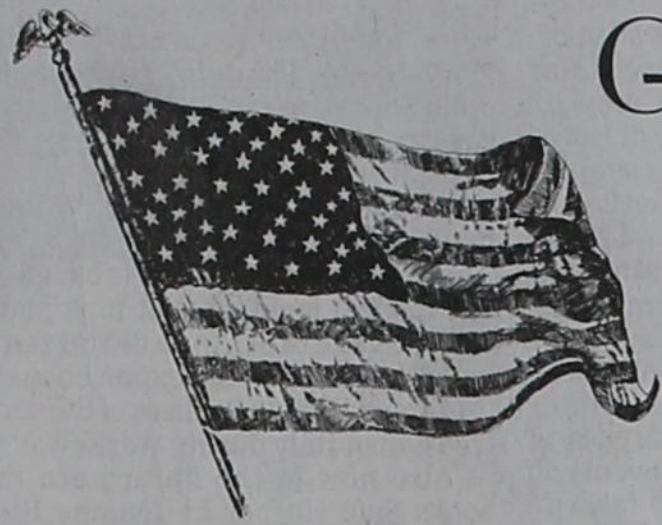


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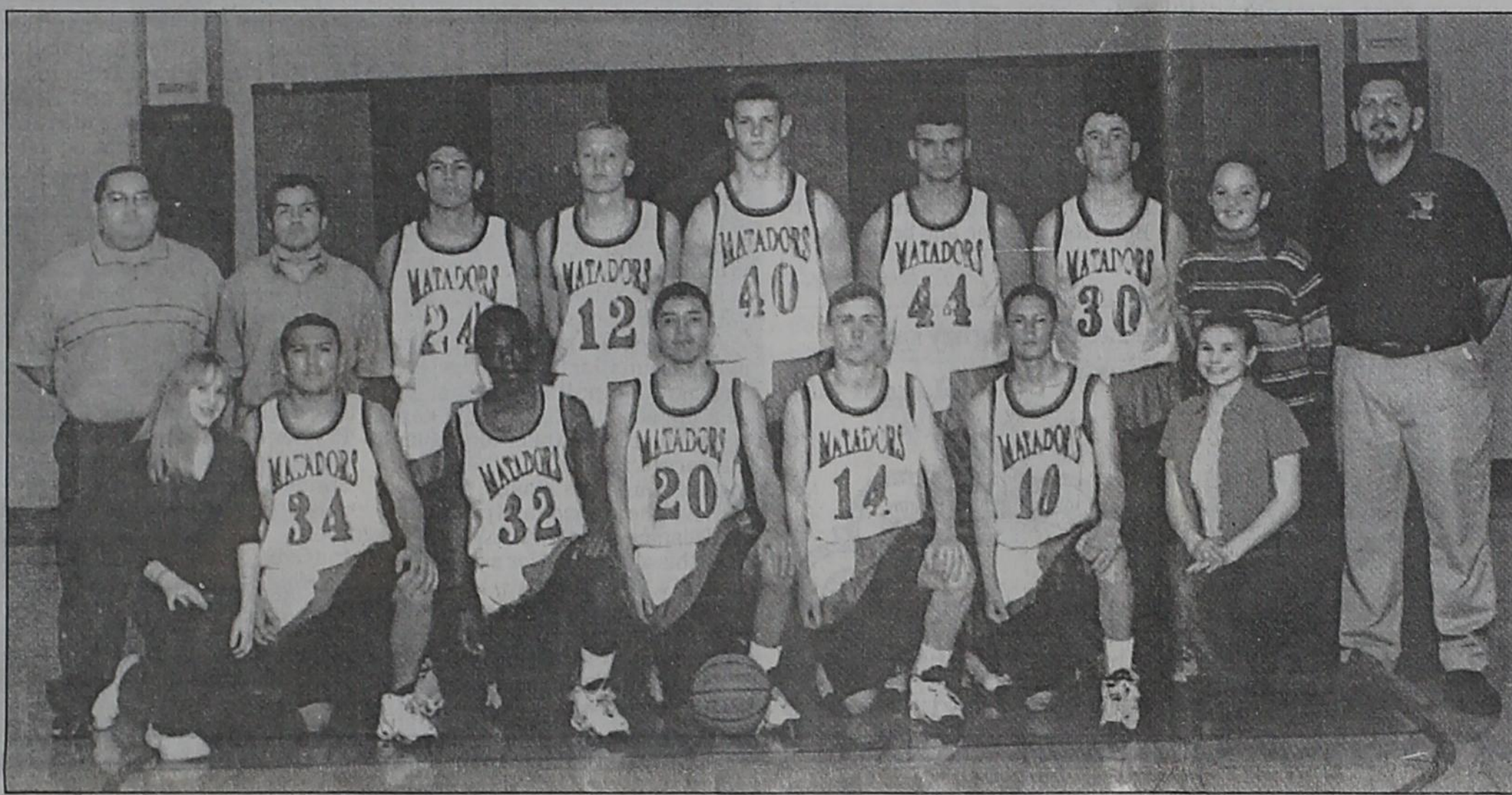


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ON THE WAY TO PLAY-OFFS — The Motley County Matadors defeated Patton Springs, 65-61, placing them in the second place spot in District. They will play Cotton Center for the Bi-District title, Monday, February 18, in Lubbock. Pictured above are (back left to right) Coach Sanchez, Jose Flores, Ysef Alvarado, Shawn Marvel, Clint Cooper, John Stevens, Amanda Hurt, Coach Elizondo; (front) Kittie Campbell, Frank Martinez, Seagram Sims, Tony Salazar, Brandon Moore, Matt Henzler, and Brenda Gillespie.

Matadors win close game against Patton for 2nd place spot in District Play-off game Monday

by Amanda Hurt

The Motley County Matadors headed to Patton Springs, Tuesday, February 5, for their last district game. The game was very exciting, especially the last few minutes. The Matadors played very hard and came up with the win, 65-61. Clint Cooper was lead scorer with 18 points; Brandon Moore wasn't far behind with 17; Tony Salazar, 14; Seagram Sims, 7; Brad Baxter and Shawn Marvel each put in 3; Mat Henzler, 2 and Frank Martinez had 1.

At the end of District play the Matadors' record is 6-2, giving them the second place spot, which puts them in the play-offs. They will play a practice game with Ropes, Friday night, at 9:00 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center on the LCU Campus in Lubbock. They will go against Cotton Center, Monday, Feb. 18, at 6:00 p.m., for the Bi-District title, also at the Rip Griffin Center.

The cost for this game will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. No district passes will be honored.

70 mile garage sale and website top priorities

The Texas Highway 70 Association met on February 7, 2002, in a regular meeting at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Members from Spur, Flomot, Matador and Roaring Springs discussed the 70 Mile Garage Sale slated from May 4-5, a Website design and a brochure being set up by the Motley County Tribune.

Darlene Fletcher sent examples of handmade signs that will be posted in the seventy mile stretch from Spur, Roaring Springs, Matador to Turkey. The Spur Security Bank donated the materials for the signs. A central location in each town will be designated for the flea market type affair, with individuals and businesses setting up booths for a small fee to defray advertising costs.

Ronnie Austin, assisted by Joe Parker, both of Spur, offered to design a Website, free of charge, to advise tourists of the attractions along Texas Highway 70. It was agreed to use the name texashwy70.com, register it for five years and use key words to point to the Website. A representative from

each town will provide text for the tourist attractions in his area.

Walt Stanley of Spur reported that to place brochures in a Texas State Visitors' Center they cannot contain advertising of specific businesses. Since businesses were sold on this idea of including their names on the brochures, the centers may not be an option for placement. A solution might be to print two brochures or print on with an insert containing the names of businesses. The organization's brochures are in the hands of the printer, the Motley County Tribune.

The possibility of a Texas Highway 70 Cattle Drive from Spur to Turkey was discussed. More research is needed to see if a road worthy herd can be obtained and if TxDOT and the law agencies will allow such an event.

J.N. Fletcher invited everyone to the Roaring Springs Volunteers Sweetheart dinner on Saturday night, Feb. 9, before the meeting was adjourned until March 7.

Determination and vision resulted in depot funding

by Marisue Potts

A small but determined group of Roaring Springs folks put together a winning package for the QA&P Depot in less than six weeks. The payoff for their hard work, vision, and determination came on January 31 when the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program awarded them just short of a million dollars to renovate the 89 year-old landmark.

The quest for funds to repair, restore, and open as a visitor's center the depot that started the townsite of Roaring Springs in 1913 and around which it was designed and built. The president of Quana, Acme & Pacific Railway, Samuel Lazarus, believed at that time that his unique and beautiful depot would be a model for others to follow in the railroad's continuing expansion plans from Quana, Texas.

The Roaring Springs depot was one of five depots selected in the state for funding, with awards ranging from \$473,000 to 1.5 million dollars. Although the program was touted as enhancement for small communities, the predominance of funds were awarded to metropolitan areas, for example, Houston for \$34 million.

So how did the good people of Roaring Springs pull off such a coup?

Their plan involved long-time supporters of the Depot, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker and Joyce Smith, a couple of relative newcomers, Alex Crowder and Ken Abbott, as well as Mayor pro-tem Corky Marshall. They also had practical advice from Dwayne Culpepper from the District TxDOT office in Childress and political clout from the office of Pete Laney, Speaker of the House from Hale Center.

Crowder brought to the group his years of experience gained as a Texas Tech education professor and a teacher of math and science, as well as an unbridled enthusiasm for the area. Abbott offered a lifetime of practical engineering experience gained from his association with Abbott & Sons in projects all over Texas. Marshall, who has covered the state selling salt, has real appreciation of this unique area and, by returning to Roaring Springs has come full circle from being reared there

and raising his family there. The Thacker clan provided the historical background that has come with a long association of caring for the site, a registered Texas State Historical landmark.

In addition to their expertise, the group had grit, born of determination and quiet optimism. When faced with a snowstorm blocking their way to the commission's hearing, they plunged headlong into menacing road conditions. When the windshield became iced over, Crowder leaned out the window and directed Thacker on how to stay in the ruts. An exhausting twelve hours and a few detours later, they arrived in Austin.

The next morning their target, to get to the 8:30 meeting by 6:45, was foiled by their lack of knowledge of the exact location. Even so, Crowder, registered as No. 52, ready to give the allowed three-minute talk to sell their plan. When the meeting started, however, representatives and congressmen were allowed to lobby for their districts for an unlimited amount of time. One delegate from San Antonio asked for equity since other major cities had received more funding.

This was not Crowder's first encounter with bureaucracy. He quickly summed up his chances and ditched his planned speech. "I decided I had to do something to be original," he said in a recent interview. What he

came up with might be described as selling small town America.

"There were several things they needed to know about us. We are in an economically depressed area, one of the poorest in the state, and our population is declining. Eighty percent of the people in Motley County are senior citizens or retired. They live off of rentals or Social Security. A thousand dollars to a millionaire might not be much, but a thousand to us is a lot."

"We, too, believe in equity. Not a single project from the Childress district has been funded," he answered in return to the lady from San Antonio.

"There were more people in the hallway coming in here than in the entire city of Roaring Springs, but look around, the people of Roaring Springs are here. They're here in spirit." Crowder had earlier been asked by various agencies if Roaring Springs was in Texas, so he took a map and pointed it out to the commissioners.

"I wanted them to know we are a unique little town, and we didn't want to become a ghost town like Clairmont." (Clairmont in Dickens County was once the county seat but is now marked by the deserted old sandstone jail and county courthouse building.) "We are going to go fighting and screaming all the way."

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Early voting begins February 25

Early voting for the March 12th Primary Election will begin February 25. Those wishing to cast their votes early may do so at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse.

Application for ballot by mail, started February 11 and will continue through March 8. Requests must be in writing and addressed to Lucretia Campbell, Motley County District Clerk, P.O. Box 660, Matador, Texas 79244. All ballots by mail must be in before the election to be counted.

Voters are reminded that they can only vote in one Primary for this election, the Democratic or the Republican. They cannot vote in both. Both parties will be listed on the ballot for the General Election in November.

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct 1, Democratic - Motley County old grade school building, Matador.

Republican - Luther Green residence at 1307 Main St. Matador.

Precinct 2, Democratic - Flomot Community building

Republican, Flomot Gin Office.

Precinct 3, Democratic - Northfield Church.

Republican - Northfield Church.

Precinct 4, Democratic - Roaring Springs Community Building.

Republican, Same location.

Precinct 5, Democratic - Catholic Church Parish Hall, Matador.

Republican - Old Texaco Station on Hwy. 70.

Precinct 6, Democratic - Motley County Courthouse.

Republican - Luther Green residence at 1307 Main St., Matador.

Motley County candidates for the Primary election are as follows:

County Judge, Ed D. Smith, Rep., and Gale Stafford, Rep.

Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, Dem.

Motley County and District Clerk, Kate Hurt, Dem.

County Treasurer, Eva Barkley, Rep.

Commissioner, Prec. 4, J.N. Fletcher, Dem.; Timmy Brooks, Dem.; Russell Alexander, Dem.

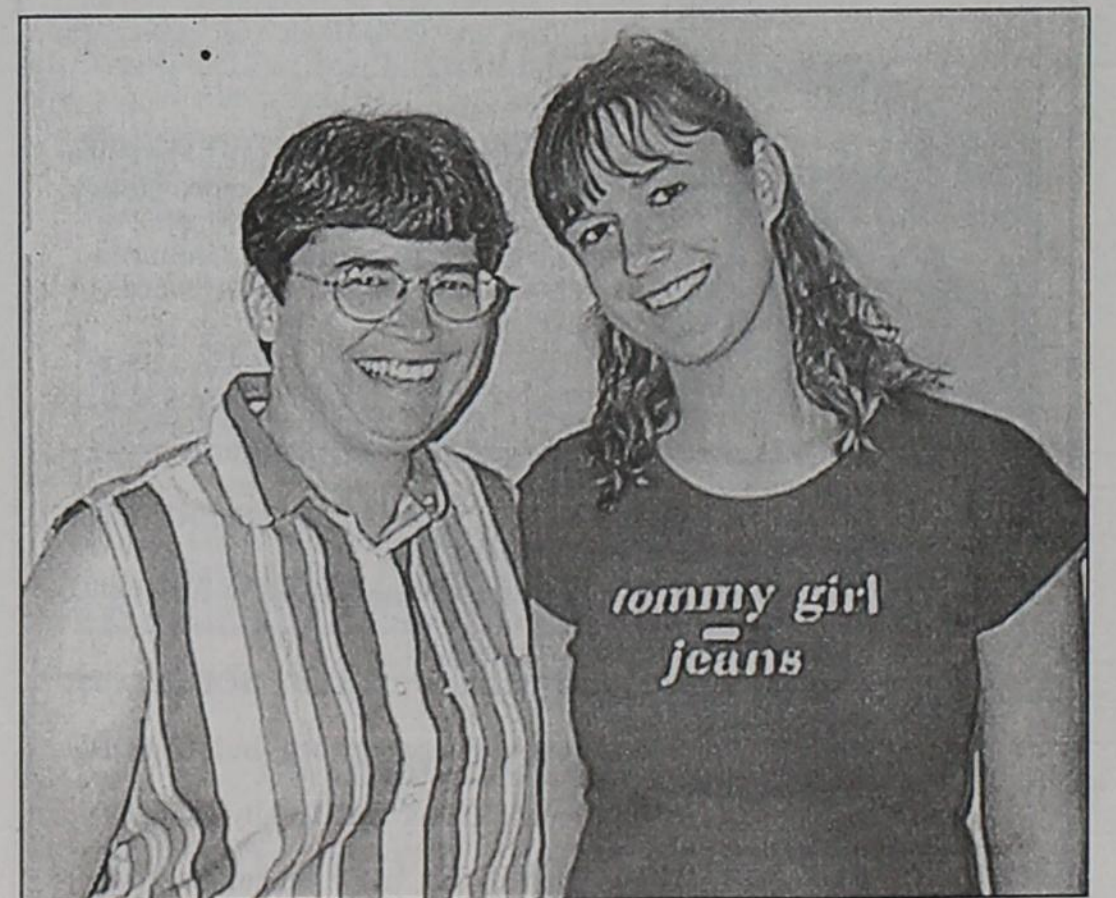
Commissioner, Prec. 2, Donnie Turner, Dem.; Bobby Fletcher, Rep.

Talent Show, Cake Auction set for Feb. 28

The Motley County Jr. Class will sponsor their annual Talent Show and Cake Auction, Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. There will be three age divisions in the Talent Show, Pre K - 3rd grade; 4th - 6th grades; and 7th - 12th grades.

Home baked cakes will be auctioned off during the show as a fund raiser for the class.

Admission is \$1.00.



Mother & Daughter of the Year

Ginger and Mylinda Gilmore were named Mother and Daughter of the Year at the Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet held at the School, Monday night. Mylinda is a senior at Motley County High School. The Banquet is sponsored annually by the Eternas Study Club.



Happy Valentine's Day! And Happy Birthday to my little sister, Sherry! I'll have to admit when we were children, I was just a little jealous that she always got a heart shaped cake. But she's a sweetheart so I guess she deserved it, and still does.

My space is very limited this week, but I want to thank everyone who submitted pictures for our special Valentine brag pages. Be sure to check out those pages, there are some real cuties.

On Valentine's Day - the day of

love - what a better time to think of the wonderful love of God. There is no greater love. And when we really stop and think on His love, it's awesome just how much He really does love us, and how He shows us His love everyday!

I hope you have a day filled with love today, and really feel the powerful love of God.

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. We love him, because he first loved us." I John 4: 16, 19

A Note of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who sent me those nice birthday cards on my 90th birthday.

Bertha Moore

We would like to thank everyone, especially for their prayers, for the visits, the wonderful food, the flowers, the sympathy cards, donations to the cemetery fund and library, and for every kind word said about Daddy. It will always be remembered how you ministered to us in our loss and in our sorrow.

The Alfred Barton Jr. family

Dear Lady Mats fans,

The 2001-2002 Lady Matadors Basketball team would like to express our gratitude for your unending support throughout this season. Without your support, the season would not have been as meaningful as it was. We would also like to thank all of you who were at the send-off Friday evening. Thank you very much for everything.

Sincerely,
The Lady Mats

To our friends throughout our lifetime:

The outpouring of your love and friendship toward us made saying "good-bye" to our mother a precious memory in our lives. You have touched our hearts in many thoughtful ways we will treasure for always. May God bless you as sweetly as you have blessed us.

The family of Jessie Lee Archer Lancaster
Joe H. Lancaster
Jay and Palma Smiley
Mike and Debby Ausmus

"Thank You" to all the wonderful people of Matador for the many expressions of sympathy to me and my family at the death of my son, Bert Landrum. We appreciate all your kindness. A special thanks to Michael Crowley for the beautiful and comforting eulogy and to Pat Seigler for his excellent services. Matador is a town of caring and loving people.

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1. ANGER is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
2. You can't change the PAST, but you can ruin the PRESENT by worrying over the FUTURE.
3. EVERYONE needs to be LOVED ... especially when they do not deserve it.
4. LAUGHTER is God's sunshine.
5. THANK GOD for what you have ... TRUST GOD for what you need.
6. Man LOOKS AT THE outward appearance - but the LORD looks WITHIN.
7. The CHOICES you make TODAY will usually affect TOMORROW.
8. If anyone speaks BADLY of you, LIVE so none will believe it.
9. Do WHAT you can - for WHO you can - with WHAT you have - and WHERE you are.

Find something here you can use, and use it. Remember that we only go through life once, so let's make the best of it. Here's to a better life....

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Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am

Lifestyles

Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey



Mrs. Betty Henry taught Motley County Arts & Crafts Club how to paint on rice paper, Monday, February 4, at the Senior Citizens center.

The subject was a lovely hibiscus to be painted with oil on rice paper. The subject was interesting in its beautiful detail and once was called the "China Rose."

Club members that enjoy painting were anxious to start working. All the pictures were very good and pleasing to see.

Club president Joy Archer conducted a brief business meeting at 8:30.

The members joined the Senior Citizens for lunch and enjoyed chicken fried steak, gravy, baked potato, green beans, apricots and cook-

ies. Mrs. Shirley Smith brought mats from Calico Treasures in Matador. They made the hibiscus very outstanding.

Members present were Joy Archer, Nan Lumpkins, Billie Koon, Donald Litkeman, Joyce Meredith, Kathryn Russell, Linda Ruhl, Shirley Smith, Betty Simpson, Nova Dale Turner, Mrs. Henry and Winifred Darsey.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Henry for the interesting lesson. Some of her paintings are on display at the Motley County Library.

The program for March is going to be a surprise. It will be taught by Billie Koon. Come and be surprised.

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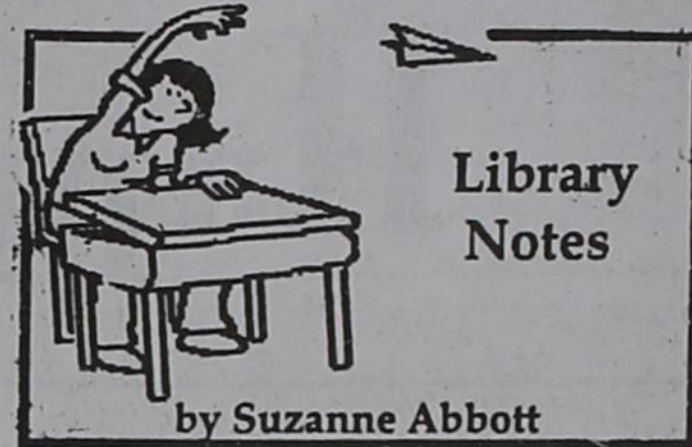
Boxed & Individual Valentine's Cards

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Stuffed Animals and other Gift items

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Matador Variety



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the memorial donations that the library received this week. We thank Lucretia Campbell for her donation in memory of Lewis Armstrong. We also thank Gale and Lindy Stafford for their donations in memory of Glynard Moore and Alfred Barton. We thank Virgie Bannister for her donation in memory of Glynard Moore.

The Friends of the Library met Tuesday and planned an Elmer Kelton Extravaganza for March 26 at 7:00 PM. in the library. This event will be a discussion of all your favorite Elmer Kelton books. We have an Elmer Kelton display at the library. Come in and check out an old favorite or read a new Kelton. Plan to attend the Kelton Extravaganza and tell us which is your favorite book.

New books in the library include several novels by some first time or little known writers. These books in-

clude *Coffins* by Rodman Philbrick, *Deep in the Shade of Paradise* by John Dufresne, *No Place Like Home* by Barbara Samuel and *Our Yanks* by Margaret Mayhew.

Also new to the library is a novel by James McBride, *Miracle at St. Anna*. This work of fiction is based on a historical incident that took place in the village of St. Anna di Stazzema in Tuscany and on the experiences of the famed Buffalo Soldiers of the 92nd Division in Italy during World War II.

Also new in the library are the books *Safe Harbor* by Luanne Rice and *Dream Factory* by Janet Leigh. A work of nonfiction is *Immediate Fiction A Complete Writing Course* by Jerry Cleaver. The course teaches story crafts, self editing and self coaching, getting into print and other aspects of writing. All of you who aspire to be published authors might like to read this book.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I want to bring everyone up to date on the Frank Mitchell Veterans' Memorial. Because of the weather, the holidays and then the "man with the plan," Kenneth Abbott had open-heart surgery; we haven't done much in December and January. Kenneth is doing really well and will be able to come out and show the volunteers how and what to do next. We plan to get back to work soon.

We lack some cement work, ditching and running electrical lines and lighting; putting another flag pole up; cleaning the granite name slates to prepare them for staining the carved names; and then inserting them into the stands. Then we will level the grounds and put in some landscaping and flowers. We plan to have this all finished for a dedication on July 4, 2002.

In the last couple of months we have received donations from Virgie Bannister in memory of Buck Marshall, Cotton Marshall, and Sam

Bannister. Phyllis Marshall sent a memorial for Alton Marshall and Harriet Marshall. Ed D. Smith, Bob York, R.A. Birchfield, and Rosalyn Mitchell Work, the sister of Frank N. Mitchell, have also sent donations. We have received 78 donations since the Lions Club took this as a project.

Again, I want to thank those who have donated. Without your help this could not have been completed.

If you haven't sent a memorial for your family or just want to honor our veterans you may still make a donation for this project to Roaring Springs Lions Club. Send it to the Lions Club, c/o Kelly Keltz, Secretary, P.O. Box 83, or to me, Corky Marshall, President, P.O. Box 307, Roaring Springs, TX 79256. My phone number is 806-348-7000 and my e-mail address is corkymon@caprockspur.com. Make plans now to be in Roaring Springs for the dedication.

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Corky Marshall

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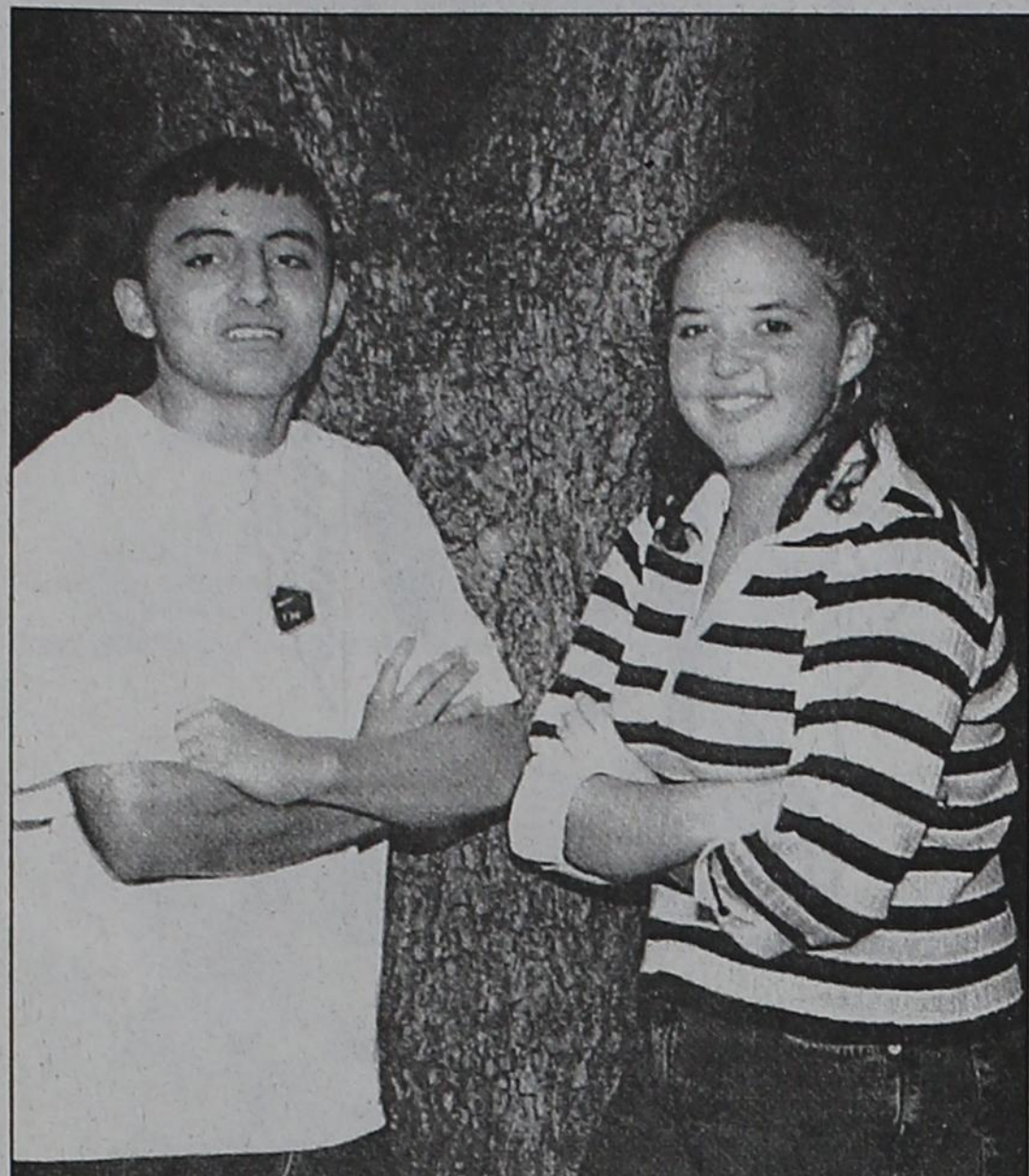


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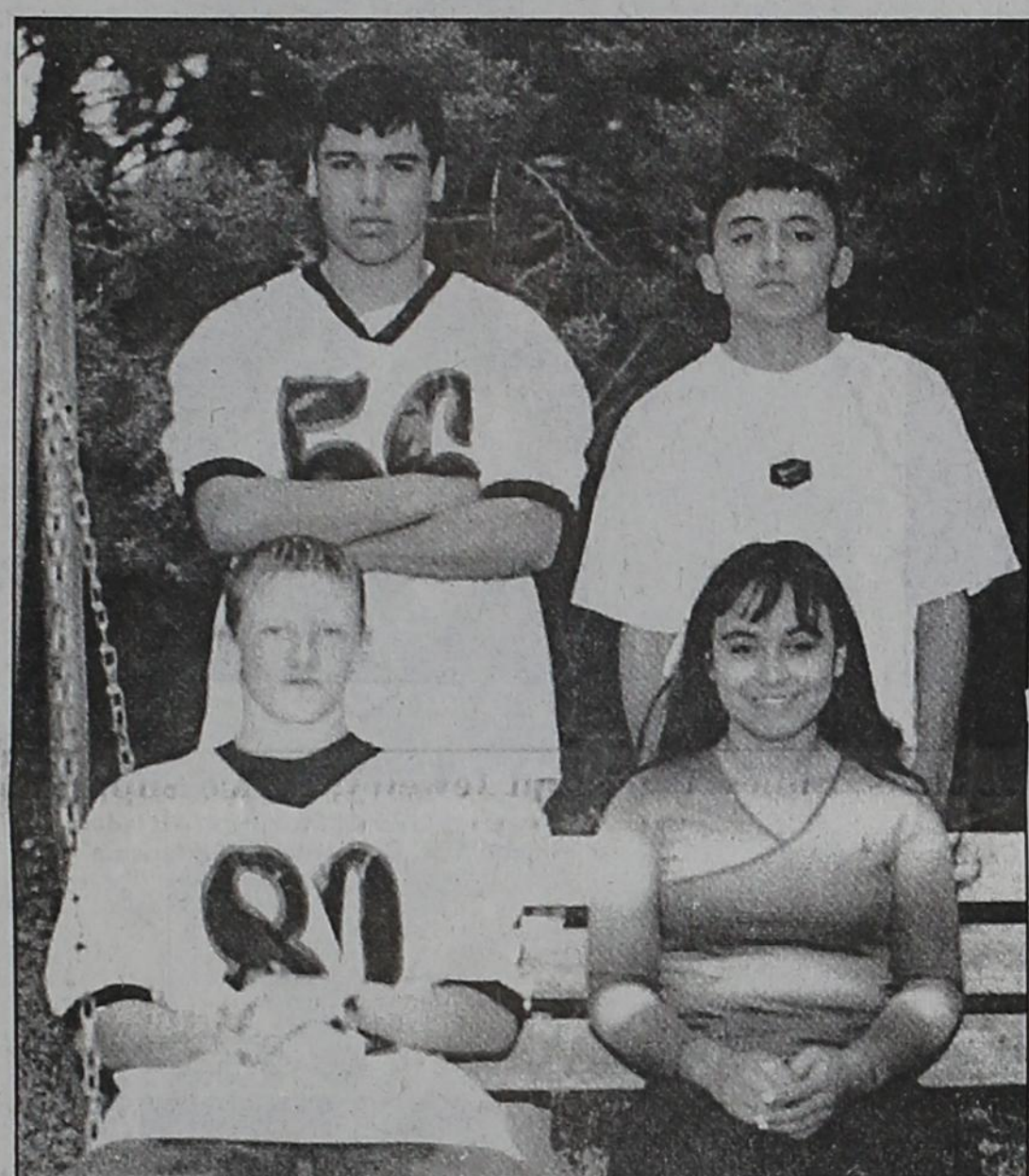
Motley County School News



SPORTS



SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES — Lorenzo Salazar and Amanda Hurt.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Seated left to right, Quinten Rose, Vice-President; Susanna Mendoza, President; (standing) Brandon Martin, Reporter; and Lorenzo Salazar, Secretary-Treasurer.

Kayla Copp exhibits steer at Southwestern Exposition Show

Kayla Copp showed her 1020 pound European Cross steer at the Southwestern Exposition Livestock Show and Rodeo recently at Fort Worth. Her steer placed 12th in the first class of European crosses from a total of 85 in the class. Her next show will be at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, February 12-16.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Macho Nachos, Salad, Refried Beans, Salsa, Peaches, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecue, Creamed potatoes, Pinto Beans, Pickle, Onion, Cake, Strawberries, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Milk.
Lunch: Chili/Hot Dog, Fries, Pickle Spear, Cookie, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nugget, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Salsa, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Key Lime Pie, Milk.

What's Up?

Monday, February 18: President's Day.

Tuesday, February 19: TAAS Exit.

TAAS, 4th & 8th ASVAB, Jr.'s Girls' Regional Basketball Boys' Bi-District Basketball.

Wednesday, February 20: TAAS Exit.

Thursday, February 21: TAAS Exit.

Houston Stock Show.

Friday, February 22: Houston Stock Show.

Senior Pizza Party Girls' Semi-State Basketball Boys' Area Basketball.

Saturday, February 23: Houston Stock Show.

Powerlifting at Floydada Girls' Semi-State Basketball.

Sunday, February 24: Houston Stock Show.

Monday, February 25: Houston Stock Show.

Girls' Golf at Wellington.

Tuesday, February 26: Houston Stock Show.

Boys' Golf at Wellington.

Boys' Regional Basketball.

Wednesday, February 27: Houston Stock Show.

Thursday, February 28: Houston Stock Show.

Jr. Class Talent Show at 7:00 p.m. Girls' State Basketball.



LADY MATADORS — Varsity girls, pictured at back, left to right, Coach Sanchez, Brittany Moore, Brittany Moore, Mandi Ream, Lisa Perryman, Coach Bowles; (front) Amanda Hurt, Kelsi Wallace, Brittany Donaldson, Chasity Holman, Courtney Hays, Cassie Campbell.



JV GIRLS — Pictured left to right, (back) Coach Sanchez, Cassie Campbell, Charli Ream, Stachia Baxter, Sierra Atherton, Annie Green, Coach Bowles; (front) Suzanna Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Krystal Garcia, Emily Hurt, Amanda Hurt.

Lady Matadors fall short to Spurettes to end season

by Amanda Hurt

The Lady Mats fell short to the Spurettes, Friday, January 8, in a play-off game to determine which team would compete for Bi-District. The final score of the game was 61-42.

Leading in scoring was Chasity Holman with 18 points. Brittany

Donaldson put in 8; Brittany Moore (Fr.) 7; Lisa Perryman, 5; Courtney Hays and Brittany Moore (Jr.) each had 2.

The Lady Mats finished the season with a 14-11 record and as the 3rd place team in district. Congratulations on a great season. Good luck to the three senior girls.



Managers - Brenda Gillespie, Amanda Hurt, and Cassie Campbell.

Two Matadors compete at Petersburg Powerlifting meet

by Amanda Hurt

Jesse Blanton and Bo Long participated in a powerlifting meet at Petersburg, Saturday, February 9.

Jesse competed in the 181 lb. weight class. His squat total was 242 lbs.; bench, 155 lbs.; dead lift, 325 lbs., which gave him a total of 727 lbs. for

his first meet. Bo competed in the 165 lb. weight class. His totals for squat was 300 lbs.; bench, 195 lbs., dead lift, 354. That gave him a total of 865 lbs. for his first meet. Good job guys!

The next meet will be held Saturday, February 16, at Clarendon.

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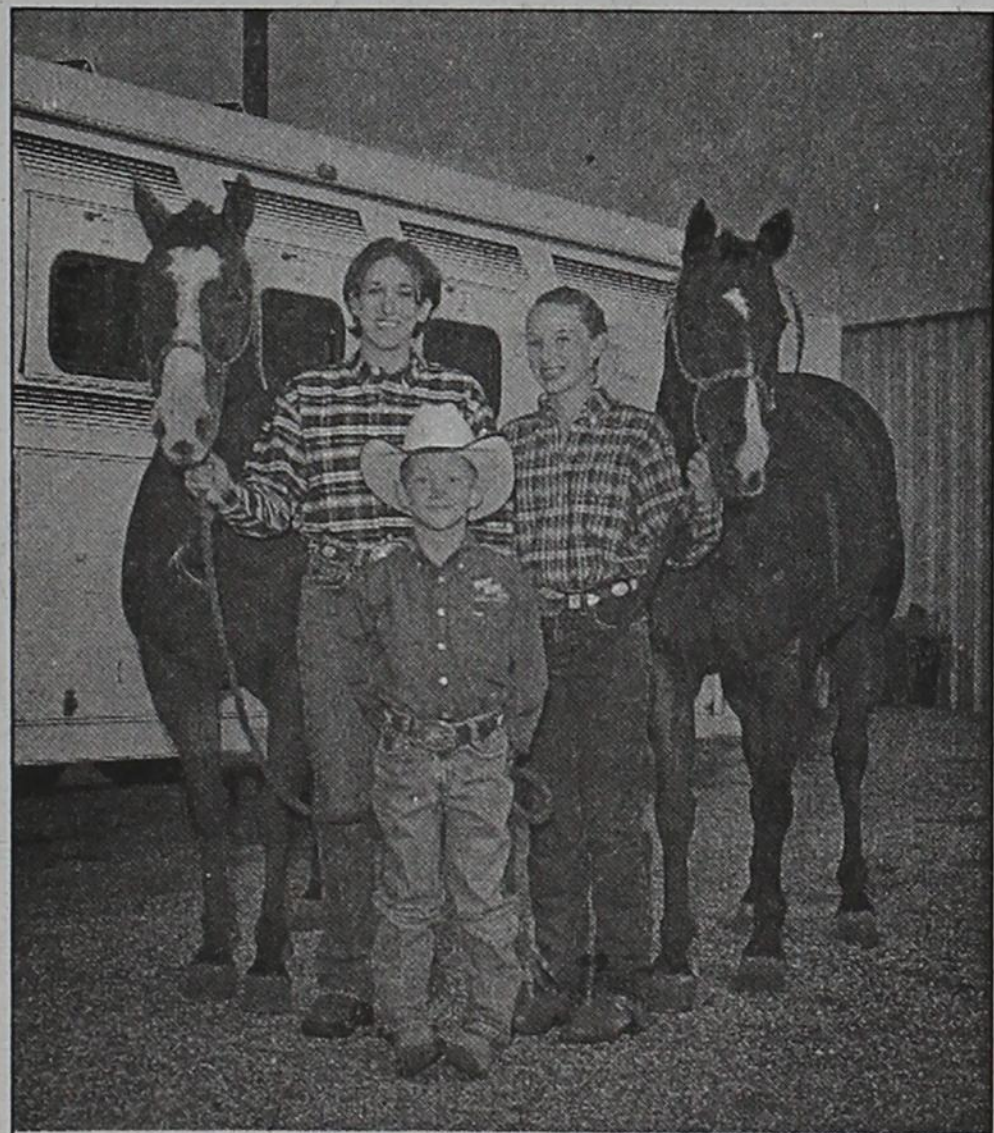
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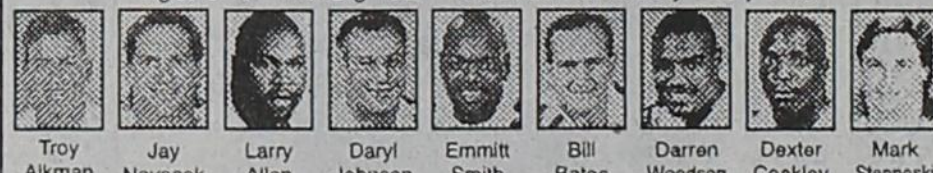
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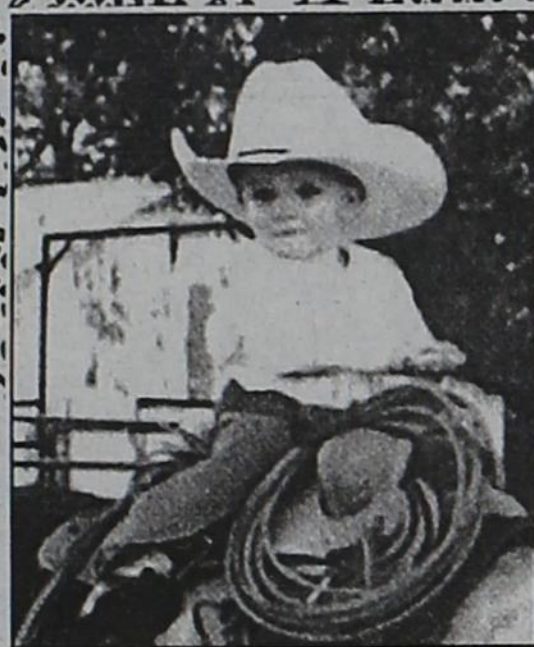
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 and Ben & Irene Blount of Paducah
 Great-granddaughter of Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton,
 Georgia Ann Rekieta of Paducah, and
 Donald Blount of Paducah



MORGAN ANNE JONES
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 Granddaughter of Jim & Carla Meador
 and Travis & Lou Anne Jameson of Matador,
 and Jon & Cris Jones of Fremont, CA
 Great-granddaughter of Joe & Joyce Meredith
 of Roaring Springs, Marian Jones of Watsonville, CA,
 Marion Woodruff of Matador, the late Glenn Woodruff,
 Dorothy Nichols of Northfield and Dena Meador of Matador



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 Newell & Toni Rankin of Miami, and
 Vicki Rankin of Amarillo
 Great-grandson of Omar Parks of Roaring Springs,
 Maxine Pickens of Spur,
 Rudolf & Fern Rankin of Miami,
 and Rex & Betty Yoder of Amarillo



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 Granddaughter of Bobby & Jeanne Williams of Matador,
 and Sonny & Kathy Barnes of Eula
 Great-granddaughter of Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs,
 and Bertha Walker of Clyde



MATTHEW MEADOR
 Son of John and Pam Meador of Gatesville
 Grandson of Dena Meador of Matador
 and Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Woody of Oklahoma



MAHANNA MEADOR
 Daughter of John and Pam Meador of Gatesville
 Granddaughter of Dena Meador of Matador
 and Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Woody of Oklahoma



CONNOR STAFFORD
 Son of Wesley & Tammi Stafford
 Grandson of Lindy and Gale Stafford of Matador,
 Pat & Tommy Rice of Crosbyton,
 and Fred Edwards of Amarillo



COLLIN STAFFORD
 Son of Wesley & Tammi Stafford
 Grandson of Lindy and Gale Stafford of Matador,
 Pat & Tommy Rice of Crosbyton,
 and Fred Edwards of Amarillo



CAMERON STAFFORD
 Son of David & Cynthia Stafford of Matador
 Grandson of Gale & Lindy Stafford of Matador
 and John & Ginger Jones of Lubbock



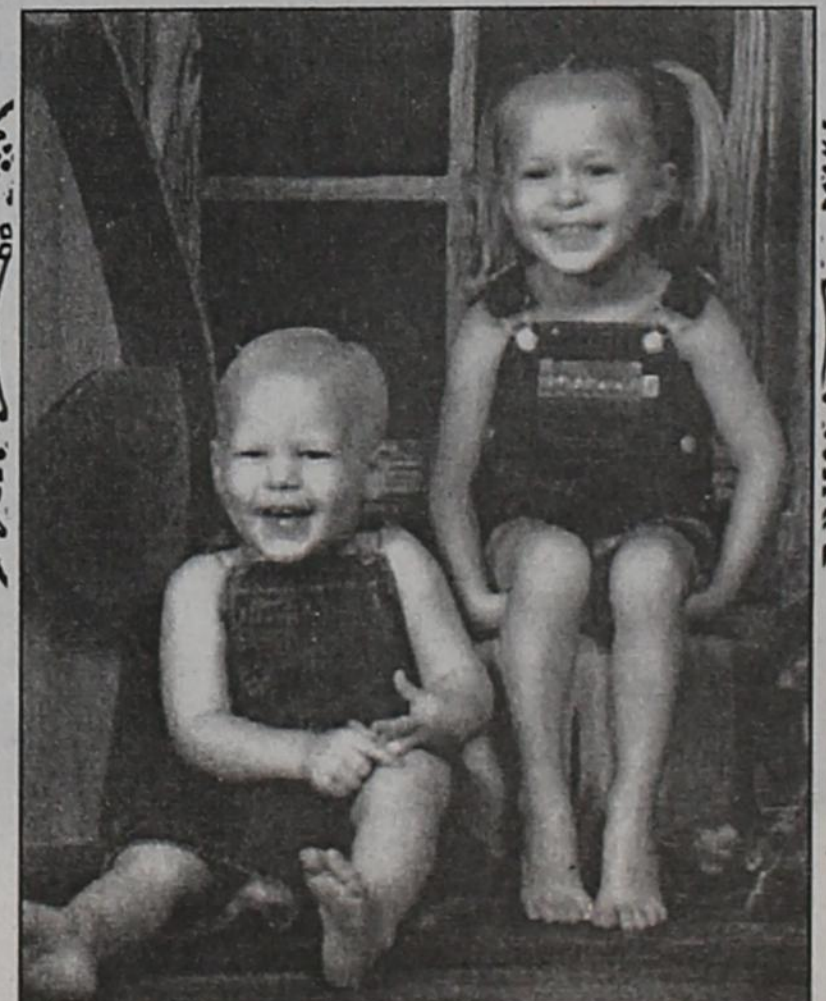
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 and nephew of Cassie & Kittie Campbell



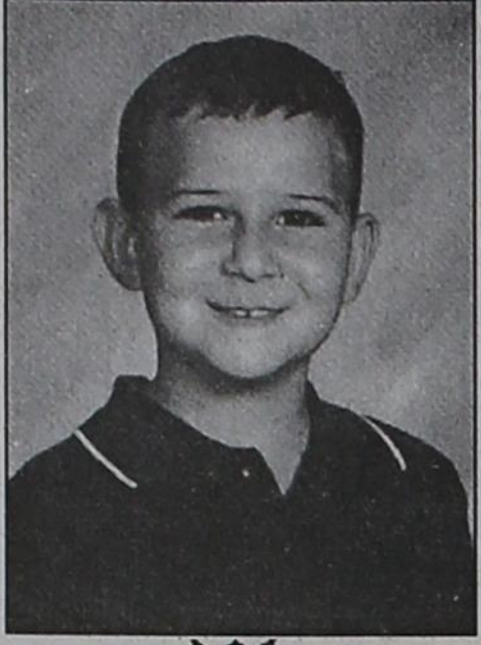
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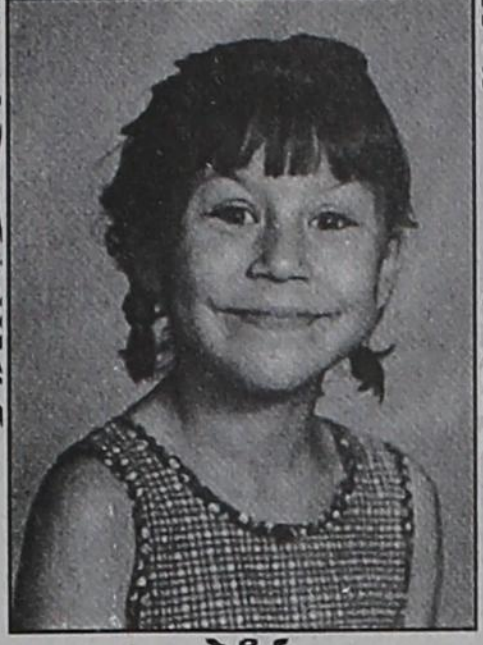
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 and Jack & Sharon Martin of Roaring Springs
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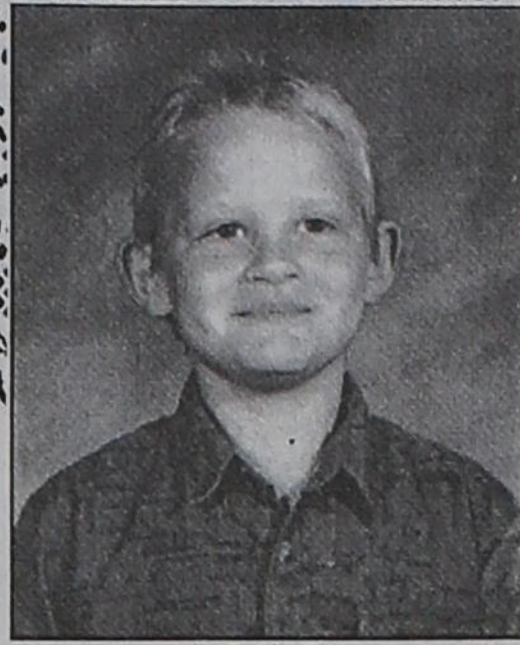
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 Great-grandchildren of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs,
 Mary Risinger of Louisiana, and
 Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Smith of Dumas



JONAH AVERY MEREDITH
 Son of Cody & Leah Meredith of Las Vegas, NV
 Grandson of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs
 and Garrett & Levette Timmins of Austin
 Great-grandson of Henry & Mae Kipnis of Las Vegas, NV



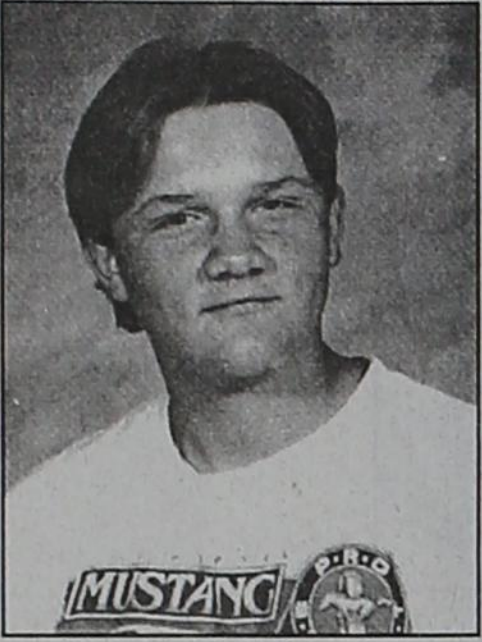
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PARKER JAY MEREDITH
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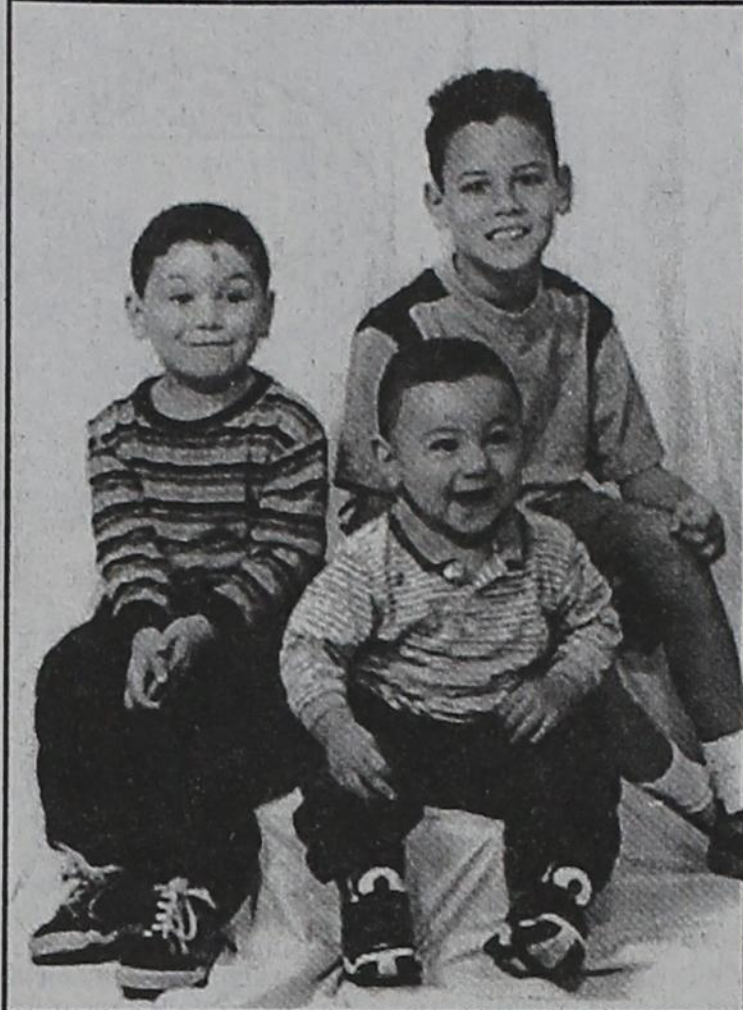
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WYLIE HODGES
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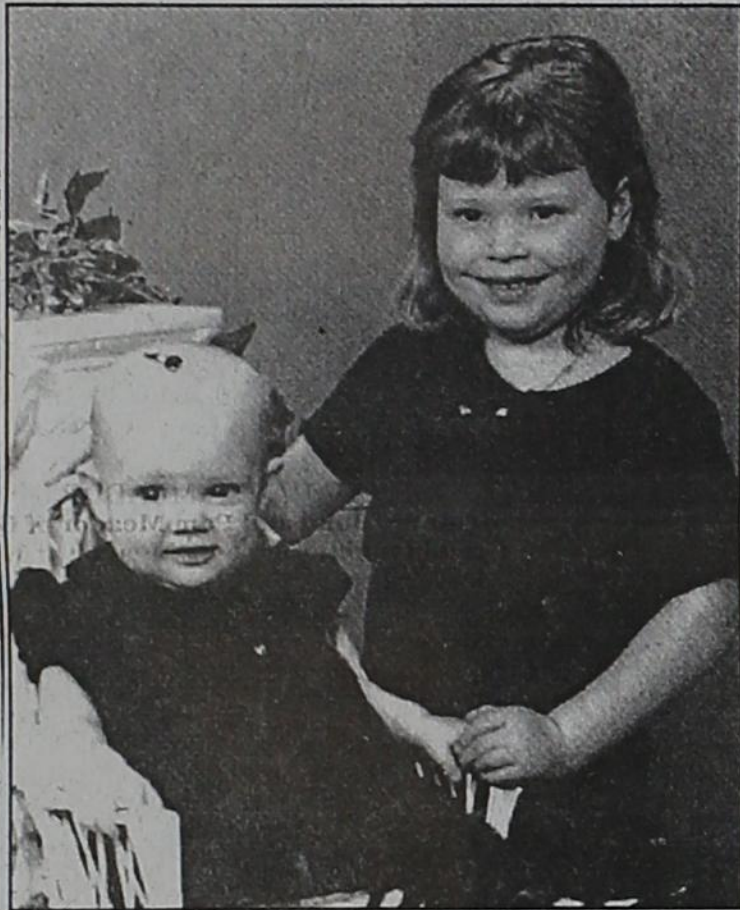
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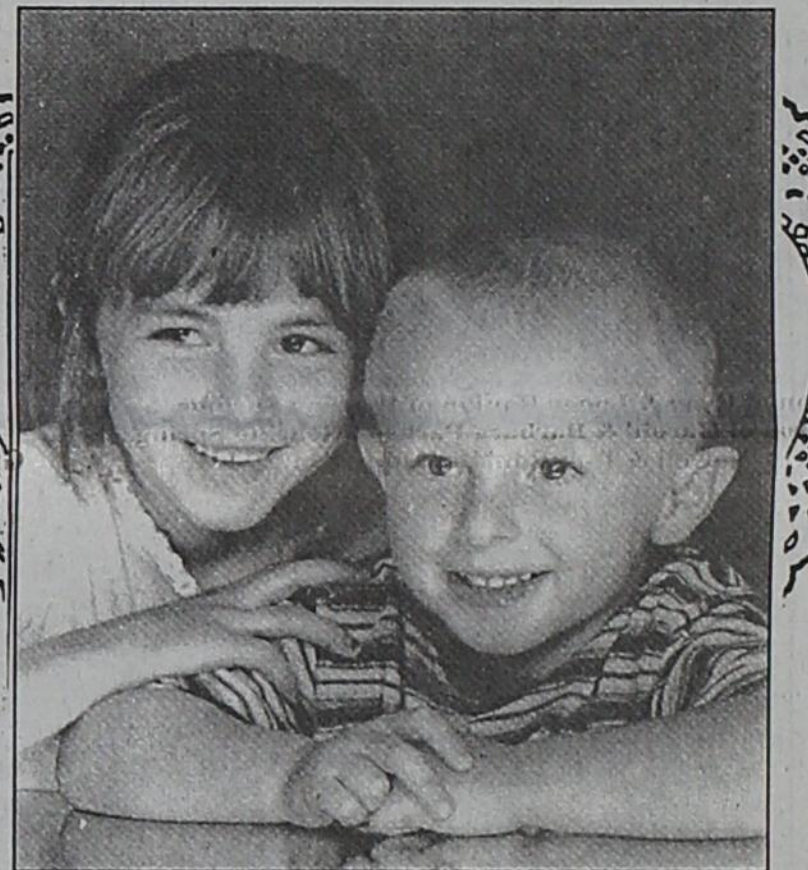
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 Granddaughter of Darrell & Judy Woolsey of Roaring Springs
 and Manuel & Beverly Herrera of Spur
 Great-granddaughter of Margie Payne of Roaring Springs,
 Mae Griffin of Spur, Berinada Herrera of Lovington, NM,
 and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woolsey of Canyon



CARLEY & CASSIDY TURNER
 Daughters of Craig & Cathy Turner
 Granddaughters of Linda and Steve Hess
 and Dean and Nova Turner of Matador
 Great-granddaughters of Omar Parks of Roaring Springs
 and Sylvia Martin of Matador



PAIGE, TAYLOR & KENZIE PERRYMAN
 Daughters of Darryl and DeeAnn Perryman of Clarendon
 Granddaughters of Steve & Linda Hess of Matador
 and Barbara Bryant of Grady, NM
 Great-granddaughters of Omar Parks of Roaring Springs



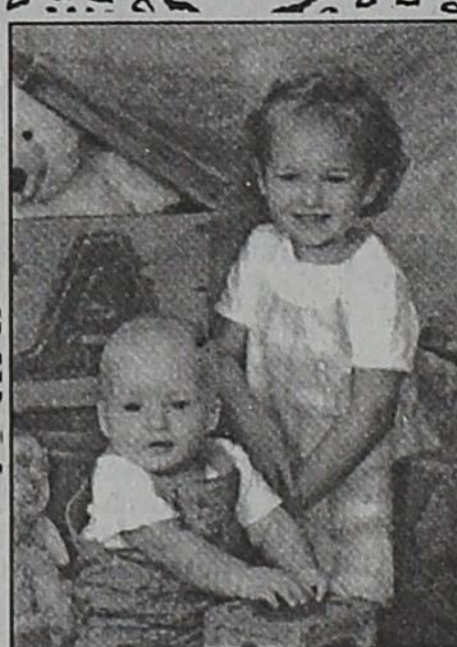
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 Larry & Pam Reader, Fort Sumner, NM;
 and Kenneth & Dolores Bowen of Lubbock



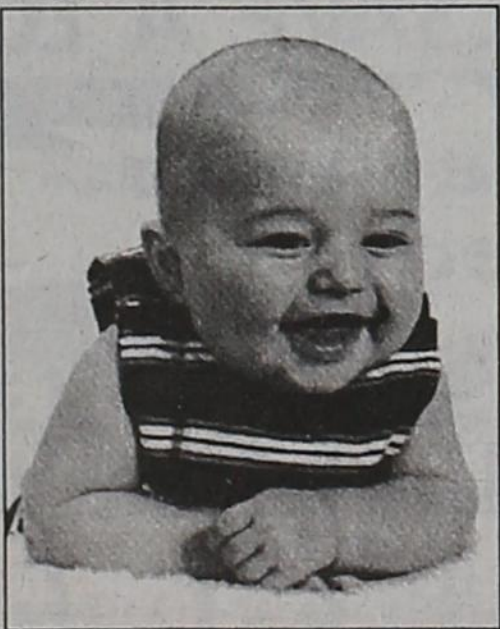
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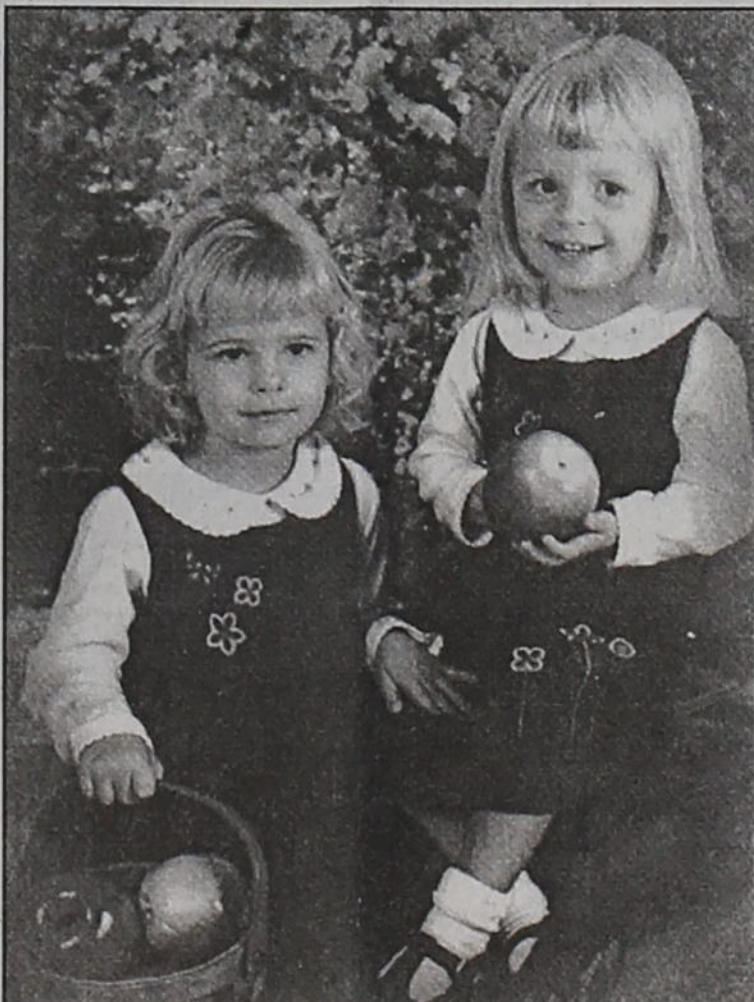
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 Great-grandchildren of Sue Parson of Lubbock
 and Bud Barton of Matador



RILEY RAINS
 Son of Scotty & Chesle Rains of Floydada
 Grandson of Fred & Mellane Parson of Matador
 and David & Shirley Bunch of Plains



JACK BASCOM HAVERLAND
 Son of Jason and Kristen Haverland of Parker, CO
 Grandson of Michael and Shirley Haverland of Littleton, CO,
 Tom Edmondson of Matador
 and Tex & Sharon Horton of Dallas
 Great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Watson of Colorado,
 Chris Schmidly of El Paso, and
 Bonnie Edmondson of Matador



MORGAN & MADISON MZYK
 Daughters of Frank and Renee Mzyk of Flower Mound
 Granddaughters of Butch & Judy Renfro of Matador
 and Irene Mzyk of San Antonio



PAT & MIKE GROVES
 Sons of Rita Groves and the late Algie Groves
 Pat was born March 20, 1940
 and Mike was born Easter Sunday, April 5, 1942

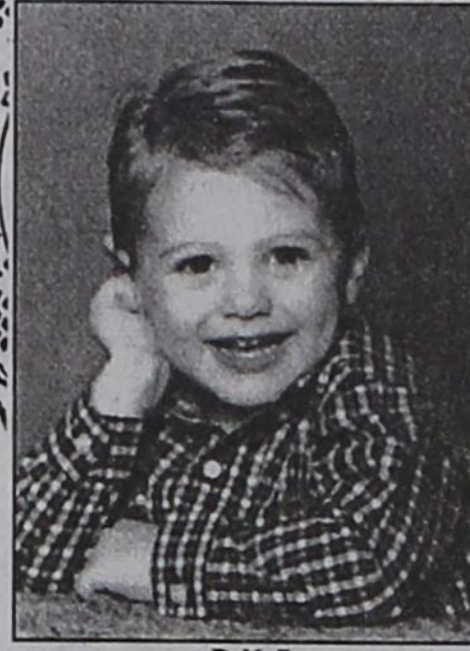




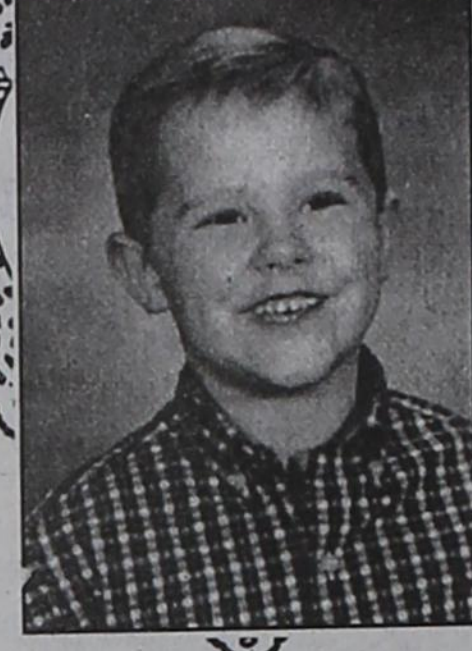
BRENDAN FISH
 Son of Robert & Christie Fisk of Matador
 Grandson of Larry & Vickie Pierce of Roaring Springs
 and Charles & Sue Fisk of Amarillo



TAYLOR ADDISON GARDINER
 Daughter of Andrew & Shannon Gardiner of Pilot Point
 Granddaughter of Guy & Di-Ann Campbell of Matador
 Great-granddaughter of Harold and Grace Campbell
 of Matador, and Vernon Gunn of Stephenville



TANNER ADDISON GARDINER
 Son of Andrew & Shannon Gardiner of Pilot Point
 Grandson of Guy & Di-Ann Campbell of Matador
 Great-grandson of Harold and Grace Campbell
 of Matador, and Vernon Gunn of Stephenville



HUNTER HEATH CAMPBELL
 Son of Heath Campbell of Frisco
 Grandson of Guy and Di-Ann Campbell of Matador
 Great-grandson of Harold & Grace Campbell of Matador



NATALIE JAMESON
 Daughter of Jeromy & Danika Jameson of Matador
 Granddaughter of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield,
 Cindy Carthel of Edmondson, and Darrell Dudley of Lubbock
 Great-granddaughter of Dorothy Nichols of Northfield,
 Dorothy Carthel of Floydada,
 Margie Payne of Roaring Springs,
 and Melson and Wilma Dudley of Floydada



SIERRA JAMESON
 Daughter of Jarrett and Shawna Jameson of Wolforth
 Granddaughter of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield
 and Jack & Sue Mixon of Lubbock
 Great-granddaughter of Dorothy Nichols of Northfield,
 Margie Payne of Roaring Springs
 and A.L. Mixon of Lubbock



EMILY GRACE JAMESON
 Daughter of Jeromy & Danika Jameson of Matador
 Granddaughter of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield,
 Cindy Carthel of Edmondson, and Darrell Dudley of Lubbock
 Great-granddaughter of Dorothy Nichols of Northfield,
 Dorothy Carthel of Floydada,
 Margie Payne of Roaring Springs,
 and Melson and Wilma Dudley of Floydada



TAMARA & KORIE WILSON
ROBERT & FRITZI FRANCIS
 Grandchildren of Vann and Sondra Francis of Matador



KAITLAN MARIE PRICE
 Daughter of Heath & Tonya Givens of Spur
 Granddaughter of Larry & Donna Hoyle of Matador,
 and Preston & Cinda Givens of Spur



AARYN BRANDON
 Happy Valentines Day
 to Mamma!



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Flomot Church of Christ to hold special services

The members of the Flomot Church of Christ would like to invite everyone to come and be a part of their gospel meeting. We are living in troublesome times. God's word is always the same. Through these services, the church will be sharing with the community the hopes of Christians, the promises of God and the real world in which we live.

If you enjoy good singing attend these services and share with church members as they lift their hearts in praise unto God, the creator.

Services will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 through Wednesday, Feb. 27. Sunday services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Following the morning service lunch will be shared. Other services will be held at 7:30 p.m. each evening, Monday through Wednesday. Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these services. The speaker will be Bro. Dee Teel from Plainview. Bro. Teel has been preaching the gospel for over 40 years.

For more information or for a ride to the services, call Darrell Cruse at 469-5395 or Larry Clifton at 423-1279.

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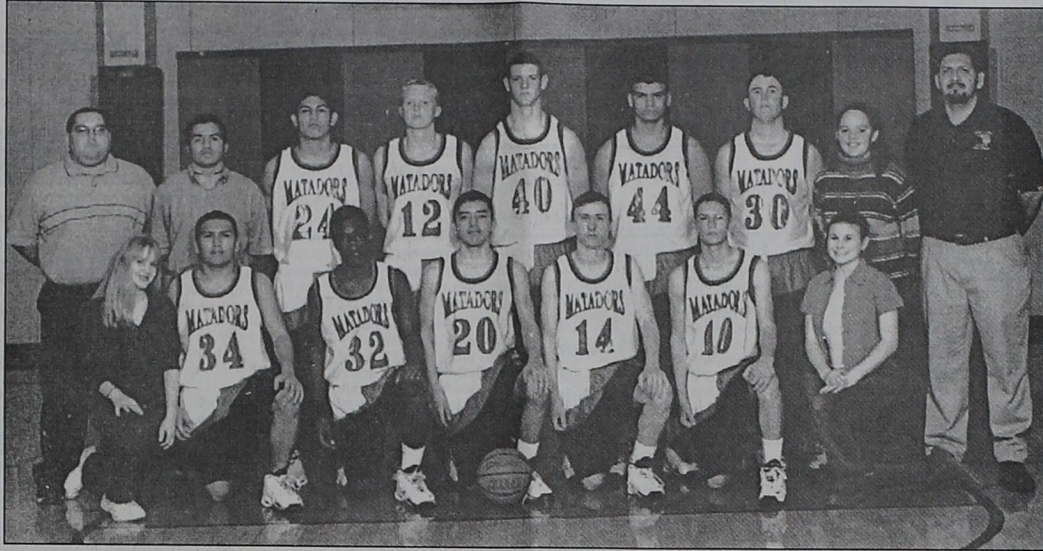
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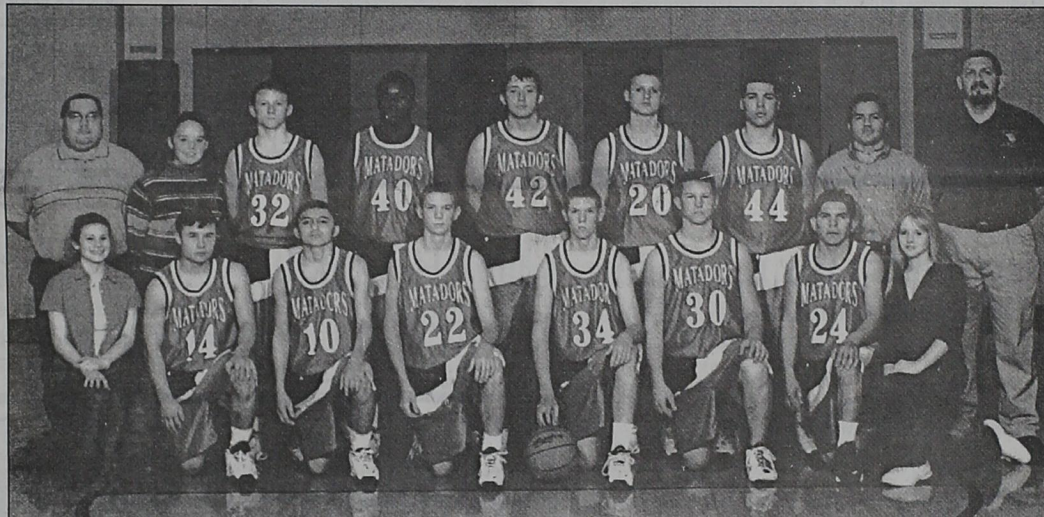
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VARSITY BOYS — Pictured at back, left to right, Coach Sanchez, Jose Flores, Ysef Alvarado, Shawn Marvel, Clint Cooper, John Stevens, Amanda Hurt, Coach Elizondo; (front) Kittie Campbell, Frank Martinez, Seagram Sims, Tony Salazar, Brandon Moore, Matt Henzler, Brenda Gillespie.



JV BOYS — Pictured at back, left to right, Coach Sanchez, Amanda Hurt, Quinten Rose, Tim Mangram, Kevin Elder, Kenny Johannes, Brandon Martin, Jose Flores, Coach Elizondo; (front) Brenda Gillespie, Bo Long, Lorenzo Salazar, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Jesse Blanton, Arturo Flores, Kittie Campbell.

Practice Game - Friday, Feb. 15
9:00 p.m., with Ropes,
Rip Griffin Center, LCU Campus

Matadors vs. Cotton Center
Monday, February 18, 6:00 pm
Rip Griffin Center - LCU Campus - Lubbock

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

The coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee and goodies at the Fellowship Hall on Monday, Feb. 10. Those attending were Rev. Paul Stearns, Reva Sweeney, Dean McInroe, Bill and Lea Peacock, Zella Palmer, Joyce Smith, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Gale Stafford, Bill Bowley, Corky Marshall, Pearl Patten, Mary Lumsden, D.A. McGuire, Buzz Thacker, Lula Swim, Albert Hall, Ralph Powell, Grace Zabielski.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview spent from Friday until Sunday afternoon with his mother, Odessa Mullins and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins.

Mary Lumsden and Pearl Patten had lunch at the Senior Citizens Center in Dickens and visited with friends Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten went to Crosbyton Monday afternoon for Harry's

appointment with his doctor.

Visiting with Audrey Jones on Sunday afternoon were her nieces, Joyce Meredith and Carla Meador. The ladies enjoyed coffee and visiting.

Joe and Joyce Meredith had supper in Matador on Super Bowl Sunday with her sister and husband, Jackie and Shirley Smith. Others enjoying the game and supper that evening were Jim and Carla Meador, Steve Smith, Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose, and Kenneth Ashley. The girls enjoyed watching a movie while the men watched the game on a big screen TV.

Joe Ann Reagan of Quitaque visited with her mother, Pearl Patten and enjoyed the fish supper at the Hitchin' Post Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton joined them there.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

For sixty-five years, Algie Groves did my thinking for me and either let me write the checks, or told me to. We had joint bank accounts. After moving back to Motley County we wanted to ban with the Matador Bank where Mike's friend, Roy George Hobbs, was, and that account was Algie's. Algie died, without any warning, on Sunday morning, January 14, 2001. I suddenly had to start doing my own thinking. I just learned that the IRS lets me keep him as a partner for 2001. It's a confused columnist that writes for you today.

Right now, I'm putting in time while waiting for a banker friend to return my call to tell me whether she reports interest income on a form 1099-INT for 2001, so I can give it to a friend who is going to make my income tax return.

I suspect the banker waiting to call back, has gone to lunch with the client with whom she was occupied when I called for help. I have been so intimidated by my own ignorance, I wouldn't dare touch the phone, hence I am occupied with simple text, while missing a fried chicken lunch, perhaps, this being Thursday.

So, I shall ask you to help me mourn the loss of so many friends recently, who are all younger than I. I've been concerned more about the ones who are suffering with cancer, going through chemotherapy and radiation. I shall start with my relatives. My niece Vada Beth Nichols Watt who has been living in Bryan so happily with husband Carson, their two sons and their families, and daughter Krista. Vada chose to stay with her Bryan doctors, and with the help of Houston doctors, her tumors are shrinking. At least her mother and siblings in Lubbock are rest-

ing easier! Our prayer list is long. Recently a report came for the long list of those praying for Vada, and also for A&M's Chancellor, who I believe were both born in Roaring Springs and are members of the same church in Bryan.

May I bring you up to date on the rest of the Nichols family who some of you know. Brother Jack Nichols is in McLean Care Center, Box 780, McLean, Texas 79057, a drive of 20 miles east from 2316 Comanche Trail, Pampa, TX 79065 for wife Patricia, address Claud ("Nub"), still is at home with Eva at 301 Combs, Quanah, TX 79252. Sister Madge Renfro suffered a stroke in 1982, and lives with son Melvin Renfro at 1634 Palisades, Carrollton, TX 75007. Dr. Rob Renfro died instantly, February 20, 2001, when his vehicle was struck by an 18-wheeler at he exited the freeway between Beaumont and Houston. Melvin and Rob were the ones you met at all serious family gatherings.

A happy ending to this sad tale is that a wrought-iron marker topped by a small grand piano was designed and created by Mike's 7th grade classmate, Rodney Randolph and his wife, and delivered to me in Dickens, December 29. Joe Martinez waited until the ground thawed, and set it perfectly in the plot with Algie at Roaring Springs. "The Owl's Nest" on 2 acres in the SW corner of Nichols land was sold to Joe Martinez, Dianna, and their two granddaughters, Cortney and Anna, who love it, and will care for the house and the cemetery plot, as they cared for Algie, as long as they live there.

By keeping one cane at the front door, and one at the garage door, and a car in the garage, Rita hopes to make it "home alone" awhile longer.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Kathy and Clois Shorter were in Dallas from Thursday until Sunday. They enjoyed the Gaither Texas Homecoming Gospel Concert held at the Reunion Arena. They visited Saturday afternoon in Mesquite with daughter and husband, Cindy and Chad Calvert.

Arriving Sunday to visit Linda and Travis Kendall was her father, Richard March, sister and brother, Robin and Danny March of Westminster, California.

Caitlyn Skaggs of Matador visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, who are on the sick list, received medical treatment Wednesday at the Motley County Clinic in Matador.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Keane and Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited overnight Tuesday in Canyon with son

and wife, Connie and Michael Starkey. Others visiting were Mrs. Cindy Stallings, Taylor and Robbin, Mr. and Mrs. John Kempf, Dustin and Megan of Canyon.

Mrs. Aleda Ross received medical treatment at the Mangold Clinic in Lockney, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Wednesday for Mrs. Starkey outpatient surgery. Joining them there were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon of Fritch and daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo. Bessie and her husband, Clifton, a retired Amarillo police man, flew to Miami, Florida, Friday and joined other couples associated with law enforcement for a Caribbean Cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and daughter, Cara Franks of Canyon visited from Saturday until Monday in Bastrop with son and family, Cory and Aimee Franks and baby daughter, Madison.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

BABY SHOWER HONORS SKYLAR BLOUNT

Baby shower honoring Skylar Alyson Blount, daughter of Heather and Scott Blount of Lubbock, was held Saturday, February 9, in the home of Mrs. Joetta Bumgardener of Matador. Guests registered from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Hostesses of the courtesy were Mesdames Lindy Stafford, Wanda Kilmer, Greta Smallwood, Linda Hess, Lacey Rankin, Pam Thacker, Carla Meador, D'Anna Russell and Chelsea Read.

The hostesses alternated at the silver coffee and crystal punch service. The table and decorations featured the Mary Engelbreit theme. The table was laid with black and white checkered cloth. The centerpiece was a black Scotty dog displaying Skylar's birth announcement encircled with a beautiful sunflower arrangement. Finger foods were served with fruit punch and coffee.

The hostess gift was a high chair and a Mary Engelbreit book. Honored guests were grandmothers, Mrs. Carol Ann Turner of Flomot and Mrs. Irene Blount of Paducah; great grandmother, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton.

OVERHEARD

Years may come and go, but who could forget valentines of long ago? On the teacher's desk a large box she places all covered in red with hearts and lace.

Valentines by dozens were made with care to place in the box for friends to share. Such lines were written! All tried to compete for the heartwarming verse that was short and sweet. "Sure as the vine grows round the stump you are my sweetest sugar lump."

Hallmark specials were never so fine as the handmade heart we called "Valentine." Memories may come and memories my go, but give me a valentine like those long ago.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blount and Skylar and Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Amarillo from Thursday until Saturday for medical tests. Mrs. Cooper visited daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnam and Mr. Samford visited in Canyon with daughter and husband, Vickie and Ray King.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Thursday for his two medical appointments. His arm that was injured in a recent accident is healing just fine.



February 14th is Valentine's Day

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Obituaries

Grace Shelton

Funeral services for Grace Shelton, 92, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 13, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shelton died Monday afternoon, February 11, at Lockney Care Center in Lockney.

She was born February 13, 1909 in Grayson County, Texas. She came to Matador in 1916. She graduated from Matador High School in 1926, and was married to Cecil Shelton on September 6, 1926, at Matador. They lived in Hobbs, New Mexico, and Monahans, Texas, for a

number of years prior to returning to Matador in 1981.

Mrs. Shelton worked as a variety store clerk and store manager.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, a son, Cecil Wayne Shelton in 1992, and by a daughter, Mary Frances, in 1934.

Her survivors include two daughters, Evelyn Garrison of Matador, and Sue Lancaster of Breckenridge; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Melvina Mangram

Fort Worth -- Melvina Mangram, 92, died Saturday, February 2, 2002, at a local hospital.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 9, at Corinth Missionary Baptist Church. Officiating was Pastor L.B. Adams. Burial was in Cedar Hill Memorial Park.

She was born September 20, 1909 in Center Point, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangram had lived in Matador and raised and educated their seven children while there, but after they completed their careers, they were off to explore their destinies, they moved to

Abilene. There, Mr. Mangram preceded her in death in 1980. Mrs. Mangram was a devout Christian and showed it by her precepts and examples. Always giving to those in need. She was also a foster parent in her home. She moved to Fort Worth in 1991 because of her failing health. Here she united with Corinth Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Joe D. Mangram and wife of Greenville and George W. Mangram and wife of Matador; daughter, Margaret J. Blair of Fort Worth; 25 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Juanita Fern Brannon

Funeral services for Juanita Fern Brannon, 79, of Smiley, will be held at the Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home in Llano, Saturday, February 16, at 12:00 noon. Burial will be at Bluffton Cemetery, Llano County.

Mrs. Brannon died February 5, 2002, at DeTar Hospital, Victoria, Texas.

She was born at Bula, Texas, Bailey County, April 23, 1927, to Vernon Cecil Weaver and Ruby Marie Maxwell Weaver. She was a housewife and a Methodist. She was a former resident of Roaring Springs, having lived there for 20 years with her husband of 38 years, Raymond Eugene

Brannon. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Earl Scott Huffman, a brother, Howard Weaver, and a sister, Hazel.

She is survived by her husband of Smiley; one son, Eli Robert Huffman of Houston; one daughter, Barbara Jean Carroll of Killeen; one step-son, Mark Brannon of Port Aransas; one step-daughter, Paula Brannon of Texarkana; two sisters, Marie Arend of Lubbock and Vernadean Wright of Lubbock; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Matador News

HONORED ON 96TH BIRTHDAY

Jewell Landrum was honored for her 96th birthday with a luncheon hosted by her children and grandchildren, John and Mary Landrum, Mark and Leslie Jacobs, Red Oak; John and Clara Landrum, Greg and Sherrie Landrum, Mabank; Bobby and Pat Landrum, Kyle Landrum, Tim and Michelle Brown, Odessa; Mitch and Netta Hurt, Charles and Fran Usry, Eustace; Louise Johnson, Abilene.

Out of town guests included Jim Jackson and family, John and Jill Jackson, Katherine Scott, Margaret Scott, Sibyl Ward, Kelly and Wilburta Jackson and

family, Bud and Sandy Curly. Local guests included Roger and Charles Florey, Rodger Evans, Evelyn Jackson, Ellis and Jerrie Key, and Ruth Stone.

Special recognition was given to Bud and Sandy Curly for their 45th wedding anniversary and to James Landrum for his enlistment into the US Army.

Mrs. Marilhelen Wason visited in Snyder, Sunday with daughter and husband, Charla and Bennie Marricle. They celebrated the birthday of Bennie. Other guests were the Marricle's daughters, Shahala and Kaycee Marricle of Lubbock.

NOTICE OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION (Aviso De Eleccion General)

To the registered voters of the County of MOTLEY, MATADOR, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de MOTLEY, MATADOR, Texas):

NOTICE is hereby given that the polling places listed below will open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 12, 2002, for voting in a General Primary Election to elect, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and State, District, County and Precinct officers:

PRECINCT #1 - (Democratic) - Motley County Old Grade School Building
(Republican) - Luther Green residence at 1307 Main St., Matador

PRECINCT #2 - (Democratic) - Flomot Community Building
(Republican) - Flomot Gin Office

PRECINCT #3 - (Democratic) - Northfield Church
(Republican) - Same as above

PRECINCT #4 - (Democratic) - Roaring Springs Community Building
(Republican) - Same as above

PRECINCT #5 - (Democratic) - Catholic Church Parish Hall, Matador
(Republican) - Old Texaco Station on Hwy. 70

PRECINCT #6 - (Democratic) - Motley County Courthouse
(Republican) - Luther Green residence at 1307 Main St., Matador

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Farm Service Agency News

by Debbie Shaw, CED



CRP EMERGENCY GRAZING
Producers who are currently grazing CRP through the Emergency Grazing program should have their livestock removed by March 1, 2002. An extension of this program is not expected, as improved and native pastures will be coming out of dormancy. In addition, producers should report by March 5, 2002, the numbers of acres grazed and sign and date DF-25.

NAP NOTICES OF LOSS

If you are a producer who planted and intended to graze your small grains during the fall and winter grazing season and you have been unable to graze or have limited grazing, it is very important that you file a notice of loss prior to March 15 at the FSA Office. We are currently in the process of contacting a Loss Adjuster to appraise wheat forage that suffered during the drought conditions in the fall/winter. The final planting date for Motley County has been established as October 1, 2002 to qualify for fall/winter grazing.

CHANGE IN SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR TRUSTS, CORPORATION, ESTATE AND LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS

In the past, administrators, executors, trustees, guardians, receivers, or conservators could redelegate their signature authority by filing a power of attorney for an agent to sign on behalf of the entity. New procedures authorize this authority be

re delegated only when the entity's documents allow for this re delegation. This is big change, we are reviewing entities who have provided their (operator or someone else to sign for the entity) to determine if the agent's signature can be allowed. In some cases, a trust may have to be amended, or all member's of an entity will need to sign a memorandum stating that the authorized representative can re delegate authority to an agent to sign on behalf of the entity. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 806-347-2263.

EQIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Producers who are interested in applying for the EQIP program should apply by March 29, 2002 for your application to be considered in the next ranking.

This conservation program is a multi-year contract in which producer's complete practices developed from a conservation plan by NRCS. Practices are eligible for cost share payments up to 75 percent unless the producer chooses to lower the cost share rate to make the application more competitive. You may contact the Motley County FSA or NRCS office concerning this program at 806-347-2263.

The office will be closed in observation of President's Day on Monday, February 18, 2002.

1971 and the school shortly after when it was consolidated. The Depot is the only thing Roaring Springs has left.

"We are short in financial resources, but we have a lot of other assets, people, resourcefulness, and determination," he told the committee.

For example, the city government has passed a sales tax to fund projects, has passed ordinances to clean up lots and tear down dilapidated buildings, and has funded new businesses with seed money and loans. They have an active volunteers group that has cleaned up and dedicated the Afro-American or black cemetery, started a community center, and operate a kid's camp for underprivileged kids during the summer. They sponsor a Fourth of July celebration and the parade is not for cars or horses, but for lawn mowers.

"We're such a unique little town that we even have a skunk catcher." At that, one of the commissioners stopped the clock, ticking away at the three minutes.

"Is that an elected official?" asked the commissioner.

Crowder replied that it was not. The county trapper performs the duties of keeping the prolific skunks at a reasonable number.

He continued to extol the virtues of Roaring Springs until he was stopped and told that he had exceeded his three minutes by two and a half minutes. It was only early afternoon and there were many waiting to give their plea. One person they talked with was Number 117 on the agenda to speak.

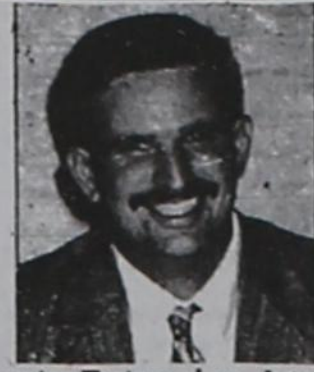
The director of the Texas Historical Commission, Larry Oaks, emphasized in a presentation that tourism is a major economic factor, a theme that caught the team's attention. The group from Roaring Springs believes that their community can capitalize on tourist dollars. Attractions include an oasis of spring water, a private resort with campgrounds, a swimming pool and golf course, a favorite campground of the Comanches; a park honoring Frank Mitchell, one of only 23 Congressional Medal of Honor designates; the site of small industries in the form of a jewelry factory and plastic pipe company, and hunting and bird watching (where else can you see 200 buzzards circling the town or turkeys walking down city streets?) But, perhaps most importantly, Roaring Springs has very friendly people.

The job on the Depot has just begun. A committee from TxDOT will be visiting soon to go over requirements and stipulations. A letter of authority to begin is expected in about six months. A consultant, likely an engineering architectural firm, must be hired. Immediate concerns include a leaky roof, deteriorated decking, rotted joists and flooring, and termites.

But for now, it's a time to reflect on good fortune. When asked how he reacted to the news the Depot had been funded, the busy retired prof said, "I told my wife Jo, 'I don't feel like working any more. For the rest of the afternoon, I'm gonna just sit here and grin.'"

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



VACCINATE HORSES NOW FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Despite blustery days now and again, spring is just around the corner, and animal health officials are urging owners to protect their equids, including horses, mules and donkeys against several mosquito-borne diseases before "bug" season starts.

"Vaccines are available to protect equids against both equine encephalitis, better known as "sleeping sickness" and West Nile Virus (WNV). However, the shots are no value if they aren't given prior to disease exposure," said veterinarian Terry Conger, state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "These vaccines require two doses, administered several weeks apart, and full protection doesn't develop until four to six weeks after the second dose. Realistically, then, it can take up to 10 weeks for the horse to be disease-resistant. That's why it's so important to start the round of vaccinations now." Dr. Conger noted that cases of "sleeping sickness," or equine encephalitis occur sporadically in Texas equids, and on rare occasions, humans contract the mosquito-borne infection. Transmitted by mosquitoes that have fed on diseased birds, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) causes swelling of the brain, resulting in staggering, convulsions, and fever. Although horses do not transmit the disease to humans, equids are "sentinel animals," or indicators that infected mosquitoes are in a specific area.

"Veterinarians can administer an effective 'two-way' vaccine to protect equids against EEE and WEE," said Dr. Irby, TAHC equine specialist. "Two injections, 30 days apart, are required, and the animal will need a 'booster shot' annually or biannually."

"Another form of sleeping sickness, Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE), is a foreign animal disease that originated in South America. In 1971, a VEE outbreak swept northward through Mexico, threatening horses in the southern Mexico, and if it should move north, it would threaten American animals. Therefore, as an added precaution, equids in South Texas should receive a three-way vaccine that protects not only against EEE and WEE, but also VEE."

Although it has yet to be diagnosed in Texas, another mosquito-borne, encephalitic disease causing concern is West Nile Virus (WNV). Dr. Irby said WNV was unheard of in the US until 1999 in New York, where seven persons died from the infection and at least 25 equids were infected. In 2000, the virus had spread to 12 states, and by year's end 2001, the disease impacted 27 states, including Louisiana and Arkansas. At least 564 equids tested positive for the disease in 2001, reported Dr. Irby. Epidemiologists are still uncertain how or when an infected person, bird or mosquito entered the country, initiating the bird-mosquito WNV disease cycle in the US. First isolated in 1937 in the West Nile District of Uganda, the disease now has widespread distribution, including Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and West and Central Asia. As the virus has moved across the U.S., the U.S. Department of Agriculture changed WNV's designation from a "foreign animal disease," to an "emerging disease." "Texas is particularly vulnerable to the introduction of WNV, because major migratory routes for birds pass over a large portion of east Texas. This summer, we may find that the disease is brought into the state by infected birds," commented Dr. Irby. He pointed out that at least 17 species of mosquitoes can be involved in the disease cycle. "Many horses infected with WNV won't appear to be ill, while, others become debilitated and too weak to rise," he said. "About 20 percent of the horses infected with WNV in 2001 either died or were euthanized because they were so ill."

"Late last summer, a WNV vaccine was approved for equids, and like many other encephalitic vac-

cines, two injections are needed. For WNV vaccine, the injections must be three to six weeks apart. The timing of vaccination is crucial, as demonstrated in Florida last year, where 267,000 doses of vaccine were made available. Eighty-six equine that became infected had received only one dose of vaccine. Seventeen other stricken animals received their second dose of vaccine less three weeks prior to becoming infected," he explained. "Since immunity may not develop for four to six weeks after the second dose, owners should have their animals vaccinated now, so they'll be protected by the time mosquito season begins this spring." Dr. Irby reminded owners to reduce mosquito populations by draining stagnant water from birdbaths, flowerpots, troughs and other containers, and by keeping pools properly chlorinated. Insect repellents and insecticides should be used only according to directions he said, and owners may want to stable their animals at night, to provide added protection.

"WNV is a 'zoonotic disease,' one that also can affect human health," commented Dr. Conger. "Species other than horses, humans and birds are susceptible to the disease, and it has been demonstrated in other states that canines can contract the infection. No vaccine has been approved for dogs, but this information may be useful in an epidemiological investigation of a potential WNV introduction."

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) also is conducting disease surveillance, for testing mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays and hawks. To submit a dead crow, blue jay or hawk for laboratory examination, call your regional Texas Department of Health office or the Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255. TAHC field personnel are collecting blood samples from equids involved in regulatory disease programs, and the agency operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 for taking reports of unusual signs of disease in livestock, such as:

1. staggering, falling, or inability to rise
 2. illness affecting a large percentage of animals
 3. sudden death loss
 4. blistering around an animal's lips, teats or hooves
 5. unusual ticks or maggots
- "Only the first three of the disease signs apply to encephalitic diseases, but the other two - blistering and ticks - should be kept in mind, as they could be signs of other very serious disease situations," said Dr. Irby. "TAHC and USDA veterinarians will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers at no charge to help diagnose foreign or emerging diseases. The earlier we can make a diagnosis, the sooner we can take appropriate measures to control or stop the spread of disease."

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