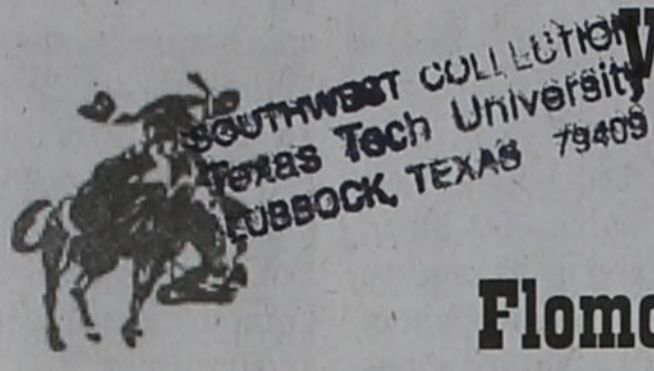


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Luke Roy Receives Airman of the Year Award



Luke Roy was recently named the 2011 Tactical Air Control Squadron (TACS) Airman of the Year for the United States Air Force Europe (USAFE). Roy, who is currently stationed in Aviano, Italy, is the son of Linda and Tom Roy and the grandson of Dorothy Russell of Matador. A Major Command Level award, Roy is one of only three airmen to receive this distinction. Besides Roy's award for those stationed in Eu-

rope, one was also given to an airman stationed in the Continental United States Air Force and one from the Pacific Air Force. The award is based on job achievements within the airman's career field. Roy's career field is Battlefield Command and Control. Roy is currently in Germany receiving additional specialized training. He was deployed to United Arab Emirates last year, and he will be deployed again to Afghanistan this summer.

New business proposition presented to RS City Council

By Lisa Perryman
Motley County Tribune

Roaring Springs City Council met at City Hall on Monday, March 12, 2012. Present were Councilmen PK Green, Perry Gullede, Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey and Alex Crowder; Mayor Corky Marshall, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Lisa Perryman. Timmy Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Perry Gullede. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Timmy Brooks also made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Perry Gullede. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Timmy Brooks made a motion to approve the expenditures and financial report, seconded by James McCleskey. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Hackler's have expressed interest in purchasing Graham's Supply building and want to put in a hardware store, feed store, dry goods and a possible package store. Mayor Marshall reported that the building is up for purchase and that the City has a clear title to the building. The Hackler's are in the process of having a market survey done; which should be completed within the next four months. Additionally, the Hackler's are continuing to talk with the Small Business Association (SBA) on a business loan. Mrs. Hackler said that her husband was out of town but would be willing to speak to council on the specifics of the plan at the next council meeting. Council thanked Mrs. Hackler for their interest and said they hoped to see a flourishing business brought to the City of Roaring Springs.

In other business, Mayor Marshall asked the council if they would like to continue service by Gafford Pest Control at the Community Center for the fee of \$109.00 annually. Alex Crowder made a

motion to continue service, seconded by PK Green. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Further, the Order of Election was passed and signed. Additionally, it was reported that City Hall received three Bids for the International Water Truck and the American LaFrance Fire Truck. Lonnie Perryman bid \$301.00 for each vehicle for a bid of \$601.00; Keith Smith bid \$250.00 and \$500.00 for a bid of \$750.00; and Gary and Terry Simpson bid \$201.00 for each vehicle for a bid of \$402.00; Council awarded the bid to Keith Smith of Am-arillo. Councilmen Alex Crowder stated he has been receiving complaints on Amy Braly's Pit-bull dog. The dog is running loose and chasing cars and this is preventing the citizens of Roaring Springs of walking for fear they may be attacked. Alex Crowder made a motion, seconded by Timmy Brooks, to send a letter to Amy Braly with the Ordinance on Pit Bulls. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Council Commends Fire Department

By Marilyn Hicks
Motley County Tribune

Approval of the annual budget was the main order of business for the regular meeting of the Matador City Council held on March 8, 2012. Present for the meeting were Mayor Pat Smith; Councilmembers Alvin Alexander, Shane Jones, Bobby Klodginski, and Chuck Ream; and City Secretary Debra Scott and Water Superintendent Steve Barton. Absent was Councilmember Nathan Shannon. Community members present were Lee Jones and Rodney Williams representing the Fire Department and Marilyn Hicks representing the Motley County Tribune. Fire Chief Lee Jones presented an accounting of fire department expenditures for the past year and requested that the department "not be cut by the 25 percent in the proposed budget." In the course of his report on upgrades that have been made by the fire department, it was noted that some of the improvements could positively impact homeowner insurance costs. Council members commended Jones for his report and the work of the volunteer fire department and his willingness to have a dialogue with the council.

During the City Secretary report, Scott reported that three people originally filed for the two open places on the city council currently held by Shannon and Ream. Those were Rodney Williams, Bill Manney, and Betty Roberts. Mr. Manney rescinded his application due to legal restrictions as the head of a non-profit organization in the community. As a result, there will be no reason to hold an election for councilmen. She also reported that Pat Smith had been the only candidate to re-file for mayor. There would therefore not be a need for an election for that position. Scott also reported progress on the Matador Centennial Celebration to be held on June 8 and 9, 2012. She gave each member a copy of the logo which will be used for the event. The logo is a result of a competition managed by Linda Roy on behalf of the city. Each section of the budget running from April, 2012, to March, 2013, was presented individually. The only changes made to the proposed budget were to add 25 percent back into the fire department that had previously been deducted and to increase the fuel allowance for vehicles. These increases were offset by decreases in capital outlay.

Donations received for museum sign

By Barbara Armstrong
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Museum and Chamber office has received donations for the purchase of a new sign to go in front of the former Traweek Hospital Building. The 10-year-old sign finally fell apart due to the weather and the wind. A proposal for the design and making of the new sign has been submitted from the Glittered Pig. Other donations to replace the sign came from Wilburn Martin, Flomot, Ken and Dorothy Jones, Matador, Lou Dunn Diekemper, Lubbock, and former resident Louise Killingsworth, Lovington, New Mexico. "We want to thank these supporters for their donations, and let them know how much we appreciate them," Chamber of Commerce representative Barbara Armstrong said. Donations are still needed. Please send donations to Motley County Chamber of Commerce, Attention: Motley County Museum, P.O. Box 434, Matador 79244.

Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Open to High School Seniors

AUSTIN, Texas - Texas high school seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship by composing a 350-word essay explaining what they've done to improve the litter situation in their community. The ninth annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship is sponsored by BASF Corporation's Freeport, Texas, location in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas is accepting essays for the 2012 Scholarship March 15 through April 20, 2012.

"This scholarship is such a fit for what we at BASF are trying to accomplish. From the products we make that impact the quality of our lives every day to how we operate our facilities safely and as good stewards of our environment, we are living the 'Don't Mess with Texas' philosophy," said Chris Witte, Sr. Vice President and Site Manager, BASF Freeport. "Plus, by supporting the educational initiative, it further aligns with our mission of ensuring we have trained, qualified people available to enter the workforce, or even join our industry one day. So BASF is proud - honored - to be able to support this scholarship and the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, while continuing to spread the word that those of us who live in Texas, need to take care of Texas." The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each. Don't Mess with Texas is a litter prevention campaign

sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in the campaign. "The scholarship requires students to write an essay explaining the litter prevention efforts they've made in their community, and we're always impressed with how hard many high school students work to keep Texas beautiful," said Brenda Flores-Dollar, program administrator for TxDOT's Travel Information Division, which manages the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

Eligibility: Any high school senior graduating spring 2012, who currently resides and attends school in Texas. Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas. Timeline: March 15, 2012 - April 20, 2012. Materials are due via email or must be post-marked by April 20, 2012. Requirements: A 300 to 350 word-essay identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it. A completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application sent online or by mail with the essay by April 20, 2012. For the application, mailing address or further details, visit www.DontMess-WithTexas.org. About Don't Mess with Texas Don't Mess with Texas has

been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas activities also include a spring "Trash-Off," community outreach, a corporate partner program, and a new photo album where Texans can share their iconic Texas images. For more information, visit www.dontmess-withtexas.org. continued on page 5

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By Laverne Zabielski

Thank you Linda Roy, Lisa Perryman, Barbara Armstrong, Marilyn Hicks, Carol Campbell, Earlyne Jamison, Tim Hill, Carla Meador and Monta Marshall for getting us so much local news this week. And thank you Ryan Martin, Marisue Potts and Barbara Seal for the press releases regarding pertinent information for Motley County.

There are many exciting events coming up. One of them

being the Highway 70 Sale. As an added benefit for MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE subscribers we are offering free For Sale, Garage Sale, For Rent and Help Wanted classified ads. During the Highway 70 Sale would be a perfect time to advertise something in particular that you would like to sell. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity for bartering, selling and trading right here in MC.

Sustainable is a frequently used word these days. If some one were to ask me to define it, I would say consider Motley County and the number of ways people interact. From fund raisers to creative mystery theater to historical renovation projects to music festivals, each one contributes more than just to itself. It enhances the emotional lives of all those who participate and increases the creative capital of a community.

Residents Enjoy Food and Bingo Games



Calling the numbers for bingo on Friday March 16, at the Senior Citizen Building was Arlyce Manney while Judy Renfro (L) kept the balls mixed and ready. About 75 residents and guests enjoyed a meal and bingo play to support the operations of the center.



A large crowd gathered at the Senior Citizen Building on Friday, March 16, for a meal, fun, and fellowship. The first bingo of the night went to Bobby Klodginski (pictured) with Site Committee member Janie Campbell checking the win.

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

On Friday, March 16, 2012, the Senior Citizens Site Committee and Board sponsored an all-you-could-eat meal deal plus dessert followed by lively Bingo play for about 75 guests. The games garnered about \$850.00 in cash donations to the Senior Citizens Center to raise funds for operations. Bingo games in early February, 2012, brought a large response from local residents and neighboring communities. This repeat fundraiser also proved to be a big hit with area residents who won donated prizes, including gift certificates from local merchants as well as homemade cakes and pecan pies.

Site Committee member Janie Campbell and Senior Citizens Director Tommy

Keith donated the hamburger meat for the nachos; the chips, cheese and jalapeno peppers were donated by Pat and Randy Binder. Arlyce Manney called the numbers for Bingo. Attendees could play two Bingo cards all evening for a \$10.00 donation. Donated desserts by the Site Committee included cookies and brownies.

The Site Committee consists of Elaine Hart, Pat Binder, Arlyce Manney, Ray Baxter, Linda Williams, Judy Renfro, Eva Barkley, Janie Campbell, and Raynita Murphy.

The Center provides meal services to senior and homebound elderly residents. They deliver about 30 homebound meals each day. Due to regional cutbacks by the government, fundraisers are essential to the survival of the Center.

West Texas Historical Association to hold 88th Annual Conference

The West Texas Historical Association, founded in 1924, will hold its 88th Annual Conference on March 30-31 on the campus of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, in the heart of the Big Bend country. This year, it will be joined by the Historical Society of New Mexico, the East Texas Historical Association, the Center for Studies of the Big Bend, and the Texas Historical Commission.

Dr. Alwyn Barr, Professor Emeritus from Texas Tech University will be featured keynote speaker. Dr. Bruce Glasrud, President of the Association, has invited the public to attend all history presentations that will be held at the Morgan University Center on the Sul Ross State University campus.

Topics will range from frontier history, personalities, and 20th Century religious, academic and legal issues affecting the West Texas region. In observance of the Civil War sesqui-

centennial, a number of important presentations will delve into the West Texas and borderland experience during the war period, including a presentation by Marisue Potts on "The Enigma of Ridge Greathouse." Also, a special session on the anniversary of the creation of Brewster County will be featured during the conference.

Attendees have also been invited to a BBQ lunch on the Alpine Court House lawn to commemorate the county's 125th birthday. Book exhibits and other items will be on display, and a silent auction will be held until 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. Following the conference on the 31st, a tour of the Fort Davis area and a buffet at the Prude Ranch will be offered.

Visitors are invited to make plans now to attend the conference. For more information go to www.wtha.org or call 806-742-9076 or email wthayb@ttu.edu.

From the Principal's Office By Tim Hill



with many old retired airplanes lining the roadway. We began our base tour at the EOC building. This is the military version of the "Bomb Squad". It was very interesting to see how this department finds bombs and safely sets them off. This is a dangerous job and more than 20 men have lost their lives the past 10 years protecting thousands of soldiers.

We then made our way to the cafeteria and enjoyed a meal on the air force recruiter. The B-1 bomber is the main plane that is flown at Dyess AFB and we went to two other buildings after lunch that played vital roles in maintenance of the B-1.

The first was the mechanic division for maintenance of the engines. We viewed many men taking this \$30 million engine apart in all stages. The picture below is from the testing center for the B-1 bomber engine. The other stop was an airplane hangar where they practice loading the 84 bombs that can be carried by a single B-1. We also made stops at the dormitories and the fitness center.

Shining Stars

On January 27th twenty Motley County High School students had a chance in a lifetime to tour Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas.

The day started very early with a 6:30 a.m. departure and a 3-hour drive to Abilene. The drive was well worth the trip! We met our guide outside the base for a quick break and a tour of the Dyess Museum that details the history of Dyess AFB.

The security was very strict with every student needing an ID to gain clearance onto the base. The base covers many square miles and has a beautiful entrance

Paducah Nursing Center would like to announce and welcome

Megan Inman

as our new

Director of Nursing.

Megan is married to Jay Inman of Childress and has two children.

Everyone is encouraged to come by and visit with Megan

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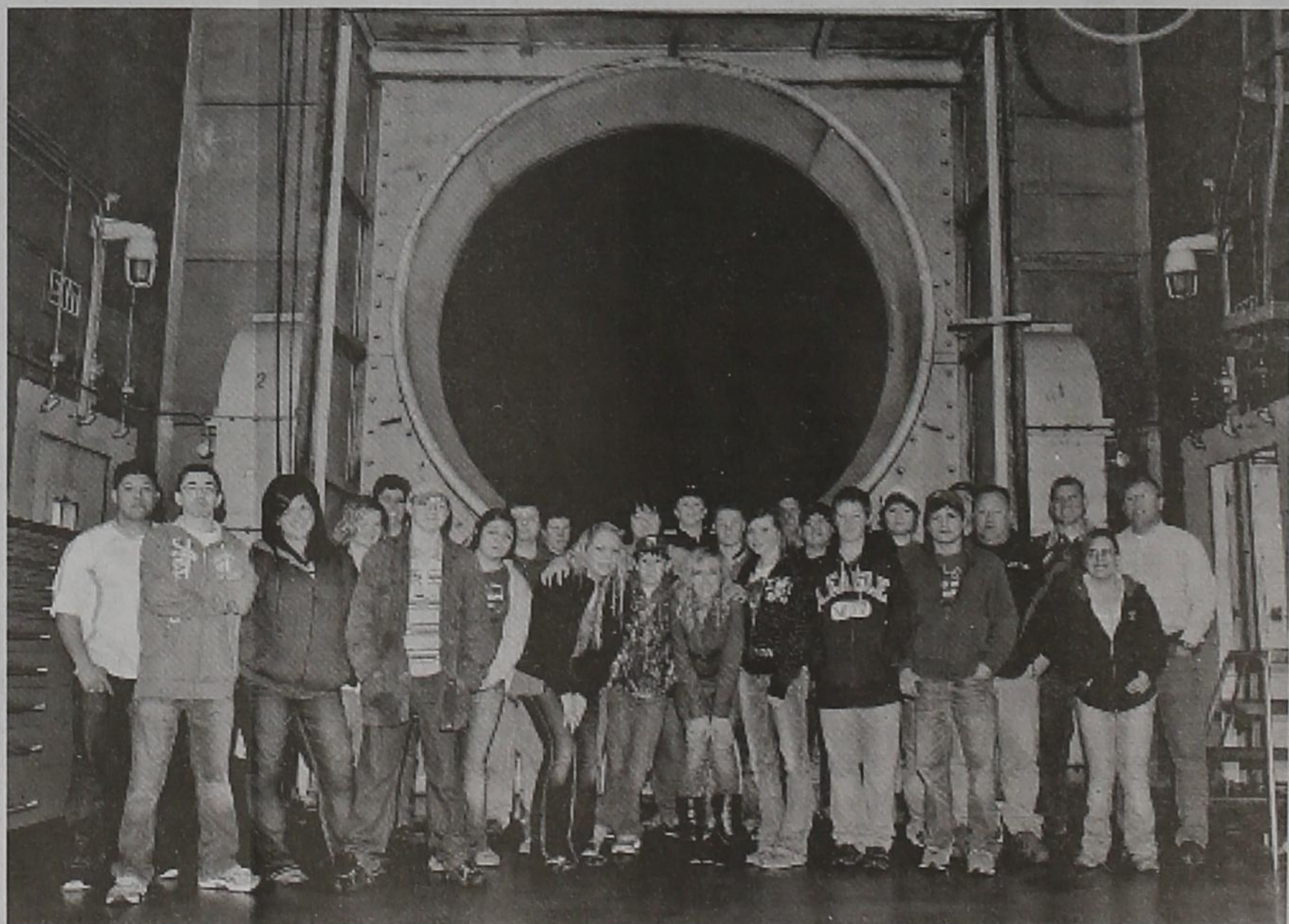
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Motley County Shining Stars



Touring Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene were: (Left to Right): Nayo Santos, Michael Martin, Gabby Santos, Katie Barton, Mrs. Cooper, Ransom Braly, Beverly Reyes, Wesley McNair, Stormy Guerrero, Logan Ferguson, Caleb Clary, Seth Baxter, Ashley Allred, Braden Bigham, Cassidy Turner, Keyan Kautz, Tanner Bearden, Coby Cochran, Juan Flores, Jeffrey Reyes, Coach Richards, Mr. Hill, Katherine Faulks, Mr. Cochran

Murder Mystery Game played by Jail Board

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated Saturday by the Board of the Historic Motley County Jail with a Murder Mystery dinner party game at Hotel Matador.

The play was a prelude "test run" for the hotel who will offer out-of-town guests a Murder Mystery Weekend in July, 2012.

The name of the interactive play is *The Good, The Bad, and The Guilty* and is designed to be played in four rounds with a final solution round for accusations and resolution of the crime. The board and several guests were assigned roles to play.

The board provided a dress rehearsal for the hotel and a chance to "act silly and have some fun," innkeeper Marilyn Hicks said. Marilyn also participated in the game. The murder took place in the town of Roadkill in the Wyoming Territory at the turn of the century.

Assigned roles were Marisue Potts as Butch Chasity, Roy Hobbs as P'Elvis Swagarin, Marilyn Hicks as Helena Handcart, Ed D. Smith as the Chief of the lo-

cal Cowpai Tribe; Deanie Edwards as Elvira-Lynn; Ronnie Vandiver as Wyatt Hertz, Francis Hobbs as Dee Adela Muerte, and Bobby Klodginski as Elias Truist-Heath.

Extra players were Ron Bailey, Publisher of the Roadkill Weekly; Kay Bailey, photographer; and Nell Berryman, reporter. Special guests were Lucretia Campbell (a self-reported observer of human nature and premier mystery solver); Tom Edwards, and Dorothy Russell. Carol Campbell served as director, wait staff and videographer.

Board members provided the meal consisting of roasted chicken, rice, green salad, green beans, garlic bread, and peach cobbler. Appetizers were prepared by Kay and Ron Bailey, and Bobby Klodginski, consisting of Warm Chipped Beef Spread and Stuffed Jalapenos.

Francis Hobbs with consultant and seamstress Deanie Edwards designed four of the costumes, including the Chief, potential murderess Elvira, and Dee Adela, a widow of three husbands (all dying under suspicious circumstances), and deadeye Elias Truist-Heath, the adopted son of the slain judge.



Participating in a Murder Mystery Dinner Party at Hotel Matador on Saturday, March 17, were; (L to R, Back Row) Nell Berryman, Marilyn Hicks, Ronnie Vandiver, Roy Hobbs, Ed D. Smith, and Ron Bailey. (Seated) Marisue Potts, (L to R, standing) Deanie Edwards, Francis Hobbs, Kay Bailey, and Bobby Klodginski.

Whiteflat Reunion set for April 7

By Earlyne Jameson
Motley County Tribune

The Whiteflat Reunion is set for Saturday, April 7, 2012, at the Senior Citizens Building in Matador.

With a four-inch snow in February and a three-inch snow in March, 2012, it made me remember writing about the Whiteflat snow blizzard of 1940. Former Whiteflat residents recall making it through the snow blizzard. I hope the younger generation enjoys this historical event and the older generation renews memories.

The time, the place and the people might be gone, but the recollection of those days are never really lost if they stay a part of our memory. Such was a snow blizzard in 1940 in Whiteflat. It was a record-breaking unexpected snow driven by high winds, which blocked roads and drifts reported as high as 13 feet in places.

The day, Friday, February 16, 1940, started out mild. School buzzed with its unusual activities until after lunch. A storm howling out of the north made a quick appearance and continued unabated until Saturday night. Some parents began coming a few at a time to pick up their children at the Whiteflat School, as there were no telephones. They let younger students out early and a bus loaded with those living east of Whiteflat started the route. The bus was unable to travel any farther than the Sherman McCary Store at Four Corners.

Dorothy Cox remembers staying overnight with the McCary family and her father, Luther Cox, coming after her the next day in a wagon.

Clovis Murphy came in a car to the school for his daughters, Laverna and

Mary. Their car got stalled before reaching home and he dragged them by hand through snowdrifts before reaching home. Mary said the snow was up to the roof of their barn.

Emitt Fisher came in a car after his sons, Alvin and Eugene; and neighbor boys, C.D. and Alvin Garrison. Confronted by a snowdrift in the road of Levi Wilkerson land, they had no choice but to start home on foot. C.D. said they walked over wire fences and 4-1/2 foot snow banks.

The junior and senior classes at Whiteflat Schools attended Matador High School. The last senior graduation class in Whiteflat was 1933. The seniors were Inez Clifton, Cleo Smeltzer, Bertha Doran, Juanita McWilliams, Frances McCary, Pauline Martin and Nora Belle Stephens. The Barton and Whiteflat school buses coming from Matador around 3:00 p.m. came to a stop in Whiteflat and the majority lived in the rural area.

France Barton met his sister, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, in Whiteflat and when trying to reach their home in Flomot, due to an embankment of snow on the highway just past the Malcolm Jameson home, they had to abandon their vehicle and spend the night in the Jameson's home. Others staying there were Jodie and Skeet Jameson. They rode on a large black workhorse of Mr. Jameson's on the six-mile trip to home east of Whiteflat two days later.

Visitors in the Tom Spray home were nephews, Norman and Melvin Spray. Tom was the janitor at the school and had the chore of keeping wood and coal stoves burning for students who stayed at the school. Those that joined

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Pictured is Ed D. Smith, playing the character of the Chief of the Cowpai Tribe, a character in *The Good, The Bad, and The Guilty*. The play was performed at Hotel Matador on St. Patrick's Day at a Murder Mystery Dinner Party.



A character in *The Good, The Bad, and The Guilty*, is Deanie Edwards playing Elvira-Lynn Fekshin. The play took place in the town of Roadkill in the Wyoming Territory at the turn of the century.

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Notice of District Meeting

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March 22, 2012

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OUR AGREEMENT WITH CHRIST



Our God is a God who makes and keeps covenants with His people. God instituted the Mosaic Covenant with the Israelites in Exodus 24:3-8. Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the New Covenant at Calvary (Luke 22:20). Both covenants were established by sacrificial blood.

When Jesus told the disciples to remember Him when they partook of the Lord's Supper, He was not referring to a sentimental remembrance of just Himself. Rather, He was referring to a remembrance of Him as the sin-bearer and of the covenant He would establish with them through His death on the Cross.

Just like any covenant, the New Covenant is a relationship between two parties. In this case it is the relationship between God and His people. Jesus Christ provided in Himself the sacrifice necessary for our salvation. Our part is to live sacrificially in order to be well pleasing to Him (Romans 12: 1-2). Will you join with me this Lord's Day as we remember our covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

They say the swallows come back to Capistrano, California, every year the week of March 20th. The buzzards have arrived back in Roaring Springs to their summer place on Shinnery Draw on schedule. Buzzards are not on the most desired bird list; however, they are really helpful to area. Without them the dead game and other carrion would not be disposed of so easily. They don't harm anything, make much noise or eat crops. They are silent as they go about their business. Admittedly they aren't a pretty bird except as the glide gracefully on the air currents.

I haven't seen our purple martin scout yet. Their house is cleaned and ready for occupants. Other birds that should be arriving in the next week or so are the barn swallows that love to build their mud nests under porches and overhangs. I believe these little birds love to be around people. They seem to prefer to place their nests where there are people going in and out. At least that has been my experience with the persistent little critters. Their coloring is lovely and they are very graceful and pretty as they swoop and fly. The mess they make, I could do without! According to Mexican folklore, if you have barn swallows nest at your house they will bring you good luck.

In the community

Edith and her son Dale Daniell were in Abilene

to be with Edith's nephews and nieces after the loss of their mother and Edith's sister-in-law, Patsy Gillentine. Glennard, Edith, Dale, Eugene Daniell and grandson, Brad Daniell of Dallas, attended her funeral service on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

Leslie Daniell visited his parents, Glennard and Edith Daniell for two weeks. He was having medical tests run in Lubbock. He returned to Brilliant, Ohio, on March 10.

Chris Ware, the elder son of Lisa Perryman, has signed a contract to play football with the Black Knights in Sweden. He will be there for a six-month contract.

Rain! We were blessed Sunday night and early Monday morning with rain. Buzz Thacker reported that he had 1.22 inches in his official gauge.

Lorene Jordan's children visited during the weekend. They were Wayne and Gabriel Osborn of Montgomery and Patsy Myres of Brownfield. Lorene said her daughter had cooked meals for the weekend and brought them for the weekend so they didn't even have to cook. Lorene is still recuperating from her fall from several weeks ago. She hopes to get the cast removed from her arm this week and have a MRI on her back to see what can be done to relieve the pain.

The Motley-Dickens Relay For Life event will be held in Spur; the date has been set for Friday, June 8th.

Billie Stuckey is doing better but still has a way to go to be back to normal.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Skeet and I believe a happy marriage is the world's best bargain. We observed our 63rd wedding anniversary March 24, 2012.

Community News

Clois and Kathy Shorter attended the Gaither's musical concert Thursday night held at the City Auditorium in Lubbock.

Tim and Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton and grandchildren, Hayleigh and Kayden Reed of Lubbock, visited Saturday with Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse, sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse, Reese and Brighton of Turkey, enjoyed good fishing and the scenic attractions during spring holidays at Port Mansfield.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Lubbock Tuesday to be with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jean Cooper of Matador, who had surgery at the Heart Hospital. She is reported to be recovering just fine.

David Martin is visiting in the home of his father, Wilburn Martin. Tom Merritt of Granbury visited them during the week.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited Mrs. B. Rogers Wednesday.

Orville and Ruth Lee visited in Turkey Sunday with daughter, Mrs. Tom (Teresa) Heck.

Lance and Sherryll Barclay, Colton and Kayla of

Meadow visited last weekend with his parents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay. Sherryll and children remained to visit during spring break. They also visited during the week with Mrs. Erma Washington.

Visiting from Thursday until Sunday with Mrs. Janice Hughes were son and family, Bengie, J.J. and Katie Hughes of Royce City. Other visitors during the weekend were Roger and Brody Hughes, Rickey, Kason and Kendel Hughes of Floydada and Trent and Sherry McKay of Quitaque.

Madison and Hudson Franks of Idalou visited during the spring holidays with grandparents, Connie and Coy Franks. They accompanied them home Sunday and visited their family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and Heston.

Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas visited from Wednesday until Friday in the home of Clois and Kathy Shorter and with her brother, Everett Shorter, who is recuperating in home of Clois and Kathy.

Darla and James Gwinn and friend, Ashley Allred of Matador, enjoyed attractions at Port Mansfield from March 10-18. Their daughter, Danielle, attended the Houston Livestock Show with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton and children of Silverton on March 13. She then enplaned to Harlingen where her parents met her and accompanied her to Port Mansfield. Also vacationing with them were Mr. and Mrs. Fannin Gwinn of Matador.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

Spring break brought visions of sandy beaches, or ski trails or maybe getting the lawn in order and planting some trees and flowers. We are getting a new fence at the back of the house in order to contain our dogs. In addition to Tater, we now have Gus for some time while his family makes a move. This will give them some running room and keep Tate out of the church next door. He has attended one service and surprised one lady by jumping in her car, preparing to go home with her and her family. You can't blame a guy for trying to get some religion...

John and Monika Banker and Patrick and Trish Cassidy from Wichita Falls made a return visit to the hotel over spring break. John and Patrick are in the Air Force. Actually John and Monika met at the Hotel Matador and have since married. The couples enjoyed early and late board games and then geared up for some hiking through Caprock Canyons. Great kids - makes one optimistic...

Also hiking last week

were Catherine Stallworth and her son Phillip. They are from Katy and spent two days exploring the canyons.

Adventuring on cycles were Spencer and Miriam Gilliam from Midland. This is their second spring break to spend with us. He teaches junior high math, and she is a hospital dietitian.

Jerry and Michele Gibson from Amarillo stopped by on their way to Sweetwater to visit with children. They were just ready to explore some new territory.

Riding motorcycles and staying the night were Kevin Ellison and Christ Reddehase from Nevada. They gave me lessons on the proper pronunciation of their town.

Shelley Seigler Merchant helped her dad, Pat, for three days this week. They are going through items that had been water damaged. I always enjoy seeing Shelley. She was one of my favorite students.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter, Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M., visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Whiteflat Reunion set for April 7

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Doris Stephens and friends at her home across from school house played board, card and domino games all night. They were Luther Green, W.O. and L.M. Cox, Bascom Murphy, John Morris, Thomas Bourland and Guy Kimbell, Jr. Luther remarked they had fun and good eating and he was not happy about going home to look after farm animals in this weather.

Horses were the main transportation during the blizzard. Thomas Bourland borrowed a horse from Jess Perkins to get home. He said the horse would fall every few minutes the farther they traveled as snow was up to the horse's belly. He finally had to get off and lead the horse, as he knew livestock needed to be fed. Ernest McWilliams came on horseback after his daughters, Ernestine and Annette.

Carl Cooper rode a horse, leading another behind into Matador for Doctor A.C. Traweek, Sr. who returned with him to Whiteflat as his son, Kerry Wayne had diphtheria. Because of good medical treatment and dedication to mankind by Dr. Traweek, Kerry Wayne survived this serious illness.

Minnie K. Stephens and brother, H.A. and friend Oneita Kimbell stayed with her sister and husband, Nora Belle and Bill Dunning. Minnie, John Morris and Guy Kimbell, Jr. trudged to their homes wading in waist and thigh high drifts. Gene Sawyer grandson of Hudson's,

brought H.A. home on horseback Sunday.

Dorothy Morris and brothers, Brown and Jimmy stayed with their aunt, Mrs. Ida Morris at the Post Office. Willina Wilkinson had friends in her home and June Barton visited with Johnnie Belle Willis at Dixon Home. Frances and Dorothy Jean Casey visited overnight with Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Acker and their father, F.M. Casey came after them in a wagon. Ruth Jameson was sheltered in the home of her sister and husband, Beatrice and Peg Spray.

Pansy Spray told of many business establishments in Whiteflat during the 1940. The Ed Jameson Garage, Blacksmith and trucking (Alfred Watson and Weldon Bailey drove his trucks), Acker Mercantile, Higginbotham Service Station and Café (men played dominoes in a room here) Lynch Store, Preston Spray Garage and gas dealership, Post Office and Pansy's Café that had a thriving business with her good hamburgers. Two of the teachers in the Whiteflat School (1st Grade to sophomore) were R.G. Rankin, Troy Perkins, Principal. Baptist Minister J.J. Terry's car was invisible in a snowdrift.

People helped one another digging out cars and homes, getting them to safety, feeding and clothing those away from home. There is a residual sense of having lived through a historical event.

Thank You


We would like to express our heartfelt thank you for all of the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and food offered to our families at the sudden loss of Don. The church service at Canyon, the graveside service in Matador and the visitation after the services at the Hotel Matador was so comforting and we truly appreciate all of you words of encouragement. Thank you for being with us in spirit and person during such a difficult time.

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Did you know that March is National Reading Month? This month is the anniversary of Theodor Geisel's birth. He was born on March 2, 1904 - 108 years ago - and touched the lives of millions of Americans. Theodor Geisel authored many great books. They're still enjoyed across the land. He wrote under the famous pen name - Dr. Seuss.

Besides the sheer joy of it, reading pays huge benefits. According to literacy experts, parents who read aloud to their children give them a lifelong gift. Children love to hear the rhythm, and the cadence of the words. The stories come to life in their eyes. Once begun, reading aloud becomes as addictive to the reader as it is to the youngster.

Experts say reading aloud has other huge benefits, including:

- Reading aloud encourages children to associate reading and books with warm, secure feelings. When children link reading with pleasure, they are likely to read more and become better readers.

- It expands children's language development. They listen to the sounds of words, learn new vocabulary, and expand thinking skills while discussing characters and stories.

- It introduces children to different kinds of writing. Children begin to learn how an author chooses a style and words to convey a message or create an image.

- Reading aloud can motivate reluctant older readers to discover that reading is fun and leads to interesting, useful information.

- It lays the groundwork for improved communications between parents and children.

Join in the celebration of National Reading Month and spend some time reading. You can start today! Stop by the Library and check-out a great book. We have lots to

choose from!

Thank you to those students who spent some of their Spring Break at the Library. We appreciate the fact that you chose to spend some of your school holiday time at the Library. We had a lot of visitors last week and enjoyed making some new friends.

I would like to thank Mary Ann Potts and Marihelen Wason for filling in for me a couple of days last week so that I could spend some time with my grandkids while they were visiting for Spring Break.

We thank Charles Meador for his donation of a class roster of Motley County ISD 1908-1992. This book was compiled by Mrs. Hazel Donovan. Mrs. Donovan served as Secretary for the Ex Students Association for 38 years. She devoted many hours to Homecoming celebrations. This book is full of information and we appreciate Mr. Meador's thoughtfulness with this donation. It will be added to our Genealogy section.

Wanda Kilmer was the winner of our last quote contest. She correctly identified The Three Musketeers. This week's quote comes from another great classic.

"As soon as Ben saw the flag flying, he sat me down and told me it was there I would find my friends. I thought it more likely the pirates would be there, but he told me that pirates would fly, not the British flag, but their dreaded Jolly Roger - the famous black flag with its skull and crossbones inscribed in white."

If you know the title of the book this quote comes from, give me a call at 347-2717 or email at motleycountylibrary@hotmail.com. You just might be the winner!

New DVD's on our shelves this week are three Sam Elliott movies: *You Know My Name*, *Rough Riders* and *The Desperate Trail*.

Texas weather, world supply and demand key factors affecting cotton market

COLLEGE STATION - The fate for cotton prices this year will rely on traditional factors such as supply and demand, but the wild card is the outcome of Texas weather as the effects of the 2011 drought linger, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"One of the key question marks is how long of a drought will we have here in Texas and what is that going to do to U.S. production," said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton marketing economist.

In his office, Robinson pointed to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map on a computer display, which depicted varying shades of yellow, brown and red over much of Texas' cotton acreage. The different colors represent various degrees of drought.

"We had 7.4 million acres planted last year in Texas, and I think we will have as much this year," he said. "There's still a relatively high insurance price with dry conditions prevailing in the southern and western parts of the state. Only time will tell."

Robinson said if ample rainfall is received, Texas cotton producers could produce three to four million extra bales, but "that's if we have a good/fairly normal summer."

"Overall, U.S. production could be fairly tight or we could have somewhat of a surplus, further pressuring prices a bit lower," he said.

China has aggressively been buying their own cotton and purchasing imported cotton, putting those purchases into stockpiles, Robinson said.

"They've purchased over 13 million bales worth and their whole crop is 33 million bales," he said. "That's over a third of their crop that they've purchased and that has affected world prices."

The key to price outlook is China's intentions with the millions of bales of cotton the government has been pur-

chasing, Robinson said.

"They've done this with oil before, and people think that 13 million bales of cotton and the imports that are on the shelf will create a supply problem," Robinson said. "They're doing this in the same way that the U.S. government maintains a strategic oil reserve. But we don't know how long they will hold onto these large stockpiles of cotton."

Robinson said world ending stocks are "large and bearish" with 61 million bales carried over from 2011. In India, government officials announced this week a ban on cotton exports in an attempt to balance export revenue with the needs of the country's textile industry.

"Because of this, some see China buying even more cotton," Robinson said. "Some analysts are predicting more tightness than I would. To me, I don't view it as a bullish thing for the overall market. It's not market controlled, it's bureaucratic controlled."

The overall world economic outlook will ultimately be a large factor in shaping cotton prices for the remainder of the year, Robinson said.

"If we have slow economic growth in the U.S., and maybe a recession in Europe, this reduces demand for cotton and weighs on prices," he said. "If we've got these supply problems, depending on what all happens, we could see a picture where we have a surplus of more cotton than we expected."

Robinson said prices could be in a high range of 90 cents per pound and a low of 70 cents per pound if the U.S. has more production than expected.

For producers, Robinson there are a few tools to use as a defense strategy to lower prices.

"If you think we will have weak prices, you can do some forward pricing," he said. "There's also the ability to hedge with options contracts."

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Obituaries

Mary Louise Barton

Church Services for Mary Louise Barton were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the Church of Christ in Matador with Michael G. Crowley officiating. Interment was held at East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home of Matador.

Mary Louise Johnson Barton passed away on March 15, 2012, at the age of 89. She was born in Red River County on June 13, 1922, to Jesse Andrew Johnson and Cecil Mae Conine Johnson. She was raised in Turkey, Texas, and was the youngest of four siblings: Lucile, Trilby, and Clyde Johnson. She attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Louise married Alfred Barton, Jr. in December 1943. She and Alfred were lifelong residents of Matador where they raised their children Kenny Barton and Joanie Barton Stephens. She was a devout Christian and belonged to the Church of Christ. She was an avid golfer and had many wonderful friends.

Louise was a beloved mother and was adored by her grandchildren who thought she was perfect in every way. She will always be remembered as a very loving and kind woman who was deeply cherished by her family.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, on February 3, 2002. She is survived by her son, Kenny Barton and wife Olivia and her daughter, Joanie Barton Stephens and husband Roy Gene all of Matador; four grandchildren, Paka Barton Horen and husband DJ of Plano, Amy Stephens Causey and husband Si of Matador, Paul Barton and wife Jerre of Round Rock, and Tye Stephens of Turkey; four great-grandchildren, Skylar and Riggs Horen of Plano and Harper and Dylan Barton of Round Rock.

Memorials may be made to the East Mound Cemetery Association or to the Motley County Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 184, Matador, Texas 79244.

Patsy Jean Gillentine

Patsy Jean Gillentine, 74, died March 8, 2012. Her funeral services were held in Abilene on Sunday, March 11, 2012. She was buried in the Elliott-Hamil Cemetery.

Patsy was the widow of the late, Paul Gillentine, brother of Edith Daniell of Roaring Springs. She was born May 8, 1937, in DeLeon, Texas. She married Paul Weldon Gillentine on August 14, 1956, in DeLeon. Patsy is preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Paul; paternal grandparents Armstrong Nathaniel Anderson and Eunice Belle (Lemons) Hambrick; maternal grandparents David Sylvester and Missouri Ann (Beene) Beck; her parents Armer Nathaniel and Ada Eugenia (Beck) Anderson. Also preceding Patsy in death was a brother, Truman Dale Anderson, granddaughter, Matty Socrant and great grandsons Stanley Glasgow and Jaxon Cook.

She leaves behind a loving family including two sisters, Sylvia Ann Heinske of Aus-

tin, Texas, Billie Ruth Wheeler and husband, L.E. of Copperas Cove; a brother, George M. Anderson and wife Katherine of Copperas Cove; and a sister-in-law, Tommy (Ham) Anderson of Hattiesburg, MS. Seven children survive her: Weldon Gillentine and wife Cindy of Serepta, LA, Kathy Gilmore and husband James of Sweetwater, Texas, Douglas Gillentine and wife Janice of Sweetwater; Deborah Polanco and husband Jesse of Abilene, Regina Upton and husband, Joe of Sand Springs, OK, Freddy Gillentine and wife Katherine of Abilene, Lisa Smith of Sweetwater, son-in-law, Jeff Smith of Maryneal, Texas, and an adopted son, Michael Delacruz. She is survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Patsy has been a homemaker most of her life, but her greatest job was serving her Lord Jesus Christ. She most enjoyed spending time with her family, quilting, sewing and traveling with her beloved husband.

Obituary

Don Cox

Services for Don Cox were held Monday, March 12, 2012, at First United Methodist in Canyon with the Rev. Steve Chappel, and Dr. Rick Enns officiating. Graveside services were at East Mound Cemetery, Matador, Texas.

Don was born on February 6, 1951 in Matador, Texas to L.M. and Leona Cox. He was a graduate of Motley County High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in Range Management and was a devoted member of the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

He married Debne Clouse on July 9, 1971 in Lubbock, Texas. After several years working with Soil Conservation Service and University of Texas Lands they retired in Canyon.

Don was a dedicated husband, dad, son and brother. He enjoyed spending time in his shop working on many projects. He was an avid member of the Audie Murphy Research Association. He was a strong proponent for wind energy, natural resources and conservation. Most often his time was spent supporting each of his grandchildren in their athletic endeavors. Don was a member of First United Methodist Church, Canyon and was active on the staff Parish Relations Committee. He also owned the Coyote



Bluff Apartments in Canyon.

He was preceded in death by his father, L.M. Cox in 1977.

His survivors include his wife, Dee of 40 years; two daughters, Cory Ann Miller and husband Justin; Cary Edwards and husband Wes, all of Canyon; six grandchildren, Hunter Campbell, Macki, Brylee and Brenna Edwards, Cash and Creed Miller all of Canyon; his mother, Leona Terry and husband Ellis of Matador; brother Ronnie Cox and wife Shelley of Matador; nephew, Ron Cox wife Lauren and son Riley of Lubbock; niece, Shawn Reding, husband Greg and daughter Augie of Sanger.

The family suggests memorials be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 A C Skinner Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida 32256; www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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- 29 BOYS GOLF @ CHILDRESS
- 29 JR. HIGH DISTRICT TRACK @ LORENZO
- 30 BOYS TENNIS (DISTRICT)

April

- 2 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 3 Matador Lions
- 4 Kids Praise
- 5 Roaring Springs Lions
- 7 The Whiteflat Reunion, Senior Citizens, Matador, covered dish luncheon.
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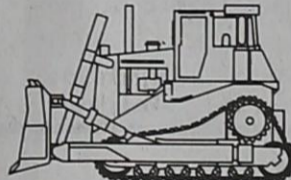
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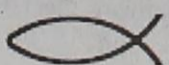
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