim were in Floydada, Monday.

Volunteers of the community worked this week installing new playground equipment at the City Park.

Dr. Floyd Berk from Tucson, Arizona visited Joyce Smith. They made a trip to the Fredericksburg area to view the blue bonnets, which were beautiful.

### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Pearl Patten and Miss Lula Swim were hostesses to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service

Guild at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 21. Pearl had charge of the business meeting. Members discussed presenting a scholarship to a MC senior student.

Mrs. Chelsea Read gave the program on God's Most Precious Jewels are Crystallized Tears by Barbara Johnson.

Mrs. Read dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Pearl Patten gave the prayer to bless the food.

Those attending in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Kay Jones, Mrs. Rita Groves, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, and Mrs. Robena King.

### PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Roaring Springs Predicta Study club closed out their meetings until September. They met in the home of Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Thursday, April 22, with a Salad Supper.

Mrs. Thacker was in charge. Mrs. Pam Thacker read a poem, Prayer is a Simple Thing for the devotional. For the program, Mrs. Joyce Smith gave a reading, "What Is A Little Town."

Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Robena King, Miss Lula Swim, and Mrs. Jo Crowder.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Old Mrs. Watkins awoke one morning to find that the river had flooded. Water covered the entire first floor of her house. Looking out her window, she saw that the water was still rising.

Two men passing by on a row-boat shouted up an invitation to row to safety with them. "No, thank you" Mrs. Watkins replied. "The Lord will provide." The men shrugged and rowed on.

By evening, the water forced Mrs. Watkins to climb on top of the roof for safety. She spotted a man in a motorboat, who offered to pick her up. "Don't trouble yourself," she told him. "The Lord will provide."

Pretty soon, Mrs. Watkins had to seek refuge atop the chimney. When a Red Cross cutter came by on patrol, she waved it on shouting, "The Lord will provide."

So the boat left, the water rose and the old woman drowned.

Dripping wet and thoroughly annoyed, she came through the pearly gates and demanded to speak to God.

"What happened?" she cried. "For crying out loud, lady," God said, "I sent three boats!"

### IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Edith Washington is a patient at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was conveyed Tuesday, April 20. She suffered a light heart attack and is under treatment for pneumonia. With her are her sons and families, Bill D. and Erma Washington and Seab and Diane Washington.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey, 99 years old, has been a patient at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney since Sunday, April 11 with broken ribs following an accident in her home. She is listed in a weakened condition. With her this week have been her sons, Johnie Starkey, Jack Starkey and wife, Nada of Flomot and daughter, Mrs. Nola Long of Winwood, Okla.

### PLACES IN GYMNASTIC MEET

Danille Gwinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, placed 2nd in the Trampoline Flight and 7th in the Tumbling Flight in Division 2 at the Gymnastic Meet held April 17 at the Civic Center in Lubbock.

Attending the Meet with Danille was her mother, Darla grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot and cousin, Leah Cruse of Lubbock.

### HAS EMERGENCY HEART SURGERY

Clay Jameson had emergency triple bypass heart surgery following a heart attack Friday, April 23 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. With him was his wife, Melinda, son and wife, Jason and Samantha Jameson. Visiting Melinda and Clay Saturday in Lubbock were his brother and wife, H.R. "Skeet" and Earlyne Jameson.

Mrs. Bessie Jean Williams is a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following knee replacement surgery Tuesday, April 27. With her during surgery were her children, Mrs. Ronda Miller and Rodney Williams.

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*  
John 3:16

## Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director



The Volunteer Appreciation Supper was a huge success and I really appreciate everyone who came out for this event. I have a special thank you to the ones that came and helped make this happen and that was Frances Hobbs, Marihelen Wason and Elaine Hart. They came down early Saturday morning and it was an all day affair. If you notice the flowers that were planted you can give Frances and Roger Evans a pat on the back for the curb appeal.

Last Thursday Frances and I started out on a little venture to get chairs and tables that had been donated to the Center but due to obstacles thrown in our way it kind of turned into a major project. We had tables, lawn furniture and various other things tied in the back of my pickup and "we" cannot tie knots. It was getting late in the day and to get chairs we were going to have to go to Amarillo, and we were not coming back without them.

We stopped at a Sonic because we were hungry and as Frances says, "a little tense." The young girl that brought our hamburgers out wanted to know what we were doing? Now picture this, we looked like the tale end of hard times. I told her this stuff was for the Motley County Senior Citizens and people had donated to get new chairs and tables. The waitress said she didn't make much money but she wanted to help and give a donation for our project. Thank you Yvonne Torres at the Sonic in Lubbock.

With the donation in hand we headed north and stopped in Plainview and unloaded some of the load so would have room for the chairs. We returned back to Matador at a late hour and Roy George Hobbs and Jim Watson were waiting to get it unloaded. I wanted to tell this little tale because I was so impressed with

Yvonne. Bertha Moore gave a memorial donation in memory of Jewel Lawrence, thank you Bertha. The Estes sisters gave a donation to the Center, thank you Estes girls. Louise Barton gave the Center a donation to go where we need it, thank you Louise.

Building fund donations have come in from Geney Spray Stan, Marshall Family Reunion, Donna Williams Nelson in honor of her parents Hazel and Earl Stephens and Ruby Davis. Thank you all so very much.

Jim Watson donated a table and eight chairs in memory of Jerry Watson; Leona and Ellis Terry donated a table and eight chairs; the Board of Directors, Frances Hobbs, Joyce Campbell, Betty Simpson, Ellis Terry, Pearl Patten, Shane Jones, Bud Barton, Jessie T. Sims and Wilburn Martin, donated a table and eight chairs; the Site Council, Marihelen Wason, Frances Hobbs, Vee Gordon, Ed D. Smith, Elaine Hart, Bobby Brown, Winifred Darsey, Sonny Russell and Ruby McGuire, donated a table and eight chairs; First State Bank of Matador, Roy and Frances Hobbs, Mutt and Nell Berryman, Mary Jones, Geneva Wilson, Jesse Turner and Sharon Allen donated a table and eight chairs. Jack Davis donated an arm chair for Katie to use when they eat with us.

You people just simply blow me away the way you help this Center. Thank you so very much. If I missed anyone, sure didn't intend to. A lot of people help this Center out in lots of different ways and you know who you are.

The Center is open Monday - Friday. Doors are open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Would like to invite you out to enjoy Georgia's good cooking and a chance to visit. See you at the Center.

## Turkey Jamboree to feature variety of entertainment

The next Turkey Jamboree is slated for Saturday night May 1, 2004, at the Bob Wills Community Center gym, at 7:00 p.m. Entertainers are the Adams Brothers, Jimmy and Les from Clarendon, J.W. Beeson, singer and cowboy poet from Lipscomb, Michael Grace of

Turkey, The Turkey Gems, the House band, and the Talent Showcase.

There will be door prizes. A hamburger supper served by the Mason's will start at 6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

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For those that have horses, Dr. Fuston will be doing Coggins Testing from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. If interested in a Coggins Test or vaccinations please contact the Extension Office by May 3 Cost - \$20.00

For more information contact the Motley County Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 347-2733 or the City of Matador at 347-2255

### MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

#### QUARTERLY REPORT

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 2004 TO MARCH 31, 2004

FUND	BALANCE December 31, 2003	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE March 31, 2004
GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$ 913.19	\$ 118,313.44	\$ 117,887.08	\$ 1,339.55
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 8,792.90	\$ 3,434.91	\$ 11,416.39	\$ 811.42
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1	\$ 2,735.16	\$ 14,480.77	\$ 15,109.08	\$ 2,106.85
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2	\$ 2,417.43	\$ 15,601.04	\$ 16,290.80	\$ 1,727.67
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3	\$ 4,138.39	\$ 13,809.22	\$ 16,348.67	\$ 1,598.94
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4	\$ 3,540.97	\$ 13,937.95	\$ 15,401.89	\$ 2,077.03
LIBRARY	\$ 10,633.20	\$ 9,526.15	\$ 4,022.92	\$ 16,136.43
LATERAL ROAD	\$	\$	\$	\$
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 6,759.11	\$ 24,795.33	\$ 31,551.95	\$ 2.49
COURT COST & ARREST FEES	\$ 8,742.53	\$ 16,789.60	\$ 11,994.20	\$ 13,537.93
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 241.50	\$ 75.00	\$	\$ 316.50
HOT CHECK	\$ 3,187.00	\$ 2,344.16	\$ 1,910.98	\$ 3,620.18
INVESTMENT	\$ 361,200.00	\$ 62,900.00	\$ 30,150.00	\$ 393,950.00
TOTALS	\$ 413,301.38	\$ 296,007.57	\$ 272,083.96	\$ 437,224.99

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

*Eva Barkley*  
COUNTY TREASURER

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



**NEW FACE IN MATADOR** — Brandt Underwood was recently assigned to the NRCS duty station in Matador. He was raised in Shallowater where he graduated from high school. While in high school he was very interested in agriculture and very active in his local FFA Chapter. After graduating high school, Brandt attended Texas Tech University where he further pursued his interest of agriculture by earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy. His first duty station for the NRCS was in Spearman, where he has spent the last year and half working as a Soil Conservationist. Brandt welcomed the change to Matador and looks forward to working with the people of this area and being a new member of the community. He said he thinks his recent relocation to Matador is a positive move. He wants to provide a valuable service to the community by working for the NRCS and with the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



### EMERGENCY FARM LOAN APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Motley County, Larry J. Goetze said last week.

Motley County is one of the 243 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, hail, and high winds.

Mr. Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 9, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze said.

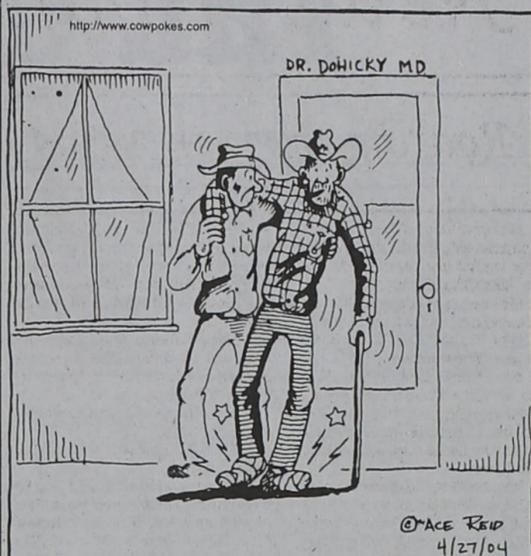
FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Memphis is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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By Ace Reid



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## Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### TEXAS COTTON PRODUCERS & TEXAS STATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE ELECT 2004-2005 OFFICERS

Texas Cotton Producers, Inc. representatives came together in Austin, April 20, to discuss cotton issues and elect a new slate of officers to guide the organization through the 2004-2005 growing season.

TCP is composed of the nine regional cotton producer organizations in Texas and represents cotton growers statewide.

Elected to serve as TCP President for 2004-05 is Ronnie Gerik of Aquilla, Texas. Gerik serves on the TCP Board on behalf of the membership of the Blacklands Cotton and Grain Producers Association.

During the meeting the TCP Board received an update on legislative and trade issues impacting cotton from Craig Brown, Vice President - Producer Affairs for the National Cotton Council.

During the meeting the TCP Board also discussed the recently called special sessions of the Texas Legislature that began April 20. The primary issue discussed by the TCP Board was school finance reform and the possible effects that issue could have on agriculture.

Following the TCP meeting members of the Cotton Incorporated Texas State Support Committee met on April 21 to consider research requests for funding in 2005 and to elect 2004-

### 2005 Officers.

Members of the Texas State Support Committee elected to serve in 2004-05 were: Chairman Jay Jaecks Jr. of Taylor, Texas; Vice Chairman Robert Englert of Norton, Texas; and Secretary James L. Brown of Muleshoe, Texas.

Through the program 5 percent of the CI operating budget is returned to cotton producing states to be used for research and promotion activities. It is estimated that Texas will receive some \$750,000 through the State Support program in 2005.

The Texas State Support Committee allocates research funds by a formula that allocates one-half of total State Support dollars to support research relevant to the entire state. The remaining money is then divided among the nine growing regions based on each region's percentage of statewide production averaged over the last three growing seasons.

Based on this formula, High Plains cotton producer leaders were able to select 14 projects for 2005 funding totaling approximately \$246,000.

Research issues addressed by the State Support Program include genetic improvement; irrigation and fertilization management; harvesting, ginning, and processing; and marketing and economics.

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**FFA TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE** — The Motley County FFA Chapter Wildlife Team participated in the Region I contest held at Borger, Texas April 6th. The team, consisting of Clay Cooper, Sam Stapleton and Cody Cooper, placed 5th and will advance to the State Wildlife Contest to be held on the site of the Welder Wildlife Foundation at Sinton, Texas, May 11th. The Wildlife contest is very comprehensive and includes identifying game animals, game birds, and waterfowl by their skins, skulls, tracks, and wings; identifying plants that are preferred by each species for use as food, cover, or nesting sites; a quiz on game laws and regulations, habitat management, hunter and boater safety and wildlife biological facts; they evaluate a plot of land to determine if it has adequate food, cover, and water for three selected species; and an orienteering course where the students use a map and compass. Participation on the FFA judging teams is a good way for students to learn decision making skills, meet new people and see new people.

## Conference highlights agricultural diversification for rural economies

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to host a conference on agriculture diversification for rural Texas.

The conference, called "Agricultural Diversification: Sustaining Rural Economies and Lifestyles," is scheduled for May 5 and 6 in Amarillo, Texas, at the Ambassador Hotel on 3100 Interstate 40 West.

The target audience includes landowners, farmers, ranchers, and chamber of commerce, but the conference is also for anyone who is interested in agricultural diversification in their communities.

The program will feature

professionals in the field of economic development, and the conference will cover a variety of subjects related to starting and running a small business, as well as specific information on diversification options. Topics will include customer service, landowner liability issues and break-out sessions on web design, photography and alternative crops.

To register for the event in Amarillo, which takes place from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on May 5, and from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on May 6, please call Sheila Martin at (806) 358-7285, or e-mail: sheila.martin@agr.state.tx.us. Registration is due April 30, 2004. The conference fee is \$60 per person, and luncheons, refreshment breaks and a reception are included.

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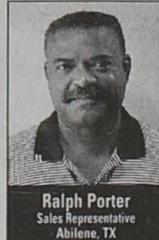
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**ORDER OF CANCELLATION**  
The City of Roaring Springs, City Council hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 15, 2004, in accordance with Section 2.053 (a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:  
Corky Marshall, Mayor  
Gary Simpson, Council Person  
Kelly Keltz, Council Person

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...**  
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