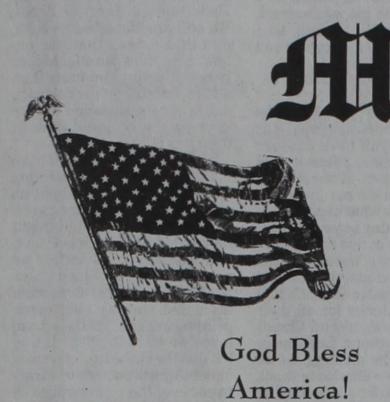


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2005 brings above average moisture for Motley County

by Earlyne Jameson

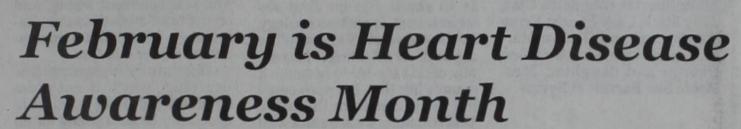
"As days lengthen, the cold strengthens" was Grand-mother's catch phrase. However, the temperature in Motley County fluctuated in January. We had unreasonable warm afternoons when temperatures soared past the 70 degree mark, but then cold, wet weather would return.

Many cotton modules are still in fields as the gin yards are filled to capacity. Cattle are grazing on lush green wheat

fields and there is satisfaction of

wild hogs being caught in traps.

Motley County national Weather Service Volunteers report the total moisture in January: J.M. "Buzz" Thacker, Roaring Springs 2.36; Betty Simpson, Northfield 2.22; Kelly Meyer, Matador 2.59; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 2.23 and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 2.16



Cardiovascular disease has traditionally been known as a man's disease. This may be a reason why most women in the United States do not consider cardiovascular disease as their greatest health risk. But they

According to statistics from the American Heart Association

* One in four females has some form of cardiovascular

* Approximately 500,000 fe-males die of cardiovascular disease each year.

· The number of deaths attributed to cardiovascular disease in women has exceeded the number of deaths attributed to cardiovascular disease in

* The number of female lives claimed by cardiovascular disease doubles those claimed by cancer.

Only 13% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk. Unfortunately, many women

fail to recognize heart attack symptoms because the symp-toms -- nausea, chest pain, neck, shoulder, or arm pain, fatigue, and shortness of breath - can be confused for influenza or a

cold. According to AHA statistics, 64% of women who died suddenly of coronary heart disease did not experience any previous symptoms. Therefore, regular checkups are extremely important for women, says Cynthia Sanoski, PharmD, Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. "If an individual is experi-

"If an individual is experiencing symptoms such as chest discomfort, nausea, neck, shoulder, or jaw pain, fatigue, or shortness of breath," says Dr. Sanoski, "she should call her physician right away so she can be appropriately evaluated. Because cardiovascular disease can be a 'silent killer' in females, it is important for all females. it is important for all females, young and old, to become aware of their personal risk factors. If you think you may be at risk for cardiovascular disease, you should visit your physician for a more complete evaluation." Cardiovascular disease risk

factors for women include: * Over the age of 55

* Family history of premature coronary heart disease (for example, a brother or father had a heart attack before the age of 55 or a sister or mother had a

heart attack before the age of

* Smoking

* High blood pressure (hypertension) or receiving antihypertensive medication.
* HDL cholesterol < 40 mg/

* Diabetes

* History of a heart attack, stroke, peripheral arterial disease, or abdominal aortic aneu-

* Physical inactivity * Obesity

"Risk factor modification is essential for prevention of car-diovascular disease," says Dr. Sanoski. "Although gender, age, and family history are nonmodifiable risk factors, there are a number of modifiable risk factors, which include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, physical inactivity, obesity, and smoking. Adopting a healthy diet and exercise plan are vital to achieving cardiovascular wellness. These measures may also help lower cholesterol, blood pressure, and glucose, and the risk of obesity. Smoking cessation will also lower one's risk of developing cardiovascu-lar disease. In some patients, drug therapy may be needed to appropriately manage their el-evated blood pressure, choles-

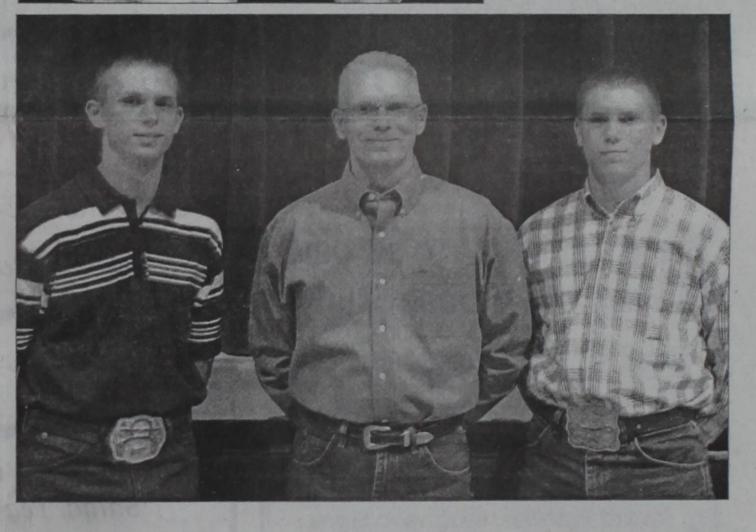
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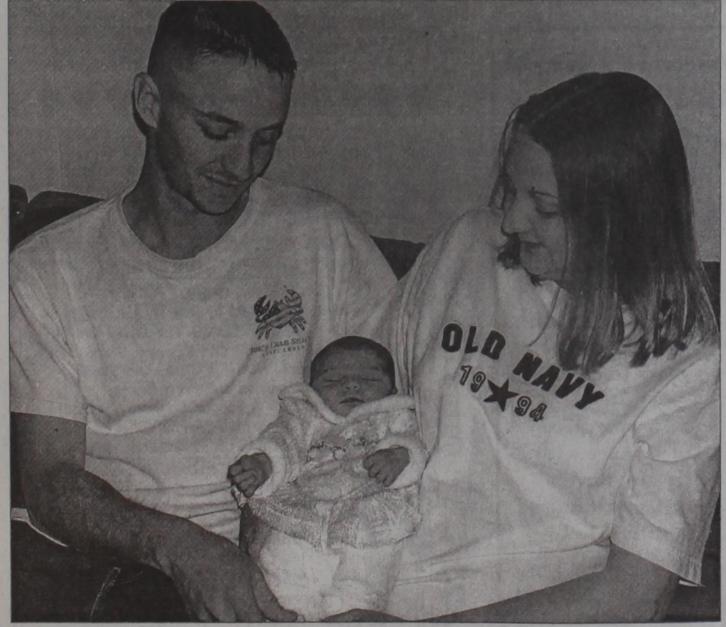
Recognized at Banquet

Annie and Cindy Green, left, were recognized as the Mother & Daughter of the Year at Monday Night's First Annual Valentine Banquet.

Jim Cooper and sons, Cody and Clay were recognized as the Father and Sons of the Year. The Banquet combined the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Banquets.



Plans underway for Project Graduation



First Motley County Baby for 2005

Little Tylee Nicole Barclay is the first Motley County baby for 2005. She is pictured here with her parents, Ty and Brittany Barclay of Matador. Tylee arrived February 6, 2005, at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

The Motley County Parents' Club recently met to discuss the upcoming project graduation to be held May 28, after High School graduation.

Donor letters have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, but would like to make a donation, please mail to MCPC, P.O. Box 371, Matador, TX 79244 or contact D'anna Russell at 347-2601 for more information.

This party is an all-night drug and alcohol free party held for the kids to have a safe place to celebrate. Students, Freshman through Seniors, may at-

Also discussed at the monthly meeting was the upcoming Miss Motley County Pageant. Due to conflicts the pageant has been changed from February 12 to the following Sat-urday, February 19. Contact Danika Jameson at 347-2930 for more information.

Also discussed was the outstanding balance on the tumbling mats which were purchased for the kids taking tumbling at school with Ms. Sherry Ferguson. The cost of the mats was \$1,916.03. Parents of the participating children have raised \$1,196.00, leaving a balance of \$719.37. Various fundraisers were discussed, but no action was taken.

If you have any ideas or would like to help with this project contact Cathey Turner at 347-2834, Tammy Simpson, 347-2202, Wendi Taylor, 347-2037, or D'anna Russell, 347-2601.

65th Annual Jr. Livestock Show set for February 26th

The 65th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show is just three weeks away! This annual event will take place February 26 at the Motley County ISD Bus/Show Barn.

Entrants to date include 34 swine, 18 goat, 9 lamb, 15 rab-bit, and 2 steer. More information on the event will be available in the coming weeks.

Motley County Senator Duncan begins weekly radio report

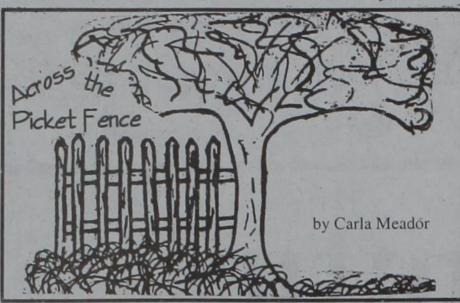
AUSTIN--Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is proud to announce the start of his weekly radio report from the capitol.

Each week, Duncan will record an address discussing issues related to the current debate at the Legislature. In addition to providing a format in which radio news directors can access legislative news, this regular offering will give anyone within reach of a telephone Duncan's insights into the work-

ing of the legislative process. During this week's address, Duncan discusses the connection between public school finance and the people who make their living from agriculture; the importance of quality schools for the survival or rural Texas: and the desire for the increased teacher salaries.

To access the segment, simply dial 1-800-520-NEWS and then press "39" at the prompt. You may also access it http://www.senatorduncan.com at the

Texas senate website, http:// www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/Senate/members/dist28/dist28.htm



I remember making Valentines. My sister and I would get out the construction paper, paper doilies and lots of glue and we could work all afternoon making Valentine cards for evervone. That was so much fun. Some of my most prized possessions are the Valentine cards Jeremy made for me when he was a child. My favorite I had framed and it hangs on my bedroom wall. The pink construction paper with the red paper doily is the most beautiful card I could ever hope to receive. And his statement of love from his second grade heart, "I, Jeremy, love you!" is the most precious expression of Valentines Day.

Now, I have another precious card to cherish. This one I received a couple of years ago from my granddaughter, Morgan. A purple heart colored in the center of a white piece of paper, with the initials M + B in center of the heart, and the words, "Meme and Bobo, I love you'll." I would rather have those construction paper cards from my grandchildren than any diamond in the world.

In case your planning to make a card for your special Valentine, here are a few quotes about love.

Night and day you are the one. Only you beneath the moon and under the sun.

— Cole Porter The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and pre-

Ty and Brittany Barclay of

Matador are proud to announce

the arrival of their daughter,

pital in Lockney. She weighed 7

pounds, 7 ounces and was 19

Tylee was born February 6, 2005, at Mangold Memorial Hos-

Grandparents are Brenda

Tylee Nicole.

inches long at birth.

Look Who's New

— Luther

■ Won't you be my honey and cheer this heart of mine? And I will hug you all the while, come be my Valentine.

- Anonymous

Love is finding the familiar dear. "In love" is to be taken by surprise.

- Mona Van Duyn You know I'm too cute to resist, Valentine!

- Anonymous Come live with me, and be my love, and we will all the pleasures prove, that valleys, groves, hills, and fields, woods or steepy mountain yields.

Christopher MarloweFor God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

— John 3: 16 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never

— I Corinthians 13: 4-8 (NIV) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Hurt of Dumont, Danny

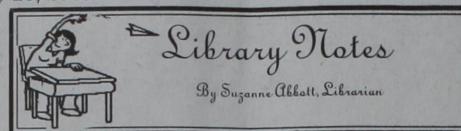
Perryman of Roaring Springs,

and Jerry and Sandra Barclay

Thomas and Dora Hurt of Mata-

Great-grandparents are

— I Corinthians 13: 13 (NIV)



We appreciate the donation by W.C. Pallmeyer in memory of Bailey Elliott, Charlotte Campbell Richardson, Donnie Jenkins and Francis Arnold Ellis. We are grateful for all the donations we receive. They help keep the doors open and the collection up-to-date.

New books in the library include Lilian Jackson Braun's newest "cat who" book, The Cat who went Bananas. We also have Conviction by Richard North Patterson and Dark Eye by William Bernhardt.

Also new on the shelves is The Devils Right Hand by J.D. Rhoades and Survivor in Death by J.D. Robb (who is really Nora Roberts). In addition, we have the new Shryn McCrumb book, St. Dale.

The Friends of the Library met Thursday and planned a program for April 10 at 2:00 p.m. here at the library. More information will be available later in the Motley County Tribune. Those attending the Friends meeting are Ruby McGuire, Suzanne Abbott, P.K. Green, Betty Moore, Betty Henry, Marihelen Wason, Marisue Potts, Jeanette Case, Joan Patton, Edna Ruth Green, Greta Smallwood, Sammie Phillips, Opal Johnson, and Marie Louise Liebe-Harkort.

I thank Betty Henry and Marihelen Wason for keeping the library open last week while I was in Austin.

Beautiful Valentine motif on display at Do Gooders'

Falling snow and a cold temperature did not deter the Do Gooders' Club monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, February 1 at the Community Center in Flo-

They presided at a table laid with a white cloth, centered with a heart shaped mirror framed with a red stand-up lattice. Adding to the decor, an arrangement of red and white candles in crystal holders stood behind the mirror. On another table, a lovely Valentine of hearts was on display.

They served refreshments

with lemon and lime slices frozen inside were served in a Val-

was presented to B. Rogers.

Members attending were

BY TOM EDWARDS

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

WHAT IS APOLOGETICS? It's what this weekly column is all about. Let me first say

MOTLEY COUNTY

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Sing a song of sixpence, a pocket full of rye; Four and

twenty blackbirds baked in a

pie. When the pie was opened,

the birds begin to sing, so I

popped it in the microwave and

last Chamber meeting. But

never fear--you have another

chance this coming Tuesday, the

15th, at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

need to know what happened at

the last meeting so you can par-

a guest at the meeting, so that

gave us a chance to thank him

and Shane Jones for all their

work on the wonderful Christ-

mas decorations. Lee Jones

was not at the meeting, so we

did not have a chance to thank

him in person for all the work he

does putting up the decorations,

then climbing up again to check the bulbs, and then, of course,

there is the non-trivial matter of

taking the wreaths down again.

So we want to thank him now,

and maybe if you see him, you,

too, could mention how much

resident of Motley County, but

she has moved back to the

county now after a long ab-

sence, so she received her wel-

Then the talk went on to the

Mrs. Ida Baker is a former

his work is appreciated.

come basket.

ticipate fully at this meeting.

--Johnny Carson

So you didn't make it to the

Since you weren't there, you

Mayor Paul Westbrook was

waited for the bing.

NEWS & VIEWS

Consider:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

what it isn't. It ain't no apology, in the sense of "I'm sorry," to anybody for anything! I personally detest the word because it sounds like that, but such could not be farther from the truth. Unfortunately, we are stuck with it. It comes from the Greek word, "apologia," as used in 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to give an 'answer' (apologia) to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, but with gentleness and respect." Instead of "answer," some translations say "reasoned answer," or "defense."
The meaning is the same and the direction is plain. It is not an

An apologetic is not an excuse, but rather a reasoned defense, vindication and proof of the truth of a matter. The focus is not so much upon "what," but upon "why." Of course, one can't rationally answer the "why," of something, without first knowing the "what" of it, e.g., essential Christian doctrine. At times, an apologetic must necessarily involve disproving a competing truth claim where both can't be true, e.g., Darwinian Evolution. Christian Apologetics is the discipline and study involving the defense vindication, and proof of the core essentials of the Orthodox (right belief) Christian Faith. They are (and upon which we won't and can't compromise): God - His existence, true nature, the Trinity, and creation; Jesus Christ - the perfect God/ Man, His life, sacrifice, atonement, and bodily resurrection; and the Bible - the inspired, in-fallible, and inerrant Word of

Because all truth is God's truth, the study is as broad as can be imagined, given that all truth must neatly fit together into one coherent whole, and only Christianity does this. Remember, truth cannot contradict itself, nor can God.

topic of HUBZones, and what

we must do to try to get Motley

County reclassified as a

Underutilized Business Zone).

We still are classified as such,

and that means that, for ex-

ample, mowers can offer higher

bids on mowing contracts than

others, but still get the contract,

due to our classification. Maybe

your business could benefit

invited to attend the meeting

specifically to get his input on

what breaks the County can of-

fer new businesses that might

move here or be started here,

and to brainstorm about how we

might be able to attract new

businesses. Several ideas were

discussed, such as a billboards

pointing out some of the advan-

tages we have to offer. It was

felt that the clean-up action now

underway will add to the attrac-

tiveness of the communities. A

survey was also planned, so that

we can get a better idea of what

is important to you. It will be

sent out with the membership

letters, but you can get one soon

by dropping by to see the presi-

dent at New to You in Matador

if you are not a member of the

next Tuesday--we look forward

to seeing you there to work on

the survey, discuss HUBZones

further, and see what we can do

about putting various sugges-

So don't forget the meeting

Chamber of Commerce.

tions into practice.

Mayor Westbrook had been

from this classification. too.

(Hostorically

HUBZone

The study of apologetics (learning "why") is not a denominational thing at all. It is necessary basic-training for all Christians, especially in this day and time, and SURPRISE, the Bible commands it. (I Pet. 3:15)! "Encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." (Titus 1:9)! "Be prepared in season and out to correct, rebuke, and encourage." (2 Tim. 4: 2-5). "Contendifor the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints." (Jude 3) Peter was an apologist (Acts 2). Paul was an apologist (Acts 17). Apollos was an apologist (Acts 18). Jesus was an apologist (Matt. 22: 23-46; Luke 24: 27), and God is an apologist, e.g., Job 38: 41. We should do no less.

Apologetic study is not hard, but easy, once one gets into it, and besides, it's a whole lot of

Correction: Last week we coined a new term: "Theatrical" rather than "Theoretical" Physics. But what a delightful one. It perfectly describes Cambridge astronomer, Stephen Hawking's, resort to "imaginary time" in order to avoid an absolute beginning of the universe. What could be more nothing than imaginary time? That physics is theatrical!

Also, the last paragraph of Marie's Chamber of Commerce article invited you to send apologetics questions to her, rather than me. Good idea! I guess it could be a Chamber function. What she can't answer, she could bring next door. She's a delightful neighbor. Just kidding. Send them to me.

February meeting

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Cally Sperry, hostesses, greeted the members and guests with a cheerful smile and gave each a Valentine.

on crystal appointments of cheesecakes, peppermint candy and nuts. Beverages of hot chocolate, coffee and peach tea with peach flavored ice cubes entine designed service.
Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert con-

ducted a short business session. Mrs. Alma Shorter gave a report of the Jan. 11 club meeting, which were approved. They voted to meet Monday, Feb. 7 at the Community Center to continue cutting blocks for the Flomot Homecoming quilt.

The hostess gift, a beautiful heart shaped plaque decorated with glistening red stained glass, made by Mrs. Judy Stark,

Mesdames Leona Degan, Connie Franks, B. Rogers, Kathy Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Alma Shorter, Waydetta Clay, Judy Stark, Cally Sperry, Erma Washington, and Geneva Martin. Guests were Mrs. Oma Lee George and daughter, Mrs. Mable Sue Barrett of Bovina.

Happy Valentine's Day! dor, Janice Perryman of Roar-ing Springs, Bill and Erma Washington of Flomot, and Sol and Geneva Barclay of Lockney.

Anna's Mexican

Valentine Special

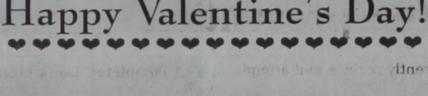
Restaurant

Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato,

Salad, Tea & Dessert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



There's still time to be part of 40 Days of Purpose Study

Tylee Nicole Barclay

of Flomot.

The 40 Days of Purpose Bible Study has had a great beginning. There were 260 people in small group units last week. There is still room to join a group if you want to. Call Doris Moore at 347-2875.

There has also been a great

turnout for the youth. If any teenager has not joined the group for Wednesday night or Sunday night activities, plan to stop by and see what you are missing! Youth Bible Study meets each Sunday morning at

Award Plaques, Magnetic Signs, Rubber Stamps, Banners, Signs, & Much More available at the

Motlen County Tribune

The Measure of our Faith



From time to time we have to plunge into the unknown with some measure of faith. It might be into a new field of work, or a move into a new community or a struggle with some illness. In situations or circumstances such as mentioned we would have no idea what the outcome might be. In these times our relationship with Jesus is tested.

We put our faith to more than just words during difficult times or circumstances. Trusting in God. In other words it becomes application time. This trust relies upon God to bring about the best for us in the circumstance or situation. When we have tried our faith then faith isn't just a concept any more. It has become truth in action

Conquering faith is developed through trials. In these we test our faith and see the faithfulness of our God. Faith never forgets the victories of yesterday.

Remembering David from the pages of the Old Testament Scriptures, we find he fought the Bear and the Lion. This young shepherd lad defeated both in the strength of the Lord. He knew that his victories had nothing to do with his own strength. Faith brings understanding. When David fought Goliath, his faith became truth in action. God gave him the victory through his faith. We too, like David can remember where we have been with our faith. It is sometimes necessary in order to get where we are going necessary in order to get where we are going.

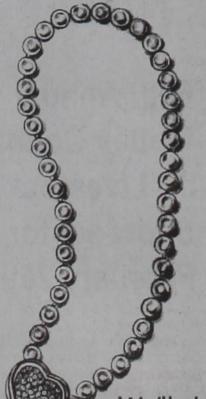
Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.





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a-buzzin' overhead.

You ain't mean like those

far ants,

I found in my bed.

Cut from the best cloth

like a plaid flannel shirt,

you spark up my life more than a fresh load of dirt.

When you hold me real tight

like a padded gunrack,

my life is complete; Ain't nuthin I lack.

Yo're complexion,

it's perfection,

like the best vinyl sidin'.

Despite all the years,

yore age, it keeps hidin'.

Me 'n' you's like a Moon Pie

with a RC cold drank,

we go together,

like a skunk goes with stank.

Some men, they buy chocolate for Valentine's Day;

They git it at Wal-Mart,

it's romantic that way.

Some men buy fine diamonds

from a flea market booth.

"Diamonds are forever,"

they explain, suave and couth.

But for this man, honey,

these won't do.

Cause yo're too special,

you sweet thang you.

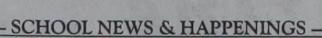
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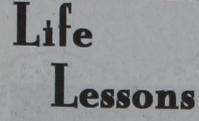
without taste nor odor.

more useful than diamonds...

IT'S A NEW TROLLIN

MOTOR!!!





By Annie Green

I received this cute poem in my e-mail and I thought you might enjoy it.

Redneck Valentine Poem Collards is green my dog's name is Blue, and I'm so lucky to have a sweet thang like you.

Yore hair is like cornsilk a-flapping in the breeze, softer than Blue's and without all them fleas.

You move like the bass, which excite me in May. You ain't got no scales but I luv you anyway.

Yo're as satisfy'n as okrey jist a-fry'n in the pan. Yo're as fragrant as "snuff" right out of the can.

You have som'a yore teeth for which I am proud; I hold my head high when were in a crowd.

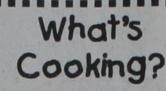
On special occasions, when you shave under yore arms,

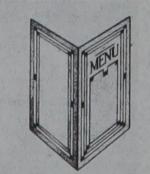
well, I'm in hawg heaven, and awed by yore charms.

Still them fellers at work, they all want to know, what I did to deserve such a purdy, young doe.

Like a good roll of duct tape yo're there fer yore man, to patch up life's troubles and fix what you can.

Yo're as cute as a junebug





Motley County School Menu

MONDAY, FEB. 14

Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Omelet, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Beef Burrito, Green Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Oreo Fluff, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, California Blend, Bread Slice, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slice, Fries, 1/2 Apple, Cookie.

THURSDAY, FEB. 17 Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Salad, Mexican Beans, Pickle Spear, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Barbecued Ribs.

Cheese Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

Thursday, Feb. 10: 4-H meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11: Inservice (Comp Day).

FCCLA Reg. Meeting at Lubbock.

Saturday, Feb. 12: ACT Tests at Motley County. Monday, Feb. 14: Board

meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15: RPSSA Thursday, Feb. 17: CATE Adv. Meeting at 5:30. Saturday, Feb. 19: Miss

Motley County pageant.

Tuesday, Feb. 22: TAKS
Tests, 4th - W; 7 - W; 9 - R; 10th and 11th ELA.

ASVAB, Seniors. Wednesday, Feb. 23: TAKS Tests, 3rd & 5th - R. Saturday, Feb. 26: Stock



Use Safety in School Zones!

Motley County I.S.D. A Note from Office

by Marilynn Hicks, Principal

I have gotten a few inquiries about the use and/or non-use of corporal punishment, specifically spanking, at Motley County School. First of all, spanking is an authorized method of discipline in our district according to school policy. Last year as well as this fall, we spanked several elementary children, always as a last resort, and always after calling the parents to get permission. This year, the school board wanted us to have permission forms sent out and available if the need to spank a child arose. We still will not spank a child without first contacting the parents and letting them know circum-

stances. Often the parents want to be present for the spanking,

and that is certainly a good idea.

Since spanking has been brought up, I decided I should read up on the latest research on its effectiveness. In what I found, non-abusive spanking is effective in young children when used as a back up for other forms of non-physical guidance. "There is no evidence in the medical literature that a mild spank to the buttocks of a disobedient child by a loving par-ent teaches the child aggressive behavior." (Trumbull & Ravenel) I think this could ap-

ply to a teacher as well. Personally, my children got a few whacks on the backside as young children, and they don't seem to be scarred for life.

I don't want to do any preaching, but if we use the old "spare the rod" message, it seems like pretty good advice. Using this analogy, a shepherd would never beat his sheep to get them to follow instructions, but might tap them and use the rod for steering in the right direction. We always laughed at Randy's grandmother because she said she thought this was a commandment...and she intended to spoil her children as directed.

Although we have some students who have some more social skills to learn, most are headed in the right direction. Very few have to be corrected. The most flagrant violation I see is "having the last word" and often that last word is with a "tone." On more than one occasion I have reminded a student that the teacher is in charge and that it isn't necessary to agree with directions and instructions, it is just necessary to follow them with a smile. Motley County has young people whose parents want them to succeed and are supportive of that effort.

A Valentine Gift for your Kids: **Heart-Healthy Habits**

Heart disease begins in childhood. Whether or not your family has a history of heart disease, it's important to help your children reduce their future risks. Mayo Clinic specialists in cardiology who contributed to the "Mayo Clinic Heart Book" provide these tips to help lower the risk of heart disease in chil-

Choose healthy foods. The best way to get your children to make heart-healthy food choices is to set an example. Children acquire eating habits in the same way they assimilate other vital behaviors - by emulation. To make sure they're doing what you want them to do, take an inventory of your own eating habits. Even by choosing healthful snacks — carrot sticks or a crisp apple instead of fullfat ice cream or cinnamon buns — you encourage your children to do the same.

Become more active. If your kids are couch potatoes and you don't know what to do, take heart. You can find plenty of ways to get them up and moving - and increase their chances of growing into heart healthy adults.

· Lead by example, then invite your children to share in the exercise.

· Plan family outings and vacations that involve outdoor activities such as hiking, bicycling or swimming.

· Give them household chores that require physical exertion, such as mowing lawns, raking leaves, scrubbing floors and taking out the garbage.

Stop smoking. Children are more likely to smoke if their parents smoke - and the younger they start, the more likely they'll

be heavy smokers later. Secondhand smoke is linked to increased risk of heart disease, cancer, asthma, infant pneumonia and respiratory failure. Parents can lead by example don't smoke.

According to the "Mayo Clinic Heart Book," hardening of the arteries begins in childhood - decades before most people even think about hearthealthy lifestyles.

Approximately one in five children in the United States between the ages of six and 17 are overweight, more than double the number from 30 years ago. Being overweight can mean higher blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels, particularly in children geneti-cally prone to these conditions. Obese children often be-

come obese adults, which puts them at greater risk at a younger age for developing heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, gallbladder disease, arthritis and certain cancers.

To learn more about hearthealthy habits, Mayo is offering a free booklet, "Healthy Meals for Hurried Lives." Write to Mayo Communications -Healthy Heart booklet offer -OE-6, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905. Or, receive the booklet free when you order the "Mayo Clinic Heart Book" (\$30 plus shipping, handling and applicable sales tax), by calling 800-291-1128 and mentioning order code 177.

Revenues from sales of Mayo Clinic books are used to help support Mayo Clinic programs, including medical education and research.

"Don't Mess With Texas" Scholarships available for students dedicated to litter prevention

AUSTIN--The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Don't Mess with Texas campaign announced today its second annual scholarship program, offering a unique oppor-tunity to graduating high school students who work hard to keep Texas litter-free.

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by a donation from Advantage Rent-A-Car, recognizes the valuable contributions of Texas high school seniors who have taken actions to prevent litter in their schools or communities. One \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2005.

Applications are due April 1, 2005, and are now available to be completed online www.dontmesswithtexas.org or through high school counselors.

Last year's scholarship winners were rewarded for their creative and sustainable efforts, leaving behind inspiring legacies in their hometowns. Macy Bielski of Waller won the firstever \$3,000 Don't Mess with Texas scholarship for creating an environmental student group called Project Earth and organizing community-wide litter cleanups in the Waller area. Who is Eligible?

* Any high school senior graduating spring 2005 and who

currently resides and attends school in Texas.

*Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two-or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas.

What Are the Requirements?

* An essay of 300 to 350 words identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it.

* Two letters of recommendation-one from a school-related source and the other from a non-school related source.

*A completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application online or by mail.

The scholarship is TxDOT's latest effort to generate more youth involvement in the Don't

Mess with Texas campaign. TxDOT research shows Texans ages 16-24 are the state's most frequent litterers and they are often the most difficult audience to reach.

TxDOT's Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention campaign has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. For more information, visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

Student Drug Testing remains hot topic

Drug testing in America's schools is viewed as infringement of rights by some and an effective deterrent and screening tool by others.

In last year's State of the Union Address, President Bush proposed offering \$23 million for school-based drug testing. In his speech he said, "One

of the worst decisions our children can make is to gamble their lives and futures on drugs. Our government is helping parents confront this problem, with aggressive education, treatment, and law enforcement."

The president later added, "The aim here is not to punish children, but to send them this message: We love you, and we

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don't want to lose you."

Fast-forward one year and it is the week of his inauguration for his second term in office and overall teen drug use has re-portedly dropped by some 17 percent over the last three years, according to the Monitoring the Future Study conducted by the University of Michigan.

Drug testing in America's schools has been used or seriously considered in districts throughout the country, mostly for student athletes wishing to participate in extra-curricular

Fought by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Drug Policy Alliance, the Su-preme Court first ruled in favor

of testing student athletes in 1995. Studies have shown positive and negative results, but the jury is still out regarding overall effectiveness of such pratices.

An article in the Boston Globe last week highlighted a Salem, MA Superintendent's urge to implement random drug testing for the entire school, coming after he found out his own son was addicted to the prescription painkiller Oxycontin. Currently there is not a single school in America that requires random drug testing for all students and the local ACLU threatened to sue if the district became the first.

Whether or not drug testing is effective by itself, it is clear that a comprehesive approach to drug education and prevention is necessary to continuing the trend of declining teen drug

Surveys conducted by the Narconon Drug Prevention Program of several hundred thousand students across the country show it is the type of information and the manner in which it's presented that determines the best results.

Many prevention programs in schools talk about consequence of drug use, use scare tactics or show samples of drugs that only peak students'

interest in 'learning more' about them. While these approaches may work for some, the majority of students don't feel that they are very real to them.

J.T Daily is a Prevention Specialistfor Narconon Arrowhead, the nation's largest and most successful rehabilitaion and education facility, has recently worked in several states with students and adults, including Demand Reduction Coordinators with the Drug enforcement Administration (DEA)

Narconon Arrowhead's prevention program uses effective two-day communication with a lot of energy and interest between the presenter and the students. Combined with information that isn't normally taught and the fact that many of the presenters are former drug addicts that have been able to successfully get their lives back, students are able to get the toughest questions answered in a way that satisfies their curiosity without having to try drugs for themselves.

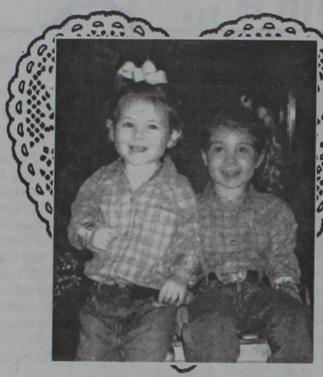
Call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1-800-468-6933 or log on to www.stopaddiction.com to book a drug education presentation in your area or to get help for a loved one in need of effective rehabilitation.



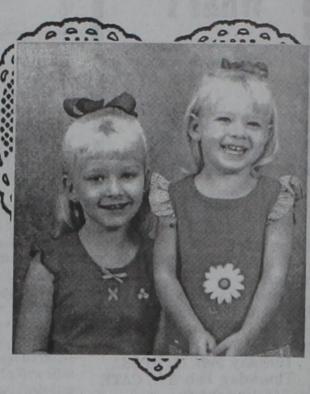


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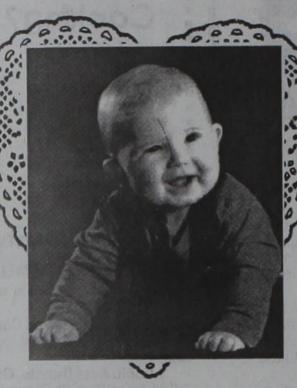




Jayda & Sierra Jameson Jayda, 1, and Sierra, 3, are the daughters of Jarrett & Shawna Jameson of Tell; Granddaughters of Jack & Sue Mixon and Franklin and Susan Jameson; Great-granddaughters of Dorothy Nichols, Margie Payne and A.L. Mixon



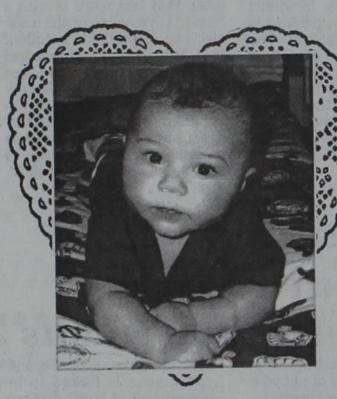
Natalie & Emily Jameson Natalie, 6, and Emily, 3, are the daughters of Jeromy and Danika Jameson of Matador, Granddaughters of Cindy Carthel, Darrell & Linda Dudley, Franklin & Susan Jameson; Great-granddaughters of Dorothy Carthel, Margie Payne, and Dorothy Nichols



Jaxon "Cash" Blount Grandson of Johnney & Carol Ann Turner of Lubbock' and Ben & Irene Blount of Paducah; Great-grandson of Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton and Georgia Ann Rekieta of Paducah



Skylar Alyson Blount 7-month-old son of Scott & Heather Blount of Lubbock; 3-year-old daughter of Scott & Heather Blount of Lubbock; Granddaughter of Johnney & Carol Ann Turner of Lubbock' and Ben & Irene Blount of Paducah; Great-granddaughter of Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton and Georgia Ann Rekieta of Paducah



Caden DiPaolo 5-month-old son of Julie & Brian DePaolo of Houston Grandson of Michelle and Don Smith of Dallas Great-grandson of Joyce Smith of Roaring Springs



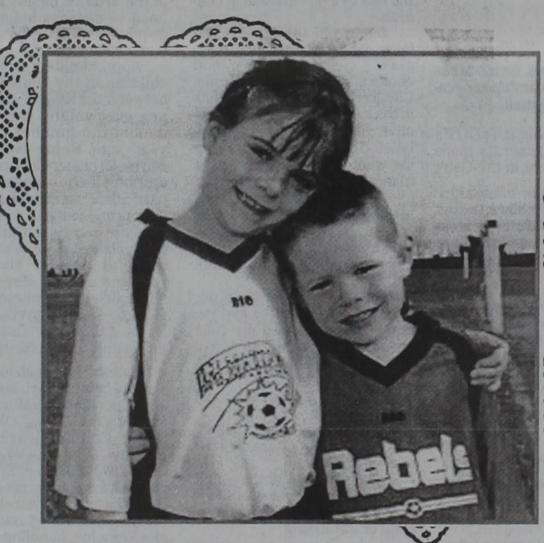
Ellie DiPaolo 3-year-old daughter of Julie & Brian DePaolo of Houston Granddaughter of Michelle and Don Smith of Dallas Great-granddaughter of Joyce Smith of Roaring Springs



Andrew Westbrook Son of Randy & Lindsey Westbrook; Grandson of David & Terry Westbrook of Lubbock, and Rodney & Glenda Williams of Matador, Great-grandson of Pete & Bessle Jean Williams of Matador, Jim & Wanda Stockton of Matador, Jim & Paula Westbrook of Lubbock; and Andy & Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, AR Nephew of Kristi Williams and Tessa Westbrook of Lubbock



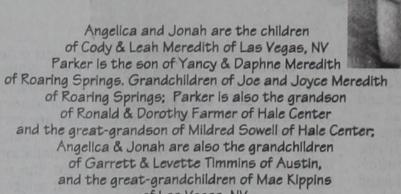
Justyn Alexander Cooper 14-month-old son of Jayson and Barbara Cooper of Dallas; Grandson of Ron & Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, LA, and Newell & Christa Tracy of Arlington; Great-grandson of Jackie & Shirley Smith of Matador, Charlotte Tracy of Hemett, CA, and Elmer & Bethel Koedam of Apache Junction, AZ



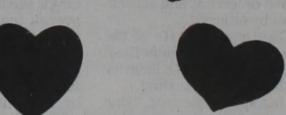
Morgan Anne & Judson David Jones Morgan, 7, and Judson, 5, are the children of Jeremy & Whitney Jones of Lubbock; Grandchildren of Jim & Carla Meador and Travis & Lou Anne Jameson of Matador, and Jon and Chris Jones of Fremont, CA; Great-grandchildren of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs, Marian Jones of Monterey, CA, Marion Woodruff of Matador, Dorothy Nichols and Dena Meador of Floydada

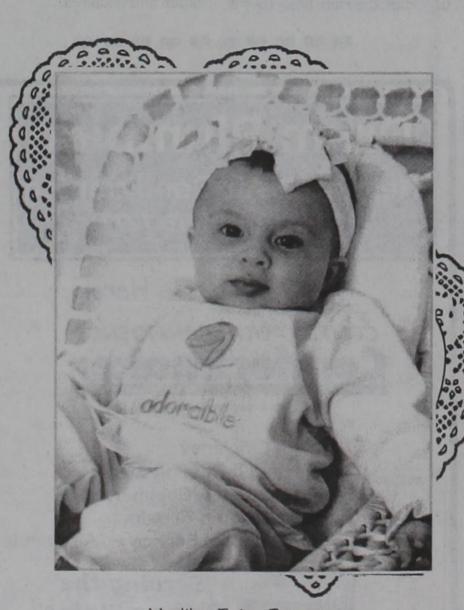


Angelica Meredith Parker & Jonah Meredith









Madilyn Paige Barnes Daughter of Bryan and Paige Barnes of Hawley. Granddaughter of Bobby and Jeanne Williams of Matador and Kathy Barnes of Eula. Great-granddaughter of Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs



Zoe Grace Barnes Daughter of Bryan and Paige Barnes of Hawley. Granddaughter of Bobby and Jeanne Williams of Matador and Kathy Barnes of Eula. Great-granddaughter of Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs



Madison Brooke Givens & Kaitlan Marie Price Madison, 19-months, and Kaltlan, 7, are the children of Heath and Tonya Givens of Spur Granddaughters of Donna and Larry Hoyle of Matador and Cinda and Preston Givens of Spur



Our Basketball Sweetheartsll Granddaughters of Vann and Sondra Francis and Wilma Wilson Daughters of Billy and Pam Wilson



Fritzi Francis, 11; Tamara Wilson, 16; Robert Francis, 12; and Korie Wilson, 14 Grandchildren of Vann & Sondra Francis of Matador



Brian son of Dennis & Lena Gwinn of Ralls

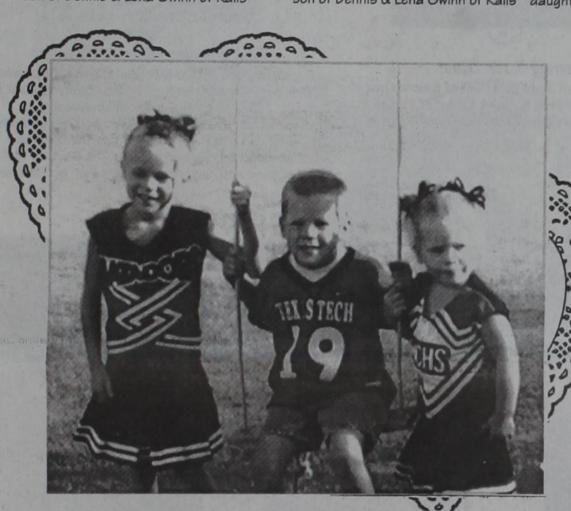


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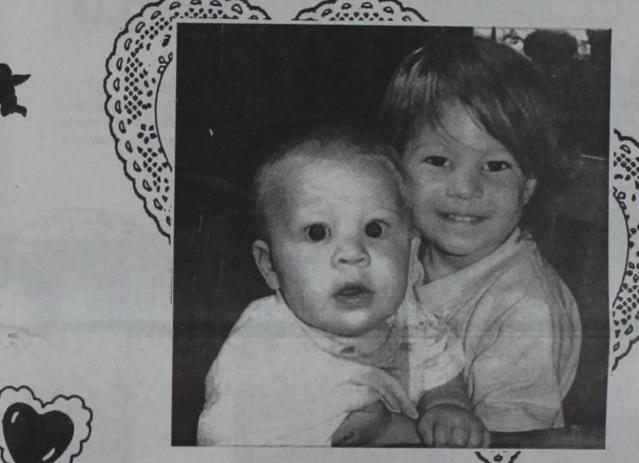


Leigha Burns son of Dennis & Lena Gwinn of Ralls daughter of Steve & Reneigh Burns of Casper, WY





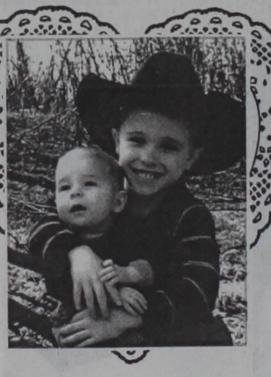
Macie, Eli & Cambrie Marshall Children of Brent & Jana Marshall of Matador Grandchildren of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador Great-grandchildren of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs



Tyne & Rivers Marshall Tyne, 1, and Rivers, 3 1/2, are the daughters of
Brian & Nancy Marshall of Matador
Granddaughters of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador,
and Jackie and Sharon Martin of Roaring Springs
Great-granddaughters of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs
and Callie & R.C. Giesecke of Matador



Carley & Cassidy Turner Daughters of Craig and Cathey Turner, Granddaughters of Linda & Steve Hess and Dean and Nova Turner of Matador, Great-granddaughters of Sylvia Martin if Matador



Brody & Brogan Rankin Sons of Ryan and Lacey Rankin of Roaring Springs; Grandsons of Harold & Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs, Newell & Toni Rankin and Andy & Vicki Brown; great-grandsons of Maxine Pickins, Rex & Betty Yoder and Rudolf Rankin



Hunter Lefevre Son of Billy & Kristy Lefevre of Amarillo; Grandson of Bruce & Dorothy Lefevre of Roaring Springs and Eddie & Gayle Hankins of Clarendon

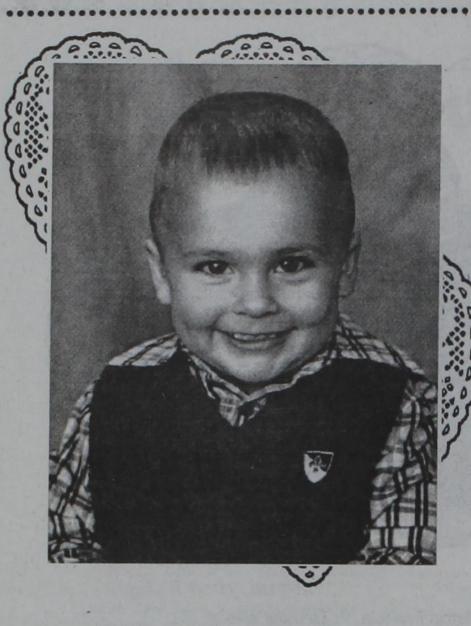


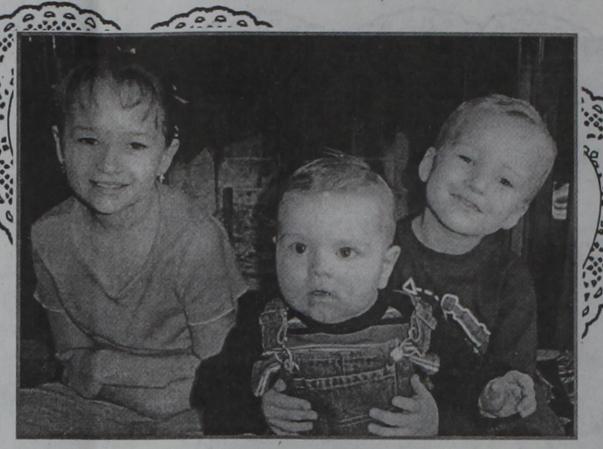
Kolton & Branton Bailey Grandsons of Ron & Kay Bailey of Eastland





Dillon & Jason Bailey Grandsons of Ron & Kay Balley of Eastland



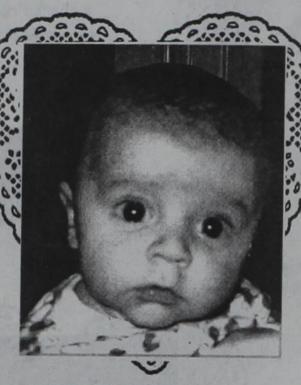


Katie and Tucker Barton and Jackson Rains

Katle, 7, and Tucker, 4, are the children of Bobby and Brooke Barton of Matador, and the grandchildren of Fred & Mellane Parson and Steve and Beverly Barton, of Matador; great-grandchildren of Sue Parson of Lubbock and Bud Barton of Matador, Jackson is the 9-month-old son of Scotty & Chesle Rains of Matador, and the grandson of Fred and Mellane Parson of Matador and Shirley and David Bunch of Plains; great-grandson of Violetta Rains of Brownfield and Ernest and Ruby Sellars of Plains; great-great-grandson of Ernest Carey of Plains.



Skylar Avery Horen 2-year-old daughter of Paka and D.J. Horen of Plano. Granddaughter of Kenny and Olivia Barton of Matador and Don and Pam Horen of Hartford, Wisconsin



Riggs Barton Horen 3-month-old son of Paka and D.J. Horen of Plano. and Don and Pam Horen of Hartford, Wisconsin



Journey Ruth Blair Daughter of Brian and Kobbi Blair of Salem, Ore.; Granddaughter of Fred & Elaine Risser of Matador,



Seth Sawyer Garrett Baxter 8-year-old son of Don & Colleen Baxter of Matador Brother of Brad Baxter of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska and Stachia Baxter of Levelland. and Great-granddaughter of Frances Dixon of Whiteflat. Grandson of Doyle and the late Carolyn Rose of Matador and Don and Ray Baxter of Roaring Springs.

Great-grandson of Sis and the late C.R. Davis of Matador and Joyce and the late John Thrasher of Plainview



Mahanna & Matthew Meador Children of John and Pam Meador of Gatesville Grandchildren of Dena Meador of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Woody of Oklahoma



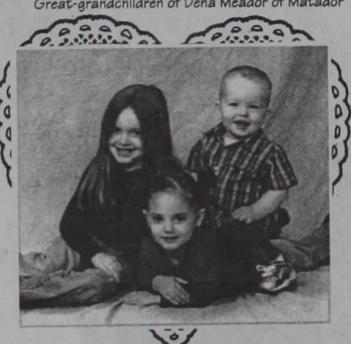
Mikela Barton 15-year-old granddaughter of Eugenia Barton and the late France Barton of Matador



(From top to bottom, left to right) Payton Price, Mitch Edwards; Dayton Greenhaw, Madi Edwards, Jessie Price; Tanner Greenhaw, Tyler Campbell, Barrett Bulls; Anna Saunders, Bailey Bulls; (front) Jack Price, Maegan Saunders; (inset) Chancey Campbell



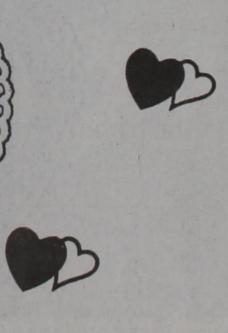
Claire and Matthew Meador Children of Doug and Natalle Meador of Kingwood Grandchildren of Doug Sr. and Barbara Meador of Ozono Great-grandchildren of Dena Meador of Matador



Serenity Sky, DesTiny Dream and Andrew James Westbrook Sky and DesTiny are the nieces of Randy and Lindsey Westbrook and children of Tessa Westbrook, of Lubbock. They are the granddaughters of Jim and Paula Westbrook of Lubbock and Andy and Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, AR. Andrew is the son of Randy and Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock, grandson of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador and David and Terri Westbrook of Lubbcck and great-grandson of Pete and Bessle Jean Williams of Matador, Jim and Wanda Stockton of Whiteflat, Jim and Paula Westbrook of Lubbock, and Andy and Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, AR



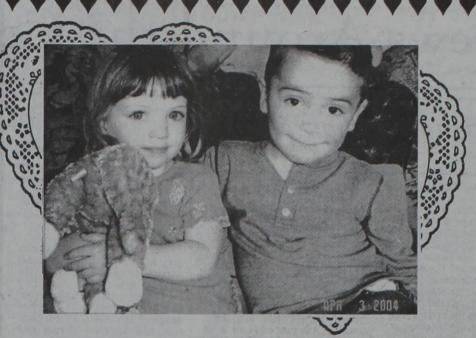
Madison & Morgan Mzyk Daughters of Frank & Renee Mzyk of Flower Mound, TX Granddaughters of Butch & Judy Renfro of Matador and Irene Mzyk of San Antonio







Stormy, Noah & Addie Guerrero
Children of Noel & Lisa Guerrero of Portland;
Grandchildren of Joe & Mary Ann Guerrero and
Jerry & Shane Jones of Matador;
Great-grandchildren of Mary Jones of Matador



Lillie Stephens & Kenesaw Stephens
Lillie Is the daughter of Chad and Cheryl Stephens
Kenesaw is the son of James and Ruthie Stephens.



Taelor & Tanner Norrell, Kenesaw & Jared Stephens
Taelor and Tanner are the children of Mike & Rhonda Norrell of Matador,
Kenesaw and Jarred are the children of James and Ruthie Stephens
of Roaring Springs.

Grandchildren of Myrna Stephens and great-grandchildren of Bertha Moore of Matador.



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brings or what may lie in store,

Just fill your heart with hope and peace,

hope and peace, and happiness galore... No matter what the day brings or what may be your cares,

Just reach to God and
He will send an answer
to your prayers.
No matter what the day
brings or what may
touch your soul,
Just walk with Jesus
all the way,
and you will reach your
goal...
And keep on goingl

WE LOVE YOU, MOMI



Happy Valentine's Day, Mom & Dadl

Steve Smith and Shirlene Cooper, son and daughter of Jack & Shirley Smith of Matador



Hudson Haile, 2, (front); Meagan Lee, 13, Corbin Lee, 11; and Holden Haile, 5 (in back) Hudson and Holden are the sons of Brian and Heather Haile of Stephenville; Meagan and Corbin are the children of Mark and Holly Lee of Wolfforth.

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Hobbs of Matador

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS Mrs. Donalda Letkeman shared hostess duties with Lula Swim when the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met in Miss Swim's home on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 2. Mrs. Debbie Martin was in charge. Pearl Patten opened the meeting with prayer. Callie Giesecke read the minutes. Debbie Martin gave the devotional, "Make Time." Chelsea Read was the leader, speaking on The 40 Days of Purpose study the Guild is participating in.

In addition to those mentioned, refreshments were served to Mrs. Jan Jones, Mrs. Lea Peacock, Mrs. Joy Beason, Mrs. Jo Etta Bumgardner, Mrs. Billie Stuckey and Mrs. Robena King.

The meeting was closed in prayer voiced by Donalda, Lula and

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker were in Amarillo on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowrance and Brad Thacker met them for lunch.

Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Joy Beason and Mrs. Robena King enjoyed the Turkey Jamboree Satur-

Mrs. Jo Trammel, Mrs. P.K. Green, Mrs. Ken Young, Mrs. Donalda Letkeman and Lula Swim attended the Salad Luncheon held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Saturday. Guest speaker was Mrs. Virginia Taylor of South Plains. She portrayed Mary Magdalene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman and Lula Swim were in Lubbock on Monday, Feb. 7.

Duncan files bill to make judicial salaries comparable to other states

Austin -- Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, filed legislation Tuesday to bring state judges' salaries into parity with their counterparts in other states in the nation.

Texas' judicial pay ranks 39th in the country, which is often the reason that fair, effective jurists leave the bench to join the private sector. Duncan filed Senate Bill 368 to stop the potential depletion of our state's best and brightest on the bench.

"Judges are resigning from the bench at a higher rate than in previous years, and it can have a detrimental impact on the quality of justice handed down. We risk losing the institutional knowledge that can make all the difference in fair administration of justice,"
Duncan said. "Raising their pay
to a competitive level with other
states is critical to maintaining a strong bench."

Other states of comparable caseload and population offer much higher compensation to their judiciary. While SB 368 doesn't make Texas salaries equal to all other pay scales, Duncan believes this is a significant step in the right direction. Following is a detail of California and Florida salary scales contrasted with Texas current salaries and those proposed in this legislation:

District Judges: Texas, \$101,000; California, \$144,000; Florida, \$133,000; Senate Bill 368, \$125,000.

Appellate Judges: Texas, \$107,000; California, \$165,000; Florida, \$142,000; Senate Bill 368, \$135,000.

High Courts: Texas, \$113,000; California, \$176,000; Florida, \$154,000: Senate Bill \$150,000.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Duncan is aware of the critical importance of spending taxpayers' money wisely. To that end, the money to fund this increase will be paid by the users of system through filing fees. Criminal case filing fees will be increased by \$2; civil case filing fees will be increased by \$35. This is expected to generate about \$50 million, which will cover the amount needed to pay for the increase.

The legislation will also remove provisions for counties to offer supplemental salary funding; however, no judge's salary will be less than it is today.

Texas judges haven't had a pay increase since 1998, when their pay was linked to lawmakers retirement programs. SB 368 will remove that provision; lawmakers pensions will be tied to the gubernatorial salary in-stead of the judiciary.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose. Happy Valentine's Day!

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Nada Starkey had eye surgery Wednesday at the Northwest Surgical Hospital in Amarillo. She returned home Friday. With her during surgery and hospitalization beside her husband, Jack, was her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo, son, Michael Starkey and friend, Lori Ridon of Canyon.

Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland visited from Friday until Sunday of last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall. They also visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob.

Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay of Flomot celebrated the birthday of their brother, Charles Tanner of Tulia Friday at the El Camino Restaurant in Tulia

Mrs. Darrell (Brenda) Cruse met her children, Leah Cruse and Derrick Cruse in Canyon Saturday night and they attended the West Texas A&M University vs. Abilene Christian University girls' basketball game. Natalie Wheeler of Turkey, a friend of the family, is a team member of the WTA&MU and they came out the victors.

Fannin Gwinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, was in Fort Worth from Tuesday until Friday, Feb. 1-4, showing a hamshire Barrow at the Fort Worth Livestock Show. He is in San Antonio this week from Sunday until Wednesday, Feb. 6-9, competing in the Gilt Show. He

is a member of the Valley Agriculture team.

Cory, Amy, Madison and Hudson Franks of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and brother,

Cary Franks. Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, daughters and families, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia welcomed their daughter and sister, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Bogota, Columbia at the Amarillo Airport Saturday. They accompanied Cindy to Flomot to visit this month. Her husband, Chad Calvert with the USA Government Embassy in Columbia, will join her here for his vacation in March. Other luncheon guests in the Shorter home, Sunday were Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of Flomot.

Mrs. Janice Hughes, daughterin-law, Mrs. Roger (Tiffany) Hughes and children, Tara and Reagan of Floydada attended the Fort Worth Livestock Show Thursday and Friday. Tara had an entry in the Swine Show. They visited overnight Friday in Royce City with Janice's son and family, Benjie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn. They returned to their respective homes, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle, Saturday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner and Sarah. Kelsey was in Amarillo at a basketball game. They enjoyed the basketball games in which Tanner played. They also visited their niece and daughter. Mrs. Donna Little and Morgan of Claude. Morgan also played in basketball games in Panhandle.

Obituaries

James A. Simpson

Graveside services for James A. Simpson, 79, of Matador, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 11, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador, with Rickey Lawrence officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Simpson passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at his residence in Matador. James married LaVon Baker on January 26, 1953, and was a lifelong resident of Matador. He retired from the Texas Department of Transportation after 35 years of service and was also a Farmer and Rancher in his spare time.

Mr. Simpson was a member of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church and a former member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Noel, and five brothers: Mal Simpson, Roy Simpson, Alfred Simpson, D.C. 'Jack' Simpson and J.B. 'Jake' Simpson, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, LaVon of Matador; three sons, Bobby of Dumont, Gary of Roaring Springs, and Terry of Matador; one daughter, Naomi Lawrence of Matador; one brother, James E. "Gid" Simpson of Matador; two sisters, Letress Moss of Floydada and Oleta Camp of Houston; 11 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers are James Gwinn, Chig Gwinn, Vaden Hays, James Taylor and Carter

Honorary Pallbearers are

Lewis Blevins, Pete Williams, Lonnie Doran, C.D. Garrison, Clay Jameson and Donnie Jack-

NOTE OF THANKS

We want to say thank you to everyone for your concern while Mattie was in the hospital. We appreciate the cards, phone calls, visits and especially your prayers. God bless you.

> Timmy, Tina, Christian and Mattie Brooks

We would like to thank those who sent cards or called us at the loss of Richard's sister, Mary Carson. We also appreciate the kindness shown to us after Dorothy's surgery.

Richard and Dorothy Turner

The family of Carl Barton greatly appreciate the cards, food and flowers that were sent during our time of sorrow. A special thank you to the First Baptist Church for the wonderful lunch that was served and for the use of your Church for the service. Thank you also for your thoughts and prayers on our behalf. May God Bless each of you.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

Monday, February 7, was "Food Check Out Day". Food Check Out Day was started by the Farm Bureau to recognize the day of the year when the average American has earned enough money to pay for their food for the rest of the year.

According to Agriculture Department statistics, the average American uses only 10 percent of their disposable income to purchase food. When converted into time, it takes 37 days to earn enough money to pur-chase food for the year. When compared to other countries which may spend more than half of their income on food, we see how blessed we are to have such a safe, abundant, and affordable food supply. This is in a large part due to the hard work of the American farmers and ranchers.

Here are a few things to think about: (Information pro-

vided by Texas Farm Bureau)
* Compared to other expenses facing America's families, food is a bargain. While Americans must only work until early February to pay for their yearly food supply, last year they had to work until April 11 to pay for their taxes.

* Farmers and ranchers receive only 19 cents out of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. In 1980, farmers and ranchers received 31

* In 2003, \$56 billion worth of American agricultural products were exported around the

* There are 2.13 million farms dotting America's rural landscape. About 99 percent of U.S. Farms are operated by in-dividuals, family partnerships or family corporations. And American agriculture provides jobs--including production agri-culture, farm inputs, processing and marketing, along with retail and wholesale sales--for 17 per-

cent of the U.S. population. * Thanks to modern farming techniques, America's farmers and ranchers are producing more food on fewer acres, leaving more open space for wildlife habitat.

* As we celebrate the efficiency and productivity of America's farmers and ranchers, we should not overlook the fact that farmers and ranchers are currently going through difficult economic times. Escalating regulatory costs and other factors are threatening the very fabric of the family farm. Prices at the supermarket certainly don't reflect the historically low commodity prices producers have received in recent years.

The Motley County Farm
Service Agency along with the
Motley County Farm Bureau
would like to say thank you to
our producers and the others in the ag. industry for giving us the best, safest, and cheapest food supply in the world. If you are a consumer (which you are), thank a farmer.

County Agent News

By Eric Lewis Motley County Extension Agent

4-H MEETING

The Motley County 4-H club will hold its monthly meeting on February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Motley County Courthouse.
Members need to bring their
project forms so that they can be checked. Members must turn in their forms in order to receive a t-shirt.

Immediately following the meeting there will be a short photography meeting to discuss rules and contest dates.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 65th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show is just two weeks away! This annual event will take place on

February 26 at the Motley County ISD Bus/Show Barn. There are 34 swine, 18 goat, 9 lamb, 15 rabbits, and 2 steer entered. More information on this event will be available in the coming weeks.

LAWN PREPARATION

As we discussed previously, it is time to start preparing your lawn for summer time enjoy-ment and the growing season by applying pre-emergent herbicides. Another practice to consider is scalping your lawn.
Scalping is the process of removing the excess quantity of leaf tissue at any one mowing, resulting in a stubbly brown appearance due to exposed stems, stolons, crowns, dead leaves, and even bare soil. Just as in everyday life, there are pros and cons to consider when making

Scalping is not a recommended practice during the

growing season or prior to winter dormancy for turfgrasses, but it can be beneficial in late winter to early spring. Some of the benefits of scalping prior to green-up include: earlier greenup, control of some winter annual broadleaf weeds, and removal of debris that contribute to thatch accumulation.

Timing is essential in the scalping process. Scalping too early can injure the grass by exposing stolons and crows to frost. Waiting until the grass is actively growing will result in stress and shock to the point that it slows or stops growth until the grass recovers. Caution should be used when scalping lawns with heavy thatch, such as St. Augustine.

What method should be used to accomplish the scalping procedure? Drop mower cutting height to 1/2 to 1 inch and began mowing. Special atten-tion should be given to high spots in the lawn while mowing. Cutting the grass too short can also cause damage.

This practice also causes a good bit of debris. This material should be raked and hauled off to prevent accumulation and thatch build up. A good practice to consider in the disposing of this material is to start a compost pile.

In conclusion, scalping when done properly is a practice that will help to produce a strong, stand of turfgrass. For more information visit the Texas A&M Turigrass Program http://aggie-turg.edu/

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The seminar is planned for Feb. 14-15 in Denton at the Denton County Government Center. The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

"The program is designed to provide enough information on tax and estate planning to help participants make difficult estate planning decisions," said

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Texas Cooperative Extension economist and attorney. "We will go through a thorough analysis of new income and estate tax rules that effect families and agricultural businesses.

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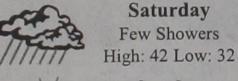
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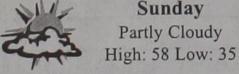


High: 46 Low: 41



Friday Few Showers High: 43 Low: 36







High: 55 Low: 37 Tuesday

Monday Partly Cloudy



Mostly Sunny High: 56 Low: 34

Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 33

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 46°, humidity of 73% and an overnight low of 41°. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1976. Friday, skies will be cloudy with a 30% chance of showers.

Moon Phases

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Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
aturday	51	34	54/28	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.17"
unday	37	33	54/28	0.23"	Departure from normal+0.18"
Ionday	43	33	54/28	0.00"	
uesday	37	32	54/29	0.08"	Average temperature
Vednesday	46	33	54/29	0.03"	Average normal temperature41.3°
hursday	59	29	55/29	0.01"	Departure from normal2.4°
riday	62	33	55/29	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Feb. 10, 1978 - As much as eight inches of rain drenched Southern California, resulting in widespread flooding and mudslides. The heavy rainfall produced a wall of water that ripped through the mountain resort community of Hidden Springs, drowning at least 13 people.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:32 a.m.
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Moonset today	8:39 p.m.

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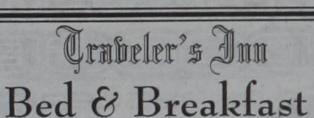
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JACK A. DAVIS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JACK A. DAVIS, Deceased, were issued on February 1, 2005, in Cause No. 2545 pending in the County Court of Motley County,

> RONALD L. DAVIS The address of such person is: P.O. Box 308

Matador, Texas 79244 persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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