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## Primary functions of elected county officials

Editor's Note: The following article is from the Texas Association of Counties to inform voters of the functions of elected county officials.

### COUNTY JUDGES

The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of County Judge, who presides over a five-member Commissioners Court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations. The county judge handles such widely varying matters as hearings for beer and wine license

A county judge in Texas may have judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters - responsibility for these functions vary from county to county. In those counties in which the judge has judicial responsibilities, the judge has appellate jurisdiction over matters arising from the justice courts. The county judge is also head of civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and in counties under 225,000 population, the judge prepares the county budget along with the county auditor or county clerk.

applications, hearing on admittance to state hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, juvenile work permits and temporary guardianships for special purposes. The judge is also responsible for calling elections, posting election notices, and for receiving and canvassing the election returns. The county judge may perform marriages.

### COMMISSIONERS

Four commissioners, each elected from a quarter of the county's population, serve along with the county judge on the commissioners court. Among other responsibilities, the commissioners court:

- Sets the yearly property tax rate and approve the budget and employment level for the county;
- Sets commissioners and justice

of the peace precinct boundaries;

- Calls, conducts and certifies elections, including bond elections;
- Sets employment and benefit policy;
- Establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans;
- Acquires property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest;
- Reviews and approve subdivision platting and wastewater treatment for rural areas;
- Provides rural ambulance services and subsidizes rural fire protection;
- Oversees the construction, maintenance and improvement of county roads and bridges;
- Appoints non-elected department heads and standing committees;
- Supervises and controls the county courthouse, county buildings and facilities;

Adopts a county budget;

- Determines county tax rates;
- Fills vacancies in elective and appointive positions; and
- Has exclusive authority to authorize contracts in the name of the county.

### SHERIFF

Duties of the Sheriff include:

- Providing security for the operation of county and district courts;
- Enforcing traffic laws, other county ordinances and other state laws;
- Service of process;
- Conducting sales of seized and unclaimed properties; and
- Accepting bail for prisoners in his custody;
- Taking charge of and responsibility for the county jail and prisoners.

### CONSTABLES

These peace officers are the first link in the county's chain of law enforcement. Along with their deputies, constables have all the powers of peace officers. Constables are sometimes referred to as the executive officer of the justice of the peace courts. Their duties are to:

- Subpoena witnesses;
- Act as bailiff;
- Execute judgements; and
- Service of process

In large metropolitan counties the constable may also assist the county and district courts. In addition, they may perform patrol functions and make criminal investigations. They are involved in the overall effort to reduce the effects of crime in their communities, including in some cases the operation of truancy programs.

### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Section 19 of Article 5 of the Texas Constitution provides that: justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in criminal matters of misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only and such other jurisdiction as may be provided by law. Original jurisdiction is the authority to accept a case at its inception, try it and pass judgement based upon the laws and facts. This is distinguished from appellate jurisdiction which is jurisdiction to review a court's action. The justice of the peace performs the functions of a magistrate and conducts inquests.

A justice of the peace may issue warrants for search and arrest, conduct preliminary hearings, administer oaths, perform marriages and serve as a coroner in counties where there is no provision for a medical examiner. The justice court also functions as a small claims court in civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in district or county court and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$5,000. They can also deal with matters concerning foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property.

### COUNTY TREASURERS

The County Treasurer, as the chief custodian of county finance, shall:

- Receive all monies belonging to the county from whatever source;
- Keep and account for all monies in a designated depository; and
- Pay and apply or disburse all monies in such a manner as commissioners court may direct, by law.

All receipts of any official belonging to the county must be turned over to the county treasurer daily. The

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AROUND THE  
COUNTY  
News briefs of  
area events

### 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.

### American Legion meeting scheduled for February 25

Members of Fleming post 337 of the American Legion and Unit 337 of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7:00 p.m., February 25, in the Motley County Senior Citizens Center.

This is a traditional, covered-dish supper meeting.

Boys State and Girls State interviews are the main items on the agenda.

### 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.

### Early Voting begins Monday

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.

## Drop Box to be installed at Matador City Hall

Matador City Council met in regular session February 14 with Mayor Rodney Williams; Council members, Bert Darsey, Fred Parson, Doyle Rose, and Shane Jones; Water Superintendent Steve Barton; Secretary Linda Perryman; and County Judge Ed D. Smith present.

The Council adopted an ordinance changing the polling place to the old Grade School, 1701 Bundy Street. An election order for the May 4th Election was issued. Sign up for the election runs from February 18 through March 20.

Councilman Bert Darsey reported on the cost of a drop box for City Hall. The council approved the purchase including installation from Plainview Plate Glass.

Council discussed and approved providing a calling card for City employees to use when out of town on

City business. The need for scales at the city landfill was discussed. Two cost quotes were reviewed. The council was concerned about the expense and discussed a less expensive way to go for the present time, with hopes of acquiring funding for the scales through a grant in next year's funding cycle. Mayor Williams suggested an upgrade on the scales that are currently being used until a grant can be secured. He will report back on the prices for the upgrade.

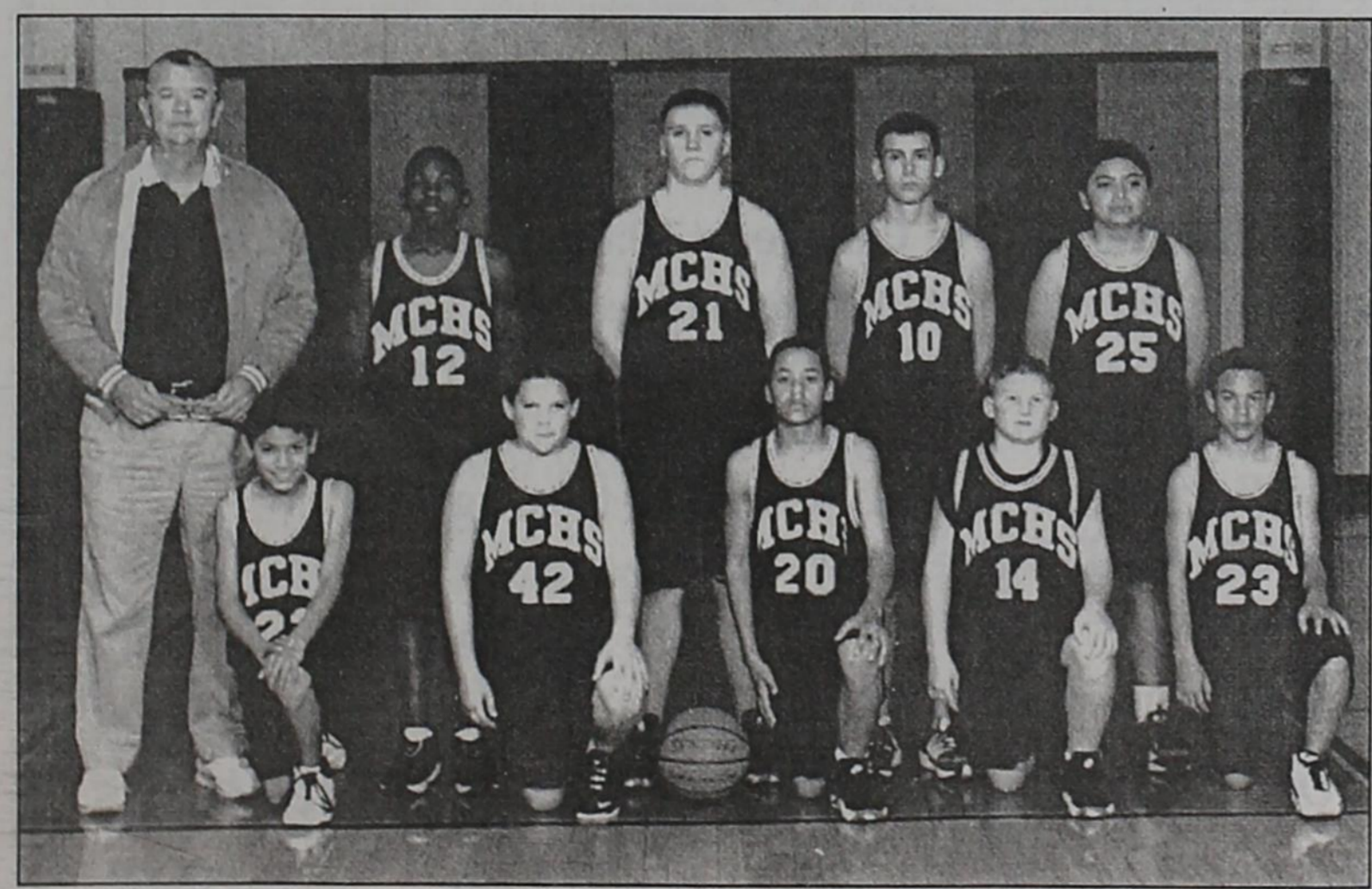
The Council has been approached by a company about the possibility of bringing natural gas to the community. No action was taken at this time.

County Judge, Ed D. Smith, addressed the council on the legalities and details of possible tax abate-

ments on certain delinquent properties. He told the council that it was not legal to abate school taxes. Judge Smith expressed that he is impressed with the Council's economic development efforts.

City Superintendent, Steve Barton, reported to the council that he had to change an electric motor at the City wells in Roaring Springs and plans to change the pumps. The pumps currently in place at the City wells have been in place for more than 25 years. The new cattle guard has been installed at the City Landfill and signs at the entrance have been moved.

Council discussed upcoming block grant applications. Superintendent Barton recommended that the City apply for Water Grants.



### DISTRICT CHAMPS!

The 2001-02 Motley Junior High Boys basketball team were undefeated this year and were declared the District Champs. They are pictured above left to right (back) Coach Green, Bradley Brown, Colton Russell, Chance Bingham, Gene Salazar; (front) Madeil Alvarado, Casey Fletcher, L.C. Williams, Stacey Perryman and Isiah Archer.

## Roaring Springs awaits letter of authority for depot funding

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session, February 11.

Mayor Thacker called for an election to be held May 4, 2002, to elect 1 - (2) year term for Mayor, and 2 (2) year term for council member.

Council member, Alex Crowder, reported that the city is waiting for a letter of authority from the Texas Transportation Commission, making the \$938,816.00 awarded by the Commission to renovate the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Depot, official. Dwayne Culpepper, TxDOT Childress District Transportation Enhancement Coordinator, reported that it could be six months before the letter of authority would be issued. On behalf of the Roaring Springs

Fire Department, City Water Manager, Robert Osborn, asked the council for permission for the department to convert the room formerly occupied by Franchise Equipment into a room the fire department could use to park the fire trucks. He stated an overhead door will need to be installed, but the department will be responsible for all cost and maintenance. Council approved this request.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Joey Thacker; Mayor Protem, Corky Marshall; Council members, Gary Simpson, Timmy Brooks, and Alex Crowder; Water Manager, Robert Osborn; and City Secretary Zella Palmer. Council member, Amy Perryman, was absent.

## Local Fire Department to sponsor third annual Wildland Fire School

The Matador/Motley County Volunteer Fire Department has scheduled its third annual Wildland Fire School to be held Saturday, March 22, 2002. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue through 8:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$30.00 and includes a steak lunch.

Four different classes will be offered:

- Incident Management (Advanced)
- Wildland Operations and Delivery Systems

Wildland Fire Behavior and predictions  
Wildland Fire Suppression  
Each class will last approximately four hours and in the afternoon a live burn will demonstrate all aspects of fire-fighting, fireguards, backfires and suppression. The live burn will also last approximately four hours.

For more information or a registration form please contact Rodney Williams at 347-2487.



**WEAR THE PURPLE HAT**

When a woman looks in the mirror...  
 Age 3: She looks at herself and sees a Queen!  
 Age 8: She looks at herself and sees herself as Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty.  
 Age 15: She looks at herself and sees herself as Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Cheerleader or at certain times as Fat, Pimple faced and ugly.  
 Age 20: She looks at herself and sees "too fat or too thin", too short or too tall, too straight or too curly, but decides she's going anyway.  
 Age 30: She looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly" - but decides she doesn't have time to fix it, and goes anyway.

Age 40: She looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly" - but says, "At least I'm clean" and goes anyway.  
 Age 50: She looks at herself and sees "I am" and goes wherever she wants to go.  
 Age 60: She looks at herself and reminds herself of all the people who can't even see themselves in the mirror anymore. She goes out and conquers the world.  
 Age 70: She looks at herself and sees wisdom, laughter and ability, and goes out and enjoys life.  
 Age 80: She doesn't bother to look. She just puts on a purple hat and goes out to have fun with the world.  
 Maybe we should all grab a purple hat a little earlier!



**Motley County officials guests at Do Gooders' club meeting**

The Do Gooders' Club had their monthly meeting Tuesday, February 12th at the Community Center in Flomot. Guest speakers were Motley County officials encouraging residents to exercise their right to vote in the March 12th Primary elections.

Mrs. Waydette Clay, president introduced PK and Jerry Green of Roaring Springs. They introduced the guest speaker.

Recently appointed Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith and wife, Pat told amusing anecdotes of their life together. Judge Smith said he was glad to return to Motley County where he was reared and this would be their permanent home.

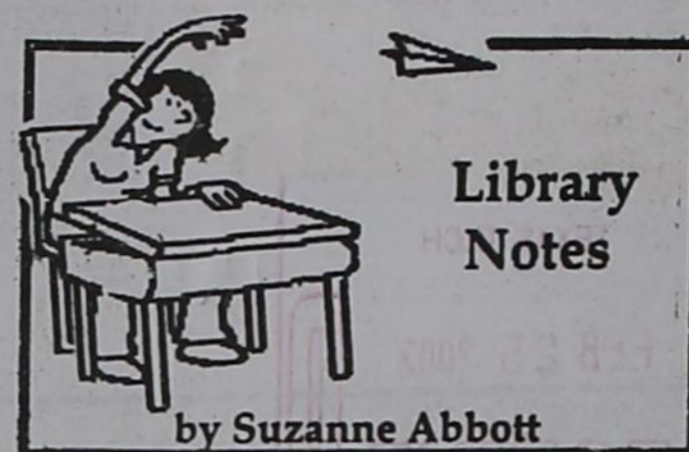
Motley County Attorney, Tempie T. Francis, who filed for her candidacy as a Republican for District Judge of 110 Judicial District, was awarded her law degree from Texas Tech. Both county officials answered judicial and political questions of interest to those attending.

Hostesses, Mesdames B. Rogers, Connie Franks and Suzie Shannon presided at the valentine heart de-

signed service. A white lace cloth over red complemented the table. The centerpiece was a silk flower arrangement of colorful tulips flanked by two white candles in a beautiful ornamental candelabrum with a gold base. They served refreshments of valentine cookies blueberry bread, cinnamon sticks, mints and nuts with hot spiced tea and coffee.

Mrs. Clay conducted a short business session. The club chose a Rag-time designed quilt with patriotic colors on which chances will be sold for the Tri Annual Flomot Homecoming in July. Mrs. Shannon was the winner of the raffle ticket drawing for a bag of Chex Party Mix.

Members attending were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Tommie Jo Cruse, Mary Jo Calvert, Geneva Martin, Anna Beth Clay, Erma Washington, Nada Starkey, Barbara Payne, Trula Martin, Leona Degan and those mentioned above. Guests were Mrs. D'Anna Russell of Matador, Mrs. Francis's secretary, Emily Milam of Petersburg, Teah and Tally Patton of Silverton.



**JERRY GREEN REVIEWS SCOTTISH BOOK**

Are you a wee bit Scottish? Are you frugal? Intelligent? Hard-Headed? All you Scots will be interested in an upcoming book review of *How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created our World and Everything in It*. Even if you are not of Scottish ancestry, you will enjoy hearing the review of this book by Jerry Green on Tuesday, February 26, at the Motley County Library. This will be a brown bag review so make a sandwich and come and join the fun at noon.

The point of the book *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* is that being Scottish is more than just a matter of nationality or place of origin or clan or even culture. From this point of view, a large part of the world turns out to be Scottish without realizing it. It is time to let everyone in on the secret.

If you go by what this book says, we are all a wee bit Scottish. Mark your calendars and come to this

brown bag review at the library at high noon on Tuesday, February 26. Green promises a lively presentation.

We appreciate the memorial donation by Jackie and Shirley Smith in memory of Grace Shelton. We also thank Charley and Opal Johnson for their donations in memory of Alfred Barton, Grace Shelton and Myrtle Simpson.

New books in the library include Tom Clancy's newest *Shadow Warriors*. This is a nonfiction book about the Special Forces. Other new books include the *Bedlam Burning* by Geof Nicholson and *Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles.

John Grisham's newest novel, *Summons*, is now ready to be checked out and enjoyed. After a couple of non-legal books, Grisham is back to his lawyers in *Summons*. We have *Sweetest Dream* by Doris Lessing and *This Bitter Earth* by Bernice McFadden. A nonfiction book, *Thinking Like your Editor*, tells how to write and publish nonfiction works.

**Recently Engaged?**

Come in and see our Wedding Stationery album from Celebration by Tatex at the **MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE**

We can show you how to order your Invitations, Announcements, Napkins, Matches & Accessories.

**COOKING CORNER**

**A Savory Way To Satisfy A Yearning For Spring**

(NAPS)—One delicious way to satisfy the yearning for spring is to prepare recipes that are rich in the flavors of your favorite fruits.



This fruit cobbler blends the sumptuous flavors of berries, peaches, pears and apples.

- 3 cups Mott's Natural Apple Sauce, divided into 2 cups and 1 cup
- 2 cups pancake/biscuit mix
- 2 tablespoons sugar

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a deep 9" x 9" baking pan, add the peaches, pears, blueberries, and 2 cups of Mott's Natural Apple Sauce.
3. In a separate bowl, mix 2 cups of pancake/biscuit mix with 1 cup of apple sauce.
4. Spread the mixture over the fruit.
5. Sprinkle with sugar.
6. Bake for 35-45 minutes or until the top is brown and sides are bubbling.

*Serving Suggestions*  
 Serve either warm or cold with a dollop of fat-free topping.  
 Visit [www.motts.com](http://www.motts.com) for more recipes.

**Happy 4th Birthday!**

**Love, Daddy**

**FITNESS FACTS**

**Getting Back Into Shape**

(NAPS)—When it comes to getting back into shape, many people don't know how to get started.

The following tips can help you get back in shape and stay motivated throughout the year.

- **Dress Comfortably**  
 Russell Athletic's *For the Long Run* survey found that men (31 percent) and women (33 percent) said "comfort" was the most important function of their fitness apparel. Wearing comfortable workout gear can help you stay focused on getting back into shape.
- **Get a Partner**  
 The survey also found that 54 percent of men and 49 percent of women feel more motivated and dedicated when they workout with partners. A partner gives you extra encouragement and can help you stay focused.

If you're looking for a new partner, go to [www.forthelongrun.com](http://www.forthelongrun.com) and find a virtual workout partner (VWP). The VWP program allows you to share workout tips and give encouragement through the site's e-mail system.

- **Enjoy Exercising**  
 Exercise doesn't have to be painful and boring. Find an exercise routine that you enjoy. Walk around the neighborhood or a park or try something new like pilates or yoga.

Whatever exercises you choose, start slowly and work your way up to longer, more vigorous exercises. Set attainable goals every three months and then evaluate your progress. If you enjoy the exercises, you're more likely to reach your goals.

Wear comfortable gear, workout with a partner, and do enjoyable exercises—three easy ways to get back into shape and stay there in 2002.

**"Your Time Is A Precious Commodity"**



We are a busy people. Our time is something that is precious to us and we guard it jealously. That is to be respected. However there are times when we are asked to give of our time for the benefit of others and when we do it is very noble. How about giving some time for ourselves?

I want to ask you for some of your time. That is right! Give up some of your time during the week of March 3rd through the 7th. Why? Because we of the Matador Church of Christ care for those of this community. Therefore, we have planned that special time for a series of Bible based lessons which will benefit all of us.

You say your schedule is too hectic? You just couldn't make time for such a thing as ONE hour for four evenings? I can promise you that the man we have invited to come and present these lessons will not waste any of your time. It will be the richest hour of the four evenings that you have used up in a long time.

Think about it. Would you give one hour for four evenings to enrich your life? One hour for four evenings designed to benefit you. Would you do it?

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
 Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
 Radio Programs, K-96FM  
 Bible Study - 10 am      Worship - 9 am

400 Speed 24 exp.  
**KODAK FILM**  
 2 for \$6.00

Large Velour  
**KITCHEN TOWEL**  
 2 for \$3.00

**Matador Variety**

*You are invited to a series of Bible Lessons at the Matador Church of Christ*

**A Series of Biblical Lessons with Carroll F. Sites, Evangelist of Higdon, Arkansas**

**March 3 - 7**

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Sunday Bible Classes - 10:00 a.m.  
 (Carroll will teach the adult classes)  
 Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.  
 Services Monday evening through Thursday evening - 7:30 p.m.

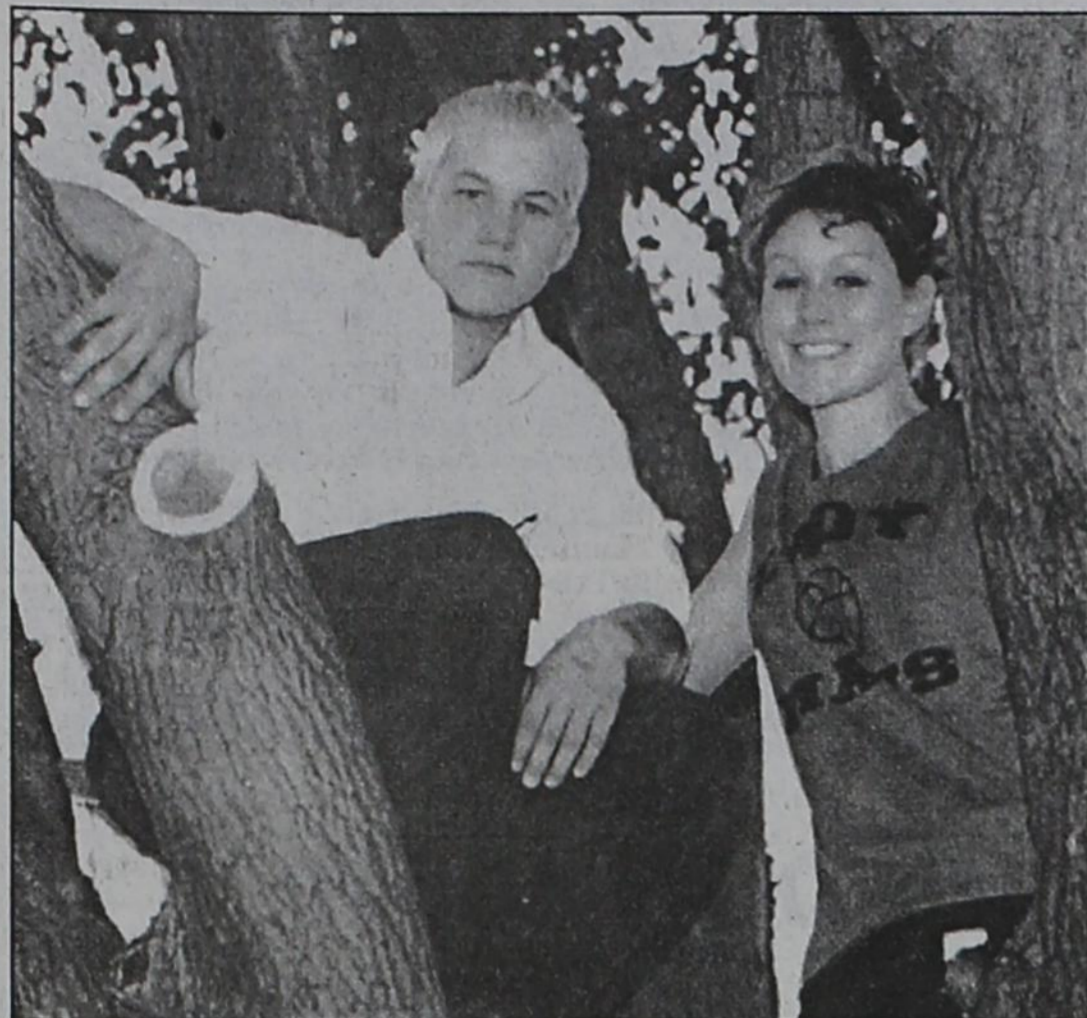
*Everyone is welcome and all are invited to attend this series of Gospel Meetings*

**Matador Church of Christ**  
 Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

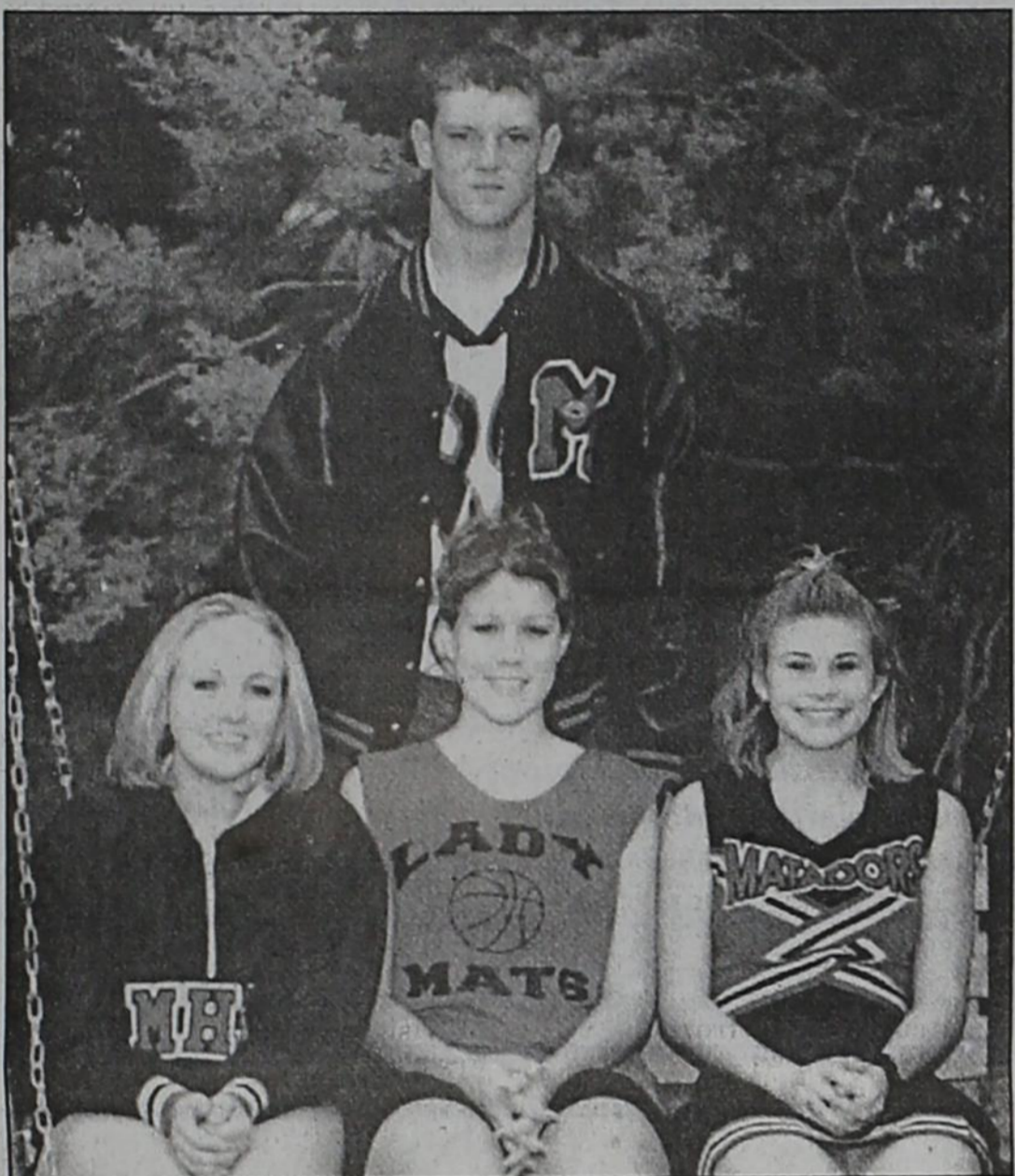
# Motley County School News



## CLASS OF 2002 Senior Spotlight



JUNIOR CLASS FAVORITES — T.J. Christopher and Chasity Holman.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Clint Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer (standing); Cassie Campbell, Reporter; Brenda Gillespie, Vice-President; Chasity Holman, President, seated left to right.

## SCHOOL MENU

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Spaghetti, Green Salad, Pizza Cheese Sticks, Cowboy Cookie, Milk.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Fiesta Turkey Casserole, Corn on the Cob, Veggie Sticks, Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Bean & Beef Burrito, Spanish Rice, Salad, Chips, Jello, Milk.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Apple Cinnamon Muffins, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Parmesan, Cowboy Potatoes, Green Salad, Bread Sticks, Watergate Salad, Milk.

## Motley County PTO to host Pajama Reading Party, March 1

The Motley County PTO will be hosting the second annual Pajama Reading Party, Friday, March 1, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. All activities will take place at the school. This year's theme will be Dr. Seuss' book, *Oh, The Places You'll Go*. Ages for the Party are PK-6th grade. Activities include reading sessions, used book exchange, crafts, and refreshments. Students, ages 4th - 6th grades will be involved in acting out the theme book as a closing bedtime story. A bookmark contest has been held at school, and the winners will be announced the night of the Party. All students ages PK - 6th grade are encouraged to attend and to bring a used book (in good condition, please) to exchange for another used book.

The PTO still needs volunteers for the Party so if you are able to help please contact Kim Jenschke, Tina Brooks, or D'anna Russell.

Remember door prizes will be awarded, so don't miss out! We want to see you there!

## MC Powerlifters compete at Clarendon Meet

Bo Long and Brenda Gillespie participated in the Clarendon Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, February 16.

Bo competed in the 165 pound weight class. His totals were: Squat, 340 pounds; Bench, 195; Dead lift, 365. His lift total for all three lifts was 900 pounds. Bo placed fifth in his weight class.

The girls were sorted into two divisions. Brenda lifted in the first division which was for weight classes 97 pounds through 132 pounds. Brenda's totals were: Squat, 205 pounds; bench, 90; and deadlift, 215. Her lift total was 510. Brenda placed third in the division.

Both lifters improved their overall totals from previous meets. Brenda and Bo both did a very good job!

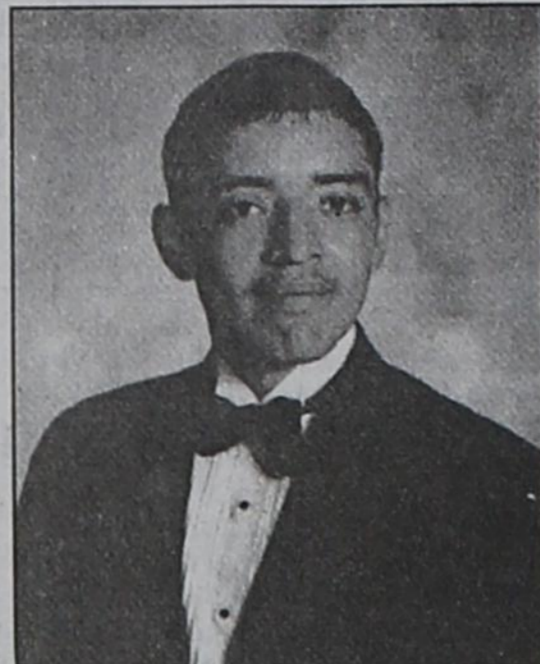
The next meet will be held Saturday, February 23, in Floydada. This meet will be the last regional qualifying meet of the season.

## Kayla Copp places at San Antonio Stock Show

Kayla Copp exhibited her 1100 pound European Cross steer at the 2002 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo on February 14. She placed 11th from a class of 50 other steers. The next show she will be attending, where she will be exhibiting a pig and her 1400 pound Chianina steer, is the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo February 25 through March 2.

## What's Up?

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.



JOHN ANTHONY SALAZAR

Age: 18 Date of Birth: 10/22/83  
Parents: Alex & Aurelia Salazar  
Siblings: Lou Ann Silva, Alex, Lorenzo and Gene Salazar.

Who do you most admire and why: My parent, because they have gone through some bad situations and still find a way to work things out.

Favorite high school memory: Spending time with my friends and skipping class; when some of the seniors took a road trip to Plainview.

Extracurricular activities: Football, Basketball, Tennis, Track, ULL.  
Special honors: Who's Who, United States Achievement Academy, 2nd Team All-District QB.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Enjoy it while you can, because time is creep'n up behind you.

Plans after graduation: Attend Angelo State University and major in Accounting.

Favorites:  
Food: Mexican food  
Hangout: Justin's barn  
Movie: Fast and the Furious  
Musical Group: I can't choose just one.

Color: Black and Blue  
Past time: Chillin' with friends or work.

Soft drink: 7-UP  
Book: any book by Stephen King  
Song: I like more than one  
Teacher (K-12): Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Bingham.

Quote: Basketball  
Quote: Go beyond your limits.



LESLIE MICHELE TAYLOR

Age: 18; Date of Birth: 12/7/83  
Parents: Terry & Leslie Taylor  
Siblings: Shane, Lou Ann, Conway, Lisa & John.

Who do you most admire and why: My mom, because she is a hard worker and has always been there for me.

Favorite high school memory: When we got stuck out at D.J. Circle.

Extracurricular activities: FCCLA, Powerlifting (Jr. year), Journalism.

Special honors: Senior class president.

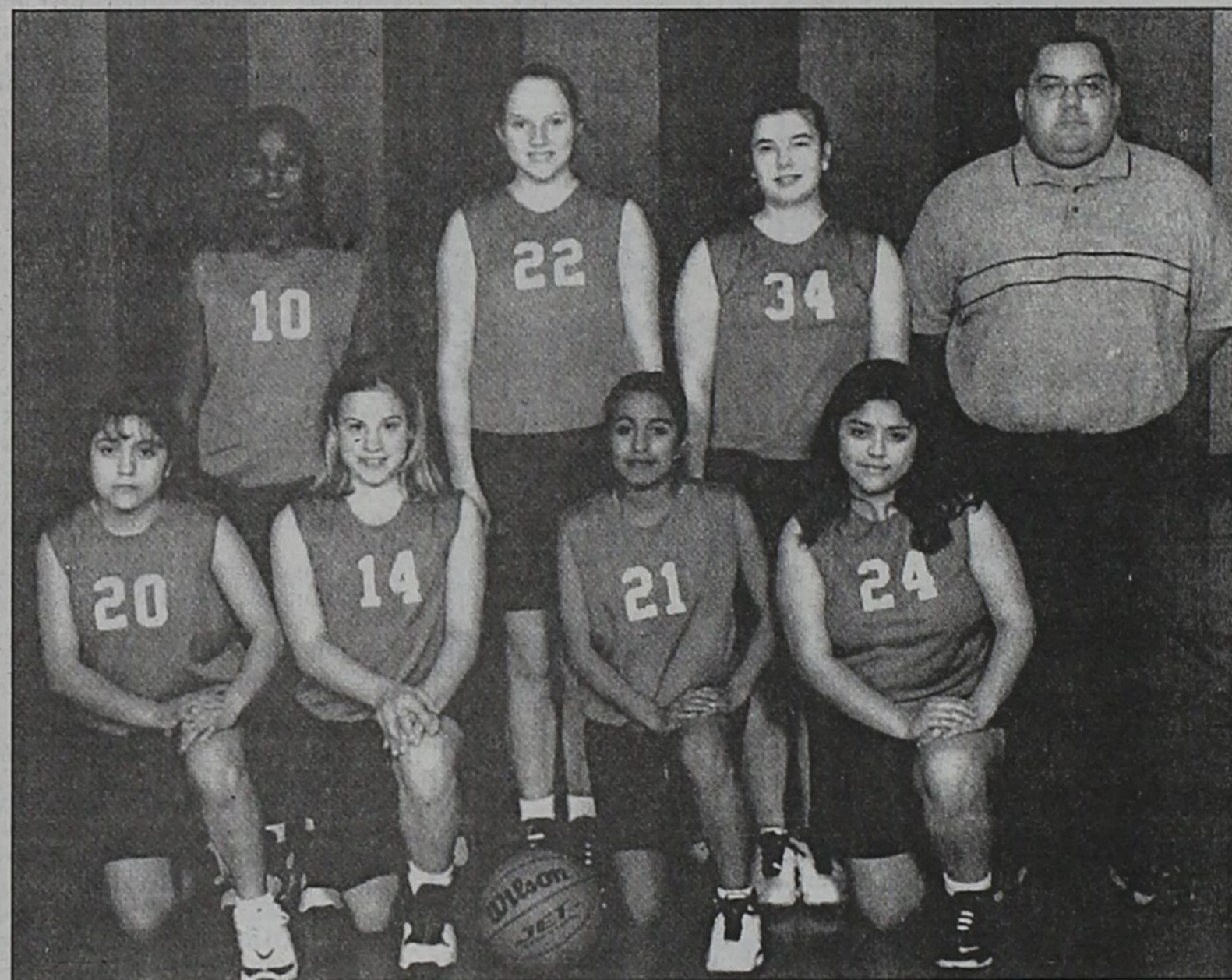
Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Work hard and have fun, it goes by fast.

Plans after graduation: Attend Nursing School in Childress.

Favorites:  
Food: Mexican  
Hangout: Flomot  
Movie: Fast & the Furious  
Musical Group: Nickleback  
Color: Blue  
Past time: Being with friends and family.

Soft Drink: Coke  
Book: Tale of Two Cities  
Song: You Gotta Bad  
Teacher (K-12): Mrs. Turner  
Quote: You'll get over it.

# SPORTS



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM — Pictured left to right, (back) Chicagra Brown, Savannah Rose, Ashley Green, Coach Sanchez; (front) Griselda Flores, Christi Smith, Angelica Mendoza, Beatrice Espinosa.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MC BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

## Driver's Ed registration to begin soon

by Amanda Hurt

It's that time of year again, when the freshmen start thinking of getting their driver's license. The school has arranged for Coach Kim Hand to teach the drivers' education this summer.

Sign-up sheets may be found in the school office. There are a limited number of places available, so early

sign-up is suggested.

Students wishing to take the course must be 15 by May 1. The course will begin June 3 and run through June 28.

To start the course you must have your birth certificate and Social Security card (not a copy). The cost of the course will be \$150 and the money must be paid before the course begins.

Don't be afraid of opposition. Remember, a kite rises against, not with the wind.

—Hamilton Wright Mabie

## Roaring Springs Golf Course Club House/Pro Shop

Hwy. 70 • 5 miles south of City

Now stocking sodas, candy, chips, sandwiches, eggs, ice

Also Movie Rentals Available  
RECENT RELEASES!

Come by for a Visit or a Snack

EVERYONE WELCOME TO SHOP!  
Winter Hours, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
806-348-7267



Remember to Vote  
March 12th  
Democratic Primary

Re-Elect  
**J.N. Fletcher**  
Commissioner Precinct 4

Political Ad Paid for by J.N. Fletcher

**KATE HURT**  
Democratic Candidate for  
**Motley County  
and District Clerk**  
March 12th Primary

Political Ad Paid For by Kate Hurt

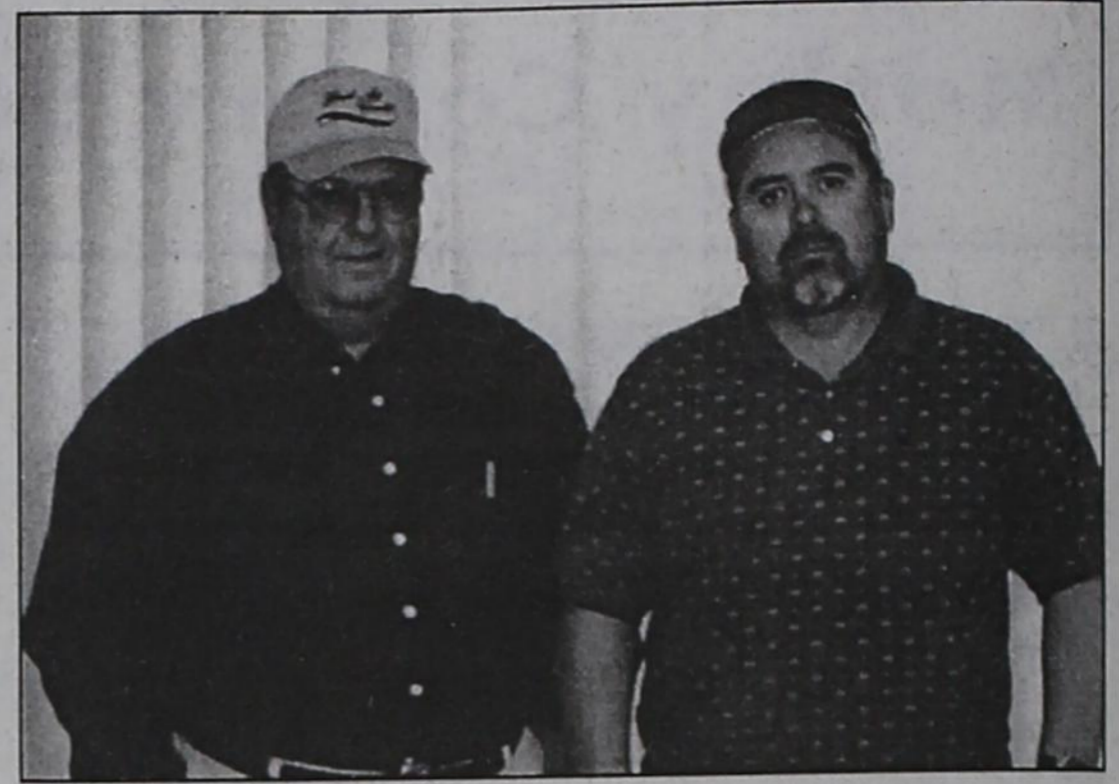
# Local Veteran awarded commendation

Local Veteran, Tom Ross, of Flomot, recently received a Commendation from the French Government for service in World War II. France issued the "Thank-You America!" certificate to soldiers who contributed to the liberation of France during World War II. The cer-

tificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people. In a letter received by Mr. Ross, the Consul General of France, Denis Simonneau, stated "Even this gratitude cannot be limited to such a gesture, it also recognizes your courage and devotion in France's time of

need. Indeed, even after such a long time, it is important that nevertheless these qualities be remembered and honored." All Veterans who served in the Normandy invasion and/or this liberation of France and Europe, 1944-45, are entitled to receive similar

awards. Awards will not be given posthumously. Interested veterans should contact: "French Consulate" Thank-You America, 777 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600, Houston. Mr. Ross has forms available, and may be contacted at 806-469-5280.



CHILDRESS— Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded the Motley County Maintenance Section service awards for their years of employment with TxDOT. Craig Clark, Childress District Engineer, presented these awards. "We appreciate the years of hard work and dedication of these TxDOT employees and look forward to many more years of service," said Clark. Pictured left to right are Vaden Hays, 30 years, and David Blanco, 5 years.

# TxDOT urges proper use of child restraints

February 10 - 16, 2002, was National Child Passenger Safety Week. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is taking this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers in area communities that all children should be placed in child safety seats, booster seats or seat belts every time they ride in a car or truck.

The improper use of child safety seats or not using them at all has serious consequences. Nationwide in 2000, 2,343 children lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes. Those statistics make vehicle crashes the leading cause of unintentional injury and deaths to children younger than 14. Ninety-six percent of parents believe their children are properly buckled in

their child safety seats. However, data from actual inspections show that at least four out of five child safety seats are not properly installed and a third of the children are riding in the wrong seat for their size. Seat belts, rear facing child safety seats, forward facing safety seats and belt positioning booster seats, when correctly installed and used, are very

effective in saving children's lives, reducing the risks of injuries or death during crashes by as much as 71 percent. Progress has been made in increasing the use of child safety seats and booster seats, but as much remains to be done.

TxDOT urges you to please properly restrain children in your vehicle. Remember to SHOW YOUR KIDS YOU LOVE THEM! BUCKLE THEM UP!

# Medicaid process simplified to help cover Texas children

The process by which children of Texas may become eligible for Medicaid coverage has been simplified. Texas Senate Bill 43 requires major changes in the Medicaid eligibility policy or children under 19 years of age. Although the bill does not change eligibility requirements for children 19 and 20 years of age, it does make children's Medicaid more like coverage provided by the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Unifying the application process and streamlining the eligibility approval process have simplified the children's Medicaid program. The simplification process has several unique features:

- Initial applications and renewals for children's Medicaid are processed by mail or telephone.
- Children under 19 years of age are certified for six-month periods and, in most cases, remain continu-

ously eligible. To make Medicaid renewal easier, a renewal form will automatically be mailed to the parent prior to expiration of coverage. Applications may be accepted at any health and human services agency. Documentation and verification procedures for children under 19 years of age will be the same as those required for CHIP Assets questions are the same and do not require verification. Applications for children's Medicaid may be obtained from a local office of the Texas Department of Human Services. In addition, an application may be downloaded from [www.dhs.stae.tx-us/Forms/Forms1014](http://www.dhs.stae.tx-us/Forms/Forms1014). Information covering other TDHS programs and services is available through the State of Texas Assistance and Referral System - [www.txstars.net](http://www.txstars.net).

# County officials

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county treasurer often acts as the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks. In this capacity, he or she maintains records of all deposits and withdrawals, and reconciles all bank statements, thus assuring their accuracy and the safety of county funds. The county treasurer, who may be designated as the county's investment officer, is required to submit regular reports on county finance to the members of commissioners court to inspect and verify.

## COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

The main duties of the county and/or district attorney is to represent the state in criminal cases. The county and/or district attorney works with law enforcement officers in the investigation and preparation of cases to be heard before the criminal courts. When requested in writing, the county attorney provides legal counsel to county officers. The overwhelming importance of the office of public prosecutors arises from the fact that upon the prosecuting attorney rests the power of determining whether prosecution in any given case shall be inaugurated or if inaugurated, pushed to a successful conclusion.

## DISTRICT CLERK

The Texas Government Code states the duties and powers of the clerk of the district court: "The clerk of the District Court has custody of and shall carefully maintain and arrange the records relating to or lawfully deposited in the clerk's office." The district clerk shall:

- Record the acts and proceedings of the district court;
- Enter all judgements of the court under the direction of the judge;
- Record all executions issued and the returns issued on the executions;
- Process passport applications;
- Administer child support payments;
- Administer trust accounts for minors ordered by the courts;
- Keep an index of the parties to all suits filed in the court, and make reference to any judgement made in the case; and
- Keep an account of all funds collected by the office, by way of fines and fees, and the amount due jurors in district court for service.

## COUNTY CLERK

The main duties of the county clerk are:

- Administering all county and state elections, including early voting and primaries, unless the commissioners court has transferred the function to the tax assessor-collector or an office of county election administrator;
- Serving as clerk of the county court and the commissioners court and keep records of the proceedings;
- Acting as recorder of deeds and other instruments;
- Filing and recording birth and death certificates;
- Recording assumed names, wills and probate;
- Issuing marriage licenses; and
- Accounting for all funds paid to the office by way of fines and fees, and the amount owed to county court jurors for service.

In Texas counties with a population of less than 8,000, unless there has been a special election, the county clerk also serves as the district clerk, assuming all constitutional and statutory duties of the district clerk, along with those of county clerk.

Work while you have the light. You are responsible for the talent that has been entrusted to you.  
—Henri F. Amiel

# Fire Department elects 2002 officers

The Matador Fire Department recently met and elected new officers for 2002. They are as follows:


President, Craig Turner  
Vice-President, Brent Marshall  
Secretary/Treasurer, James Gillespie  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Phillip Sharp  
Fire Chief, Rodney Williams  
1st Assistant, Craig Turner  
2nd Assistant, Shawn Elliott  
Fire Marshal, Steve Barton  
Assistant Fire Marshal, Fred Parson  
Tail Twister, David Blanco  
Assistant Tail Twister, Brad Jameson  
Reporter, Bobby Barton

Certifying Coordinator, Shawn Elliott  
Brian Marshall and Steve Barton were appointed to the Finance Committee.  
David Blanco and Devin Perryman were appointed as the entertainment committee.  
Truck Captains are as follows:  
#10 - Phillip Sharp  
#11 - Fred Parson  
#15 - Shawn Elliott  
#12 - Bobby Barton  
#13 - Steve Barton  
#17 - Craig Turner and Robert Fisk  
#3 - Rodney Williams  
Tanker 9 - Brad Jameson and David Blanco

*"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."*

Mark 11:23

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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

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE WILL BE EACH WEEK DAY AT:

County Clerk's Office, beginning February 25, 2002, until March 8, 2002;  
Hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Both Parties will vote at this location

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Motley County/District Clerk  
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Matador, Texas 79244



**PINEWOOD DERBY** — Local Cub Scout members, Cody Martin, Garrett Jenschke, Reagan Elliott, Braden Mason, Jonathon Osborn, and Christian Brooks, pictured left to right, participated in a Pinewood Derby Car Race, Sunday, February 17.

## Family & Consumer News

By Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences



**HEAD RESTRAINTS**  
Head restraints are a type of vehicle occupant protection system. It is a vehicle safety feature built into the vehicle. Its purpose is to absorb energy and slow down deceleration and decrease injury to occupants. The head restraint provides support for the head and neck and helps prevent whiplash injuries.

In most instances, motorists leave their adjustable head restraints in the lowest position, where they provide little or no protection for many people, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reports. For maximum effectiveness a head restraint must be positioned high and

close behind the back of a person's head. So how do you put your adjustable head restraint in the proper position?

1. Adjust the head restraint so it reaches at least as high as the center of the back of your head. Lock it in this position, if possible. (See your vehicle owner's manual. Some adjustable head restraints do not include a locking feature.)

2. If possible, adjust the angle of the seat back so the head restraint is no more than 3 or 4 inches away from your head. (On some vehicles, the head restraint itself can be tilted forward.)

Head restraint ratings for many

1999 model vehicles are available on the IIHS Website. Among more than 180 models rated, only a handful received a "good" rating; BMW 23 coupe, Chevrolet S10, GMC Sonoma, Mitsubishi Montero, Saab 9-3, and Volvo C70, V70 and S80.

IIHS, which is supported by USAA and other insurers, is urging automakers to design more effective head restraints. According to IIHS, fixed head restraints that are high and close behind a motorist's head are more effective than adjustable designs, though not nearly as common. To prevent injuries, adjust head restraint properly.

## Daughter named Associate Editor of daily newspaper

J. Shirlene Cooper, daughter of Jackie and Shirley Smith of Matador, has been named associate editor of the Beauregard Daily News, in DeRidder, Louisiana. Mrs. Cooper has been a member of the newspaper's staff since 1996.

She will coordinate news coverage, oversee other members of the news-gathering staff and serve as a liaison for the newspaper with the public, in addition to writing news stories and taking photos.

Cooper and her husband, Ron, share five children ages 19-34, and five grandchildren. They moved to DeRidder from El Paso, Texas, seven years ago.

She says she has had a lifelong love of reading and writing. "My

cousin Carla, who is the owner of the *Motley County Tribune* in Matador, Texas, and I used to write 'pretend' stories when we were 7 or 8 years old," she said. "I became interested in writing as a career while in junior high school. I was a member of the

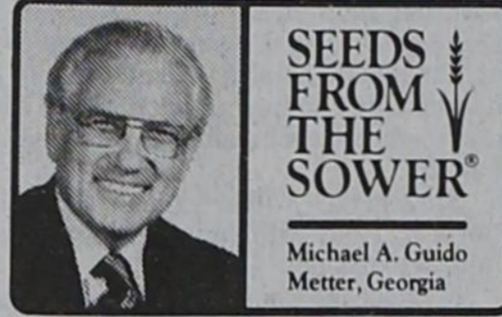
Alamogordo, NM High School creative writing class and wrote for the school paper *Que Pasa!* and the school magazines *El Alma del Tigre* and *Some of One*."

She received writing awards for poetry and short stories, and was awarded a membership in the National Quill and Scroll Association.

She attended school at Matador Elementary School through her third grade year, when the family moved

to Tulia, and later to Alamogordo, NM, where she graduated from high school.

Upon graduation, she went to work for a New Mexico tourist magazine, *Ruidoso Magazine* and a weekly tourist newspaper *Sierra Blanca Observer*. Both publications included events, calendar news, local history, historical landmarks, scenic locations, business features, school news and visitor information about south center New Mexico and in particular Ruidoso, the nearby ski area, Apache Indian reservation, and Ruidoso Downs horse racing track, home of the World's Richest Futurity. She has been writing for various publications ever since.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**

Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

One night, after boiling water over the campfire, the hunters walked into their house. In their absence, a bear wandered into the camp and seized the burning kettle.

Instead of dropping it, he hugged it to him - his only known method of defense.

Worries are like that. If, instead of casting your cares upon Christ, you hold them and hug them to you, they'll burn and blight you.

The Living Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers."

Just now let God have all your worries. Leave everything with Him: failures, fears, and the future. He's equal to every situation. He's ever-present, never-failing, and all-sufficient.

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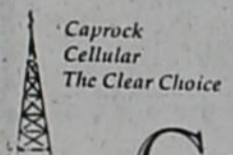
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# NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

If you have news items for the Roaring Springs news column, please contact Odessa Mullins at 348-7962, before Monday morning. Leave message if necessary.

Mrs. Meredith's great-grandchildren, Morgan and Judson Jones, accompanied them home for the weekend.

Those enjoying coffee and visiting at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday morning were D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Dean McInroe, Joyce Smith, Cleo and Larry Watson, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Ralph Powell, Ruby Hipp, Reva Swinney, Gale Stafford, Ed D. and Pat Smith, J.N. Fletcher, Corky Marshall and Donna Kennedy.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Lula Swim returned home on Monday after a visit in Whitesboro, Celeste, McKenney and Plano with friends and relatives.

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

We had a snow the first week in February. Some say it was the most beautiful they had ever seen. We didn't get papers; we didn't get mail for days! Traffic kept going on the highways, because the temperature stayed just below freezing. Finally when a paper was delivered, it contained an obituary for Alfred Barton, Jr. Services had been held that day. It was shocking news to me, because Alfred was the brother of Pauline Barton, the wife of Claude Groves, who was a favorite cousin of Algie Groves. Claude and Algie worked for the highway department in District 25 for years. Several times we lived in the same town, and twice we shared a home with Claude and Pauline.

Barton Groves was 2 when Pat Groves was born in 1940. Both families lived in Childress and were living a block apart when Barton Groves was four and Pat 2. As soon as Pat was bathed and dressed and turned out to play in the fenced back yard while I got Mike up and fed, Pat went straight to a hole he had discovered in the vine-covered back fence, crawled through and headed for Barton's house, across an intersection. When Algie came home from work, the problem was presented to him as we sat on our front porch across the street from the James Nebetts. No sooner was the tale told that we looked up and Pat was heading down the side walk running as fast as his short legs could carry him. Off the porch went Algie in hot pursuit. The faster Pat ran, the faster Algie ran, with the neighbors enjoying the spectacle.

Algie brought the wiggling, squirming 2-year-old back into the house and put him to bed. Barton's sister Joline was born in Paducah three days before Pat's brother Mike was born on Easter Sunday in Knox City. Barton was four and Pat was two. Both Barton and Joline were well-behaved. Pat and Mike's older brother Truman, known as "Jim," since service with the Seabees, was already in school before Pat was born. Jim lived with his grandparents in Matador a great deal of the time while we moved around the District. Our boys and I settled down in Matador about the time David joined Barton and Joline in the Claude Groves family.

Pauline's comment about David was that he was "different."

We knew David first as the man up in the "box" that furnished the lights, music, and sound for the production of "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon. He was happily married and busy making a living for a growing family of boys, including twins. For almost 40 years Algie and I enjoyed being near Claude and Pauline. We were in Quanah when Claude died in his sleep in Wellington, in February, 1991. Pauline lived until December of the same year. Alfred, Jr.'s death is Motley County's loss of another member of a great pioneer family.

Unearthed during the move of Dianna and Joe Martinez to the farm house, were two cards she brought to me. Both were one cent Post Cards, the first from "Rockford," postmarked Sept. 22, 1936, addressed to John Ferguson, Roaring Springs, Texas. The message was: "We will sell 600 mares and geldings at auction Miles City, Mont., Sept. 30th, 1936. This lot consists of a number of mares with colts at their sides, also a number of yearlings and two-year-olds; in fact you will find what your trade demands at this sale. Buyers that are attending our sales are making money also our customers are well satisfied with the way we fill their orders, so if you are unable to attend, wire your order to Mr. P.M. Chappel or E.L. Jordan, Olive Hotel, Miles City, Sept. 28th to sale day, Chappel Bros. Inc., Owners. E.L. Jordan, Sales Manager."

The second card, also addressed Mr. John S. Ferguson, Roaring Springs, Texas; I have six sections 20 miles southwest of Snyder mesquite and tobosa bottom land country. Watered by three wells and three miles of permanent Creek water. Sorry improvements; will carry forty head of cows and calves to the section. Joint Stock Loan \$17,500. Owner needs to sell. Come down and look it over and make me an offer. Would like to hear from you. Respt. R.T. Manuel Ranch Agent, Colorado, Texas.

Would anyone like to lay claim to these cards?

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## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### GOSPEL MEETING TO BE AT FLOMOT CHURCH OF CHRIST

The members of the Flomot Church of Christ invite you to be part of their upcoming Gospel Meeting Sunday February 24 through Wednesday February 27. The Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Following the morning services there will be a covered dish luncheon. The other services will be at 7:30 p.m. each evening Monday through Wednesday.

The speaker will be Brother Dee Teel of Plainview. Bro. Teel has been preaching the gospel for over 40 years. You will be blessed with the message he brings from the word of God.

Carolyn and Arnold Johnson were with her mother, Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque last week who was hospitalized at Mangold Hospital in Lockney. Mrs. May has returned home and will undergo cardiac medical tests in Lubbock, Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Borger, Friday with daughter, Mrs. Fred (Marilee) Cooper.

Michael and Connie Starkey of Canyon visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan and son, Kvlcr of Crosbyton visited Saturday after-

noon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were in Lockney, Wednesday for his medical tests.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville visited Friday night and Saturday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Monday for her check up following recent surgery. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid, who returned home on Sunday from a Caribbean Cruise.

Dane, Crystal and Kyler Degan of Crosbyton were luncheon guests Saturday of his grandmother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed the musical entertainment at the Gem Theatre in Turkey Saturday night including Floyd Cramer styled piano player, John Walker of Grand Prairie.

Lance Barclay and children, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Julie Clay of Lubbock visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They are busy making arrangements for Julie's wedding to be March 16th in Turkey.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

I know how ugly I are, I know my face is no star, but I am behind it, and I don't mind it. The fellow in front gets the jar.

Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited Wednesday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. They attended the funeral services of Mrs. Grace Shelton in Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner visited in Lubbock, Saturday with daughter and family, Heather and Scott Blount and baby daughter, Skylar. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Sunday, were son and wife, Cobey and Janell Turner of Lubbock.

Ryan Martin, student at Tarleton Uni-

versity in Stephenville, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin. Also visiting them during the weekend was Jamie Pigg of Turkey, student at Clarendon College.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were Rene and Gary Laughlin of Midland and their houseguests, granddaughter and great grandson, Mrs. George (Traci) Murphy and Conel Jacob of Princeton, New Jersey. They visited in Amarillo, Friday with Rene's family, Mrs. Susie Sain and Rhonda and Mike Webb. En route home, they visited in Lubbock with B.B. Bristow and Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClain.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune!

## Political Rally set for March 2

### Ed D. Smith

#### Incumbent Republican Candidate for Motley County Judge

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VALENTINE ROYALTY — Billie and Bill Koon of Matador were crowned Valentine King and Queen last week at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Grace Shelton wishes to express gratitude for the ministry of friends at this time. We feel great appreciation for your prayers, food to the home and church, calls and beautiful cards - even as they are still coming.

Jack Boggs spoke words of great comfort and encouragement. Francis Dixon and Elaine Risser and Wayne's boys, Mike, David and Joe Don Shelton brought wonderful music, and the kitchen committee for your church faithfulness. God has blessed us greatly.

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# FARM AND RANCH NEWS

## Thornberry issues statement on Senate passage of new Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) issued the following statement today on the Senate's passage of a new farm bill: "It's good to see that the Senate has finally taken action on the farm bill," Thornberry said. "It gets us one step closer to having a farm bill that better meets the needs of farmers and ranchers in our area. There are

some differences that we'll have to work out between the House and Senate versions -- and some of them are important -- but I am hopeful that action will be taken to assist our country's farmers, ranchers, and consumers as soon as possible."

The House passed the farm bill on October 5, 2001, by a vote of 291 to 120.

## County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



### FOUNDATION SEEKS TO PROTECT PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is eradicating the boll weevil cotton while protecting the safety of the public, foundation employees and the environment, said a top foundation official. Although some South Plains and High Plains residents have recently expressed concerns about the effects of malathion used by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the Texas program is a safe operation that will reduce the application of pesticides on cotton and entirely eliminate spraying to control the boll weevil, the most economically significant cotton pest, said Charles Allen, program director. "We take the safety of our employees and the general public very seriously," Allen said. "And we share a concern for our environment." Allen, who holds a doctorate in entomology, said the eradication program only sprays cotton fields and has a variety of procedures in place to ensure that malathion is applied only to cotton. First among these controls is that aerial applicators must adhere to stringent requirements on the equipment used for spraying, and when spraying, they are required to fly no higher than 5 feet above the crop canopy," he said. The spray nozzles used and the low altitude while spraying ensure the malathion is only deposited on the plants. The foundation also uses ground observers who monitor the planes while treatments are taking place and who maintain contact with the pilots to let them know if adverse weather conditions, such as approaching rain or winds that rise above 10 m.p.h., appear that would cause the spray to drift. Allen said that when those conditions occur, spraying is canceled immediately. In addition, environmental monitoring specialists are on hand to identify sensitive areas, such as schools, hospitals and farm residences, he said. These specialists work with the pilots to make sure their flight patterns avoid these areas.

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The area was declared functionally eradicated in September 2000. "South Plains and High Plains growers will see a remarkable reduction in spraying next year," said Allen. "The growers in those areas have already reported increased yields and a reduction in their own use of pesticides to control cotton pests and it will only get better in the years to come."

### GRASSHOPPER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Land managers are already planning how they will deal with grasshoppers, locusts, and Mormon crickets this summer. Last year was bad for these pests, and outbreaks tend to come in multi-year cycles. The USDA offers a CD-ROM and a web site with the best pest management resources. The website and CD-ROM contain the most recent research in grasshopper management, identification, biology, ecology, and control tactics. It is for federal, state, and local land managers, weed and pest districts, extension agents, and ranchers. Decision making software is also part of the package and can help land managers decide if and when pesticide spraying will make economic and environmental sense. The CD-ROM is available without charge by contacting the Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory at 406-433-5038. Contact: Kim Kaplan, (301)504-1637, Kaplan@ars.usda.gov

### NEW ISSUE OF HEALTHY ANIMALS NOW ONLINE

The newest issue of "Healthy Animals" provides online information on the health and well-being of agricultural animals and fish. It is located on the web at [www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/ha](http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/ha). The current issue describes avian coccidiosis (kak-sid-e-o-sis). This is a costly disease that affects poultry's ability to absorb nutrients. It can even lead to the bird's death. "Healthy Animals" is a quarterly online newsletter consisting of USDA news and expert resources. Web surfers can locate animal health experts and view over 70 animal health topics ranging from diseases to nutrition and parasites. The site also provides contact information for more than 25 USDA research groups that conduct studies aimed at protecting and improving farm animal health. Contact: Jim Core, (301)504-1619, jcore@ars.usda.gov

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## Local FFA members to exhibit animals at 2002 Houston Livestock Show

The 2002 Houston Livestock Show marks the final year that FFA and 4-H exhibitors from across Texas will compete in Reliant Hall, and four FFA members from Motley County have entered to be there. The 2002 Show runs from Feb. 12 - March 3 at Reliant Park.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 22. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the Show, beginning on Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Competing from Motley County will be Clay, Clint, and Cody Cooper and Kayla Copp.

More than 16,000 entries, representing more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market

lambs, market goats, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, dairy goats, llamas, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

"The 2002 Houston Livestock Show will be an event exhibitors of all ages will never forget as we hold the world's largest livestock show in Reliant Hall one last time," said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "For 37 years, Reliant Hall has been the place where generations of 4-H and FFA exhibitors have gathered for fellowship, friendship and competition. We look forward to continuing that tradition in the new Reliant Center in 2003."

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The authors - John Reagor, Catherine Barr, Charles Hart, Tam Garland and Bruce Carpenter - traveled thousands of miles across Texas and spent years compiling the information. The 240-page book has several photographs of each plant harmful to humans and livestock that is found in the state.

It is believed to be the only book ever published about poisonous plants native to Texas. These plants cause from \$50 million to \$100 million in livestock losses each year, the authors say, and that may be a conservative figure.

"A book like this is very much needed because most people aren't aware that a lot of plants in this state can make humans and livestock very sick and even cause death," says Reagor, who has identified such plants for more than 35 years and serves as head of toxicology in the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

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**NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a City Council Election on May 4, 2002. Applications will be accepted to fill (1) 2-year term for Mayor, and (2) 2-year terms for Council member. February 18, 2002, will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 20, 2002, is the last day for accepting applications. Applications may be obtained and filled out at Roaring Springs City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be conducted at the Roaring Springs City Hall, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2002.

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