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## Matadors to play for bi-district

The Motley County Matadors are Co-District Champs after their win over Patton Springs, February 6, by the score of 65-45. The Matadors had an overall district record of 7 wins and only one loss. The Matadors share the District Championship with the Jayton Jaybirds, who also lost only one game.

Leading the Matadors in scoring for this game was Benjamin Ridgley with 16 points, followed by Chris Paul with 12 and Jermaine Hendrix with 12. Clint Cooper put in 9, while Casey Lawrence added 7; Tony Salazar, 5; Ysef Alvarado, 2; and Brad Baxter, 2.

Chris Paul led in rebounding with 10. Casey Lawrence, Jermaine Hendrix and Clint Cooper each had 7; Brad Baxter, 5; Ysef Alvarado, 3; Tony Salazar, 2 and Benjamin Ridgley, 1.

Clint Cooper was 100% with freethrows and Tony Salazar was 75%. This game gave Chris Paul 5 double doubles with rebounds and points. Chris scored and rebounded in the double digits for the last five games.

Casey Lawrence had 3 assists and 4 steals. Jermaine Hendrix had 5 steals and Benjamin Ridgley had 4.

Coach Ridgley commented, "Way to go Matadors! We would like to thank all our supporters, with a special thanks to Amanda Hurt, Brenda Gillespie, Arturo Flores, Scott Jones and Mrs. Lisa Nordquist. We love you all!"

The Matadors will play for Bi-District against Whitharral at Idalou, Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. If they win the Bi-District title they will go into a Sectional Tournament, which is a tournament for schools that have won Bi-District from this area. The tournament will be held at

Levelland February 23-24. If they Matadors fare well in the Sectional Tournament, they will go to the Regional Tournament at Wichita Falls,

March 2-3. The State Basketball Tournament will be held March 8-9-10 in Austin.

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## Motley County Elementary Students to Jump Rope for Heart

The students of Motley County Elementary school are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On March 6, the school will hold its third annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope for heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy life-style. The event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

Mrs. Judy Cooper, event coordinator, said, "Please help our children help others. When a student asks you to be a sponsor, support Jump Rope for Heart with whatever you can afford to give."

For more information about the event, contact Mrs. Cooper at 347-2676.

## Commissioners accept bid for new courthouse roof

Motley County Commissioners accepted a bid from Parsley's Sheet Metal & Roofing Co., Inc. in Pampa to replace the courthouse roof when they met in regular session Monday, February 12. The Court received seven bids. All bids were reviewed. Work will begin in the immediate future.

Other items of discussion included accepting the minutes of regular session on January 8 and a special called session held January 10. Bills were reviewed and elected to be paid. Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor, Texas Department of Transportation, informed the court that the request for rap material, etc. is not available at this time.

A request from Tom Farris for two cattle guards on County Road #247 which runs across the Farris Ranch has been tabled. It will be on the March agenda.

Roy Gene Stephens met with the court and requested the court to close a part of County Road #110 which goes through Mr. Stephens property. The Court would like to do more research about this matter and it will be included on the March agenda.

Mayor Rodney Williams met with the Court with information on lots 14, 15, and 16, Block 107, in Matador. This site had been proposed as a location for a new PCA building. Motley County Commissioners had the understanding that Motley County owned one of the lots and the city of Matador owned the other two. After research, it was discovered that a Statement of Heirship must be issued and papers had to be signed by

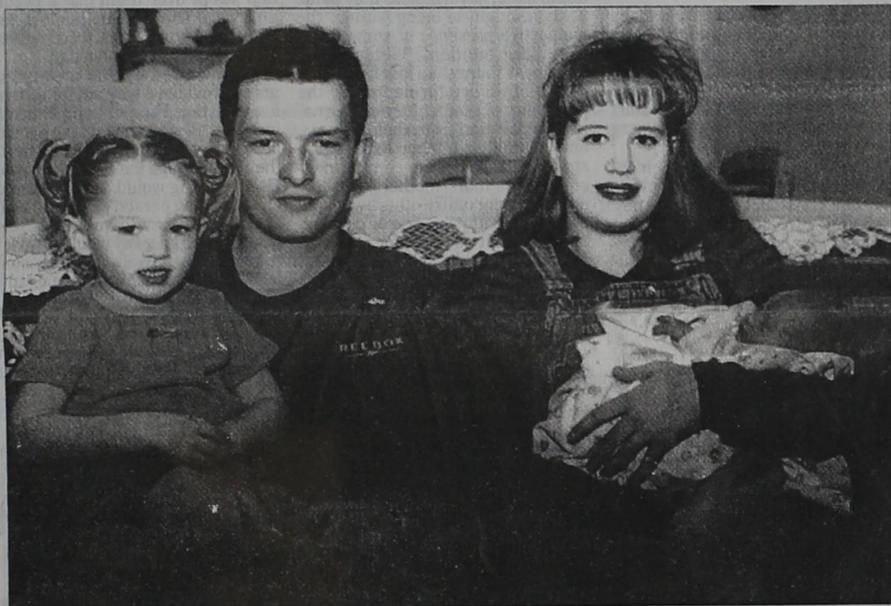
heirs before ownership could be declared. The papers have been signed by heirs. Commissioners voted to convey these lots to the City of Matador.

Commissioners voted to lift the Fire Ban which had been placed in Motley County.

Commissioners discussed the fact that MHMR services continue to be limited due to a lack of funding and other resources. This especially impacts rural areas like Motley County. A Legislative report for increased funding to the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is in process. The court is adopting a Resolution of Support. Other counties concerned in this matter are Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Floyd, Hale, Lamp, Farmer, and Swisher.

All Commissioners were present for this meeting, in addition to County Judge Laverna Price and County Clerk Lucretia Campbell.

## First Motley County Baby for 2001



Tucker Cris Barton was born February 3, 2001 at 9:41 a.m. to become Motley County's first baby for the year 2001. He weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was born at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Tucker is pictured here, sleeping comfortably, with his Mommie and Daddy, Bobby and Brooke Barton, and his big sister, Katie. He is the grandson of Fred and Mellane Parson and Steve and Beverly Barton of Matador. His great-grandparents are Bud Barton of Matador and Sue Parson of Lubbock.

## Matador City Council votes to renovate upper floor of City Hall

The Matador City Council met in regular session Thursday, February 8 with all Council members present, with the exception of James Meador, who recently underwent heart surgery. Also present were City Secretary Linda Perryman and Water Superintendent Steve Barton.

After Mayor Williams called the meeting to order, minutes from the January 11 meeting were read and approved. Bills were read and elected to pay.

Mayor Williams issued an order for the upcoming election to be held May 5, 2001.

Renovation of the upstairs portion of City Hall was the next item on the agenda. Shane Jones will be in charge of this project. She will review the needs, and bids will be taken for the repairs.

Mayor Williams and Water Superintendent Steve Barton met with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission permit Engineer

Hans Mueller from Austin, Environmental Investigator Bill King of Lubbock, and Engineer Che Shadle from OJD Engineering in Wellington for a pre-construction meeting, on Janu-

ary 29, at City Hall. Mayor Williams stated that the landfill will hopefully be open by February 15.

Council members were presented with the 1999-2000 budget to review. After looking over the old budget, the 2000-01 budget was discussed. Members will vote on the new budget at the March Council meeting.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Mayor Williams reported that the Economic Development Board is very close to being implemented.

Council went into closed session from 8:50 until 9:00 p.m. Out of closed session, the members decided to advertise for a full-time employee. This employee will be in addition to the present staff. Steve Barton will assign one employee to the landfill.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton gave his report on the progress at the landfill and stated it is nearing completion. He also reported that repairs to one of the pumps at the Roaring Springs location will be completed soon.

animals: Ben Ridgley, 20th place, chester white barrow; Riley Nordquist, 14th place, chester white barrow; Cade Luckett, 21st place, hampshire; and Kayla Copp, 1st place, medium-light weight European Cross steer.

The sign-up dates for the May Board election is from February 19 until 5:00 p.m. March 21. There are two places that will be up for election, trustees Bill Luckett and Jeff Thacker. The property values for Motley County ISD from the comptroller are lower than the local values which is an asset for the district, since these are the values the state

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Onie Bell and Devonne Dillard are pictured here with some of the caps and pillows they have made for patients of St. Jude's hospital. Mrs. Bell displays a picture of a little boy, a patient of the hospital, whom she sponsored for Christmas.

## A labor of love

Two Roaring Springs women are giving their time and talent as a labor of love for sick children. Devonne Dillard and Onie Bell of Petticoat Junction, a specialty sewing and clothing shop, near Roaring Springs, are devoting their talents to make caps and pillows for patients of St. Jude's Hospital.

Mrs. Bell has been making monetary donations to St. Jude's, a cancer research hospital near Memphis, Tennessee, since 1993. Over the years she has received numerous letters and pictures from some of the children who have benefitted from her generosity. In fact, a representative from the hospital visited Mrs. Bell in her home in Roaring Springs. He wanted to let her know about the children of the hospital and how much they appreciate her kindness.

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Dillard started making the caps and pillows in December after coming across a pattern and looking at pictures of the children wearing various styles of caps. They decided to make pillows because "every little child needs their own little pillow," said Mrs. Bell.

The ladies made their first shipment to the hospital recently, with plans to continue making the items.

The two ladies, both Roaring Springs natives, know the effect of cancer. Mrs. Bell's mother and mother-in-law, and Mrs. Dillard's mother all suffered with the horrible disease. The ladies saw first hand the devastation the disease can take on a loved one.

Mrs. Bell, born and raised in Roaring Springs, the daughter of John and Georgia Ho-Gland was married to Houston Bell, who was also raised in Roaring Springs. Having lived in Plainview for several years, she returned to Roaring Springs fourteen years ago, after her husband died.

Mrs. Dillard was also born and raised in Roaring Springs, the daughter of Murphy and Sally Carpenter. Her husband, Bennie Dillard, a rancher, is also a Roaring Springs native. Mrs. Dillard opened Petticoat Junction three years ago, after being at home for several years, since her retirement as a longtime teacher's

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## School Board hears parent's concerns

The Motley County School Board met on February 12 for their regular monthly meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Jeff Thacker. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp and Bettye Stevens. Representing the Motley County staff were Shelley Cox and Kay Bingham.

Matador resident, Katherine Walker, expressed concerns of lack of supervision of students in classrooms, hallways, gym, and on buses. She mentioned she had talked to four other sets of parent, but did not elaborate. She was also concerned that she had filled out the volunteer program sheet, passed out by the PTO, but had never been called upon.

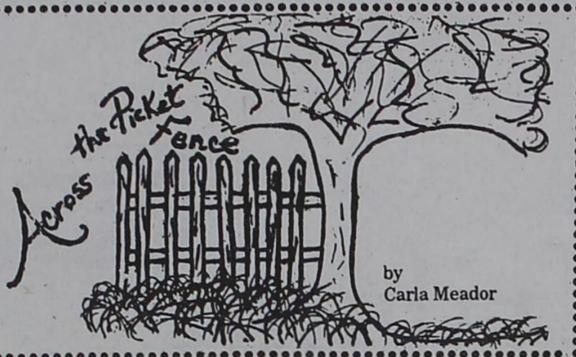
She stated that she had been approached by some people about becoming a school nurse and was interested in how this could be addressed. Since this was during open forum the school board could not reply. Board member James Gillespie explained to Mrs. Walker that there is a chain of command that has to be followed before these items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Mr. Copp gave the Superintendent's informational report, which consisted of information about the current principal search. The site base team will meet on January 25 and on February 10 to interview prospective candidates. Another interview is scheduled for Feb-

ruary 15. Once the site base team has completed the interviews they will begin to put together their recommendation.

During the athletic report, Mr. Copp informed board members that the girls' basketball season had been very successful, but they were through playing after the loss to Jayton to clear up the three-way tie. The boys are still in the play-offs and will be playing for Bi-District at Idalou on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. against Whitharral.

The Houston Stock Show date are February 22 - March 4. Several students will be attending this show. During the Fort Worth Show the following students placed with their



I will use my limited space this week to wish my sister, Sherry, a Happy Birthday! She's a real Valentine, celebrating her birthday on Valentine's Day. I don't know if Sherry would like for me to print her age, so I'll just say she's getting closer and closer to my age with every birthday. Because, you see, I've quit having birthdays. I decided a couple of years ago, that you're only as old as you feel anyway, and I feel so young, that I may as well stay young.

Sherry and I are very close in age. We're only about 15 months apart. We've always been very close, and have shared a very special relationship. As the oldest of five children, I've always felt like the protector, and have always looked out for my little sister and brothers. In fact they say I'm bossy! I can't imagine why they would say that, but they do. I just want to say sure everything is the way it should be.

Anyway, Sherry was always like my shadow while growing up. We

spent many hours playing dress up and "Miss Lady." We spent many hours as teenagers talking and laughing and, of course, arguing. And, believe me, we did our fair share of arguing! We shared a lot of clothes and we always wanted to wear the same thing on the same day.

We still share a special relationship. I feel like her kids are mine, too. And I know she feels the same way about my family. We still talk and share secrets and laugh and cry together. And I'll have to admit, we even sometimes still argue. But all in all, I feel lucky to have a sister and to live close to her and all of my family, and to share a close relationship with each of them.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SIS!** May you have many, many more! May you always be blessed with love and happiness. And always remember, "The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night."

Psalm 121:5-6

## El Progresso Club members celebrate Valentine's Day

El Progresso Club members met for their annual Valentine luncheon and bingo party on Thursday, February 8, at the Matador Senior Citizens building. The day opened with the president, Jeannie Adams, welcoming all in attendance and asking Mrs. Beverly Vinson to give the invocation. Mrs. Adams then proceeded to introduce the guests, Mrs. Frances Hobbs, Mrs. Irene Welling and Mrs. Edna Ruth Green. Mrs. Adams then asked Mrs. Grace Campbell, Federation Counselor, to proceed with the program. Mrs. Campbell presented

Mrs. JoAnn Dickson who has served as trustee of the TFWC Headquarters building for more than twenty years. With some new members it was something they needed to know about, and Mrs. Dickson did a great job of informing the group of the condition and what her suggestion would be concerning the building.

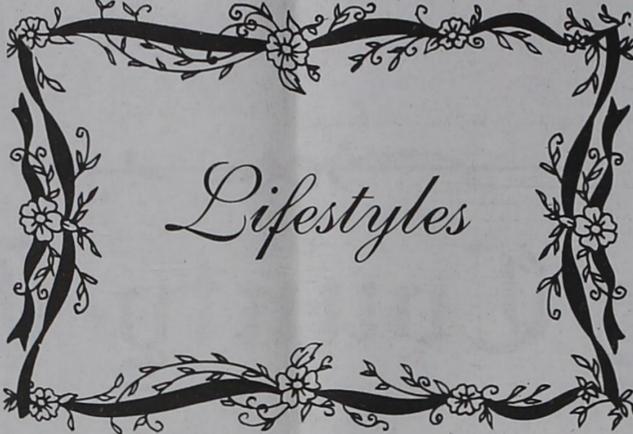
Mrs. Adams then invited the group to proceed to the tables overflowing with food that each member had brought. There were chips and

dips, casseroles, salads on the main table, with desserts on another one, so no one left feeling hungry. It was difficult to sit and play bingo after such a meal.

Mrs. Grace Campbell was the "caller" and as each person won they would go to the tables loaded with White Elephant gifts. There were some left after the group played bingo for a couple of hours and these items will be taken to Santa Rosa District Convention in the Spring to the Country Store, where they are purchased as a money-making project of the District, so nothing goes to waste.

Three ladies joined the group for lunch and enjoyed the different type of lunch-break from their usual one. They were Greta Smallwood, Elaine Hart and Judy Cartwright.

Members present were Fredia Burns, June Jennings, JoAnn Dickson, Jeanne Adams, Gerry Jones, Ruby McGuire, Beverly Vinson, Billie Koon, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Lou Walker, Deborah Martin, Jerry Watson, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell and Lana Copp.



## Valentine artwork at Do Gooder's club meeting

The Community Center in Flomot Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 6th was alive with beauty when members of the Do Gooders' Club met for their monthly meeting.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter captured the magic of Valentine season when showing how to mold hearts out of blended tissue paper. When completed, it was a display of bright and cheery artwork.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon, president, conducted the business meeting. Four quilts with different designed patterns were shown and the members chose the one they wanted for their first quilting project. Mrs. Judy Stark rendered her resignation from the club as she and her husband, Lynn are moving to Marfa, Texas.

The birthdays of Mrs. Barbara Payne and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay were celebrated with gifts, cards, song and an amusing poem, "Ode To My Wife The Quilter" recited by Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert.

Mesdames Christeen Gilbert, Geneva Martin and Kathy Shorter presided at a Valentine motif service. The table was laid with a quilt rich with the color red overlaid with a white crocheted cloth. The centerpiece was an antique crystal bowl with red floating flaming candles. It was flanked by a beautiful free standing holder of three white round candles. Mrs. Leona Degan's name was drawn for the candle holder. Refreshments of chips, fruit, crackers with dip and cookies were served with hot spiced punch and sparkling cider.

Those attending were Mesdames Edith Washington, Connie Franks, Kathy Shorter, Nada Starkey, Christeen Gilbert, Barbara Payne, Anna Beth Clay, Erma Washington, Mary Jo Calvert, Leona Degan, Alma Shorter, Tommie Jo Cruse, Suzie Shannon, Geneva Martin, Judy Stark and B. Rogers.

## Labor of Love

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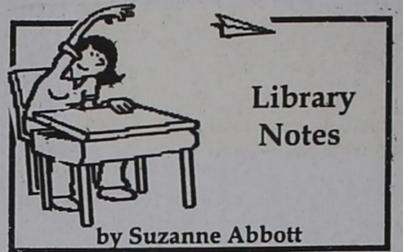
aide with the Roaring Springs and Motley County school systems.

Mrs. Dillard said, "Each cap takes about an hour to make, and is made of soft tee-shirt fabric. We make them in children's and adult's sizes, so there will be a variety of sizes."

The ladies mailed out two dozen caps to the hospital for their first

shipment and plan to mail that many again soon. They have found that the fabric has not been readily available for purchase in several places they have shopped. Anyone wanting to make a donation of this soft tee-shirt fabric for the caps would be very much appreciated.

The ladies will continue their labor of love, and with each cap and pillow they construct and mail, they send their love and prayers to the children.



The Friends of the Library met last week and decided to have book discussions every so often. The first discussion will be led by Marisue Potts, and the featured book will be *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingslover. The library has a copy of this book. Get your name on the waiting list to read it. It will not be absolutely necessary to have read the book to attend the discussion, but you will get more out of the session if you have read it. Watch the *Motley County Tribune* for information as to time and date.

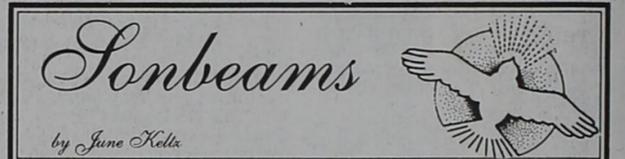
The Friends also would like to start a Sleepy Time Story Time for little children and their parents. If you have a small child and would be interested in this, please contact the library. We need some guidance as to time and day.

Other projects were discussed and will be forthcoming later. If you haven't paid your Friends dues, you may drop by the library and pay them. For an individual the fee is

\$4.00; for a family, \$10.00; supporting, \$20.00; and life, \$100.00.

The library and the Friends of the Library received several memorial donations last week and we are truly grateful for these. We thank Charles and Joan Keith and Charlie and Viola Keith for their donations in memory of Wynona Gilbreath, Algie Groves, and Lila Meador. We also thank Gerry Jones for her donation in memory of Winifred Lee. We appreciate the donation by C.H. and Raynita Murphy and Nora Belle Dunning in memory of Algie Groves and Artie J. Dennis.

We thank Theda Jenkins for her donation in memory of Winifred Lee. We appreciate the donation in memory of Lennie May Slover made by Winifred Darsey. We thank Key Vaughn for his donation in memory of Algie Groves. We appreciate the donation in memory of Winifred Lee, Algie Groves, and Lila Meador made by Charley and Opal Johnson.



One of man's greatest fears is being left alone or being left behind. We are familiar with various stories to those who, while traveling, have gone to the restroom and upon exiting found that their companions had moved on down the road without them. People in general do not fear death itself, nevertheless they panic at the thought of being without the supportive presence of someone in that final moment. Widows fear aloneness more than loneliness.

Children are tormented by the possibility of momentary or permanent separation from their parents, and rightfully so. While exchanging stories with friends concerning inadequacies as young mothers, I discovered I was not unlike others who had absentmindedly left one of my sons behind. Had it not been for my three year old's two older siblings, he might still have been sitting on the porch with his little face cupped in chubby hands, looking down the street for his family.

We can empathize with the disciples who, when told by Jesus that He was going away, became childlike

in their insecure reactions. Peter wanted to know why he couldn't go with Him. Jesus was urging them to love one another but all they heard was, "I am going away." The fact that the Lord said He was going to prepare a place for them was no consolation at the time. Feelings of dejection swept over them like a raging tidal wave. They had left families, not to mention businesses, to follow Him and now He was going away.

Father God by His preventient grace provided a way out for all who fear isolation. He spoke emphatically in John 16:7 when he told the disconcerting twelve that it would be to their advantage for Him to go away. His departing would assure them of an indwelling person called the Holy Spirit. This new companion who would never go away would convict, regenerate, indwell, comfort, seal, lead, empower, baptize, reveal truth and glorify God.

This promise is for us, our children and our children's children if we believe in God's only son and receive Him as our personal savior. (Acts 2:39)

## Dumont Darsey awarded first place in Sonatina contest

Dumont Darsey auditioned Saturday, February 10, 2001, in the Lubbock Music Teachers Association Sonata, Sonatina, and Concerto Contest held at Texas Tech University School of Music in Lubbock. His piano performance earned a perfect score of 10, a Superior Rating, and a First Place ribbon as well as an invitation to return on Sunday, February 11, to perform in the Winners Recital held at Hemmle Hall on the Texas

Tech campus. For both the audition and recital, Dumont performed *Sonatina in G, Movement 3*, Piano Solo composed by Eric Baumgartner. Dumont is a freshman at Motley County High School and is studying piano privately with Amy Andrus of Amy's Piano Studio in Lubbock. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Darsey, of Matador, accompanied him to the recital.

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**Needed: "More like Isaiah"**

In the Bible we read of our Lord asking: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? We read that Isaiah responded, "Here am I! Send Me." It is easily seen what an asset that attitude and willingness would be for the church in any community today.

There are generally too few for the many necessary things that must be done. All of us readily admit that "someone ought to do it." Where there is found a congregation of God's people there is found classes to be taught, songs to be led, communion trays to be prepared and cleaned, Baptisteries to be filled, heated and cleaned, etc. How about the building where the congregation meets? Whether owned or rented the meeting place requires someone to see to its opening and closing. These things are the little necessities which must be done faithfully by someone. Without the "someones" rather worship and edification there would be confusion and chaos, anger and frustration.

Our Bible tells us that things are to be done "decently and in order." A large part of what makes that possible is those of the spirit of Isaiah, who says readily, "Here am I!" In the perpetuation of a church in any location there are things to be done which require dedicated volunteers. There are generally too few for the many tasks. Would you agree with me that the church could use more "Isaiahs"?

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# Motley County School News

## SCHOOL MENU



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chef Salad with Cheese, Ham or Turkey, Baked Potato, Crackers, Fruit Fluff, Milk.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Breakfast:** Sausage, Waffles, Syrup, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chili-Cheese Fries, Veggie Sticks, Bread Sticks or Crackers, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Bacon & Eggs, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Pork Patty on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Chips, Cake, Peaches & Cream.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Gravy, Coleslaw, Biscuit, Dessert, Milk.

## Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet set for February 22

The 63rd Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the GFWC Eternas Study Club of Matador, has been set for Thursday, February 22, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. The banquet, which will be held in the Motley County High School Gymnasium, is for girls in the first through twelfth grades

and their mothers or guests. Tickets are \$6.50 per person and may be purchased at the Motley County School or New To You.

Don't miss this exciting night of good food, good fellowship and good entertainment.

## School Board

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will use for funding. No appeal will be necessary this year.

TAAS test dates are February 20-22. Parents are asked to help make sure their child gets a good night's rest the night before each of these tests.

Presently the district does not have anyone that is certified to teach driver's education. Mr. Copp will look into alternative ways to provide driver's ed., and report back to the board in March.

Mr. Copp reported that at the present the attendance rate for Motley County ISD is 93%, and enrollment is at 199.

Items for Board action included:  
— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements.

— Approved changing the regular board meeting for March from the 12th to the 8th due to Spring Break.

— Selected Dianne Washington to do the school audit for the 2000-01 school year.

— Accepted the resignation of cafeteria manager, Betty Bearden, to be effective at the end of the school year.

— Employed new cafeteria manager, Rosalee Davis, to be effective beginning the 2001-02 school year.

## Parent-Teacher Conference

Due to the TAAS Math Exit Test, Wednesday, February 21, will not be an early out day as originally scheduled. This will be a regularly scheduled day for Motley County students.

Report cards will be issued in the foyer where parents will register and teachers will be available for parent conferences from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

## School-Wide Title I Meeting Announced

The Motley County Independent School District would like to invite you to a School-Wide Title I Public Meeting, Wednesday, February 21, 2001. The meeting will be held in Room #109 at Motley County School at 3:00 P.M.

Strategies for TAAS will be discussed. A question and answer session will be held to help parents with ways to encourage and prepare their students for TAAS.

We will discuss programs and techniques used this year and the progress and problems of the students.

We would appreciate your attendance, input of ideas, and concerns for our School-Wide Title I Program.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Rick Copp  
Superintendent

Carol Ann Turner  
Title I Coordinator

## Título escuela-ancho yo Encontrándose

### Anunciaron

El Condado del Abigarramiento al Distrito Escolar Independiente le gustaría invitarlo a un Título Escuela-ancho yo la Reunión Pública, miércoles, el 21 de febrero de 2001. La reunión se celebrará en Cuarto #109 en la Escuela de Condado de Abigarramiento a las 3:00 POSTMERIDIANO.

Se discutirán estrategias para TAAS. Se sostendrán una pregunta y sesión de la respuesta para ayudar a los padres con maneras animar y preparar a sus estudiantes para TAAS.

Nosotros discutiremos que los programas y técnicas usaron este año y el progreso y problemas de los estudiantes.

Nosotros apreciáramos su asistencia, entrada de ideas, y preocupaciones para nuestro Título Escuela-ancho I Programa.

Espere verlo a la reunión.

Rick Copp  
Superintendente

Carol Ann Turner  
Título I Coordinator

## Upsetting loss brings Lady Matadors' season to an end

The Lady Matadors completed their season by an upsetting loss to Jayton, last Friday night. The Ladies were in a 3-way tie for second place in District after defeating Patton Springs, February 6, 64-17. This win gave the Ladies a 4-4 District record.

Rabecca Morris and Shandra Jones led in scoring against the Lady Rangers. Each girl put in 14 points. Denise Shannon added 12; Chasity Holman, 9; Rachele Renfro 7; Ashley Stevens, 3; Lisa Perryman, 2; Courtney Hays, 2; Cassie Campbell, 1.

Denise Shannon led in rebounds, grabbing 7. Shandra pulled down 5, while Ashley Stevens grabbed 4. Courtney Hays had 3; Chasity Holman, 2; Rabecca Morris, 2; Rachele Renfro, 2; and Brittany Donaldson, 1.

Denise Shannon had six steals. Brittany, Ashley, Chasity, Rabecca and Courtney each had 2. Shandra had one steal. Denise had 2 assists, while Lisa, Courtney and Rabecca each had one.

The Ladies big heartbreak came Thursday, February 8, with their very close loss to Jayton. The final score was 25-28. Rabecca Morris led in scoring with 12 points. Shandra Jones added 4; Denise Shannon, 3; Chasity Holman, 2; Courtney Hays, 2; Ashley Stevens, 1; Brittany Donaldson, 1.

Denise Shannon led in rebounding with 8. Shandra had 3; Ashley, 2; Courtney, 1; Chasity, 5; Rabecca, 3; Rachele, 2; and Brittany, 4.

Denise had 8 steals; Shandra, 1; Courtney, 2; Chasity, 2; Rabecca, 1 and Brittany, 1. Shandra and Ashley had 2 assists and Denise had one.

Coach Nordquist commented, "Heartbreaking loss - the Ladies deserved a win for this game, as well as they played as a team. Good job Lady Mats for a great season."

The JV boys defeated Patton Springs, 53-31, February 6. This win gave the JV boys' team an overall District record of 5-2.

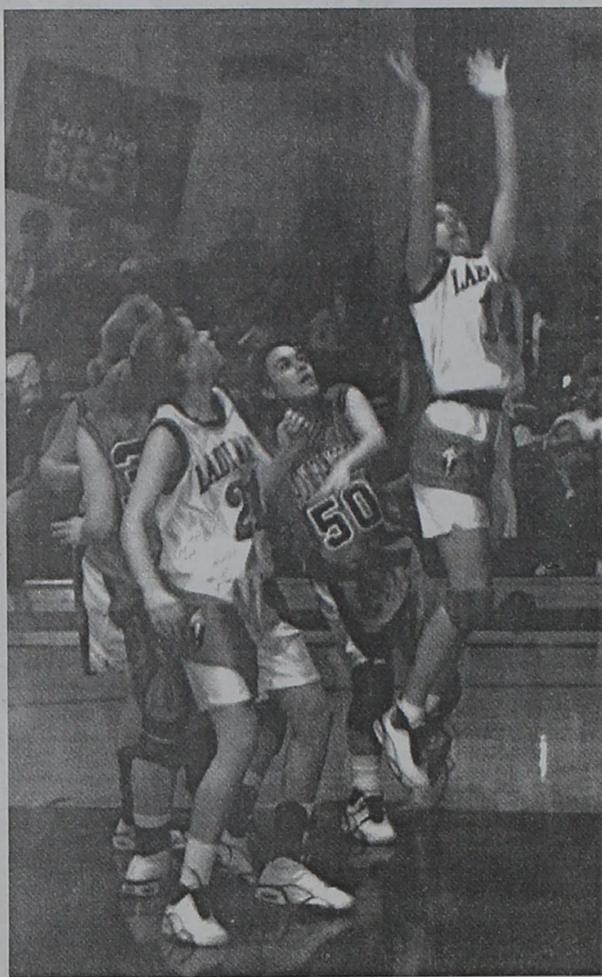
Frankie Martinez led in scoring with 16 points. Shawn Marvel added 10; T.J. Christopher, 9; Brandon Moore, 8; Lorenzo Salazar, 5; Kevin Elder, 4; and Brandon Martin, 1.

Shawn Marvel led in rebounding, grabbing 12. Lorenzo Salazar pulled down 7; Brandon Moore, 5; Quinten rose, 5; Kevin Elder, 5; and Frankie Martinez, 5.

Frankie Martinez had 6 steals. Kevin Elder was 100% with freethrows and Frankie Martinez was 80%. T.J. Christopher had 3 assists.

Coach Ridgley commented, "These young men played great team defense. They really came together as a team. If these young men will show the same kind of maturity in their everyday life they will be great citizens. Super job, Matadors."

The Jr. High Mavericks had a big win over Patton Springs, February 5. They defeated the Rangers by 51-24, giving the Mavericks a perfect District record of 8 wins and no losses.



UP FOR TWO — Motley County Lady Matador, Chasity Holman, goes up for two points, as Lady Shandra Jones gets ready for the rebound, during last Tuesday night's game with Patton Springs.

John Stevens led in scoring with 16 points. Clay Cooper put in 11, while Matt Henzler added 9; Seagram Sims, 6; Cody Cooper, 4; Colton Russell, 4; and Chance Bingham, 1.

John Stevens also led in rebounding with 12. John was 80% with freethrows. Colton Russell had numerous steals and Chance Bingham

made some real nice passes. Coach Ridgley commented, "This was a nice win for a nice group of young men. They went 8-0 in District. I hope they learned that hard work, helping others and determination will always pay off. Congratulations Mavericks - District Champs!"

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## Best-selling author speaks at area Chamber banquet

Don Taylor of Canyon, author of several best-selling business books including *Up Against the Wal-Marts*, was guest speaker on Thursday, February 8, at the Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the Quitaque Senior Citizens Center.

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce was represented by Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell who won gift certificates from Merrell Foods for \$25 worth of groceries and from Taylor and Sailsbury's new business, Odd Assortment, for a pound cake. There were door prizes given throughout the program, with 33 businesses offering door prizes to the 82 guests. With a Valentine theme, Dona and Dale Smith catered the steak dinner that included a baked potato, salad, yeast rolls, and cheesecake.

Randy Stark, president of the Chamber, highlighted the positive aspects of the community's past year. They included improvements at Caprock Canyons State Park, the growing success of National Trail Days, the popularity of the Mountain Bike Race, and the beauty of We the Women's Christmas trees and lights. He welcomed several new businesses: an insurance office, the Wash Tub, One Stop Gas, An Odd Assortment and We the Women's Thrift Shop.

Don Taylor, the guest speaker, opened his talk with "Shut up, stop whining, and get a life" a philosophy he gleaned from the world's greatest business book (the Bible) and his years of growing up poor on a dairy farm where he was often ankle deep in "used alfalfa." He described his family home as a "two bedroom with path" (to the outhouse). "If we didn't raise it, we didn't eat it," he said.

As a thirty-year old in California, he achieved financial success and possessed a house with a pool, all the attendant toys, and a beautiful wife. "But, he said, "there was no joy or peace." Taylor began studying successful people who had achieved, but not acquired. He found common factors in their lives that he outlined with the acronym GRAND.

Goals. The successful set Goals; they became focused. Taylor, while studying at Wayland Baptist College, set a goal to write a best seller business book and become a professional speaker. In the process he gave up TV to find time to write and gave away 500 speeches to polish his speaking style.

Reap. Reap the harvest of diligence. One can work real hard if he/she likes the job. Implement Harry

Truman's example and do the job with energy, enthusiasm and hard work.

Attitude. "What you dwell on, you become," he said. Attitude controls relationships and how we deal with everyday life. He suggested one should take control, do the best, and let others decide how effective the results are.

Never. "Never, never, never, never give up" These words were once used by Winston Churchill, the undaunting English prime minister during World War II, who incorporated them into a six word commencement address. Another who didn't give up was Abraham Lincoln, a president who faced political and emotional defeat time and again. Another example was Richard Bach. His manuscript was turned down by 18 publishers before Jonathan Livingston Seagull was accepted and became a best seller. Boxer Gentleman Jim's credo was "fight one more round" and he was never whipped, although it once took him 20 rounds to win.

Do it with enthusiasm. Many top executives started lowly, but, with enthusiasm, they became successful. "Whatever you do, do it with enthusiasm," he emphasized. Four years ago when Taylor had a bout with cancer, he re-discovered the importance of not only divine intervention but also enthusiasm. "How you live is important; choose to take enthusiasm!"

Taylor's best selling book, *Up Against the Wal-Marts. How Your Business Can Prosper in the Shadow of the Retail Giants*, details how the small business owner can take an enthusiastic thrust at marketing their assets. He sites the bitter message of a failed business, "You wanted Wal-Mart. Soon they'll be all you got. Good luck." Then he proceeds to outline ten ways to meet the challenge of the mega stores.

"Satisfy your customer. Study the success of others. Gather and analyze management information. Sharpen marketing skills. Increase the customer's perception of value. Position the business uniquely. Eliminate waste. Find something to improve everyday. Embrace change with a positive attitude. Pull the trigger and start battle."

"This book is about survival and success. We want your small business to prosper even if you're right in the shadow of the giants. We don't want you to fail or barely survive ... In spite of Wal-Mart, Kmart, Home Depot, an ever growing host of sig-



**PLAYERS IN PROGRESS (PIPS)** — These kids are members of the 2001 Motley County PIP's team. They are coached by Darla Gwinn and Tina Brooks and learn basic basketball skills and discipline. They have performed during half-time at several home basketball games. Pictured left to right (front) are Hayden Scott, Dylan Adams, Lexie Osborn, Christian Brooks, Jonathan Osborn; (middle) Christopher Saenz, Kyla Simpson, Sarah Ferguson, Alex Smith; (next row) Danielle Gwinn, Neil Potts, Colby McCleskey, Reagan Elliott, Braden Mason, Austin Taylor and Mercedes Saenz; (back) Darla Gwinn, Cody Martin, Kayla Hollinsworth, Rachel Bartlett, Christy Smith and Tina Brooks.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

Thank you for the support you have given to East Mound Cemetery the past year and to all the generous people who have given to the East Mound Cemetery fund.

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Don Taylor's book with its hopeful message and its companion book, *Solid Gold Successful Strategies For Your Business*, is available for check-out at the Motley County Chamber of Commerce or can be ordered through *The Motley County Tribune*.

on donations and not with county or city funding, this is an opportunity to help with the upkeep of the Cemetery.

Several graves have been re-worked by adding dirt and resetting headstones. This is being done through the winter months, as this is a slow time.

The building is completed and water lines have been repaired. Water is available to everyone, but we are asking that those using water to please turn it off when finished. A little care helps the overall looks for those who have loved ones there.

Thank you,  
Gary Lancaster, President  
Loys Campbell, Secretary

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The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

**MAILING LISTS.** You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

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A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. The TNRCC may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Brad Thacker and friend Wesley Maupin, and Joyce Smith attended the opening of the Lubbock Community Theatre presentation of A Piece of My Heart by Shirley Lauro, in which Blair Thacker was a member of the cast. It is a story about women in Vietnam. Blair is the daughter of the Jeff Thacker's and the granddaughter of the Buzz Thacker's.

Mrs. Zella Palmer had the following in for apple fried pies, sandwiches and coffee on Saturday afternoon, February 10: Mrs. Kay Jones, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Monta Marshall, and Miss Lula Swim.

Coffee drinkers enjoyed drinks and goodies on Monday morning at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall, Feb. 12. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, Mrs. Pearl Patten, and Mrs. Cynthia Stafford helped Lula Swim with the eats. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Noma Wike, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Venita Sedgwick, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Dorothy Knight of Matador, Mrs. Sonja Vafud and Carson of Carrolton, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. McGuire, Mrs. Reba Sweeney, Mrs. Lea Peacock,

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman and Miss Lula Swim.

Enjoying supper Sunday night, Feb. 11, after Bible Study were the following: Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock, Mrs. Jeanie Adams, and Lula Swim.

Mary Lumsden, Pearl Patten and Odessa Mullins drove to Dickens Thursday, enjoying lunch at the Senior Citizens and visiting with friends.

Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten, Lula Swim and Odessa Mullins attended the "Women Reaching Texas" Banquet held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Thursday night. The speaker was Debra Hochgraber, who spoke on women in evangelism.

Pearl Patten, Zella Palmer and Mary Lumsden drove to Plainview Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview spent Saturday night with his mother, Odessa Mullins. They drove to Dickens and ate supper Saturday night and enjoyed lunch at LaNita's Cafe on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mullins returned to their home Sunday afternoon.

Joyce Smith underwent eye surgery last week. Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker spent several days with her in Lubbock. She is recuperating very well.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Larry (Angelia) Clay had surgery Monday morning, Feb. 12th at the Cogenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

With her during surgery and hospitalization are her husband, Larry Clay of Flomot, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Metcalf of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Mrs. Ronald Clay of Flomot and Julie Clay of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes visited in Lubbock, Saturday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes and Brennan.

Mrs. Marisue Potts and Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada and Mary Ellen Barton celebrated their birthdays, Saturday with a luncheon in the home of Mrs. Burleson. Also enjoying the happy occasion was the daughter of Mrs. Burleson, Mrs. Carla Jones of Levelland.

Visiting from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughters and children, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Mesquite, Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville. Other luncheon guests Sunday were Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter of Flomot.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert was in Plainview, Wednesday for a dental appointment.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were son and wife, Michael and Connie Starkey of Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Monday for her a medical appointment and visited daughter and husband,

Bessie and Clifton Reid.

Mrs. B. Rogers was a hostess at a bridal shower for Julie Altman of Vernon, bride elect of Coy McKay, held Saturday morning at the First National Bank Community Room in Quitaque. Visiting B. and Howard Rogers, Sunday was their son, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green visited in Spur, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin, a resident at the Crescent Care Center. Mrs. Martin, formerly of Roaring Springs, moved to the Care Center, Feb. 2nd. When in Spur, they also visited her sister and husband, Raynita and Wendell Newman and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Martin of Lubbock.

Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot attended a birthday luncheon Saturday held at the El Camino Restaurant in Tulla honoring their brother, Charles Tanner of Tulla. Other family members attending were his wife, Sue Tanner and their children and families, Jamie and Bob Villegas and daughter, Robert and Pam Tanner and children all of Tulla and niece, Mrs. Brenda Davis of Hart.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were daughter, Cara Franks of Dallas, son and friend, Cary Franks and Sorrell Schmidt of Lubbock. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, Monday were B.T. O'Connell of Denton and Charlie Blount of Lubbock.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

In honor of President's Day, quotes by former presidents. Ronald Regan: "Our freedom is secure because we are a nation governed by laws, not by men." Franklin Delano Roosevelt: "Deep faith eliminates fear."

Visiting Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Juanita Cooper were Jack Samford of Afton and her sister and husband, Lee and Van Bradford of Gruver. Visitors in the home of Mrs. Cooper Monday and Tues-

day were her brothers and wives, Gordon and Freddie Harmon of Mansfield and Bill and Martha Harmon of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Wednesday for him a medical appointment. Joining them there to visit and lunch at the Skillet's Restaurant was her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester and friend, Mrs. Lillian Cook of Lovington, N.M.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson, Sunday were Mrs. Morris ("Sis") Stephens and son, Jack Lyons of Turkey.

## A Note of Thanks

The Motley County Community Chest Board thanks all the generous people of Motley County for your support in the drive for funds. Thank you for the love and generosity over the years. If you know of someone in need, please contact a board member.

Thank you very much,  
Larry Hoyle, President  
Loys Campbell, Secretary

Thank you to all the people who came to our aid when I was ill. To Dr. Pat, "who didn't seem to mind being wakened at six a.m.", Greta, Beverly, the six young people that came with the ambulance, and to Cody Warren of Dickens. Thank you to all those that came to visit and those that called. Thank you and God bless everyone for their prayers and caring.

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## Old Settlers board plans 2001 celebration

by Marisue Potts

to the event.

Weldon Turpin and Cow Jazz have committed to be the headline entertainers at the Old Settlers Reunion on August 23-25, but no carnival for the event has yet been found. President Truitt Read opened the January 25, 2001, Old Settlers board of directors meeting with the following directors attending: Bill Smith, Wayne Smith, Bob Forbis, Mike Jones, Russell Alexander, Corky Marshall, and Marisue Potts. The financial report was presented by Secretary Potts, with \$16,874.13 available seed money for the next celebration for Motley and Dickens counties.

Russell Alexander reported that he had commitments from Weldon Turpin and Cow Jazz to play for the Old Timers and Young Folks dances, respectively. Corky Marshall reported no luck so far in finding a carnival. Mike Jones reported that rodeo contractor bids would be forthcoming next month. Russell indicated that cookshack repairs were pending.

The subject was brought up of changing the parade from Thursday to Saturday to enable more riding clubs and weekend warriors to attend, but the directors opted to have the membership vote on that during the annual meeting. Potts brought up the subject of an event honoring the Old Settlers with a free breakfast or something similar. The directors indicated that since Thursday's activities already include a parade, a memorial meeting and business meeting with free admission and a free dance at the Tabernacle, they would only be in favor of something that would not compete with the Depot's barbecue luncheon. Favorable comments were made about having a chuck wagon breakfast and possibly inviting outfits to bring chuckwagons

Queen candidates are needed to sell tickets for the give-away hand-made saddle. This is an excellent opportunity for enterprising girls from age 10 and up to make money. The girls keep 10% of what they sell and receive a bonus and a gift. It is customary to have at least one girl from Motley County and one from Dickens County to begin selling tickets at rodeo and horse events from May until August. In the past few years, the Dickens County candidates have outdistanced the Motley County girls, so the directors are seeking strong personalities from each county.

Another topic of concern was the diminishing manpower available for gate keeping. The directors indicated the gate admission is their bread and butter and an important and necessary job that requires manning four gates in six hour shifts from 8-11 a.m. and at least eight people at the main gates from 5-11 p.m. It is a lucrative fund-raiser for organizations such as the Dickens and Matador Lions Clubs at \$800 per day, but OSA needs a firmer commitment of manpower for the task.

Potts is working with CPA Dianne Washington on non-profit status that would enable the organization to seek a grant to paint and restore the tabernacle. In the meantime, donations will be accepted for the renovation. She also is seeking members for a committee to bring proposed by-law changes to the directors before presenting them to the membership at the annual meeting.

In addition, there were inquiries concerning a committee chairman for the queen's contest, a sponsor for the barrel racing, and possible events such as entry fee double mugging, calf roping, Old Timers Roping, and Old Timers Team Roping.

## Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison attended the John Deere banquet held in Childress last Tuesday night. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson of Northfield.

Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.D.

Garrison from Saturday until Wednesday, Feb. 10-14 was Mrs. Jo Ann Shelton Stults of Plano. They visited in Lockney, Tuesday with Mrs. Garrison's mother, Mrs. Grace Shelton at the Care Center and celebrated her 92nd birthday.

## Happy Birthday, Ashley!



Haley, Donna Marie & Jon

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# Farm and Ranch News



## COTTON NEWS

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### COTTON CONTINGENT HEADING FOR WASHINGTON

A week-long trip across the Cotton Belt has ended in Washington, DC for a group of cotton producers from the Southern High Plains. The trip, organized by the Lamesa Cotton Growers, Plains Cotton Growers and Western Peanut Growers, focused on making contracts and discussing options for dealing with the current economic problems being experienced by production agriculture. The trip also provided new insight into the activities of two organizations, the National Cotton Council and Cotton Incorporated, and what they are doing on behalf of the U.S. cotton producer.

Highlights of the Washington, DC, portion of the trip included a briefing by House and Senate Agriculture Committee (HAC) staff and sit-down meetings with House Appropriations Committee member Henry Bonilla who chairs the Subcommittee for Agricultural Appropriations, as well as Texas Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Combest and company all made a point of emphasizing that the effort to increase budget authority for agriculture programs would probably be the biggest factor determining what type of farm program reform can eventually be accomplished.

Combest noted that he and the other members of the HAC are eager to hear the ideas that will be presented by commodity organization representatives next week when hearings on farm policy convene.

Tour participants were also given the heads-up that the Senate Ag

Committee would like to begin marking up a new Farm Bill as early as October 2001, well in advance of most other projections for action on the Senate side.

Earlier in the week the growers visited the Memphis, TN, headquarters of the National Cotton Council and got a report on the status and focus of the many NCC programs that are now underway.

The group also stopped over in Cary, NC, to tour the new Cotton Incorporated research facility there and to hear about the activities CI carries out in the areas of cotton research and promotion.

### SOUTHWEST CROPS PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

Growers, landlords and agriculture industry people interested in hearing the latest news and views on issues ranging from moisture management to marketing and economics attended the 2001 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo.

The Conference was held February 13, 2001 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Topics covered included long-range weather and pest outlooks, and production tips.

Conference highlights included a legislative update from John Maguire with the National Cotton Council in Washington, DC, and a panel discussion focusing on strategies for profitability in 2001, featuring growers Danny Davis, Elk City, OK; James Hinton, Floydada; and Dale Swinburn, Tulia.

## 2001 Area Producer meeting planned

All area farmers are encouraged to attend a producer meeting, Monday, February 19, sponsored by Carson Insurance, Johnson's Gin, RCIS, and Paymaster Seed. A meal will be served. Topics include 2001 crop insurance update, new seed va-

rieties and chemical application compliance. CEU credit will be given. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. at the Bob Wills Center Cafeteria, Turkey. For more information contact Pat Carson (806) 423-1289 or Dorothy Johnson (806) 823-2223.



### News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

#### TIMING HERBICIDE AND FERTILIZER APPLICATION

For those considering applying herbicides and top-dress fertilizer the time is now. The most important thing to consider is applying these prior to jointing. While wheat maturity may be somewhat delayed this year, the all important jointing stage is just around the corner. Fertilizer applications after jointing will have little or no effect on yield. Herbicide applications after jointing can lead to serious crop injury and yield loss. The other thing to consider is crop potential, crop price, how much nitrogen is present in the soil profile, and cost of fertilizer or herbicide. Preplant nitrogen could possibly have lost through leaching and denitrification (loss to the atmosphere where water stood). Where anhydrous ammonia was applied to dry soil loss of gas behind the plow may have led to a lower level of nitrogen. The cost of fertilizer will be around \$10 to apply 40 lbs. of actual nitrogen per acre (not including application cost). While herbicide cost is one thing to consider, weeds could be a real problem in both dry sowed and late planted wheat. Many of the dry sowed fields have weeds due to the fact that the weeds have not ger-

minated and were not controlled with the final tillage prior to planting. The problem in late planted fields is a lack of tillering and wheat growth. Late emerging weeds could cause a real problem with harvest. While there is no good answer on what to do with this year's wheat crop, the above mentioned factors are critical to think about. However, the most important thing is not to waste an input by applying it too late.

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Early voting, by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 706 Dundee Ave., Matador, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001, and ending on May 1, 2001.  
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Rodney Williams  
Mayor

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