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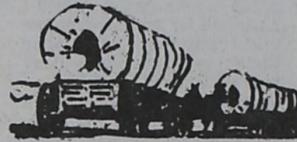
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**NEW DEPUTY** — Derek Dowty was recently hired as the new Motley County Deputy. Derek is a 1997 graduate of Paducah High School and graduated from South Plains Law Enforcement Academy in South Plains, August, 2003. He is 24 years old and single. He currently lives in Paducah, but will be moving to the Roaring Springs area very soon.

## Parents voice concerns on budget cutbacks at recent School Board meeting

by Tina Brooks,  
School Board reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Directors met March 11 in a called meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Les Woolsey. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Förd, Richard Watson and twelve community members. Les Woolsey joined the meeting at a later time.

Twelve concerned citizens attended the meeting to listen and voice concerns about possible cutbacks and changes at the school.

Speaking in open forum Annette Hollinsworth gave her concerns over the cafeteria cut backs. Mrs. Hollinsworth feels that the breakfasts and lunches served at school are the only meals some of the children receive before going and after

school activities and the seconds should not be cut out. She said she believes some children do not get home early enough to eat a good meal for supper. She would like to see the board figure the cost of seconds and see if this would really save money.

Donna Hoyle, Kindergarten teacher, asked the board to consider keeping Pre-K. Mrs. Hoyle voiced how important Pre-K is to the Kindergarten program. She also asked to board to look at not moving the Jr. High to the elementary side of the building.

Jeannie Moore asked the board not to cut any of the sports programs. She said that she feels the sports are an important reason that some kids stay in school. She also stated that not all kids play football and basketball and if some of the other sports are cut some kids will be left out.

Marsha Jeffcoat also voiced

her concerns about sports and Pre-K at Motley County. Ms. Jeffcoat feels that we need to keep as many activities for the children as possible. She also feels if we lose programs our kids will transfer out of our school.

A budget workshop presented by Richard Watson was reviewed. Mr. Watson gave the board many suggestions as to how to handle the budget with the drop in enrollment which all schools have experienced in the last ten years. After working with school finance for many

years, Mr. Watson gave many new ideas for the board to look at regarding the budget and school staffing.

The board entered executive session.

After exiting executive session the board agreed with Board president, Douglas Campbell, to hold a called meeting March 23 at 6:00 p.m. for necessary reduction in force for professional staff. There will also be a called meeting March 29 at 6:00 p.m. to renew contracts for the 2004-05 school year.

## With no contested races, May election will be canceled

With no contested races, the municipal election set for May, will be canceled. This is in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Roaring Springs had two places and the Mayor's position open on the City Council. Corky Marshall has filed for re-election as Mayor. Council members Kelly Keltz and Gary Simpson have also filed for re-election.

The City Council of Matador had the Mayor's position, as well as two council places open.

Paul Westbrook is the only candidate filing for the Mayor's position. Shane Jones and Pat Seigler have filed for re-election for the Council.

The Hospital Board also had three places open and drew no opponents, with Dianne Washington, C.W. Moore and Kenneth Abbott filing for election.

Three places were open for the Motley County School Board. Les Woolsey, Shonda Elliott and David Stafford filed for re-election.

## Grandfather brought home for burial U.S. Colonel shot down in Vietnam War

Motley County native, Jeremy Jones, now of Lubbock, joined other family members on Friday, March 12, as his grandfather, Air Force Col. Louis F. Jones, was laid to rest at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in Colma, California.

Jeremy's wife, Whitney, and children, Morgan and Judson, joined the family in California for the services.

Jeremy never knew his grandfather personally but had heard stories all his life. He, in turn, had shared those stories with his children.

Accompanied by an Air Force Chaplain, Jeremy flew to Hawaii a few days before the service and brought the remains of his grandfather home. "I felt honored to be the one to bring my grandfather home," he said. "The experience brought a bond to my grandfather Jones, and a closeness to his memory."

The 27 bone fragments and a tooth, all that was found, had been held at Camp H.N. Smith, Hawaii for two years. Some members of the family still had questions about the official identification of the remains. No

DNA tests were done. The tooth was compared against military dental records, and after a year of tests, the Military determined the remains to have belonged to Jones.

Jeremy's father, Jonathan Jones, 46, of Fremont, CA, was



Col. Louis F. Jones

convinced the remains were those of his father. He said talking with a military pathologist and reading the government's scientific report had convinced him. "It bothered me immensely that, if there was the remotest chance that this was my father, he was sitting in a plastic bag on a shelf somewhere," he said. Jonathan was only 9 when his father's plane

was shot down. "I felt he deserved a Christian burial."

Col. Louis F. Jones was shot down in the Vietnam War on the morning of November 29, 1967, when his F4C Phantom plane was struck by small arms enemy fire over Xpon, Laos, close to the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

According to the Air Force account, the aircraft burst into flames before Jones could eject and crashed into the jungle. His body was never found. Jones was declared Missing in Action.

In 1969, Marian Jones traveled to Laos with another missing officer's wife. There, in a jungle so black she could barely see, she said, she met a colonel with the Pathet Lao, the Laotian communist movement. They talked about their respective losses during the war. He told her that several of his family members had been killed by U.S. forces.

The colonel, whose group had kept meticulous records, then gave her two lists, she said -- one with the names of U.S. pilots who had perished in Laos, the other of soldiers who were being held captive. Her

husband's name appeared on the list of living prisoners of war, she said.

When she returned from Southeast Asia, she dedicated her life to bringing the prisoners back and opposing a war she believed was motivated by economic interests.

Mrs. Jones moved her children, Jonathan and older sister Rhonda Jane, from California to Washington, D.C. There, she lobbied Congress and openly complained that the Nixon administration was using POW's as pawns to prolong an unjustified war. She tried to be honest with her son and daughter and took her children to the halls of Congress with her. "This was our life," she said.

In 1971 she packed up her family and moved back to California to pick up the pieces of her life.

In 1994, the U.S. Department of Defense opened the investigation into the disappearance of Louis Jones, who still was labeled missing in action. American and Laotian investigators traveled to the Savannakhet province, the site of several crashes, and interviewed two locals who said they remembered watching Jones' plane go down.

At the crash site, investigators found small pieces of aircraft wreckage, scraps of an ejection seat and pieces of a jet engine common in F4 aircraft.

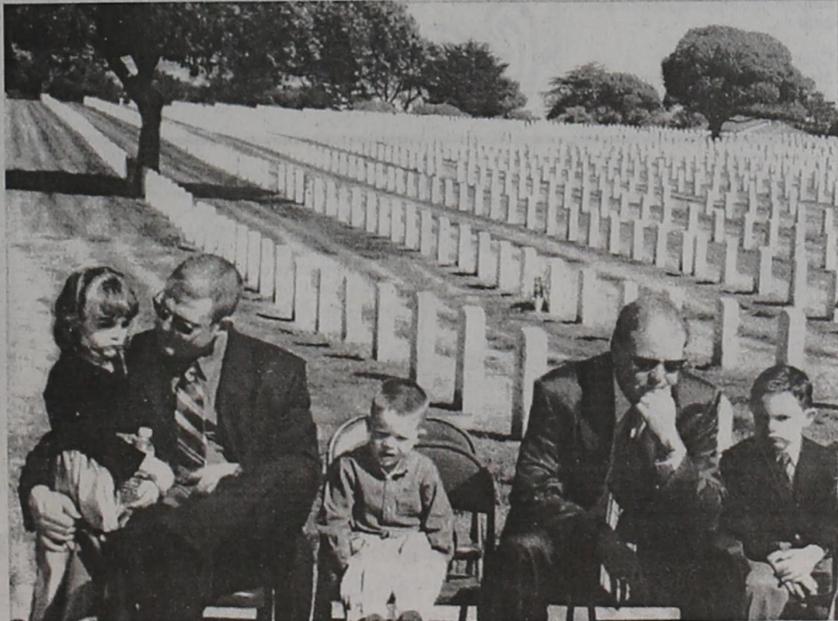
They returned twice in 2000, digging up the bone fragments and the tooth.

Louis Farr Jones was born Dec. 29, 1925, in San Angelo, Texas. An ordained Baptist minister, he earned two bachelor's degrees, one in English and one in Religion. He married Marian Alice Mitchell, the daughter of the late J.D. and Isabelle Mitchell, in the old First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. The Mitchells were longtime residents of Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Jones met her husband while the two were students at Texas Tech University. Though he had trained for the ministry, he was more drawn to flying -- perhaps by the same mischievous streak that made him love horses and fast motorcycles.

He once took his children to San Francisco to see the Haight-Ashbury hippie scene in full bloom. "His attitude was

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Members of the Jones family sit near the gravesite of Col. Louis F. Jones at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in Colma, California. Pictured left to right are Morgan Jones, Jeremy Jones, Judson Jones, Jonathan Jones and Joshua Jones. The family buried the Colonel's remains 36 years after he was declared missing in action when his F4C Phantom was shot down in the Vietnam War.

## Increase reported in State Sales Tax collections

(Austin) — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced March 12 that state sales tax revenue in February totaled more than \$1.26 billion, up 6.2 percent compared to February 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$303.6 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 8.3 percent increase compared to March 2003. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 7.4 percent compared to the first three months of 2003.

"Texas' economic recovery is gaining momentum," Strayhorn said. "The latest economic data indicate that the Texas economy will outpace the nation through 2005."

State sales tax revenue for February, and the payments made to local governments in March, are based mainly on sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$206.1 million to Texas cities, up 9.3 percent compared to March 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received

sales tax payments of \$17.4 million, up 4.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.5 percent higher than last year.

Another \$7.6 million went to 82 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 1 percent compared to last March. Nine local transit systems received \$72.3 million in sales tax rebates, up 7.6 percent compared to a year ago.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,589.34, compared to \$2,242.83 last year at this time, a 60.03% change. 2004 payments to date total \$13,109.06, compared to \$7,013.57 last year, a 86.90% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$2,099.44, compared to \$2,690.92 at this time last year, a -21.98% change. 2004 payments to date total \$9,824.81, compared to \$8,723.28 last year, a 12.62% change.

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

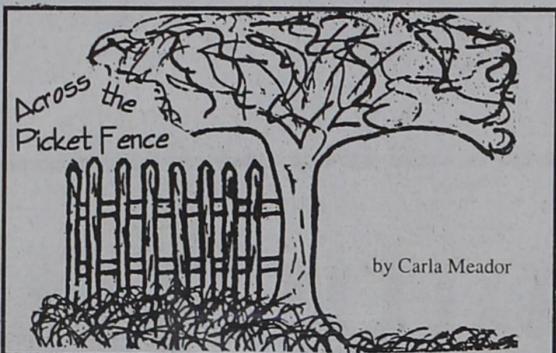
## Local families honored at 29th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs honored more than 100 farming and ranching families during the 29th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony in Austin, March 19.

Ronald and Waydetta Clay of the Barton Place, circa 1903, in Motley County were recognized during this ceremony. Also recognized from this area were Mrs. Tommie Jo (Brown) Cruse of Flomot and her

mother, Mrs. Dona Browning, of Dona's Place, circa 1903, in Hall County.

"Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production. It is important to honor those in agriculture who have built on centuries of progress by making constant advances in research, technology, production and marketing to meet the changing demands of consumers," Combs said.



While typing Bro. Crowley's article this week, I thought on the reality of the fact that we are truly being watched each and every day, by someone. Someone we may impress for the rest of their lives - either in a bad way or a good way. I was reminded of the following story, which I have had for quite sometime, and really don't remember where I got it, but it goes along with the subject of making an impression on someone. I will share it with you as it is written.

"I am a mother of three and have recently completed my college degree. The last class I had to take was Sociology. The teacher was absolutely inspiring with the qualities that I wish every human being had been graced with. Her last project of the term was called 'Smile.' The class was asked to go out and smile at three people and document their reactions. I am a very friendly person and always smile at everyone and say, hello anyway...so, I thought, this would be a piece of cake, literally.

Soon after we were assigned the project, my husband, youngest son, and I went to a restaurant on a crisp March morning for breakfast. We were standing in line, waiting to be served, when all of a sudden everyone around us began to back away, and then even my husband did. I did not move an inch...an overwhelming feeling of panic welled up inside of me as I turned to see why they had moved. As I turned around, I smelled a horrible "dirty body" smell, and standing there behind me were two, poor homeless men.

As I looked down at the shortest gentleman, close to me, he was smiling. His beautiful sky-blue eyes were full of God's Light as he searched for acceptance. He said, "Good day" as he counted the few coins he had been clutching. The second man fumbled with his hands as he stood behind his friend. I realized the second man was mentally deficient, and the blue-eyed gentleman was his salvation. I held my tears as I stood there with them. The young lady at the counter asked him what they wanted. He said, 'Coffee is all, Miss.' That was all they

could afford to be able to sit in the restaurant and warm up; they had to buy something...they just wanted to be warm. Then I really felt it...a compulsion so great I almost reached out and embraced the little man with the blue eyes. That is when I noticed all eyes in the restaurant were set on me...judging my reaction. I smiled and asked the young lady behind the counter to give me two more breakfast meals on a separate tray. I then walked around the counter to the table the men had chosen as a resting spot. I put the tray on the table and laid my hand on the blue eyed gentleman's cold hand. He looked up at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Thank you."

I leaned over, began to pat his hand and said, "I did not do this for you... God is here working through me to give you hope."

I started to cry as I walked away to join my husband and son. When I sat down my husband smiled at me and said, "That is why God gave you to me, honey...to give me hope."

We held hands for a moment, and at that time we knew that only because of the Grace that we had been given, were we able to give. Because we are believers. That day showed me the pure Light of God's sweet love.

I returned to college, on the last evening of class, with this story in hand. I turned in "my project" and the instructor read it... then she looked up at me and said, "Can I share this?"

I slowly nodded as she got the attention of the class. She began to read and that is when I knew that we, as human beings and being part of God, share this need to heal people and be healed. In my own way I had touched the people at the restaurant, my husband, son, instructor, and every soul that shared the classroom on the last night I spent as a college student. I graduated with one of the biggest lessons I ever learn...unconditional acceptance.

May you remember how to love people and use things - not love things and use people.

— Anonymous



by Mary

## Pivots & Divots

Conway Clary hit a Hole-In-One, March 18, at the Roaring Springs Ranch golf course. The hit was on hole #8, 250 yard par

four. Witnesses to the event were Matt Washington and Ken Marshall.



## MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



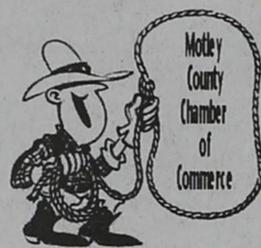
Consider:

One of my favorite quotes is, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for life."

Today, in order to teach a man to fish, you need two fishing licenses, a state boat sticker, OSHA approved life jackets, EPA approved weights and hooks, you pay a park fee, obtain a fire permit to cook the fish and an EPA permit to dispose of the waste... fish you catch costs 8 times as much as the fish you purchase in the supermarket, caught overseas.

— Clyde Harrison

You are encouraged to participate in the contest to name the cowboy.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,

I would like to take this opportunity through your newspaper to let people know of the progress we are making to restore the QA&P depot. We have received a \$938,816 grant from TxDOT to bring the depot back to its original condition. This is a matching funds grant with TxDOT providing 75% of the monies and Roaring Springs Friends of the Depot, 25%. The Friends will be able to match a portion of the 25% with in-kind work with our labor and city equipment.

We have a board of directors: K.D. Abbott - president; Buzz Thacker - vice president; Dana Graham - secretary/treasurer; Alex Crowder, Ed D. Smith, Lavoe Thacker and Corky Marshall as directors. We have mailed out over 700 letters to the Roaring Springs School alumni. We have begun to receive donations as a memorial honoring some persons or families. Some have been contributions from people who would like to see this part of their towns' history preserved. We have received about

The cowboy logo initiated by the Chamber has been turning up in a number of places. You may have noticed him on the signs the Chamber put up last year at a couple of places on the highways. Or you might have seen him on the signs of businesses that are members of the Chamber. Or you saw him on the membership card you received if you are a member of the Chamber.

So it is high time he had a name.

Take a look at him. He should have a name that reflects the twinkle in his eye (that you can't see but know is there). Think about it, and then let us know what you think his name should be.

You can submit your suggestion on the form you send back when you send in your membership dues (\$35 for businesses; \$10 for individuals), or you can send in your suggestion via E-Mail to: motcocm@caprock-spur.com or by snail-mail to: Motley County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 788, Matador, TX 79244.

The contest winner will be announced at the banquet, and our cowboy will finally have a name.

enough to match the first phase of the work, which is architect and engineering fees.

We are in the process of moving everything out of the building because of the roof being in such bad shape and vandals have broken into it two times and caused some damage. We are moving the school pictures, school trophies and the old post office boxes to Graham Supply show room for display and to protect them. We will then be able to begin cleanup and begin work on the building.

We are asking anyone that received a letter and hasn't responded or hasn't received a letter to help us with a donation. We are in the process of making a brochure to be presented to large corporations that might be interested in making a donation.

We will be selling bricks with donor names or inscriptions on them. We will be putting up these bricks and memorial plaques in the future when we begin landscaping.

I believe, along with other directors, that this project can be done. I am asking you to help us with a donation or volunteer work; don't just watch it happen. You will be proud of it when it is finished. Send donations or pledges to: Friends of the Depot, P.O. Box 151, Roaring Springs, Tx, 79256. This is a tax exempt corporation under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Thank you, Carla, for your help by publishing this in your paper.

Corky Marshall  
Mayor of Roaring Springs  
Friends of the Depot director

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



What a delightful Mad Hatter's tea party we had at the library on St. Patrick's Day! Ruby McGuire, Betty Henry, Patricia Green and Marihelen Wason prepared delicious refreshments and everyone wanted recipes. Those attending besides the above-named were Betty Moore, Jeanette Case, Joanie Stephens, Deanie Edwards, Evelyn Garrison, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Beverly Vinson, Winifred Darsey, Pam Thacker and J.N. Fletcher (He had a hat on, so he qualified). Look for another tea party coming in May.

We appreciate the memorial donations that the library received this past week. We thank Bob and Wanda Kilmer for their donation in memory of Omar Parks. We also thank W.L. Birchfield for his donation in memory of Omar Parks. We appreciate the donation from Deidra and Larry Clifton for their donation in memory of Omar Parks, J.E. Edwards, Patty Edwards Lane, Tom Adams, Kathryn Martin, Luther Green and Jerry Watson. We thank Johnny Ezzell for his donation in memory of Jake Edwards.

## Look Who's New

Hudson Tripp Franks

Amy and Cory Franks of Lubbock are happy to announce the birth of their son, Hudson Tripp Franks. He was born at 3:14 a.m., Wednesday March 3, 2004, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed five pounds, two ounces and was nineteen inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival is

his sister, Madison; grandparents, Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot, Mrs. Syd Pipkin of Lubbock and Gerald and Penny Pipkin of Matador; great grandparents, Erma and Bill Washington of Flomot and Mrs. Opal Pipkin of Matador; great-great grandmother, Mrs. Edith Washington of Flomot.

## Grandfather laid to rest

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"Thank God this is America and we have the freedom," Mrs. Jones said.

A career military man, and a decorated fighter pilot, Jones joined the Army Air Forces in World War II and also fought in Korea. He was only 41 when his plane went down over Laos.

When an Air Force chaplain and another officer knocked on her door late one night, Marian Jones knew they brought bad news.

But there was hope. He was officially listed as missing — there were signs he might have ejected before the plane crashed — and he had come home safely from another crash during Korea, from behind enemy lines.

But over the years, the Air Force concluded Jones probably had not been able to eject. Along with other missing pilots, he was reclassified as killed in action, then listed as missing again after critics complained the government's decision was premature.

In nearly four decades since her husband's plane went down, Marian Jones never remarried.

"I never felt it would be fair to my children," she said. "I felt they might think I had given up."

If Louis Jones had survived, he would be 78 today.

But the family was ready for closure.

On March 12, as an honor guard folded the flag, a squadron of fighter jets flew overhead, leaving room in the formation for one missing plane.

Marian Jones placed a yellow rose on her husband's casket — a yellow rose for Texas, she said, and for love.

Col. Jones is survived by his wife, Marian Jones of Fremont, CA; son, Jonathan Jones and wife Chris of Fremont, CA; daughter Jane Jones of Monterey, CA; grandchildren, Jeremy Jones and wife Whitney, of Lubbock, Texas, Joshua and Sara Jones of Fremont, CA; Molly Jones of Monterey, CA; and great-grandchildren, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock, Texas.

Mrs. Jones is a graduate of Roaring Springs High School. She and her children moved back to Roaring Springs in the summer of 1974. Jonathan was a member of the Motley County class of 1976. She moved back to California in 1978.

Jeremy, a Lubbock Police officer, is a 1995 Motley County graduate, and Whitney a 1994 Motley County graduate.

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Consider:

**YOU AND PREACHING**

There isn't a word that a preacher can say,  
No matter how lovely or true,  
Nor is there a prayer that his eager lips pray  
That can preach such a sermon as you.  
You vowed to serve Christ, and men know that you did,  
They're watching the things that you do;  
There isn't one action of yours that is hid,  
Men are watching and studying you.  
You say you're no preacher? Yes, but you preach  
A powerful sermon each day.  
The acts of your life are the things that you teach  
It isn't the things that you say.  
So Christians, remember you bear His name,  
Your lives are for others to view,  
You are living examples, men praise you, or blame,  
And measure all Christians by you.

— Author unknown —

So... what was that you were saying about the preacher?  
How about YOU as the preacher. Makes one think, doesn't it?  
Just remember, your life preaches a powerful sermon,  
one way or the other!!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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## Motley County students will present One Act Play for the public

Motley County High School students will present the 2004 contest play on Monday, March 29, at 8:00 in the evening. This year's play is a comedy by Arthur Lovegrove titled "Just Another Day." Publisher is the Samuel French Company.

The plot centers on a bride and her wedding day. The bride, June Barclay is played by Kittie Campbell. Other characters include: Janet Barclay, mother of the bride, played by Stachia Baxter; Sylvia Merrin, a brides-

maid, played by Mandi Ream; Betty Wilks, the maid of honor, played by Brittany Moore; and George Barclay, the father of the bride, played by Quinten Rose. Crew members include Amanda Hurt on sound; Charli Ream, lighting; Angie Marvel, stage manager; and Lorenzo Salazar, grip.

Admission will not be charged for the performance, but donations will be greatly appreciated. All monies received help defray the costs of

costumes and props. The One Act Play contest will be held Tuesday, March 30, at Jayton. The plays will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will run back to back throughout the afternoon. Motley County will perform in the next to last position. An exact time cannot be determined since the plays will vary in performance times.

Plan now to come and enjoy the fun on Monday, March 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Motley County Gym.



MC 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB — Pictured left to right, beginning at front, Shane'a Russell, Garrett Jenschke, Shelby Elliott, Alexis Osborn, Christian; (middle row) Colton Russell, Jay Potts, Neal Potts, Reagan Elliott; (back row) Mattie Brooks, Charli Ream, Mandi Ream. Not pictured are Hance Davey and Cory Durham.

## Motley County 4-H Photography Club enjoys picture taking field trip

by Colton Russell

The Motley County 4-H club has been busy taking pictures and attending project meetings. The photography group,

along with two little guests, Shelby Elliott and Mattie Brooks, were treated to a field trip to the Matador Ranch on Saturday, March 20. They also enjoyed various other attractions in town. The kids divided into groups and were accompanied by Tina Brooks, Kim Jenschke or D'anna Russell. They were given a small history lesson on the Cookhouse, Springhouse and the Bachelor House at the Ranch. While the turkeys were hard to get a picture of, everything else was great. The group enjoyed a pic-

nic lunch before returning to the Courthouse.

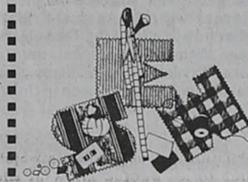
Winners of the Photography Contest will be announced Friday, March 26.

Enjoying this outing were Shane'a Russell, Colton Russell, Garrett Jenschke, Shelby Elliott, Alexis Osborn, Christian Brooks, Jay Potts, Neal Potts, Reagan Elliott, Sarah Ferguson, Mattie Brooks, Charli Ream and Mandi Ream.

Others participating in the project, but unable to attend the Field Trip are Hance Davey and Cory Durham.

The photography group,

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### NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank the Churches and all those who prayed for us during our difficult time. We appreciate the concern and kindness shown to us. May God bless you with the same care in your time of need.

The families of Jack Pigg

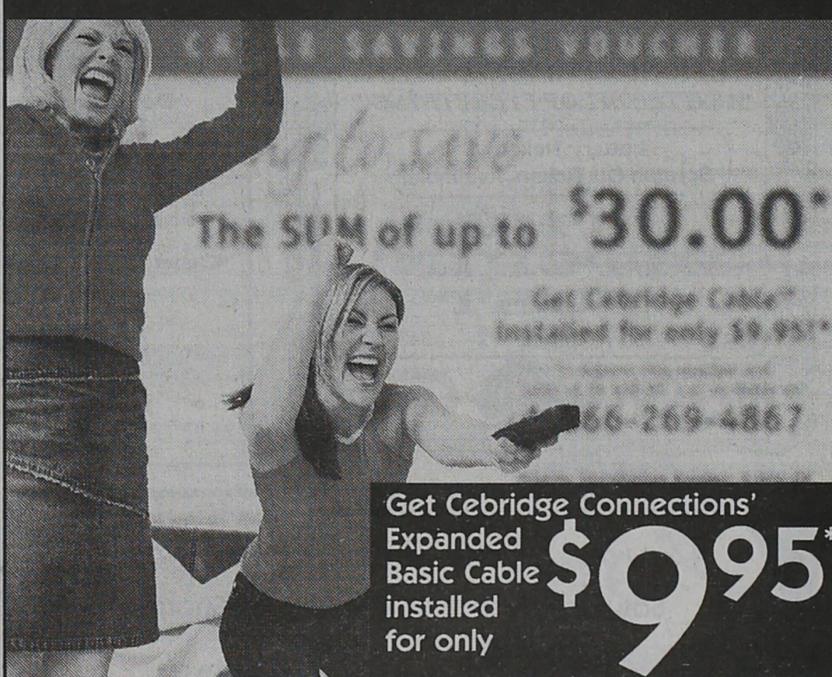
The family of Marie Moore acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. A very special thanks to Traveler's Inn B & B in Roaring Springs.

Ed and Fae Hall  
B.J. and Martha Moore

We would like to thank the Motley County Ambulance service and our neighbor, Joe Martinez, for your help during our illnesses. We appreciate your kindness and service.

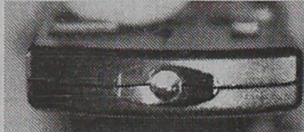
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## Summer Baseball sign-up to begin

Sign-up for the MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) Summer Baseball program will begin soon.

All children, ages 4 through 12th grade are invited and encouraged to participate. Four-year-olds must turn four before September 1, 2004.

Sign-up forms will be available at school or by contacting

Tammy Simpson at 347-2202 and must be turned in no later than APRIL 15th.

Leagues will be as follows:

Age 4 - 2nd grade: T-Ball  
Grades 3-6: Minor League  
Grades 7-12: Major League  
Join in the fun! Sign-up for baseball before it's too late!

## Little Dribblers participating in Paducah Tournament

The Motley County Little Dribblers teams, which consists of children in grades 3-6, are participating in the Paducah Little Dribblers Tournament. The tournament, which began on Tuesday, will continue through Saturday.

The teams will play at home, Monday evening, March 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m., when they face Valley.

Little Dribblers is co-sponsored by MCYO and PTO.

## SCHOOL MENU

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

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

**Lunch:** Fried Steak on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Orange Slices, Milk.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

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

**Lunch:** Polish Sausage, Au Gratin Potatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Bread Slice, Fruit, Milk.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

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

**Lunch:** BBQ on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 1

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

**Lunch:** Salsbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, California Blend Vegetables, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 2

**Breakfast:** Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Baked Beans, Pickle Spear, Fruit Salad, Milk.

## Floyd County Friends to host Benefit Gala

The Unity Center in the heart of Muncy, Texas will once again play host to the 9th Annual Floyd County Friends Gala-Saturday, March 27 and will take you back to the "Fabulous Fifties".

The fun-filled evening will begin with a filet-mignon dinner served at your table by Floyd County 4-Hers and will begin at 6:00 PM followed by the music of John Walker and "Warm Country Heart."

Warm Country Heart, with the sounds of pianist Floyd Cramer, guitarist Chet Atkins and saxophonist Boots Randolph have previously played in Plainview at the Fair Theater the last two years.

The band has played throughout the country, including, Nashville, Tenn., and Branson, Mo.

The Gala will also feature the Live and Silent Auctions as well

as entertainment from Bob "Bubba" Curtis of Lubbock.

A John Deere Lawnmower will be given away during the evening. Tickets for the mower are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased at Kaleidoscope or D&J Gin in Lockney as well the State Farm Insurance and American State Bank in Floydada.

Tickets for the gala are \$30 each or \$280 for a table of 8. Your ticket for the Gala also automatically enters you in the \$1,000 cash giveaway sponsored by Plains Bell Federal Credit Union of Floydada.

For tickets to the Gala contact D&J Gin 806/652/3351 or Kaleidoscope 806/652/2960 as well as State Farm Insurance 806/983/3441.

Proceeds from the Gala go to the operation of the Unity Center

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

**To report Roaring Springs news call Lula Swim at 348-7926 or the Tribune office at 347-2400**

Visiting Joe and Joyce Meredith Saturday morning were their great-grandchildren, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock, accompanied by the children's grandmother, Carla Meador of Matador. The kids also enjoyed playing with

their cousin, Parker Meredith, and visiting their aunt, Daphne Meredith.

Miss Lula Swim received medical treatment at the Emergency Room at Lockney Hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. JoAnn Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque and Mrs. Pearl Patten visited in Boyd last week.

Mrs. Kelsey Hedrick and Miss Jill Duncan of Austin visited Mrs. Robena King last week.

The Bible Group met in the home of Mrs. Ruby McGuire on Monday morning, March 22. Mrs. P.K. Green was in charge.

## Matador News

Joe Dean Bumgardner of Wichita, Kansas, visited the weekend with his parents, Dale and JoEtta Bumgardner.

Mrs. Billie Koon is a patient in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following hip replacement surgery. With her during surgery and hospitalization was her daughter, Mrs. Karen Fleming of Little Rock, Arkansas and son, Kenneth Koon of Plano.

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. visited during the week with

daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon.

Charlene and Terry Brittan and children, Dominique and Donavan of Lewisville visited from Wednesday until Sunday with her parents, Pauline and Roscoe Smith. Charlene accompanied her mother, Pauline to Lubbock, Thursday for medical tests.

Remember the Whiteflat Homecoming Saturday, April 3rd!!

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Laughter comes a lot easier than tears and it attracts a heck of a lot more listeners.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Mrs. Vernon Winston, nee Velma Shannon of Monroe, Washington was conveyed by ambulance to the Northwest Texas Hospital Cardiac Unit in Amarillo Saturday following the graveside services of her husband in Flomot. She is listed in critical condition and at her bedside are her children and her brother and family, Bill and Suzie Shannon of Flomot.

### SPRING VACATION

Bonnie and Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, Chris Ebrum and friend, Nicole of San Antonio and Darla and James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle enjoyed the spring holidays that included fishing at Ports Mansfield. Thursday, Darla, Bonnie and Danielle enjoyed tourist attractions at South Padre, Island and Port Isabell. They toured a Light House and took pictures and shopped at the antique, art and craft shops. Friday, the families visited in San Marcos with Michelle and Mark Jeffers.

### TEXAS HERITAGE RECOGNITION

Brenda and Darrell Cruse accompanied his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, her mother and brother, Mrs. Dona Mullins Browning and E. J. Browning of Rising Star and Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco to Austin Friday, March 19. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was presented at Texas Heritage Foundation certification of recognition for owning land that had been in the Mullins family for 100 years. The honor was held at the L.B. Johnson Presidential Library auditorium.

### TRIP TO AUSTIN

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger were in Austin, Friday, March 19 to attend the Texas Heritage Foundation presentation to Mrs. Waydette Clay of Flomot for having land that had been in the Al Barton family, her maternal great grandfather, for 100 years.

En route to Austin, Thursday they visited in College Station with grandson and nephew, Cole Martin, a student there, who gave them a tour of the A&M University campus. On return trip home, they toured and shopped at the Texas Wild Flower Farm and Circle E. Candle Factory in Fredericksburg.

They had lunch in Mason at the famous Cooper's Barbecue. They visited in Anson with the J.C. Moss family arriving home Saturday night. Mrs. Cooper returned to Borger, Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay visited from Wednesday until Sunday in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and

Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They attended the Texas Blue Bonnet Library Award Luncheon Friday held at the Convention Center in San Antonio. Lori is Librarian at the Clifton Schools.

Visiting recently with Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter was Mrs. Betty Hurt of Tulsa. Visiting them Wednesday were Mrs. Salina Elliot of Floydada, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrington, Virginia and Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville.

Nada and Jack Starkey visited overnight Sunday in Canyon with son, Michael Starkey. Nada had day surgery, Monday at the Baptist - St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. With her were daughters, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo.

Meda Adams of Wichita Falls visited overnight Monday with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton. Visitors in her home Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loham of Seymour.

Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls and Johnnie Starkey returned home Sunday night from Joplin, Missouri where they attended to business at a Lumber Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner of Lubbock visited during the week in their home and with friends here in Matador.

Visiting Mrs. C.W. Starkey this week were daughters, Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Winneford, Okla. and Mrs. Ersie VanCleave of Dougherty.

Dustin Reed and friend of Lubbock visited Saturday with his grandparents and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Trent and Kevin Tiffin of Weatherford and Kyle Clayton of Plainview visited during their spring school holiday with grandparents, Laverne and Glen D. Tiffin.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid, Christina Reid and fiancée, Jamie Rowder of Amarillo. Mrs. Starkey attended a bridal shower recently given for granddaughter, Christina held in the home of Mrs. Debbie Armstrong of Amarillo.

Amy and Cory Franks and children, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Connie and Coy Franks and grandparents, Erma and Bill Washington.

Rickey and Tasha Hughes and Kendal of Floydada visited Sunday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Mrs. Ruth Lee visited in Quitaque, Sunday with Mrs. Ellen Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Skinner.

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## Obituaries

### Norman Merle Pitts

Norman Merle Pitts, 77, of Austin, passed away on Sunday, March 14, 2004. He was born December 14, 1926, in Matador, Texas, to Douglas and Ollie Pitts.

Norman was a graduate of The University of Texas, with a degree in Chemistry. He proudly served his country in the Navy and was an outstanding Real Estate Agent in the Austin area for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, and his brother, Douglas Pitts Jr.

Norman is survived by his wife of 33 years, Shirley Pitts; children, Randy Pitts, Bonnie Pitts McDaniel; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jean and Bill Golden; sister-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Pitts.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, in the Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Mausoleum Chapel.

## Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director

Seabiscuit was a great success and a good crowd attended. Everyone enjoyed the movie.

Not much happening at the Center in March, but in April we will have a fund-raiser. It will be a Bake Sale, April 10th, in front of the Library, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This should help with your Easter baking needs.

An Appreciation Spaghetti Supper for the Volunteers, who help the Center out so much, will be held April 24th.

Would like to thank Eva Barkley and Furman and Beverly Vinson for their donations to the Center.

We have had several memorials made to the Center Bobby and Jeanne Williams in memory of Jerry Watson; Jewel Lawrence in memory of Frances Finch and Bill Koon; Hal and Kellie Martin in memory of Jake Edwards; Larry Elliott and Bailey Elliott in memory of Luther Green; Motley County Arts & Crafts in memory of Judy Hemm; Lanell R. Byres Chandler in memory of Jake Edwards, Jerry Watson, Kathryn Martin and Luther Green; Myrna Stephens in memory of Lorena Moore, Judy Hemm, Jerry Watson, Jake Edwards and Luther Green; James (Pup) and Earle Price in memory of Monty Fletcher; Patty Edwards, Jake Edwards, Kathryn Martin, Dick Carpenter, Jerry Watson and Mike Andrews; C.H. and Raynita Murphy in memory of Jerry

Watson, Jake Edwards and Dood Damron. Thank you all so much.

We have received a lot of donations going toward our building addition and we really appreciate it and the fine folks sending them in. The people that have donated to this are Thomas Bourland, Ceaman and Margaret Scott, Gladys McDonald in memory of Margaret Springer and Barbara Zimmerman, Robert and Carol Todd, James and Geneva Griffin, William and Lori Beth Campbell, Haynes and Myrna Baumgardner, Key Vaughn, Robert Birchfield, Marg Edwards, Dorothy Crenshaw-Johnson, Onieta W. Neblett, J.H. Swaringen, James and Oneita Titus in memory of Randall Whitworth and Kenneth Simpson, Laverne M. Price-Johnston, Bill Barnhill M.D., Jerry and Pat Edwards, Leroy and Kathy Scott, Dink and Carolyn Wilson, James and Frances Moss, John and Jana Thacker, Yvonna Bentz, Hamilton Bros., Betty Reeves in honor of Don Reeves, Rusty Birchfield, Carolyn Limmer and Lola Pohl, Charles and Joan Keith and Viola Keith in memory of Charlie Keith and Jake Edwards. Thank you all so very much.

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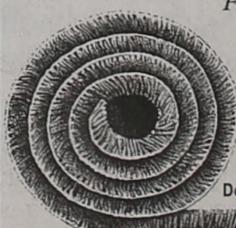
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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



## Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



**Measurement Service:** Requesting a measurement service is a great idea when you are not sure of your planted acreage, but there are some things you need to keep in mind.

After the measurement service has been completed you will be contacted and asked to come in within the next five calendar days to certify the acres as measured. If you fail to come in there are serious consequences.

The measured acres will be entered as a spot check with zero tolerance. This will cause you to be out of compliance, which means you face the possibility of refunding all payments received for that farm in that year. The only way to get back into compliance would be if the county committee granted you relief. Even in this situation, you would be required to pay \$35.00 for the first field and \$15.00 for each additional field that you had measured, so it could be very expensive.

Please, when you have a measurement service make sure that you come in after notified that it has been completed. There will be no exceptions to the process explained above.

**Production History:** If you had a NAP policy on a 2003 crop, please remember to bring your production into the office by this year's reporting date for that crop (generally July 15). If you grazed a crop rather than harvesting it, it is not necessary to bring anything in. If you don't bring in your production by the deadline, we will have to put a zero into your average produc-

tion history, which will lower your future NAP payments.

**CCC - 1099's:** If you received any FSA payments in 2003, you should have received a 1099 recently. Please check the 1099 to see if it agrees with your records. If not, bring it in so we can review it with you. If there is an error, we will furnish you with a new CCC - 1099.

"Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof." Psalm 65:10.

**NAP Update:** The final date to certify small grains is May 15th, however, if you have a NAP policy you must certify small grains such as wheat 15 days prior to grazing. Native Pastures which are grazed year round and have NAP policies must have been certified in December. Any other NAP pastures must be certified 15 days prior to grazing. If you realize that you should have already certified your acres please come in as soon as you can! You will have to pay a late charge.

To be eligible to receive NAP benefits, you must submit a notice of loss within 15 days of when the loss is apparent. This cannot be done by calling the office on the phone.

**EX 1:** A hail storm occurs May 1 and destroys your wheat. You must come into the office before May 16 and file, sign, and date a notice of loss.

**EX 2:** Drought occurs throughout the summer. You must file a notice of loss 15 days after it is apparent that drought is damaging your crop.

## Combs declares northern rolling plains area as suppressed of boll weevils

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs officially declared the 22 counties in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone as "suppressed" - one of seven zones that obtained this status.

"Suppressed" means that less than 0.025 boll weevils were found per tap per week during the cotton growing season.

"This is a great milestone in Texas' fight against boll weevils, a destructive pest that has plagued our state's cotton industry for more than a century," Combs said. "The determination and hard work of cotton growers in the Northern Rolling Plains Zone, the Texas Legislature and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation helped us reach this goal."

"Boll weevils cause more than \$200 million in crop losses and crop production treatment costs in Texas every year, so obviously our ultimate goal is to eradicate this pest in Texas completely. Today we are much closer to that day," Combs said.

"It is indeed a proud moment for our producers when we can claim a region is nearing a weevil-free status," said Sen. Robert Duncan from Lubbock. "This spirit of hard work and cooperation for a common goal is commendable, and I hope it will continue as we face other challenges in rural Texas."

Growers in the Northern Rolling Plains initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1999. The Northern Rolling Plains covers more than 344,000 acres in Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cottle, Donley, Foard, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Kent, King, Motley, Wheeler, Wichita and Wilbarger counties, and parts of Archer, Armstrong, Briscoe, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd and Garza counties.

Other Boll Weevil Eradication Zones obtaining suppressed status today were the Southern High Plains Caprock around Lubbock; Northern High Plains around Plainview; Western High Plains around Seminole; Permian Basin around Midland - Odessa; Northwest Plains around Hereford; and El Paso/Trans - Pecos around El Paso. More than 4 million acres of cotton are farmed in the suppressed zones.

## Culvert work to begin soon

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announces that work will start soon in Motley County to extend the culverts and add safety end treatments along US 70. This project is part of the Hazard Elimination Program (HES), which is a safety program sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT. "The contractors are finishing up a HES

project in Foard County now", said Gary Mizer, Mundy Area Engineer. "They have put up barrels and should be moving their construction operation to Motley County very soon", continued Mizer.

If you have questions about this or any other TxDOT project, contact Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer at (940) 937-7145.

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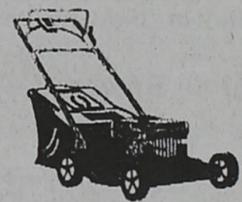
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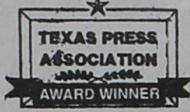
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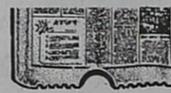
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