

Saturday, May 28

scholarships awarded

8th Grade Graduation Friday, May 27





MCISD Seniors will graduate this Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the photo by Walter Taylor school gymnasium.

City awarded housing grant

Council members sworn-in for term

Matador City Council met at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on Thursday, May 12, 2011. Present were Councilmen Alvin Alexander, Chuck Ream, Shane Jones, Bobby Klodginski and City Secretary Debra Scott. Absent were Mayor Pat Smith, Water Superintendent Steve Barton and Councilman Nathan Shannon. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Ream called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

City Secretary Debra Scott informed Council that the city had received notification of a grant award to provide five new homes to low income families within the Matador city limits. The County and the City of Roaring Springs also qualified for this grant.

South Plains Community Action representative T. O. Flores stated that it would still be August or September before the city would begin taking applications. According to Flores, Council will need traps; Watch for Children signs to decide whether to set up a at the City Park; and plans for a separate committee to review these applications or to handle

this process themselves. Due to new requirements issued by the government, the City of Matador with a population under 3,000 will not be required to furnish a match for this grant.

Councilmen elected for this term took the Oath of Office and were sworn-in at the council meeting. Councilmen being sworn-in were: Shane Jones, Chuck Ream and Bobby Klodginski.

Councilman Alexander made the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign all necessary documents concerning the sale of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 107. Bobby Klodginski seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Items to be placed on next month's agenda include the Cap Rock Waste Contract, selecting a Housing Committee for the grant; a discussion on requiring restaurants to install grease Roaring Springs. Centennial Celebration.

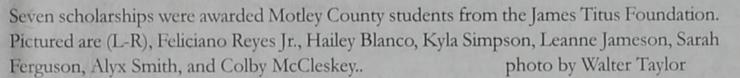
Gospel Concert set for June 1



Several local churches are sponsoring a gospel concert featuring the Desert Reign Music Ministry team, an award winning band and vocal group, at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Old Settlers Rodeo Grounds,

According to sponsors of the event, Desert Reign, known as "missionaries to America," deliver a powerful gospel message, outstanding songwriting, incredible family harmony, fantastic sound and

"down right good pickin'!"



By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

awarded Motley County students from the James Titus Foundation for 2011-2012 at a luncheon at Hotel Matador on Monday, May 23, 2011.

Senior students receiving \$2,000 scholarships were: Kyla Simpson, Leanne James-Seven scholarships were on, Sarah Ferguson, Alyx Smith, and Colby McCleskey. Students receiving \$1,000 scholarships were Feliciano Reyes and Hailey Blanco.

Faculty attending the lun-

be featured, including coun-

try, contemporary worship,

southern gospel, bluegrass,

southern rock and blues - and

"it's all about Jesus," said

event sponsor Barbara Arm-

"They love to cut loose and

have a little fun bringing hope,

joy and a reminder that noth-

ing is impossible with God.

Don't miss it! It does not cost

to come to the concert, but an

offering will be taken up dur-

ing the evening," Armstrong

Desert Reign has ministered at area churches over the past

15 years. For more informa-

tion and to view a schedule go

Bring lawn chairs and come

enjoy an evening of good sing-

ing, preaching, and testimo-

nies. Desert Reign has invited

to www.desertreign.org.

strong.

said.

cheon and event ceremony was: Cathey Gillespie, Carolyn Johnson, Shelly Cox, and William Cochran. Directors from the Titus Foundation board on hand to congratulate the scholarship winners were: Dr. Tom Alvis, Marisue Powell, Motley County Judge Jim Meador, City of Matador Mayor Pat Smith, and Roaring Springs Mayor Corky Marshall.

James Titus, a former graduate of Matador High School, Class of 1949, pledged \$500,000 in 2008 to establish an educational foundation that will produce about \$50,000 a year in revenue to "benefit the children of Motley County for generations to come." The first grants were available for the 2009 graduating seniors.

Eligibility for grants is based on a matrix which includes 1) extracurricular activities that demonstrate leadership skills; 2) cumulative academic scores; 3) community activities; 4) work history; 5) a hand-written essay component that includes "why a scholarship is important to college goals;" 6) a personal interview with the scholarship selection committee; and 7) three letter of recommendation.

Payments will be made at the fall semester of college, directly to the school. Applicants must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average, with a

Memorial Day Celebration set

The Annual Memorial Day celebration is set for 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 2011, at Memorial City Park, downtown Roaring Springs. Tom Edwards will be the featured speaker. Everyone is invited to attend to honor our service men and women.

Several styles of music will Rickey Lawrence of Paducah 12-hour minimum class load. to bring a special message.

Memorial Day: May 30, 2011

We honor those who have given their lives for our country and we remember the pioneers who have gone before us.



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Foothill Country Connections Community, Diversity, Art When you have history, you have pride.

By Larry Vogt

Congratulations to Motley County Seniors! I will assume that you know more about "the economy" or economics than I did when I graduated in 1957 from a small high school in Oregon. I was absolutely clueless. I knew I wanted to go to college by the time I started my junior year so I worked (pretty) hard in my classes. When I went to my 30-year class reunion I was told by some of my classmates that it seemed as though I never did any homework or studied very hard. Can you imagine that? I can't imagine how I pulled off that facade. I must have been faking more than being a good guitar player.

I just figured that going to college would be better than being a farmer or farm worker, since that meant being at the mercy of the weather and the markets as well as the capriciousness of the agriculture programs of the time. I had just put in four years working on my step-dad's farm and also working at other farms and also one summer in ible in your search for a liveto have fingers missing so I thought I would go to college, get a business degree and gain employment as soon as I got a four year degree, and live a cushy life. employment rate in May 1957 pirations! was 4.1%. I did not even know

what that meant. There were lots of jobs in my community and as high school students; most of us worked some kind of job. I not only worked on the farm, I also had a dance band and pulled in what I thought was a lot of money, at least more than I would earn sacking groceries in town. Since I was such a hotshot, life would be a breeze.

That bubble burst soon after I started college when I met kids from California who had classes and knowledge that was not accessible to me in my high school. I thought my class of 100 or so students was big and then I met those kids from bigger Oregon cities and places like Berkeley, California.

If I were asked to give a commencement address, I would tell these students to go to college if they can do it without student loan debt (or say, under \$10,000). I would also say to study economics, be aware of the current unemployment rate of just under 10%, and be ready to be flexthe logwoods. I also noticed lihood, and don't be afraid to that sawmill workers tended try anything new. I would also tell them that the size of your class or your school have no bearing on your own potential, as long as you know how to find information. Sail on, students, may you find your I did not know that the un- dreams and develop your as-

A soft spoken, genteel Lila Meador gave me a call some twenty-something years ago. She had some things she wanted to donate to the museum and asked if I might stop by and pick them up. When I knocked on the door of her cozy cottage home in Matador, she greeted me with her special smile. Crinkles of smile lines emphasized her lively blue eyes. An attractive dress nearly disguised a frail and slightly stooped body. As she invited me in, there was no doubt I was speaking with a real Southern lady, this one hailing from Caruthersville, Missouri.

"I was literally a newspaper widow," the wife of Matador Tribune editor Douglas Meador recalled. Her neat parlor mirrored her own immaculate grooming as she reminisced about the early days of her marriage to him and the paper.

"Doug commuted to his work, spending many nights in Roaring Springs struggling with the newspaper plant, which was all hand set. I continued with my bank job during the day and typed copy for the paper during 'spare' time and at home at night, where I also did the bookkeeping.

"It was several years before I did any actual reporting. I started with local items and later branched out on club reports and church news. Later I advanced to obits. I learned to write wedding stories by following the style used by the dailies."

talent, he had a wonderful way of linking images together and evoking tears from his readers; but Lila was the grammarian, the typist, the editor that made Meador's prose shine.

An Arkansawer by birth, a Missourian by education, and a Texan by choice, Deliah Lorene Tipton migrated to Matador in 1928 to join her family, many of whom lived in the small community of Northfield in the far northeast corner of Motley County. She hired on with the First National Bank as secretary and soon fell in love with a script writer, recently returned from a six-year stint in Hollywood. Meador, then a soda jerk at Simpson's Drug Store, was home just long enough to earn some money.

Plans to return to the Golden State after their marriage on June 22, 1929, changed with the depression when he lost his job and she suffered a salary reduction to \$30 per month. The resourceful Doug picked up work in Childress on the newspaper, then worked as a pile driver for 20 cents an hour, hauled dynamite for \$2 per day, and later worked at a hand-pump service station. Lila waited patiently at home for a husband who worked seven days a week.

Douglas Meador's first attempt as a newspaper man fell through after only seven issues, but later he was approached by Melton Thacker, a successful businessman in Roaring Springs, who Besides working alongside Doug wanted Meador to run his paper, The crawled into cottonseed bin to keep warm and sleep there.

However, once he convinced Thacker to let him move the newspaper plant to Matador and it became the Matador Tribune, Lila joined the staff full time, which was, as she described it, 24 hours a day. But still she was a newspaper widow. She described how he often slept on the counter after a long night of setting up the lead type or accidentally dumping a tray of loose type in the floor and having to re-set the type for a page or suffering a mechanical breakdown in newspaper plant.

Both self-taught journalists, the Meadors built up the newspaper and their reputations. As Lila quipped in her column, "Pied 'Pinions," in 1953, "To live with a man for 24 years requires stickability. To live with a newspaper man for nigh on to 20 years requires endurancebut to live with the Newspaper Man of the Year requires a certain brand of fortitude."

After Meador's death in 1974, Lila became in fact a newspaper widow. She continued putting out the Matador Tribune until it was sold in 1975 to Leon Watson. With the new owner and the subsequent owner, Patsy Tippin, she continued to be a valuable resource. Miss Lila continued to be active in the community, giving wonderful programs at the meetings of the El Progresso Club as long as her health allowed. She passed away

WRITING COMMUNITY

The Newspaper Widow **By Marisue Potts**

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and the one or two others he called staff, Roaring Springs News. On a tight bud- on January 28, 2001 and was buried in Lila served as proof reader and editor for get, the newspaper editor often spent Matador, the place this Southern lady ad-



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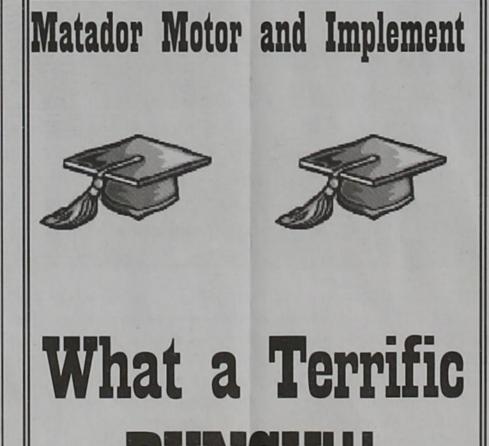
Most everyone who has ment that they need badly. lands, homes and businesses in the Roaring Springs area know what condition our fire trucks and equipment are in. You probably also know that we have applied for a \$170,000 grant for a new truck. We believe the grant is going to be approved and we are asking match that we have to meet in order to qualify for the grant.

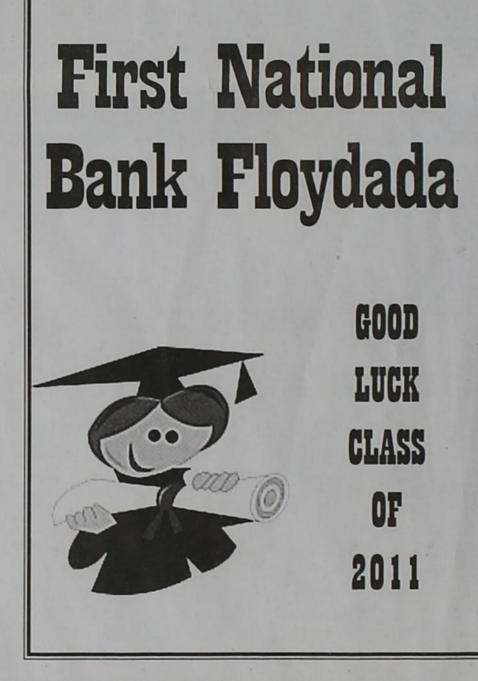
this collected and more than the rest is promised. If the grant is not approved, we will contact everyone who has donated and ask if you want your money refunded or if you would want to donate it to the Fire Department for equip-

This will also be done if we receive more that the \$170,000 needed. We need the donations that are promised and have not been sent as soon as possible so we can order the truck as soon as the grant is approved.

If you have promised to dofor donations for a 10 percent nate please send your donation for The City of Roaring Springs, P.O. Box 247, Roar-We have over one-half of ing Springs, TX 79256. Please note on your check that it is for the fire truck matching fund.

> Thank You, Corky Marshall, Mayor of Roaring Springs





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FSA County Committee Members Express Support and Concerns with Civil Rights Assessment and Recommendations

WASHINGTON (Rural-Wire), May 13, 2011 - Craig Turner, President of the National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC) commended the leadership and initiative of U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack on the issue of correcting civil rights issues at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and advancing a better program delivery platform that includes diversity, inclusiveness and accessibility for all farmers, ranchers and rural Americans.

"Since his earliest days in office, Secretary Vilsack has worked to move USDA forward as a department that properly addresses past discrimination complaints and issues, and onward toward being a department that provides fair and equitable service and opportunity to everyone," said Turner, a farmer and rancher from Matador, Texas.

"NAFEC believes the Secretary also made a huge step in addressing these critical issues by ordering the U.S. Department of Agriculture Independent Assessment of the Delivery of Technical and Financial Assistance (http:// www.usda.gov/documents/ Civil Rights Assessment-Final Report.pdf) which was released to the public last week," added Turner. "Overall the assessment is informative and positive, but we have serious reservations with a few of the suggestions offered, including a recommendation to strip the farmer-elected Farm

Service Agency (FSA) County Committees of their decisionmaking authority on program delivery."

Turner explained that by revoking the statutory decisionmaking authority from the FSA County Committees and keeping them as only technical advisors, huge disruptions in program delivery are likely and the integrity of the programs would erode.

"NAFEC is also concerned with the recommendation to allow for appointments of County Committee members by the FSA State Executive Directors rather than the current statutory process of nomination and election by the farmers in the county," Turner said. "By eliminating the democratic process of electing County Committees and having the politically appointed State Executive Directors take on the task, we embark upon the slippery slope of creating a political party-machine system of patronage not seen in almost a century.

"We agree there are some positive recommendations in the civil rights assessment and look forward to working with Secretary Vilsack in the implementation phase. But we must retain full decisionmaking authority and the local, democratic election process to maintain the integrity of our farm programs and to help Secretary Vilsack achieve his goals of diversity, inclusiveness and accessibility for USDA program delivery.

Senior Citizens Site Committee hosts movie night

Committee members consisting of Judy Renfro, Raynita Murphy, and Elaine Hart with volunteer Bobby Klodginski, hosted about 25 residents at Saturday Night at the Movies at the Senior Citizen Building on

Following a meal deal of barbeque sandwiches, chips, cookies, cake, tea and coffee, the movie was the Roy Rogers' 1975 classic, Mackintosh and T.J. Roy's last big screen performance before his death on July

In a promo of the film before the main attraction a lot of Matador residents were featured, including Lucretia Campbell, Opal Pipkin, and Kirby Campbell.

The Senior Citizens Site When Hollywood came to town, many citizens got in on the action. Featured in the main film were Junior Campbell, Ronnie Christian, Lola Pohl, Vivian Jacobs, and numerous street scenes with local residents.

The story line included Rogers (Mackintosh) as an old ranch hand that takes care of a homeless, 14-year old drifter, helping him to go straight and stay out of jail. Both find a job on a ranch, primarily filmed at the Four Sixes Ranch in Dickens County. The town scenes were filmed in Matador. Mackintosh proves himself as a "top hand," breaking horses. When a murder takes place, Mackintosh is framed, but is vindicated in the end

Motley County Tribune, Thursday, May 26, 2011, Page 3 **MCISD** Athletic 2011 Awards

Football Offensive MVP-Augustine Chavez and Jonathon Osborn; Defensive MVP-Juan Flores Most Improved Player-Braden Mason Dayton Graham Award---Dayne Butler

Cross-Country MVP-Lexi Osborn

Girls Basketball Defensive MVP-Kyla Simpson

Offensive MVP-Alyx Smith Most Improved--Lexi Osborn

Don Ewing Fighting Heart Award-Sabra Pope

Boys Basketball Offensive MVP-Braden Mason Defensive MVP-Andrew Martin Fighting Heart-Austin Taylor

Most Improved Player-Mark Quintero

Boys Track MVP-Austin Taylor Fighting Heart-Jeffery Reyes

Girls Track Fighting Heart --- Virginia Gutierrez MVP-Lexi Osborn

Boys Golf

Girls Golf MVP---Kyla Simpson Most Improved Britt Simpson, Leanne Jameson

Boys Tennis---MVP--none Girls Tennis---MVP, Miss Spirit---Lexi Osborn

Athletic King Dayne Butler

Athletic Queen Kyla Simpson

Academic Awards

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award Braden Mason

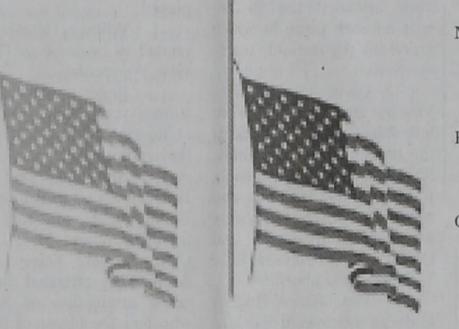
Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology---Keyan Kautz

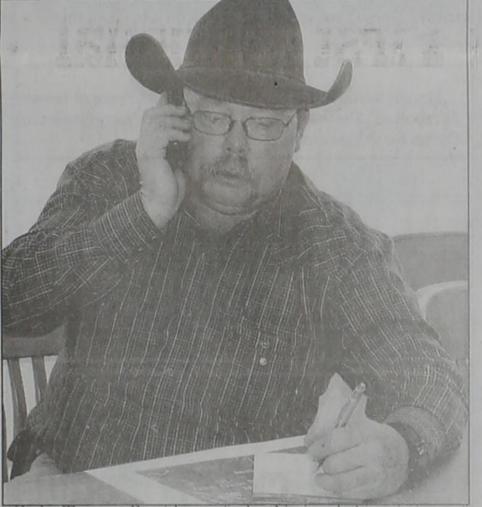
George Eastman Young Leaders Award---Christian Brooks

Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award---Lexi Osborn

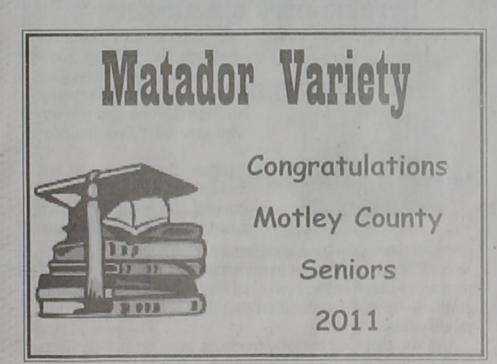
National Honor Society Inductee---Jaci Zingerman

NHS Officers President----Kyla Simpson Vice-President--- Keyan Kautz Sec./Treas.----Braden Mason





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We honor those who have given their lives for our country and we remember the pioneers who have gone before us.

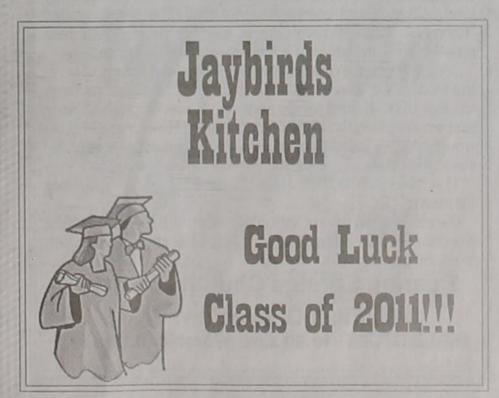
MVP---Christian Brooks

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Mrs. Parks' Pre-K class won the Box Tops Contest this year earning them a Pizza Picnic Lunch, Spiderman Pinata, and Whirly Bird prizes while at Matador's City Park. The children were also treated to a tour of the Motley County Historical Museum courtesy of Barbara Armstrong and Marisue Potts-Powell, and a tour of the Motley County Jail courtesy of Carol Campbell. Pictured Front L-R: Justin McCleskey, Neveah Martin, Jolie Gressest, Jason Richards, Olivia Fowler, and Bubba Quiliamaco. Back L-R: Jacelyn Perryman, Krystin Ferguson, Cade Martin, Emory Rains, Bryer Davis, and Brock Taylor.





On Sat., May 14, Willa Finley presented West Texas Wildflowers in the Library Annex. First Row (L-R): Joan Patton. 2nd Row (L-R): Ruby McGuire, D.A. McGuire, Suzanne Abbott, Sue Shannon, Deanie Edwards, and Loretta Thompson. Back Row (L-R): Arlyce Manney and Marihelen Wason. See Library News on page 5.

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

RS Ranch Golf Update

By Cynthia Stafford Motley County Tribune

Tuesday Night Scramble participants were Olivia Barton, Mark Brannon, Garland Cartwright, Lee Hurt, Ken Marshall, Jonathan Osborn, Robert Osborn, Kyla Simpson, Pat Smith, David Taylor, and Jim Watson. There was no closest to the pin winner so closest to the pin money will be carried over to this week. The winning team with a score of six under par was Jonathan Osborn, Robert Osborn, and Kyla Simpson.

The Thursday Ladies play morning participants were Olivia Barton, Jean Hoover, Jeannie Johnson, June Moss, Nita Murphy, and Geneva Wilson. The winner of the ball for the longest drive on number one was Olivia Barton. The afternoon participants were Polly Campbell, Judy Renfro, and Glenna Ross. The winner of the ball for the longest drive on number one was Judy Renfro.

Twenty-three teams participated in the two Jacks and one Jill Tournament. The results were:

Championship Flight: 1st Place: Conway Clary, Robert Osborn, and Olivia Osborn; 2nd Place: a tie between Kenny Barton, Ken Marshall, and Olivia Barton; and Jarrod Aven, Lester Aven, and Rhonda Aven.

First Flight: 1st Place: Don Johnston, Rick Johnston, and Lynda Johnston; 2nd Place: David Sollis, John Sollis, and Vickey Sollis; 3rd Place: Buddy Melton, Walt Norris, and Sue Hudson.

Second Flight: 1st Place: Darrell Blassingame, Tommy Green, and Karen Taylor; 2nd Place: Cameron Rushin, Mitch Rushin, and Carla Rushin; 3rd Place: Danny Tiffin, John Tiffin, and Ketha Tiffin.

A big "Thank You" to all the tournament participants! Our next tournament will be the Greenbelt Golf Tournament on June 4, 2011. This is an exciting event for youth ranging in age from 5-to 18. The course will be closed to other players until late Monday evening on June 4th. For more information, please call Cynthia Stafford at (806) 348-7267.

Overheard

I hope we never forget the importance of Memorial Day to honor the heroes who served our great country so valiantly and gave their lives so that we can live ours in freedom.

Community News

Ruth and Orville Lee attended the Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy graduation ceremony of granddaughter-in-law Kaylyn Givens Lee on Saturday in Lubbock. Kaylyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Givens of Crosbyton.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Clifton last weekend with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They attended the Bi-District baseball game in which grandson Kyler and teammates won.

Doris and Roger Vinson enjoyed a cookout last weekend in Lubbock at the home of son and family, Shannon and Stacey Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan, Bubba and McKenzie. Other guests were son and family, Dana and Crystal, Vinson, Allyson, Elise and Chris of Lubbock.

attended the covered dish lun-

cheon held at Fairmot Baptist

Church Sunday. Members of

the Flomot Baptist Church

were guests, pastor, Nathan

Mulder and wife, Kathy of

South Plains, Anna Beth and

Mrs. Janice Hughes

Barclay and Ashton of Borger visited his parents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay Sunday.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited during the weekend with his brother, Johnie Starkey.

Visiting Thursday with Butch and Janice Hughes were Mrs. Rickey (Tasha) Hughes and Kason of Flovdada.

Connie and Cov Franks and her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington, visited in Idalou Saturday with son and family, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston. Saturday morning, they attended a baseball game in Crosbyton in which Madison played. Saturday afternoon, they attended a baseball game in Idalou in which Hudson and his MacChima teammates played.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Wednesday.

Roger and Doris Vinson visited the weekend at Roaring Springs Ranch in their motor home.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Friday night with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey, and Sarah. They attended the 8th

grade graduation of Sarah

who had the honor of being

Salutatorian. Other family

members attending were Mrs.

Julie Edwards, Laney and

Jaxon, Walker, Ryleigh and

key were in Amarillo Tuesday

for her cardiac medical tests. They visited in Amarillo with

daughter and husband, Bessie

and Clifton Reid and in Can-

von with Mr. and Mrs. Mi-

chael Starkey.

Jack and Nada Star-

Parker Carson of Turkey.

Lance and Vickie Jameson of Vernon visited during the weekend with his parents during the weekend with his, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. " Skeet" Jameson.

Choosing the right mulch

Matador News

(Reprinted from the "American Profile" magazine, Lubbock Avalanche Journal, May 22, 2011, by Doreen Howard, courtesy of Deanie Edwards).

Mulch is a gardening gift. It smothers weeds, conserves moisture, builds soil fertility, insulates plant roots and beautifies any flower, shrub or vegetable bed.

Apply no more than a two inch layer. Deeper coverings can compact; robbing plants and soil of life-giving air and water, as well as promote fungus and other diseases. Use this guide to pick the right mulch for your plants, soil and budget.

Pine Bark: Holds up the longest, is inexpensive, loosens heavy soils, promotes root growth and adds acidity to the soil. Unlike other mulches, it

Save The date

VBS at FBCM-- July 17-20 evening sessions for all kids, 3yr thru 5th grade (completed)

other woods.

Straw and pine straw: Excellent vegetable garden mulch and winter protection for tender plants. Don't buy hay, as it contains weed seeds that can sprout in your garden. (Note: check for bales of straw, not hay, during the fall season).

Stone, marble chips or gravel: Use around trees, cacti and succulents. Absorbs heat and cold, keeping soil more temperate. Inappropriate for vegetable gardens and flower beds.

Grass clippings: Mix with shredded leaves or bark to avoid matting. Good for vegetable beds. If you apply weed killer to your lawn, don't use the clippings, as they will kill the plants.

Leaves: Shred fallen leaves with a mower before applying to beds. Leaves decompose rapidly and build soil fertility.

Thank You

You can go home again! That is where our loved one J.R is

at peace with our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The loving kindness, the delicious food, every word of comfort that was spoken to our family, we appreciate so very much. God Bless you all!

The Junior Bearden Family; Betty and Cindy Bearden; Kerry, Tina and Family; Connie and Family; Jerry, Becky and boys; Max, Dana and Family; Sisters, Thelma Bearden, Arla Williams, RayNell Bearden

Congratulations Seniors!!! Billie Dean's **Childress Veterinary Hospital DR. DAVID & NANCY FUSTON** Go Seniors! of 2011 Class **Congratulations!! Colby McCleskey! Alexander Fuel**

This Week's Local Forecast

Joe Ike Clay, Ruth and Orville Lee, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Shondi Lee. They had an outside baptism of Gage Sperry, son of Will Sperry, Sunday afternoon. Cody and Mandy Motley County Elementary is proud to invite you to a viewing of their Third Annual Art Festival. Come and browse the Elementary hallways the last week of school.

Matador Floral for all your floral needs Tues-Fri 9-3 Sat 9-noon unless there is a funeral 806.347.2017 800.915.4559 Graduati gifts are at

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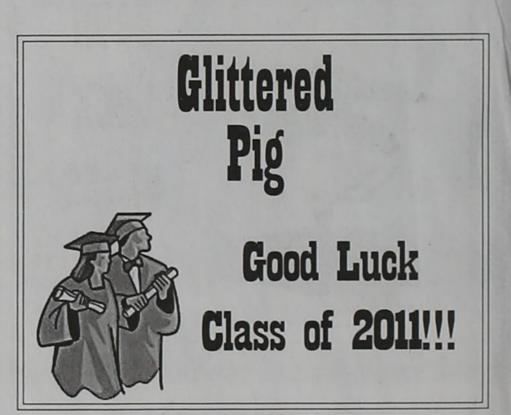
Shredded hardwood: Dyed black, brown, orange or red, it is an attractive landscape element. Tends to compact but is moderately priced.

Shredded cedar bark: Resistant to decay, repels insects and holds moisture efficiently. Doesn't rot as fast as

Note: I have found that you can put the leaves in a large tub or plastic container and use your weed eater to chop them up. You can also put them in a large plastic bag and walk on it to crush them.

Correction

Margie Payne did not go home under the care of hospice as reported. She was released to go to Hackberry Creek Care Center for skilled nursing.



"FREEDOM'S BLESSINGS."



As you and I are about tocelebrate the holiday commemorating our freedoms, we are reminded of the many courageous men and women who gave their lives in order to

insure that we would remain a free nation. How ungrateful we would be, if we failed to acknowledge the sac-

rifices of those who have gone before us. They gave of themselves that generations yet in the future might enjoy what free men and women enjoy. Memorial Day is a day to reflect with gratitude upon the generation that did so much for we that would follow.

And yet, there is One who made an even greater sacrifice than those of our nation's forefathers. It was in a far away land. Where it happened is also historical. That place is called "Calvary." There, through Jesus' sacrifice we enjoy an even greater freedom than that which is our nation's heritage. Jesus. He died to free us from sin, to give us liberty of serving God as we were created to do. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death and condemnation. It was through Calvary that we are given the hope of eternal life. How ungrateful we would be if we failed to acknowledge the great sacrifice of Jesus at the Cross.



The Bible tells us, that Jesus "...gave His life as a ransom

the celebration of our nation's freedoms, let us declare the freedom we have found through Jesus Christ. The freedom

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If you haven't stopped by the library lately, then you've in and check out our new armissed the vast assortment of books to choose from almost on a daily basis. For example, this week for your selection there's Robert Masello's The Medusa Amulet, David Downing's Potsdam Station, and Geraldine Brooks' Caleb's Crossing. These are 3 new authors to our library fiction collection. And Fern Michael's is back with Late Edition, and Charlaine Harris has a new Sookie Stackhouse Novel out Dead Reckoning.

We also have 3 compelling true stories. The Reading **Promise** by Alice Ozma, My Two Chinas: The Memoir of a Chinese Counterrevolutionary by Baiqiao Tang, and **Until Tuesday** by Luis Carlos Montalvan to add to our Non-Fiction shelves. And 1 humorous take on life by Betty White in If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't).

There are too many new DVDs, children's and juvenile

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books to name so please come rivals in person. You won't be disappointed.

And it's time to reveal what the Grand Prize will be for 3rd-6th grade readers this summer. Stop by to pick up the reading list, select your books and be reading your way to a new Nintendo DS Lite console with a gift card to select your favorite game!

And lastly, on Sat., May 14, Willa Finley presented West Texas Wildflowers in the Library Annex to a lively group of 16 intrigued garden enthusiasts. Intrigued guests because Ms. Finely showcased several wildflowers and spoke about their potential medicinal purposes and how some are esteemed "Life Plants" to Native Americans. If you're interested in the different potential remedies and repellants West Texas Wildflowers may possess, you may check out Willa Finley's book, Lone Star Wildflowers: A Guide to West Texas Flowering Plants.



Texas drought losses

to agriculture approach \$1.5 billion More losses expected as most of state in extreme drought

COLLEGE STATION - Preliminary estimates of Texas drought losses have reached \$1.2 billion and are expected to escalate higher this year as livestock producers continue to sell off herds and crop conditions deteriorate, according to economists with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

"Each day without rainfall is one in which crop and livestock losses mount," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. "Even with the severity of the current drought, estimation of economic losses is difficult given that we are still early in the growing season."

The Texas drought continues as the extreme dry weather is causing large cracks in the ground - an obvious sign of lack of rainfall. (Texas AgriLife Research photo by Blair Fannin)

Livestock losses due to drought are an estimated \$1.2 billion from November

The total value for the Texas wheat crop this year is currently \$274 million, about half of the five-year average of \$555 million, Welch said.

"The low harvested percentage is compounded by several factors in addition to the drought," Welch said. "Record-high calf prices increase the value of wheat for grazing, especially if grain production prospects are poor, and record high cotton prices offer incentives for producers to terminate poor stands of wheat in hopes of producing a high value cotton crop.'

Uncertainty remains in place for Texas' cotton crop, said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist.

"Given the regular occurrence of dry weather in West and South Texas, and the late planting date in West Texas, it's not unusual to be facing uncertainty about the level and condition of cotton plantings in the state. As the West Texas crop is not usually planted until May, there's still time for conditions to change."

Corn and sorghum are lacking adequate topsoil moisture for seed germination and deeper subsoil moisture to sustain crops that are up. Nearly all of the districts in Texas have more than 90 percent of the acreage topsoil moisture rated either short or

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By Ace Reid



"I jist gotta new diet. My doctor put me on fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes and pie...said he wanted me to die happy!"

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January was yesterday at about eight-tenths," Dennis said. "We had 8 inches of rain in a two-day period in September, which was enough moisture to get our oats up for grazing. But we didn't have another good rain until Christmas Eve."

Then there were small rains near the end of January, which they have "been pretty much living on" until the re-

and the storms also brought high winds and above-average temperatures. High wildfire danger was ongoing. Irrigators were actively watering, trying to keep up with crop-water demands. High winds made it difficult for producers to irrigate newly planted crops. Cotton and peanut planting was in progress. Rangeland was mostly in very poor condition. Cattle were reported to be in good to fair condition with continued supplemental feeding. There were reports of wheat-streak mosaic in some irrigated wheat. Rolling Plains: A few counties in the eastern part of the district received from 0.75 inch to 4 inches of rain. The rest of the region remained dry, windy and under extremely high wildfire danger. Wildfires raged in King and Dickens counties on May 14 -15 and into the early week. Preliminary estimates were that more than 75,000 acres were lost. The wheat harvest was under way, with belownormal yields. Where possible, producers were still irrigating wheat to try to get it to fill out grain heads. Cotton producers were planting on irrigated acres, and some of the crop was already emerging. Dryland cotton farmers were waiting on rain to plant. Pastures were in poor condition, and hay supplies were short. Some producers were considering selling more cows because of the lack of grass and cost of hay. Stockwater tanks and lakes were very low. In Parker County, most of the pecan crop looked good. Growers began spraying for pecan-nut case bearer. South Plains: During most of the last week, the region had low humidity and high winds, with gusts of around 40 mph. Scattered light rains - from a trace to 0.2 inches - fell in most areas, with a few isolated areas receiving as much as 1 inch. Temperatures ranged from lows in the 40s to highs in the 90s. Some producers were planting on irrigated acres, but most were waiting as late as possible to begin planting in hopes of rain. Most counties were still under burn bans mained extremely high. Field conditions were so dry that it was common to damage tillage equipment during field preparations. Rangeland and pastures were also dry and needed rain for new growth. About 80 percent of the winter wheat crop was declared a loss. Corn appears to be somewhat affected by the cool nights, and cotton that was already planted had yet to emerge. Some of the nonemerged cotton was planted two weeks ago. Stock-water depletion was becoming an



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2010 through May. Those losses include increased feeding costs and lost value of wheat pasture grazing, Anderson said.

"Texas is the largest beef cow producing state in the U.S. with more than 5 million head," Anderson said. "More than 90 percent of the state's beef cows are located in counties categorized as being in severe to exceptional drought."

The ongoing drought has forced ranchers to start feeding hay earlier in the season and to increase the amount fed due to lack of pasture growth, Anderson said.

"This increased feeding cost over normal levels is a direct economic impact on the livestock producers," he said. "The sudden severe onset of the drought has forced livestock producers to purchase even more hay, driving up prices sharply."

The drought has been so severe that many stock tanks that provide water for livestock have become "dangerously low or dry," Anderson said.

"This requires even higher costs to haul water daily to meet livestock needs," he said.

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor (http:// www.drought.unl.edu/dm/ monitor.html) indicates 100 percent of the state with at least abnormally dry conditions and 82 percent classified in extreme and exceptional drought.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, said much of the state has yet to plant spring row crops, and there is still time for weather patterns to change.

"However, for wheat, cotton and grain farmers in Central and South Texas who have planted or are facing final planting deadlines, and ranchers supplemental feeding on short pastures, each day without rainfall is costly," he said. Welch said assuming crop conditions of 2011 continue on their current track, this year's Texas wheat production is estimated to be 34 million bushels. "This would come off 25 percent of planted acres and an average yield of 24 bushels," he said. "High wheat prices in 2011 will offset some of the revenue lost to poor wheat yields for those farmers who still make a crop."

very short. Late-planted corn is suscepitble to mold infestation and aflatoxin contamination

(a fungus that affects corn). "The impact of high levels of aflatoxin range from discounts in price to the requirement to destroy the grain altogether," Welch said.

The following is a list of economic drought losses from 1998 through 2009 compiled by AgriLife Extension economists:

* 2009 – \$3.6 billion * 2008 - \$1.4 billion * 2006 – \$4.1 billion * 2002 – \$316 million

* 2000 – \$1.1 billion

* 1999 – \$223 million

* 1998 – \$2.4 billion

Texas crop, weather: Rains green things up, but come too late for small grains

Central Texas rains came too late for many small-grain crops, said Jared Ripple, Texas AgriLife Extension Service integrated pest management agent for Williamson County. Though this wheat looks good and golden, plants are stunted and stands thin. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Robert Burns)

COLLEGE STATION Rain came to many parts of the state, giving some relief to drought-stricken crops and pastures, and - temporarily at least - alleviating the danger of wildfire.

The consensus among Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel and farmers located where rain was received was that it came too late to save small-grain crops, and more rain will be needed soon for any substantial improvement in pasture and hay land. Parts of Central Texas received from a trace to 4 inches of rain on May 13. About 1 inch was more common, as was received at Davidson Brothers Farms, just east of Georgetown. The Davidson Brothers, Dennis and Buster, and son Dustin, raise stocker cattle and grow hay, as well as some corn and cotton. "Our biggest rain since

cent 0.9 inch rain, he said.

"Corn: It's deceiving if you" look at it. It's green, and if you don't know much about farming, you'll think it's alright," Dennis said. "But if you look at it right now, it's starting to tassle and it's not even waist high, so that's not going to make any grain. I don't even think it'll put an ear out."

Dennis said they'll probably either bale or ensile their corn. But because it won't likely make any grain, the silage will not be of any quality, and will mainly be a filler-feed.

Local wheat was in similar condition, said Jared Ripple, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Williamson County. The crop may look good and golden from the road, but plants are stunted and stands thin. The crop is apparently making grain, but yields will be well below average.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

North: Soil moisture was mostly in the adequate range with only a couple areas reporting shortages. After a terrible March, rain put things in much better shape. Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, pastures and hay land all benefited. Sunflowers were planted, and cotton planting was in progress. Rice was in very poor condition. The rain came a little too late to help small grains such as wheat and oats, and reports were that wheat was beyond repair. Some areas reported damage from high winds and hail. Wheat suffered quite a bit of as the danger of wildfire restorm damage in some areas. Also, wind and rain have hampered spraying operations for the past six weeks. Some farmers and ranchers began cutting and baling early season hay, and many were able to get the hay rolled before last week's rains. Overall, hay production remained slow, and some livestock producers were still feeding hay. Peaches looked good. Panhandle: A few counties got from a trace to slightly more than 1 inch of rain. In some areas, there was only enough rain to settle the dust, issue.

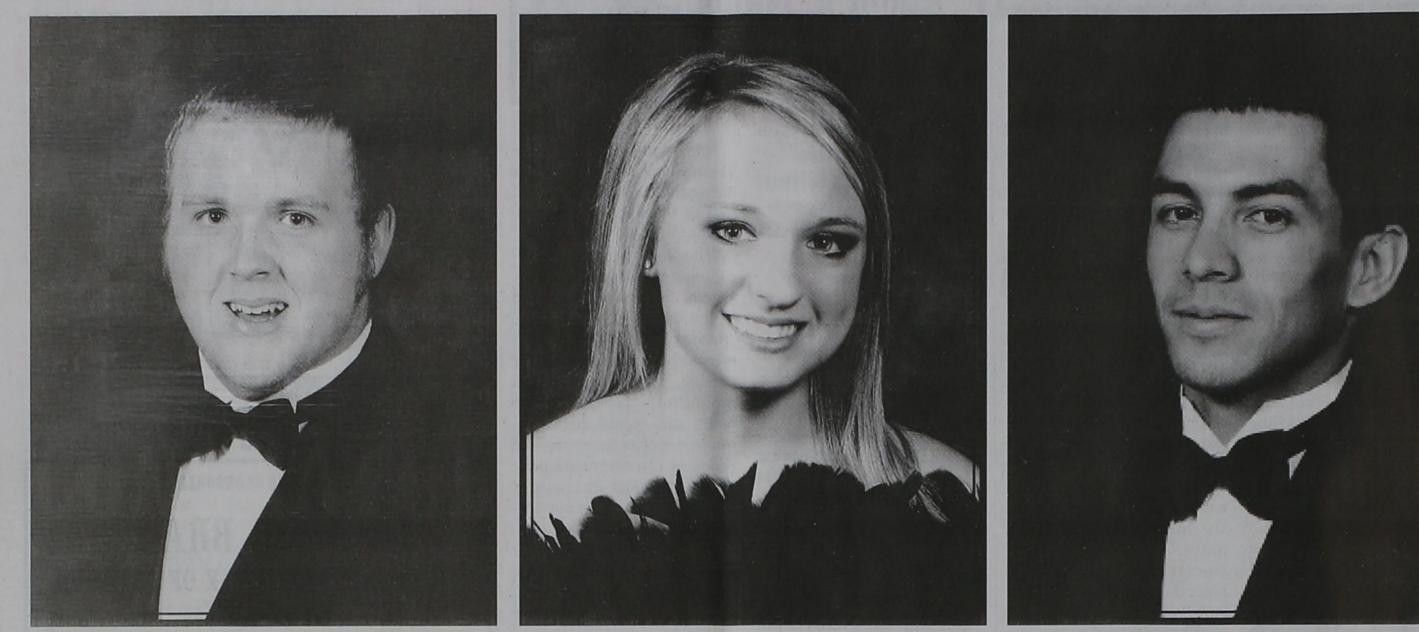
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Roy Dayne Butler Son of Royce and Kim Butler

High School Activities Football, Basketball, Track, Tennis, UIL, and FFA

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Canned Food Drive and Veterans Day Program Color Guard

> Post Graduation Plans I plan on attending college.

Career Goals Be a millionaire and if that doesn't work out, possibly an area in sports medicine.

Sybol Leanne Jameson Daughter of Jason Jameson, Samantha Jameson and Tim Ward and Lyndee Ward

High School Activities FFA, Golf, Track, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Student Council, Stock Show, and Class Officer

> Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Veterans Day Program, Canned Food Drives

Post Graduation Plans Accepted into Lubbock Christian University, Psychology major (although still mostly undecided).

Andrew Earl Martin Daughter of Randy and Leonor Martin

High School Activities Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, FFA

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Volunteer Fire Department, Community Clean Up

Post Graduation Plans Go to college to attend South Plains for Fire Academy

Career Goals

Most Influential Educator Coach Bigham and Mrs. G

Something Interesting About Yourself

I hate to shave but because of my active role as a leader in high school I must keep up a good appearance. At this time I am doing rehab so I might be able to play college football in the near future.

Career Goals I hope to go on and pursue something in the field of psychology possibly a psychiatrist.

> Most Influential Educator Mr. Taylor

Something Interesting About Yourself I love spending time with my classmates; we've always been close, almost like a family, and it'll definitely be tough next year without most of them around. Thanks guys for helping me through the past 14 years!

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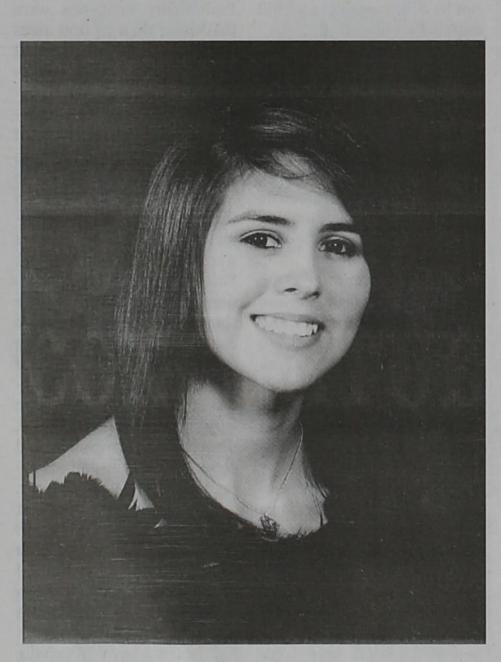
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Most Influential Educator Coach Bigham

Something Interesting About Yourself I am told I have a talent for working and supervising elementary age children in the classroom



Hailey Morgan Blanco Daughter of David and Kathy Blanco

High School Activities Cross Country, basketball, track, tennis, golf, cheerleading

> Post Graduation Plans To attend Childress Nursing School

Graduates



Alyx Nicole Smith Daughter of Pat Smith & Vickie Tiner

High School Activities Cross country, Basketball, Golf, Track, Cheerleading

> Post Graduation Plans Attend South Plains College

Career Goals Be a successful Registered Nurse

Most Influential Educator Mr. Taylor

Something Interesting About Yourself I enjoy spending time with family and friends.



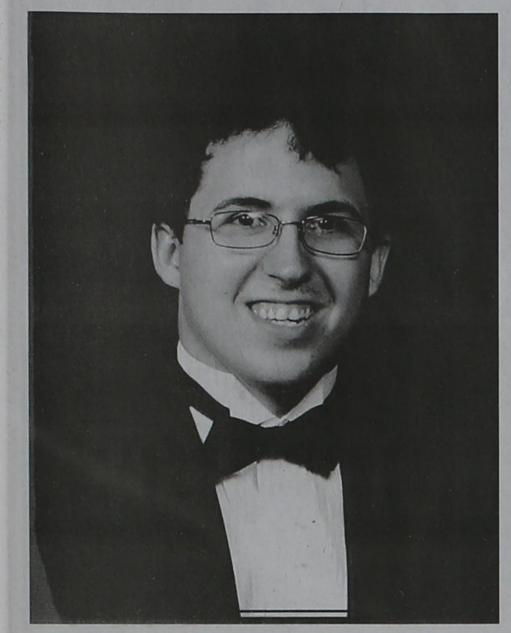
Career Goals **Physical Trainer**

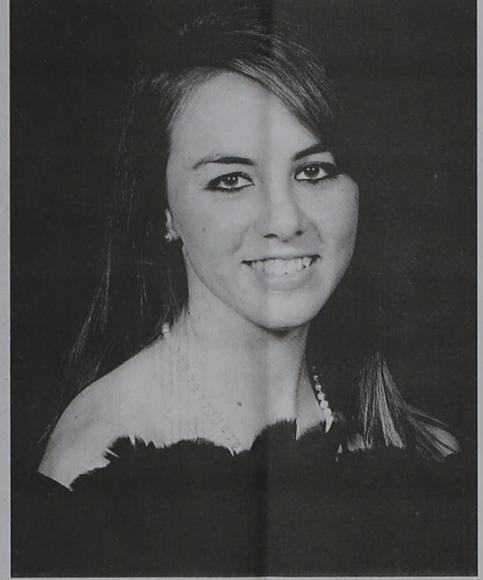
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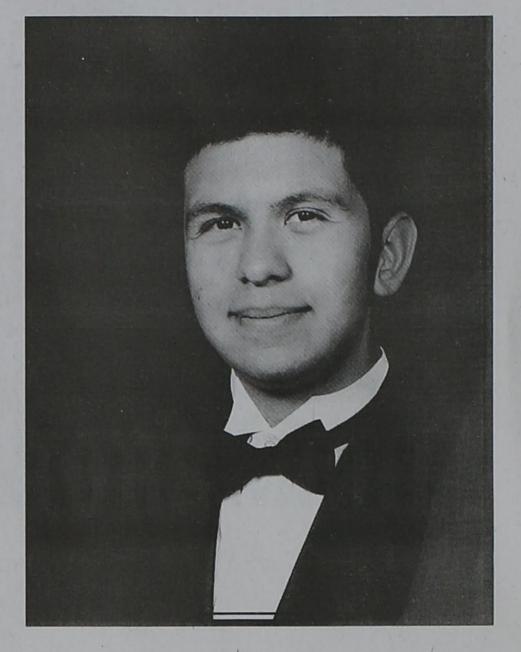
Something Interesting About Yourself I have one brother and three sisters whom are my favorite people in the world

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2011 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 2011







Ky Christopher Son of John and Mitzi Christopher

High School Activities Basketball (10, 11, 12), Track (9, 10, 11), FCCLA (9, 10, 11) Yearbook Staff (12)

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Participated in Can Food Drive, Veterans Day Program and Fall Carnival

Post Graduation Plans

Kyla Michelle Simpson Daughter of Terry and Tammy Simpson

High School Activities Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Golf, Cheerleading, NHS, Student Council

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Canned Food Drive, Susan G. Coleman Breast Cancer Drive, and Relay for Life

Post Graduation Plans

Feliciano Reyes Son of Feliciano Reyes Jr. and Eloisa Reyes Pacheco

> High School Activities Basketball, Baseball, Wrestling, FFA

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities custodian cleaning and assistant coach for special/needs people

Post Graduation Plans Going to College to get a degree in Criminal Justice

Will attend South Plains College.

Career Goals I plan to become a sport broadcaster.

> Most Influential Educator Ms. Jameson

Something Interesting About Yourself

I try to live my life in a way that others would see that I have good manners, a good personality, and that I respect others. I considered myself an expert in sport statistics. I would like to thank everyone for their support through my high school years. I plan to attend Lubbock Christian University where I will major in Sports Medicine.

> Career Goals Sports Medicine Doctor

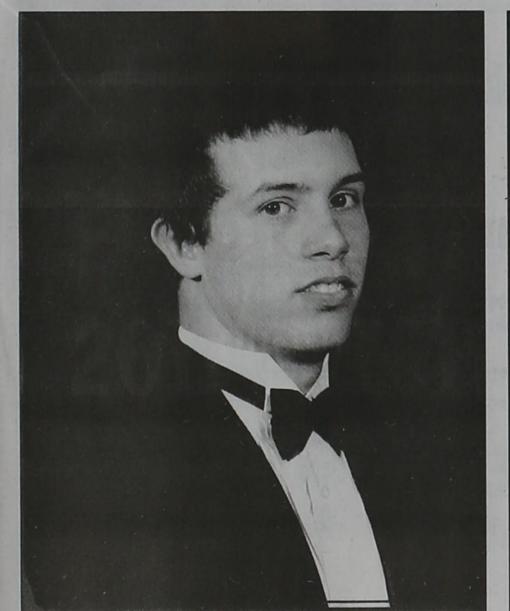
Most Influential Educator Mr. Cox and Mrs. Gillespie

Something Interesting About Yourself

I love spending time with my friends and family. High School has been a blast and I'm thinking about staying for a few more years. The thing that I will miss the most is Friday night football games, golf trips, and being with my classmates. Career Goals To join the Customs Agency

Most Influential Educator Mrs. Bingham and Mrs. Gillespie

Something Interesting About Yourself I enjoy both social and athletic events, and like to spend quality time with my friends and family.



Colby James McCleskey Son of James and Rhonda McCleskey

> High School Activities Football, Track, and FFA

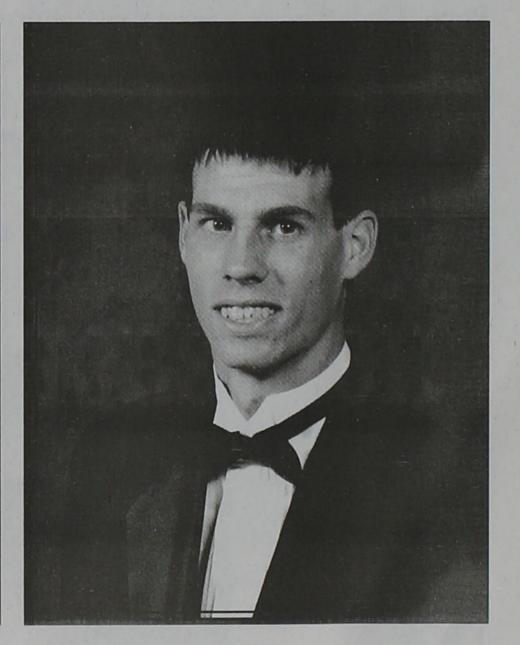
Post Graduation Plans Go to the RFO program at Clarendon College



Sarah Lauren Ferguson Daughter of Marty and Brenda Ferguson

High School Activities Student Council, 4-H, Class Officer, Basketball, Track, Cross-Country, FCCLA, Yearbook

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Veteran's Day Program, worked in concession stand, made baked



Cody Ryan Boyd Son of Nick and Rosanna Vargas

High School Activities Football, Basketball, Track FFA

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities Community Trash pick up

Career Goals

Most Influential Educator Mrs. G and Coach Bigham

Something Interesting About Yourself I've been working and breaking horses since the age of 12. goods for Lions Club, MCHS canned food drive

Post Graduation Plans Going to South Plains College, however I am undecided on what degree to go for.

Career Goals As of now I am thinking about becoming a preschool teacher.

> Most Influential Educator Mrs. Gillespie and Mr. Taylor

Post Graduation Plans Go to college attending South Plains College for welding

> Career Goals Get into a major welding job place

Most Influential Educator Mrs. Gillespie

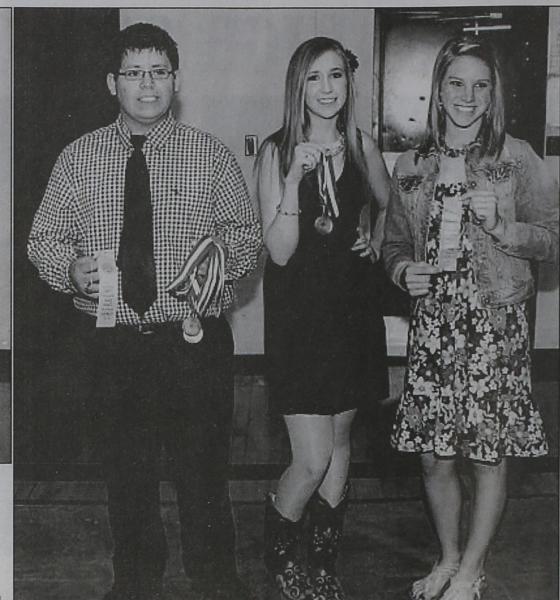
Something Interesting About Yourself I have a creative talent for welding and enjoy making BBQ pits.

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A Honor Roll Keyan Kautz, Kyla Simpson, Jaci Zingerman, Coby Cochran photo by Walter Taylor

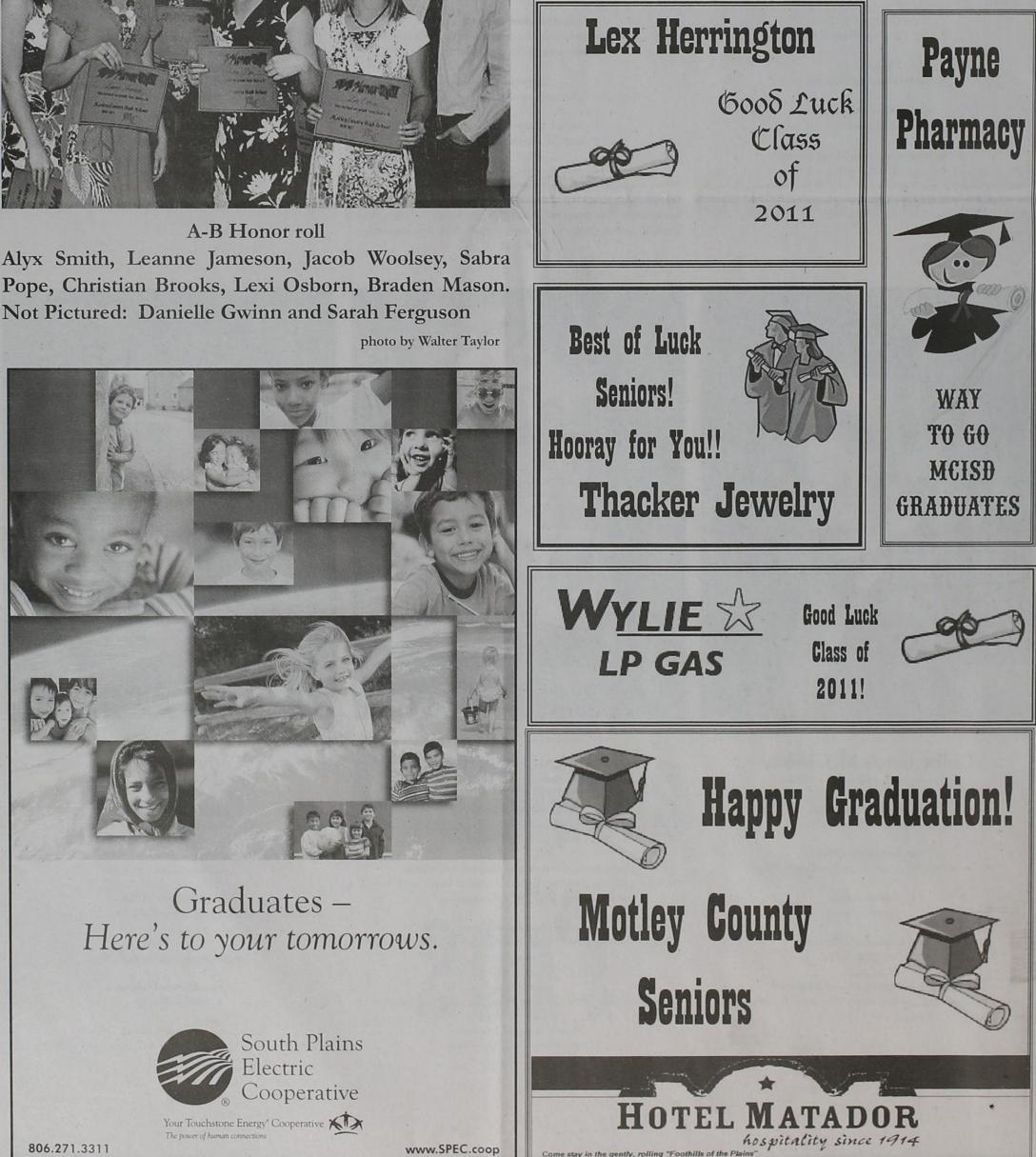


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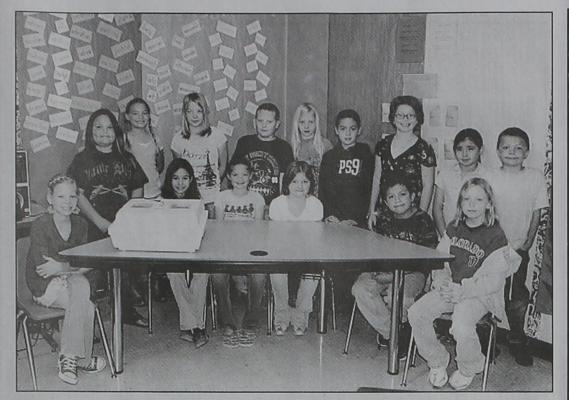
Keyan Kautz; Social Studies, 5th, Science 2nd, Biology 1st, Physics 1st. Ashley Allred; Lit Crit 3rd. Jaci Zingerman; Lit Crit 6th. photo by Walter Taylor



Alyx Smith, Leanne Jameson, Jacob Woolsey, Sabra Pope, Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn, Braden Mason.



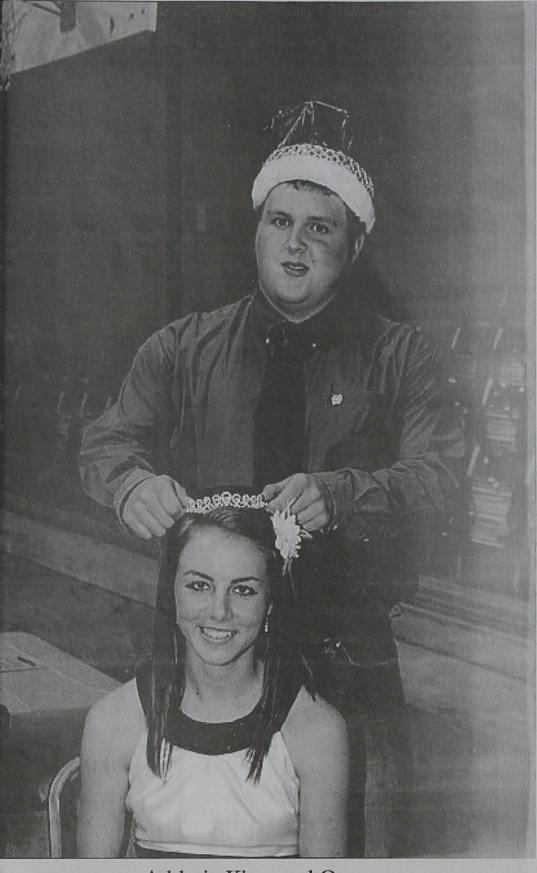
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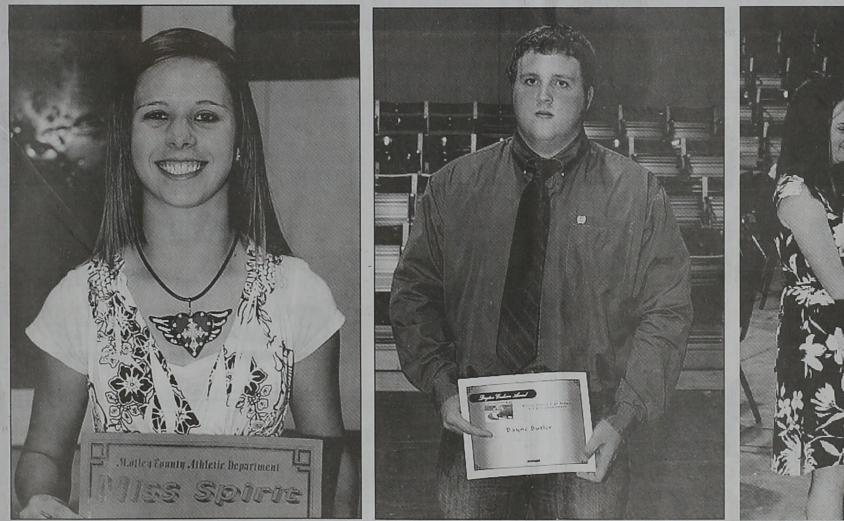
Mrs. Green's 3rd grade class with their 'hatching chickens' project.



On May 9th the 4th and 5th graders travelled to Spur for the annual electric safety field trip sponsored by South Plains Electric. The students rotated in 4 stations to learn about electrical safety. Afterwards student were treated to a delicious hamburger cook-out provided and cooked by South Plains Electric.



Athletic King and Queen Kyla Simpson and Dayne Butler





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Motley County Pre-k tours courthouse and historic Motley County Jail



On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, teacher Barbara Parks and sponsor Jamie Martin escorted the Motley County Pre-kindergarten class to downtown Matador for tours of the courthouse, the historic Motley County Jail, and the Motley County Museum. Pictured (L to R) are Jacelyn Perryman, Krystin Ferguson, Jolie Gressett, Nevaeh Martin, Jason Richards, Olivia Fowler, and Bryer Davis. Front row (L to R) are: Emory Rains, Bubba Quilimaco, Justin McCleskey, Brock Taylor, and Cade Martin.

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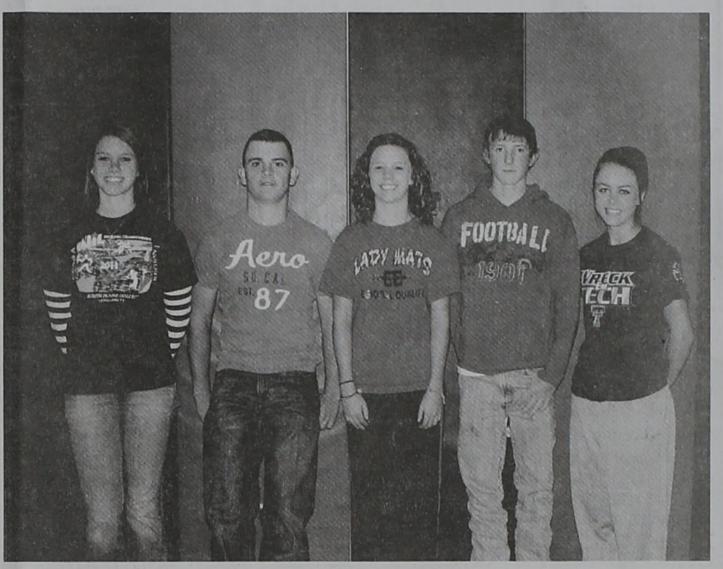
MC youth qualify for State 4-H Photography and District Photography

By D'anna Russell

The Motley 4-H Photography Club had 17 members this year from 3rd grade up to the 12th grade.

The Junior and Intermediate group which is the elementary and junior high group enjoyed two club meetings and a field trip to Quitaque where they went to Caprock State Park and to Dale and Dona Smith's Horse Ranch. They enjoyed taking pictures of the beautiful scenery and they enjoyed taking pictures of each other especially on the Smith's burro Judy. While returning home they enjoyed Mexican food at Galvan's in Turkey. Accompanying them on the trip were D'anna and Shane'a Russell, Shonda Elliott and Cathey Turner.

The Senior photo group had two club meetings and enjoyed a pizza party during lunch at school to go over the new rules and categories. All five participates have at least one picture that will compete at State Roundup this year in June.

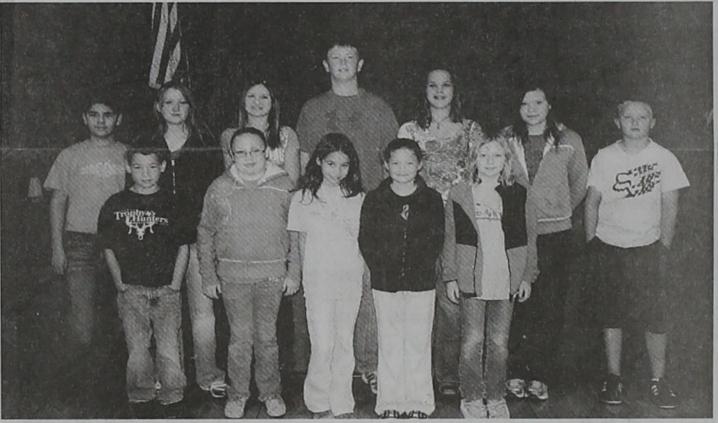


Sr. Picture Qualifying for State Roundup to be held at Texas A & M in June are pictured left

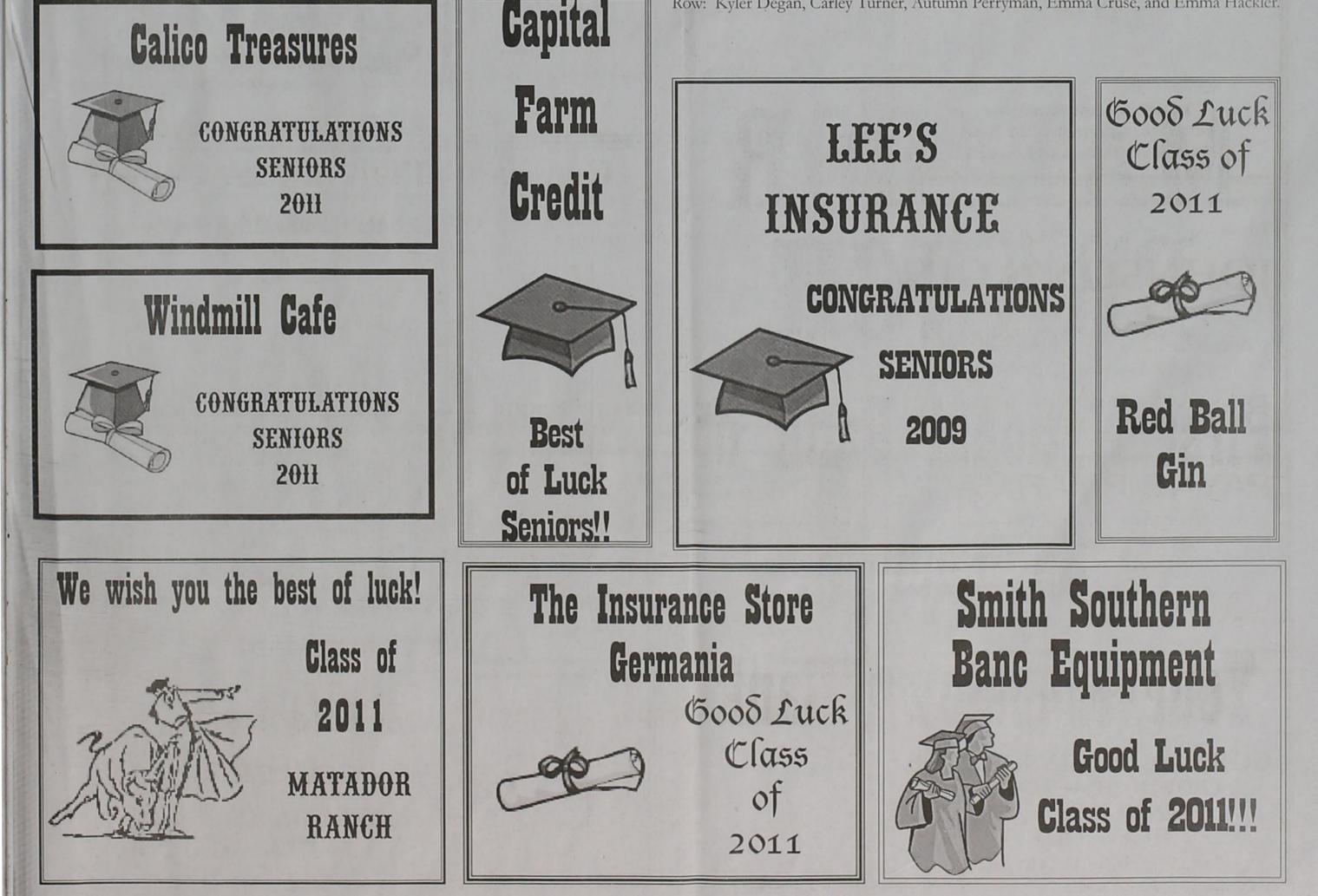


The Pre-kindergarten class toured of the historic jail, getting a behind-the-scenes look upstairs in the prisoner quarters. Pictured behind the bars (upfront) are Cade Martin, Justin McCleskey, Jolie Gressett, and Emory Rains.

to right: Jaci Zingerman, Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn, Reagan Elliott, and Kyla Simpson.



Qualifying for District Roundup in Photography were: Back Row: Grant Potts, Shelby Elliott, Kaylee Woolsey, Seth Baxter, Mattie Brooks, Cassidy Turner, and Bryson Elliott. Front Row: Kyler Degan, Carley Turner, Autumn Perryman, Emma Cruse, and Emma Hackler.



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