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"The Last Storm"

Photo by Ken Young

Commissioners' Court meets in regular session

Wind energy hits political glitch

The Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, February 11, with a full quorum. Also attending were County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Deputy Christopher Spence, County Judge Assistant Carol Campbell, and Larry Vogt.

Members of the Motley County Oversight Committee present were Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Marisue Potts-Powell. Special presentations were made by Aflac representatives Sheree Amos and Jana Ward.

County Attorney Tom Edwards provided the court with a Wind Energy update, reminding the court of an upcoming meeting; and referring to the McAdoo project that is "going up fast," he said. The McAdoo towers can be seen from Roar

ing Springs, he said. Edwards cited a "major political glitch" that may stall the process.

The Federal Reduction Tax Credit scheduled to expire in 2008 was not renewed by Congress, he said. This has caused the "jitters" in wind energy development on a national level, Edwards said. Without the tax credit, Edwards fears the wind energy initiative in Motley County will be stymied.

A wind energy meeting, sponsored by the Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association, is planned for Thursday, February 28, in the Motley County District Courtroom. This meeting is an educational forum to address concerns of landowners, farmers and ranchers, community leaders, elected officials, and anyone interested in wind energy.

"Everyone is invited to attend this meeting," Edwards said. "We are attempting to be proactive," he said, "to seek out companies to put additional wind towers up. We need the landowners on board," Edwards said.

Sheriff Michael Crutchley reported he responded to a fire on the Bureson Ranch Sunday. The Bureson Ranch lost about 40-50 acres of ranchland, but had response teams from Floydada, Dougherty, and Matador, quickly bringing the fire under control.

He also discussed the new interlocal agreement with Dickens County on housing inmates. The new interlocal cooperation agreement between Dickens and Motley Counties will provide housing and care of inmates from Motley County. According to Crutchley, if Dickens County Jail is full, or if the prisoner represents a "flight risk, or is a known to have gang affiliation, or has revoked parole or probation," he said, "then these prisoners will be transported to Dickens County Detention Center in Spur at a cost of \$44.00 per day, compared to Dickens County Jail at \$38.00 a day.

Judge Ed D. Smith discussed the extension of a temporary seven-day Declaration of Disaster for Motley County.

The court voted to extend the disaster plan for a period of 90 days, to be reviewed each month. Motley County is named along with 151 other counties in the state in a Governor's Disaster Proclamation as having potential for widespread or severe damage from wildfires due to drought and other weather related conditions.

"The County Judge is asked to do a temporary seven-day disaster declaration to be followed by a more lengthy one by Commissioners' Court," Smith said.

In addition, the Judge discussed the allowance by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to allow burn ban signs to be posted on route marker signs (FM, US, IH) roads and other major highways in the burn ban district. District engineers said the signs must be made of composite materials and can be ordered from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). Each sign will cost about \$30.00 each, not

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THC awards county preservation grant

Cash match challenge is short

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has awarded a Texas Preservation Trust Fund grant to the county for \$30,000 for the repair and restoration of the historic Motley County Jail.

"I am pleased to report that the Funding and Preservation Easement have been signed by the County Judge," county grant writer Carol Campbell said. "We are now waiting for the formality of getting signatures from THC."

Once completed, the county expects to be able to announce the bid in the newspaper by the end of February.

"Plans are underway to execute and advertise bidding documents for the work," Campbell said. Bid documents are being prepared by jail Architect Hubert Welch, Abilene. The bid will appear in the Tribune when completed and also be released to construction plan rooms and services on the internet.

"The good news is we received a \$30,000 historical preservation grant from the Texas Historical Commission," Campbell said. "The bad news is we are \$3,261.80 short of the cash match."

"But this is doable," Campbell said. "We can congratulate ourselves on raising the majority of this cash match challenge."

Following a review and comment by THC and County

Attorney Tom Edwards, the county was informed that if the full amount is not available, as listed in the Funding Agreement, the county will be allowed to raise the funds in a "reasonable amount of time," Campbell said. The deadline to complete Phase I of the jail project is July 1, 2009.

Campbell is also chair of a new non-profit group, Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail. A Fun Fair was conducted this past fall to help raise awareness and money for the project. In addition, the group is discussing a "Spring Fling," and hopefully, "we will be able to collaborate with Comanche Springs Astronomy Camp to conduct a "Star Party" in Matador.

Campbell encourages citizens to join the Friends Care network. "The one-time dues are \$25.00," she said. "You will also get the advantage of receiving a newsletter and a frameable picture of the jail," Campbell said. Donations or membership can be sent to Friends of Historic Motley County Jail, P.O. Box 582, Matador.

"I want to thank the community for the support shown me and this jail project," Campbell said. "Our motto: we all get by with a little help from our friends."

Fire breaks out near Floyd and Motley county line

by Marisue Potts Powell

Volunteer Firemen from Matador, Roaring Springs, Dougherty, Floydada, as well as many neighbors, hooked up on Sunday afternoon, February 10, to stop a runaway fire on the southwest end of Mott Creek Ranch.

The grass fire, one that started at the edge of Highway 70 near the boundary of Motley and Floyd counties, was spotted by a motorist from Vernon. He was quickly assisted by Jacob Thrasher of Floydada and Rick Day of Andrews before firemen arrived on the scene.

Day, a friend of the landowners, had the presence of mind to start the sprinklers at the nearby home of Jim and Mary Ann Potts and seek out Mary Ann and the boys working in the interior of the ranch and Marisue visiting in Matador.

A stiff breeze of 16 mph pushed the fire north, northeast from the plains pasture toward the caprock breaks below the roadside park. A second front headed along the fence line to Broken Leg Canyon where the fire ran low on fuel in the caliche scalds.

An impressive array of equipment answered the call in what could have been a serious wildfire. Motor graders from Motley County, Floyd County

and Campbell Land & Cattle Company surrounded the flames with firebreaks while crews stamped out the spread with shovels and dampened the progress with firehoses from water trucks. Water tankers and crews were positioned to refill the smaller forestry fire trucks as needed.

Radios revealed details of mechanical breakdowns, flat tires, the ejection of firefighter with hose from the back of a truck, and a search on foot for a route through ravines and juniper forests.

Near sundown the firefighters were aided in their efforts by an increase in humidity and swing in wind direction from the east, pushing the fire back on itself. However, the west side was now threatened, and the call went out for Billy Farley to come out of the canyon and push dirt up on the new front.

By 8 p.m. the tired and smoky firefighters began to come back in to the staging area near Potts Composites facility. All that remained was repairing a couple of units of equipment so that they could be driven back home or firehouse.

A grateful family expressed thanks for a successful fight and breathed a sigh of relief. In the distance the glow of stumps burned like the lights of a city seen from an airplane.

EMS breaks ground for new building project

Without fanfare, the ground breaking for a new Emergency Management Services (EMS) building was quietly and efficiently accomplished last week. Located next to the Motley County Clinic, the land was donated by the City of Matador.

EMS is currently sharing space with the fire department, but by May, 2008, two vehicles will be housed side-by-side in a 40- by 60-foot space.

Paramedics and other intermediate staff will occupy a 24- by 40-foot inside space for classrooms and office.

"The fire department has been great, but we need our own space," Seven Alexander said.

"I teach EMT basic and intermediate classes," Alexander said, "It has been very difficult in the past to move supplies from the clinic to the school. We have big equipment, so we need a big space," Alexander said.

This state-of-the-art classroom will have a projector and computers; and when the staff has case review meetings, it will be secure, she said.

The staff is always concerned about records confidentiality, Alexander said.

"Everything will be double locked, just like the hospital," she said.

Alexander has been a certified paramedic since 2000. "It is unheard of for a small town to have three certified paramedics," she said. "Matador is very fortunate."

Including Alexander, other paramedics are Sheila Womack and Pat Smith.

Funding for the project came in part from "money we have earned in interest on the Certificate of Deposit over a period of time, and a grant from Martha Ann Cogdell Trust," President of the Hospital Board Charley Johnson said.

Tony Rose is the Director of EMS. He has been with the EMS since 1983 and explained what happens when a call comes in to the 911 number. The call goes to the Floyd County Sheriff's department and depending on the type of emergency, the dispatcher hits one of three buttons, Fire, Sheriff, or EMS. They are able to patch right in and the caller can communicate directly with an EMS paramedic.



GROUND BREAKING for the new EMS facility is completed. Located next to the clinic, the land was donated by the City of Matador. Completion is projected for May, 2008.

Rose said that the Hospital District, which also operates the Clinic, administers the EMS as well. At the monthly meetings, the EMS staff goes over the activity for the month and also has a peer review with a physician from the Hospital District. "This monthly meeting addresses the issue of constant quality improvement, how we can help the service provide the best care."

Rose said that the EMS has about 10 people who serve in various capacities, including paid and volunteer positions. The paid positions are considered part-time and everyone has another job or business to supplement their part-time position. Rose said, "Everybody has to wear an extra hat to get everything done in a community like this."

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Laverne Zabielski

The opportunity to make art is everywhere. When Larry was driving back from Floydada last week after getting the paper printed he drove past a large flock of Canada Geese. He had to stop and take a picture. When I was putting the paper together I received the Weekly Migratory Bird Hunting Report, High Plains Mallard Management Unit. I had to create a Found Poem. We also wanted to reprint Dinah Young's poem printed last week since one line was missing and correct the spelling of Annie Sheridan Tudor's name. Sue Shannon told us Valentine's Day is the official potato planting day. We better get digging.

Migratory Bird Hunting Report a Found Poem

Panhandle:
Duck season drew to a close at sunset on January 27. According to outfitters, "season finished strong." Mallards, pintails, teal, wigeons and gadwalls, prominent birds found in bags.

Many days in January saw duck hunters breaking ice to open water.
"Though temperatures were in the teens, most of the snow missed the region.

Goose hunting for darks continue, consistent over wheat and corn. Outfitters are getting their limit. They say, "prospects for special light goose are in limbo."

Snow geese have been fickle, lately, and, with few juvenile birds, decoying action might remain tough, even with electronic callers. Prospects are fair to good.

North Zone:
Duck season ended at sunset on January 27. Sloughs, rivers and bayous were dry. Recent rains filled backwaters and floated acorns. Other mast lying on the ground became floating food. Mallards, gadwalls and wood ducks found it quickly.

Freezing temperatures in the northern states sent wads of birds across the Red River. They found refuge in the region. Good hunts were posted. Lots of teal on lakes and reservoirs fill bags throughout the season.

The usual assortment of diving ducks staged on lakes like Caddo, Lake O' the Pines, Toledo Bend, Sam Rayburn, Fork, and Palestine. Rains scattered ducks in plowed fields. Teal, shovelers, a few pintails were taken the final weekend.



photo by Larry Vogt

An Open Letter to the Farm Bill Community from U. S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture

Based on conversations that we've had with different groups in recent days, we understand that there is a lot of concern, based largely on erroneous reports, about where we stand with the Farm Bill. As a result of this, we thought it was important to explain as clearly as possible where we are in this process.

What we have been trying to do the past several weeks is to arrive at a bill that can pass Congress with bipartisan support and that we believe the President will sign. After all, our common objective is to get a farm law, not just a bill voted out by Congress.

Based on these efforts, we are developing a basic framework designed to accomplish that goal. We believe it is time to put something forward that is realistic and move forward with the conference committee.

What we will propose is a starting place, and we want to work with the Senate to craft a final bill that can pass both chambers and that the President will sign.

We do not believe that any strategy involving a veto will be good for the country. We encourage everyone involved in this process to look realistically at what can be accomplished. We know that this sense of realism will disappoint some people who wanted more out of the Farm Bill. We wanted to do more too, but reality tells us that the possibilities are limited.

We are at a critical time. We must make significant progress and outline a framework that is acceptable to the House, Senate and Administration before the President's Day recess in order to pass a Farm Bill before the expiration of current law on March 15.

We encourage all of the diverse groups interested in the Farm Bill to work with us to find a realistic way to move forward and achieve our common goal of enacting a new Farm Bill as soon as possible.
Sincerely

Collin C. Peterson,
Chairman
Bob Goodlatte,
Ranking Member

WRITING COMMUNITY

Procrastination

by Pauline House

I'm not basically a procrastinator
but when I don't want to do something in the worse way
I will find myself thinking of how to get out of it.

I dread sitting down to pay bills
so I get my snack,
a cup of coffee,
my desk has to be cleaned off.

I have to read some pieces of mail
then I have to get a pillow for my chair
and my phone, in case someone calls me
and rescues me for some more time.

Then comes the inevitable.
I tear open the first bill
then look through all the advertisements
I don't want to miss anything.

Peacock's Windmill

By Dinah Young

That windmill turned
For so many years
Low wind or high wind
It sighed and creaked.
Bringing water for the cattle
The fan catching each direction
The wind would take it.

Standing like a beacon
On the hill near Peacock's place
A landmark for Bill
As he grubbed and hoed mesquite.

She couldn't keep him from the place.
It took him everyday
To walk and work the land he loved
He got lost among the hay.

Now they are gone
And the last big storm
Took that windmill down.
We'll miss it on the landscape
Times change us all around.

South Zone:
Duck season ended at sunset January 27. Hunters said, "Overall season, below average on coastal prairie. El Campo, Eagle Lake, Wharton, East Bernard and Garwood, never held the ducks like seasons past."

Declining rice production may be a contributing factor.

If not for green-winged teal, many hunters in the area would have stared at barren skies. The lack of gadwalls puzzled many.

Once a mainstay like teal, few gadwalls were found on prairie ponds. Pintail numbers continue to decline as well.

Again, lack of rice probably is a factor.

An influx of rain did push more pintails to the high ground of the prairie. Port O'Connor, Seadrift and Rockport; hot spots on the coast for teal, wigeons, redheads and gadwalls.

Marsh hunting near High Island remained steady with fresh wads of green-winged teal and gadwalls keeping the shooting steady.

Goose season in the **East Zone** ended January 27. Overall results: fair to poor. Hunters reported, "few juvenile snows in the flock." Geese arrived a month late and outfitters said "Numbers were significantly down." Many are using fallow grass and lush wheat fields. Water is everywhere with the recent rains. Prospects are fair.



photo by Larry Vogt

BRAVE BESSIE -- A PIONEER IN THE SKY

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

When Bessie Coleman looked at the distant stars above her childhood home in Texas, the possibility of human flight was just a theory. But by the time she was 30, this native Texan was herself an aviation star.

Among other achievements, Bessie Coleman became the first African American woman to obtain a pilot's license. "I didn't realize I had two strikes against me," she said. "I remember hearing of a few women pilots before the war, but I had never seen one. The other strike against me was my color. No one had ever heard of a black woman pilot in 1919."

Bessie Coleman was born in Atlanta, Texas, in 1892, the tenth of 13 children. When she was two, her family moved to Waxahachie, but her mother was soon left to raise the children on her own. Bessie was fortunate—her mother provided her with love, values, faith and the drive to achieve.

Bessie tackled school work while watching over younger sisters, doing laundry, tending to the garden and picking cotton. Her segregated school was a four-mile walk from home, but Bessie proved to be a top student and an avid reader.

Bessie's mother encouraged her to look to the world beyond her hometown. Bessie moved to Chicago and eventually got a job in a barber shop, doing nails. In her idle moments, she read about exploits of military pilots in World War I, and vowed to learn to fly herself.

An impossible dream? After she was rejected by aviation schools in the U.S., she got money together and moved to Paris. There, she took lessons in a rickety biplane and earned her pilot's license in 1921.

Her timing was perfect. She returned home and became a "barnstormer," an aerial daredevil and stunt pilot. Bessie's fans began calling her "Brave

Bessie" or "Queen Bess," and she became the leading female flyer of the time.

She returned to Houston in 1925 for her home state flying debut. Her biographer, Doris L. Rich, described Bessie's show: "Ascending high above the clouds, she stalled her motor and dove to within a few feet of the ground before pulling up as the crowd let out a roar of relief and admiration. Interspersed with dives were barrel rolls, figure eights and loop-the-loops. Her aeronautic pyrotechnics sent a direct message to the spectators below: If I can do it, so can you."

Bessie Coleman died just a year later. She was 34 years old.

Brave Bessie radiated qualities that Texans cherish—dream big, work hard, never quit and keep learning. She was also committed to opportunity for others, opposing segregation of audiences at her

shows and working to start a flying school to train African American pilots.

Bessie's contributions to aviation are well remembered. In 1995, she was featured on a U.S. postal stamp. She's a member of the Women in Aviation Hall of Fame and the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

An eloquent tribute came from another Texan, astronaut Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to go into space: "I point to Bessie Coleman and say without hesitation that here is a woman, a being, who exemplifies the very definition of strength, dignity and beauty."

Bessie Coleman's brilliance was on display all too briefly. But even in that short time, she proved yet again that dreams can be realized. Bessie Coleman is a Texan whose story of achievement has inspired us all.

Commissioners' Court meets continued from page one

including the mounting hardware and shipping charges. Counties would be responsible for purchasing the signs. This item of business was tabled to investigate other sign options as indicated by TxDOT.

Aflac District Coordinator Sheree Amos and Jana Ward,

consultant, made a presentation to the court on the benefits of a free pre-tax program for employees. This insurance plan has the potential to put dollars back into an employee's paycheck and reduce FICA payments, Amos said. The county currently has four employees that have Aflac coverage.

In other business, Judge Ed D. Smith informed the court that the county had repaired a "major leak in the lawn." The work was done by Lewis Drum Plumbing in Roaring Springs.

In addition, the Judge made a proposal to the court for the collection of unpaid fines and fees. Tax attorneys Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott have proposed to enforce the collection of delinquent court fees and fines for Motley County.

"The tax attorney's can be more aggressive in collection," Judge Smith said, adding, "for

example, this group has reported a 24-percent collection rate in Kent County. I think this is a win-win situation."

Most of the monies involved are in the Justice of the Peace court and unpaid DPS tickets. The attorney fee is added onto the outstanding fine, so any fine after August 2003 has a 30 percent fee. The county would get 100 percent of the dollars due.

For cases outstanding prior to September 2003, the attorney's would collect only the fine and retain 20-percent for their fee with 80 percent going to the county. The court voted unanimously to accept the contract and resolution.

Judge Smith provided the court with an update on the Flomot community grant for \$303,200 for a water infrastructure project through the Texas Small Towns Environment Program, Office of Rural Community Affairs. The grant has been signed by the judge, and is awaiting coordination from the regional specialist. A check-signing ceremony will be planned for the near future.

Carol Campbell reported that the Funding and Easement Agreement has been signed

by the county judge for the \$30,000 Texas Preservation Trust Fund grant for the repair and restoration of the historic Motley County jail.

The county is now waiting for the formality of signing by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Once the funding

and easement agreements are signed, a project start date will be set by THC. The project work will then be advertised through the county's bid procurement procedures for the repair. The county is expected to bid the roof, windows and doors, and the tuck pointing of the mortar. The grant from THC is a dollar-for-dollar cash match grant.

"We have raised \$18,758.21 toward our cash match," Campbell said. "I think this is a major accomplishment," she said. "Other ideas for fundraisers are in the works."

"THC approved the in-kind submission from the City and County for site work for \$8,462.50," she said, "currently, we are only short \$3,261.80." Campbell, chair of the Friends of the Historic Motley County

Jail also distributed a monthly newsletter to the court that has been distributed to the members of the new organization.

The Friends Care network is in the process of establishing a non-profit agency. "Once this is accomplished, we can apply for grants through private foundations," Campbell said. "

In other business, Judge Smith reported to the court that a 6-by-7-foot county map is now ready to be displayed in

the courthouse. "This map is a 911 map of the county, showing all roads currently being maintained by the county," he said.

Commissioners are encouraged to study the map, remove roads that are not currently being maintained. "However," Judge Smith said, "if someone protests the removal of a road, the commissioners shall appoint a jury-of-view to look at the road and make a determination if it is a county road or not," he said. "There will be two public hearings set to review the maps," he said.

Happy Valentine's



Trent, Tylee and Trevor Barclay
Children of Ty and Brittany Barclay of Matador.
Grandchildren of Jerry and Sandra Barclay of Flomot,
Danny Perryman of Matador, and Brenda Hurt of Dumont.
Great-Grandchildren of Sol and Geneva Barclay of
Lockney, Erma Washington of Flomot, Janice Perryman of
Roaring Springs, and Thomas and Dora Hurt of Matador.
Great-Great-Grandchildren of Modean Brooks of Matador.



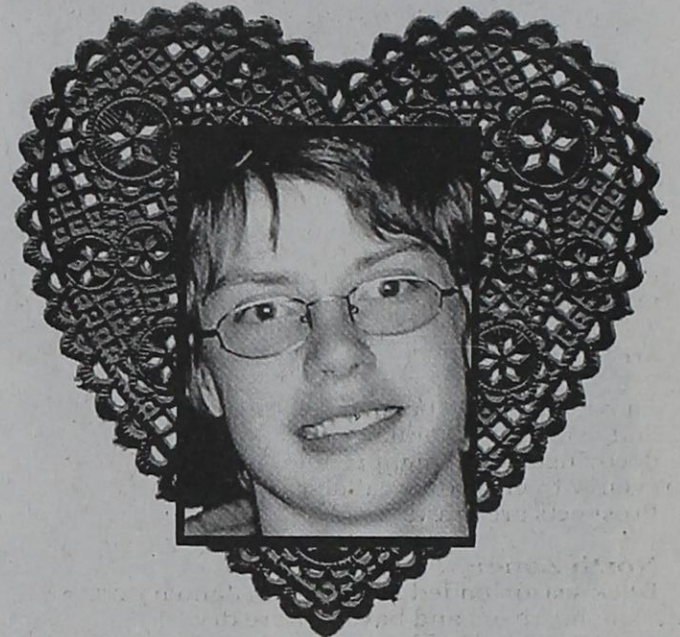
Cooper Allen Archer, 17 months
Son of Derrick and Jodie Archer,
Grandson of Bob and Wanda Kilmer,
and Sherilyn Archer of Pampa



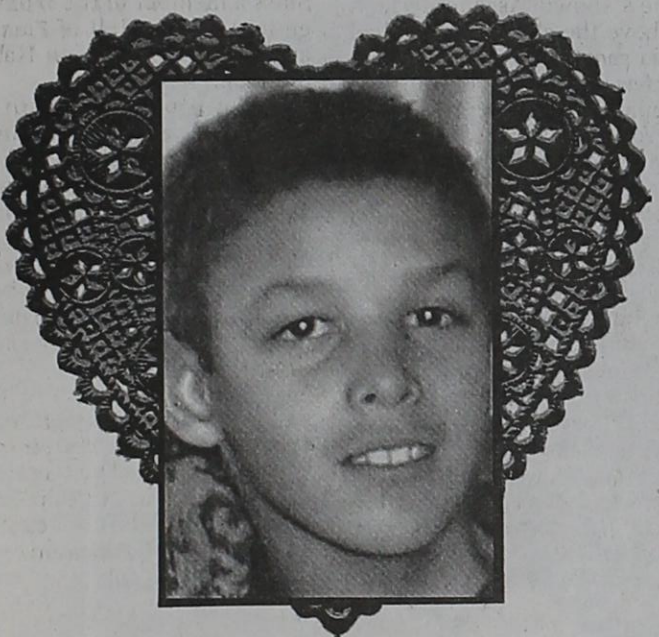
Joleigh Mae Darsey, 6 months
Parents, Bert and Leigh Ann Darsey; Grandparents,
Robin and Beverly Darsey, Jerry and Kelly Payne



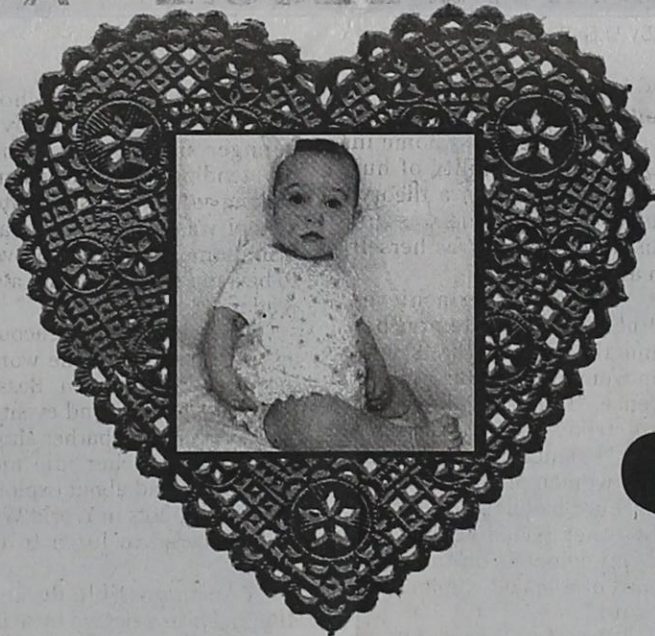
Dillon Bailey, 15
Grandson of Ron & Kay Bailey



Jason Bailey, 14
Grandson of Ron & Kay Bailey



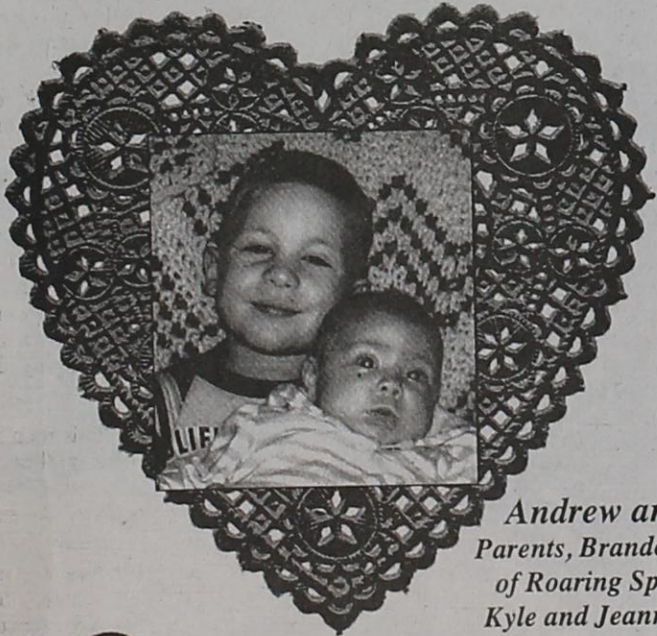
Branton Bailey 10 yr
Grandson of Ron & Kay Bailey



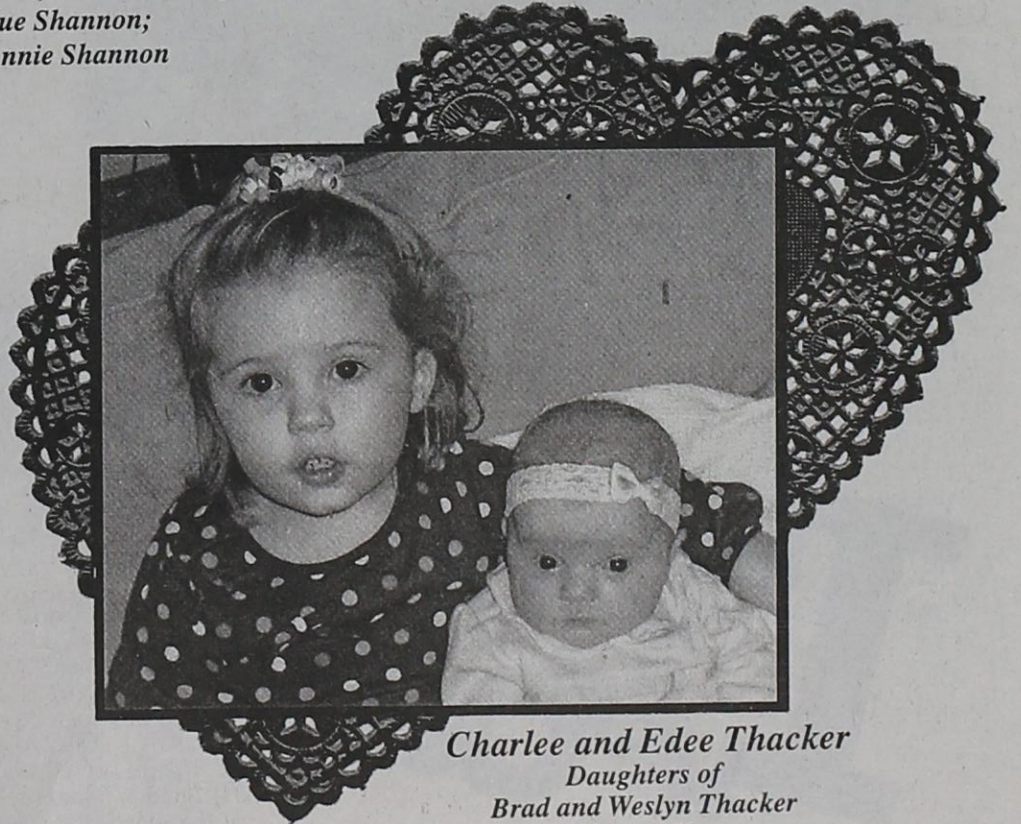
Bailea Grace Lawrence, 11 months
Parents, Chad and Denise Lawrence of Roaring Springs;
Grandparents, Robert and Debbie Shannon, Rickey and
Naomi Lawrence; Great Grandparents, Sammie Phillips,
Von Simpson, Doyle and Sue Shannon;
Great-great grandmother: Annie Shannon



Kolton Bailey, 13
Grandson of Ron & Kay Bailey



Andrew and Callie Moore
Parents, Brandon and Rebecca Moore
of Roaring Springs; Grandparents,
Kyle and Jeannie Moore of Matador,
Rodney and Nona Long
of Roaring Springs



Charlee and Edee Thacker
Daughters of
Brad and Weslyn Thacker
of Amarillo;
Granddaughters of
Jeff and Pam Thacker
of Roaring Springs
and Micky Maupin of Gruver
Great granddaughters of
Buzz Thacker of Roaring Springs

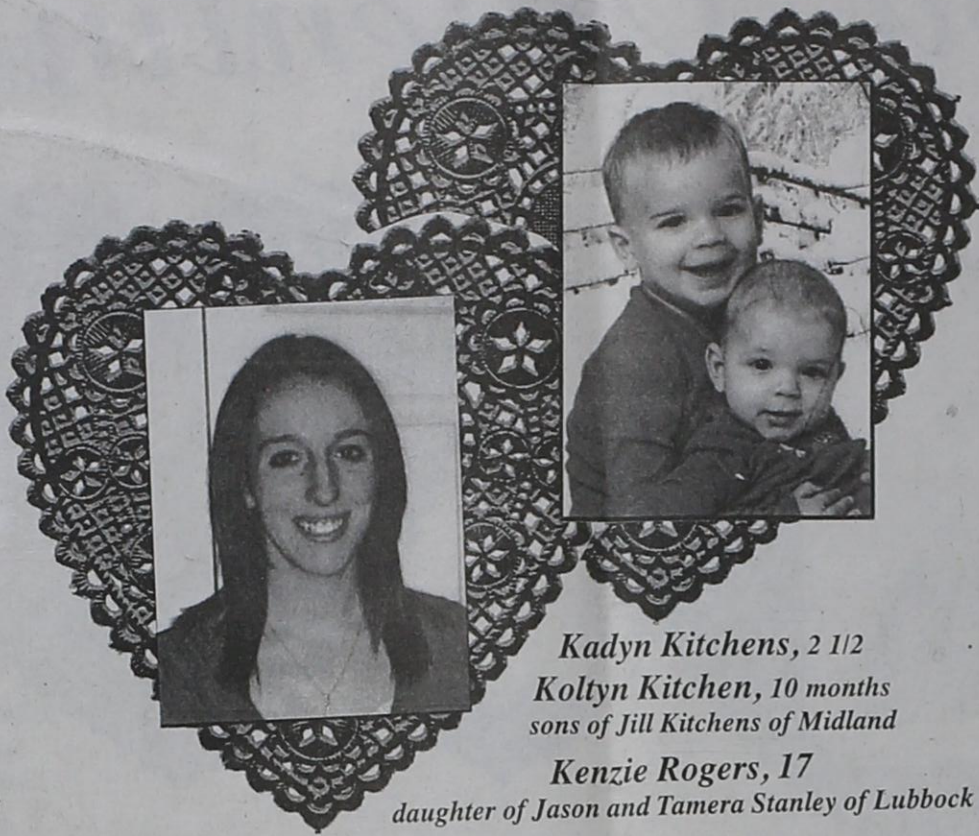
I am so small
I can barely be seen.
How can this great love
be inside me?
--Rumi



My Sweet Valentine ...



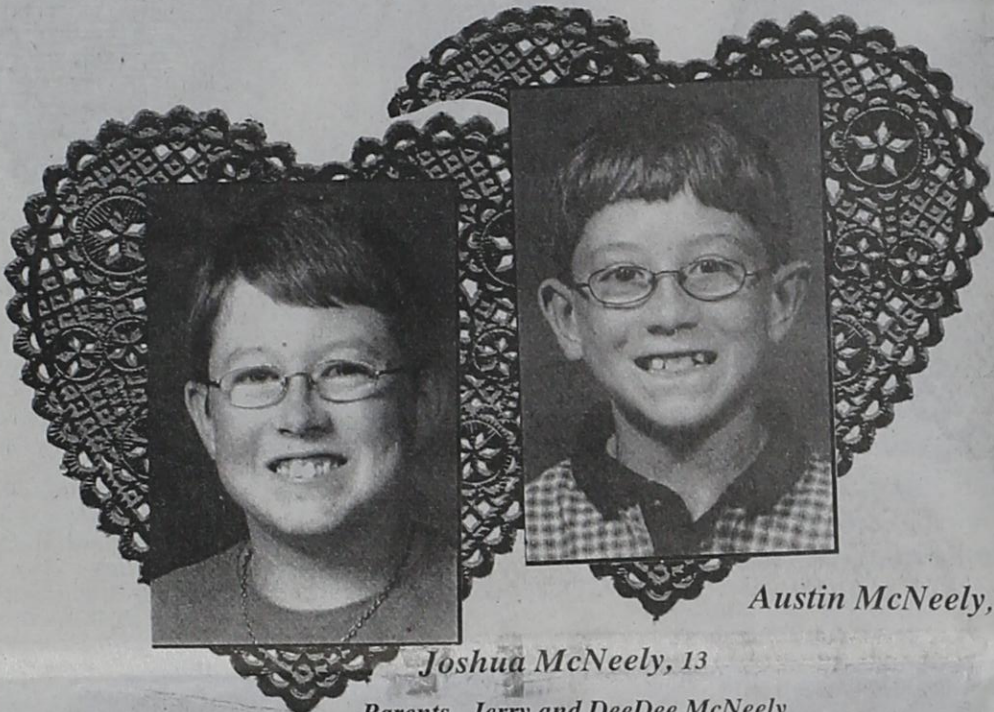
Love is an ocean.
this wide sky
a bit of foam on that.
--Rumi



Kadyn Kitchens, 2 1/2
Koltyn Kitchen, 10 months
sons of Jill Kitchens of Midland
Kenzie Rogers, 17
daughter of Jason and Tamera Stanley of Lubbock
Grandchildren of
James and Jargaret Stanley of Lubbock

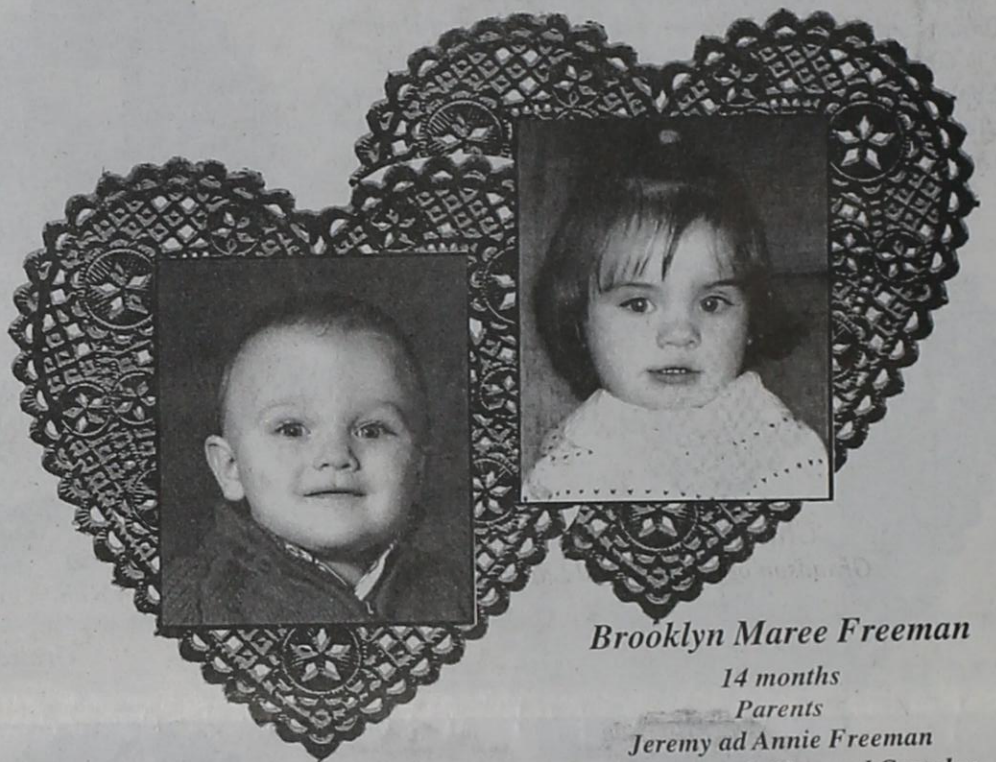


Marge Edwards
"To our Valentine!"
Tom and Deanie Edwards



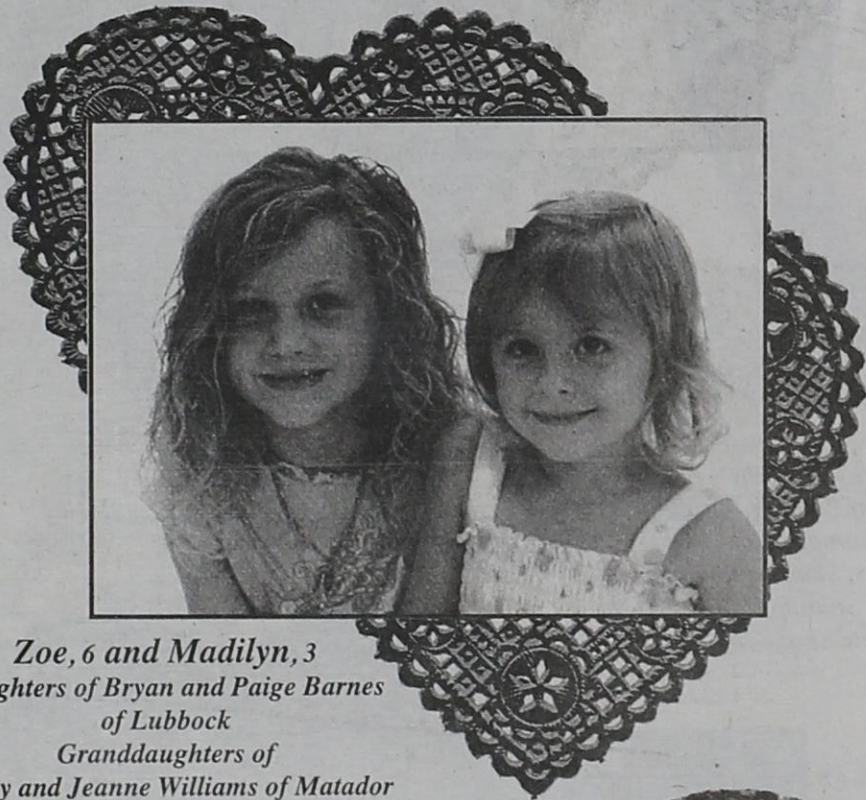
Joshua McNeely, 13
Parents, Jerry and DeeDee McNeely
Grandparents, Sammie Phillips and John McNeely
and Dorothy House

Austin McNeely, 10



Taylor Brasen Green
16 months
Parents
Aaron and Randa Green
"We love you," Nan and Grandpa

Brooklyn Maree Freeman
14 months
Parents
Jeremy and Annie Freeman
"We love you," Nan and Grandpa

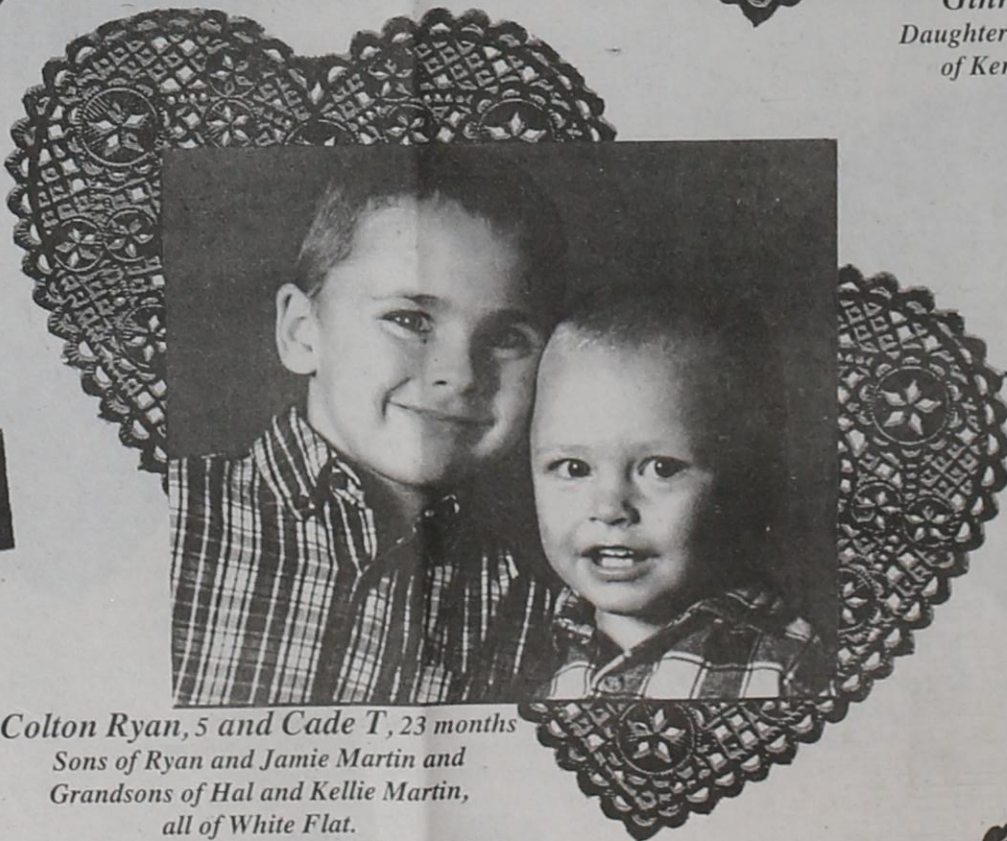


Zoe, 6 and Madilyn, 3
Daughters of Bryan and Paige Barnes
of Lubbock
Granddaughters of
Bobby and Jeanne Williams of Matador
W.L. and Kathy Barnes of Eula



**Jude Ellie, Sinikka Verrill,
Ginny, Jena Ladue**
Daughters and Granddaughters
of Ken and Dinah Young

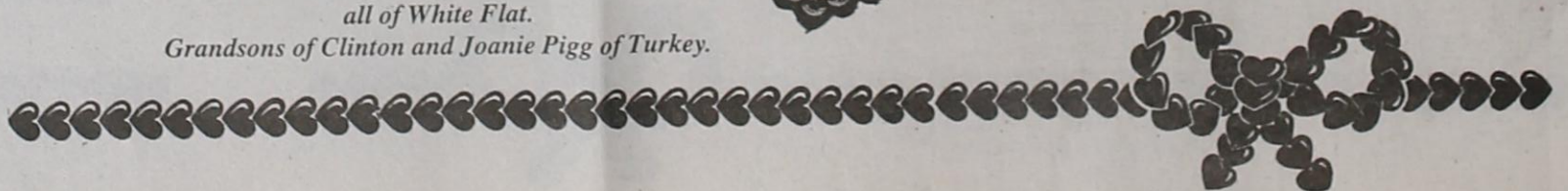
I Love You



Colton Ryan, 5 and Cade T, 23 months
Sons of Ryan and Jamie Martin and
Grandsons of Hal and Kellie Martin,
all of White Flat.
Grandsons of Clinton and Joanie Pigg of Turkey.

Birdsong, wind,
the water's face.

Each flower,
remembering the smell:
I know you're close by.
--Rumi



SWEETHEART'S

The minute I heard my first love story
I started looking for you,
not knowing
how blind that was.

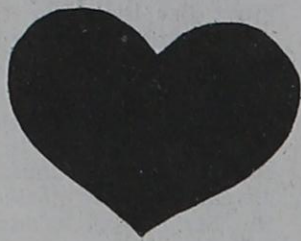
--Rumi



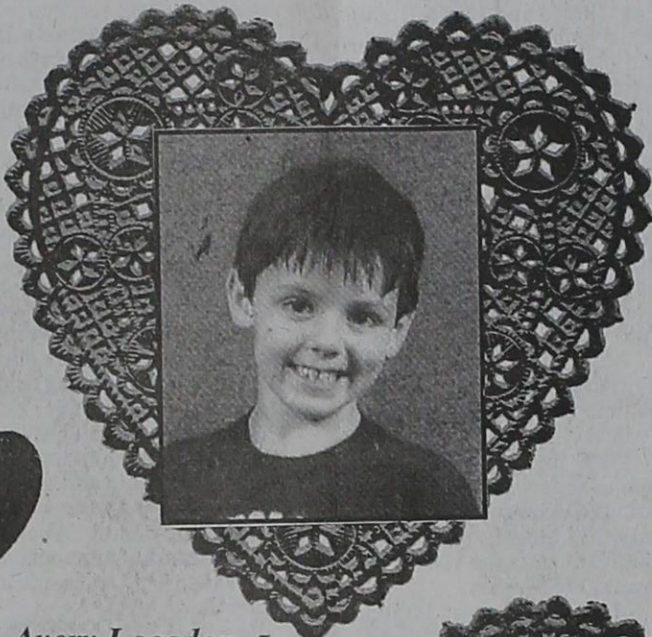
Matthew, Allison, and Braeden
Great-grandchildren of Grace Zabielski



Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski
Mother of Laverne, Raworth, Lamar, Steve,
Beverly, Julian and Bunni
We Love You!



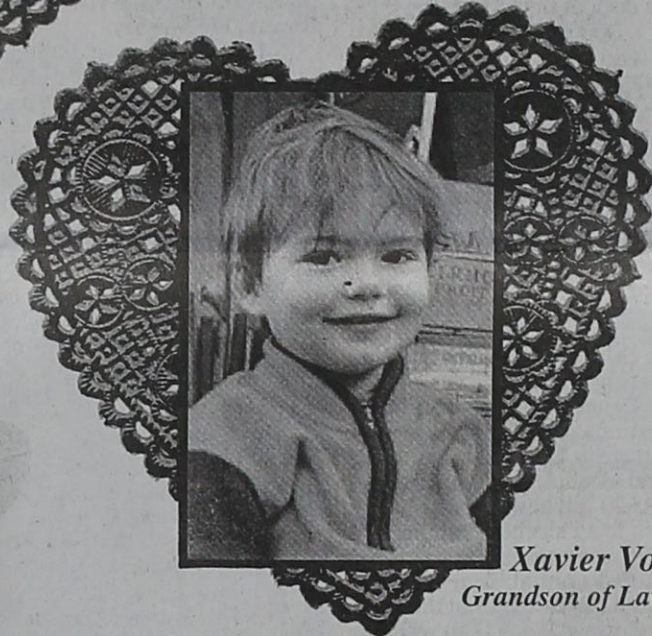
Chuck Logsdon, 4
Grandson of Laverne and Larry



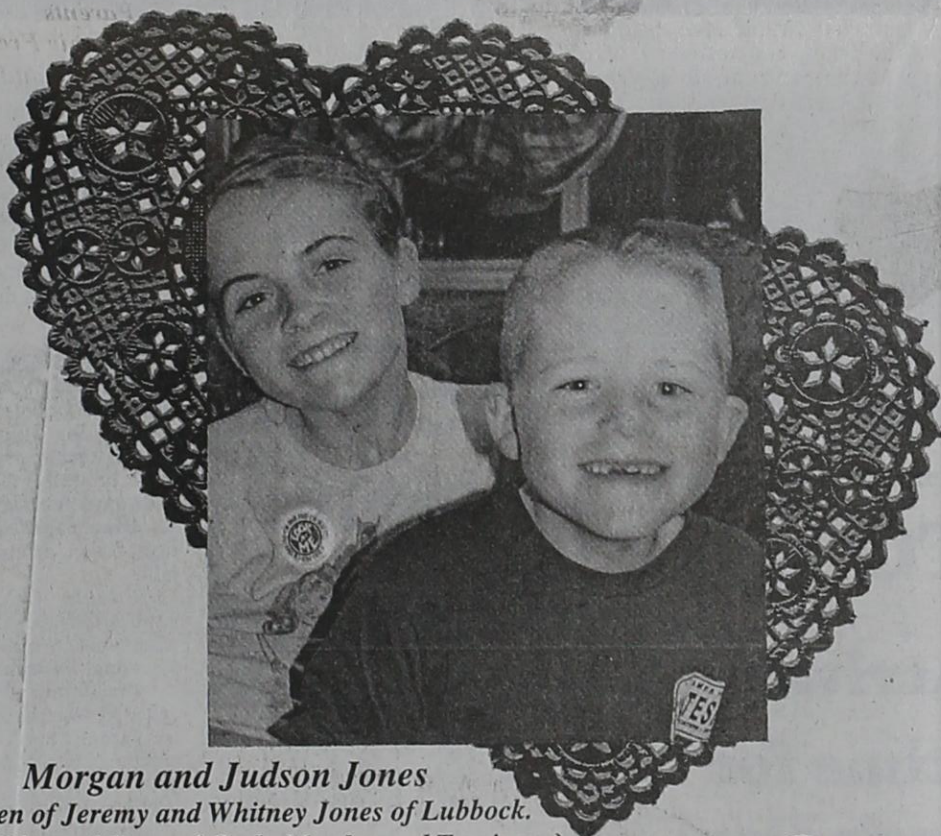
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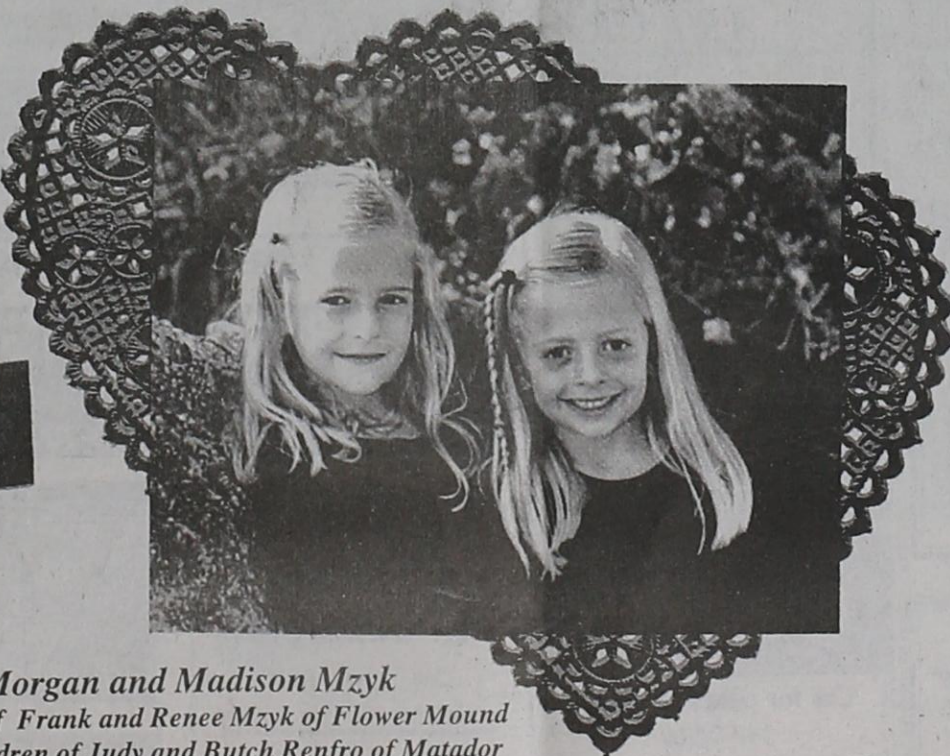
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Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs, Marion Woodruff
and Dorothy Nichols of Matador.



Bryer and Reagan Davis
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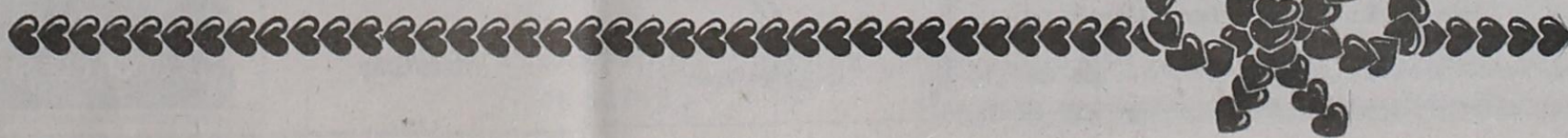


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and Irene Mzyk of San Antonio



Lovers don't finally meet
somewhere
They're in each other all
along.

--Rumi



News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Someone has suggested that I let Lil' Toot be my voice in my articles. Well...Lil' Toot is still pretty young to have much wisdom, though she does have opinions. Since she got her winter coat and doesn't shed so much she has been in the house a good bit. She played with the threads on my serger and pulled them clear into the living room and of course tangled them up.

Out outdoor cat, Clyde is older and wiser but since he is outside he doesn't share many of his ideas with me. Now Wixie our senior dachshund likes to be by side almost all day. She has lots of opinions and some doggie wisdom but I can't always translate; she is a bit set in her ways and diverse opinions get her all uncomfortable. She has definite opinions about her food, those she likes, her fears, our activities and her comfarts. She is a good companion; she chooses Corky to be her favorite for some things and me for other things. When the going gets rough she definitely thinks I am more likely to understand her and I do. Perhaps I can get one of them to help me with my column occasionally.

I almost forgot Prissy, our outdoor dog. She is mostly Corky's dog and he communicates with her best. (I have written about Prissy a time or two. She too is getting to be a senior dog.) In her salad days she went with Corky downtown and would patiently wait at the door of whatever business he happened to be in. She particularly liked the Hitchin' Post on Thursdays because Corky collected his chicken scraps and Steve Byrd would collect a few more for her. Most everyone in Roaring Springs knows Prissy. At the monthly meeting, on February 12 the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers hosted a reception to welcome new Roaring Springs residents: Tince Thacker, Travis and Sarah

Kline; Perry, Deannette and Lexie Gullede; Laverne Zabielski, Larry Vogt and Ralph and Ellie Baliff. Punch, coffee, and cake were served on a table laid with a teal cloth and a centerpiece of spring flowers in an antique clear, fluted glass container. Don Dillard spent a couple of nights in the hospital but returned to Hackberry-Care Center on Sunday. He is feeling much better.

Corky Marshall attended a South Plains Regional Review on Wednesday in Lubbock at the Mahon Library Community Room on behalf of the City of Roaring Springs. They learn about grants that are available to small towns and other information that help to small town governments.

There is still a lot of cotton on the yard at Red Ball Gin Co. I talked with Tina Brooks today. To date they have ginned 15,228 bales. She estimated that there were still over a thousand bales in modules on the gin yard to be ginned.

Quite a few Roaring Springs folks have had the 'flu-like virus' going around. It hits hard but thankfully only lasts about a week for most folks. Dinah Young's daughter, Jenny Ladoo has been very ill as a result of this virus; it has caused her to have pneumonia. She is in a Lubbock hospital at this time. Dinah and Ken are taking care of her 4 year old daughter, Jenna.

Charlie Long has had surgery on both knees and returned home from the V. A. Hospital last week. He is at home doing well. Both Charlie and Nancy have had the flu.

Boyd and Laura Long have also been at home with the flu. Don and Michele Smith of Houston have been in Roaring Springs overseeing some work being done on Michele's mother, Joyce Smith's house. A water leak had caused quite a bit of damage.

ROARING SPRINGS LIONS CLUB MEETS

Seven Lions and five guests met Thursday, February 7, at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant in Roaring Springs.

Denese Theadford and Sally Hornaday from the Parenting Cottage in Lubbock spoke about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and how it affects babies born to an alcoholic mother.

Theadford also spoke about the 3rd annual Tour De Nine Zero, a bicycle tour that the Roaring Springs Lions Club will help sponsor on May 3 during the annual Highway 70 Garage Sale to raise money for the Parenting Cottage.

The riders will be camping at Roaring Springs. The tour begins at 8:00 a.m. Riders raising the most pledge money will win two round trip tickets on Southwest Airlines. The entry fee is \$30.00 per cyclist. For more information call (806) 795-7552 or look at their web site at www.parentingcottage.com or parentingcottage@hotmail.com. You may register at caprockcycling.org.

Members attending the monthly Lions Club meeting were: Ken Abbott, President, Alex Crowder, Corky Marshall, Buzz Thacker, Wes Campbell, Floyd Carter, and Mike Crowley.

Guests were Tince Thacker, Lynn Campbell, Deputy Sheriff Chris Spence, Denise Theadford and Sally Hornaday.

Anyone interested in learning about the Lions Club is invited to attend meetings the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant in Roaring Springs.

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Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
February 23

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I love my lifelong Valentine, the one I've had for more than 50 years. My loyal pal, my joy sublime through life's happiness and tears. Though our brows are lined, I find I can't forget Valentine's Day when our love is renewed. May you have memories of love on Valentine's Day!

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

We welcome home Doyle Lubbock Friday afternoon after six weeks hospitalization and therapy at the Covenant Medical Center. He will continue to have therapy at his home and thankful to know he is able to move around with the aid of a walker and cane.

Bengie Hughes of Royce City visited the weekend with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Other visitors Saturday were son and children, Rickey Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada.

Mrs. Lou Burleson, Mrs. Joy Smitherman, Mrs. Marra Brown and Mrs. Laura Turner of Floydada and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton took a tour of the electrical power windmills in the McAdoo area Sunday. They attended the Library Reception given for Mrs. Alkgaree Jones Sunday afternoon in Matador.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Plainview, Thursday for Ruth medical tests at the Covenant Medical Center.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Roaring Springs, Tuesday with Billy Hand and wife, Mozell. Mrs. Sherry McKay of Quitaque visited Mrs. Rogers, Wednesday.

Monte George of Lubbock visited Sunday with Johnnie Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson attended the Salad Supper Saturday held at the Baptist Church in Matador as a guest of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Day. Sunday afternoon, she attended the reception honoring Mrs. Alkgaree Jones at the Matador Library.

Visiting from Saturday until Monday with her parents, Nada and Jack Starkey was Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were son and family, Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks of Lubbock.

Mrs. Erma Washington is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash were guests of his mother,

of last week with her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle Tuesday to attend the PHS girls' basketball game in which granddaughter, Kelsey Clay played. Her team has won the District 2A championship.

Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque Sunday at the Fairmont Baptist Church luncheon. Jackie and husband, Terry Sperry were guests at an evening meal Sunday night in the home of the Will Sperry family.

Cole Martyn of Portales, N.M. visited the weekend with his father, Wilburn Martin. They also visited Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock visited from Friday until Monday

VALENTINE DECORATIONS DISPLAY AT DO GOODERS CLUB MEETING

By Earlene Jameson

Beautiful Valentine's Day decor greeted members of the Do Gooders' Club Tuesday afternoon, February 5, at the Community Center, Flomot.

Mrs. Brenda Browning conducted the business session. In the absence of Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, secretary, no minutes were read.

First on the agenda, the club's meeting in March has been postponed to Tuesday, March 11, as not to interfere with the March 4 Primary Elections being held at the Community Center.

Members discussed having a Do Gooders' Club quilt for which chances will be sold and the winner announced at the Flomot Homecoming in July. When the weather permits, members will have a Clean-Up Day inside and outside the Center.

Hostesses Mrs. Suzie Shannon and Mrs. B. Rogers presided at a crystal service. The table was laid with a lace cloth over red. The centerpiece was a molded figurine adorned with red ruffles flanked by red candles in crystal holders. Red hearts were intermingled on the table adding to the decor. The hostesses served refreshments of cheese rolls, sour cream pound cake, heart shaped cookies with cranberry punch.

Mrs. Waydette Clay was the winner of the hostess gift, colorful crafted handmade pot holders.

Those attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Waydette Clay, Brenda Browning, Erma Washington, Connie Franks, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Cally Sperry and Barbara Payne.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent

Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Interviews

On January 14, Jay Scott and Jim Boles from KCTX Radio in Childress interviewed FFA and 4-H members for the 2008 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. These interviews are being aired on 96.1 Childress. KCTX has graciously offered to do these interviews in hopes of better publicizing our county stock show and raising more money for the participants. Be sure to tune into 96.1 KCTX Childress to here the interviews.

2008 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

The Motley County Jr. Livestock Show is set for February 23, 2008. Every participant should be getting ready for the show and preparing your animal.

If any stock show participant needs help sheering your animal, call me or Mr. Cooper and we will set up a time and date.

A schedule of the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show is as follows: The annual pancake breakfast sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save will be served from 6:45am till 8:30 by local volunteers. All animals must be weighed in by 8:00am with the show starting at 9:00am with the PeeWee Showmanship. Following

the pee-wee showmanship will be the market swine classes, then bucket calves, market lambs, rabbits, market goats and steers in that order. The premium will begin at 2:30pm.

4-H and FFA members may also pick up a copy of the 2008 Motley County Jr. Livestock show rules in the Extension office.

Come out and support the local youth as they showcase their livestock projects they have been working hard on for the past several months.

If you would like to donate to Motley County Jr. Livestock Show, please see me, Mr. Cooper, D'anna or a livestock director. Without donations, this event would not be possible. You may also make donations at the stock show. Remember, all donations are passed onto the participants to help pay for animals, feed and any other costs they have incurred.

With the stock show being just 10 days away, there will be lots of activity going on at the bus barn, so please watch out for kids and animals if you are driving by.

Upcoming Events:
2/15 4-H Livestock Project sheets due by 5pm
2/18 4-H Clothing and Textiles project meeting - 5pm in courthouse
2/23 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MARKET UPDATE

AUSTIN - (February 11, 2008) For the week ending February 9, 2008, feeder steer prices at Texas auctions were up \$4.31 per hundredweight from the previous week. Fed cattle prices were also higher as increased beef prices boosted packer margins. Sheep and goat prices rose as processors line up supplies for the spring holidays. Wheat prices were up sharply as demand remains good for the tight supplies, with projected carryover stocks at the lowest level in 60 years. Corn, cotton and grain sorghum prices ended the week unchanged to higher.

Prices for pine sawlogs declined as a weakened housing market reduced demand. Pine pulpwood prices set a record high on strong demand for pulp and paper. As for futures markets, feeder cattle and finished cattle were lower, while cotton, corn, wheat and lumber were higher. Little precipitation was recorded anywhere in the state, with some scattered showers in East Texas. The winter wheat crop continues to struggle because of the lack of moisture and rates in fair to very poor condition. Field preparations for spring planting are underway in many areas.

School Menu

Thursday, February 14
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Sliced turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, hot roll, fruit fluff, milk.

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UNSUNG HEROES

By Darleen Fletcher

I would like to nominate Ken Abbott as an "Unsung Hero." Ken has been a good friend and benefactor to Roaring Springs and Motley County.

Back in 1996, when we first started Kids Camp, and had no building, Ken came in and built us a marvelous stage for our first production. Then by Kids Camp 1997, he had built us some badly needed restrooms.

He was in charge of the crafts for Kids Camp and every year he quietly and efficiently put together some 60 to 80 kits of tiny parts for the kids to put together and paint. First there were stars for the play, later on there were airplanes, soap-box cars, birdhouses, clowns and beaded cross necklaces. Many of these parts were cut out of wood by Ken at home long before Kids Camp. Then he actually showed up at Kids Camp prepared with the tools to supervise 15 to 20 kids at a time while they worked on these projects. The kids always got to take home some really neat craft items because of his forethought and preparation.

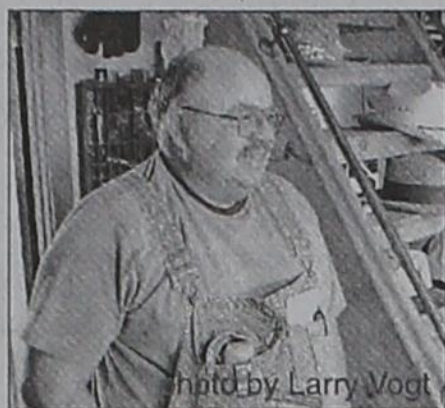


Photo by Larry Vogt

Next, he rescued the Veteran's Memorial in the park at Roaring Springs which will be a monument forever for the veterans of Roaring Springs.

He was the master builder of the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs.

His latest project was to renovate the Annex to the Motley County Library that is such an asset for the entire community, not just the Library.

I am sure I have left out something because he is always there ready to help with whatever needs doing. And, he is an artist in the doing.

MCOC DISCUSSES APPRAISAL PROCESS

The Motley County Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, February 6, at 4 PM. Twelve people were in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and a discussion of the Agricultural Appraisal Advisory Board followed.

There was discussion of the classified land appraisal. Land owners pointed out that there was a limited time after appraisals were received to begin the ap-

peals process. It was also pointed out that once the appraisals were set up for a given tax year the process was closed.

Much discussion revolved around the allocation of county revenues and improving efficiency in the governmental allocation of funds.

The meeting was adjourned after the determination of the next meeting time which will be on March 5, 2008.



Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

I have a lot to talk about after such a successful Friends of the Library Meeting. First off, the Friends voted on this years officers. We had some minor changes. Suzanne Abbott is now the President, followed by Regina Sheffield becoming our Vice President. Deanie Edwards was ecstatic about maintaining her status as Friends Secretary, as was D.A. McGuire by remaining Treasurer.

Something new we're going to try this year is to offer table space during the Annual 70 Mile Yard Sale. I still have a few kinks to work out, but it should be a lot of fun. We plan to have a bake sale for the shoppers to enjoy.

So, if you are planning on selling some goods this year, but need a place to set

up, keep us in the back of your mind. I'll report back as the time grows closer.

Most importantly, we've finally set a date for our upcoming book discussion on Alice Sebold's "The Lovely Bones". We will meet on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00p.m. The library has six copies available, along with one copy of the audio book. And as Suzanne said, you don't have to enjoy the book to be able to discuss it. (But I think you'll like it. I know I sure did).

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Celebration of Quilts on Sunday. I was glad to be a part of such a nice event to honor an amazing woman like Algaree Jones. She is highly regarded in our community, and I am glad she wanted to share her quilts.

Friends of the Library plan programs

By Suzanne Abbott

The Friends of the Motley County Library met Thursday to plan several future events and to elect officers for 2008. The new officers are Suzanne Abbott, President; Regina Sheffield, Vice President; Deanie Edwards, Secretary, and D.A. McGuire, Treasurer.

"The Lovely Bones" will be the topic of a book discussion at the library on Monday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. There are several copies of this book in the library for you to check out and read. This is a book that the reader either hates or loves. In the past, this type of situation makes for a really good book discussion. Be sure to attend and take part in the fun.

The next book discussion will feature the book *A Buffalo in the House*. A date has not been set

for this event. The library has one copy at present but more have been ordered. *A Buffalo in the House* presents the story behind the Goodnight herd when a sculptor who lives in Santa Fe decided that she wanted to sculpt Molly Goodnight feeding a baby buffalo. This is a nonfiction book.

In April the Friends of the Library will sponsor "Photography by Ken Young." A definite date will be set later.

The Friends of the Library is an organization that was formed to support the Motley County Library. The dues are due now and may be paid at the library. Also, to raise a little extra money, the Friends will present a beautiful wall hanging of three Texas Capitol Ornaments. You will have a chance to win this lovely decoration just in time for Mothers' Day. Buffy Crutchley, librarian, will have more information later.

MOTLEY COUNTY FFA MEMBERS ATTEND DISTRICT BANQUET



GREENBELT DISTRICT FFA Association Banquet attendees, L-R Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell, Kyla Simpson, Jade Keith, Leanne Jameson, Alyx Smith, Hailey Blanco.

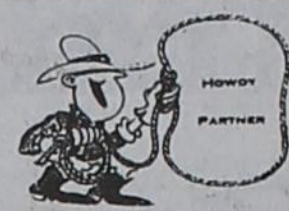
Members of the Motley County FFA Chapter recently attended the annual banquet of the Greenbelt District FFA Association held at the Main Event in Childress Texas. Members from Motley County attending were: Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell, Kyla Simpson, Leanne Jameson, Alyx Smith, Hailey Blanco, and FFA Advisor Jim Cooper and wife Judy.

Greenbelt District President Courtney Alexander of the Motley County Chapter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were approximately 130 members, guests, and parents in attendance. After the opening ceremony and meal,

Courtney presided over the meeting which included the presentation of banners for the Leadership Development competition which was held at an earlier date.

Jade Keith, Vice-President of the 60,000 member Texas FFA Association, was the keynote speaker for the night. A talent contest featuring FFA members was held and the group from Paducah FFA Chapter was chosen to represent the district at the Area meeting to be held in May at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. After the closing ceremony, the meeting was adjourned.

Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

You have to understand that as long as there are organizations, there will always be a job for chiefs. But if you're going to be a chief, you'll be an

Indian for a long time.
--William W. Duffy

But hey, being an Indian can be lots of fun. The chiefs have to do a lot of work behind the scenes, while the Indians can come to the meeting, make suggestions and comments, make sure not to volunteer for anything, and then just go home.

That is, you can, but you don't have to. You can do it just about any way you choose.

So how about coming to the Chamber of Commerce meeting next Tuesday?

The Chamber meets on the third Tuesday of the months that we meet, and in this case it means Tuesday, February 19th, at 5:30 pm at the Library.

The purpose of the Chamber is to help Motley County businesses. Without the businesses we have, the county would die out in a flash.

So the businesses in the county are not just the concern

of the local business people, but of concern to every resident in the county. That means, of course, that you do not have to be a business owner to be interested and involved in the work of the Chamber of Commerce. If you live here, you are part of the solution, and we need your input.

Of course, we want to lure new businesses to the county, but there are other ways we citizens can help. By giving the Boondockers a place to hold their Grand Prix, people flood in to the county for one day, and they help our local economy to the tune of about \$10,000 every year. We have just set up a Geocache (more about that next week), and that has already brought people to Motley County. They shop at our stores, visit our sites, and help ensure that Motley County remains vibrant.

But there is ever so much more we could do. What we need are fresh and exciting ideas, and people to discuss them and turn them into action.

So how about it? Every Indian who does not want the county to empty like a washing machine in spin cycle should come by the Library next Tuesday, February 19th, at 5:30 pm and knock around some ideas. It's fun, and it's important.

**Motley County
Jr. Livestock Show
February 23**

Airman Simons Graduates

Air Force Airman Matthew T. Simmons has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jeana Rogers of Sunray, Texas, and grandson of Joe E. Smith of Flomot, Texas. The airman is a 2006 graduate of Sunray High School.

Alvin Lynn receives award from DAR

Retired history and science teacher, Alvin Lynn, received the DAR Medal of Honor from the Esther McCrory Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Lynn is in the process of mapping the trails used by Kit Carson in his march along the Canadian River from Fort Bascom, New Mexico, to Adobe Walls. The presentation was made at the chapter's meeting at the Southwest Branch of the Amarillo Public Library on Monday, February 11.

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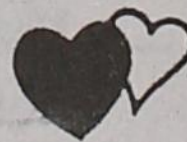
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Trail Dust



Matador Tribune
February 14, 1946

My thoughts keep returning to Memphis by the moving sea of the Mississippi. Colorful and a part of the charm of the friendly city, was the grey-haired negro, riding on the spring seat of his one-horse wagon singing, as he bounced over the cobble stones. The wagon was partly filled with coal and the deep, rich voice announced that it was for sale.

Beale street is not a street. It is an avenue, and, except for the famous song that bears its name, would have remained just another thoroughfare through which life moves, heavy with its hopes, dreams and fears.

Night had buried the little town under piles of darkness except for the remote street lights which seemed futile as they reflected against the winter clouds. Somewhere in the low outline of buildings was the small newspaper shop which was without an owner. There was pain in the thought. Small weekly newspapers are like little children that are to be loved.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
January 6, 1938

CUPID TIES COWBOY WITH LOVE LOOP

Tired of eating cold biscuits in a lonely line-camp, W. E. (Ed D.) Smith, veteran cowboy of the Matador Ranch, walked straight into the matrimonial corral here Saturday afternoon when he was united in marriage to Miss Kathelene Cavett by Rev. C. D. Pipkin. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cavett and has lived some time in this county. Ed D. is known by almost everyone in this section and the couple have many friends who wish them a long and happy married life.

Friends who know Ed D. better than Mrs. Smith, would like to warn her that she will probably have considerable difficulty in domesticating the cowboy to where he will pull his boots off before spring and change his shirt without having it torn off by a mesquite limb. It is also possible that he cannot be changed quickly from a diet of burned beans and tough biscuits to a more palatable meal because of eating his own cooking so long, however, he is hardy by nature and may be able to stand the sudden change.

Mrs. Smith should not be alarmed by Ed D.'s tendencies of a pack rodent, in bringing home a lot of things to clutter up the house, such as miniature chuck wagons, willow stick corrals, and hand-carved horseshoes. After all, a cowboy can live a long time without a woman's influence in his housekeeping.

Attention Exes Addresses needed 2008 Homecoming

Plans are about to get underway for the Matador/Motley County High School Homecoming Reunion which will be held next fall. The first step is to update our Ex-Student's addresses in order to make sure everyone gets the mail outs and vital information. If you, or any of your family members have moved to a new address within the last ten years, please send us a current address.

You can email it to kayron@caprock-spur.com or mail it to Ronald & Kay Bailey, P.O. Box 256, Matador, TX 79244, or call 806-347-2399.

School Board Meets

The Motley County Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 7:30 pm in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present except Robert Fisk. Also present were Randy Brown, William Cochran, and Denise Ford. Invocation was given by Ted Davey. No one was present for Open Forum.

A motion was made by Ted Davey and seconded by Don Baxter to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6/0. A motion was made by Tina Brooks and seconded by Lewis Drum to approve the list of expenditures. Motion carried 5/0/1 abstaining. There was an AEIS Public Hearing with no action taken.

Mr. Brown recommend to engage with Williams, Meriwether, Smith & Co. LLP for the 2007-2008 Financial Audit. A motion by Tina Brooks and seconded by Ted Davey. Motion carried 6/0.

The board also discussed Partnership with Foothills Family Development Council Inc., however, no action was taken at this time.

During the Principal's Report, Mr. Cochran reported the attendance as 94.5% and the enrollment 178.

Superintendent, Mr. Brown, informed the board that bids are being accepted for a new activity bus. He gave an update on board training hours needed. Mr. Brown will be attending Mid-Winter Conference in Austin next week.

Cake and strawberries were provided by Mrs. Jones and the Family Consumer Science Class to show the board appreciation for their service and dedication to the students and staff. The February regular scheduled meeting will be February 18th at 7:30pm.

The board entered Executive session at 8:56 p.m. and exited executive session at 11:06 p.m. Out of Executive session a motion was made by Ted Davey and seconded by Don Baxter to extend Superintendent's Contract one year from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011 with a 4% salary increase effective July 1, 2008.

Motion by Lewis Drum, seconded by Mark Seigler to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

- Thursday, February 14**
Grilled Sirloin, Baked Potato, Green beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Crisp.
- Friday, February 15**
Fried Fish, Red beans, Tossed Salad, Baked Hush Puppies, Applesauce.
- Monday, February 18**
Chicken Philly Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Cantaloupe, if available.
- Tuesday, February 19**
Cheeseburger w/bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Pears.
- Wednesday, February 20**
Broccoli & Cheese, Stuffed Potato, Tossed Salad, Banana Split.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (Left to Right) Michael Crutchley, Librarian Buffy Crutchley, and Deanie Edwards serve fruit punch, cake, gourmet homemade cookies, and vegetables and dip to more than 60 guests.



LOCAL RESIDENTS (Left to Right) Ashleigh Jones, Mary Jones, and John Jones attended the reception at the library on Sunday. Ashleigh and John are the children of Jade and Erin Jones, and grandchildren of Mary Jones, all of Matador.



SUPPORTERS OF ALGAREE JONES (Left to Right) Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Ray Baxter, Debra Scott, and Judy Cartwright enjoy a visit in front of a colorful patchwork quilt in vibrant pink and yellow.

Quiltmaker honored with reception during Black History Month

Longtime resident and quiltmaker Algaree Jones was honored with a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library at the Library Annex from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

More than 60 registered guests viewed six quilts hanging on the walls and five quilt tops without batting, all hand-stitched by this gifted, self-taught artist.

Her colorful rainbow patchwork quilts hung from large dowels covered with canvas, six treasures, displayed for inspection, up close and personal. Vibrant pinks, reds, and yellows were the primary colors used, reflecting the inner joy of this quiltmaker.

When she is working on a quilt, Algaree says she "doesn't think about anything except the quilt."

Algaree moved to Matador when she was four years old from Flomot, and has lived and worked in this community for almost 80 years.

Out-of-town guests attending the reception in her honor was her brother Lorenzo Harris, sister-in-law Mrs. Lorenzo (Arnie) Harris, and great granddaughter Ashley Cole, all of Lubbock.

The Friends of the Library served Hershey Bar Cake and fruit punch, a vegetable tray, snacks, and homemade, gourmet cookies.



GUESTS OF HONOREE (Left to Right) Mrs. Lorenzo (Arnie) Harris, Algaree Jones, and her great granddaughter Ashley Cole enjoy the reception Sunday at the Library Annex.



TIM MANGRUM and friend Amanda enjoy refreshments, served by the Friends of the Library at a reception honoring Algaree Jones.

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Texas achieves cattle brucellosis-free status

Dr. Hillman credited the 2006 Brucellosis Eradication Working Group with re-evaluating all aspects of the Texas brucellosis program, in preparation for the USDA review, which was conducted in summer 2007. The group was comprised of about 25 cattle industry members. "I also want to thank TAHC and USDA staff for their long days of testing cattle, consulting with producers, keeping detailed test records, and handling tense situations when herds had to be quarantined. The efforts by the industry, the TAHC and USDA have brought us to a great place--disease eradication."

"Now we must ensure that the disease is not reintroduced, or if it is lingering undetected, we must find the infection and eradicate it quickly. If two infected herds are detected within the next two years, we could lose this hard-earned, well-deserved status, so we must do everything to protect the health of our herds," said Dr. Hillman.

"To this end, we must continue testing our cattle at the first-point of concentration and change of ownership for the next couple of years," said Dr. Hillman. "This procedure is part of the national brucellosis program standard and was included in the program as a means of assuring that states that have just acquired free-status could identify infected herds should the disease have been left undetected in a herd or is re-introduced into a state. Additionally, brucellosis slaughter surveillance will continue for many years to come to assure that the disease is completely eradicated from cattle herds in Texas and other states of the United States."

"Decades of hard work are now paying off with this incredible accomplishment. I commend the cattle industry of the state and the Texas Animal Health Commission for working together to establish Texas as cattle brucellosis-free," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

For nearly 50 years, Texas cattle producers battled brucellosis, or "Bangs Disease," the bacterial disease that is caused by *Brucella abortus*. The disease can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. Cattle brucellosis is a zoonotic disease (can be spread from animals to man) that caused significant human disease incidence until the eradication program reduced the incidence of the disease in cattle, and, sanitary practices and pasteurization procedures for milk were implemented to reduce transmission to humans. All other states in the United States are classified brucellosis-free, some for more than 25 years.

"Texas was the last state to achieve the 'free' status. We have more herds and more cattle than any other state 14 million at last count. We also had more brucellosis infection to fight. In 1959, when Texas officially joined the national eradication program, we had more than 20,000 of the country's 100,000 infected herds," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

TxDOT RESPONDS TO WILDFIRES

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation continues to support firefighting efforts across the state as high winds and low, relative humidity have caused dangerous wildfires this week.

In a recent move, TxDOT is now allowing burn ban signs to be installed on existing sign supports below route marker confirmation. TxDOT is also using its Dynamic Message Signs to convey fire information, mowing highway rights of way to help break fires near highways; and providing fuel for volunteer fire departments with depleted supplies.

"These efforts are all part of our broader efforts to prevent and mitigate wildfires," said John Barton, TxDOT's assistant executive director of engineering. "We have to do our part to help ensure public safety from the dangers these fires present."

Weather and fire officials indicate the current conditions will continue into next week for the short term, and into the spring for the long term.

Currently, 180 Texas counties are under burn bans. Citizens are urged to be extremely cautious during this period of critical fire danger. Some precautions suggested by Texas Forest Service include:

* Check with local authorities for Outdoor Burning Bans.

* Vehicles can start a fire if parked or driven in dry grass. ATVs and farming equipment can also start a fire if parked on the grass.

* Store flammable liquids properly. * Remove dry vegetation from under electric fences.

* When welding, use a spotter, clear the area of dry vegetation, and have a water source handy.

* Be sure tow chains are secure and don't drag on the roadway.

* When grilling, place barbecue over cement; be sure coals are completely extinguished when finished (douse them thoroughly with water).

* Smokers should discard cigarette butts and matches in their ashtrays and not throw them out their car windows.

TxDOT's efforts are being coordinated through the Governor's Division of Emergency Management. TxDOT's district staff are also working directly with local emergency officials across the state.

The following message is currently being displayed on TxDOT's dynamic message signs:

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February 9 will be the first day to accept applications for a place on the ballot. March 10 will be the last day to accept applications for a place on the ballot.

Applications may be obtained and filed at Matador City Hall located at 706 Dundee, between regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ballot position drawing will be at 10:00 a.m. at Matador City Hall on March 12.

Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
February 23

MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Applications for a place on the ballot of the Motley County Independent School District Board of Trustee election may be obtained from the Motley County ISD Superintendent's office, located at 1600 Bundy Street, Matador, Texas. The election will be held on May 10, 2008. Two positions of three terms are to be filled on the Motley County ISD School Board. The filing period will begin February 11, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. and end on March 10, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. During the filing period the Superintendent's office will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Events Calendar

February

- 14 Matador City Council, 6:30pm
- 15 Writing Practice, Library, noon
- 16 RS Writing Practice, TBA 10 am
- 18 MC ISD School Board Meeting, 7:30pm
- 18 MC Girls Golf, Childress
- 19 MC Boys golf, Childress
- 19 MC Basketball vs Witharral at Tulia
- 19 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 19 Chamber of Commerce, Library, 5:30
- 21 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship Hall, 3:30
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30pm
- 23 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 25 MC Girls Golf, Wellington
- 26 MC Boys Golf, Wellington
- 26 MC JR HS Track, Guthrie, There, TBA
- 28 MC Appraisal Board, Courthouse, 6:30
- 28 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 28 Caprock Plains Wind Energy Asso Mtg, Motley County Courtroom, 7pm

March

- 3 MC Girls & Boys Golf, Clarendon
- 4 MC Oversight Committee, 4pm
- 4 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 5 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 6 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
- 6 Friends of the Library, 3pm
- 7 MC Track, Silverton, 3:30
- 10 Commissioners' Court, 9:30am Courthouse
- 10 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 10 MCHS Boys Golf, Tahoka

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