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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



CHARLIE KEITH

Charlie Keith was born in 1904 and has lived in Motley County all his life. His family came here in 1888. He married his wife, Viola, in 1930. She was a school teacher in the Matador School System for 36 years. Mr. Keith, now retired, was a farmer and rancher.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith are the parents of two sons, Charles and David. They have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Keith's parents were the first couple married in Motley County in 1891.

Mr. Keith enjoys doing as little as possible.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Nothing makes a woman more beautiful than the belief that she is beautiful."

— Sophia Loren
Women and Beauty

Readers Asked To Share Stories For Easter

If you have a special story, we would appreciate your sharing it with us so that we may print it in our Easter paper. This may be of an event or special remembrance in your life or someone special to you, a special poem, etc.

Please submit these special writings to our office no later than Friday, April 7 for our April 13th issue.

Thank you.

Chamber of Commerce Meets

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, March 7 for their regular meeting.

A report was given by Sondra Francis and Charles Keith on the membership drive. There are 44 members so far.

A discussion followed on having a workshop meeting, hopefully in June, and then the first annual Banquet. They want to continue to work to create more interest and gain more members to begin projects for economic development.

A brochure committee has been appointed by President, Jeff Thacker, and also a committee for entertainment for the first Annual Banquet.

Each member was challenged to try and get 10 new members.

The next regular meeting is set for April 11, 7:30 p.m. at the First State Bank lobby. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Motley County PTO Faces Possible Disbandment

by Becky Brannon

This is to inform the public (especially those with children enrolled in the Motley County School District) of the possibility of disbanding the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). For those of you who do not know what all the PTO is involved in, please read on.

We donate money to the Elementary grades to go on various field trips, like the Science Spectrum. When requested by teachers, we donate money for special items such as P.E. Equipment, books for the Library and room supplies. We are involved in events such as the Halloween Carnival, solicit volunteers for sub-teaching during UIL, and provide a UIL Concession Stand. We are responsible for the success of the Father-Son Banquet, Little Dribblers, Jr. High Fun Night and Project Graduation. All of these events have an annual cost of over \$3,000.00 and we could not make it happen without the support of businesses and individuals.

These events are in danger of being deleted in the upcoming years due to lack of interest. Our last meeting (held March 3, 1995) was only attended by three. That's right, three individuals. We cannot continue with these school activities unless we have the interest of the parents and teachers. You must remember, PTO is for the kids. The officers and few individuals donate their time and hard work to make these events a success.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 1995, 7:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria. We hope that you can find the time to attend. Also, we would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that have given their time and donations in the past and hopefully we can depend on the same this year.

If you have questions or comments, please call Debbie at 347-2731 or Becky, 348-7266. Don't forget, March 23, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Lancasters Named Mother & Daughter Of The Year



MOTHER & DAUGHTER OF THE YEAR — Carolyn Lancaster and daughter, Wendy Lancaster, were named Mother & Daughter of the Year at the Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the Eternas Study Club, held last Tuesday night.

Motley County High School Gym was the setting for the "Greatest Show on Earth", Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. for the 57th annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. Entertainment was provided by Rick's World of Illusions.

The gym was bursting with colorful balloons, confetti, peanuts, popcorn and clowns. It was a night for fun, excitement and intrigue into the world of magic. Rick performed many acts of mystery with a lot of help from people in the audience. Everyone is still wondering how the girl got out of the locked box and Rick got locked out of the school!

The Mother and Daughter of the

year are Carolyn and Wendy Lancaster, who both did a superb job of representing what Mother-Daughter relationships should be like. The food was prepared by Betty Bearden and crew, which consisted of Tallarina, Green Salad, Cheese Rolls, and Cheesecake. Excellent job Betty!

If you missed the banquet this year - you were greatly missed. Everyone had a good time and the Eternas Study Club members stated they are looking forward to next year's Banquet. All the mothers and daughters who support the banquet every year are so appreciated. Everyone of you are special in every way.

School Board Accepts Teachers' Resignations

The Motley County I.S.D. Board of Trustees met Wednesday, March 8 for their regular meeting.

Items for Board Action:

* Approve minutes of previous meeting.

* Approve list of expenditures and review financial statement.

* Approve Tax Assessment/Collection contract with the County of Motley.

* Approve School Board election date

(May 6, 1995).

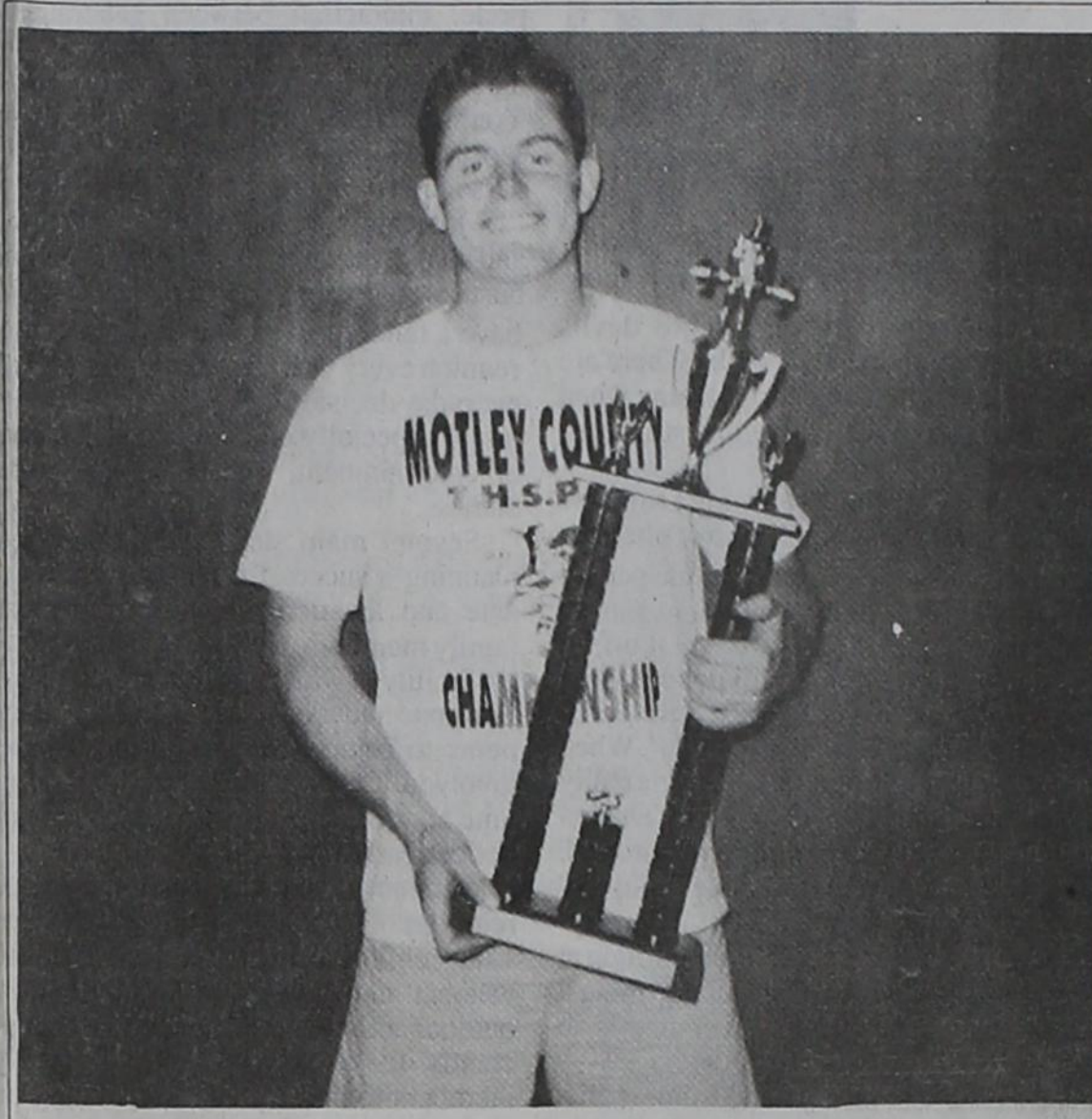
* Last sign-up date will be March 22. Places for election are Bill Luckett and Jeff Thacker.

* Approve local update DBBA for drug and alcohol testing of bus drivers.

* Voted on ESC 17 Board of Directors.

* Approved six staff development days for the 1995-96 school year.

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Headed To State!

Motley County Senior Powerlifter, Jeremy Jones, placed 2nd in the Regional Powerlifting Meet held in Lubbock, Saturday, March 11, with a total lift weight of 1220 pounds. This 2nd place win advances him to the State Meet to be held at Texas A&M April 1. Only the top two lifters in each weight division, at the Regional Meet, earn the right to advance to State.

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City Council Votes To Discontinue Nightwatchman Job

The Matador City Council met Friday, March 10 to discuss the budget. Seven Alexander, City Secretary, read the minutes, they were approved. The bills were read and discussed. They elected to pay the State Water testing fee, but not the lab fee. Both fees are over \$1,000.

Bids were opened for the Depository for Municipal Funds, from First State Bank of Matador and First National Bank of Cottle County. Council asked Roy Hobbs, of First State Bank, questions of CD maturity time, interest rates and if they furnished checks. Hobbs explained they will allow 31 day maturity, interests of renewal date and they do not furnish checks.

Council discussed that they want to keep it local but due to interest paid on checking and checks provided, they elected to use First National Bank in Paducah.

The City elected to purchase 5 lots across the street from the City Barn, from Donnie Jackson.

Charles Keith explained to the Council the school had asked him to help coordinate a recycle plan for the school. He asked the City if they were interested in working with them. Mayor Lancaster said they will help as long as it doesn't cost them any money.

The Council discussed problems with ponds at sewer system. Council went into executive session before approving the budget.

Out of session they discussed several changes on the proposed budget.

Mayor Lancaster explained that by discontinuing the job of nightwatchman they can lower the taxes approximately .07¢.

Shane Jones asked for \$750 to pay the Texas Tech Landscape class for preparing blueprints for improvements for the city park area. To help in building playground equipment, working with the water problem, and a possible golf driving range.

The Council discussed last year's budget had \$1,000 set aside for the park but they had used the \$920.00 somewhere else.

Council members discussed cutting the Library money in half to pay the \$750.

Travis Jameson made a motion to set budget with 3 salary raises, cancel the nightwatchman, cut Library fee to \$100 per month and pay \$750. There was no second.

Don Warren made motion to do three salary raises, no nightwatchman, leave Library at \$200, take \$750 out of Capital outlay (paving fund). The motion was seconded and passed.

Seven Alexander, City Secretary, explained the computer water card program now has an added \$5.00 fee for late payments, paid after the 15th of each month. Council said to leave it. Meeting adjourned.

Single Family Housing Loans Available

Rural Housing Loans for very-low and low income applicants are available through County Offices of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), Spur, FmHA County Supervisor, said today.

Home ownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, repair, rural homes and to provide adequate water and waste disposal systems. Homes may be built on individual tracts or in subdivisions. Funds may also be used to modernize homes - add improvements such as bathrooms, central heating, modern kitchens and other improvements. Borrowers may buy an existing house and lot or buy a site on which to build a home. Loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the site and the new home. Interest rates for this type of loan are presently 8.75 percent with 33 year terms. Monthly payments are subsidized with the amount of the payment dependent on the borrowers annual income. Homes will be modest in size, design, and cost but about 1,050 square feet of living area.

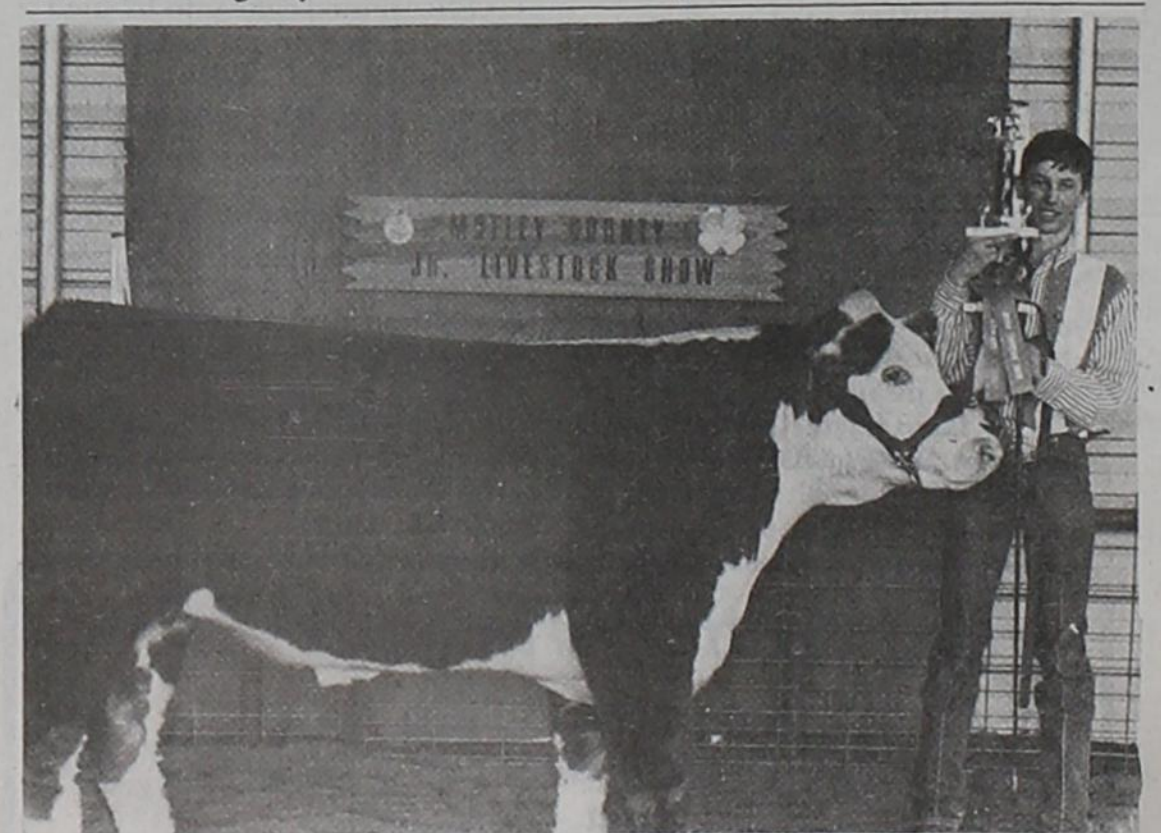
In addition, Farmers Home Administration guarantees home ownership loans made to applicants of low or moderate income. Guarantees offer opportunities to families who are unable to afford a commercial loan without a Guarantee. These loans may be made for up to 100 percent of the value of the property and are made for terms of 30 years. The interest rate is based on the Federal National Mortgage Association rate with a maximum loan amount in most counties

of \$67,500.00.

The Farmers Home Administration assists rural America by guaranteeing private sector loans and by providing temporary, supervised direct loans to farm and housing borrowers who have a reasonable chance for success, and whose current needs cannot be met at reasonable rates and terms by commercial sources. The Agency is committed to

excellence in providing its services.

"Application for assistance may be obtained at the Farmers Home Administration office located at 314 Willard Ave.", FmHA County Supervisor said. The FmHA office in Spur is open from 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



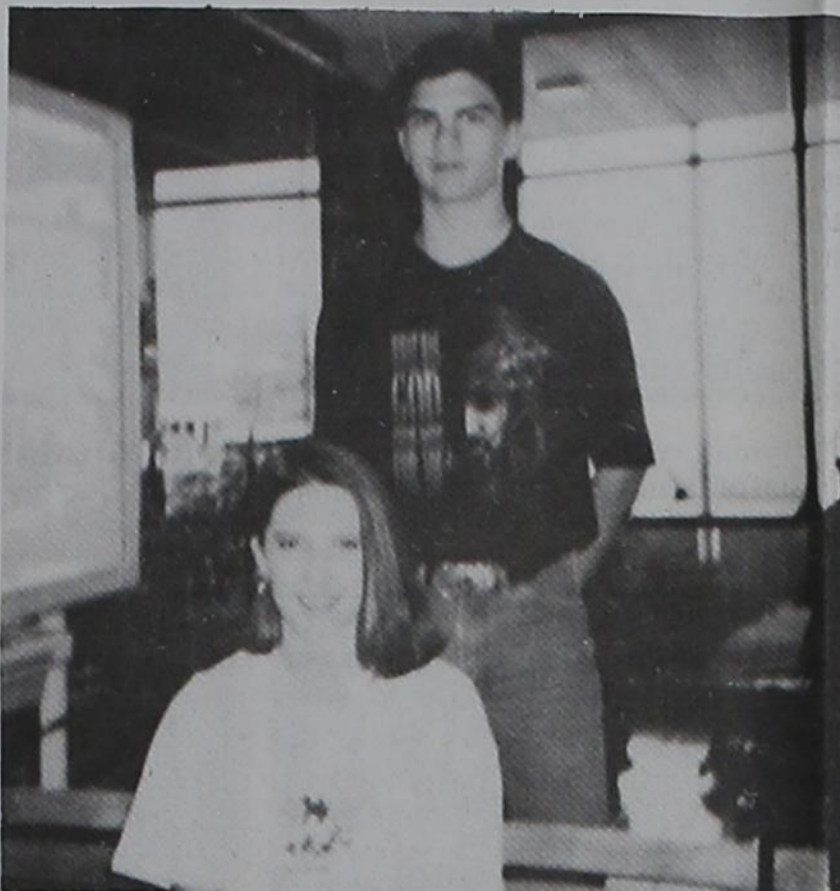
GRAND CHAMPION CALF — Scotty Palmer received the Grand Champion trophy for his Hereford Calf at the 55th Annual Motley County Livestock Show which was held Saturday, March 11. This is the first time in 17 years in which a Hereford has won Grand Champion. Scotty raised his calf on the Wylie Ranch, east of Matador. Scotty is the son of Johnny and Tammy Palmer.

Motley County School News

February Students of the Month Announced



JR. HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Ryan Martin and Shella Graves.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Leigh Ann Pipkin and Ryan Martin.

Junior High "Students of the Month" for February are Shella Graves and Ryan Moore.

Shella is the 14 year old daughter of Perry and Kay Graves of Matador. She is an eighth grader at Motley County Junior High and has an older brother, Chad, who is a Senior at MC High School and younger brother, Zane, who is a first grader at MC Elementary. Shella enjoys watching her favorite movie "Heaven Can Wait" and her favorite song is "Take A Bow" her favorite food is hamburgers

and her favorite color is maroon. Shella's activities include playing basketball and cheerleading. She is an active member of the eighth grade basketball team, a Junior High Cheerleader, a member of the Junior Track and Tennis Teams, FCA, and is the eighth grade class Vice-President.

The persons Shella admires the most are Mom and Dad "because they have put up with me for 14 years."

Shella plans to attend college at Texas A&M at Galveston and become a Marine Biologist upon graduating from High

School.

Ryan is the 12 year old son of Ronda Miller of Matador and Chris Moore of Amarillo. He is a seventh grader at MC Junior High School and has a younger sister, Brittany, who is in the fourth grade at Motley County Elementary. Ryan is also a member of the Motley County Junior High Football, Basketball and Track Teams. Ryan's favorite color is blue and he enjoys eating pizza. His favorite movie is "The Mask" and his favorite song is "Life The Dance."

The person Ryan admires the most is his grandpa. He says "He can always make me laugh and he has always been there for me."

Ryan is still undecided what his future plans are after he graduates from high school.

High School "Students of the Month" for February are Leigh Ann Pipkin and Ryan Martin

Leigh Ann is the 16 year old daughter of Gerald and Syd Pipkin of Matador. She is a Junior at Motley County High School and has an older sister, Amy, who is enrolled at Texas Tech University. She is a member of National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, FFA, FHA, FCA, Lions Club Sweetheart and the Student Council. Her favorite color is purple and she enjoys listening to her favorite song, "We Will Rock You". Leigh's favorite food is spaghetti and her favorite movie is "Forest Gump". Leigh's hobbies and activities include Cross Country, Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Track, and ULL. During her spare time she enjoys cooking and playing with her cats and dog.

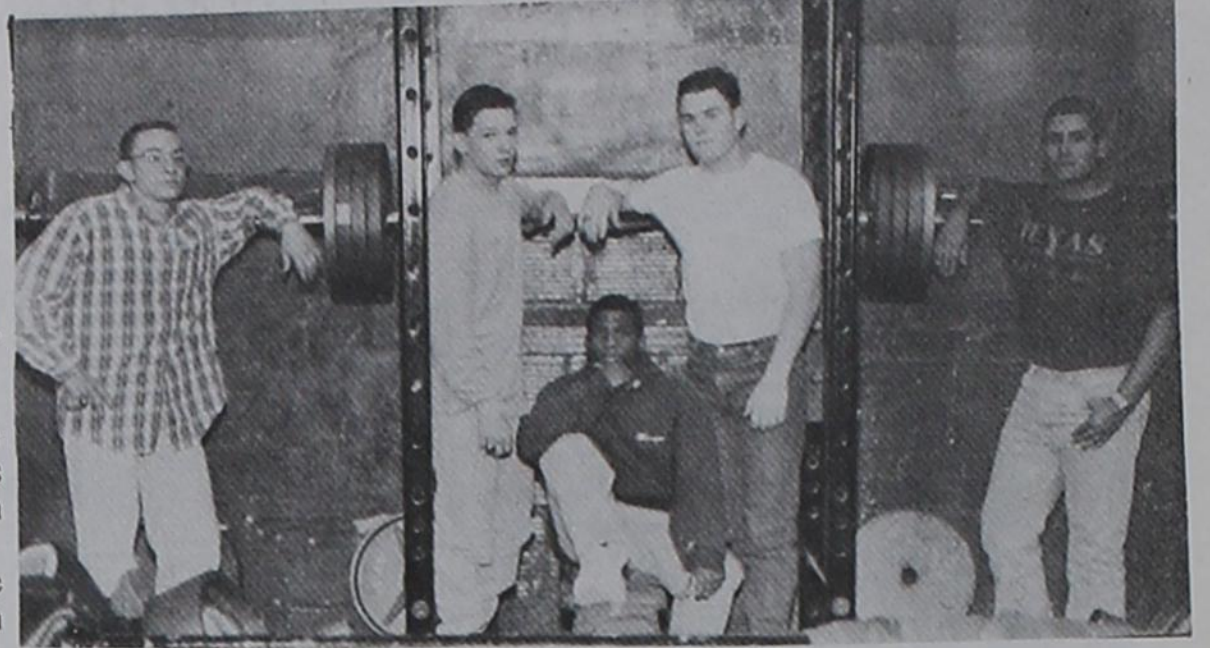
Leigh Ann admires Sheryl Swopes because "of her character and grace on and off the court."

Leigh Ann plans to attend Texas Tech University and possibly major in Pre-Med.

Ryan is the 15 year old son of Hal and Kellie Martin of Matador. He is a Freshman at Motley County High School. He is involved in FFA, 4-H, Basketball, Football and is a member of the Student Council. Ryan's favorite food is chicken fried steak and his favorite color is blue. He enjoys the movie "Cowboy Way" and he likes listening to "I Swear". Ryan also enjoys hunting and fishing as his hobbies.

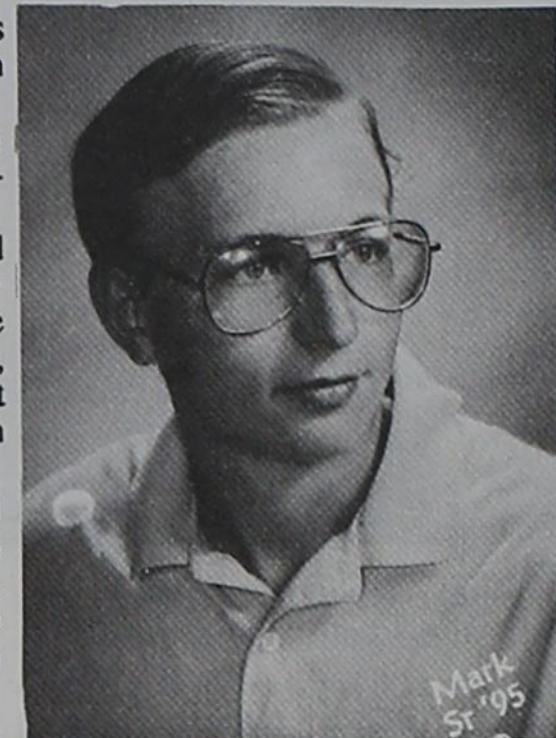
Ryan most admires his dad because "of the way he acts toward others and me and for all of the things he does."

After graduation Ryan plans on attending college at Tarleton State University at Stephenville and majoring in Ranch Management.

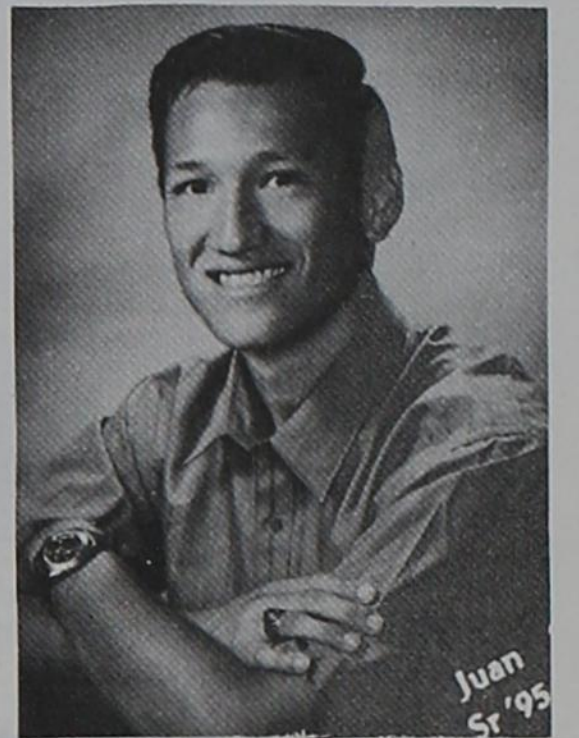


COMPETE AT REGIONAL — These Motley County Powerlifters qualified for and competed at the Regional Meet held in Lubbock, Saturday, March 11. To qualify for Regional, each boy had to place in the top 10 in his weight division, after competing at various meets across the area. Everyone of these guys did an outstanding job at Regional. Senior, Jeremy Jones, (standing third from left) will compete at the State Meet held at Texas A&M on Saturday, April 1. Powerlifters are pictured left to right, Chad Lawrence, Junior; Bobby Barton, Junior; Cody Campbell (seated), Senior; Jeremy Jones, Senior; and Humberto Espinosa, Sophomore, thank you

Seniors Shine



MARK LANCASTER



JUAN GONZALEZ

Name: Mark Lancaster
 Nickname: Marky Mark, Marcus
 Age: 18
 Birthdate: November 16, 1976
 Birth place: Clovis, N.M.
 Parents: Mike and Cindy Lancaster
 Brothers & Sisters: Steven
 Favorite Color: Blue
 Favorite Food: Pizza
 Favorite Song: I Wouldn't Have It Any Other Way.

Favorite Movie: None
 How Long Have You Attended Motley County I.S.D.: 3 years
 Activities: Basketball, Track
 Favorite Subject: None
 Favorite Activity: Play basketball and shooting 3 pointers or half courts.

Best Advice Ever Received: Do the best you can do and do it for yourself.
 Favorite Memory: Being a Freshman.
 Goals: Graduate, go to College, get a good paying job after college.

Plans After High School: Go to College and major in Electronics.
 If I Could Change Anything About My School Years, What Would It Be: Make better grades, hang out with my friends more.

Most Important to Me: Parents and Relatives.
 Hobbies: Playing Basketball, Baseball.

In My Spare Time: Cook, Sleep, Travel, play video games.

Name: Juan Andres Gonzalez
 Nickname: Coony
 Age: 18
 Birthdate: 9-1-76
 Birth place: Lockney, Texas
 Parents: Antonio & Romana Gonzalez
 Brothers and Sisters: Tony and Joe
 Favorite Color: Blue
 Favorite Food: Chicken and Rice
 Favorite Song: I Swear
 Favorite Movie: Speed

How long have you attended MC ISD: 13 years.

Activities: Basketball, Track, Cross Country, FFA, FHA.
 Favorite Subject: Spanish
 Favorite Activity: Basketball
 Best advice ever received: Make the most of my Senior year.

Favorite memory: Summer of '94, vacation to Florida.

Goals: Excell in all my college classes.
 Plans after high school: Plan to attend college at South Plains.

If I could change anything about my school years, what would it be: Work harder in class to make good grades.
 Most important to me: My parents.

Hobbies: Swim, travel.

In my spare time: Go to Lubbock to the movies and to spend time with friends.

One Act Play To Compete

Thursday, March 23, 1995, Motley County High School's One Act Play cast and crew will travel to Petersburg to compete in the Zone UIL Contest. The contest will be held in the auditorium at Petersburg High School. Plays from Petersburg, Spur, Lorenzo and Motley County will be involved in the competition. The first play will begin at 2:30 p.m. with Motley County performing last. Plays will be performed back to back, so Motley County's play could begin as early as 4:30 p.m., depending on the length of the other plays. No one is permitted to enter the auditorium after a play has begun.

The play this year is presented by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, Illinois and is entitled ASHES, ASHES, ALL FALL DOWN by Joseph Robinette. The play centers around the tragic deaths of six individuals and develops a theme concerning dysfunctional family problems. Students involved include: Steve Hertz, played by Jarrod Brooks; Arthur Wilcox, Brad Thacker; Sara Blackmore Townsend, Mandi Farley; Carl Besterfield, Brandon Blanch; Gerry, Jeremy Smith; Marci, Monica Clifton; Jimbo, Cody Campbell; Debra, Lesa Prather; Tom, Kevin Keltz; Ellen, Leslie Van Hoose.

Acting as crew are Chesle Parson, lights and stage manager; Desiree Bowden, sound; and Jeremy Jones, special effects. The public is encouraged to attend the contest in Petersburg on March 23, 1995, beginning at 2:30 p.m. and lend support to these young people who have worked hard to entertain you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday, March 23: FFA Judging Contest, Stephenville.
 PTO meeting, 7:00 p.m. in School Cafeteria.

One Act Play (zone)
 Friday, March 24: Tennis Tournament, high school, Lubbock.

Saturday, March 25: FFA Judging Contest, San Marcos.
 Track, high school, junior high, at Hart.

PRAYER

God of mercy, we pray for our schools, teachers, students, parents and those who select the educational materials. Help us, God, to bring back prayer, that our children may learn that there is a choice of the God they choose and the life they lead. Watch over them and guide their footsteps. Amen.

On Tuesday, March 21, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. Motley County High School will present its One Act Play for the public in the Motley County Gymnasium. Admission will not be charged; however, all donations made will be set aside for use by the Theater Arts Department to purchase a portable cassette stereo.

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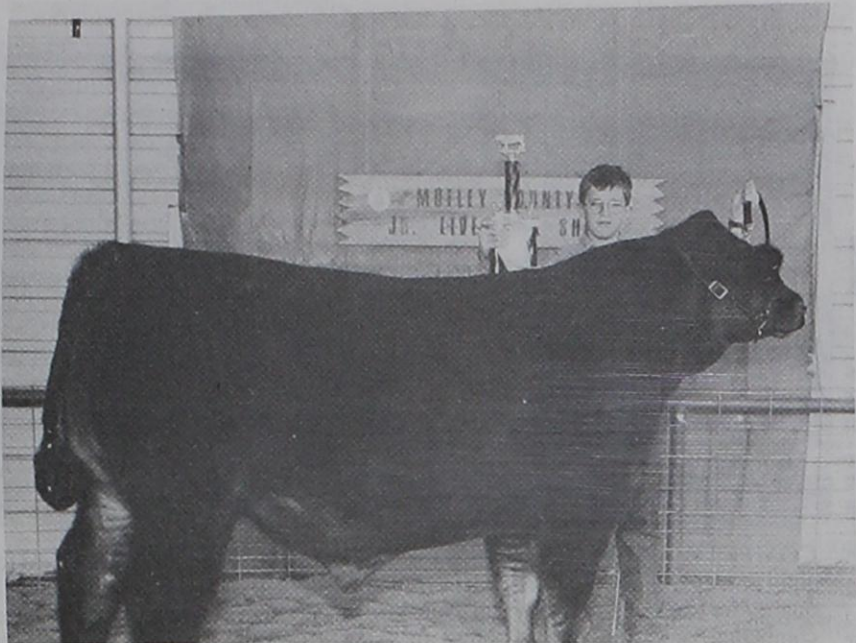
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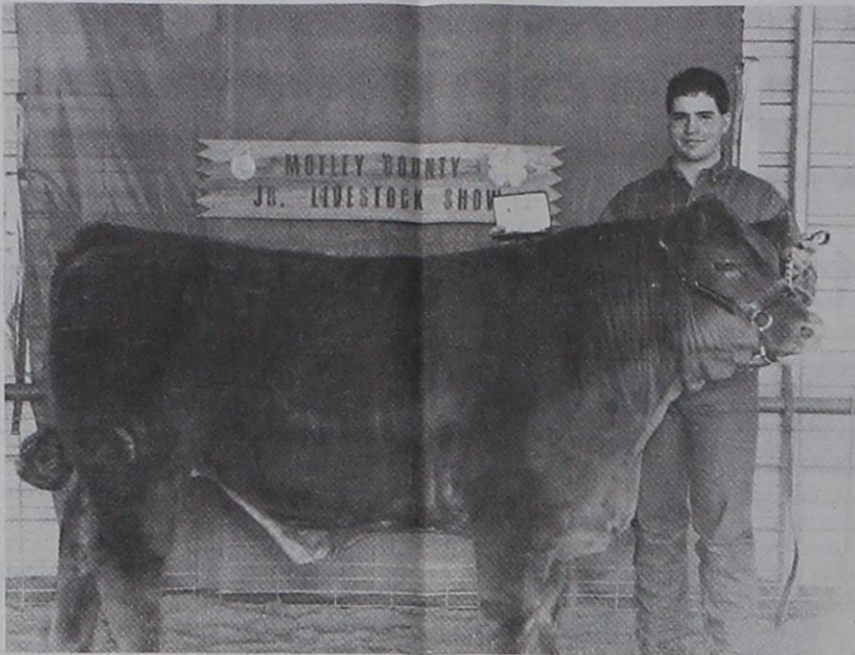
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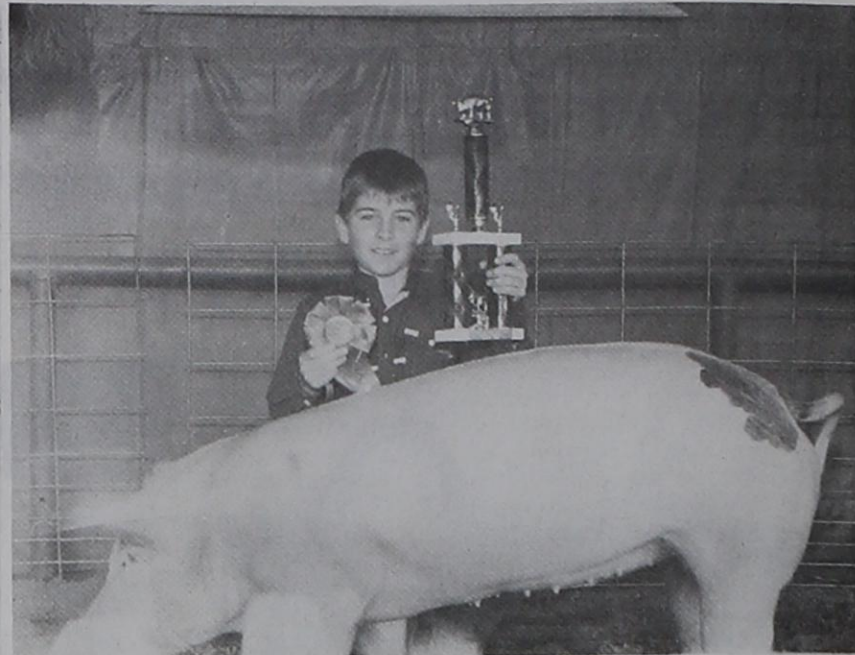
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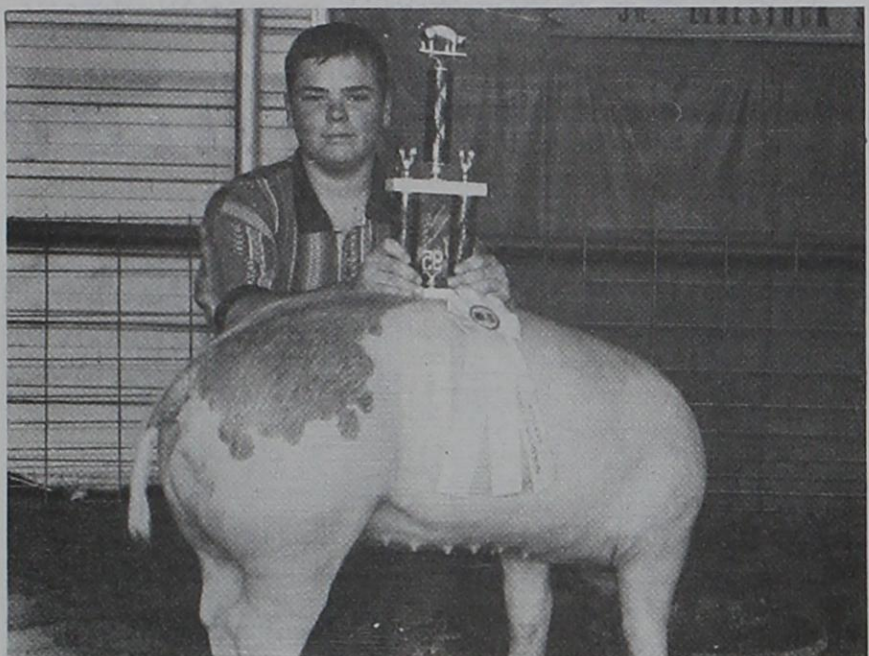
RESERVE CHAMPION CALF — Andy Paul Jones showed the Reserve Champion calf in Saturday's Livestock Show. Andy is the son of Mike and Jan Jones of Roaring Springs.



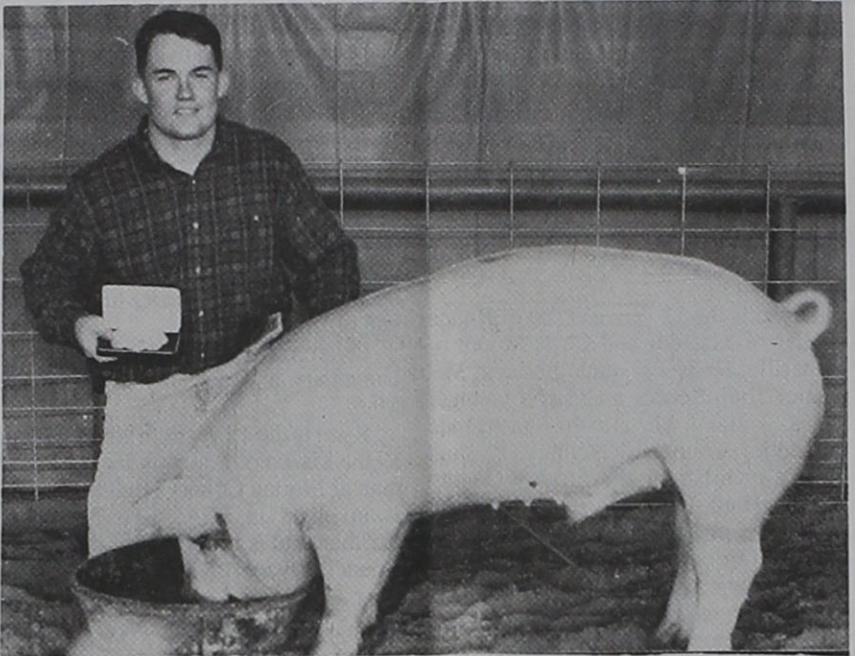
SHOWMANSHIP CALF — Darryn Perryman received the Showmanship Award in the Calf division. Darryn is the son of Linda Perryman of Matador.



GRAND CHAMPION HOG — Justin Jameson received the Grand Champion trophy for his Hog. Justin is the son of Travis and Lou Anne Jameson of Matador.



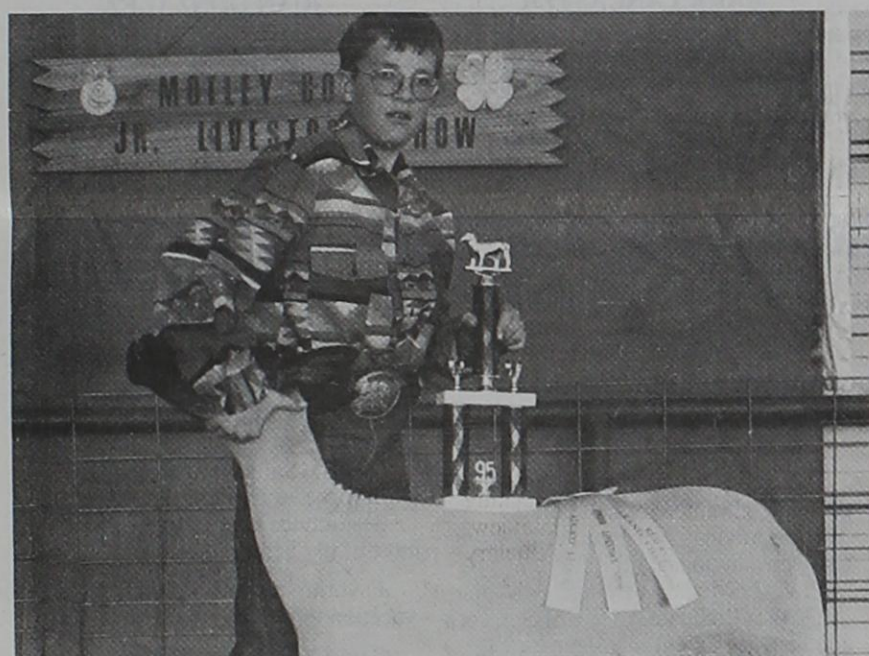
RESERVE CHAMPION HOG — Matt Woolsey received the Reserve Champion trophy for his hog. Matt is the son of Darrell and Judy Woolsey of Roaring Springs.



SHOWMANSHIP HOG — Brandon Blanch received the Showmanship Award in the Hog Division at the Livestock Show, Saturday. Brandon is the son of George and Mary Blanch of Matador.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Kayla Copp received the Grand Champion trophy for her Lamb in Saturday's Livestock Show. Kayla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Copp of Matador. Kayla also received the Showmanship Award.



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB — Andy Paul Jones received the trophy for Reserve Champion Lamb. Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jones of Roaring Springs.



GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION RABBIT — Cole Grundy received the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion trophies for his rabbits. Cole is the son of Ben Grundy and Mary Lou Grundy of Matador.



PEEWEE — These boys participated in the PeeWee Division of the Livestock Show, showing 4-H and FFA members' hogs. Each boy received a blue ribbon. They are pictured left to right (back) Cody Cooper, John Stevens, Clay Cooper, Matthew Martin, and Colton Russell; (front) Zane Graves, Martin Walker, Cade Luckett, and Cagen Denison.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers To Sponsor Night Of Gospel Singing

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor a night of Gospel Singing at the Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Building at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 25. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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