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Sign up for local elections begins Saturday, February 14

Early Voting begins February 23 for March 9th Primary Election

Candidates wishing to sign up for a place on the ballot for the May 15 local elections may do so beginning Saturday, February 14. School board candidates can sign up at the Superintendent's office at Motley County school. City council candidates can sign up at the Matador or Roaring Springs City Hall.

There are two 3-year positions and one 2-year position up for election on the School Board. The three year positions are currently held by Shonda Elliott and Les Woolsey; the two year position is currently held by David Stafford.

The City of Roaring Springs will have the 2-year Mayor's term, which is currently held by Corky Marshall, and two 2-year council positions, now held by Gary Simpson and Kelly Keltz.

The City of Matador will have the Mayor's position, now held by Mayor Pro-Tem, Shane Jones, and two council positions available, now held by Pat Seigler, who replaced Fred Parson and a term left open by Shane Jones when she was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem.

Those wishing to obtain more information about any of these positions should contact the respective offices.

Candidates will have until 5:00 p.m. March 15 to file.

Monday, Feb. 9, was the last day to register to vote in the upcoming March 9th primary election. The election law states that voters must present their voter registration card when they vote or provide some other form of identification.

Registered voters who wish to vote by mail in the March 9th election must submit an application for an early ballot to be sent to them by mail. Applicants may call the county clerk's office for application to be mailed. To

be eligible to receive a ballot by mail, the voter must be age 65 or older; have a disability; be confined in jail; or expecting to be absent from the county the day of election. Applications for ballots by mail must be received by the County Clerk's office by Monday, March 1.

Early voting by personal appearance begins Monday, February 23 and continues through Friday, March 5. Early voting will be held in the Motley County Clerk's office.

Local candidates include incumbents Jim Meador, Motley County Sheriff; Franklin Jameson, Commissioner Precinct 3; Ronnie Davis, Commissioner Precinct 1; and County Tax Assessor/Collector, Elaine Hart.

The Democratic ballot will include two referendums:

1. For or against any efforts to end or privatize Social Security or Medicare programs.

2. For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.

Although several presidential candidates have dropped out, their names will appear on the ballot. The list includes Wesley K. Clark, Randy Crow, Howard Dean, John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, John F. Kerry, Dennis J. Kucinich, Lyndon H.

LaRouche, Jr., Joe Lieberman and Al Sharpton.

Other Democratic candidates are Railroad Commissioner, Bob Scarborough; Justice Supreme Court, Place 9, David Van Os; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6, J.R. Molina.

All local candidates will be listed on the Democratic ballot.

Incumbent President George W. Bush tops the Republican ballot.

Other candidates include United State Representative, District 13, Mac Thornberry; Railroad Commissioner, Robert Butler, Victor G. Carrillo, Douglas G. Deffenbaugh, K. Dale Henry; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3, Harriet O'Neill; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5, Paul Green and Steven Wayne Smith; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9, Scott Brister; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2, Guy James Gray and Lawrence "Larry" Meyers; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5, Cheryl Johnson and Patricia Noble; Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6, Michael E. Keasler and Steven M. Porter; State Senate, District 28, Robert Duncan; State Representative, District 88, Warren Chisum; Justice 7th Court of Appeals, Place 4, Jim Campbell.

Flipping Pancakes

Matador Lions Club members, Pennie Pipkin and Ronnie Vandiver flip pancakes for the club's annual pancake supper held Tuesday night during the Matadors last basketball game. The event is held each year to raise money to aid in community events.

Governor Perry declares February 6th "Ronald Reagan Day" in Texas

Washington -- Governor Rick Perry has honored one of America's greatest Presidents by declaring February 6th "Ronald Reagan Day," giving special recognition to the 93rd birthday of America's 40th President.

Governor Perry's proclamation honors an American patriot on his birthday, and serves to remind old and young alike of the contributions to American history made by one of the few presidents who can truly be described as "larger than life." President Reagan's dedication and perseverance to bring down Communism and win the Cold War strengthened the self-confidence of all Americans, while bringing freedom and opportunity to millions around the world.

"Governor Perry should be praised for his foresight in recognizing Reagan's achievements on his birthday," said taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, President of the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project.

"In the hustle of daily life, people often forget that, until Reagan's Presidency, Americans looked down the barrel of Soviet guns, endured double digit inflation and unemployment, suffered interest rates of 21%, and waited for countless hours of gas lines. President Reagan changed all that, and Rick Perry to be sure Texans have learned the lessons of history."

The Ronald Reagan Legacy Project seeks to promote the memory of one of our nation's

greatest presidents. Each year, it encourages governors and

state legislatures across the country to commemorate Reagan's birthday. Last year, 17 State Governors honored President Reagan in this way. In addition, the Reagan Legacy Project seeks to dedicate one memorial to Mr. Reagan in each county across the nation, as well as in former communist countries. One of the more high profile recent successes was naming Washington, DC's primary airport Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

"Governor Perry has honored a great man, and has performed a service for the people of Texas," Norquist continued. "I thank him for his help in our important endeavor."

Miss MC South Plains to be crowned Saturday night

Motley County PTO will sponsor the annual Miss Motley County South Plains pageant Saturday, February 14. The event, featuring girls ages 4-18, will take place in the school gym beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs will provide musical entertainment.

2003-04 basketball season comes to an end for Matadors

by Amanda Hurt

The Motley County Matadors' basketball season came to an end Tuesday night when they were defeated by the Patton Springs Rangers.

The Ladies put up a hard fight but were defeated 53-41. Brittany Moore led in scoring with 11 points, followed by Mandi Ream with 9 and Stachia Baxter with 8. Chicagra Brown added 7, Sabrina Osborn, 3, Charli Ream, 2 and Ashlee Green, 1.

The Ladies end their season with a 4-6 district record.

The Matador men were also defeated by the Rangers, 62-39. Colton Russell led in scoring with 12 points, followed by Quinten Rose with 9. Clay Cooper added 6, Matt Henzler, Aaron Dodson and Gene Salazar each added 3, Chance Bingham, 2, and Lorenzo Salazar, 1.

The men end their season with a 2-8 district record.

The teams played Wilson February 3. The Ladies blew away Wilson with a final score of 54-31. Lead scorer was Brittany Moore with 16 points. Charli Ream wasn't far behind with 12, Mandi Ream 8, Griselda

Flores 6, Stachia Baxter and Ashlee Green each put in 4, Kasha Denny and Sabrina Osborn had 2. The Matadors also played a good game but were defeated 53-36. Leading in scoring was Quinten Rose with 11 points, Colton Russell 7, Matt Henzler and Chance Bingham each put in 6, Lorenzo Salazar 4 and Aaron Dodson 2.

Their next game was against Spur on February 6. The Lady Mats put up a good fight but were defeated by the Spurettes 64-29. Lead scorer was Brittany Moore with 17

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First Baptist Church will hosts Ladies Luncheon

"The Virtuous Woman" is the theme for the upcoming Women's Salad Luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Saturday, February 28, at 12:00 noon. All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends.

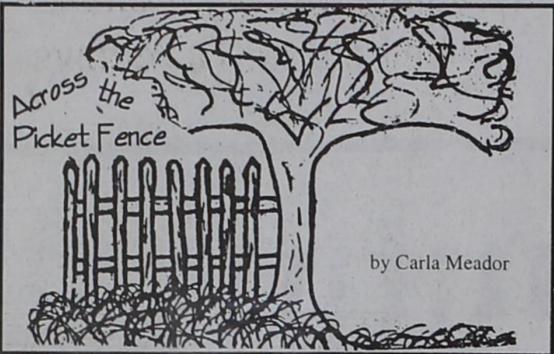
Special guest Connie Johnson of Floydada, will bring

with her a team of women who will present the program, including special music.

The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for ev-

ery two or three women in the group.

Individuals are not required to pre-register, but groups are asked to notify the church before Thursday, February 26, in order to provide adequate seating. To register or to receive more information, call Lana Copp (347-2425) or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).



In honor of Valentine's Day, I thought you might like reading these definitions of love from a group of 4-8 year-olds. When presented the question, "What does love mean?" The kid's answers were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca, age 8.

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy, age 4.

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Kari, age 5.

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri, age 4.

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay." Danny, age 7.

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily, age 8.

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby, age 7.

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka, age 6.

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them." Jenny, age 8.

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day." Noelle, age 7.

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy, age 6.

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy, age 8.

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare, age 6.

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine, age 5.

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris, age 7.

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann, age 4.

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren, age 4.

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen, age 7.

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross." Mark, age 6.

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica, age 8.

And the final one — Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year-old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Happy Valentine's Day!



Flomot Do Gooders celebrate President's Day with tea party

Women arrived Tuesday afternoon, February 3 at the Community Center in Flomot for the Do Gooders' Club meeting wearing beautiful attire with complimentary hats and gloves in observance of President's Day and an enjoyable tea party.

Hostesses, Mrs. Suzie Shannon and Mrs. Alma Shorter had an arrangement of tables in the Center with each accommodating four individuals with a place setting of China Tea Service. The tables were draped with designed cloths and centered with a miniature crocheted doll and a small colorful floral bouquet. They presided at a silver tea service and served finger sandwiches, cookies and spiced tea.

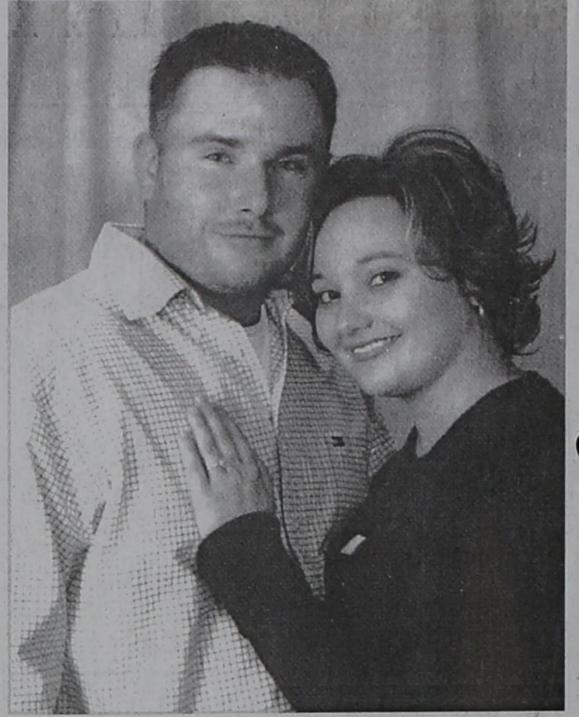
A short business session was conducted by Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, president. They voted to have a quilt on which to sell chances for their Fall Bazaar.

They will decide on a pattern at the next meeting.

Following the business, they were each given a pencil and paper and asked to write the names of the 42 U.S. Presidents that had served our nation. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse remembered the majority of the presidents and was presented a Martha Washington doll, wife of president George Washington.

Mrs. Waydette Clay's number was drawn for the hostess gift, a pair of Terry Cloth house shoes.

Those attending were Mesdames Kathy Shorter, Anna Beth Clay, Alma Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Nada Starkey, Trula Martin, Leona Degan, Tommie Jo Cruse, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers and Geneva Martin. Guest was Mrs. Christeen Gilbert of Quitaque.



Aaron Paul Green and Randa Jan McBee

Wedding plans announced

James and Janice McBee of Quitaque and Billy and Cindy Green of Matador are proud to announce the engagement of their children Randa Jan and Aaron Paul. Grandmother of the bride is Florence Cobb of Floydada. The groom's grandfather is Art Green of Matador.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Valley High School. She is currently a freshman at Clarendon College majoring in Early Childhood Development. The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Motley County High School. He is employed by Green Construction of Matador.

The couple will exchange vows June 5, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. They plan to make their home in Matador.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Tonight, Thursday, February 12, 2004, there will be a Program at the library entitled, "Money and Investing...It's simpler than You Think." No admission charge, everyone is invited. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments.

We appreciate the memorials that we received last week. We thank Franklin and Susan Jameson for their donation to the library in memory of Katherine Martin, Dortha Whitfield, Jerry Watson, and Marty Fletcher. We also thank Callie and R. C. Giesecke for their donations to the library in memory of Ira Sullivan and Kathryn Martin. The library also received a donation from The First State Bank of Matador and we are grateful for it.

Fredia Burns will lead a book discussion on Francine Rivers' book, *And the Shofar*

blew, on Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 P.M. This event will be at the library and the Friends of the Library will furnish refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

There was a lively Friends of the Library meeting last Thursday, and after it was over, everyone stayed to watch the changing of the mural in the children's section. Ed D. Smith, Kenneth Abbott and Ruby McGuire took down the Alaska mural and replaced it with the Africa mural. Fredia and Clint Burns have loaned the library some of their souvenirs that they brought back from Africa. Everyone is invited to come to the library to enjoy this interesting display and the mural featuring a BIG elephant. Betty Henry, artist, tells me that she hid a green snake in this mural. Come see if you can find it.



Ted & Nelta Green

Couple to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Ted and Nelta Green of Plainview would like to invite friends and relatives to a reception in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The reception will be held Saturday, February 21, 2004, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Turkey.

Ted Green of Matador and Nelta Edwards of Turkey were married on February 20, 1954, at the Methodist Parsonage in Matador with Rev. W.V. O'Kelly officiating. Nelta is the daughter of the late Roy and Olena (Owens) Edwards of Turkey. Ted is the son of the late James C. and Leona Mae (Slover) Green of Matador.

Children and grandchildren of the couple are Keith and Sherry Paschal and Bradley, and Rickey and Jackie Green, Nicole, Eric and Stacie, all of Tahoka, Tom and Sharla Miller, Chad and Jody of Tullia, and David and Elaine Green, Kevin and Kaley of Sunray. One daughter, Sharece, is deceased.

Breast Screening clinic will be conducted at Motley County Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Motley County, 1224, Main, in Matador on March 4, 2004.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. They key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an

annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Happy Birthday Mom!

Words To Live By

To live life to the fullest — to have a productive life for good — to be more pleasant, likeable, kind, patient, etc., we need all the help we can get. Gathered from here and there are a few "words to live by:"

1. ANGER is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
2. You can't change the PAST, but you can ruin the PRESENT by worrying over the FUTURE.
3. EVERYONE needs to be LOVED ... especially when they do not deserve it.
4. LAUGHTER is God's sunshine.
5. THANK GOD for what you have ... TRUST GOD for what you need.
6. Man LOOKS AT THE outward appearance - but the LORD looks WITHIN.
7. The CHOICES you make TODAY will usually affect TOMORROW.
8. If anyone speaks BADLY of you, LIVE so none will believe it.
9. Do WHAT you can - for WHO you can - with WHAT you have - and WHERE you are.

Find something here you can use, and use it. Remember that we only go through life once, so let's make the best of it. Here's to a better life....

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

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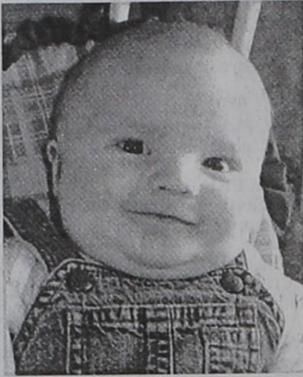
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My Sweet Valentine ...



Zachary Byron Ashby-Hurt
 2-year-old son of Tommy Hurt of Matador and Amanda Ashby of Roaring Springs, grandson of Cindy Campbell of Roaring Springs and Tommy & Kate Hurt of Matador, great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell of Dickens and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hurt of Matador, Nephew of Amanda Hurt of Matador and Kyle & Shane Ashby



Justyn Alexander Cooper
 son of Jayson and Barbara Cooper of Plainview, grandson of Ron & Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, LA, and Newell & Christa Tracy of Arlington, great-grandson of Jackie & Shirley Smith of Matador, Charlotte Tracy of Hemett, CA, and Elmer & Bethel Koedam of Apache Junction, AZ



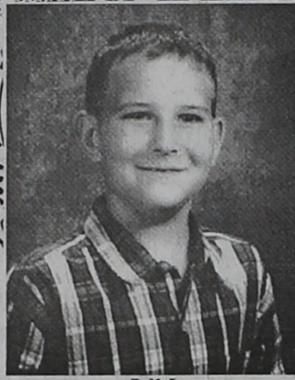
Colton Ryan Martin
 1-year-old son of Ryan & Jamie Martin of Whiteflat, grandson of Hal & Kelle Martin of Whiteflat and great-grandson of Art Green of Matador



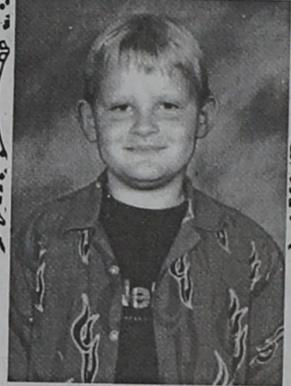
Skylar Alyson Blount, age 2
 daughter of Heather & Scott Blount of Lubbock, granddaughter of Johnney & Carol Ann Turner of Lubbock, and Ben and Irene Blount of Paducah, great-granddaughter of Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton and Georgia Ann Releta of Paducah



Angelica Meredith
 daughter of Cody & Leah Meredith of Las Vegas, Nevada, granddaughter of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs and Garrett & Levette Timmins of Austin, great-granddaughter of Mae Kippins of Las Vegas NV



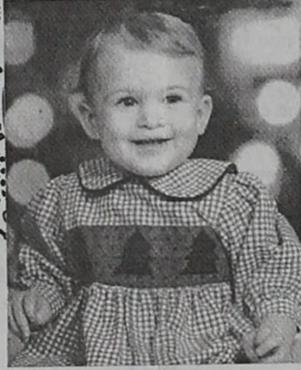
Jonah Meredith
 son of Cody & Leah Meredith of Las Vegas, Nevada, grandson of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs and Garrett & Levette Timmins of Austin, great-grandson of Mae Kippins of Las Vegas, NV



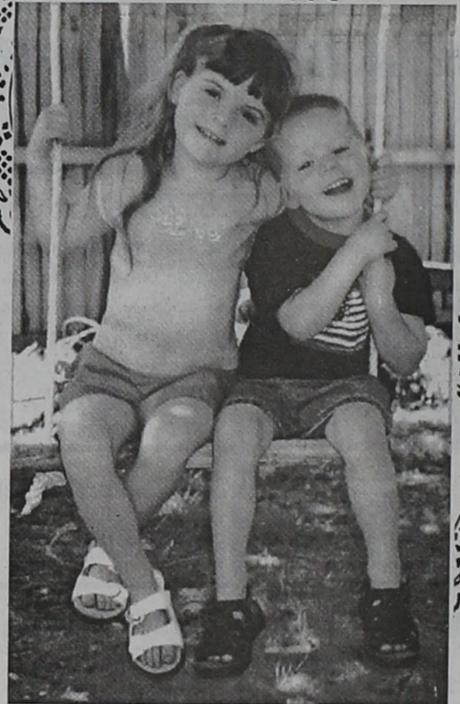
Parker Meredith
 8-year-old son of Yancy and Daphne Meredith, grandson of Joe and Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs and Ronald and Dorothy Farmer of Hale Center, great-grandson of Mildred Sowell of Hale Center



Skylar Avery Horen
 1-year-old daughter of D.J. and Paka Horen of Plano, granddaughter of Kenny & Olivia Barton of Matador, Don & Pam Horen of Hartford, WI, great-granddaughter of Vivian Campbell of Amarillo, L.B. & Lucretia Campbell of Matador, Louise Barton and the late Alfred Barton Jr. of Matador, and Adalene Heckle of Appleton, WI



Claire Meador
 daughter of Doug and Natalie Meador of Kingwood, granddaughter of Doug, Sr. and Barbara Meador of Ozona and great-granddaughter of Dena Meador of Matador and Bob Copeland of Afton



Morgan Anne & Judson David Jones
 Morgan, 6, and Judson, 4, are the children of Jeremy & Whitney Jones of Lubbock, grandchildren of Jim & Carla Meador and Travis & Lou Anne Jameson of Matador, and Jon & Chris Jones of Fremont, CA, great-grandchildren of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs, Marian Jones of Watsonville, CA, Marlon Woodruff of Matador, Dorothy Nichols of Floydada and Dena Meador of Matador



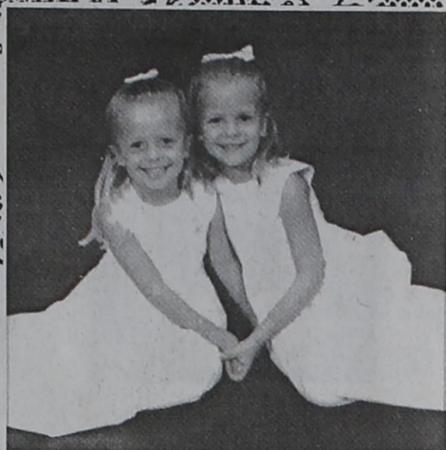
Taylor D'Este Davis
 daughter of Sam and Diane Davis of Colorado Springs, CO, great-granddaughter of Opal Pipkin of Matador



Madison Franks
 granddaughter of Gerald & Penny Pipkin, and great-granddaughter of Opal Pipkin of Matador



Er'yn & Tanner Williams
 grandchildren of Opal Pipkin of Matador, children of Ross and Linda Williams of Dallas, Texas



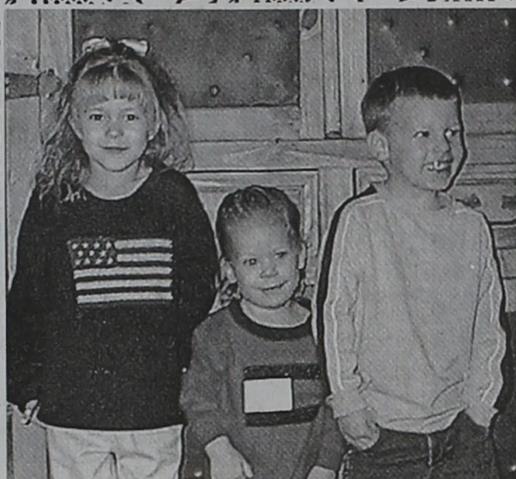
Madison & Morgan Mzyk
daughters of Frank & Renee Mzyk of Flower Mound
granddaughters of Butch and Judy Renfro of Matador
and Irene Mzyk of San Antonio



Jason & Branton Bailey
grandsons of Ron & Kay Bailey



Kolton & Dillon Bailey
grandsons of Ron & Kay Bailey



Macie, Cambrie & Eli Marshall
MeMe & PawPaw's Sweethearts!
children of Brent & Jana Marshall of Matador,
grandchildren of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador,
great-grandchildren of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs



Rivers & Tyne Marshall
MeMe & PawPaw's Sweethearts!
daughters of Brian & Nancy Marshall of Matador,
granddaughters of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador,
and Jackie & Sharon Martin of Roaring Springs,
great-granddaughters of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring
Springs, and Josie Martin of Spur



Andrew Westbrook
son of Randy and Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock
grandson of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador
and David and Terri Westbrook of Lubbock
great-grandson of Pete and Bessie Jean Williams of Matador,
Jim & Wanda Stockton of Whiteflat,
Jim & Paula Westbrook of Lubbock,
and Andy and Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, AR



Caitlynn Wright, 5, and Cayden Skaggs, 3
children of Beatrice Skaggs of Breckenridge
grandchildren of Kay Skaggs and Bobby Witcher of Roaring Springs
and David and Nancy Wright of Athens



Happy Valentines to Kaitlyn
from G.G. & Pappy



Happy Valentines
to Jerod, Kandi, Kelly, Kaitlyn, Lesa, Kevin
and soon to arrive, Kenzie
from Pennie, Mom & G.G.



**Jessie Price, Bailey Bulls, Payton Price,
Chancey Campbell, Jack Price, Tyler Campbell
and Barrett Bulls**
grandchildren of Bundy Hal and Dixie Campbell



Kaitlan Marie Price
6-year-old daughter of Heath & Tonya Givens of Spur,
and Keith Price of Turkey; granddaughter of Larry & Donna Hoyle
of Matador, Preston and Cinda Givens of Spur,
and Joe and Janice Price of Quitaque



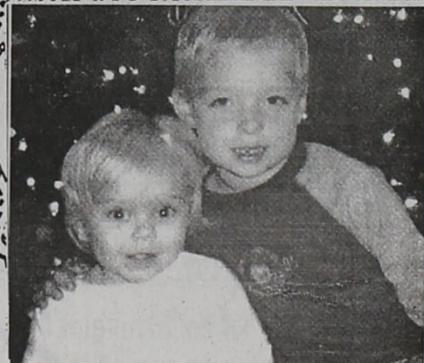
Madison Brooke Givens
7-month-old daughter of Heath & Tonya Givens of Spur,
granddaughter of Larry & Donna Hoyle of Matador
and Preston and Cinda Givens of Spur



Journey Ruth Blair
daughter of Brian and Kobbli Blair of Salem, Oregon,
granddaughter of Fred and Elaine Risser of Matador,
and great-granddaughter of Frances Dixon of Whiteflat



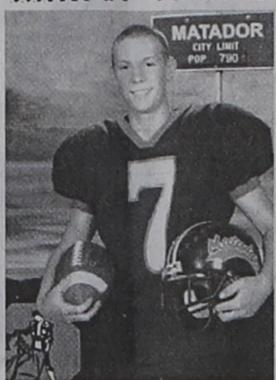
Zoe Grace Barnes
daughter of Bryan and Paige Barnes
granddaughter of Bobby and Jeanne Williams and
W.L. and Kathy Barnes
great-granddaughter of Cleo Watson and Bertha Walker



Augie Reding & Riley Cox
Augie's parents are Greg & Shawn Reding of Sanger,
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cox of Matador
and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reding of Sanger
Riley's parents are Ron & Lauren Cox of Lubbock
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Cox of Matador,
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Miles of El Paso and Jack & Cynthia Young of Bells
Great-grandparents are Leona and Ellis Terry of Matador



Cody Cooper
son of Jim & Judy Cooper of Matador
and grandson of Jean Cooper of Matador



Clay Cooper
son of Jim & Judy Cooper of Matador
and grandson of Jean Cooper of Matador



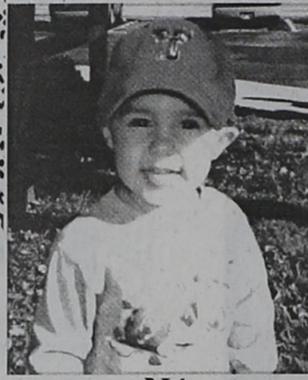
Clint Cooper
son of Jim & Judy Cooper of Matador
and grandson of Jean Cooper of Matador



Cassidy & Carley Turner
daughters of Craig & Cathy Turner
of Matador, granddaughters of Steve & Linda Hess
and Dean & Nova Dale Turner of Matador;
great-granddaughters of Omar Parks of Roaring
Springs and Sylvia Martin of Matador.



Taylor, Kenzie & Paige Perryman
daughters of Darryl & DeeAnn Perryman
granddaughters of Steve and Linda Hess
of Matador, and Barbara Bryant
great-granddaughters of Omar Parks
of Roaring Springs



Koopar Bowen
son of Kurt & Shayne Bowen,
grandson of Steve & Linda Hess



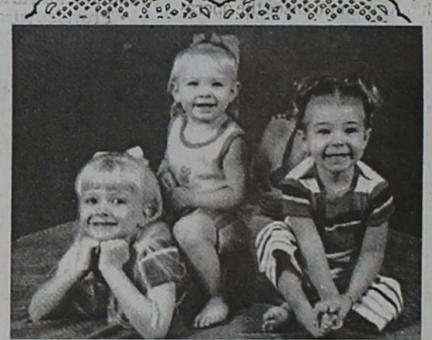
Autumn & Wyatt Perryman
children of Darryn & Coleen Perryman,
grandchildren of Steve & Linda Hess of Matador
and Bob & Sheila McNeely;
great-grandchildren of Omar Parks of Roaring Springs



Kittle, JoBeth, Memori, Cassie, Britt & Kyler
Grandchildren of Joyce Campbell and the late Kirby Campbell of
Matador, Dan & Nancy Hagood of Lubbock, Bob & Mary Taylor of
Louisville, KY, and John and Bernice Buchanan of Lubbock



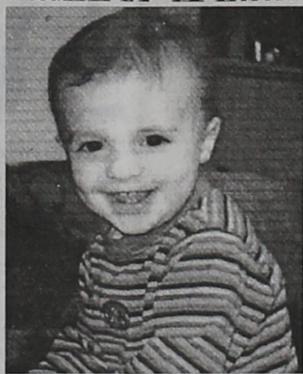
Jayda Prari Jameson
daughter of Jarrett and Shawna Jameson of Tell
granddaughter of Franklin and Susan Jameson of Northfield,
and Jack and Sue Mixon of Lubbock,
great-granddaughter of Margie Payne of Roaring Springs
and Dorothy Nichols of Floydada



Natalie, Emily & Sierra Jameson
Natalie and Emily are the daughters
of Jeromy & Danika Jameson of Matador;
Sierra is the daughter of
Jarrett & Shawna Jameson of Tell;
grandparents are Franklin & Susan Jameson
of Northfield and Cindy Carthell of Edmondson;
and Jack & Sue Mixon of Lubbock;
great-grandparents are Margie Payne
of Roaring Springs and Dorothy Nichols of Floydada
and Dorothy Carthell of Floydada



Kyler Scott Grisham
Son of Memori and Lance Donaldson of Lubbock
and Scott Grisham of Dallas,
grandson of Douglas & Janie Campbell of Matador,
Tim Assiter of Floydada, Marilyn Grisham of Panhandle,
and Dave & Carrie Donaldson of Dallas,
great-grandson of Dan & Nancy Hagood of Lubbock,
Tommy & Joy Assiter of Floydada and Joyce Campbell of Matador,
great-great grandson of John & Bernice Buchanan of Lubbock



Hunter Lefevre
son of Billy & Kristy Lefevre of Amarillo,
great-grandson of Omar Parks of Roaring Springs, Harry & Freida
Swift of Amarillo & D.E. and Ruth Hankins of Lubbock; grandson of
Bruce & Dorothy Lefevre of Roaring Springs
and Eddie & Gayle Hankins of Clarendon.



Tamara & Korie Wilson
Daughters of Billy and Pam Wilson
and granddaughters of Vann & Sondra Francis of Matador,
and Wilma Wilson of Girard



Primary functions of elected officials

The following outlines are the primary functions of elected county officials from the Texas Association of Counties.

County Judges

The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of County Judge, who presides over a five-member Commissioners Court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations. The County Judge handles such widely varying matters as hearings for beer and wine license applications, hearing of admittance to state hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, juvenile work permits and temporary guardianship for special purposes. The judge is also responsible for calling elections, posting election notices, and for receiving and canvassing the election returns. The county judge may perform marriages.

A county judge in Texas may have judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters - responsibility for these functions vary from county to county. In those counties in which the judge has judicial responsibilities, the judge has appellate jurisdiction over matters arising from the justice courts. The county judge is also head of civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and in counties under 225,000 population, the judge prepares the county budget along with the county auditor or county clerk.

Constables

These peace officers are the first link in the county's chain of law enforcement. Along with their deputies, constables have all the powers of peace officers.

Constables are sometimes referred to as the executive officer of the justice of the peace courts. Their duties are to:

- Subpoena witnesses;
- Act as bailiff;
- Execute judgements; and
- Serve of process.

In large metropolitan counties the constable may also assist the county and district courts. In addition, they may perform patrol functions and make criminal investigations. They are involved in the overall effort to reduce the effects of crime in their communities, including in some cases the operation of truancy programs.

Justices of the Peace

Section 19 of Article 5 of the Texas Constitution provides that justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in criminal matters of misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only and such other jurisdiction as may be provided by law. Original jurisdiction is the authority to accept a case as its inception, try it and pass judgement based upon the laws and facts. This is distinguished from appellate jurisdiction which is jurisdiction to review a court's action. The justice of peace performs the functions of a magistrate and conducts inquests.

A justice of the peace may issue warrants for search and arrest, conduct preliminary hearings, administer oaths, perform marriages and serve as a coroner in counties where there is no provision for a medical examiner. The justice court also functions as a small claims court in civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in district or county court and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$5,000. They can also deal with matters concerning foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property.

County Treasurers

The County Treasurer, as the chief custodian of county finance, shall:

- Receive all monies belonging to the county from whatever source;
- Keep and account for all monies in a designated depository; and
- Pay and apply or disburse all monies in such a manner as commissioners court may direct, by law.

All receipts of any official belonging to the county must be turned over to the county treasurer daily. The county treasurer often acts as the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks. In this capacity, he or she maintains records of all deposits and withdrawals, and reconciles all bank statements, thus assuring their accuracy and the safety of county funds. The county treasurer, who may be designated as the county's investment officer, is required to submit regular reports on county finance to the members of commissioners court to inspect and verify.

County and District Attorneys

The main duties of the county and/or district attorney is to represent the state in criminal cases. The county and/or dis-

trict attorney works with law enforcement officers in the investigation and preparation of cases to be heard before the criminal courts. When requested in writing, the county attorney provides legal counsel to county officers.

The overwhelming importance of the office of public prosecutors arises from the fact that upon the prosecuting attorney rests the power of determining whether prosecution in any given case shall be inaugurated or, if inaugurated, pushed to a successful conclusion.

District Clerk

The Texas Government Code states the duties and powers of the clerk of the district court: "The clerk of the District Court has custody of and shall carefully maintain and arrange the records relating to or lawfully deposited in the clerk's office." The district clerk shall:

- Record the acts and proceedings of the district court;
- Enter all judgements of the court under the direction of the judge;
- Record all executions issued and the returns issued on the executions;
- Process passport applications;
- Administer trust accounts for minors ordered by the courts;

Commissioners

Four commissioners, each elected from a quarter of the county's population, serve along with the county judge on the commissioners court:

- Sets the yearly property tax rate and approve the budget and employment level for the county;
- Sets commissioners and justice of the peace precinct boundaries;
- Calls, conducts and certifies elections, including bond elections;
- Sets employment and benefit policy;
- Establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans;
- Acquires property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest;
- Reviews and approve subdivision platting and wastewater treatment for rural areas;
- Provides rural ambulance services and subsidizes rural fire protection;
- Oversees the construction, maintenance and improvement of county roads and bridges;
- Appoints non-elected department heads and standing committees;
- Supervises and controls the county courthouse, county buildings and facilities;
- Adopts a county budget;
- Determines county tax rates;
- Fills vacancies in elective and appointive positions; and
- Has exclusive authority to authorize contracts in the name of the county.

Sheriffs

Duties of the Sheriff include:

- Providing security for the operation of county and district courts;
- Enforcing traffic laws, other county ordinances and other state laws;
- Service of process;
- Conducting sales of seized and unclaimed properties; and
- Accepting bail for prisoners in his custody;
- Taking charge of and responsibility for the county jail and prisoners.

• Keep an index of the parties to all suits filed in the court and make reference to any judgement made in the case; and

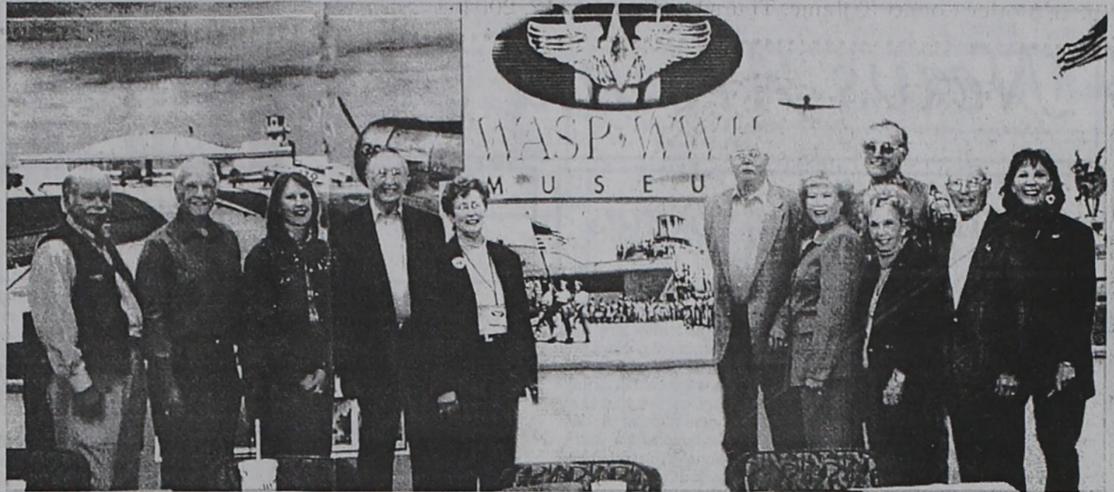
• Keep an account of all funds collected by the office, by way of fines and fees, and the amount due jurors in district court for service.

County Clerk

The main duties of the county clerk are:

- Administering all county and state elections, including early voting and primaries, unless the commissioners court has transferred the function to the tax assessor-collector or an office of county election administrator;
- Serving as clerk of the county court and the commissioners court and keep records of the proceedings;
- Acting as recorder of deeds and other instruments;
- Filing and recording birth and death certificates;
- Recording assumed names, wills and probate;
- Issuing marriage licenses;
- Accounting for all funds paid to the office by way of fines and fees, and the amount owed to county court jurors for service.

In Texas counties with a population of less than 8,000, unless there has been a special election, the county clerk also



Local attorney, Tempie Francis, third from left, is pictured above with other WASP Museum Board members.

Local Attorney named to Wasp museum board

Tempie T. Francis has been named to the Board of Directors for the National Wasp WWII Museum. Tempie began flying in 1984 and continues to be involved in aviation. Tempie is an attorney with offices in Matador and Floydada. She received her law degree from Texas Tech in Lubbock.

The nation-wide membership drive for the national Wasp WWII Museum Association continues, with 344 members from

31 states as of Feb. 2. This proposed national Wasp WWII Museum will educate and inspire every generation with the history of the first women to fly American Military aircraft (The Women Airforce Service Pilots) in a museum to be built on the grounds of the airfield where they were trained and where history happened: Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. For more information log on to www.avengrfield.org or call 254-710-7202.

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serves as the district clerk, assuming all constitutional and statutory duties of the district clerk along with those of county clerk.

Tax Assessor-Collector

The major tax duty of the assessor-collector is the assessment (calculation) of taxes on each property in the county and collection of that tax as established by the State Property Tax Code. In addition, as an agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, the assessor-collector is responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the county.

Another duty of the county tax assessor-collector is that of voter registrar. In most Texas counties, a person would register to vote through the office of county tax assessor-collector. In a few counties, the commissioners court has designated the county clerk or an elections administrator to provide this function. The county tax office voter registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office.

The county tax assessor-collector is also responsible for the collections of special fees imposed by the county and state on coin-operated vending machines and the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The Bible ladies group met in the home of Mrs. Clint Burns on Monday morning, Feb. 9, with 17 ladies present. Mrs. Burns talked mostly on the book of Acts.

Mrs. Pearl Patten was in Lovington, NM visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palmer. He made a campaign speech for the Senate seat of New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim were in Floydada, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder was in Ardmore, Oklahoma last Wednesday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith, Sunday, were their daughter, Carla Meador of Matador and grandchildren, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock, and local residents, Daphne and Parker Meredith.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Lubbock, Tuesday, to keep a medical appointment.

Rev. Paul Stearns conducted graveside rights for Mrs. Gay Halford Henson on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 4. After the service the family came to the Methodist Fellowship hall for refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker helped with

the refreshments and helped Rev. Stearns serve the family. Mrs. Cleo Watson also furnished cookies and Lula Swim furnished a cake. Funeral services were held at Arlington on Monday, as she had been making her home there at the Masonic Home for the past few years.

Mrs. Robena King returned home last week after spending a week in the hospital and with her daughter and family at Plano.

WESLEYAN GUILD

Miss Lula Swim was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met at the fellowship hall on Feb. 4 with rs. Chelsea Read in charge as the president and vice-president were unable to attend. She gave the opening prayer and she taught the study on "Christian Secrets of a Happy Life." There was no business. Mrs. Chelsea Read helped with furnishing some of the refreshments. Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Callie Giesecke and Mrs. Robena King.

Mrs. Read gave the closing prayer.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading to its hope. It can outlast anything. Happy Valentine's Day!

Butch and Janice Hughes visited in Floydada, Wednesday in the home of son and family, Roger and Tiffany Hughes, Reagan and Tara. Joining them there to visit was another son and family, Rickey and Tasha Hughes and daughter, Kendal Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Dimmitt Monday and Tuesday for her medical treatment. Visiting them Tuesday night and Wednesday was her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon of Fritch.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock and Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A & M in Canyon visited the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers visited in Kalgary Friday with Stanley Degan and grandson, Seth McDaniel of Lubbock. The families continued to Post and visited Mrs. Shawna Abernathy and son, Jake of Abilene who was tending her shop at Trade Days. Her mother, Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary, co-owner of shop in Post, was in Oklahoma City with a Crafts Show. En route home, they visited in Crosbyton with Mrs. Dane (Crystal) Degan, Kyler and new baby son, Kason.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville in Plainview, Friday and Brian returned home with her and visited overnight. Saturday, they met Keri in Ralls for Brian's return trip home.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Mrs. Cara Carson were Cary Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and daughter, Madison of Lubbock. They were luncheon guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Johnie Starkey accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Amarillo, Tuesday for an optical examination.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited overnight Friday in Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Marsha Blake. Saturday she visited son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes, Brennan and Bayle. They enjoyed attending a Little League basketball game Saturday afternoon in which Brennan played.

Visitors last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were daughter and children, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton. They also visited Julie and Neal Edwards, Caden and new baby son, Jaxon.

Barbara and E.G. Reed attended an AARP Driver Safety Program recently held for two days at the Pioneer Room at the City Bank in Silverton. It was informative and interesting sessions.

Matador News

FORMER RESIDENT TO CELEBRATE 90TH BIRTHDAY
Former Matador resident, Donnie Jenkins will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 21. Friends who would like to send cards may do so to the following address:

Donnie Jenkins
120 Linda Lane
Levelland, TX 79336
806-894-4514

Spencer and Wilda Dixon met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock Monday

where she had cardiac medical tests. She was hospitalized Tuesday until Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon accompanied her home and visited until Sunday night. Mrs. Hester will continue to be under cardiac care.

Bill Moss was hospitalized recently following an accident in his home. He suffered an injured shoulder.

Mrs. Greta Smallwood had cataract eye surgery in Plainview, Thursday, Feb. 12. Her daughter, Mrs. Allen (Lisa) Morrow of Arlington came to be with her.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you Chamber of Commerce and merchants for the nice welcome to Matador and for the basket full of great gifts. Everyone has made us feel very welcome. It has been wonderful to come back home. We love you all.

Ken & Dot Jones

Words cannot begin to express our thanks and appreciation for all the loving kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow. We appreciate the food, flowers, memorial gifts, visits, phone calls and cards, and especially your prayers. Thank you Bro. Boggs for the special message, Diana and Roy for the beautiful music and to the ladies at the Baptist Church and all who brought food for the noon meal and to Seigler Funeral Home for their aid in the service. May God bestow His richest blessing on each of you.

The family of Kathryn Martin

I have always heard how lucky we were to live in Matador, now I agree. I want to thank everyone at the Clinic for their kindness and medical help, our Covenant Home Health people for their constant care, and the EMS personnel. I have been sick for two months or more and we had no Christmas and for all our young friends who sent Christmas goodies and even two full dinners on Christmas and New Years.

To the entire Moore family for their help and kindness, to the Senior Center and its volunteers for our noon day meal; and all our friends who never said no to taking Keith to the post office, and last but not least to our Priest who visited and one of our Eucharistic ministers, Magdalena Carlson who has brought Keith and me communion every Sunday for two months.

Joan Patton



OBITUARIES

J.E. 'Jake' Edwards

Funeral Services for J.E. 'Jake' Edwards, 91, of Lubbock formerly of Matador, will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday February 12, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating will be Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor. Interment will be in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

He passed away at Lakeside Rehab and care center in Lubbock Sunday, February 8, 2004. Jake was born August 10, 1912, in Cottle County, Texas to George and Ora Billingslea Edwards. The Edwards family settled in the Whiteflat area and later moved to Matador where Jake went to school and graduated from High School in 1930. Because of his outstanding athletic ability, he was a granted a football scholarship to Howard Payne University at Brownwood, where he graduated with honors in 1934. After graduation he coached and taught at Eden, Sweetwater, and Tyler. He was married to Marguerite Keltz on July 2, 1938, in Tyler, Texas.

After 3 years at Tyler, they moved to Lubbock, Texas, while living in Lubbock he was recruited to come to The Great Lakes Naval Base to teach recruits. After two years at Chicago he was sent to a Naval Rehab Hospital at Beaumont California. He was discharged from the Navy at the close of WWII at Beaumont, CA in 1945. When the armistice was signed, the Edwards moved back to Matador and both worked with the Matador Public Schools for 28 years. Jake helped organize the Ex-Students and Teachers Association; he served as president and vice president of the association



over the years. He also served as president and vice president of the Lions Club. He was a member of the American Legion for years and taught the Men's Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church where he was a Deacon. On August 5, 2000, he and Marge moved to Venture Place, a retirement village in Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Patricia Grace Lane on May 29, 2003, and by 4 brothers Jack, Ben, Tommy, and Bill Edwards.

He is survived by his wife: Marguerite Edwards of Lubbock, Texas; 1 Son: Thomas Edwards of Montgomery, Texas; 1 Granddaughter: Kristen Lane; 4 Grandsons: Grant, Steve, Scott, and Stephen; and 4 great grandchildren: Jake, Zachary, Katterly and Haley.

The family requests memorials to the First Baptist Church P.O. Box 546 Matador, TX 79244 or the charity of their choice.

Essie LeNell Cullin

Surprise, AZ -- At age 101, Essie LeNell Cullin, former longtime resident in Memphis, Matador, Burk Burnett and Wichita Falls, Texas, died February 1 at her Baptist Village Sunridge rest home in Surprise, AZ.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, in the Owens Brumley Funeral Home Chapel in Wichita Falls.

She was born August 27, 1902, in Archer County, Texas, one of six daughters and two sons born to Charles and Lucille Elizabeth Davis, former longtime residents in Charlie and then Wichita Falls. She was born when her family and other family relatives were traveling via covered wagons enroute from Alabama to Charlie. Essie resided there until she finished the 10th grade (High school). The family then moved to Wichita Falls, and Essie attended Draughn Business College. She later worked as a secretary to Carter McGregor, Jr., Vice President of the First National Bank, then worked for D.M. Smith, General Agent for the Ft. Worth and Denver Railway.

Essie married George Raymond Cullin January 19, 1924, when he was a station auditor for Continental Oil Company. They had two sons, George Raymond Cullin, Jr., and Charles Edgar Cullin.

George and Essie bought the Continental Oil Company Agency in Memphis, Texas in 1937, where both sons graduated from high school. After 17 years, they later purchased the Motley County Abstract and Title Company and moved to Matador, Texas in 1954. George retired from the business due to illness and they moved to Burk Burnett, Texas, in 1966. George died in the Wichita Falls General Hospital March 31, 1969.

After George's death, Essie started working part time in the Wichita County Clerk's Office, and later worked full time until her retirement when she was 72. After her son Ray retired from NBC and moved to Sun City West, Arizona, Essie moved to nearby Surprise Arizona, where she lived in Baptist Village Sunridge until her death.

lage Sunridge until her death. The last survivor in her immediate family is her youngest brother Ralph Davis, who grew up in Wichita Falls and later moved to San Diego, California, where he worked many years before retirement.

George and Essie's son Raymond attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, and then joined the U.S. Air Force and served four years with the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service in Hollywood. After discharge, he was a broadcaster with KGNC in Amarillo, Texas, before joining NBC News in Hollywood in 1961. He remained a broadcaster and field producer for NBC, including presidential coverage in Washington, DC when former President Ronald Reagan was in office, and subsequent presidential activities and campaigns until his retirement in 1993. He married Barbara Bruce on January 22, 1957, and they have two children, Debbie Elaine Ewald and Ray Cullin III.

Their son, Charles, attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas and was a member of the colorful word famous Cowboy Band, which marched in the inaugural parade of former President Dwight Eisenhower. After serving in the U.S. Army, Charles was a reporter for the Lubbock, Texas Avon-lanche Journal before moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he was a reporter and writer until his recent retirement. Charles married Charlotte Campbell in September, 1958, and they have three children, Charise Christian, Charyn Parra and Mitch Cullin.

Essie's great grandchildren are Josh and Jemma Ewald, the son and daughter of David and Debbie Ewald, who live near Colorado Springs, Colorado; Cameron and Caitlin Christian, daughters of Craig and Charise Christian, who live in Denton; and Callan Parra, daughter of Mark and Charyn Parra, who live in San Diego, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested any small donations to church causes.

James Pledger Smith

J.P. Smith, 76, of Los Barriles, Baja California Sur, Mexico passed away Saturday, January 3, 2004 after a fierce flight with cancer. His burial services were in American East Cape Community in Baja.

He was born in Quail, Collingsworth County, Texas July 15, 1927 to the late Jewel Martin Smith and Jim Smith. He attended Matador Schools and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was an early Baja pioneer, bush pilot and traveled much of the world. He and

his wife had a mercantile store "Minisuper Playa del Tesero" in the East Cape community. He had two stories of his achievements published in the Western Outdoor News by Gene Kira. He rose to the status of "Don Jimmy" in his adopted East Cape community.

He is survived by his wife, Lupe Lopez and children; a sister Mrs. Wilma Hare of Clovis, New Mexico and brother, David "Butch" Smith of Portaville, California.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS



COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



USDA DEVELOPED TICK CONTROL DEVICE
The USDA developed a device that protects white-tailed deer from ticks. It is called the "4-Poster" Deer Treatment Bait Station. The device was patented and licensed after five years of study. It consists of a bin that's filled with corn, and has rollers on the corners of the bin. The rollers are covered with a special liquid which protects deer from ticks. As a deer feeds, the formula rubs onto its head and neck. This device offers an alternative to spraying insecticides into the environment which could be toxic to other species.

TEXAS PECAN PRODUCERS
Texas pecan producers are satisfied with the quality and prices of this year's harvest. According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, Texas led the nation harvesting nearly

70-million pounds of pecans in 2003. Texas produced only 40-million pounds of pecans in 2002. Prices are better this year due to a bad growing season in Georgia, which is usually the number one pecan producing state.

PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER CAN BE EFFECTIVE FOR MANY YEARS

USDA researchers have discovered phosphorus fertilizer doesn't have to be applied each year. It is an expensive fertilizer that is often needed for wheat, barley, and corn. Because of the cost, many farmers apply less than ideal amounts each year. The study found that if the field was treated at proper levels one year, treatments could be skipped for the following 3 years. One case found a single application increased soil test levels and crop yields for more than 17 years.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

TCA BOARD SUSPENDS PLAN TO CHANGE ORGANIZATION'S FOB TRADING RULE

The Board of Directors of the Texas Cotton Association voted to indefinitely suspend the implementation of a proposed modification to the organization's FOB Trading Rules that would have changed the way the seller invoices the buyer.

The proposed rule would have all warehouse charges deducted from invoice and eliminated the five free days of storage allowed to the buyer.

In suspending implementation of the proposed rule TCA Board determined, after input from several cotton industry groups, including Plains Cotton Growers, that the underlying concerns prompting the proposed change were not currently pertinent to the majority of the Texas cotton trade.

TCA will continue to recognize the organization's current FOB TERMS and leave their current trading terms under Rule 9 FOB TERMS Clause 1 FOB COMPRESS and Clause 2 FOB CARS/TRUCKS unchanged for the 2004 marketing year.

While Clause 1 and Clause 2 were left unchanged, the TCA Board did eliminate several outdated clauses that are no longer pertinent to the way cotton is traded. The elimination of these clauses will have no effect on the way cotton is currently traded.

Text of the updated TCA Rule 9 FOB TERMS will be available on the organization's website (www.tca-cotton.org) after February 9, 2004.

TCA President Mike Canale, of Lubbock, said, "The reason for proposing the change was that the TCA Board felt having a single, standard way of trading cotton would be beneficial to both the buyer and seller. Our attempt in this regard was to create a rule that provides the buyer and seller with a price quote that is comparable in terms to currently published USDA spot quotes and is similar to the terms under which a majority of cotton is traded in the Mid-South and Southeast.

"The TCA Board listened to the feedback it received from the different segments and decided it was best to keep our current trading terms in place at this time. We understand the importance of working with each segment as we continue to try improve the industry as a whole."

"PCG appreciates the willingness of the TCA Board to listen to the concerns other segments voiced regarding the proposed rule and their willingness to suspend its implementation," said Verett, "We look forward to working with TCA and with the other segments to determine how the industry as a whole can best achieve the goals envisioned by the TCA Board."

The TCA Board continues to support a future change and believes there are significant benefits to standardizing the manner in which cotton is traded. They have pledged to continue working with other industry segments to achieve

their goal of standardizing trading rules in the future.

DUNCAN TO HOST PRODUCER FORUM ON AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, will host a producers forum on February 10, 2004 to discuss the Agricultural Water Conservation Demonstration Initiative set forth by the Texas Water Development Board.

The meeting, which starts at 8:30 a.m., will be held at the United States Department of Agriculture Plant Stress Laboratory located at 3810 4th Street in Lubbock.

The Demonstration Initiative is an effort by the State of Texas to encourage on-farm agricultural water conservation.

Water issues continue to be a growing concern among both rural and urban populations. It is vital that agriculture interests actively participate in the water debate and in the development of the new program.

During the meeting, Senator Duncan hopes to gather ideas and gain insight from agriculture producers on how to achieve future conservation goals and maintain the profitability of agriculture operations that rely on irrigation.

Duncan notes that before the initiative moves forward, it is important to hear from the producers who are a critical part of the state's economy and should be an equally critical player in the development of the Agricultural Water Conservation Demonstration Initiative.

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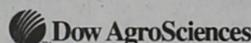
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