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## Opportunity knocks at Matador Lions Club

By Carol Campbell

Harry Hamilton, entrepreneur, real estate agent, and agent for change, challenged local Lions to "prepare for the future," making sure Matador has viable businesses, strong schools, and active churches. Hamilton recently spoke to the Lions Club, using a projected visual presentation to emphasize his points.

Hamilton has been an ambassador for Matador since he graduated from Matador High School in 1960. Shortly after graduating, he remembers meeting with County Judge Elbert Reeves to ask for ways to give back to the community. He was advised to get an education, come back home, and go to work. Over the past 35 years Hamilton has served on numerous community boards and committees. In addition, he is the past state president of the Realtors Land Institute and is the current Chairman of National Land Foundation.

When Boss Lion Larry Hoyle introduced Hamilton, he cited many examples of his past entrepreneurship: "Harry was always coming up with something for us to do," Hoyle said. "He helped get land for the expansion of the football field after the tornado; he helped acquire the land for the present location of the post office; was successful in obtaining a \$20,000 donation for the Chamber of Commerce; and was instrumental

in encouraging the city to tear down old, vacant houses," he said.

In his opening remarks, Hamilton said, "opportunity knocks," appealing to the 12 Lions and three guests present to "help prepare now for the next generation."

While working with an absentee land owner on a real estate sale, Hamilton recognized a unique opportunity. He encouraged the landowner to donate about 100 lots in northeast Matador to the city for an Industrial Park. "I don't think this has ever been done before in Matador," Hamilton said. After numerous meetings with accountants and lawyers, and a final meeting with Market Matador, the city agreed to accept the lots. Market Matador is a five-member board under the purview of the City, created as a non-profit entity to promote economic development.

The lots are located south of FM94 and Harrison Street, between Nellie Street, and Buffalo and Comanche Avenues - close to needed infrastructure like water and sewer, Hamilton said.

On the theme of "preparedness," Hamilton said while we have always had our naysayers, we have also shown some progress. "A few years ago, an investor wanted to build a pipe company in this area," he said. Paducah and Matador didn't have the infrastructure

to accommodate the company, but "Roaring Springs was prepared."

"When Quail Plastic built in Roaring Springs, it created local jobs, and pumped about \$1.3 million into the tax entities of Motley County from its inception in 1982 to last year, when it finally shut down. This is tax money that did not come out of the pockets of Motley County residents," Hamilton said.

Opportunity knocks again, Hamilton said. "Matador was able to keep our landfill open while the Environmental Protection Agency was shutting landfills down in other communities. These communities are now trucking their refuse to Matador Landfill, economically benefiting the city.

"Now we have the opportunity to recycle," Hamilton said, "while we may have to share revenue with other cities, we get the jobs."

Hamilton also discussed other projects that have the potential to attract tourism dollars, citing the renovation of the historic 1891 jail as an example. "I suggest we complete this work, open up the gallows for viewing, and make it a tourist destination."

"Everyone needs to be talking about Hackberry Creek Care Center," Hamilton said. "We can't expect the administrator to be the only one promoting this facility. It creates jobs, and we need to support it in every way possible."

## 70<sup>th</sup> annual MC Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday



Danielle Gwinn assists with steer clipping in preparation for 70th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday, February 13. photo by Tammy Simpson

The Motley County Junior Livestock Association Board of Directors invites the public to the 70th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday, February 13. The Board of Directors consists of J.D. Russell, President; Craig Turner, Vice President; David Stafford, Secretary-Treasurer; and Gilbert Guerrero, Jeromy Jameson, Mark Siegler and Chad Overton.

The event will feature 56 4-H and FFA members exhibiting 89 animals. There will be approximately 14 lambs in two classes; 32 goats in four classes; six steers in two classes; and 30 hogs, making up two classes of Crosses, two Hampshire classes; one Duroc; and one Chester class.

There will also be nine youngsters exhibiting their bottle calf projects sponsored by J.D. and D'anna Russell. This project is for youngsters not old enough to be in 4-H or FFA to start teaching them responsibility and proper care and showing of a stock show animal as well as communication skills. The judge for the show will be Dr. Lance Kieth, agriculture and science professor at West Texas A&M

University. The announcer for the event is Chris Wilson, Matador Ranch, former professor and Ranch Horse Team Coach from Texas Tech University. The auctioneer is Larry Ogden of Lighthouse Electric.

Show advisors are Jim Cooper, Agriculture Science Teacher at MCISD; and Ryan Martin, Motley County Extension Agent.

In addition, surprise your special Valentine by purchasing a chance on a \$500 gift certificate to Thacker Jewelry. The 4-H and FFA members are selling chances, and tickets will be available for purchase at the Secretary Table the day of the show.

Breakfast will once again be sponsored by Lowe's Pay-n-Save store manager Francis Taylor. Breakfast will start around 6:45 a.m., finishing about 8:45 a.m.

Peewee Showmanship will start the show off about 9:45 a.m. on Saturday and any child from 2nd Grade down that can find a member's pig to show can come by the Secretary Table and sign-up. This event gives future stock show exhibitors the chance for hands-on experience. Everyone is a winner and receives a ribbon.

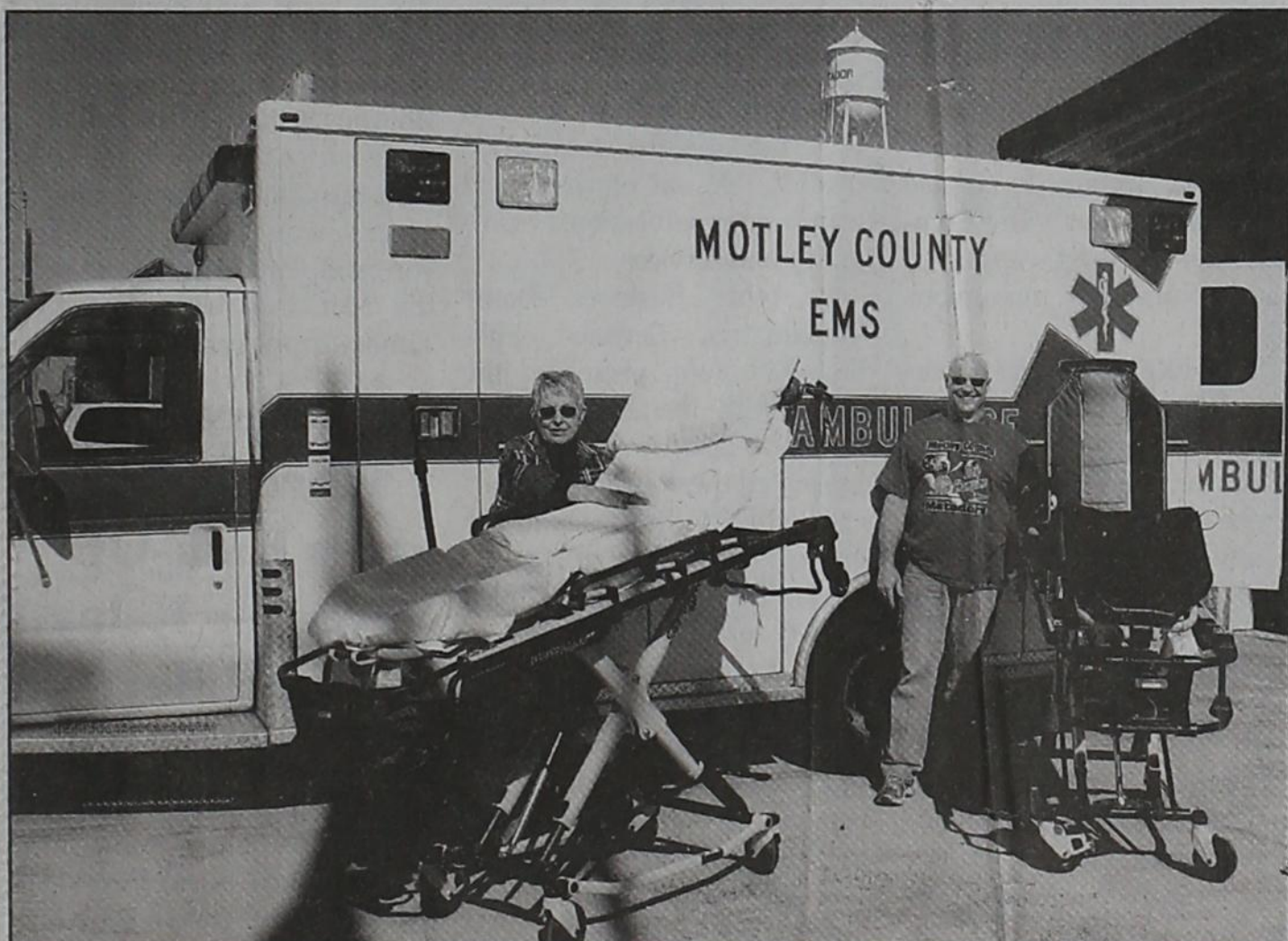
Swine classes will start about 10:00 a.m. followed by

Bucket Calves at 11:15 a.m. Lamb classes will begin about 11:30 a.m.; rabbits at about 12:30 p.m.; and if anyone shows up with heifers they can show about 1:00 p.m. followed by the Goat Classes.

The last classes of the day will be steers around 2:00 p.m. These times are approximate. During the day there will also be a silent auction going on with lots of neat items. Members of the Association are encouraged to vote on the Directors. To be a member of the Association you have to be a donor to the show. Directors who terms will expire this year are Craig Turner, serving more than 25 years; David Stafford, 15 years; and Gilbert Guerrero, with 8 years of service.

A concession stand will be available starting at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, hot chocolate, soft drinks, brisket sandwiches or wraps, sausage wraps, and homemade brownies and Rice Krispies will be served. All proceeds are funneled back into the Association to support youngsters and future events.

If you have any questions, or would like to help or make a donation you can contact the Extension Office at 347-2733 and speak to Advisor Ryan Martin or Secretary D'anna Russell at 347-2621.



Seven Alexander (Left) and Pat Smith (Right) from the Motley County EMS are standing very proudly next to the new hydrolic cots that they were able to get from the donation from the Farris Foundation. photo by Charli Bigham

**Tony Rose named  
EMS Director of the Year  
at the SPEMS Conference this year.  
He has been the director  
for over 20 years.**

## Roaring Springs Lions Club Meet

By Corky Marshall,  
Secretary

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at the Windmill Café on Thursday, February 4, 2010, for their regular meeting.

There were 10 members present and one guest. Scheduled speaker John Vunk, Administrator of Hackberry

Creek Care Center, was ill and unable to attend.

Business was discussed and the Club voted to have a fundraiser to benefit the Motley County Relay For Life that provides help for Motley County cancer patients with needs such as wheelchairs, special care items, and transportation aid for travel to and from treatments if needed.

Following the meeting, eight members entertained the residents of Hackberry Creek Care Center with Bingo games. Fourteen residents had fun playing. The Lions gave Bingo winners dollars in quarters for each Bingo. A total of \$30 was paid out to the lucky winners. Everyone wins at Lions Club Bingo games!

# Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art  
When you have history, you have pride.

By Larry Vogt

classroom. Although I can't quite identify with the boy with the crown on his head, I do remember that feeling and that feeling went on to drive me towards the drama club in high school and getting acting parts in the school plays.

By the time I was an adult I considered myself a serious musical artist and although there were publicity pictures of me with a smile on my face, most of the time I was "seriously" wrapped up in my musical performance. Now I am content to wrap myself in my music library and listen to the sounds that emanate from my instruments and share the sounds with anyone who cares to listen. Happy Valentines Day from the King of Hearts!

I suppose the high point of my elementary school Valentines Day memories would be the time I was elected "King of Hearts" in the third grade. Somewhere in my archives there is a picture taken out in the cold prairie weather just outside the school. It shows a cute boy and girl holding the box of valentine cards, each of them wearing a crown made from poster paper and cardboard. The celebration was wonderful, my Aunt Bertha made her own special donuts and someone brought a freshly turned batch of ice cream.

It's hard to recognize that fresh-faced little boy with the great big smile, basking in some kind of attention and celebration that goes with a festival in a grade school



By Laverne Zabielski

I'm calling this a Special Collectors Edition. There are so many wonderful pictures in this paper that I've decided if you ever have a bad day, just take a look at these kids and it will brighten your day.!

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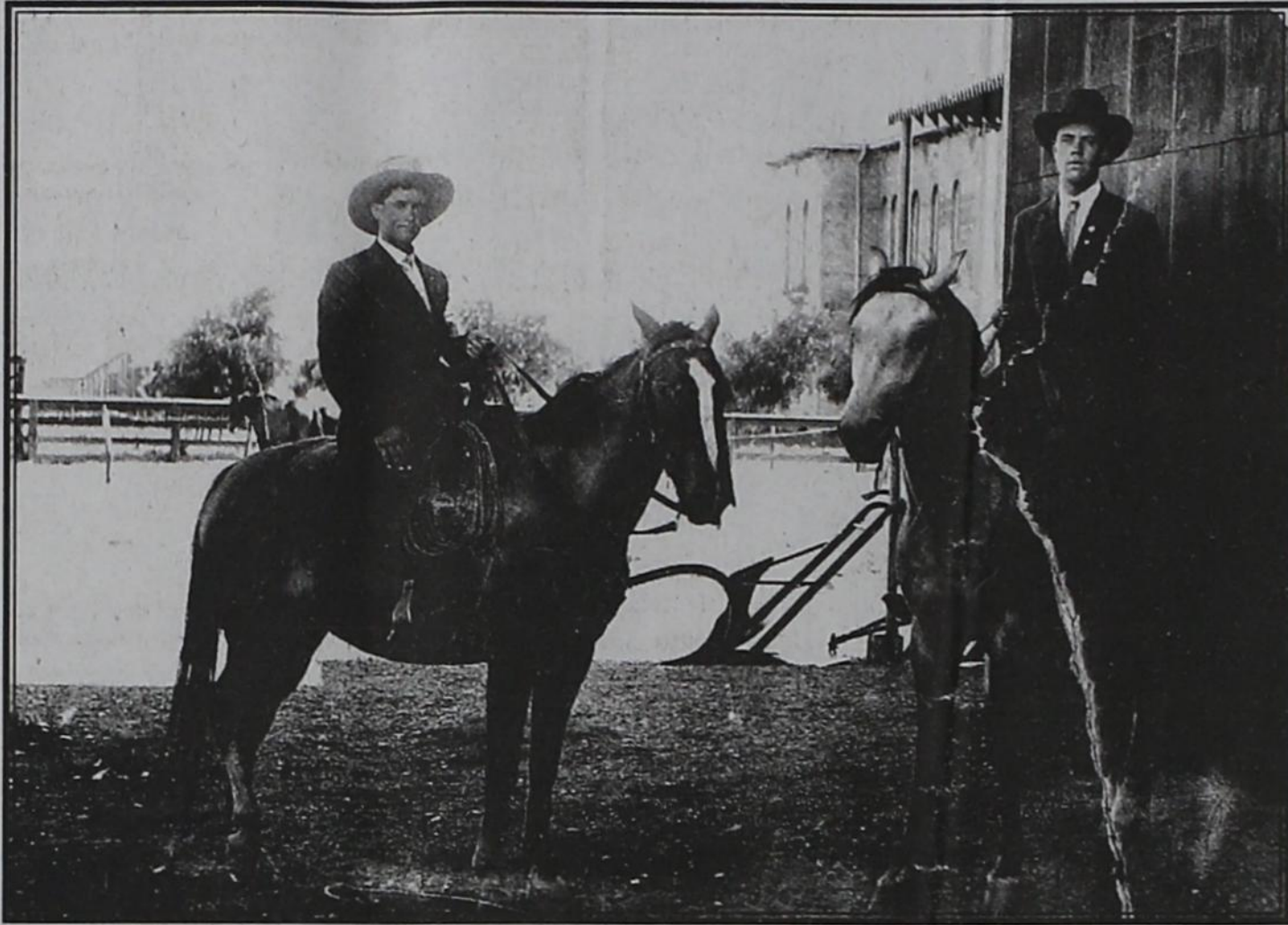
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# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Downtown Matador, 1909



Downtown Matador in 1909. This photograph was taken on the south side of Motley County's Courthouse square at the present location of the Farm Bureau office. In the background is the west side of Motley County's Courthouse which was constructed in 1904. Also in the background is a fence constructed around the Courthouse square with a horse tied to the fence. To the left of the tied horse is a public windmill. To the right of the riders is the John Chalk Hardware Company, which is presently the parking lot of the Matador Post Office. The riders are W.A. Rattan, Sr. (L) and Henry Martin, Sr. Rattan and Martin lived on adjoining farms at Whiteflat. Rattan is the grandfather of Kay Bailey of Matador and Martin is the grandfather of Hal Martin of Whiteflat and Frances Welling of Matador. (Photo courtesy of Ron Bailey).

## TRAIL DUST

By  
DOUGLAS MEADOR



January 23, 1975

Restraint is an admirable scabbard that protects the tempered steel blade of courage. It compliments the ornate hilt like a vase in which a delicate flower is contained, achieving victories through its understood presence.

Alcohol is an ominous threat to society and like an atomic bomb it is capable of injecting instant chaos into the most peaceful fraternity. Its greatest danger, perhaps is woven into the tear-stained cloak of innocence that deceives those it would first destroy.

Any device which would perpetuate youth would be disastrous to our national economy since commerce is principally sustained by the conflict created in its steady passage. Youth in itself is entirely sufficient but when the shadows indicate a presence elsewhere than before us, business is activated. It is here that the struggle to conceal, delay, appease and repair the damage solicits the hopeful and expensive implements of trade.

## Commissioner's Court accepts resignation of county sheriff

Commissioner's Court met in regular session on February 8, 2010, with a 16-item agenda including the acceptance of the resignation of Sheriff Michael Crutchley; an informational briefing from TxDOT on the Rolling Plains Organization of Rural Transportation (RPORT); the court's approval of a Joint Primary Election Resolution; an annual report on the AgriLife Extension educational programming in Motley County; and approval of bids on the Flomot Water Project.

Sheriff Michael Crutchley submitted his formal resignation to the Court, effective March 8, 2010.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support during my time as Sheriff," Crutchley said. "It has truly been an honor to serve the citizens of Motley County."

According to Judge Ed D. Smith, the Court needs to appoint a Sheriff. Persons interested in submitting an application for appointment need to write a Letter of Intent to the Motley County Commissioner's Court to the attention of County Judge Ed D. Smith. "The person that is appointed to this position will be required to run for the position in November, 2010, but they don't have to pay a filing fee," Smith said. "There are three years left on the Sheriff Crutchley's term."

In other business, Chuck Steed, TxDOT District Design Engineer, said the Rolling Plains Organization of Rural Transportation (RPORT) is the "voice in transportation in rural America." The RPORT is a consortium of 13 counties in the Childress TxDOT district that meet quarterly to discuss transportation concerns. County Judges and Commissioner's nominate projects, TxDOT evaluates the project, and then they are ranked from high to low priority according to need, Steed said. "We don't want sidewalk or landscape projects. All the money is going toward roads - it has to be a TxDOT-maintained highway for the

project to be eligible."

Commissioner Franklin Jameson said he had placed a project on the agenda two years ago, requesting a bridge replacement on County Road 110. According to Steed, TxDOT ranks every single bridge, and Austin determines which "off-system" bridges they will consider. However, he said, since this bridge was washed out, that TxDOT would likely place it on a high priority.

A resolution to combine the Democratic and Republican parties in a Joint Primary Election Services contract was signed by Democratic County Chair C.W. Moore and Republican County Chair Wilburn Martin for elections to be held on March 2, 2010. The Commissioner's Court approved this resolution by unanimous vote.

Donald Kelm, District Extension Administrator, met with the court to provide an annual update on AgriLife Extension service programs for Motley County. Kelm said that the Texas 4-H and Youth Development program awards an estimated \$2 million in scholarships to high school seniors. In 2009, 18 youth from the Rolling Plains of District 3 earned \$195,000 in scholarship money for advanced education. Other 4-H projects include Horse Show and Horse Judging. "We may be a small district," Kelm said, adding, "but we have the second largest horse show in the state."

Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County conducted several educational seminars in 2009 including market residue free cotton, worker protection standards, pesticide laws, and pest management. In addition, he conducted a "Feral Hog Appreciation" seminar, designed to educate producers on programs to eradicate feral hogs and cope with hog populations. A "Pond Management" seminar was held to educate residents on ways to build and manage lakes and ponds for recreational use. Martin also

works tirelessly with youth programs in the county, helping organize a 4-H benefit concert that raised more than \$4,000. Proceeds were donated to the Motley County 4-H Club to help with yearly expenses. The 2009 Motley County Jr. Rodeo was held last July as a fundraiser for the 4-H Club, with more than 150 youth participating in the rodeo. He also supported 10 4-H Club members who participated in major stock shows in 2009.

Kelm thanked the Commissioner's Court for their support of Martin and his efforts. "He (Ryan) continues to provide programs which are in tune with our mission to provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing educational programs and services..."

In other business, Diane Washington, Certified Public Accountant, presented the Court with the Audit Report for 2006-2007. Washington presented the court with financial highlights for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, stating that the assets of Motley County exceeded its liabilities by \$1,079,813 (net assets). Of this amount, \$146,773 (unrestricted net assets) was used to meet the county's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. At the close of the fiscal year, the county had a fund balance of \$361,352, an increase of \$35,473 from the previous year. The audit for fiscal year 2008-2009 will be reviewed at the March 8, 2010, Commissioner's Court meeting.

The Court voted unanimously to accept the following low bids for the Flomot Water Project: Concrete work, Kendall Construction for \$9,000; pipe, valves for the Pump Station, K.W. Sharp for \$4,459.87; metal building for pump station, to Mueller, Inc. for \$4,496.91; ground storage tank went to Bulldog Steel, Inc. for \$49,325; and a pressure tank also went to Bulldog Steel, Inc. for \$11,325.00.

## RETRO NEWS

January 23, 1975

### B-BOYS WIN SILVERTON TOURNAMENT

The Motley County boys B team won first place in the Silverton B team tournament last Thursday and Saturday.

In the first game Motley clobbered Valley B 60-36. Three went into double figures with Pat Smith putting in 19, and Timmy Brooks and Charlie Brown each adding 13.

In the Championship game Motley won 58-54 over Silverton B. Pat Smith again led the Matadors with 18 with Timmy Brooks adding 11.

### Celebrating More Birthdays Kick-Off Party for Relay For Life

A fun filled evening will be held at the Hotel Matador, on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. The Relay For Life Committee will be the host.

If you are a survivor, you are invited; if you are a caregiver, you are invited; if you are a team member, you are invited. If you are interested in joining in the fight against cancer, you are invited to The Relay For Life Birthday Celebration!

There will be good food, games and door prizes and prizes for team captains.

Kyle Shelton, Manager of Development of the Lubbock Field Community will speak on the goals for 2010 and an update on Hope Lodge in Lubbock.

This year's Relay will be held on April 23, 2010. The walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 12:00 a.m.

# 70th Motley County Junior Livestock Show

## February 13, 2010

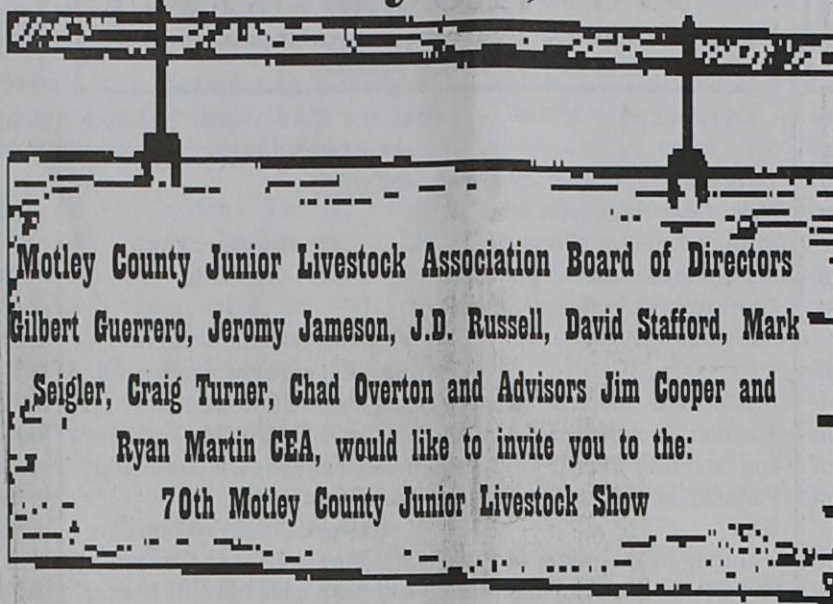
Breakfast from 6:45am to 8:45am (sharp)  
Sponsored by Lowe's Pay-n-Save Francis Taylor Mgr.,

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 am

### Show Order

- 9:45 am Pee Wee Showmanship
- 10:00 am Swine classes start
- 11:15 am Bucket Calves
- 11:30 am Lamb classes
- 12:30 pm Rabbit classes
- 1:00 pm Goat classes
- 2:00 pm Steer classes
- 3:00 pm Premium Sale

Remember times are approximate



### Silent Auction Table

with many nice things to bid on such as an autographed guitar donated by Trent Willmon (reserve) to jewelry and purses donated by local artist as well as a show goat for next show season donated by Grundy Goats.

Chances for sell to win the drawing for **\$500.00 shopping spree at Thacker's**

sponsored by the Association and Thacker's.

Concession Stand sponsored by the Association will be serving Brisket Sandwiches or Wraps (briskets by David Stafford Catering), Rodeo Wraps, Chips, Drinks, Brownies and Rice Krispie Treats.

### Concession Stand

open from 9:00 am til ...  
*All proceeds benefit the kids in the show.*

### Bucket Calf Exhibitors

- Emma Cagle
- Emma Hackler
- Emily Jameson
- Colton Martin
- Autumn Perryman
- Wyatt Perryman
- Jacilyn Perryman
- Andrew Stafford
- Brazos Washington

## 4-H and FFA Exhibitors

- Gage Baker
- Seth Baxter
- Mattie Brooks
- Dayne Butler
- Mickey Clary
- Shelby Elliott
- Bryson Elliott
- Chloe Gleghorn
- Sage Guerrero
- Danielle Gwinn
- Leanne Jameson
- Keyan Kautz
- Lexi Osborn
- Grant Potts

- Caitlyn Siegrist
- Gabby Silva
- Britt Simpson
- Kyla Simpson
- Cameron Stafford
- Bryant Taylor
- Braden Bigham
- Christian Brooks
- Caleb Clary
- Reagan Elliot
- Matthew Faulks
- Brendan Fisk
- Dode Gleghorn
- Weston Griswold

- Wyatt Hackler
- Natalie Jameson
- Andrew Martin
- Jonothan Osborn
- Michael Seigler
- Alycia Silva
- Michael Silva
- Korbyn Simpson
- Eric Simpson
- Austin Taylor
- Cassidy Turner
- Carley Turner
- Jaci Zingerman
- Catherine Ward



**Happy Valentines Day**

**BOBBY WHITAKER FOR MOTLEY COUNTY JUDGE**

Subject to the Democratic Primary, March 2, 2010  
Pol. Ad. Paid for by Bobby Whitaker

*Thank you*

*Thank you for all the calls, flowers and prayers during my stay in the hospital. I sincerely appreciate your thoughts.*

Linda Turner

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For more information, contact Kathy Blanco at 940-475-0755 or Annette Hollingsworth at 347-2388.

**GOOD LUCK JR LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**Matador Market set for May 1**

The first *Matador Market Day* featuring live music and vendors offering food, arts, crafts, antiques and collectables is planned for Saturday, May 1, in conjunction with the annual craftsmen and entrepreneurs, to enhance attendance at the Highway 70 event, and to provide an entertaining event in downtown Matador.

If you are planning a garage sale and do not live along Highway 70, consider moving it to the Matador town square for maximum exposure.

Applications for vendor

**VOTE James "Jim" Meador FOR MOTLEY COUNTY JUDGE**

I enjoyed and appreciated serving as Motley County Sheriff for 15 years. During my 17-year law enforcement career I have been involved in County Court and understand the process in which it is conducted and the responsibility that is involved in serving as County Judge. I am experienced in preparing a yearly budget and maintaining the County's funds to stay within that budget.

I am a lifelong resident of Motley County. My family's history runs deep in this county and I am truly dedicated to its success, prosperity and betterment.

Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary that I work out of town and may not be able to see each one of you as I would like during this campaign. Please know that I respect and appreciate you and your support for the upcoming Election.

*"If elected I will serve with integrity, honesty and to the very best of my ability. Thank you for your support and influence."*

Subject to the Democratic Primary, March 2nd.

Pol. Ad Paid for by James "Jim" Meador

**Vote For BEN C. GRUNDY MOTLEY COUNTY JUDGE**

*"Your Vote and Influence Appreciated"*

Subject to the Democratic Primary, March 2, 2010

Pol. Ad. Paid for by Ben C. Grundy

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note . . .

It's a good day for snow geese! It's great we are getting all this moisture on the pastures and land after the long hot summer and dry fall. It is a bit uncomfortable for us since we haven't had a lot of winter in years but it really isn't all that bad compared with the north and eastern states. How much better this slow, long lasting weather than floods! That would be miserable to be cold, wet, and all your belongings wet and soggy plus all the clean-up to look forward to with dread. I shudder to think of having to stay in tents with no protection as the people in Haiti have to endure. Yep, I believe I really like these cold wet days with only a few inches snow or rain best.

### In the community . . .

Billie Stuckey's mother, Lou Dean Douthitt, passed away late Sunday evening in the hospital in Amarillo. Billie was with her mom. Mrs. Douthitt visited here often and had become acquainted with several persons. Funeral services are pending with Wright Funeral Home in Wheeler, Texas. Mrs. Douthitt resided in Briscoe, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Timmons of Cape Briton, Nova Scotia, are guests of the Ken Young's. Dinah lived in Nova Scotia some 20 or so years ago when Dinah's children were small. They were neighbors and friends. They laughed when Dinah apologized for the cold weather here! The Timmons plan to travel on to Houston and Galveston and enjoy seeing and hopefully basking on the sunny beach with their daughter. Their daughter is flying in from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and will meet them in Houston.

Thelma and Kathy Hughes are moving to Muleshoe, Texas where Thelma's sister, Dorothy Lee lives. Kathy will

be missed at Hackberry Creek Care Center where she has worked since its opening.

Floyd Carter is leaving on Wednesday for Naples, Florida, to attend a Bible College for three months. Diane is remaining at home.

Corky and Monta Marshall attended the funeral of Tommy McCallister of Idalou on Friday. Tommy was one of Monta's friends and a school mate.

Country roads have been a bit muddy and slick several times during this past week. Ken and Suzanne Abbott experienced getting stuck on their narrow road in the Roaring Springs Ranch Estates.

Bobby Fletcher is in Arlington, Texas, in a re-hab center regaining strength after his recent hospital stay. His son, Peyton, hopes that he will stay until he is stronger and able to come back to Roaring Springs and take care of himself. He is missed by his friends. If you wish to send him a card, his address is c/o Peyton Fletcher, P.O. Box 2427, Coppell, Texas 75019.

J. T. and Imogene Swim are back at home. Imogene was hospitalized on Thursday at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was released on Friday.

Alex and Jo Crowder met their daughter, Denisa Brown of Dalhart, in Childress for lunch on Thursday of last week. Denisa was enroute to Texarkana, Texas, to take Max, a bloodhound that works with the EMS of Dalhart and is being trained to find missing persons. Max has already shown great promise of being a valuable member to their team and has been on search missions already. Denisa brought Max last year on the 4th of July and some of us got to meet him. He is a fine looking bloodhound. Denisa and Max returned to Dalhart on Sunday evening.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

"Breathe a prayer of gratitude. Give those you love an extra measure of affection. Life is fleeting and love is precious. Cherish both." Happy Valentine's Day.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Fort Worth with her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray.

Guests in the home of Ruth and Orville Lee Thursday were James and Wanda Davis of Ackerly, and Melvin and Betty Pope of Lubbock and Eldon Box of Plainview.

Bengie, J.J. and Katie Hughes of Royce City visited from Sunday until Wednesday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Michael Starkey of Canyon accompanied his parents, Nada and Jack Starkey to Amarillo, Tuesday for Nada's cardiac medical appointment. Joining them for lunch was her brother, Jack Moon of Frtich and their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay visited in Clifton from Friday until Sunday with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They enjoyed Kyler's basketball game Friday night and Karlee's basketball games Saturday.

Wilburn Martin and daughter in law, Mrs. Roger (Tiffany) Hughes of Floydada were in Fort Worth from Wednesday afternoon until Friday afternoon. They met Roger Hughes and daughter, Reagan of Floydada

at the Fort Worth Livestock show where Reagan had a steer calf entry.

### Do Gooders Club Meeting

Members of the Do Gooders' Club were given a cheerful greeting at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday afternoon, February 2 with colorful Valentines decor.

Hostess, Mrs. Waydetta Clay and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay presided at a table laid with a white cloth and a red crystal server. The centerpiece was three gold tinted Hob Nail decorative lanterns with glowing candles inside. Hearts were placed intermittently on the table adding to the red decor.

Refreshments of barbecued smokies, vegetables and dips, assorted cookies, a bundt cake on a pedestal plate were served with fruit punch and coffee.

The hostess gifts, a beautiful quilt was won by Mrs. Kathy Shorter and a talking doll with cute quips was given to Mrs. Erma Washington after their names were drawn.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay conducted a short business session. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved. Members chose the Bazar quilt pattern, Little Farm Boy and will begin working on this project in March.

Those attending were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington, Waydetta Clay, B. Rogers, Kathy Shorter, Anna Beth Clay and Connie Franks.

## Homecoming Date Set

The biennial Matador/Motley County Ex-Students' Homecoming will be held on September 17th and 18th, 2010.

If you have moved since the Homecoming of 2008, or if you did not receive the Homecoming Invitation "mail-out" that year, your name is not on the homecoming mailing list. Please contact your class agent, or Ron and Kay Bailey at 806-347-2399 or email kayron@caprock-spur.com.

## Seeking Hunting Information

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce is generating a list that includes hunting opportunities in the county for a new web site.

If you have a hunting lease available, offer day hunts, or any other kind of hunting opportunity, please contact Marilynn Hicks or Linda Roy at 347-2939.

## Arts & Crafts

### Bazaar 2010

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met Monday, February 1, 2010, at the Senior Citizen Center. Saturday, November 20, 2010, was selected as the date for the Club's 44th annual bazaar. Motley County Senior Citizen Center will again host the event.

Member Pauline House presented painted wooden

boxes for the February program. Nine members participated by selecting boxes, painting and embellishing the boxes, and affixing a lining to the inside. The March program by Jane Neal will feature jewelry-making techniques and bead stringing.

Persons desiring more information about the organization or upcoming bazaar should contact President Nova Turner at 347-2309.

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## Matador News

MCISD students will not attend school Friday, February 12. It is the end of the six-weeks grading period.

Critics have compared Texas author Bruce McGinnis to William Faulkner and Flannery O'Connor at their best. An avid collector and researcher of cowboy gear from the Civil War to the present, he has written a non-fiction book about the life and work of famous Matador saddle maker H.H. Schweitzer. A few of these books are currently available at Oliver Saddle Shop in Amarillo (806-372-7562) for \$125. Boasting over 500 pages, the book is packed with history and lots of pictures. The author is considering an additional printing if there is enough interest. Call Marisue Potts or Linda Roy if you are not able to purchase one and are interested in a copy from the next printing.

Some Matador February birthdays (and the day of the month) include: Brian Sehon and Randy Martin (1); Bradley Baxter and Stacy Perryman (2); Tucker Barton (3); Donnie Turner and Carlene Luckett (4); Pat Warren, Conway Clary, Cassidy Turner, Leslie Taylor, and Caleb Chumley (5); Richard Thomas, Rickey Lawrence, and Tylee Barclay (6); Caitlynn Parks, DiAnn Campbell, and Cameron Stafford (7); Ashley Fonseca (8); Brendan Fisk, Braden Mason, and Lorenzo Salazar (9); Sondra Scott (10); Elijah Crawford (11); Judy Crowley (13); Sherry Rose, James Bearden, and Matthew Faulks (14); Dode Gleghorn and Randy Hicks (15); Colton Martin and Marcus Ortiz (17); Craig Turner and Brittany M. Moore (18); Zachary Davis (19); Kasey Bell (21); Jackie Bell, Dorothy Day, and Noah Guerrero (22); Aaron Green and Shayla Clay (24); Shawn Elliott (25); Jean Cooper, Kevin Elder, and D'anna Russell (27); Ryan Martin and Nathan Shannon (28).

Among Matador anniversaries in February are: Mr. and Mrs. Carter Luckett (1); Mr. and Mrs. Guy Campbell (17); Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Alexander (19); Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Stephens (20); Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor (23).

Birthdays and anniversaries are taken from the 2009-2010 Motley County Community Calendar, produced and sold by the MCHS Class of 2011. Contact Junior Class Sponsor Judy Cooper at judyc@motleycyco.org

or 347-2767 to add a birthday or anniversary or to purchase a calendar.

Twenty-one attended the monthly Men's Breakfast at the First United Methodist Church last Saturday morning.

An Ash Wednesday service is set for 7 a.m. Wednesday, February 17, at the First United Methodist Church. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs 46 days before Easter. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. Traditionally, the ashes used are gathered after the palm crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.

Sunday, February 14, a stew luncheon will be served after services at the Methodist Church.

Lisa Guerrero is cooking supper at the First Baptist Church every Wednesday evening. Join them for good food and fellowship.

Wanda and Jim Davis of Ackerly were in Matador Monday. She is the former Wanda Moseley of Flomot.

Next year's MCISD homecoming will be September 17.

Tonya Goff of Abilene was in town last week on AEP business.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson, Roger and Dorris Vinson attended the grave side rites of J.M. Hill, held at the Vernon Cemetery Saturday. He died of a massive heart attack at Fort Worth. J.M. was a former resident of Motley County.

Winifred Darsey traveled to Vernon Saturday, February 6, to attend visitation and graveside services for Jesse M. Hill. Margaret and J.M. Hill were former residents of Motley County.

### You know you live in a wonderful small West Texas town if.....

Upon showing up for lunch at the Senior Citizens Center, you get a standing ovation because they haven't seen you in a while. Then you get a call from the local paper wanting to know where in the world you have been! (Roy and Frances Hobbs)

You see a friend's dog, wet and cold out in the weather, and take it in. After cleaning and drying the poor thing, you take it home, only to discover your friend's dog has been home warm and dry all along—she doesn't have a clue who the dog you are attempting to deliver belongs to. (Shane Jones and Juliana Koelbl)

### This Week's Local Forecast

<b>Thursday</b> Rain/Snow 39/27	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 49/28	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy 50/29	<b>Sunday</b> Cloudy 43/25	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Cloudy 47/28	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy 52/34	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 45/31

### Weather Trivia

What is the record for the most consecutive hours below zero in the lower 48 states?  
Answer: In January 1969, Havert, Mont. sank below zero for nearly 400 hours.

### Weather History

Feb. 11, 1899 - Perhaps the greatest of all arctic outbreaks commenced on this date. The temperature plunged to 61 degrees below zero in Montana. At the same time, a "Great Eastern Blizzard" left a blanket of snow all the way from Georgia to New Hampshire.

### Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
2/13	2/21	2/28	3/7

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**Remember Valentines Day is Sunday February 14th**  
347-2820

# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

As you've probably heard, I have indeed given my resignation to the library. My husband and I will be moving to Kansas. This is an exciting time for me, but it's also an exciting time for the library. Having someone new, with fresh ideas, is always a good thing. So, if you're interested in possibly becoming the next librarian, bring your resume to the library by February 18<sup>th</sup>.

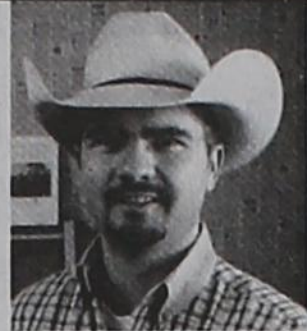
For those of you who loved the book "Half Broke Horses", we just got in the other book written by this great author, Jeannette Walls. It's called "The Glass Castle" and is the author's memoir. The reviews for this book are great!

We also have in "What difference do it make?" by Ron Hall & Denver Moore. These

are the same men who wrote the extremely popular book "Same kind of Different As Me". This new book continues the story of the two friends, and also shares some stories about how the book touched it's readers lives.

I've discovered a new author you should know about. My newest favorite novelist is Craig Johnson, author of the Sheriff Walt Longmire series. Mr. Johnson is a retired Wyoming police officer who writes about this Sheriff Longmire character, and the cases he's working. The stories all take place in Wyoming, and are really good. The first book in the series is called "The Cold Dish", and is available for checkout today!

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Motley 4-H Members Compete at Fort Worth Stock Show

Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner, Jaci Zingerman, Danielle Gwinn and Seth Baxter competed in the Fort Worth Stock Show, January 28-31. Cassidy, Carley, Jaci and Seth competed in the goat show while Danielle and Seth competed in the lamb show. 4-H members were accompanied by their parents, Craig and Cathey Turner, Russell and Lori Alexander, Darla Gwinn, Don and Colleen Baxter, and Ryan and Jamie Martin.

In the goat show, Seth Baxter placed 6<sup>th</sup> in class 10 and Cassidy Turner was picked in the top 20 during the showmanship class consisting of around 60 participants. We are very pleased with these 4-H members as they did an excellent job showing their animals at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Congratulations!

## Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

The Motley County Jr. Livestock will be held on Febru-

ary 13, 2010 at the bus barn. The annual pancake breakfast sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save will be from 6:45 am until 8:45 am sharp. All animals must be weighed in by 8:30 am and the show will get started at 9:30 am with the PeeWee Swine Showmanship. Following the peewee showmanship will be the market swine classes, bucket calves, market lambs, rabbits, market goats, and market steers in that order.

A copy of the 2010 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show rules can be picked up at the county Extension office. If you would like to donate to the stock show, please see a Livestock Show Director, Mr. Cooper, D'anna Russell or myself. Remember, all donations are passed onto participants to help pay for their animals, feed and any other costs they have incurred.

Once again, mark your calendar for February 13, 2010 and come out to support our local youth as they showcase their livestock projects they have been working hard with for the past several months.

## COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



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# Obituary

John C. Thomas  
(Died January 31, 2010)

John Cunigan Thomas, age 61, died Sunday, January 31, 2010 in Estelline, Tx. Graveside services will be Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at Northfield Cemetery, Northfield, Texas.

John was born January 15, 1949 in Matador, Texas, to Ebbie and Mary Kincannon Thomas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. As a cowboy, he loved working with his horses. When not working as a cowboy, he was always building something with his hands. He cherished his children and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary Thomas; father, Ebbie Thomas, and one

brother, Heavy Thomas.

Survivors include: Wife, Jody Thomas of Estelline, Tx. Four Surviving Children; Son, Chris Sanders and wife DeAnna, Paducah, TX Daughters, Kathy Stancell and Husband, Carey, Farwell, TX., Amber Couchman and husband Steve, Norwalk, IA., Robin Davis, Norwalk, IA., and Stepdaughter, Bonnie Sloss of Childress, Tx

Ten Surviving Grand Children; Rody Sanders Zac Stancell Bretton Stancell Trace Stancell Corey Stancell Brayden Stancell Sheridon Sanders Taylor Stancell Kendall Stancell Kellie Davis.

# FSA News

By Amy Hackler

## FSA NEWS AND REMINDERS

### PLEASE READ-VERY IMPORTANT FOR PAYMENTS

### AGI Verification Process Requires Producers to Submit a NEW FORM to IRS

USDA has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs.

This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers who AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 non farm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million non farm average AGI for conservation programs. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA.

IMPORTANT: Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the AGI review process. ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES who received 2009 payments or who have requested 2010 payments must complete a consent form and provide it to IRS so the AGI data can be verified. For

entities, a consent form must be submitted by the entity and by each shareholder in such entity, to the fourth level of ownership. Individuals will use form CCC-927 and entities will use form CCC-928. These forms are available online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov> or be obtained from any FSA office. We can't mail these forms!!! You must come to the office and get one for you and your landlord(s), if applicable.

Forms should be completed and submitted directly to the IRS at:

Internal Revenue Service-  
USDA  
PO Box 24033  
Fresno, CA 93779

Failure to provide consent form to IRS will result in INELIGIBILITY for future FSA payments and refund of payments already received. FSA is NOT authorized to accept completed consent forms and FSA is NOT authorized to submit these forms to IRS on your behalf. A December 2009 Fact Sheet regarding the AGI verification process is available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must annually certify their eligibility to receive benefits by either submitting a statement from certified public accountant or attorney, or by completing form CCC-926. This form may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Deadline to submit these forms to IRS is June 15, 2010.

# Birth Announcement

Audrey Jane Perkins

The birth of a child reaffirms God's miracle of life



Audrey Jane joined the Perkins family January 5. (Photo by Dana Perkins of Tin Star Photography.)

Dana and Jeremy Perkins of Waxahachie announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Jane, on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 2:39 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Three-year-old Emma Claire was especially joyful at her sister's arrival.

Grandparents are Jesse and Caron Perkins of Odessa, Marie Vandivort of Waxahachie, and Lance Landivort of Dallas. Dorothy Russell of Matador is Audrey's great-grandmother.

Jeremy lived in Matador for a few years as a child, and his father was raised here.

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One of the major ideas present in the Bible is that everything should be done to the praise, glory and honor of God. Do we have the kind of faith that remains focused on bringing glory to our God or do we have the kind of faith that primarily

is focused on benefiting ourselves?


Do we think about what we believe? Do we examine our faith on a regular basis? Do we re-examine what is the hope our faith is based upon? Our salvation is a wonderful thing. But it is not only intended to be of benefit just to us. The apostle Paul writes about the believer's salvation being "to the praise of His glory," in Ephesians chapter one.

Everything must be done to the glory of God. That is what needs to be understood. Our salvation is what focuses us on the work and lifestyle that brings glory to our God. He is, and on all the wonderful things He has accomplished causes us to give Him praise and glory. Reading from Psalm 86: 11-13, "...with all my heart, I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave."

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.


BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.



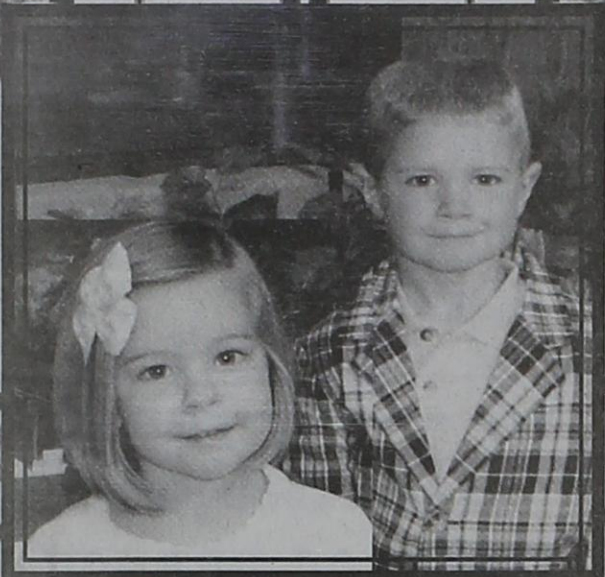
*Jaybird's Kitchen*  
will host a  
*Valentine dinner*  
Sunday  
February 14.  
5:00pm - 8:00pm  
\$32.99, a couple

*Ribeye steak, grilled shrimp,  
salad, baked potatoes, mixed  
green beans, and more.*

NO RESERVATIONS



# Happy Valentine's Day



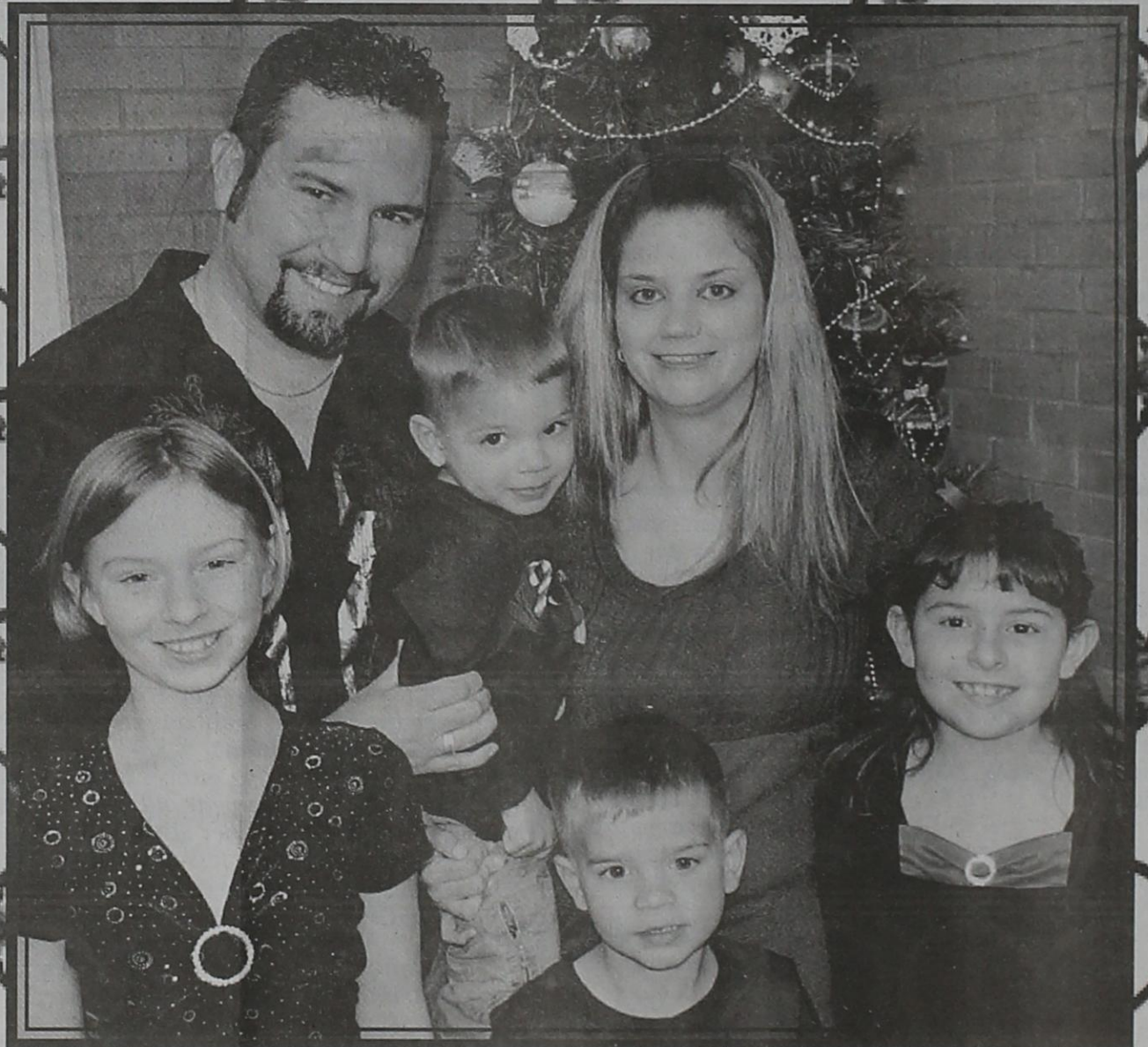
Olivia, 3 and Brock, 5 Fowler  
Children of Blair and Courtney Fowler of  
Matador. Grandchildren of Mike and Sara  
Fowler and Vaden and Carrol Hays, all of  
Matador, and niece and nephew of aunts and  
uncles from Lubbock to the Metroplex!



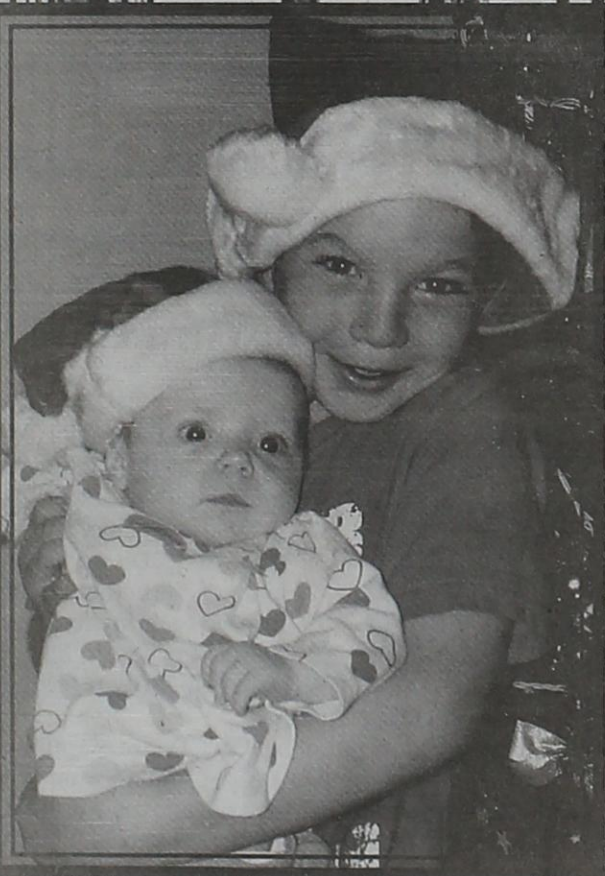
Jason & Tamera Stanley  
Max, Lynnzie and Landon, 20 months  
Grandchildren of James and Margaret Stanley



Kenzie Rogers, age 19  
Daughter  
of Jason and Tamera Stanley  
Granddaughter of  
James and Margaret Stanley



Jill Kitchens and Brandon Webb  
Arianna, age 10, Verrity, age 8  
Kadyn, age 4, Koltyn, age 2  
Grandchildren of James and Margaret Stanley



Zachary Byron Hurt  
Layla Jane Piercy

Zachary, age 8, son of Tommy Hurt and  
Amanda Ashby. Layla, 5 months, daughter of  
Josh and Amanda Piercy.  
Grandparents are Tommy and Kate Hurt  
of Matador  
Great Grandparents Thomas and Dora Hurt  
Layla would also like to wish her  
Grandparents Ken and Rhonda Williams and  
Great Grandparents John and CA Williams of  
Sudan, Texas A Happy Valentine's Day!

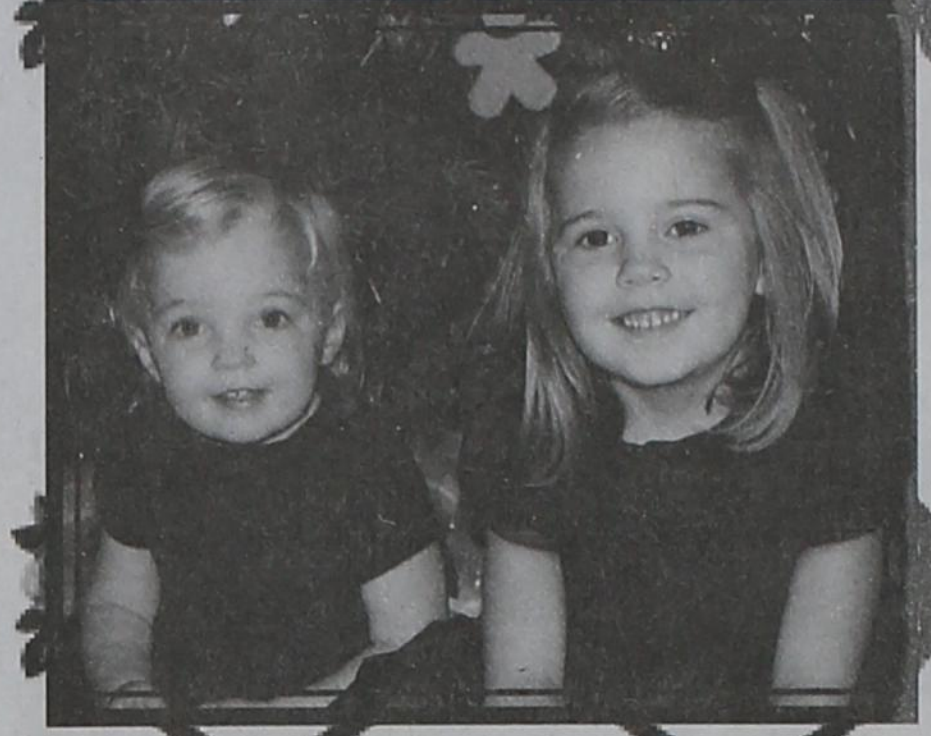
Elijah Haste  
Son of  
Levi and Nicole Haste  
Grandson of  
Rickey and Jackie  
Green and Steve and  
Carolyn Haste  
Great grandson of Betty  
Bearden, Nelta Green  
and  
Maurice and Loretta  
Haste



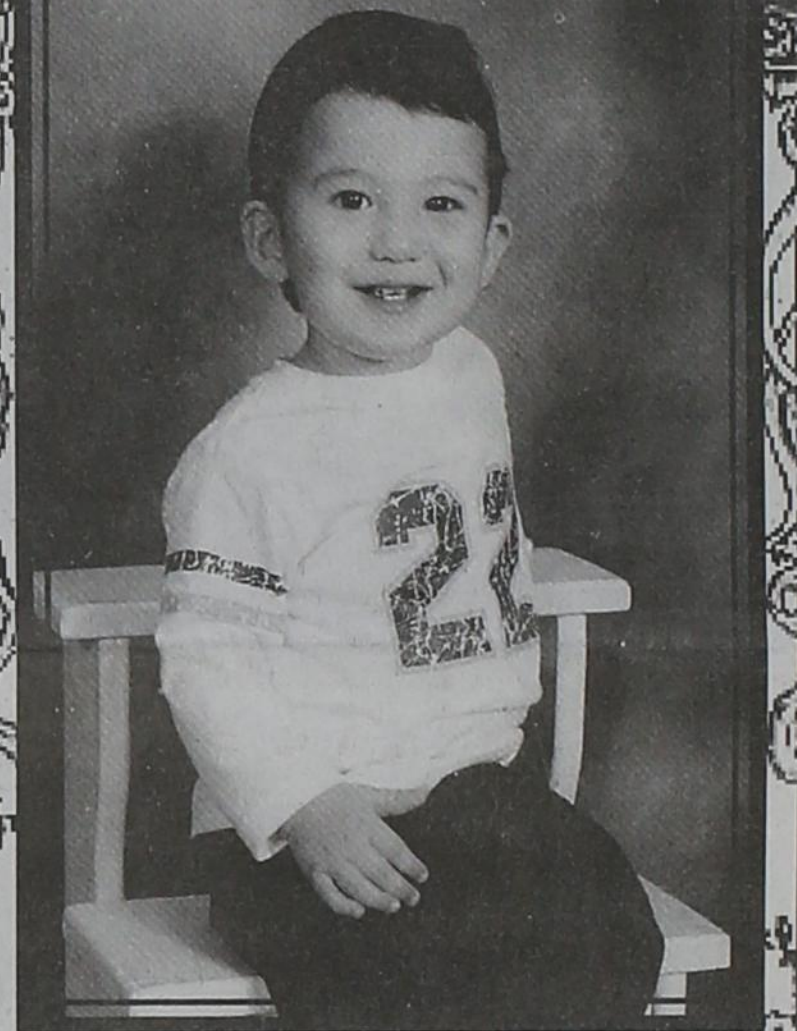
# Happy Valentine's Day



JoAnn Dickson with her grandchildren  
Russell Tippin, Jason Stanley, Holly Tippin Conyers  
Jill Stanley Kitchens, and Rebecca Tippin Perucca



Edee and Charlee Thacker  
Daughters of Brad and Weslyn Thacker  
Granddaughters of Jeff and Pam Thacker  
and Micky Maupin of Gruver, Texas



Kingston Garrett Salinas  
Son of Kristi Williams and Angelo Salinas  
Grandson of Rodney and Glenda Williams of  
Matador and Manuel Salinas and Martin  
and Maria Rodriguez, all of Carrollton  
Great grandson of are Jim and Wanda  
Stockton and Bessie Jean and the late  
Pete Williams of Matador



To Our Girls  
Kaitlan Price, daughter of Heath and Tonya Givens and Keith Price,  
Weslyn Givens, daughter of Heath and Tonya Givens,  
Laurie Bridge, Tatom Bridge, daughter of Clayt and Laurie Bridge,  
Tonya Givens, Madison Givens, daughter of Heath and Tonya Givens.  
Kaitlan, Madison and Weslyn are the grandchildren of Larry and Donna  
Hoyle of Matador and Preston and Cinda Givens of Spur. Tatom is the  
granddaughter of Larry and Donna Hoyle of Matador and Gary and Jane  
Bridge of Afton  
Love, Nannie and Papa



Carley Turner



Cassidy Turner

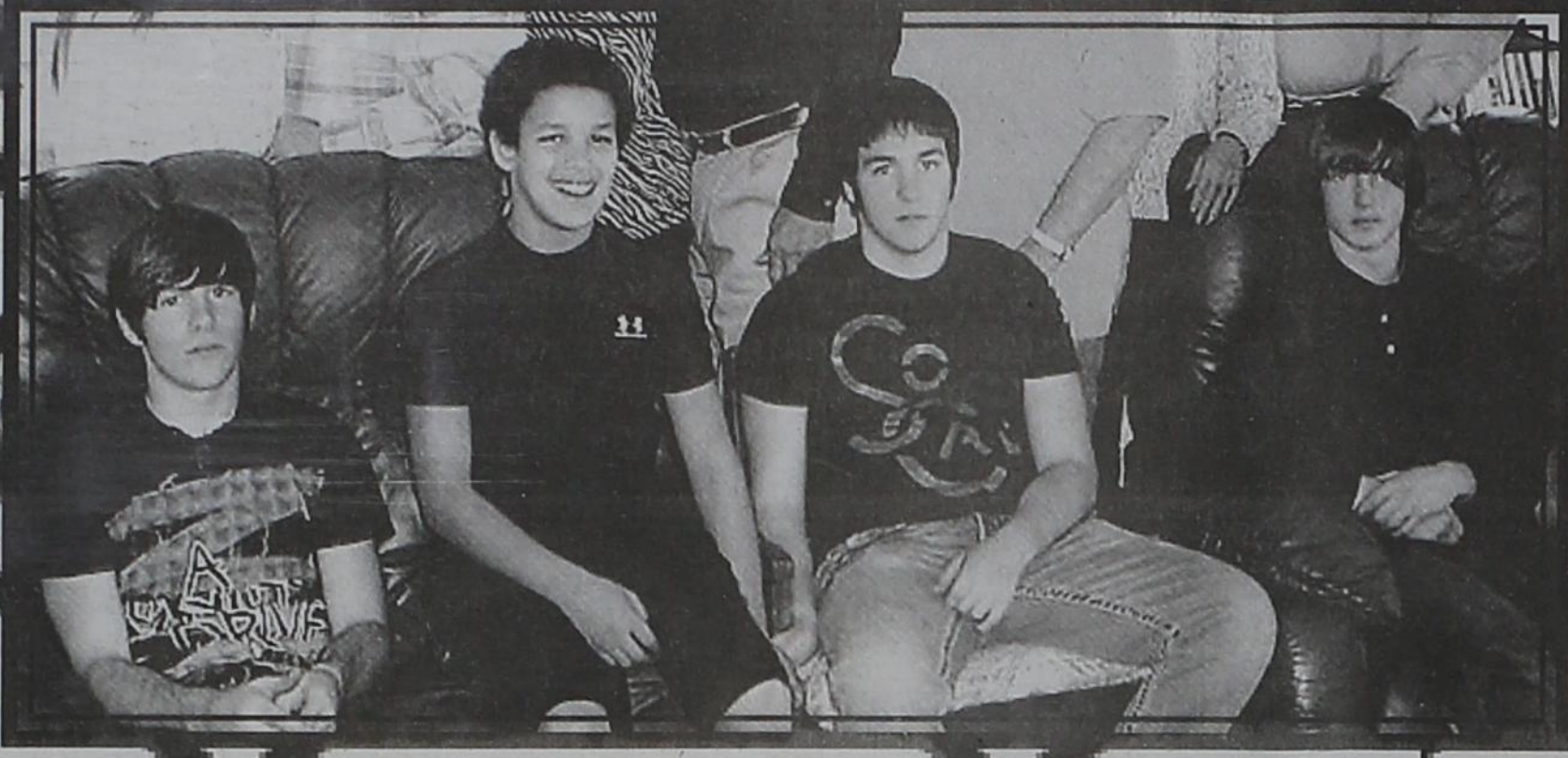
Daughters of Craig and Cathey Turner  
Granddaughters of Steve and Linda Hess, and Dean and Nova Turner  
Great granddaughters of Sylvia Martin



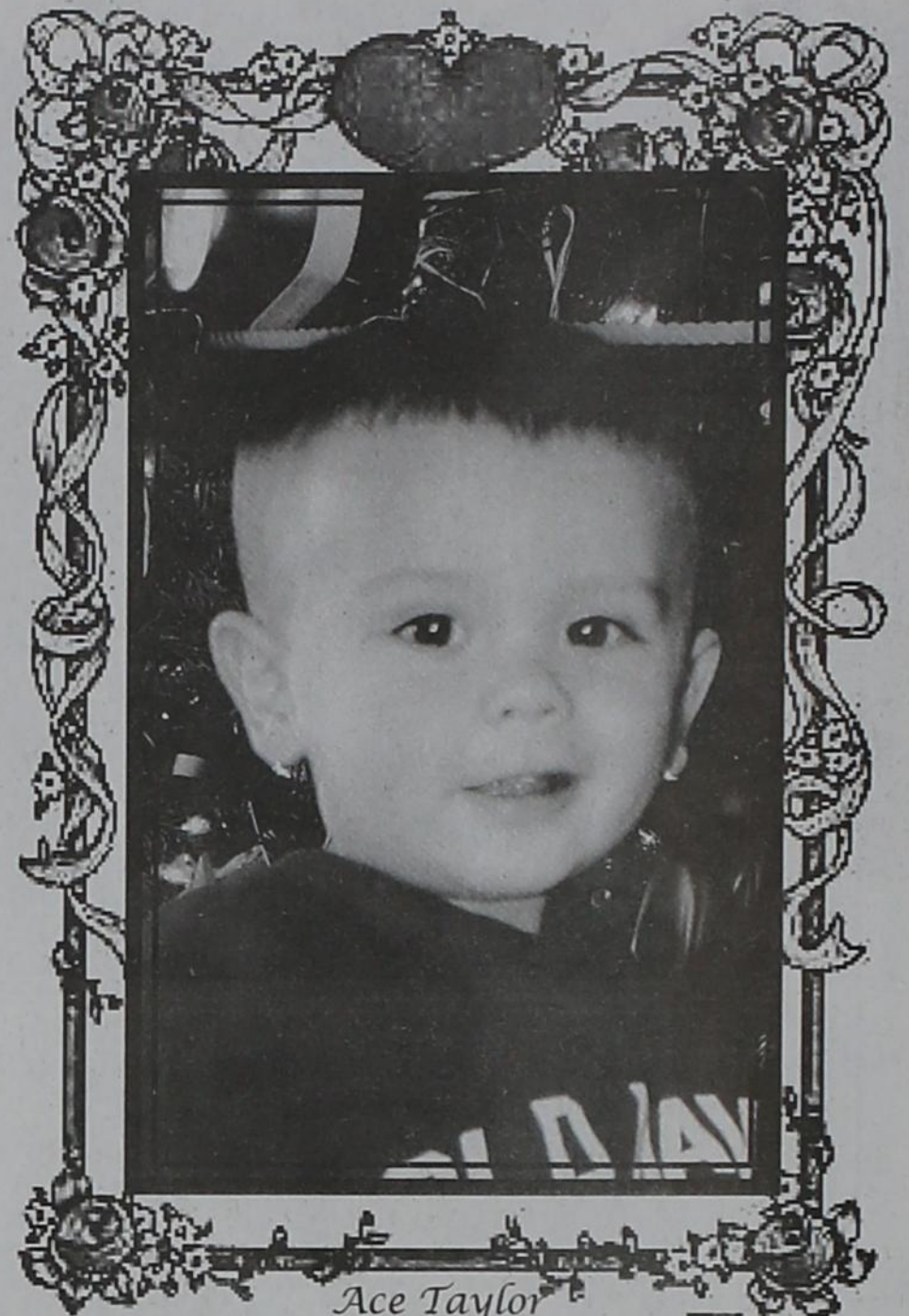
Bryce, Breann  
and Blayne Brady  
Parents are Stephen and  
Jennifer Brady  
Grandparents  
are Gerald Beshirs and  
Mary Lou Grundy  
and Carolyn Wilson



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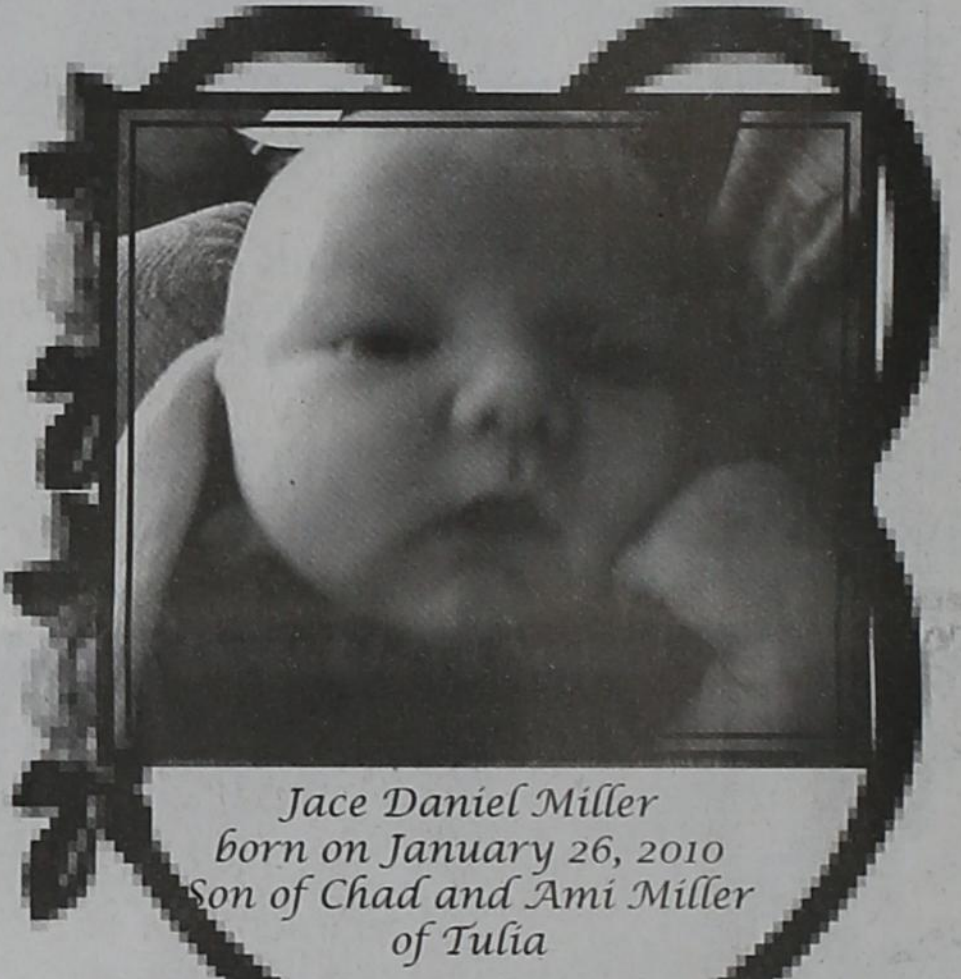
Our Valentines, Dillon, Brant, Kolton, and Jason Bailey  
Grandsons of Ron & Kay Bailey



Ace Taylor  
son of Sis Taylor of Matador



Tyler Campbell, Jack Price, Chancy Campbell, Jessie Price,  
Payton Price, Bailey Bulls, Barrett Bulls.  
Grandchildren of Bundy and Dixie Campbell

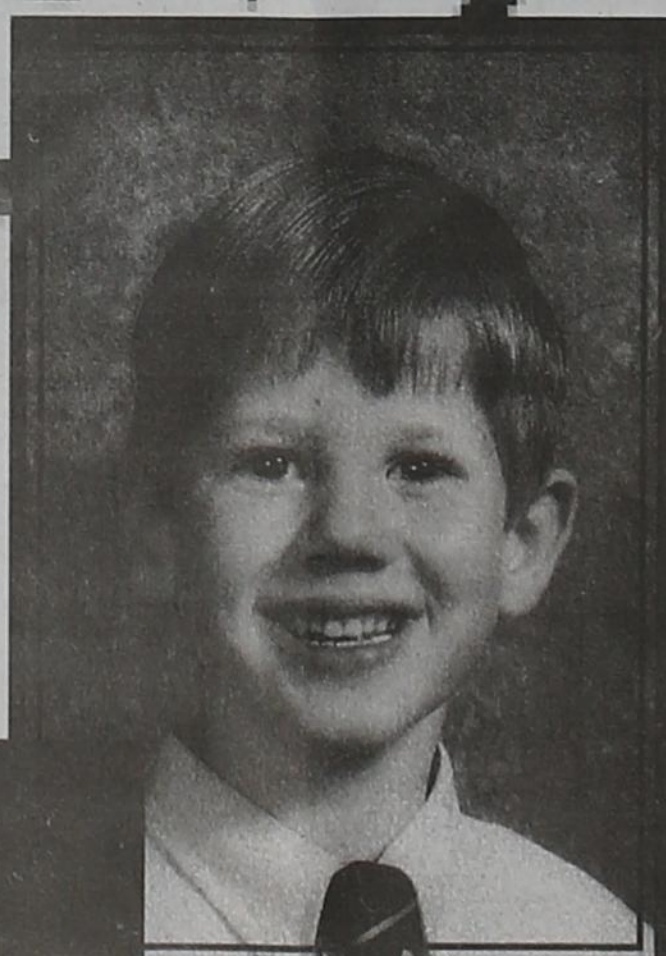


Jace Daniel Miller  
born on January 26, 2010  
Son of Chad and Ami Miller  
of Tulia

Grandparents,  
Tom and Sharla  
Miller of Tulia,  
Becky Dunn of  
Silverton, and James  
Dunn of Hamlin

Great  
Grandparents,  
Elmer and  
Betty Parks  
of Roaring Springs,  
Nelva Green  
of Plainview, and  
Donnie and Sandy  
Perkins of Silverton

Great-great  
grandmother  
Winnie Smith  
of Silverton



Braden Bigham, 13  
Nolan Hodgson, 5  
Aryn Raylien Ohlson, 4  
Emily Mae Ohlson,  
2 Months  
Grandchildren of  
Chuck and  
Gail Ream





# Happy Valentine's Day



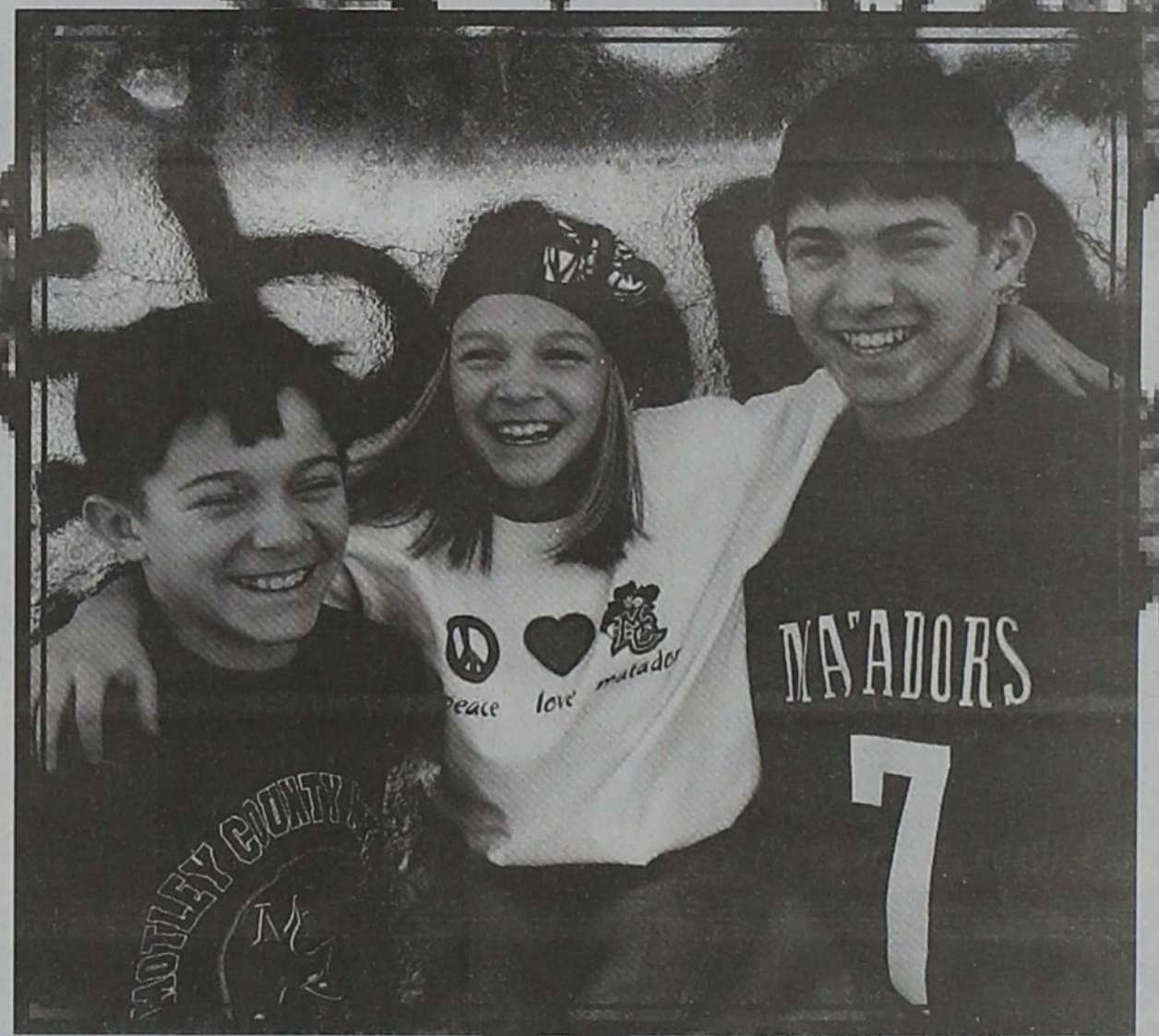
Bailea Grace  
Daughter of Chad and Denise Lawrence  
Grandparents  
Rickey and Naomi Lawrence  
Robert and Debbie Shannon  
Great-Grandparents:  
Von Simpson  
Sammie Phillips  
Doyle and Sue Shannon



Fritzi Francis, Robert Francis,  
Tamara Wilson and Korie Wilson  
Grandchildren of Vann and Sondra Francis  
Children of Billy and Pam Wilson  
Rob Francis



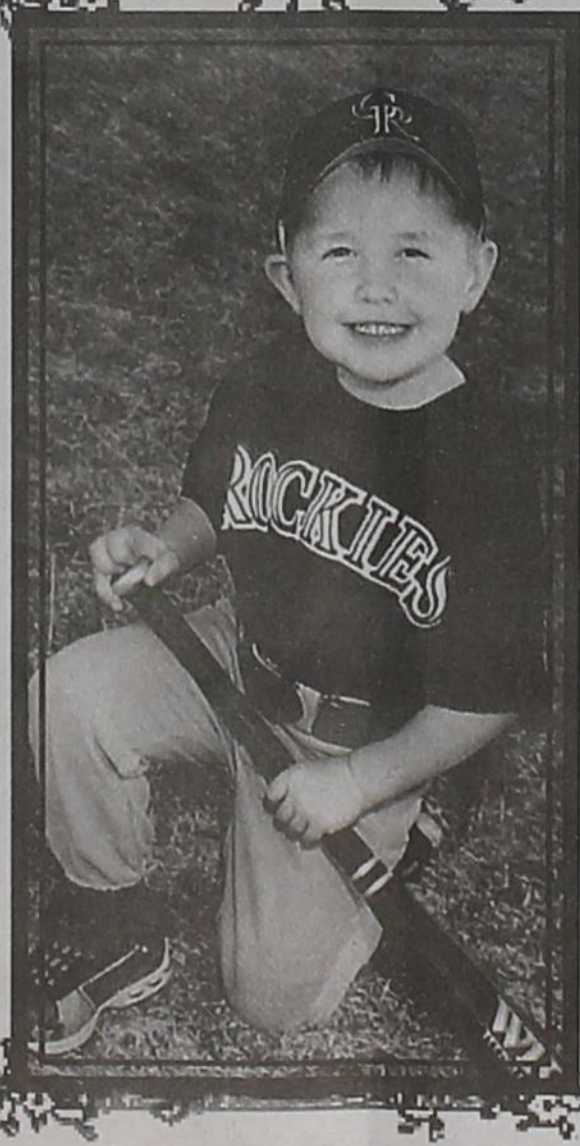
Happy Valentines Mommy  
Ryder Quay Russell, 17 weeks, son of Shane'a Russell  
Grandparents are J.D. and D'anna Russell  
Great grandparents are Dorothy Russell of Matador  
and Dale and Dona Smith of Quitaque  
Great-great grandmother is Lottie Garrison of Silverton



Bryan, Jacie,  
and Austin Taylor  
Parents Shane and  
Wendi Taylor of Matador



Allison Gwinn



Charles Gwinn

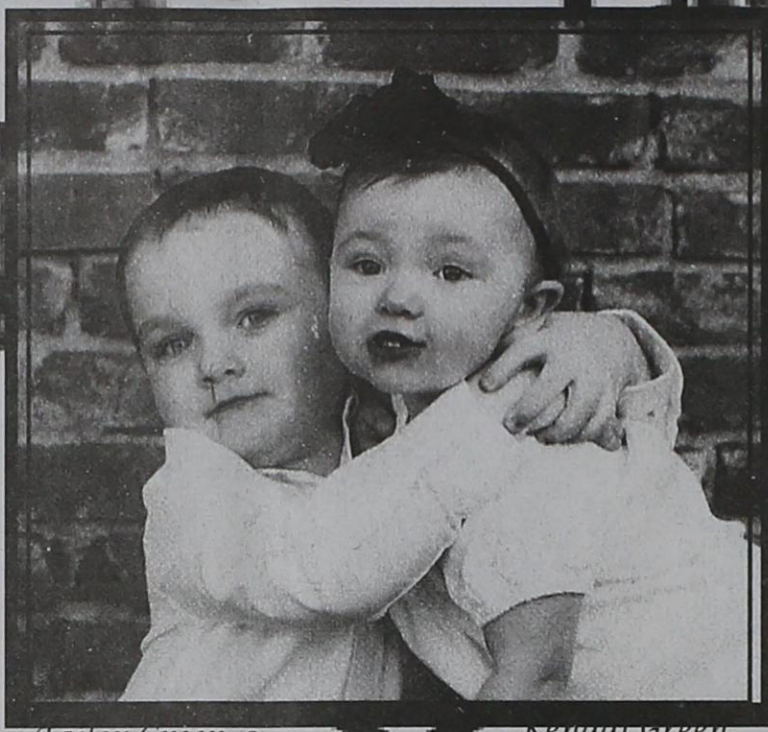


Leigha Burns

# Happy Valentine's Day



Dear Grayson,  
We love you very much!  
Mawmaw, Abe, Lee and  
Grandpa and Grandma Shorter



Taylor Green, 3      Kendall Green,  
17 months

Parents are Aron and Randa Green  
of Matador  
Grandparents are Butch and Janie McBee  
of Quitaque  
and Billy and Cindy Green of Matador



Brooklyn Freeman, 3

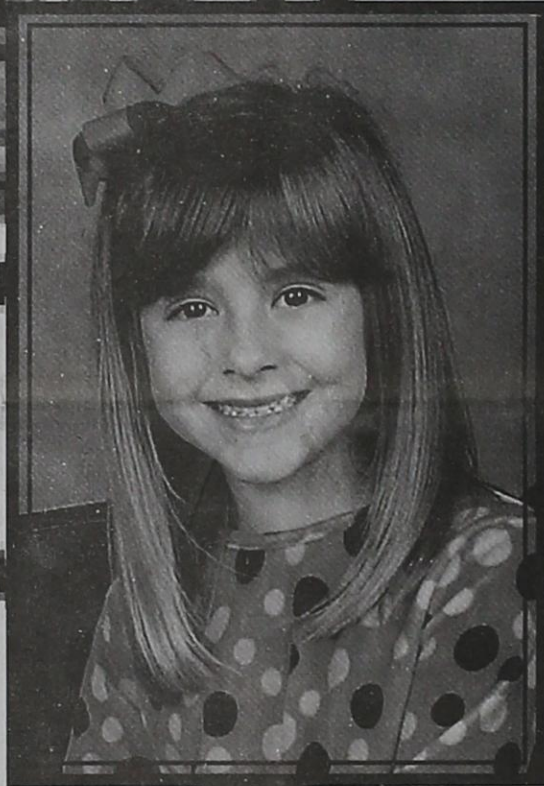
Parents are Jeremy and Annie  
Freeman of Matador  
Grandparents are Logan and  
Starlett Freeman of Dickens and  
Billy and Cindy Green of Matador



Zoe  
2009-10

Zoe Grace Barnes, 8

Daughters of Bryan and Paige Barnes  
Granddaughters of Bobby and Jeanne Williams  
of Matador  
and W.L. and Kathy Barnes of Eula

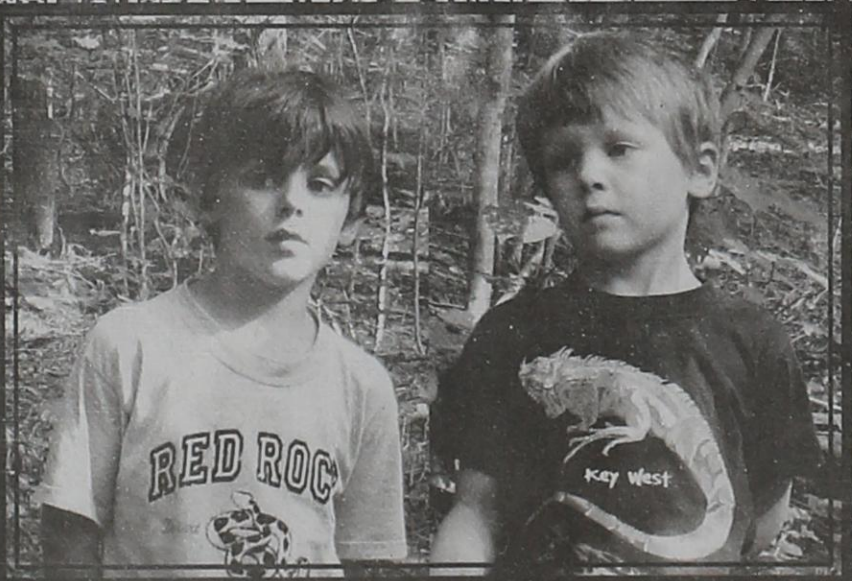


Madilyn Paige Barnes, 5

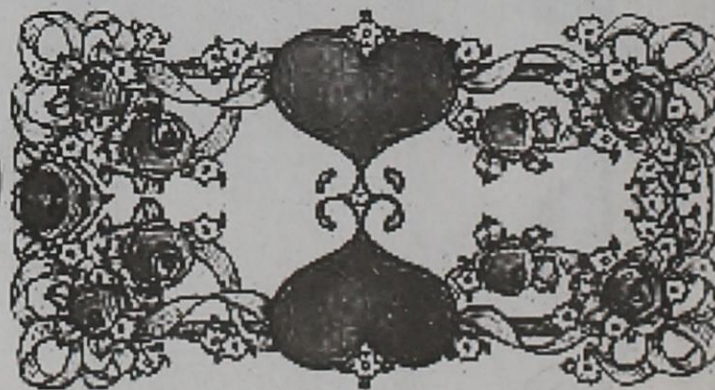


Andrew and Randa  
Westbrook

Parents are Lindsey Westbrook  
of Lubbock  
and Randy Westbrook of Amarillo  
Grandparents are Rodney and  
Glenda Williams of Matador  
and David and Terri Westbrook  
of McCall Creek, Mississippi.  
Great grandparents are Jim and Wanda  
Stockton, Bessie Jean and the late Pete  
Williams, all of Matador,  
Jim and Paula Westbrook of Lubbock,  
and Andy and Barbara Tarrant  
of Smackover, Arkansas.



Avery and Chuck Logsdon  
Grandsons of Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt  
and Don and Lu Wittler



## Please be my Valentine

# Happy Valentine's Day



*Skylar and Riggs Horen  
Children of Palka and D.J. Horen of Plano, Texas  
Grandchildren of Kenny and Olivia Barton of Matador  
and Don and Pam Horen of Hartford Wisconsin*



*Dear Allison, Matthew and Braeden,  
We love you all very much!  
Grandma and Grandpa*

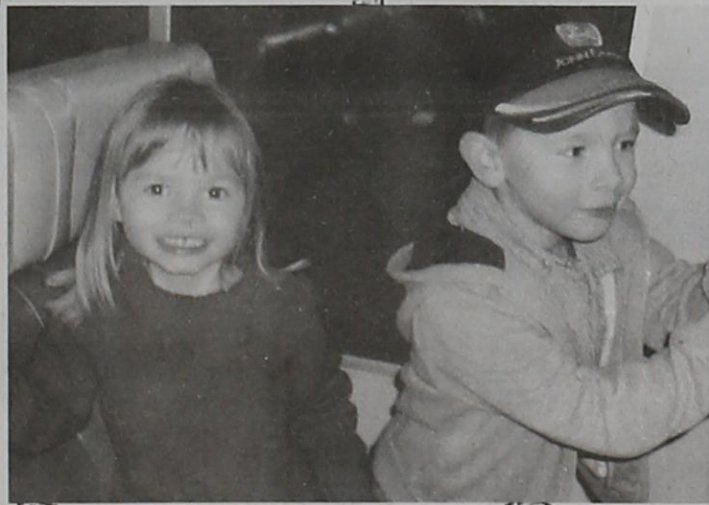


*Colton Ryan Martin, 7  
Cade Turner Martin, 4*

*Sons of Ryan and Jamie Martin of Whiteflat  
Grandsons of Hal and Kellie Martin also of Whiteflat  
and Clinton and Joanie Pigg of Turkey*



*Jayden and James Rieger,  
sons of Jerod and Hilda Rieger  
Grandparents are Dana and Ross Graham  
and Bruce and Suzette Rieger  
Great grandparents Devonne and Benny Dillard*



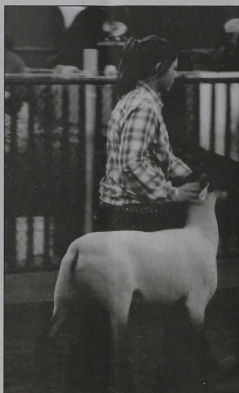
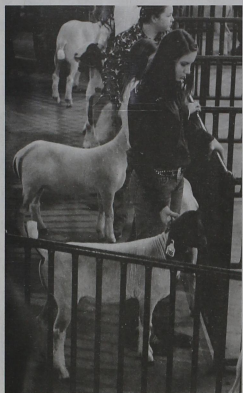
*Bryer and Reagan Davis of Matador  
Parents are Brody and Rachelle Davis  
Grandmother is Judy Reifro*



*Morgan and Madison Mzyk  
Parents are Frank and Renee Mzyk of Flower Mound Texas*

# Love Love Love Love

# Motley 4-H Members compete at Fort Worth Stock Show



Jaci Zingerman (L) and Danielle Gwinn (R) competed in the Fort Worth Stock Show, January 28-31. Pictured below Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter, Carley Turner also competed in the Fort Worth Stock Show.



Wyllie LP Gas  
Good Luck at  
the stock show



**GLITTERED PIG**

GOOD LUCK  
IN THE  
STOCK SHOW



**Jaybird's Kitchen**

GOOD LUCK  
70TH ANNUAL  
JR LIVESTOCK SHOW



**SHANNON FAMILY  
FUNERAL HOME**



Good Luck at  
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# NRCS currently accepting 2010 EQIP Applications

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Motley County is currently taking applications for the 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The purpose of EQIP is to provide incentive payments to implement conservation plans and specific conservation practices, and to address specific resource concerns. Any conservation practice that addresses a natural resource concern is eligible. All land uses are eligible. Examples of eligible practices are: brush control, livestock water wells, livestock water facilities, livestock water pipelines, range seeding, pasture planting, terraces, waterways, diversion terraces and many, many more.

Any person interested in these programs is encouraged to apply. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan, and will begin implementing conservation practices as quickly as possible.

For more information on these programs, please visit the NRCS Matador Field Office at 1103 Eubank Street, or call 806-347-2263 extension 3.

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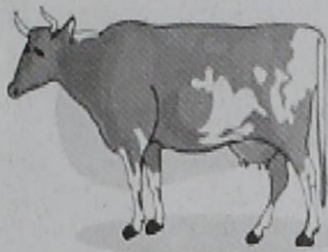


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Again in 2010, for the 46th consecutive year, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will sponsor two area high school students on the all-expense paid Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's tour is scheduled for June 10 to June 18. The winners will also receive a \$ 500 Lighthouse Youth Tour Scholarship

As participants in the Youth Tour, the local students will join other winners from across the state to travel by air to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

The two winners will be selected from participants in the co-op's Youth Tour Speech

Contest to be held March 9. Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their speech and answer questions relevant to the Youth Tour and electric cooperatives. Winners are chosen based on their knowledge, speaking ability, appearance and poise.

Over the past 45 years, Lighthouse has sponsored 95 area students on the tour. Winners in recent years have been:

2001, Jenna Payne of Floydada and Melanie Huggins of Lockney

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2003, Addie Foster of Lock-

ney and Spencer Schacht of Floydada

2004, Kami Keaton and Jana Miller of Lockney and Kattie Campbell of Matador

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2007, Josh Fowler of Plainview and Britnee Brotherton of Floydada

2008, Leah Ford of Lockney and J.C. Simpson of Floydada

2009, Daryn McCarter of Lockney and Lauren Young of Quitaque

For information on entering the contest, contact Larry Ogden at Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, (806) 983-2814, 1-800-657-7192, or e-mail [larryo@lighthouse.coop](mailto:larryo@lighthouse.coop).

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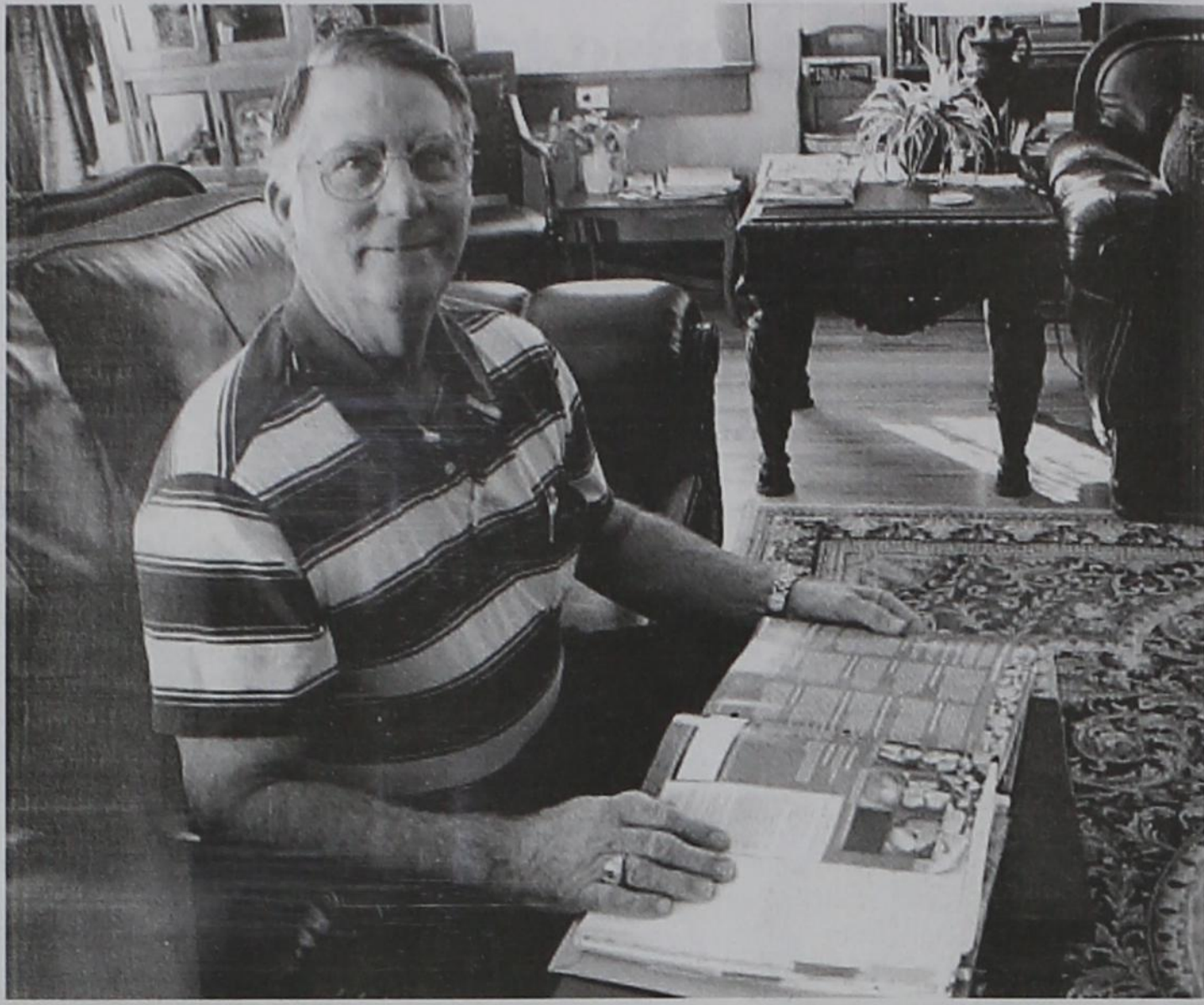
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Bruce Elikor, Texas Engineering Extension Service adjunct trainer, prepares for a workshop on road maintenance presented to county personnel last Wednesday.

## Road Maintenance Topic of Workshop

County commissioners and road maintenance workers from four counties met last week in Matador for a one-day training presented by Bruce Elikor, an adjunct trainer with the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

In addition to the Motley County attendees, representatives from Floyd, Dickens, and Cottle Counties gathered at the Library Annex February 3 for the workshop.

Elikor addressed topics such as traffic control with appropriate use of signage, gravel road maintenance, safety, and utilization of the enhanced

features of late model maintainers.

The day before the training, Elikor conducted a "drive around" with some of the local commissioners to view and discuss specific roadway areas of concern.

Judge Ed D. Smith worked with Dr. Carroll Johnson, also with TEEX, to arrange for this training. Johnson also traveled to Matador for the workshop and discussed additional training opportunities that are available to county personnel.

Training such as this is typically funded by the Local Technical Assistance Program

(LTAP), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Elikor, who conducts two or three workshops per month around the state, lives in Pipe Creek and is a county commissioner in Bandera County. He retired from TxDOT following 34 years of service.

Johnson has retired to a ranch outside of Brownwood after many years as a professor first at Texas A&M University and later at the University of Texas at El Paso. He now serves as an adjunct professor for TEEX.

## Could mindfulness meditation help alcoholics stay sober?

MADISON, Wis. — Recovering alcoholics may benefit in the battle over the bottle if they practice mindfulness meditation.

That's according to a Wisconsin physician-researcher who is one of the few in the country testing the possible connection between meditation and the prevention of relapse to drinking among those dependent on alcohol.

Dr. Aleksandra Zgierska, assistant professor of family medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, was the lead researcher in a 16-week pilot clinical trial with 19 participants recruited from addiction treatment clinics. She says the results of her first study (published in 2008) showed mindfulness meditation could be a useful supplementary technique for alcoholics trying to avoid relapse.

"Our findings were consistent with those of large randomized trials of conventional therapies for alcohol-relapse prevention," says Zgierska. "Those in our study reported being abstinent about 95 percent of the days, with 47 percent reporting complete

abstinence during the whole 16-week-long study."

Now Zgierska has started another study, a randomized controlled trial with more participants, to more fully assess mindfulness meditation's effect on relapse prevention.

Zgierska, who is also a practicing physician with a special interest in addiction medicine, says the use of meditation to treat alcoholism had never been rigorously studied before, and initially, there was skepticism within the medical community.

"When we started the project, it was met with some concern," she says. "Some people said 'You're going to have alcoholics meditate?' That's why we did the pilot study -- to show that it could be possible and helpful for them. We thought meditation could teach people new skills to cope with life challenges and create an emotional and intellectual "platform" to tackle not just drinking by itself, but also other problems that may increase relapse risk."

Those problems may include anxiety, depression, or the inability to deal with stress or alcohol craving, all poten-

tial triggers for recovering alcoholics to return to drinking as a means of comfort.

One meditation technique Zgierska uses is called "urge surfing." Developed by Dr. Alan Marlatt from the University of Washington in Seattle, it teaches alcoholics mindfulness-based coping mechanisms ("observe what is happening in a non-judgmental way, and with acceptance") that reduce chances for a relapse.

"While meditating, one visualizes a craving or urge as an ocean wave that begins small and gradually builds to a large cresting wave," she explains. "Using the awareness of one's breath as a 'surfboard,' the goal is to 'surf the urge' by allowing it to first rise and then fall without being 'wiped out' by giving in to it. Successfully 'surfing the urge' can weaken addictive conditioning and enhance healthy coping skills."

Zgierska emphasizes that meditation would likely not be a replacement for standard therapy but, rather, another option that patients might find useful.

Michael Waupoose, pro-

gram manager for Gateway Recovery, a UW Health addiction treatment center, also believes that mindfulness meditation therapy could help recovering alcoholics prevent relapse.

"Many components of mindfulness meditation practice can blend really well with traditional models of relapse prevention and help alcohol-dependent people become abstinent," he said. "For example, if a patient has a very bad argument with his spouse or children, his anxiety will increase; he may get frustrated and angry; and, commonly, he will automatically leave that situation and go out for a drink to relieve stress and tension. Obviously, this is an example of unhealthy coping with discomfort."

"Mindfulness meditation would teach that person how to be present in that situation, how to be conscious of what's happening to their body, and how to deal with it without reacting to it automatically," Waupoose continued. "It teaches people how to be conscious of their feelings or thoughts without having to follow them all the way through."


## Availability of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds ARRA Training Project

South Plains Community Action Association, INC. wishes to announce its Receipt of Community Services Block Grant ARRA funds. The funds will be used to assist persons interested in occupational short term training skills. Participants will obtain pre-employment skills required for increased employment opportunities. SPCAA will work in conjunction with Workforce Solutions and South Plains College to meet the eligibility requirements. Participants may qualify for assistance with tuition, books and supplies. The program is in effect immediately and will run through September 30, 2010.

For additional information concerning this program, please contact: SPCAA Worker: Lucinda Johannes  
Address: 809 Bailey St., Matador, Texas 79244  
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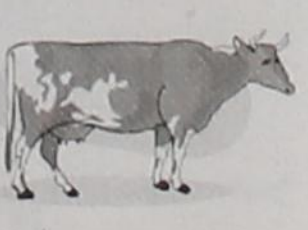
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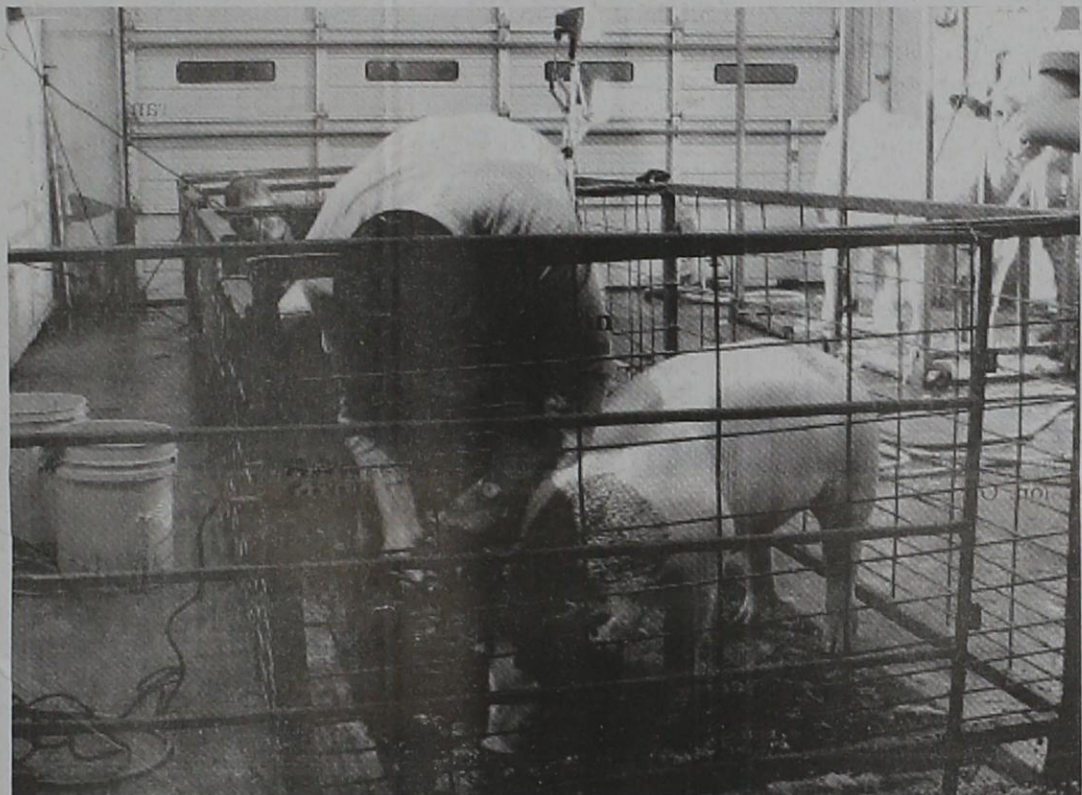
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# Participants prepare for 70th annual MC Junior Livestock Show



Kyla Simpson assists her father, Terry Simpson with clipping her hog, photo by Tammy Simpson



Terry Simpson clips Korbyn Simpson's hog, photo by Tammy Simpson

## South Plains Assn. of SWCDS to Meet

TEMPLE, TX (February 8, 2010)-- The South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SPASWCDS) will meet February 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the PYCO Industries located at 2901 Ave. A in Lubbock.

The featured program speaker is Sam Sacco, General Manager of the Levelland-Hockley County Ethanol Plant. The plant, which is located on a 223 acre site near Levelland, is a dry mill plant that has an annual capacity to process approximately 15 million bushels of milo into 40 million gallons of ethanol per year.

The plant is a shareholder company consisting of over 135 local farmers, business owners and individuals.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues include Aubrey Russell, member of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Area I; Scott Buckles, President of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Rex Isom, Executive Director, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; and Mickey Black, USDA Natural Re-

source Conservation Service Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations.

Twenty-four soil and water conservation districts in the South Plains region of the state are members of the SPASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Bailey,

Lamb, Hale Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry and Fisher.

### WTAMU Announces Honors List for Fall Semester

CANYON, Texas-- West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2009 semester. Of that total, 498 were named to the President's List and 739 students were named to the Dean's List

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Ashlee D. Green, Senior Communications Disorders Major, was named to the President's List for this Fall 2009 Semester.

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### February

- 11 M City Council
- 11 Eastern Star Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm in Floydada
- 12 No School
- 13 - Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 15 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 15-17 - San Antonio Lamb Show
- 16 Matador Lions
- 18 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20-21 - San Angelo Lamb and Goat Show
- 22-23 - San Angelo Gilt Show
- 24-26 - San Angelo Barrow Show
- 25 Eastern Star, 6:30pm

### March

- 3 Kids Praise
- 4 Get your garden started, 2:00pm. Library
- April
- 7 Kids Praise
- 23 Relay For Life
- May
- 5 Kids Praise

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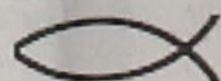
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