

CLASS OF 2005



MOTLEY COUNTY CLASS OF 2005 — Pictured at top, left to right, Brittany Moore, Cody Cooper, Kenny Johannes, Clay Cooper, Amy Easter, Veronica Mendoza; (standing l-r) Sabrina Osborn, Seagram Sims, Amanda Ashby, Daniel Gressett, Emily Hurt, Matt Henzler and Annie Green.

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City of Matador awarded grant

The City of Matador will receive a \$250,000 grant, with a matching fund of \$12,500 from the Texas Community Development Fund. The grant will be used to improve the City's water system.

“This grant will enable us to replace water lines, valves, fittings, replace two storage reservoirs and replace the fire hydrants,” Mayor Paul Westbrook said.

Mayor Westbrook said grant funds should be available in early 2006.

The grant was awarded through a scoring process in a Regional Review Committee meeting held in Lubbock, March 18. Thirty-five grants were submitted and only eight were awarded.

Assistant Water Superintendent, Casey Lawrence, made the presentation for the City.

The Grant was prepared by SPAG with Casey's help. Mayor Westbrook, a mem-

ber of the Regional Review Committee, was appointed by Governor Rick Perry.



Cody Cooper
High School Valedictorian



Clay Cooper
High School Salutatorian



Courtney Alexander
8th Grade Valedictorian



Kayla Hollinsworth
8th Grade Salutatorian

MC graduates to receive diplomas

Motley County ISD 8th grade and Senior graduates will receive their diplomas on Friday and Saturday night, May 27 and 28. The 8th grade graduation ceremonies will be held Friday night at 7:00 p.m. with six students obtaining the rights to enter high school next year.

Courtney Leigh Alexander, daughter of LeJeanna and Rick Faulks of Matador and Jerry and Linda Alexander, is the class Valedictorian with a GPA of 91.66.

Kayla Hollinsworth, daughter of Larry and Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs is Salutatorian with a GPA of 86.73.

Other members of the class are Aaron Tilson Bethard, Lisa Marie Garland, Jasmine Nicole Porter and Shane'a Lynn Russell.

Twelve Motley County Seniors will receive their diplomas Saturday night, with ceremo-

nies set to begin at 7:00 p.m. Class Valedictorian is Cody Cooper with a GPA of 96.9. Salutatorian is Clay Cooper, with a GPA of 96.2. They are the sons of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador.

Cody plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Animal Science. Clay also plans to attend WTA&M and plans to major in Agricultural Education.

Also making their final walk across the school stage as a MC student, and receiving their diplomas will be Amanda Dawn Ashby, Amy Jean Easter, Annie Maree Green, James Matthew Henzler, Emily Rose Hurt, Kenneth LeRoy Johannes, Veronica Mendoza, Brittany Ann Moore, Sabrina LaNay Osborn and Seagram Forest Sims.

Both graduation ceremonies will be held in the high school gym. Everyone is invited to attend.

Memorial Day service to be held in Roaring Springs

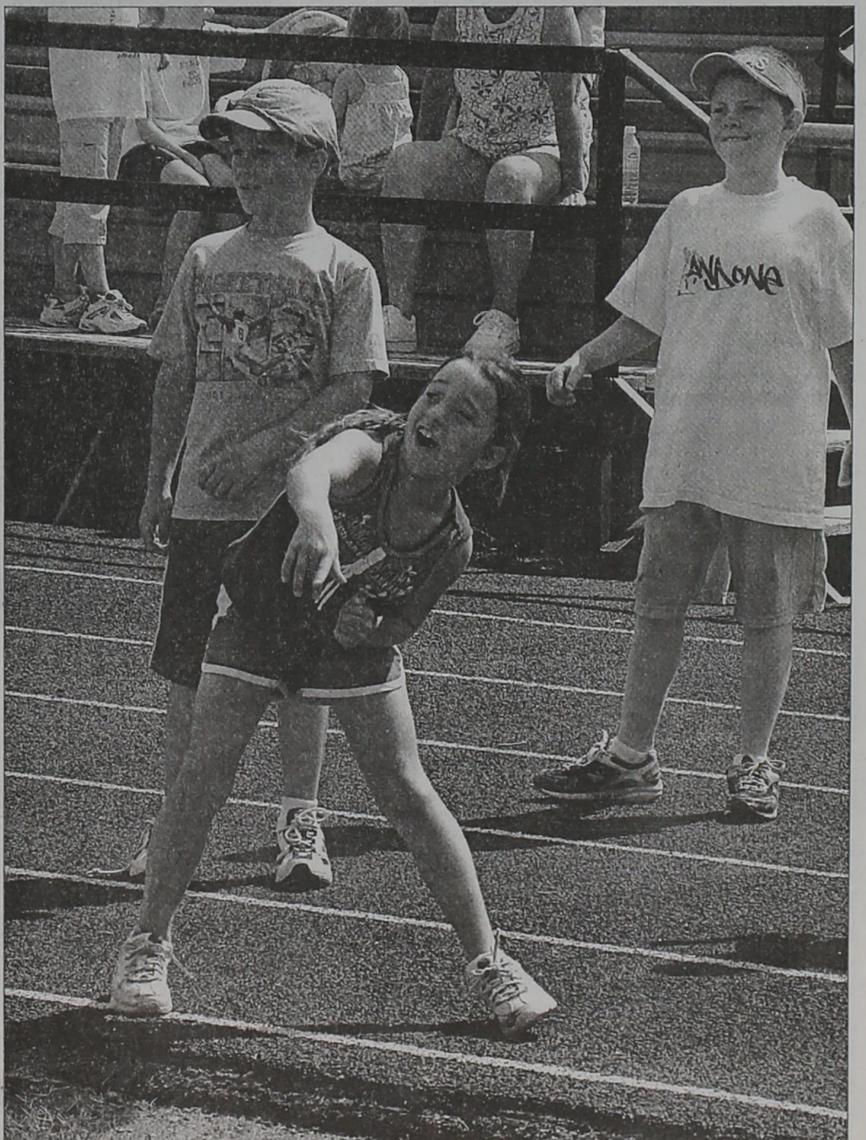
The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30. The event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Roaring Springs, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will pay tribute to those who have done so much for Motley County. Bro. Mike Crowley, pastor of the Roaring Springs and Matador Church of Christ, will be the speaker.

Matador Memorial Breakfast Canceled

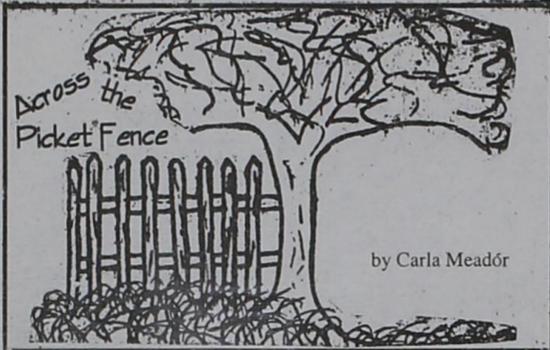
The American Legion WILL NOT serve breakfast on Memorial Day. Instead, anyone wanting to place flags on the graves of Veterans should meet at the various cemeteries at 7:00 a.m. The flags will be gathered at 5:00 p.m.

Because of unforeseen circumstances, the Memorial Day breakfast and program by Mike Crowley, which had been scheduled for the Senior Citizens Center in Matador, have been canceled.

American Legion and Auxiliary members are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the change in plans.



GOOD ARM! Catherine “Cat” Ward seems amazed at her throw during the baseball pitch competition during last Saturday's Mini-Olympics. Looking on are Jared Stephens, left, and Seth Baxter. The annual event, held each year at the Motley County ISD track, is sponsored by the Motley County Youth Organization (MCYO).



"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Proverbs 24: 3-4

Each year as I put the Senior edition together, I can't believe how fast these kids have grown up. It truly seems like yesterday that we printed their Kindergarten group picture in the paper, with the caption: "Class of 2005." 2005 seemed so far away! But, it's here!

If I could give the high school graduates one piece of advice for life, the above verse would be it.

Most of the kids that come out of Motley County ISD are good kids, from good homes with good morals and they go on to become successful individuals who contribute to society. But, we all know how hard life is in the real world.

My greatest wish for each of them would be that they would stay focused on the love and

guidance of God in their lives. There will surely come times when they will go through hard times. There will be times when they feel like there's no one there for them. There will be plenty of opportunity to go astray.

We, as parents try to teach our children the way they should go in the world, but we can't be with them when they move out. The most important thing we can do is pray continuously and trust God to keep His angels watching over them.

So, parents, as your Senior goes out in this world, I pray they learn the importance of obtaining wisdom to build their house for their future, that their understanding is established, and through knowledge their rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

And, I know it's hard when your baby goes out in the world, especially if they're your only child, but hang in there - after about 7 or 8 years, it will get a little easier.

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May We Never Forget



Several years ago while driving around in the county, I stopped and walked through an old forgotten cemetery. In my walk I discovered some very old tombstones with no writing upon them at all. How sad for a person to die and for all practical purposes, not be remembered at all. Simply forgotten. I had no idea about who they might have been or of what family they had been a part. There was nothing left behind to mark their passage through tis life. How sad.

You and I will die one day. Yet, for those in Christ, we will not die forgotten. We will leave behind memories of a faithful life. We will leave behind a Christian influence which will have touched the lives of our families. We will have left behind mile-markers for our loved ones to follow our eternal footsteps. Our names will be called, somewhere in eternity vastness. For our names are penned in the Book of Life and we will join the victorious from all the ages past.

No one was ever created to be forgotten. Our great God desires all to spend eternity with Him. The song writer has captured the thought, which all who are formed in Christ should want to say, "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

Please note: The Art Classes at the library during June have been postponed. Betty Henry, the teacher, is ill and will not be able to teach during June. Watch the *Motley County Tribune* for when these Art Classes will take place.

We thank Nadine Redd for her donation to the library in memory of Earline Vaughn. We also appreciate the donation by W.C. Pallmeyer in memory of Earline Vaughn and Jimmie Hunter.

New books in the library include Nancy Rosenberg's

Sullivan's Justice and the newest by Susan Wiggs, *Table for 5*. We also have *Innocent* by Harlan Coben, *Two of a Kind* by Nora Roberts and *Torment of Others* by Val McDermid.

The library has six new Christian Fiction novels. They are *Bad Heiress Day* by Allie Pleiter, *Beyond Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury, *For the Love of the Land* and *The Heart of Thornton Creek*, both by Bonnie Leon and two mysteries, *The Deuce* by F.P. Lione and *Bye Bertie* by Rick Dewhurst.

El Progreso Club holds final meeting of the year

by Beverly Vinson

El Progreso Club met in Roaring Springs at Traveler's Inn for their final meeting of the year with a delicious luncheon and business meeting before going to the Full Gospel church for a most interesting program on Greece presented by Ken and Dinah Young, who had spent three months there during the Olympics of 2004.

Those attending were Lana Copp, president, Lucretia Campbell, Fredia Burns, Winifred Darsey, Billie Koon, Dorothy Day, JoEtta Bumgardner, JoAnn Dickson and Beverly Vinson. Joining the group for the program were Lula Swim and Bill Bowley.

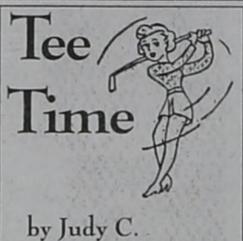
Business included letters of resignation from several members, some moving and others just not able to continue because of extenuating circumstances. Letters for new members were read. Dues were paid and other business discussed, including the Jail and Scholarship.

The Youngs presented an interesting program with slides they took of their stay in Greece. They described the countryside, beaches, Olympics and people. They also showed pictures and mementoes they brought back with them.

The Youngs have worked for Coca-Cola and Minute Maid at three of the Olympic Gams and have had a wonderful and interesting time each trip. They enjoyed the food, the people, the beaches, touring, seeing Corinth, Marathon, the many eating places outside along the streets, Cosmos, Naphthio, and

churches, each an entity unto itself.

Beverly Vinson concluded the day with the inspirational thought, "God Knew Our Greatest Need."



Ladies play day on May 19, was for most rough shots. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, Dartha, Dot and Judy C. Winning with six rough shots each were Dot and Judy C.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Judy R., Nell, Frances, Tempie and Olivia. Nell won with 5 rough shots.

Winning first in the Tuesday Scramble, May 17, was Larry McClenny, Christy, Reagan and Machaia with a score of 31. Second, Conway, Stan and Chance, with a score of 31.

Others playing were Alan, Kay, Isaiah, Cody, Bryan, Cole and Tempie. Conway won closest to the pin or #3.

SHOP AT HOME!

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider: Travel East, Travel West, After all, home is best.

Spring is well and truly here, so it was time to go off hunting the wildflowers that brighten up the season.

And there are colors to be seen-yellows and lavenders, oranges and whites, pale colors and vivid, dark and light. And you can find flowers, bushes and trees. Yes, and even yuccas.

So the goal was to find that there was to be found, driving over the roads of Motley County, and even surrounding counties. And what was there to be found? Turkeys, strutting their stuff on the road, much too proud to get off the road for a scruffy little red car doing seventy miles an hour...And prairie dogs and birds of all descriptions. Colts consisting mostly of legs, and calves trotting after their moth-

ers. All kinds of springtime signs.

And flowers? Bluebonnets, perhaps, and lilacs, wisteria and blooming yuccas? Where is the greatest show to be seen? What road have you been down and seen the beautiful wildflower carpets? You can travel the roads and the side roads, but you won't find more flowering beauty than right in the yards of your neighbors.

You guessed it -home is the best place to see the flowering bounty of spring. The yards in the towns of Motley County are full of colors. Some people call some of the blossoms weeds, but they sure are beautiful, and cheer up their surroundings.

So now, why don't you go for a walk, enjoy the beauty around us, and welcome in the spring before the summer temperatures make walking a chore.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

There are three "isms" (philosophies) that closely interrelate and which have led to our Supreme Court-ordered concept of "separation of church and state." Each "ism" is false and the result of illogical corrupt thinking, as is our current "separation" of church and state mess.

Relativism is the idea that there are no absolutes and all is relative. It is anti-truth and anti-God. While this writer knew and liked the late Congresswoman, Barbara Jordan, during the Watergate Hearings she made one of the weirdest (yet famous) statements in our history, when she declared the constitution to be "a living, breathing document."

This is relativism and is absurd. The minute the Constitution becomes a living, breathing document, it ceases to become a bedrock foundational document, and becomes subject to reinterpretation (illegal amendment) by the courts - which is exactly what they have done! This has caused Robert Bork to declare: "Today, we have no Constitution!" With relativism, original intent becomes unimportant! We simply reinterpret the Constitution to fit the times - a downhill slide.

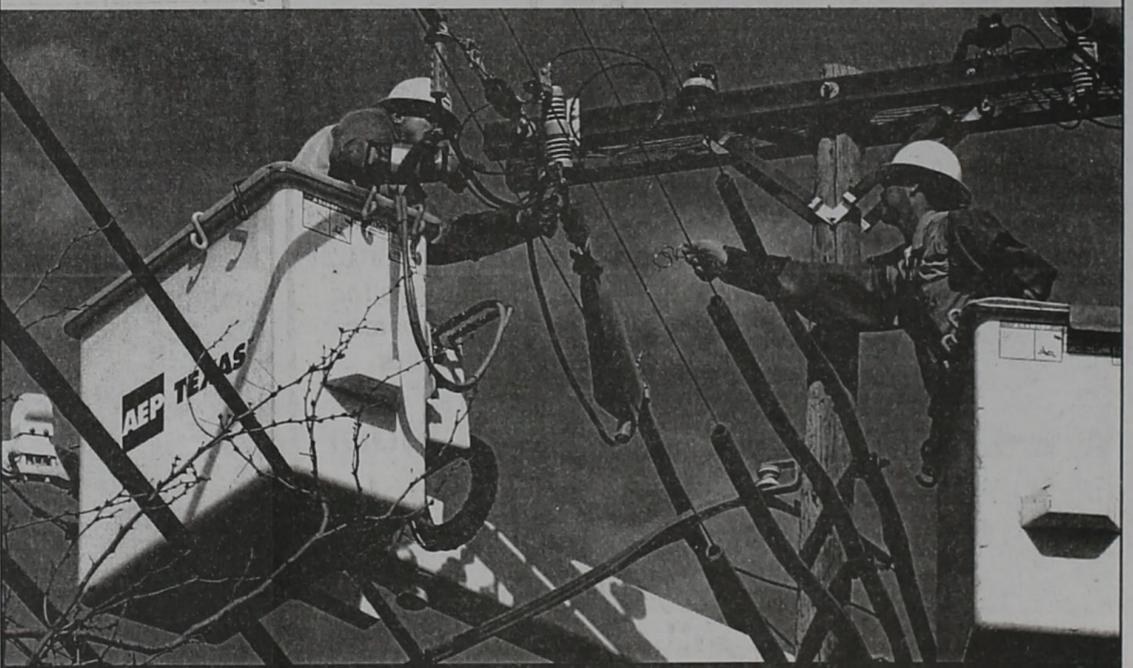
While Darwin didn't invent relativism, his theory, evolutionism (there are no absolutes, all

is evolving) strongly bolstered the relativists as evolution became an accepted "fact." Oliver Wendell Holmes and the Dean of the Harvard Law School imported evolutionism into the teaching of law, in place of Biblical principles, and over time these mis-taught students became judges, having been brainwashed on relativism and evolutionism. It continues today, and controls the Supreme Court majority.

The two prior "isms" have given us secularism, the seductive idea that government and the public square should be devoid of anything religious, i.e. neutral. Today the Supreme Court-ordered standard is "complete government neutrality" mandated by the "wall of separation between church and state." BUT, this is not only the exact opposite of what the founding fathers intended and what the Constitution actually says, it is a court-ordered impossibility!

Where God is concerned, we are either "for" or "against." Neutrality is not an available option. A "God-neutral" secular government is actually anti-God. This is what happened to our public schools - no God, no Bible, no prayer, and Darwinian evolution is the only theory of origins left to teach our children. We either falsely teach them or leave them in the dark.

1:27 p.m. Monday



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THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County ★ Class of 2005 ★ Senior Spotlight



Amanda D. Ashby

Age: 18
Date of Birth: June 23, 1986.
Parents: Cindy Campbell and Marc Ashby.
Siblings: Shane and Kyle Ashby.
Pets: 2 dogs, Sissy and Zoey.
Who do you most admire and why: Myself, because I have been through a lot to finish school.

Favorite high school memory: Going on field trips and getting out of school early.
Extracurricular activities: Yearbook.

Special honors: Vocational, Math, Student Aide Award, English.

Words of wisdom to the underclassmen: Do the best in everything you do.

Plans after graduation: Going to college after Zachary's first year in school.

Favorites:

Food: Mexican
Hangout: With Zachary
Movie: Money
Musical group: O'Mario
Color: Blue and pink.
Soft Drink: D.P.
Book: The Maze
Song: O
Teacher (k-12): All of the teachers I've had.
Sport: Cross Country, Basketball.
Past time: Hang out with Zachary and friends.

Kids' Camp plans in progress

Plans are now in progress for Kids' Camp, scheduled for July 25-29 at the Community Center in Roaring Springs.

The camp will feature several great programs, as well as many other activities. The Science Spectrum will again be on hand with new and exciting programs, including new animal exhibits.

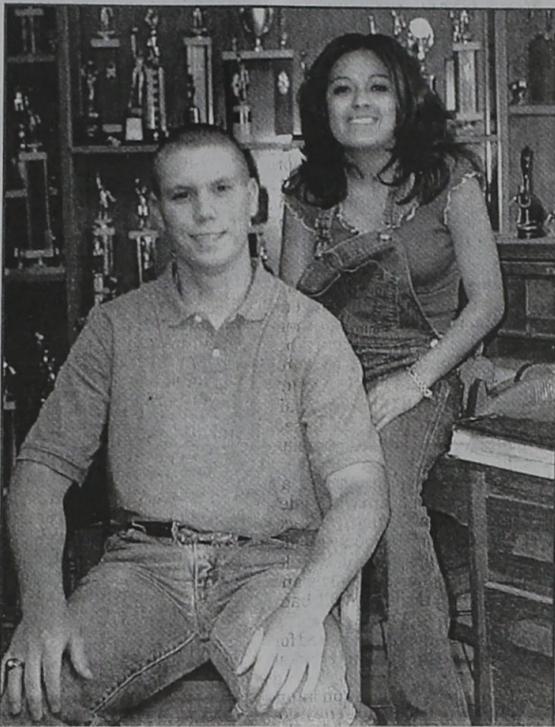
Volunteers are still needed. For more information contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336.



ACADEMIC ALL-STATE — Pictured left to right, Ashlee Green, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, and Clay Cooper.



MOST BEAUTIFUL & MOST HANDSOME: Sabrina Osborn and Matt Henzler.



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Clay Cooper and Veronica Mendoza.



ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT — Pictured left to right, Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green, Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Angelica Mendoza, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, Clay Cooper, and Amy Easter.



PROM KING & QUEEN: Chance Bingham and Amy Easter.

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Where will I be in 10 years?

A question to the MC Class of 2005 ...

Amanda Ashby: "I will be happily married and going to Zachary's junior high basketball games."

Clay Cooper: "I will be a ruler of my own Island."

Cody Cooper: "I will have a very successful bull riding career."

Amy Easter: "I will have a successful career in Radiology making a lot of money."

Annie Green: "I will have a successful Journalism career and be happily married."

Matt Henzler: "I will be in Mexico."

Emily Hurt: "I'm going to be a billionaire and I will own hotel casino resorts throughout Las Vegas and I will be living in a big mansion in the country that sits on 10 million acres of land that consists of five 18-hole golf courses."

Kenny Johannes: "Living in Dallas, working on air conditioners with my business partners."

Veronica Mendoza: "I will be employed at a hospital as a Nurse, be married with a kid."

Brittany Moore: "I will be coaching and probably married."

Sabrina Osborn: "Hopefully successful with a good job."

Seagram Sims: "Making a lot of money."

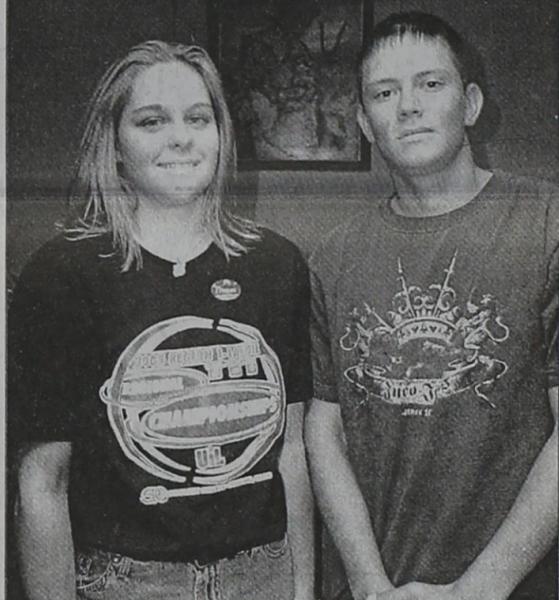
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Matador Variety

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OPERATION CLEAN-UP continues JUNE 4th!



MR. & MISS MCHS: Brittany Moore and Matt Henzler.

1st Annual Old Settlers Cowboy Campmeeting

May 26-28, 2005

at the Old Settlers grounds, Roaring Springs, TX

Camp Preachers:

Steve Cody, Lenapah, OK
Johnny Morris, Afton, TX

Music Leaders:

Penny Keltz
Kelly Keltz

CAMP SCHEDULE:

- Thursday Chuckwagon Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday: Cowboy Breakfast - 7:00 a.m.
- Bible Study (Men & Women) - 9:00 a.m.
- Morning Services - 11:00 a.m.
- Chuckwagon Lunch - 12:00 noon
- Men's & Women's Prayer Trees (Prayer & Testimony) - 3:00 p.m.
- Free time - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Chuckwagon Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

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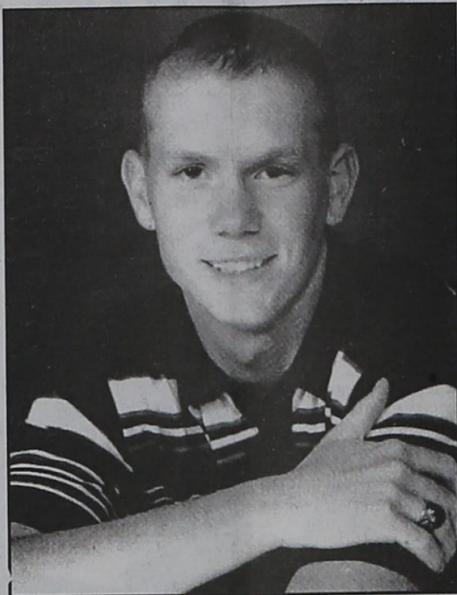
What a Terrific Bunch!

Class of 2005

Matador Variety



CODY GLENN COOPER
VALEDICTORIAN



CLAY BYRON COOPER
SALUTATORIAN



EMILY ROSE HURT



SABRINA LANAY OSBORN



ANNIE MAREE GREEN



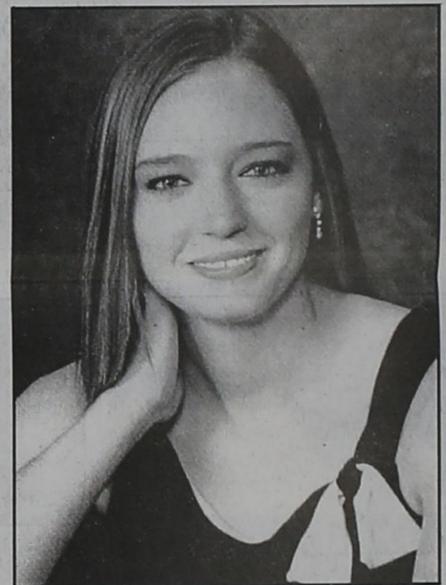
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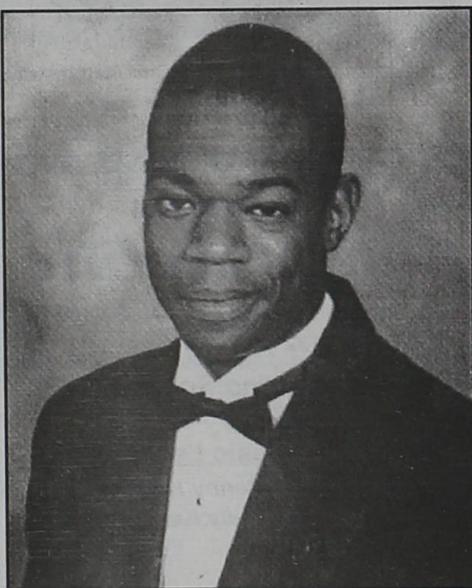
VERONICA MENDOZA



BRITTANY ANN MOORE



AMY JEAN EASTER



SEAGRAM FOREST SIMS



KENNETH LEROY JOHANNES



JAMES MATTHEW HENZLER

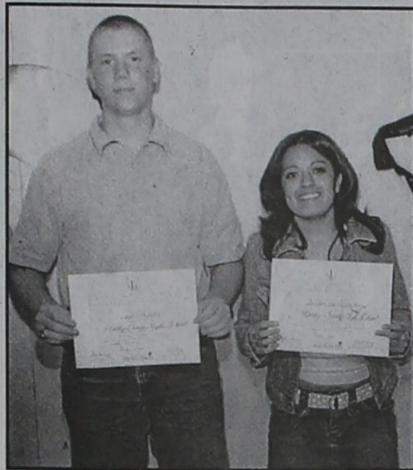
Congratulations Seniors!



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Sports Banquet honors Motley County athletes



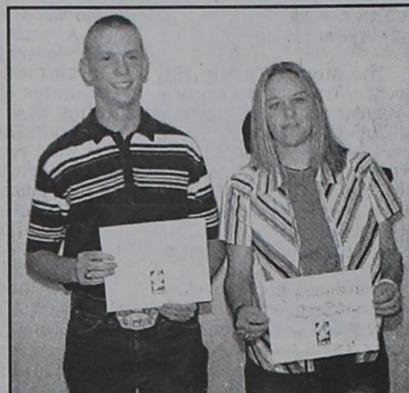
NHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD — Cody Cooper and Veronica Mendoza.



TENNIS MVP, Christy Smith and Matthew Martin.



BOYS' GOLF — Rookie of the Year, Isiah Archer, (left) and Player of the Year, Kenny Johannes.



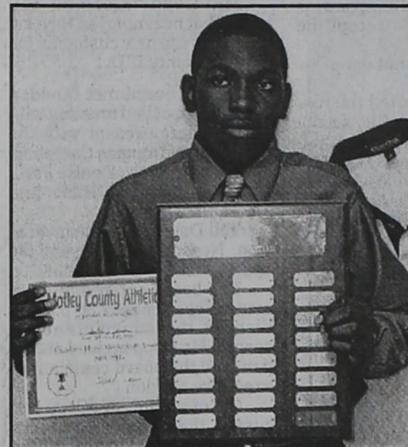
WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN AWARD — Clay Cooper and Brittany Moore.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY — Pictured left to right, Will to Win, Kenny Johannes; Rookie of the Year, Chance Bingham; MVP, Clay Cooper.



FOOTBALL — Brandon Gressett (left), Special Teams; Brendan Wiltshire, Will to Win; Casey Carnes, Rookie of the Year; Bradley Brown, Offensive Player of the Year; Isiah Archer, Defensive Player of the Year; Seagram Sims, MVP.



BOYS' MVP TRACK FIGHTING HEART AWARD, Bradley Brown.



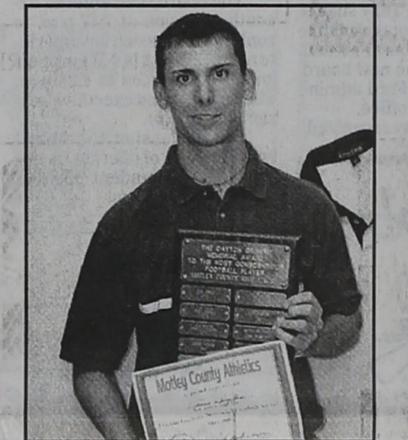
GIRLS' MVP TRACK FIGHTING HEART AWARD, Chicagra Brown.



FOOTBALL — Kenny Johannes (left), Leading Receiver; Seagram Sims, Leading Rusher; Isiah Archer, Leading Tackler; Chance Bingham, Leading Passer; Casey Carnes, Rookie of the Year.



ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL — Kenny Johannes, (left), 1st Team; Bradley Brown, 2nd Team; Isiah Archer, 2nd Team; Colton Russell, Honorable Mention; Seagram Sims, 2nd Team; Chance Bingham, Honorable Mention.



BOYS' FOOTBALL DAYTON GRAHAM AWARD, Chance Bingham.



BOYS' FOOTBALL FIGHTING HEART AWARD, Kenny Johannes.



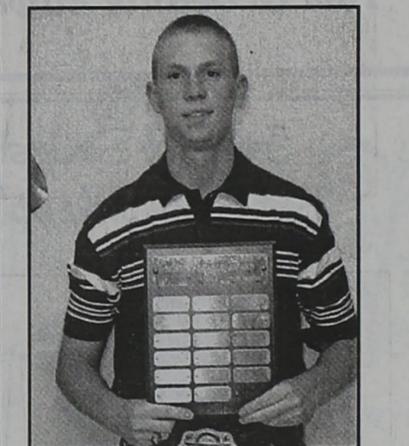
GIRLS' BASKETBALL — Best 3-point shooter, Ashley Fonseca, (left); Most Improved Player, Angelica Mendoza; Best Defensive Player, Griselda Flores; Best Free Throw Shooter, Ashlee Green.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL ALL-DISTRICT — Pictured left to right, Amy Easter, Honorable Mention; Ashley Fonseca, All District; Ashlee Green, Honorable Mention; Brittany Moore, All District MVP; Griselda Flores, Honorable Mention; Chicagra Brown, All District.



GOLF MVP, Chance Bingham and Brittany Moore.



CROSS COUNTRY MVP, Clay Cooper.



BASKETBALL — Christy Smith (left), Rookie of the Year; Amy Easter, Will to Win; Sabrina Osborn, Player of the Year; Brittany Moore, Player of the Year.



ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL — Clay Cooper (left), Honorable Mention; Isiah Archer, 1st Team; Bradley Brown, 1st Team; Chance Bingham, Honorable Mention.



TENNIS — Pictured left to right, Ashley Fonseca, Will to Win; Savannah Rose, Rookie of the Year; Christy Smith, Player of the Year; Brendan Wiltshire, Rookie of the Year; Matthew Martin, Player of the Year.



GIRLS' GOLF — Will to Win, Emily Hurt (left); Rookie of the Year, Karrie Valdez; Player of the Year, Chicagra Brown.

Best of Luck Seniors!

**Panhandle Plains
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ATHLETIC KING & QUEEN, Kenny Johannes and Brittany Moore.

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*Congratulations Athletes
on a Great Year!*

Three School Board meetings held in May

by Tina Brooks, School Board Reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met May 9 in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present except Pat Smith. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Shelly Cox and Robert Fisk.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation.

The board recognized elementary students for their commended performance on recent TAKS test. The board also recognized high school students that competed at the State Pasture Judging and Regional Academic UIL and Regional Track.

No one was present for open forum.

Mrs. Hicks informed the board that attendance is 97.47% with enrollment at 157.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Copp informed the board that the Floydada Superintendent and School Board does not want the Motley County bus to continue picking up students out of the district.

Mr. Copp also stated that there has only been one applicant for a bus driver and there are still drivers needed.

Spur has asked for their handicap bus back as they are going to need it next year.

The tennis court improvement project has been turned over to Mrs. Hicks and Mr. Ream.

The sale of the Roaring Springs property has not been finalized. The buyer is having the property appraised.

Mr. Ream is looking for a shredder. In the past he has been using the Kubota mower, which is not meant for this type of mowing and the wear is bad

for the expensive piece of equipment. A shredder will cost about \$850.00 dollars, but will save the district in the long run.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections. The list of expenditures were reviewed and discussed. A date to canvass votes and reorganize the board was set for May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

The board approved the purchase of items at the Superintendent's residence.

Bids on the depository bank were tabled until May 16.

Title programs, such as CATE (Career and Technology), Save and drug free schools, Migrant programs, etc. were discussed for planning purposes.

The Parent Involvement Plan and the Homeless Plan were discussed and reviewed. The board voted to accept the programs.

The board did not enter executive session.

Mr. Copp accepted the resignation of Mr. Diaz, the school custodian, as of May 27. Applications are being accepted and Mr. Copp will make his decisions before the May 16th meeting.

Mr. Copp gave notice of his resignation, effective May 31, 2005. He has given 11 years of service to Motley County ISD. The board approved his resignation.

The board met May 16 in a called meeting, with all board members present, with the exception of Pat Smith. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Kathy Gillespie and Robert Fisk.

Votes were canvassed from the May 7 election. Tally sheets matched the final total from the election judges. Robert Fisk and Tina Brooks are the new board members. Denise Ford administered the oath of office.

The board was reorganized,

with Shonda Elliott elected as board president. Ted Davey was elected by acclamation for the position of vice-president. Tina Brooks was voted by acclamation as secretary.

No one was present for open forum.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The board voted to remove depository bank bids from the table. Bids from The First State Bank of Matador were accepted.

The board entered executive session at 7:57 p.m. and exited at 8:56 p.m. to begin discussions for a superintendent search.

Out of executive session, the board voted to contact a consultant/interim for guidance.

Mr. Copp informed the board that he employed Beverly Barton as the new custodian for Motley County ISD.

School board met Monday, May 23, in a called meeting with all members present with the exception of Douglas Campbell. Also present were Denise Ford, Principal Marilyn Hicks and Dr. Thomas Alvis.

Ted Davey gave the invocation. No one was present for open forum.

The board entered into executive session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss the superintendent search. Mr. Copp arrived at 7:15 p.m. and the board came out of executive session.

Out of session, Mr. Copp discussed the current contracts with Region 17 service center and voted to accept the contracts.

The board then entered executive session at 7:17 p.m. to continue discussion for superintendent. Douglas Campbell joined the session at 7:28 p.m. The board exited executive session at 9:18 p.m.

Out of session the board voted in favor of offering the interim superintendent position to Dr. Thomas Alvis.



RELAY RUN — These little runners were on a fast pace for a win during last Saturday's Mini-Olympics held at the MC Track field. The hot temperatures didn't deter the pint size competitors as they competed in a variety of events.



Class of 2005 Last Will and Testament

The Motley County Class of 2005, being of overworked minds and senioritas infested bodies, would like to will these important items to their underclassmen.

Seagram wills Ashlee and Stacy his car sound system. It will come in handy when you have a car.

Matt wills his old truck to Monica. Drive slowly and conserve gas. Yeah right.

Emily Hurt wills Chance, Isaiah and Colton her ability to go incognito east of town, code 3 for 30 miles, without people knowing they have somebody

behind them, look for spotlights, headlights and maybe some UFO's.

Sabrina wills Isaiah her patience. Calm down and take a deep breath.

Amy wills Brad her superb driving skills, and eight speeding tickets.

Emily wills Colton the ability to park BIG trucks in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Amy Easter wills Ashlee Green the ability to administer eye exams.

Amy and Brittany leave Chance and Isaiah the ability to find bears at 2:00 a.m. in the morning.

Sabrina leaves Chance her ability to have complete control over bodily functions.

Annie leaves her sister, Ashlee, the ability to walk without her hip popping out of place.

Sabrina leaves Christy her peaceful nature and a lifetime supply of Ritalin.

Emily leaves Stacy her ability to get to school late everyday and not get counted tardy.

Matt leaves Chance his amazing golf skills.

Amy leaves Isaiah her beautiful car. Always remember, it is better to have two mirrors rather than just one.

Annie leaves Fonsi the ability to explain to the underclassmen how the earth rotates beneath you at track meets.

Brittany leaves Fonsi the ability to know the Texas State Capitol.

Amy leaves Isaiah the ability to be a D.J. and to find someone to serenade him.

Amanda leaves her ability to sneak off to Fonsi. She also leaves Lindsey her sewing skills.

Amy leaves Lindsey her great athletic abilities and the

claw. Emily leaves Stacy and Casey the ability to go mud dogging and not get stuck.

Amy leaves everybody the ability to learn not to lie.

Brittany leaves Matthew the ability to keep his hands to himself.

Amy wills her ability to dribble with her left hand to all of you people who don't even know you have a left hand.

Cody wills Matthew his good study habits.

Clay leaves his sense of humor to Angelica, everyone needs a good laugh now and then.

Kenny wills his ability to sleep without being caught to next year's Sr. English class. However, it is probably in your best interest to not sleep through Macbeth.

Veronica wills her love of running the mile to Angelica and Griselda.

We would also like to offer some survival tips. Don't ever put construction paper in Mrs. Gillespie's pencil sharpener, or you will suffer the consequences. If you are going to play pencil break, clean up your mess or you will get caught. Don't use big words unless you know what they mean. If you are going to take Spanish make sure that someone who speaks Spanish fluently is in your class. If you are going to sneak food into class, don't get anything with loud wrappers and never leave a crumb trail that leads straight to you.

The Senior Class of 2005 wills to all whom we are leaving behind the ability to make the most of life, the ability to laugh at yourself, and the ability to have fun in any and all situations.

"If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength."

Proverbs 24: 10

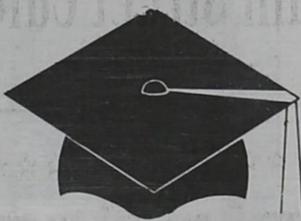
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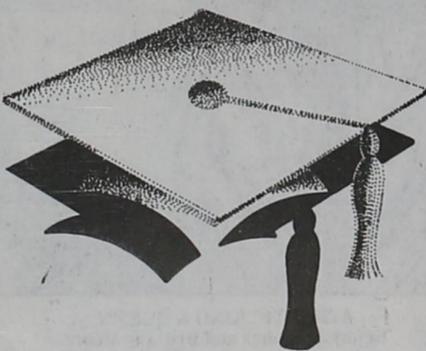
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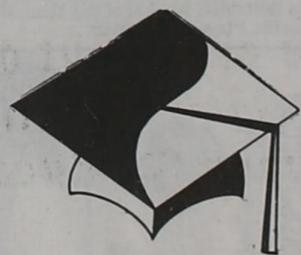
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2-1-1 Texas launches effort to educate South Plains about Free Help Line

Lubbock -- South Plains residents will soon be hearing more about 2-1-1 Texas, the free, three-digit phone number that connects callers with services in their community that can improve their health and quality of life.

2-1-1 Texas is launching a statewide education effort to teach individuals and families about when and why they should call 2-1-1.

"It's the number people should call when they aren't sure where to turn for help," says Kendra Jackson, AIC Manager. "No matter where you live in Texas, you can call 2-1-1 and find information about resources in your local community. Whether you need help finding food or housing, childcare, crisis counseling or substance abuse treatment, one number is all you need to know."

2-1-1 Texas is a free, anonymous information and referral line answered by nationally certified specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When callers dial 2-1-1, they are connected to area information centers in their region. These trained experts have access to the most comprehensive database of community-based organizations, government agencies and nonprofits that exist in Texas. Information can be provided in almost any language including Spanish.

2-1-1 is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in collaboration with the South Plains Association of Governments.

2-1-1 Texas South Plains covers a 15 county region: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn,

Motley, Terry and Yoakum counties.

To help local information centers educate residents about 2-1-1, HHSC developed an awareness campaign that includes radio public service announcements, posters, brochures and other materials used for community presentations. All materials are provided in English and Spanish. The campaign was rolled out in September to 25 Area Information Center Directors around Texas.

"When a person dials 2-1-1, their call is usually answered right in their hometown," said Beth Wick, HHSC program coordinator for 2-1-1 Texas. "So it's important the area information centers have the materials they need to promote the service in their communities. This statewide education campaign will give them the tools they need."

The list of resources available through 2-1-1 is extensive. It can also make the job easier for service providers at nonprofits and community organizations, first response personnel like nurses, counselors and police and elected officials and leaders. They can tell clients to call 2-1-1 to get the help they need, 2-1-1 experts can provide information on hundreds of resources, including:

- Domestic violence programs
- Drug and alcohol treatment
- Elder care services
- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Family counseling services
- Housing assistance
- Legal help
- Prenatal, health and home care

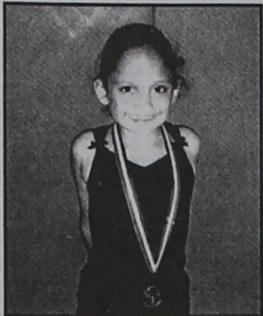
- Temporary financial and energy assistance
- Disaster response and relief

2-1-1 Texas is also included in Gov. Perry's Homeland Security strategy as a tool for sharing information and mobilizing resources during local, statewide or national disasters. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks created one of the greatest challenges community information and referral providers ever experienced. Immediately after the attacks, calls increased dramatically to community organizations as families looked for missing loved ones, people were stranded at airports, and the public needed counseling services to cope.

"If we ever face another tragedy like Sept. 11, 2-1-1 Texas will play a vital role, connecting people quickly and efficiently with help and information," said Albert Hawkins, Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner. "2-1-1 will fill a gap to prevent people from falling through the cracks."

In 2003, 2-1-1 Texas received more than 1.5 million calls — more than any other state in the nation — and the number is expected to be even higher this year.

For information and referrals, just dial 2-1-1.



Gold Medal winners

These Motley County tumblers brought home gold medals after competing recently at a Tumbling Meet. Pictured above is Ruby Khlebon, daughter of Jenette Ortiz of Matador. Pictured at top, (l-r) are Mattie Brooks, daughter of Tim & Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs, Shelby Elliott, daughter of Shawn and Shonda Elliott of Matador, and Victoria Hernandez, daughter of Frances Fonseca of Matador. Pictured at right are (l-r) Cassidy Turner, daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner of Matador, Katie Barton, daughter of Bobby and Brooke Barton of Matador, Meagan Ford, daughter of Gary and Denise Ford of Roaring Springs, Coach Sherry Fogerson, and Meagan's sister, Mikenna.



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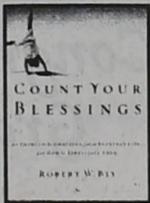
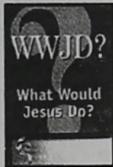
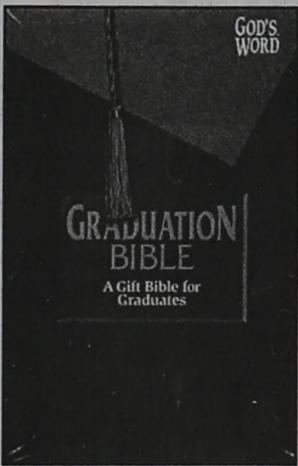
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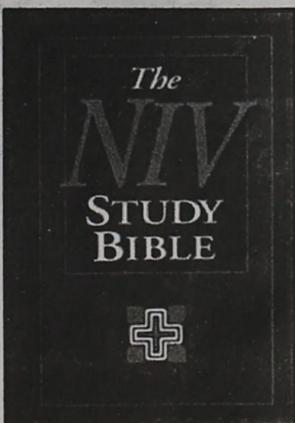
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An American Legion speech (writer unknown)

"Things are going OK, relatively speaking here...I see more courage in a day than I could ever have imagined before this. You inspire me to keep on going out here. You've made it so much easier for me to see the big picture as I go through life. That service to God and others is what matters."

Those were the words of Josh Byers, an Army Captain assigned to Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment of Fort Carson, Colorado. This West Point graduate was killed when his convoy hit an explosive device east of Baghdad.

His last letter home spoke of God and family. His letter is very similar to another American soldier who fought and died in a foreign land some forty years earlier.

"Remember when we were kids on Easter the girls would be all dressed up in new hats, pretty dresses -- and us boys with new shoes and shirts and off to church we would go and after come home to look for our Easter baskets.

What good times. I hope God will bring me back home so that I may marry the girl I love, which will be March if things go OK.

Then I can watch my kids get all dressed up and head for church and live that day over again. Holidays are no different than any other day. Every day

is Monday in Vietnam."

Five days after writing this letter, Army Private Timothy G. Robinson of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, caught his foot on a trip wire, setting off a mine that killed him instantly. Final fond memories of loved ones, life back home and serving our Lord. Memories.

The word is derived from the Greek "mermera" (mer-mer-ah) meaning, "to care or cherish." They cherished their faith in God, their loved ones, the American way of life and their duty. These fallen heroes died in the pursuit and protection of those things that they cherished. On Memorial Day it is our turn to demonstrate our sense of "mermera" -- to remember how much we cherish their sacrifices.

To quote Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in his Memorial Day address in 1884, this day "celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a national act of enthusiasm and faith -- it embodies in the most impressive form our belief that to act with enthusiasm and faith is the condition of acting greatly." Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5th, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 as Memorial Day and soon the

Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May.

For many years Memorial Day has been a day when America pays homage to our fallen, with stores closed and with everyone's attention focused on a day of prayer and thanksgiving.

Solemn ceremonies are held at cemeteries across the country. Speeches are given honoring those who gave their lives. Wreaths are laid. Taps is played.

On Monday, we will gather to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. We will honor our fallen comrades by our presence. We understand that on Memorial Day we reflect on the ideals and values that our soldiers stood for and died defending.

We are reminded that they died so that we could live and continue to cherish the things they loved -- God, country and family.

To quote Justice Holmes again, "Our dead brothers still live for us, and bid us think of life, not death -- of life to which in their youth they lent the passion and joy of the spring."

I submit to you that every day is Memorial Day. Each day

provides us with an opportunity to honor, remember and respect our fallen heroes.

It is also a day to be thankful for the young men and women serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, North Africa and in over 130 foreign lands around the world.

For 86 years, The American Legion has provided our society with many opportunities to perpetuate the principles of democracy, decency and patriotism.

You see it in our programs such as Flag Education, Scouting, Boys State, Boys Nation and the National High School Oratorical Contest.

And you see it in our projects to remind all Americans that there is a price to be paid for our freedom. Through our Blue Star Salute initiative, the God Star Banner program and the American Legacy Scholarship Fund, we breathe life into that part of our Preamble "to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars."

Let me leave you with this one last note from an American soldier who served in Iraq. "I think you all know what is happening, and I hope you are praying for me. I love you very much. God will reward me in the future for the sacrifice I am making. Take care, and I hope to see you in the next few months."

Francisco Martinez-Flores was a Marine PFC assigned to the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center of Twenty-Nine Palms, California.

A few days after he sent this letter to his family, he was killed in action.

He was in the midst of convoy operations when the bridge he was traveling over collapsed and his tank plunged into Euphrates River, sinking and killing everyone inside.

"God will reward me in the

future for the sacrifice I am making," he wrote in his last letter home. And so He shall, Francisco.

And we too will always remember you -- and all of your comrades -- of all wars -- who laid down their lives for our country.

May God bless them.

Community Volunteers make plans to sponsor County Fair

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are planning to sponsor a Motley County Fair in mid-October at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The fair will feature old fashioned fun with competitions for baked goods, crafts, canning, quilts, etc. There will be no livestock.

More information will be announced as plans progress.

Patton Springs Homecoming Sept. 23-24

The Patton Springs Ex-Students Association announced this week that the Homecoming celebration has been set for September 23-24. The Patton Springs Rangers will play Benjamin at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Coffee and donuts will be served in the old gym following the game.

The Dickens County Historical Commission is planning to hang a plaque commemorating all schools which formed Patton Springs. The plaque dedication will be held September 24. Those who would like to help with the plaque project can mail donations to the Historical Commission Historian, Tookie Cash, P.O. Box 254, Dickens, TX 79229. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

"Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."

Proverbs 24: 14

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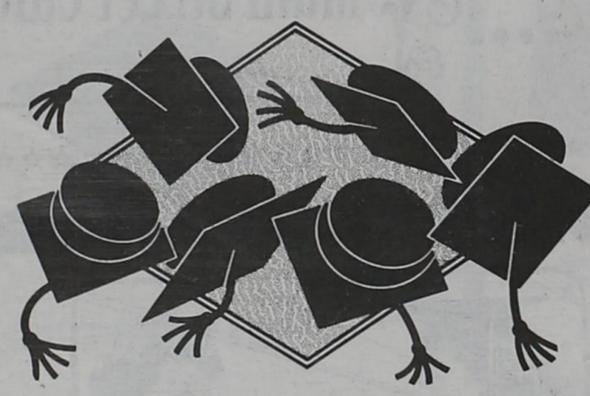
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CELEBRATES CINCO DE MAYO — The staff at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center got all decked out in style on May 5 in observance of Cinco De' Mayo. Pictured left to right are Rodger Evans, Margie Guerrero, Kellie Martin and Tommy Keith.

Thornberry to host Community meeting

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will be in Childress on Tuesday, May 31, to visit local constituents, and hear their concerns about the challenges facing us as a nation.

"Congress has passed some important legislation recently and I want to have a conversation about the agenda we have been tackling," said Thornberry. "I am sure that energy prices

and Social Security will be some of the primary topics my constituents will want to discuss with me. But we can also talk about national security, the budget, and anything else they are interested in."

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, at the Fair Park Auditorium, Commerce Street Northwest, in Childress.



LOCKS OF LOVE - JoAnn Durham of JoAnn's Country Coiffure, gets ready to cut the long locks of Alycia Silva. Alycia, 4, wanted to donate her hair to Locks of Love, which is an organization that makes wigs for children with diseases such as Cancer, that has caused them to lose their hair. She is the daughter of Michael and Lou Ann Silva of Matador.

Motley County students graduate from SPC

Two Motley County residents were among a record 1,479 South Plains College students who received degrees and certificates Friday, May 13, at the college's 47th commencement exercises.

Rhonda Wiltshire from Matador received the Certificate of Proficiency in Vocational Nursing. Samuel James Stapleton

from Flomot received the Certificate of Proficiency in Welding Technology, Basic Welding Processes.

"Commencement signifies the completion of one phase of our students' lives and the beginning of another," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "We are very proud of our 2005 graduates, and we wish them the best in the future."

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Clean up on energy efficiency this Spring

HOUSTON - Every spring, two-thirds of Americans do a thorough cleaning of their homes. With a few tidy tips from WTU Retail Energy, you can help manage your energy costs that could mean energy efficiency throughout the year.

Air Conditioning
 Dust mites, pet dander, mold and mildew are drawn into your air conditioner's filtration system year round. Developing a regular routine to replace your air conditioner's filter will prevent germs and allergens from being re-circulated throughout your home later. When selecting a filter, determine which ones are best for your home. Be aware that some filters are effective for removing mold, plant and pollen spores, but not necessarily animal dander and bacteria.

Don't think that replacing your filter cleans your entire air conditioning system. Have a licensed professional inspect and clean your duct system every

three to five years to increase efficiency and lower the amount of irritants and contaminants being propelled back into the air.

Thermostat
 Remove the cover of the thermostat and vacuum away dust and dirt to make sure your thermostat is reading the correct room temperature. Installing a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature will maximize energy savings.

Weather Stripping and Caulking
 Thirty percent of an average home's energy load is wasted by air leakage, according to the National Association of Home Builders to decrease temperature loss, inspect the weather stripping and caulking around windows, doors, and electrical outlets throughout your home. Outside, inspect around plumbing and pipes, the dryer and kitchen vents and at the TV antenna wire entrance. You should replace weather stripping and re-caulk areas where you feel a draft or see cracks.

Appliances
 Don't forget that your appliances need a good cleaning too. In the kitchen, vacuum your refrigerator coils to reduce the amount of energy needed to

maintain its internal temperature. You should wipe down the stove's exhaust hood with a non-abrasive cleaner or hot, soapy water and ammonia mixture. Also clean the stove's exhaust hood air filter by submerging the filter in water and ammonia mixture, letting it soak for at least 15 minutes. In the laundry room, remove lint buildup in the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and vacuum the space underneath the dryer.

Lighting
 When dusting, wipe light bulbs with a paper towel and glass cleaner to extend the life of the bulb. You should check the required wattage for each light fixture and replace bulbs that

have a higher wattage than recommended to prevent overheating. Also, replace burnt-out bulbs with high-efficiency compact fluorescent lights to reduce energy consumption.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors
 Finish your spring cleaning by replacing the batteries and cleaning the exterior casing of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have a carbon monoxide detector, consider installing one outside sleeping areas and at least 15 feet away from burning appliances such as furnaces, wood stoves or fuel burning kitchen stoves.

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News Around the County

Obituaries

N.L. "Bill" Moss



Memorial services for N.L. "Bill" Moss, 81, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence. Family interment and Masonic rites were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

Mr. Moss passed away May 18, at Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

He was born May 31, 1923, in Foss, Oklahoma. His family moved to Whiteface, Texas, in 1930. He graduated from Whiteface High School in 1939, and received his Bachelors degree from Texas Tech in 1943. He served in the Army from 1943 through 1946, and received a Masters Degree from Tech in 1947. He began his teaching career as a Vocational Agriculture Teacher in 1947 at Matador and retired after 38 years in 1985. Bill had belonged to the State Vocational Ag Association, the 78th Infantry Division, received the Honorary State Farmer, Honorary Chapter Farmer, and the Motley County School Ag building dedicated to him in 1985.

He was married to the former June Pope in 1948.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, where he served on the Board of trustees and taught an adult Sunday School Class for many years. He was a member of the Matador Masonic Lodge, receiving a 50-year pin; and the Matador Lions

Club. He was an amateur photographer.

His survivors include his wife, June; two sons, Joe Dick Moss and wife, Terry of Janesville, WI, and Glen Moss and wife, Myra, of Matador; four grandchildren, Marsha Moss, Andrea Moss, Stacy and husband, Ross Hollfelder, and Lee Moss; two great-grandsons, Anthony Moss and Jacob Hollfelder; two step-granddaughters, and six step-grandchildren; one brother, John Moss and wife, Debbie, of Yorktown, VA; an aunt, Edith Melvin of Elk City, OK; one nephew, Jason Moss; one niece, Lindsey; and several cousins.

The family suggests memorials to the Motley County Library, Motley County Senior Citizens, the Matador Methodist Church, or a favorite charity.

Joe Edward Carlson

Joe Edward Carlson, 90, of Denton, formerly of Matador, died Thursday, May 19, 2005, at Denton Regional Medical Center. He was born April 24, 1915, in Clear Lake, SD to Franklin Oscar Carlson and Annie Marie Schilling Carlson. He married Jessie Maxine Thompson on April 10, 1938, in Lubbock. She preceded him in death in March, 1993. He was a residential and commercial carpenter. He was a 50-year member of Carpenter's Union.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

He is survived by a son, Ronald Joe Carlson of Grand Prairie; sister, Francis Sherrard of Lubbock; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Ann Hemm, February, 2004, and brother, Grant Carlson, January, 2000.

DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton were in charge of arrangements.

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By Lula Swim

The House of Faith kids met at their regular time, Wednesday, May 11. There were 17 kids and one dog attending. Adults helping were Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mr. Ken Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Joyce Meredith, and Steve Byrd. Nona Long furnished cookies and Lula Swim furnished brownies. Mrs. Bennie D. Dillard was

hostess to the Bible group ladies that meet each second and fourth Monday mornings. There were 19 ladies present. Freida Burns continued to talk about prayer and faith. Some scriptures were read from Isaiah and Philippians. Mrs. Dillard gave the opening prayer. Prayers were also offered by others. Freida gave the closing prayer.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
 Do not hasten through Memorial Day. Take the time to remember the good souls whose memories are a blessing to you and your family. Above all, take the time to honor our fellow Americans who have given their last full measure of devotion to our country and for the freedoms we cherish.

Aleda Elaine Ross of Castroville visited from Sunday until Wednesday of last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross. Visiting them last Saturday and Sunday were daughter and husband Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson had knee surgery Thursday at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Her son, Roger Vinson of Lubbock accompanied her home. Beverly, Furman and Roger attended the funeral services of Bill Moss in Matador on Saturday.

Visiting Saturday with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton were Marisue and Ralph Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador, daughter, Mrs. Renee Mzyk and twin daughters, Morgan and Madison of Flower Mound.

Mrs. Shawna Abernathy and son, Jake of Abilene visited overnight Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse visited in Matador Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason and they attended the funeral services of Bill Moss.

Darla and James Gwinn were in Lubbock Wednesday for her medical check up following recent eye surgery. She received a good report. They visited his sister, Aly Gwinn before returning home.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers Monday were granddaughter and son, Mrs. Shawna

Abernathy and son, Jake of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter visited last Sunday and Monday in Petrolia with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. They enjoyed a musical program at the Baptist Church Sunday night which Emily and Haley performed. The Milam family visited overnight Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Shorter.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay visited in Panhandle Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay and attended the Pee Wee Track Meet in which their children, Tanner and Sarah competed. Friday, Anna Beth visited in Turkey with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson and enjoyed the Valley School Pee Wee Track Meet in which children, Ryleigh and Walker competed.

Cole Martin, a recent graduate of A&M University in College Station, visited Wednesday and Thursday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin. He was en route to Las Vegas, Nevada where he will be employed by Barnes and Noble University of Nevada Book Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner of Lubbock visited at their home in Flomot during the weekend and attended the funeral services of Bill Moss in Matador, Saturday.

Mrs. Geneva Martin and daughter, Mrs. Kathy Shorter attended the pre-kindergarten graduation of great grandson and grandson, Brian Sehon held Friday morning at the Ropesville Elementary School. They also visited his parents, Keri and Kevin Sehon. Kathy was the featured vocalist at the Bill Moss funeral services in Matador, Saturday.

Visiting recently with Greg Stapleton and son, Sam, were his parents, Betty and Pete Hatton of Valley Springs, CA. Greg and Sam attended the family graveside rites of Mrs. Ruth Stapleton Harris, Tuesday May 17, held at the Lockney Cemetery.

Former resident's son inducted into Hall of Fame

Joe Anderson, son of former Motley County resident, Rosemary Anderson, was inducted into the Hall of Fame, on the campus of West Texas State University in Canyon, April 23.

Joe's grandparents, Joe and Arlene Bloodworth, farmed and ranched twelve miles north of Matador for many years. His mother, Rosemary, graduated from Matador High School in 1942.

Mr. Anderson grew up on a farm outside of Lovington, NM, and graduated summa cum laude from West Texas State University in 1978, with a double major in music and theatre. He was attending WT on an academic scholarship and had intended to major in pre-medicine, but he was hooked on performing after being cast in South Pacific as a chorus member and subsequently performed numerous roles in the Branding Iron Theatre and in TEXAS.

After graduation, Anderson spent two years in Salt Lake City where he performed several roles in the Pioneer Theater Company. He spent two summers performing at the St. Louis MUNY Opera where he became a member of the professional actor's union, Actor's Equity Association. In order to join, Anderson had to change his name, because there was already a Joe Anderson in the union, so he tacked an "l" onto Joe, thereby becoming Joel Anderson. He subsequently moved to New York City where he was soon cast in a national touring production of *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* and was eventually asked to join the Broadway production, where he performed until it closed in 1982.

He was invited to become a member of the late, great Circle

Repertory Company in New York City after winning and performing the role of Eddie in Circle Rep's Japan tour of Sam Shepard's play, *Foot for Love*. He also became a life member of the famed Actor's Studio when he was one of only three unanimous winners out of only six chosen from more than two-thousand auditioners in 1985.

Anderson has created more than a dozen leading roles in world premiere productions of plays by some of America's greatest writers. He has played leading roles in many of America's most prestigious regional theaters in such plays as *Burn This, Da, Dancing at Lughnasa, Sideman, Cyrano de Bergerac, The Cherry Orchard, The Taming of the Shrew, As You Like It* and many others. To date, television and movie credits include *Boston Legal, Cold Case, Boston Public, Judging Amy, NYPD Blue, Dr. Quinn - Medicine Woman, The Client, All About Us, Malcolm in the Middle, West Wing, Cheers, Frasier, 7th Heaven, Family Matters, Curse of the Starving Class, Blood Red*, to name a few, as well as several dozen television commercials.

Anderson lives and acts in Los Angeles and attends Loyola Law School, where his article, "What's Wrong With This Picture? Dead or Alive: Protecting Actors in the Age of Virtual Reanimation" is slated to be published in the 2005 *Entertainment Law Review*.

Greta Smallwood is a patient in a nursing rehab center. Friends may phone her at 817-423-0443, or write her C/O Lisa Morrow, 6849 Wild Stallion Rd., Benbrook, TX 76126.

Mrs. Joan Patton had major surgery at the Covenant Medical Center in Plainview, Thursday. Accompanying her to Plainview and with her during surgery was Mrs. Joyce Campbell. Mrs. Chelsea Read accompanied her home, Saturday.

Mrs. Marion Woodruff had cataract eye surgery the past week in Lubbock.

Billie Ray Slover has been diagnosed with cancer of the stomach. He is receiving medical attention in Lubbock.

Colton Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Russell, had surgery Sunday morning at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock on a thumb he injured when working with cattle in Quitaque, Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Rice, mother of Mrs. Gail Ream, is scheduled for addi-

tional knee surgery in June.

Truitt Read is having medical tests and treatment in Lubbock for neck medical problems.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, suffering with complications of shingles, is having medical appointments in Lubbock and under cardiac care.

Mrs. Billie Koon was in Lubbock, Thursday where she was fitted for a brace on the knee on which she had previous surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock Wednesday for her an optical appointment. En route home, they visited in Idalou with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whitefield.

Cora and Thanie Smallwood attended Baccalaureate Services May 15, at the Holy Catholic Church for their grandson and nephew, Trey Smallwood of Nazareth. They attended his High School Graduation on May 20 at the Swift Stadium in Nazareth. They has joined the United States Air Force and will be leaving for Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, Texas in the near future.

Granddaughter graduates from Texas A&M University

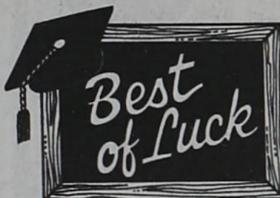
Katy Green, the granddaughter of Edna Ruth Green of Matador, graduated from A&M College, May 13. Attending the ceremony were Mrs. Green and Katy's aunt Ginny from Whiteface, as well as her parents, Andy and Gay Green of Keller.

Katy plans to travel to unreached places in India for three weeks after graduation. She will minister to street children by showing them the Supreme Father.



Katy Green

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Heat, lack of rain and holiday increase wildfire risk

College Station -- Record high temperatures combined with below normal rainfall have left much of Texas vulnerable to wildfires. With Memorial day weekend approaching, state fire officials are concerned about the increasing threat of wildfires.

"The normally wet months of April and May failed to provide much-needed moisture in most of Texas, leaving vegetation dry and stressed heading into the hotter summer months," said Brad Smith, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service. "It doesn't take long to dry out vegetation when the temperature has been near 100 degrees for the past few days, and we've gone so long without rainfall."

"With these conditions, outdoor burning is going to become more risky, and we could see other accidental starts along the roadsides, from equipment use and recreational activities as well," he added.

Most of Texas had record or near record high temperatures over the weekend, but areas of primary concern for wildfires are from Midland west and south to Brownsville, and Southeast Texas around the Beaumont area. Northeast Texas is also reaching critical fire behavior thresholds, and the fire officials worry that forecast thunderstorms may bring more lightning than rain.

"With the holiday weekend

approaching, we just ask Texans to be aware of the fire danger," said Mary Kay Hicks, state fire prevention coordinator for the Texas Forest Service. "This has certainly not been a typical spring, and people need to keep that in mind while they are enjoying the outdoors."

The Texas Forest Service offers the following fire safety tips to keep in mind:

- Before conducting any outdoor burning, make sure there is no county burn ban in place. If there is not and you must burn household debris, burn it only in a covered receptacle in a cleared area away from overhead branches and wires. When burning brush or leave piles, make sure you have an adequate firebreak, cleared down to mineral soil around the pile. Keep water handy, and stay with the fire until it is out. Avoid burning if high winds are forecast.

- When cooking outdoors, remember coals and ashes are still a fire hazard until they are cold to the touch. Make sure coals and ashes are removed from barbecue pits before towing them down the highway. Do not light the barbecue pit until it is in a safe location away from flammable vegetation.

- Check wheel bearings, tires and tow chains on recreational and boat trailers before using them to avoid starting roadside fires. Also avoid pulling off the road onto dry grass.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

CONFUSING ABBREVIATIONS, BORING ARTICLES, ETC...

I have been told more than once that I use too many confusing abbreviations in my articles, and I agree. Really, the government makes too many confusing abbreviations for me to use. Because of all the deadlines, that is unfortunately all we usually get to write about. The producers that the notices are written for generally know which is which, but probably not as much as I think. We even get the programs mixed up from time to time, so I'll try to do a better job of explaining.

Hopefully we will slow down in a few months. I have only worked for the FSA for two years, but we are doing twice as many things now as we were when I started with half of the people. My education and interest is in agriculture, not government paperwork, programs, and deadlines, so when we do slow down (or hire some more help) I hope I can write some things that will be interesting and informative to everyone. In the meantime I'll keep putting out the urgent reminders and be thankful that I have a job.

LAST CHANCE FOR DCP (FARM PROGRAM) SIGNUP

By the time this article comes out, there will only be four business days left to sign up for the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program without being charged a one hundred dollar late fee. Because we now sign up on the internet for this program, there is no process for us to print reminder letters for the

folks that have not signed up, so we won't be reminding you.

This is the program that allows you to receive advance and final payments on the base acres that are on your farm. Please call quickly to avoid paying the \$100.00.

We can not take walk-ins on signup, so please call!!

NEW ACREAGES

As you know (if you participate in farm programs), we sent out letters notifying you of new "official" acreages last week. These letters have caused some confusion, so I'll try to answer some questions.

This letter shows you several things, but basically what we have previously used as your acres for FSA purposes (prior farmland and cropland), and what we will use from now on (current GIS acres). The difference for the most part should be due to less accurate measuring by the FSA in the past. Because the fields are now measured by the computer, there is less room for mistakes.

If the acreage does not sound right to you, you can call for an appointment to have the boundaries reviewed. If you feel that the boundaries are where they should be, the acreage cannot be appealed and will be final, regardless of deeds.

These acreages will affect USDA programs only. In some cases, they may change CRP and DCP contracts and payments.

The letter is confusing, so please call or come in to have us help explain it if you don't understand it.

Lone Star dutch oven society gathering

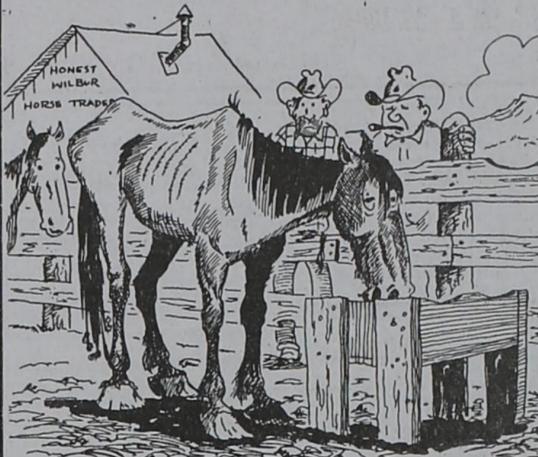
The Pan-Handlers Chapter of Plainview, Texas is having a Dutch oven gathering/demonstration on Saturday, May 28, at Caprock Canyons State Park, Quitaque, Texas. The demonstration will start at 9:30 a.m. at the shelter near the lake. Any-

one interested in the art of Dutch oven cooking is welcome to join us. Our motto is FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP. Visit our website at www.lsdos.com. Contact Allen Johnson at dopumpdoc@cox.net or (806)774-5401.

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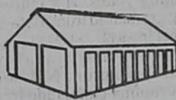
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Friday
Partly Cloudy
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Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 85 Low: 63

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 62

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 60

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 81 Low: 61

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 63

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 82°. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1990. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
5/30	6/6	6/14	6/21

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	65	56	82/58	0.00"	0.00"
Monday	78	53	83/58	0.00"	0.81"
Tuesday	86	59	83/58	0.00"	-0.81"
Wednesday	91	66	83/58	0.00"	73.7°
Thursday	92	61	83/59	0.00"	70.8°
Friday	95	64	84/59	0.00"	+2.9°
Saturday	98	68	84/59	0.00"	

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

May 26, 1917 - A tornado touched down near Louisiana, Mo. about noon and remained on the ground for a distance of 293 miles, finally lifting seven hours and 20 minutes later in eastern Jennings County, Ind. The twister cut a path of destruction two and a half miles wide.

Sun & Moon Times

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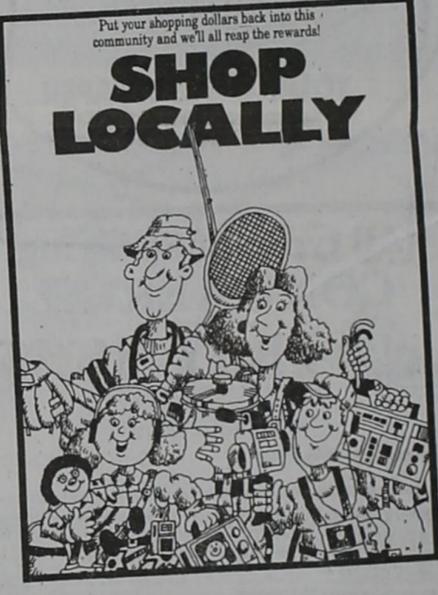
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