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"Facing the Storm"

by Ken Young

Sgt. Pollard presents US flag to MCISD

On Monday, May 19, during the morning assembly at Motley County ISD, Sgt. D. J. Pollard made a special flag presentation to the school.

On behalf of the school, William Cochran, Principal, received a United States flag that flew over the Headquarters of the 3rd Battalion, 144th Infantry Regiment, Contingency Operations Base Adder, Tallil, Iraq on April 6, 2008.

The flag was presented to the students of Motley County because of their support during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Students have had two support projects during this school year: They sent left-over trick or treat candy during the first week of Thanksgiving and sent Christmas cards in December.

The project distributors for the students were Sgt. D. J. Pollard in Iraq and Master Sgt. Alicia Jacobs who was stationed in

Afghanistan. Sgt.

The Pollards have three children that attend Motley County School. Tansey in Pre-K, Tadley in 1st Grade, and Tallon in 5th Grade. Master Sgt. Jacobs is the sister of Yolanda Kautz, second grade teacher in Motley County Elementary.

The plaque reads as follows:
TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE
THESE PRESENTS
GREETINGS:

The flag of the United States of America accompanying this certificate was proudly flown over the Headquarters of 3RD BATTALION, 144TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, Contingency Operations Base Adder, Tahlil, Iraq on 6 April 2008.

PRESENTED TO:
MOTLEY COUNTY ISD
in sincere appreciation of your support during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



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Motley County HS graduation set for Saturday, 14 graduate



FOURTEEN MCISD students will graduate on May 31, 2008. Back Row (L-R) Isiah Archer, Brendan Wiltshire, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Steven Webb, Jacob Blanco, Stacy Perryman. Front Row (L-R) Amanda Chavez, Leatrice Gutierrez, Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Mylissa Gilmore, Emma Knowles, Karrie Valdez.

Roaring Springs Memorial Day program well attended

Citizens from all around Motley County gathered for the annual Memorial Day Program at Veterans Memorial Park in Roaring Springs on Monday, May 26, at 11:00 a.m.

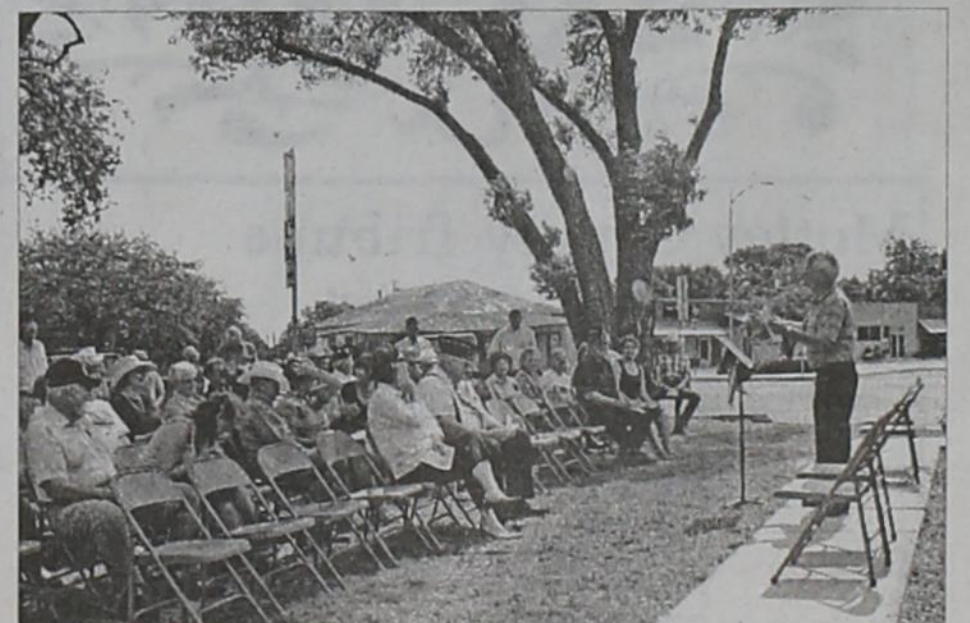
A gentle breeze was waving the flags that fly at the park as the invocation was given by Clint Burns and the audience joined to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Pennie Keltz leading the singing of "God Bless America."

Mayor Corky Marshall introduced the speaker for the ceremony, Michael G Crowley, Sr. who is a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps. His address focused on the foundational freedoms and values that have made the

nation great. These values and freedoms require vigilance to maintain and we must always remember those who have helped in that effort and those who have given the supreme sacrifice of their lives.

A poem by Rudyard Kipling was read by Suzanne Abbot that repeated a mesmerizing cadence of "lest we forget, lest we forget." Pennie Keltz led the singing of the National Anthem after which the names of those who currently serve in the armed forces was read.

After a moment of silence the benediction was given by Johnny Morris and those in attendance stayed for some time of fellowship and remember those who have passed on.



ROARING SPRINGS Mayor, Corky Marshall, introduces the Memorial Service program at Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, May 26, 2008

Graduation

8th Grade
May 30
7 p.m.
at the school

Commencement
May 31
7 p.m.
at the school

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Good News

Education Foundation donor, James A. Titus never forgot his love of land and open spaces from his years in Matador.

County Agent

Bee Awareness Seminar scheduled for May 29, 4 p.m. at the Motley County Library to inform residents on bee populations in our area and the presence of Africanized bees.

Flomot News

The Do Gooders' Club is selling chances on a beautiful patriotic quilt that will be on display during Homecoming, July 5.

School News

Click it or Ticket program at Motley County School is an effort to educate the students about the importance of buckling up their seat belts, every time.

County News

Chamber hosts GO TEXAN speakers; TDA promotes Texas-based products by launching a new promotional campaign to promote products grown, produced, processed or manufactured in Texas.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

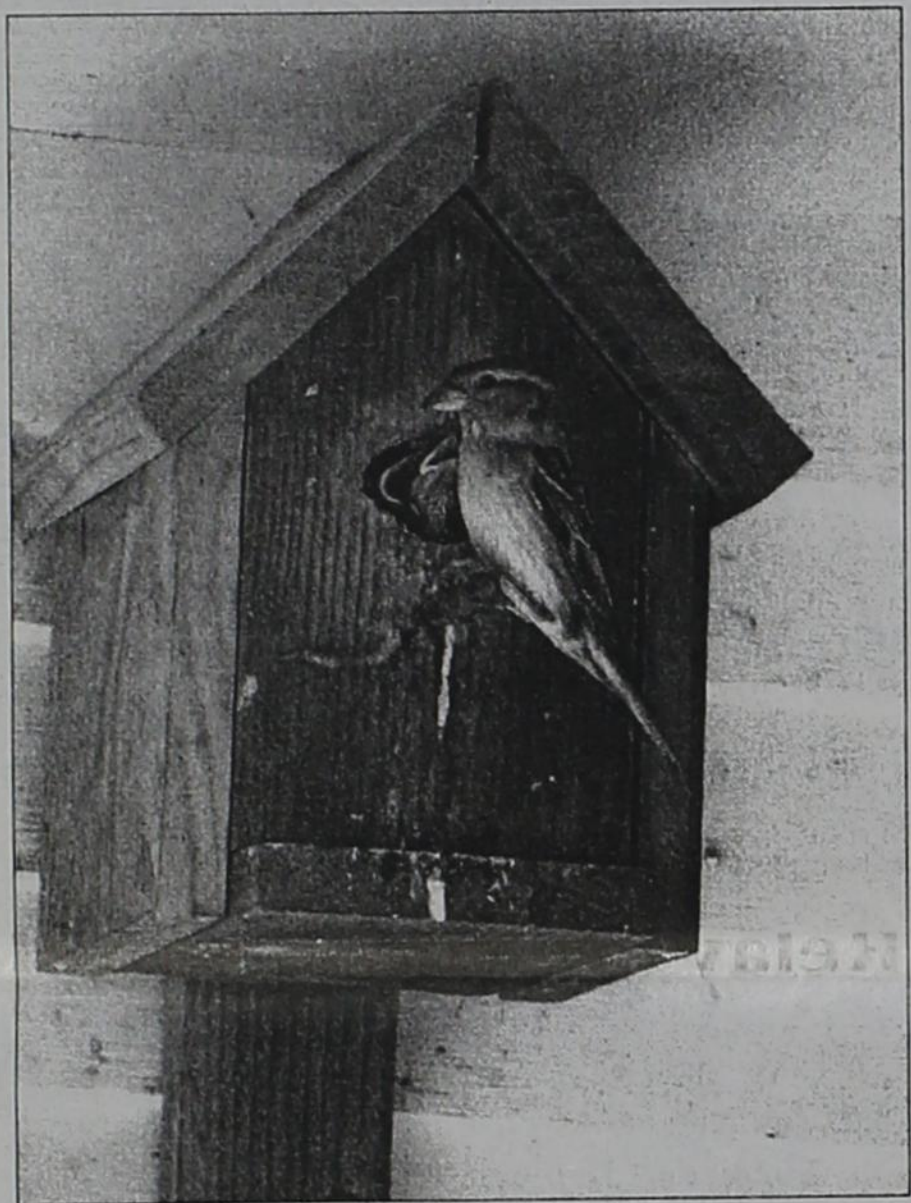
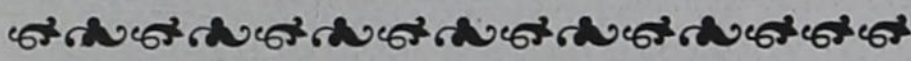
By Larry Vogt

Congratulations to the graduating seniors of Motley County High School! Five years ago my youngest child graduated from Lafayette High School in Lexington, Kentucky. The ceremony was held in the biggest indoor arena in town and there were several hundred who received their diplomas that day. What struck me was the sense of accomplishment that we both shared. I talked with three of his teachers who gave me glowing reports about him as a person and as a student. It is a journey of constant transitions as we go from the birth of the child to the various milestones in the life we shared.

From the time I caught him at birth (yes, I was the

midwife) to the hug we shared at the graduation there were many wonderful events that will live on as memories. He had (and still has) the best sincere smile that must cheer a lot of people besides me. We shared a common family situation because we were both the "babies" or the last born into the family.

So my best wishes go out to the parents and the students of this year's graduating class. I know what you are feeling and that hard work and patience (from all concerned) do pay off when you reach the milestones that signify new beginnings. We here at the Tribune wish you all the best in your future endeavors and want you to know that we will continue cheering you on as you go to the next adventures in your lives.



PAPA SPARROW feeding his young on Grace Zabielski's front porch in Roaring Springs. Photo by Larry Vogt

The Word on the Trail

What do you think about the \$500,000 pledge by James Titus to create an education fund for Motley County ISD?

"Awesome! I'm excited for the school. It could bring in more students."
Matador Mayor, Pat Smith

"It will be very beneficial to students and faculty and is something that is greatly needed!"
Suzanne Abbott, retired Motley County Librarian

"Exciting! Almost unreal for a school its size. I'd like to thank Mr. Titus, sincerely, for helping the school system."

Roaring Springs Mayor, Corky Marshall

"A great thing and I would love to meet Mr. Titus and thank him personally! I hope that it will be set up so that others may contribute. There are benefits to making contributions to a foundation because it provides continuous annuities rather than just one time."
Pat Groves, 1957 Matador High School graduate.



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Writing Community

In Memory of Fathers

My Pa, Why Can't Everyone Be Like Him?!?!

By Lindsey Westbrook
March 30, 2008

I sometimes wish everyone wanted to be like Pa.
If ever there was a more handsome smile,
that's one I never saw.
He could "mash my head" or hug my neck,
And nothing in my life any longer was a wreck.

Pa loved his Lord and oh how he loved our Ma,
his wife.

The kids, grand kids and friends,
he loved them more than his own life.

I wish he were here for my kids
the way that he was for me.

Only a glimpse of his near perfection
did they get to see.

"Get somewhere and settle"
is what he would probably say,
But they knew he was only teasing
in his own special way.

This I will tell you is so very true.
I will watch closely over "Randi" and your "little fella"
just for you!

Every soccer goal you will now see,
And Randa's every mutter of "Pa" for you will be!

To my Pa, I say today,
"I love you in every way, every day!
I am glad your pain is no longer,
And forever and ever you're so much stronger."

Pa, you have made us all so proud!
I want to shout "I love you" from the rooftops aloud!
Ma will get our extra special care.
This to you is what I swear.

Please watch over us from your Heavenly home.
Away from the Lord we shall not roam.
And until that day that I am called to join you,
Just know that we all love, love, love you!

Eulogy for Dad Raymond Frank Zabielski August 26, 2006

Written by Laverne Zabielski using notes gathered from
Ray, Steve, Beverly, Julian, Bunni, DJ, Megan, Dana, and Jennifer.

In 1964 Dad was a T/Sgt in the USAF. He drove a cab at night. Groceries were \$25 a week for us seven kids. We had one pair of shoes each. Cub Scout meetings cost ten cents. The whole house was searched for that dime.

"I'm not made of money," Dad said. "It doesn't grow on trees and I don't work for the electric company." He was a hard worker and taught us all the work ethic. He worked at a factory in Chicago before he enlisted in the Air Force and served in World War II and Korea. In Roaring Springs, Texas he drove a school bus, sold Amway, was a printer and a book keeper, worked at the Matador Tribune, the post office, the roller rink and at the Roaring Springs Ranch. On Tachikawa Air Force Base in Japan he saved money riding a motor bike to work.

He never met a stranger and taught us to expect the best of people. Just as he had an impact in Motley County his humor and love continued at the nursing home. The nurses and aides learned all his songs and jokes as he sang, "I'm as handsome as a bedbug," and joked about having to take ugly pills since he was so good looking. Even though some of his grand kids seldom saw him, he was their favorite grandparent. "He was sooooo funny!" They said.

"I'm gonna tell my mother on you," he teased. He respected children and gave them all the time they needed.

Dad taught by example. He demonstrated leadership as a Boy Scout troop leader and before leaving to serve in Japan, he taught responsibility by telling his six-year-old son that he was the man of the house, now. When his teen age daughter complained about working for minimum wage he told her, "You agreed to work for that amount when you took the job so you WILL do the work and not complain."

It didn't matter the contradiction expressed in the paper-weight on his messy desk that told him to get organized. He could

retrieve any information you needed in a matter of minutes. And he had no desire to impress others. He wore his bright orange overalls for their comfort. At Christmas there never fancy stockings under the tree. Only his long black socks stuffed with fruit and candy, one for each child. As a son he called his mother regularly and while stationed in Japan he made an audio-tape every week and sent them to his parents back to the states.

These were his two extremes, the serious and the humorous. Some people feel everything and that was Dad. He felt the pain of people who suffered, not only in his own family and community but also the pain of those around the world. He frequently wore a red tee shirt that said SOLIDARITY in bold letters. This was not only in support of Poland but also for the people who struggled and suffered everywhere. "Garbage men deserve to be paid well!" He frequently lamented. And when President Kennedy was assassinated, he cried, "My President has been shot!"

Dad had two messages. One, to teach us to stay current about what was happening in the world. He often accomplished that by deliberately taking the opposite point of view in order to push us to delve deeper into examining our values and what we stood for. An he used humor as a strategy to survive day to day. It was a way to lighten up a moment. "Your mother wears army boots," he teased.

Most of us are still looking for that box that fell on his shoulder. "Did you hear about the box that fell on my shoulder?" He asked. "Before it fell on my shoulder I could lift my arm this high," he said while lifting his arm up over his head. "Now I can only lift it this high," he said sadly and lifted his arm only half way.

His humor became his last word. "Ray, can you hear me?" The nurse in the emergency room asked.

"No," he answered.
The greatest compliment any of us kids receive is, "You are just like your Dad!"

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2008
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Class of 2007!



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Matador

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Class of
2008

MATADOR
RANCH

Good Job Seniors!
Best of luck in the future!



Alexander Fuel
Roaring Springs

James A. Titus and Oneita Kimball Titus

He never forgot his love of the land and open spaces from his years in Matador.

Editor's Note: The following profile was compiled by Earl Morse, family friend of Mr. Titus. The editors would like to thank Mr. Morse and Alton and Oneita Titus for this background. The Titus Foundation recently donated \$500,000 to the Motley County ISD to support scholarships and other programs for the youth in the community.

James "Alton" Titus was born January 27, 1922, to Joe C. Titus and Effie May Fulkerson and was their second child. Alton had two sisters and one brother. Oneita Kimball was born on the June 30, 1922. Her parents were Joe Kimball and Lela Anderson. They were farmers and she had nine brothers and sisters.

Alton was born in a little farming community between Matador and Flomot called White Star, on a farm called the Spradley Place. He attended school when he was five-years-old in a little two-room school house. His first teacher's name was Mary Slover and he still remembers what a nice lady she was.

In 1929 Alton's Father bought the Green Belt Service Station on the North end of North Main Street in Matador and at this time Alton started attending school in Matador. He went to school in Matador for two years and during that time the grade school was under construction.

In 1931, Alton's father purchased a farm 13 miles northwest of House, New Mexico, in the little community of Ima. They were bused to the school in House for two years. The farmers in Ima got together and used some empty buildings to provide a location to start a school. It was a wonderful community. In 1935 the government built a three-room adobe school house with a stage. The school house still stands but all families are gone. The thing that still stands out in Alton's memo-

ry is the terrible sand storms they had while they lived in Ima.

In 1937, the Titus family moved back to Texas to the Barton community and they were bused to the Matador school. Mr. Spray was their bus driver. Alton attended his last two years of high school in Matador where he would meet the girl that he would spend the rest of his life with.

Alton excelled at sports and in order for him to play football and attend practices,

...the business men of Matador moved him into town and got him a job cleaning the bank in town.

They also bought him some clothing and found him a place to live. It was a little one room house in the back of Mr. Whitworth's yard. Titus often says this was probably the happiest two years of his childhood. Alton loved athletics and that was mostly what he focused on during his last two years at school. In retrospect he says he wished he had spent more time on academics and often has wished that he could go back and do those last years over again.

In 1940, Alton Titus and Oneita Kimball graduated from Matador High School along with 44 other graduating seniors. After graduation in the fall of 1940, Alton borrowed \$50 from the First State Bank of Matador. He knew he would need money to travel on and money to tide him over while he looked for a job in California. Alton and a friend, Joe Thomas, caught a ride to Los Angeles California, through what was called at that time, Travel Bureau.

Alton and Joe attended a six

week training class at Boles Aircraft School in Los Angeles. After completion of the training they were both hired by Douglas Air Craft, which in 1967 became McDonnell Douglas Aircraft, for 50 cents an hour plus an extra two and a half cents if they worked the night shift. It took Alton until June of 1941 to save up enough money to pay the bank off and send for his high school sweetheart of Matador High School, Oneita Kimball.

Alton and Oneita were married June 15, 1941 in a little church called Chapel of the Dawn in Santa Monica, California. They lived in a little apartment about a block from the beach in the now well-known city of Venice Beach California. While living in Venice Beach they had visitors from Matador and Flomat; J.D. Paine, Ramon Ratton, Bob Murphy, Leroy Neilson, Otis Crowl, Sherman Savir and Denver Anderson.

In May, 1942, Alton transferred to the Douglas Aircraft Plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Alton and Oneita had a short lay-over in Matador where their first child was born on Mother's Day, a baby girl Lei Lana. While in Tulsa their second child was born; a baby boy named Gary Joe on September 6, 1943 (Labor Day).

In 1944, Alton was drafted into the U.S. Navy and sent to San Diego California to U.S. Naval boot camp for training. Oneita and their two children returned to Matador where they stayed with Alton's parents while he was in the service. After Boot Camp he was assigned to a Naval Air Service Unit in Eureka, California, where he would spend the next two years.

Alton was discharged in 1946 and worked at a number of different odd jobs until January, 1947, at which time he was hired in at Consolidated Aircraft Company, now known as Lockheed, Fort Worth Texas. During this

time Alton and Oneita would have two other additions to their family; on Valentine's Day of 1948 their third child was born; a baby boy named James Michael and a fourth child was born on December 23, 1956; a baby boy named Kenneth Wesley.

Alton would work at Lockheed for 10 years at the end of which he would decide that he was tired of being confined indoors in a manufacturing environment. He left Lockheed in 1957 wanting to have a job that would allow him to work out of doors. He started working in construction, eventually became a concrete contractor and would run his own concrete company for 15 years. Unlike most contractors today, Mr. Titus was at every job down on his hands and knees tying steel and finishing concrete along with those that worked for him.

In the early '60's, Alton and

Oneita moved to a little farming community Northeast of Ft. Worth, close to what would become DFW Airport. Colleyville at the time had two stores and a post office. Today it has more than 20,000 people, at least 12 banks and numerous shopping areas.

Alton was active in the Colleyville community and helped build the Chamber of Commerce a new office in 1982 and not charging a penny for labor or materials. He received the Citizen of the Year Award in 1983 along with a lifetime membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Oneita was the President of the Garden Club in Colleyville and was a licensed Real Estate Agent.

Growing tired of the concrete business, Alton decided to build houses and try his hand at real estate development. He built a few houses and developed a


16-acre business office park in Colleyville.

After accumulating capital in some of his other ventures he started buying and selling farms and ranches. Alton loved to work with his DC-6 Caterpillar bulldozer and his John Deere Tractor. He would purchase a farm and use his equipment to improve the looks of it by building lakes and clearing areas where he would plant grass to graze cattle.

Over the years he would buy and sell several farms and ranches in Texas and Oklahoma. His last ranch was a 2500 acre spread in Seymour, Texas that had the Brazos river running through it and was full of wild life. He spent two years working on it before he sold it in 2003. He never forgot his love of the land and open spaces from his years in Matador.



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Relay for Life

June 21 & 22

Motley County Football Stadium
Survivor's Lap
Candlelit Luminaria Ceremony

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35th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Pedro G. Gonzalez
Antonia H. Gonzalez

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 3pm
Reception, 5-7 pm, Senior Citizen Center
Dance, Roaring Springs Rodeo Grounds, 9-1 am



WHEN DID THE DRIFT BEGIN?

It is debatable at just what point this country began its drift away from its heritage. I pray everyday for the rebirth of the spiritual values that made this country a great nation.


We have just celebrated the Memorial Day holiday commemorating the men and women who gave of themselves and some their very lives for this country. How ungrateful we would be, if we failed to acknowledge their sacrifices that were made to insure that this nation would be known as the fountain of freedom.

John Adams, one of America's great men once said, "Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." In general, most have understood and appreciated men and women of Mr. Adams' caliber. Someone has written, "What we attain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value." May we never count freedom or its price, as insignificant in our daily routine.


The God of heaven knows how to put a price upon that which is good. It would be a sad day indeed if such a precious commodity as freedom and its price, is lost in daily trivia. For example: Our freedom to assemble and to worship our God can be easily lost by one careless generation. We are declaring our understanding of our precious freedoms. Freedoms dearly paid for by men and women of character with a sense of value. Without question, our God has been good to us. God has blessed America, and beyond any expectation.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Monday was Memorial Day and my thoughts were on the young men and women who are serving in the United States Armed Services. Twenty-one names of current military personnel that have ties in Motley County were read at the Memorial service in the Roaring Springs Park. I hope that you will help me keep a current list so that we never miss anyone serving our country for our freedom.

The following is the list I have. If you think of any others please let me know so I can update my list. I would not want to exclude anyone because they are all so important to our country and our county.

Shawn Marvel - Roaring Springs - US Army Serving in Iraq; Chase Carson - Matador - US Marine Serving in Iraq; Robert Fisk - Matador - U.S. Marine Serving in Iraq; Mark Guerrero - Formerly of Matador - Gilbert Guerrero's brother; U.S. Army - Iraq; Alex Guerrero - Gilbert's brother ATF Bomb Specialist - Serving in Iraq; Scott Aumiller - son-in-law of Linda and Gordon Ruhl of Matador - Army - Ft. Bliss, El Paso; Josh Palmer - James and Pat Palmer's son, grandson of Zella Palmer - National Guard, still in training in Oklahoma - will be sent to Iraq later this year; Jared Rieger - USAF - Dana Graham's son stationed in Germany; Hilda Rieger - USAF - Dana Graham's daughter-in law, USAF nurse, also stationed in Germany. She makes trips into Iraq to take care of wounded being air-lifted from Iraq; Gary Stone - Wanda and Kuehn Faulkner's son-in-law - 673rd Medical Corp - serving in Balad, Iraq; Ricky Rhodes - Clois Shorter's nephew serving in the Navy; Paul Labionco - nephew of Winfield Davenport; he has returned recently from Afghanistan now stationed at Ft. Bragg; Mike Chapman - brother-in-law of Winfield Davenport - Army Reserves - New Orleans currently serving as a Blackhawk pilot in Iraq; Phillip Engle - grandson of Dorothy Day US Navy has recently been made commander of his ship - stationed at VA. Beach, VA; Christopher Watson - Jim Watson's grandson - US Marine Corp. Iraq; Joseph House - son of Pauline House and the late Joe House of Roaring Springs - Mst. Sgt. - Serving in the USAF in Annapolis, Maryland; Lena Davis - granddaughter of Patricia and Ed D. Smith - serving in the TX Natl. Guard whose unit is scheduled for deployment to Iraq in Aug.; Brandon Wiltshire - Matador 2008 senior - enlisting in the service after high school graduation.

son of Rhonda Wiltshire - grandson of the late Jack Boggs and Jo Boggs - former pastor of FBC - Matador; Kayla Hollingsworth - daughter of Annette and Larry Hollingsworth - in a summer program of Army Reserves and will be full time in the military after her graduation in May 2009; Stephen White - U.S. Army - serving in Afghanistan - related to Carolyn Ewing; Damon Cloyd - U.S. Army; currently serving in Germany as an instructor to NATO soldiers. He has been in Afghanistan and will be returning there. He is the grandson of Travis McPherson of Roaring Springs. Daniel Pollard National Guard - Matador - two tours in Iraq - Grandson-in-law of Whitey Whitfield. Clarence Shockley USAF - 3rd tour of duty in Iraq - Apache Pilot - foster son of Mike and Judy Crowley. Brad Buxton USAF - Albuquerque - son-in-law of Mike and Judy Crowley.

Jo and Walter Trammell's family visited with them during the Memorial Day weekend. Randy, Shannon and Kyle Trammell attended church with them on Sunday.

Charlie and Nancy Long are finally home! Charlie has improved and is able to be at home. God answers prayers!

A going away lunch was served on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs in honor of Winfield and Patty Davenport and girls, Bailie and Gianna. Winfield will hold his last service at the UMC next Sunday, June first. It has been a pleasure to know Winfield and his family. They have really been an asset to our community. They will not be leaving the area, he just won't be preaching in Roaring Springs but we will be seeing him around a lot.

Pat and Kathy Groves are back in town for a few days to take care of business.

Don and Billie Stuckey spent the Memorial Day weekend attending a reunion of Don's college buddies in Decatur, Texas. They celebrated by participating in a steer roping! They also attended the preschool graduation ceremony for their granddaughter, Kenna Whittenberg of Flower Mound, Texas.

Those milestones are big in the lives of our little ones. My granddaughter, Kenzie McClaran had her pre-k graduation week before last. My granddaughter, Kelsea Miller will be an eighth grade graduate of Floydada Middle School on Wednesday.

John and Joan Meason spent Memorial Day weekend in Roaring Springs.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

It doesn't matter where we roam, it is always nice to come back home.

FLOMOT TRI-ANNUAL HOMECOMING SATURDAY, JULY 5

It may be just a little street where friends meet at the Flomot Community Center, but you can make it a major highway to happiness when you meet there for the Tri-Annual Flomot Homecoming, Saturday, July 5, 2008.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Do Gooders' Club will have a concession stand from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. class reunions and visiting is planned.

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a program at the Center with the crowning of Homecoming Queen and election of officers of the Homecoming Association. Following the program, a catered supper will be served. At 9:00 p.m., a Homecoming dance will be held for those attending Homecoming and their guests.

Bill Shannon, president announced since the Homecoming Association does not have membership dues or charge for the meal or dance tickets, donations to help defray expenses will be appreciated.

Others on the Association executive board beside Mr. Shannon are Glen Calvert, vice president and Mrs. Kathy Shorter, secretary.

Those serving as committee chairmen are Mrs. Connie Franks, registration; Wilburn Martin, program; Mrs. Brenda Browning, food; Mrs. Shonda Lee and Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, decorations; Seab Washington, Homecoming dance and Glen Calvert, clean up committee.

HOMECOMING QUILT

The Do Gooders' Club will sell chances on a beautiful patriotic quilt that will be on display during Homecoming. The chances are selling for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 from any club member. The winner will be announced at the end of Homecoming program and does not have to be present to win.

Mrs. Tim (Melissa) Kendall visited in Fort Worth last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray. They attended the wedding of her cousin, Gloria Jones and Adrain McKenney held at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in White Settlement.

Visiting Memorial holidays with Jancie and Butch Hughes were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes, Brennan and Baylee of Lubbock.

Mrs. Nada Starkey was flown by helicopter from Lockney to the Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last Friday and was a patient until Tuesday.

Donna Sue and Stanley Deagan of Kalgary, Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot honored their mother, Ms. B. Rogers on her birthday Sunday with a luncheon in her home. They enjoyed a freezer of ice cream and decorated birthday cake that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay attended a track meet at the elementary school in Panhandle Thursday night in which granddaughter, Sarah Clay competed. They visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey and Tanner.

Leah Cruse of Canyon visited during the memorial holidays with her parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Tonya Gladson of Austin visited her uncle, Johnnie Starkey during the Memorial holidays.

Visiting during the memorial holidays with Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited Wilburn Martin Sunday and they attended the graveside rites of Joyce Bynum, 82, of Abilene held at 10:00 a.m. at the Flomot Memorial Cemetery. Wilburn, president of the Flomot Cemetery Association placed flags Saturday at graves for Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey attended the High School graduation in Higgins Thursday night of their grandson, Jackie Lee Starkey. He was salutatorian of his class. They continued to Durham, Oklahoma and attended the School and Community Homecoming, Saturday night at the banquet, 70 attending enjoyed a western skit and special music. En route home Sunday, they visited in Elk City, Oklahoma with Mrs. Nellie Compton.

Visiting during the memorial holidays with Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse were Larry and Deidra Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma and Regina and Chad Seward and children of Goldthwaite.

The Church of Christ members enjoyed their month luncheon Sunday at the Community Center in Flomot. Special guest was Gerald Bedwell of Plainview.

Matador News

The Le Carte Bridge Club end of the year luncheon was held on Friday, May 23rd in the home of Dixie Campbell. Co-Hostesses were Di-Ann Campbell and Kay Bailey. Other members present were Winifred Darsey, Marion

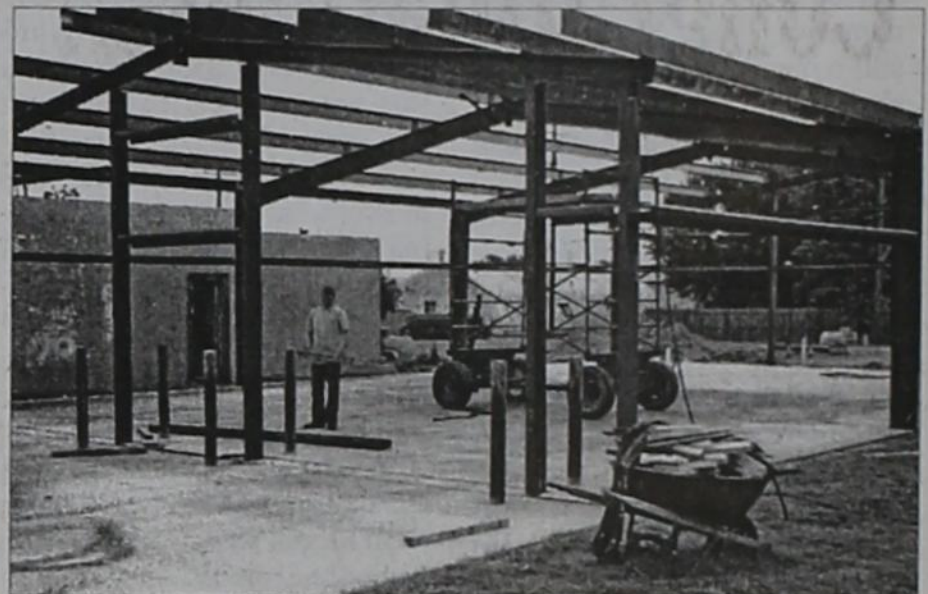
Woodruff, Marihelen Wason, and Joanie Stephens. Special guest was Bridgid Brooks of Lubbock. Members absent were Mary Jones and Carol Campbell.

VBS at FBCM June 2-6

The First Baptist Church of Matador invites all kids, ages three years to fifth grade to Vacation Bible School, June 2-6, 2008 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This years adventure will take place in God's Big Backyard where children will learn about serving others. All children planning to attend are invited, along with

their families, to come to VBS pre registration cook-out Sunday, June 1st at 5:30 p.m. There will be a preview of VBS along with food and games so come join the fun and don't forget to bring a friend! For more information contact Randa Green at 347-2433.

Construction begins on new EMS building



SEAN ROSE at work on new EMS building located next door to Motley County Clinic

Obituary

Joyce Jones Bynum

Our beloved Mother and Grandmother passed from this life on May 23, 2008 at the age of 82 years, 9 months.

We are comforted knowing years of illness and suffering from cancer and alzheimers are over. Our fond memories will keep her with us always.

Grandma Joyce was a doting, loving Mother and Grandmother and enjoyed living in the country at Ovalo, spending precious time with great-grandchildren and loyal family. Joyce was a wonderful cook, and often demonstrated her love with good food. She delighted in spending time with the great-grandchildren, serving Dr. Pepper tea parties, lemon drops, Chee-tos, and peanut butter cookies. She loved flowers, lipstick, nail polish, bath powder and perfume, and watching Jeopardy and the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. She was inspired and comforted by Dr. Charles Stanley's sermons. She made friends easily. When Joyce was on your side, she was a staunch defender and a force to be reckoned with.

Ola Joyce Jones Bynum was born August 12, 1925 at Flomot Texas to Clarence (Casey) Jones and Mollie Elmore Jones. A 1943 graduate of Flomot High School, she married fellow classmate Leldon Andrew Bynum (now deceased). Married eleven years, they had three sons, Tommy, Larry, and Jackie.

A resident of Matador for 14 years, Joyce had worked as a receptionist for Dr. J.S. Stanley and as a telephone operator. Later, attending Jessie Lee's Hair Design, she became a beautician and operated Joyce's Beauty Shop. She later resided in Benbrook, New Deal, Slaton, and Ovalo. She was married to Duane Markham (now deceased) for 24 years.

Joyce was preceded in death by an infant son, Tommy, in 1947, her parents, Casey and Mollie Jones, sister, Melba Beeson, and brother, Ralph (Bill) Jones. She is survived by son, Larry Bynum and wife, Cheryl of Ovalo, grandson, Bart Bynum, wife Holly, their children, Owen, Aidan, and Ivy of Ovalo and granddaughter Kani Bynum Thompson, and children, Landri and Gavin, of Ovalo.

Joyce is also survived by son, Jackie Bynum and family of the Lubbock area. She had a tremendous love for grandchildren, Douglas, Jacqueline, and Dustin Bynum and deeply grieved time missed with them.

Graveside services were held at Flomot Memorial Cemetery at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, May 25 under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to Hackberry Creek Care Center P.O. Box 651 Matador, TX 79244.

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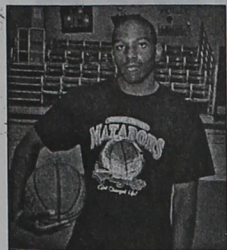
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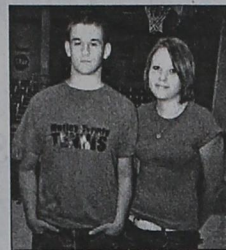
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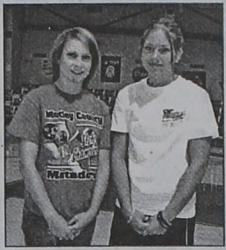
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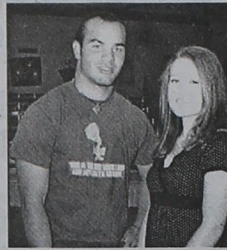
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Chaundra Wolf and Bradley Brown



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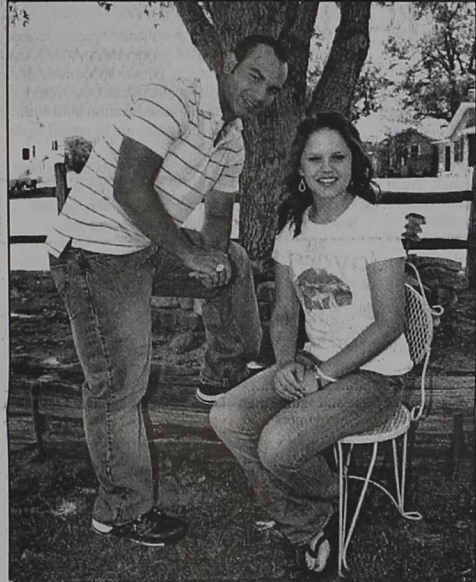
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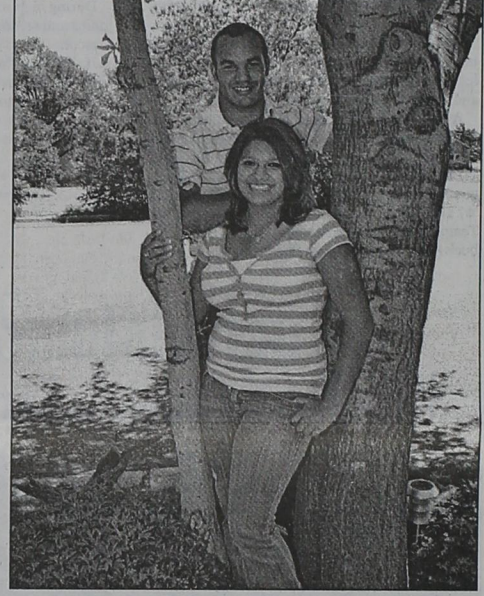
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Isiah Archer and Karrie Valdez

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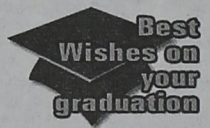
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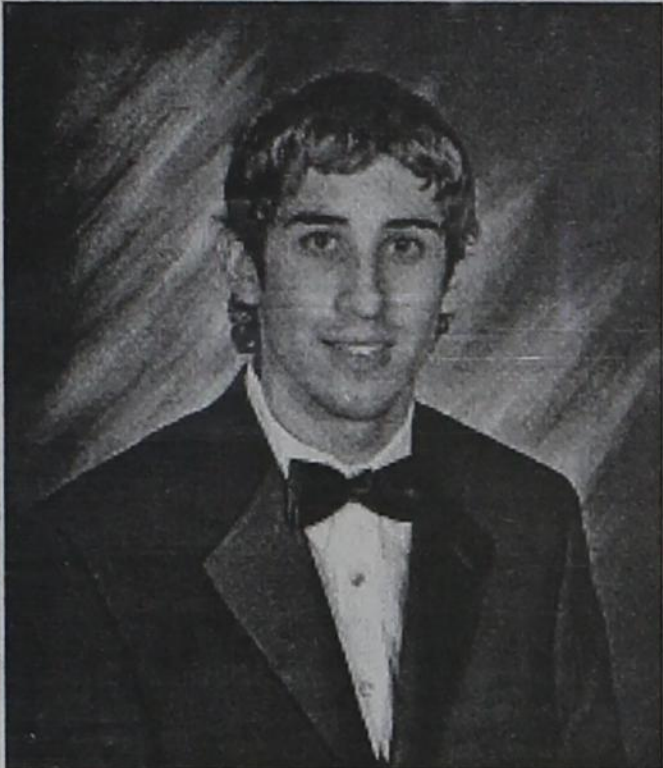
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Jacob Blanco



Jacob, the son of David and Kathy Blanco, was born in Dalhart, Texas, then lived in Hartley before moving to Matador. His most inspirational teacher is Coach Bigham. "He taught me never to give up and always push myself."

Jacob's heroes are his parents and his favorite quote is "Keep on keepin' on." If he could do anything he would live in Orlando, Florida in a big house and have lots of money. Currently his future plans are to attend South Plains College and major in radiologic technology.

Among his many high school accomplishments are: Fighting Heart Award-track; '06 Rookie of the Year-golf; '06, '07 1st Team All-District Safety; '07 1st Team All-Region Safety; '05, '06, '07 Regional qualifier, golf; '07 1st Team All-State Safety; '07 2nd Team All-District Quarter-Back; '07 2nd Team All-Region Quarter Back; '07 1st Team Lubbock Avalanche All-South Plains Safety.

Best Advice

Work hard. Don't give up.

Amanda Chavez



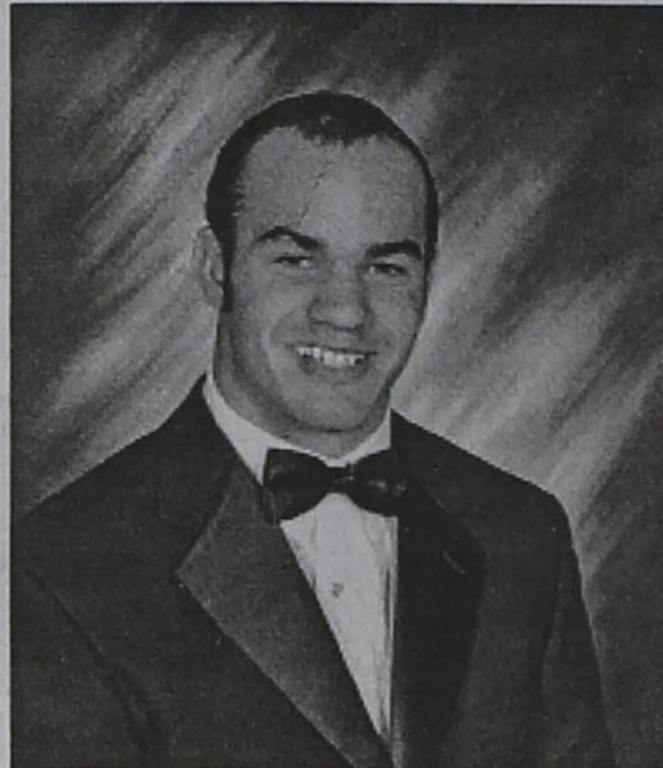
Amanda came to Matador from Vernon, Texas. She is the daughter of Efen and Simona Chavez. Her hero is Ms. Jamison, her most inspirational friend is Tim. "He helped me when I needed it." And her favorite quote is "Don't worry, be happy."

During high school she worked on year book her junior and senior year, played tennis and was team mascot.

If she could do anything she wanted she would go to Mexico for an entire year. Her current plans are to study cosmetology.

**Best Advice
Stay in School**

Isiah Archer



Isiah's parents are Kay and Alan Bingham of Matador, and Herb and Polly Sims of Pueblo, Colorado. He was born in Amarillo, Texas. When he was five he moved to Matador. "Kay and Alan have also been his mentors," he said. "They let me stay with them and become part of their family."

"Life's like a garden, dig it!" Is Isiah's favorite quote. If he could do anything he wanted he would get a full scholarship to a Division I school and start. His current plans are to attend West Texas A&M, play football, and become a coach.

Some of his many accomplishments during high school are: Fr. 2nd Team All-District, football and basketball; So., 1st Team All-district, football and basketball; Jr., 1st Team All-district, football and basketball, 2nd Team All-regional, football, Team District Championship, golf; Sr., All-district MVP, football, All Region Player of the Year, football, Div. II Player of the Year, football, All-district, basketball, Regional qualifier, track and golf.

Best Advice

Never Burn a bridge.

Myliisa Gilmore



Myliisa lived in Weatherford before moving to Matador in 1995. She is the daughter of Felton and Ruth Gilmore. When asked who her mentor or most inspirational teacher or friend was she answered, "My sister, Mylinda, because she honestly believes I have the ability to do whatever I put my mind to."

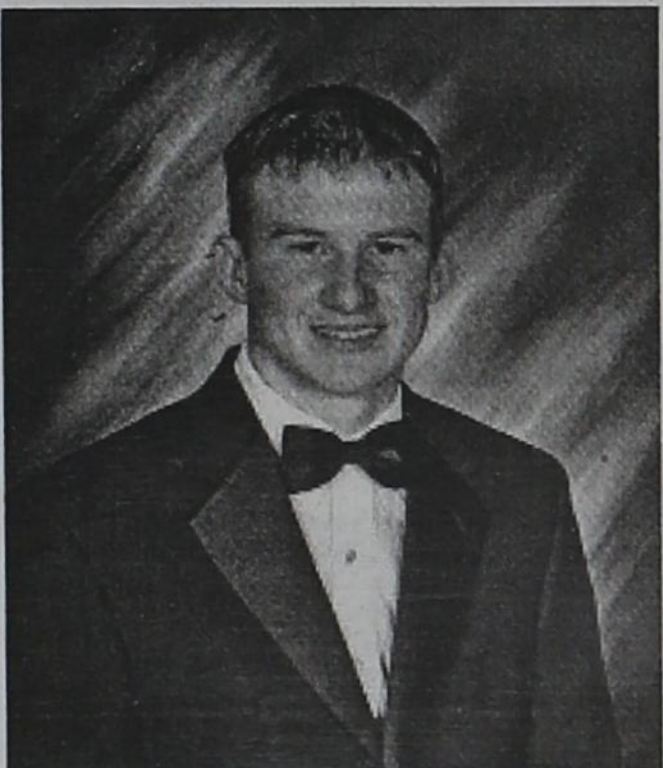
"Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened," is Myliisa's favorite quote. Her hero is Nana because she is the strongest person she knows. If Myliisa could do anything she wanted she would finish college and work in the education field with preschoolers. Her current plans are to attend Tarleton State University.

Some of her many accomplishments during high school are: National Honor Society, '07 and '08; Honor roll, '05-'08; Varsity cheerleader, '05-'08; Student council, '05; Class reporter, '05-'08.

Best Advice

Never leave any room for regret. Live for the moment and cherish the memories.

Stacy Perryman



Stacy was born in Lubbock and has lived in Matador his entire life. He is the son of Brenda Hurt and Danny Perryman and they are his heroes. Rick Collet has been his most inspirational friend. "He is always there when you need a helpful hand."

If Stacy could do anything he wanted he would experience what the world has to offer. "Life's a garden. Dig it," is his favorite quote. He plans to attend South Plains College.

There have been many high school accomplishments for Stacy: Senior class president, 2nd Team All-Region cornerback; 1st team All-District cornerback, Honorable Mention quarter back; Honorable Mention linebacker; Honorable mention basketball; Regional qualifier, golf.

Best Advice

Make Good Memories

Karrie Valdez



Karrie's parents are Lenore Martin and Martin Valdez. Currently she lives with Olivia and Robert Osborn. She was born in Lubbock and has lived her entire life in Matador. Aunt Olivia is her hero. "She let me stay in her home and finish high school, and she has gone out of her way so much for me. She is really like my second Mom."

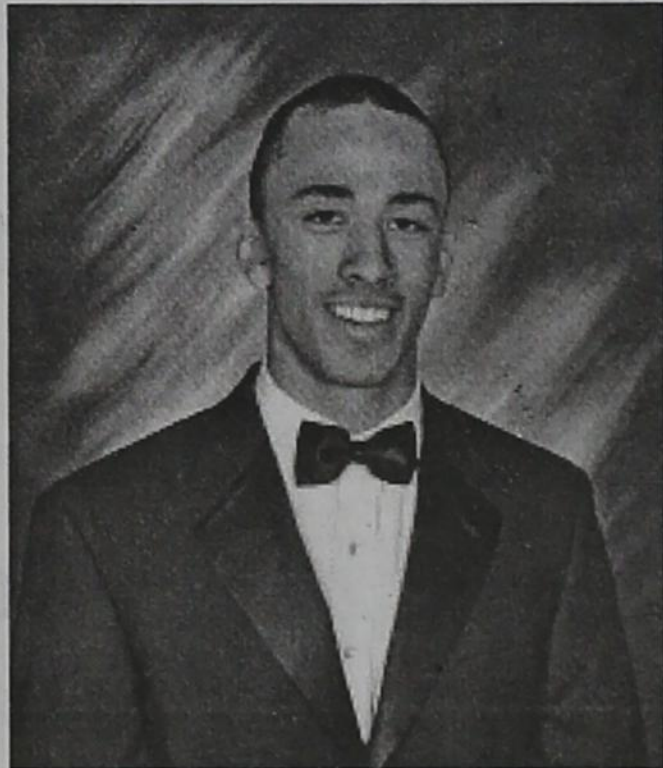
If Karrie could do anything she wanted, she would travel and see what's out there in the world. Her favorite quote is; "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." Her future plans are to attend South Plains College and major in child development.

Some of Karrie's many high school accomplishments are: Student Council, 4 yrs; Varsity cheerleader, '05, '07 Regional golf and basketball, '05, '06, '07; District championship, golf, '07, Fighting Heart Award, basketball, '07, track and yearbook, '08.

Best Advice

Don't try to rush your life because it goes by fast. Enjoy all the moments you can.

Steven Webb



Steven, the son of Kevin and Lesa Keltz, came to Matador from Lubbock. His most inspirational teachers have been his father and his brother, Leon.

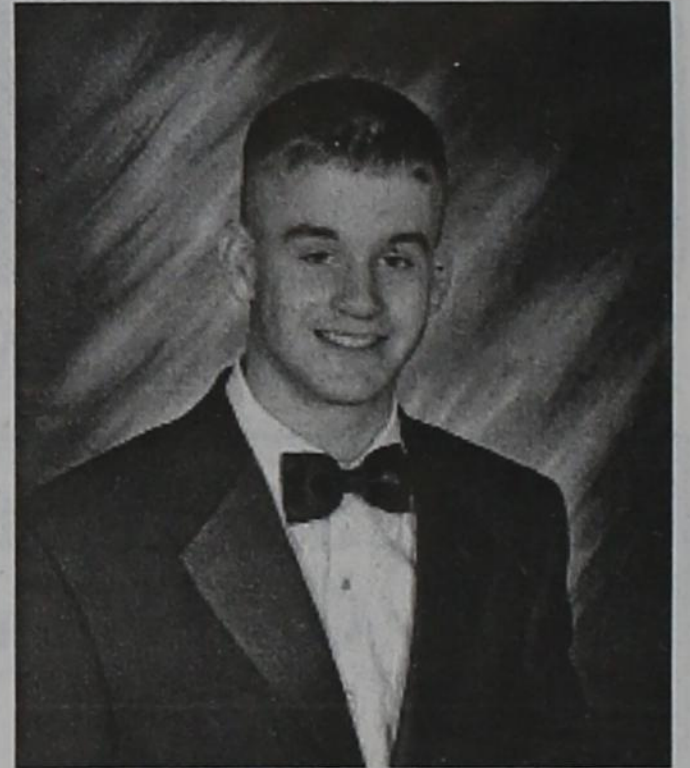
If he could do anything he wanted he would do everything possible to make the world a better place. His heroes are God and his brothers, Leon and Adrian. "Keep on keeping on," is his favorite quote.

Steven has had many accomplishments during high school. A few are: State championship, football, Playoffs, basketball, 1st Team All-District, football, 2nd Team All-Regional, offense and defense.

Best Advice

If ever you fall, get up and keep going.

Brendan Wiltshire



Brendon, raised in Texas since he was seven years old, is the son of Rhonda Wiltshire. His most inspirational friend is Phillip Sharp. "He has helped me become the man I am today."

Brendon considers his mom to be his hero. "She is the reason I am here today. She got me through the Leukemia." If he could do anything he wanted he would be a video game designer. Currently, his future plans are to retire from the army and work as a mechanic for a car dealership. "It's kind of fun to do the impossible," is his favorite Walt Disney quote.

Brendon has had many accomplishments during high school. He was tennis MVP '06-'08; Rookie of the year in football, '05; sound coordinator, '07, '08; and he had a 2nd place lamb in the stock show in '08.

Best Advice

Save Money

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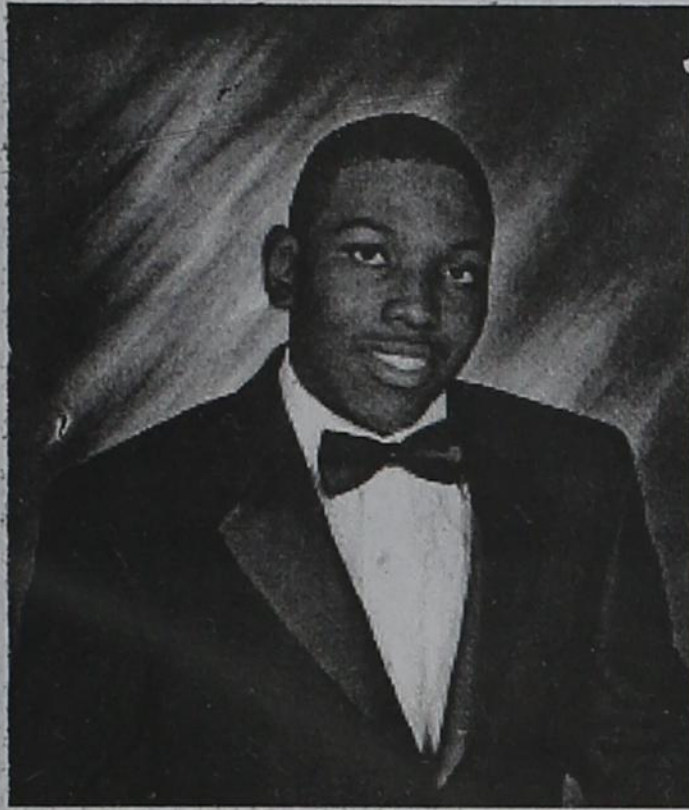
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Bradley Brown



Bradley is the son of Harold and Bobbie Brown. He was born in Amarillo and has lived most of his life in Matador. Coach Bigham is his mentor because, "He pushed me to get the best out of me." Bradley's hero is Grandpa.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," is his favorite quote. And if Bradley could do whatever he wanted, he would go all over the world. His current plans are to attend West Texas A&M and play football.

He has had many accomplishments during high school. Some of the ones he listed are: All State Offense Player of the Year, football; State championship win; All Region offense and All-District '05-'08.

Best Advice

No matter how hard life gets, never give up.

Leatrice Gutierrez



Leatrice is the daughter of Rosa Leyba and Paul Gutierrez. She was born in Abilene, raised in Sweetwater, Midland and Greenwood before moving to Matador. Her hero is her mom and her most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Gillespie. "She pushes her students and is more than willing to help out to her best ability."

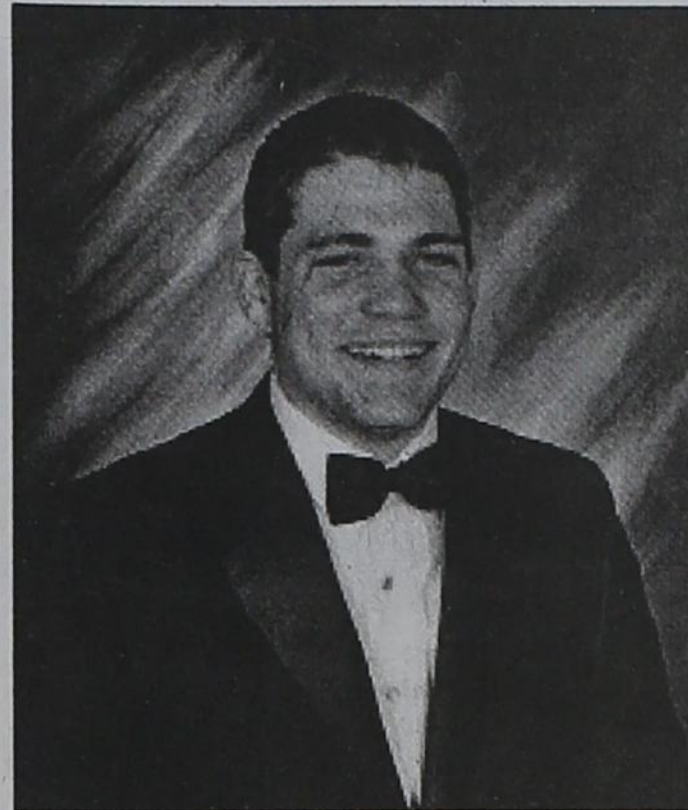
If Leatrice could do anything she wanted, she would go to college and become a doctor. Current plans are to take a year off and then attend college. "... And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, it's the light in your years." Is her favorite quote.

Some of her high school accomplishments are; Varsity cheerleader, FFA, National Honor Society '06-'08, Student council and tennis.

Best Advice

Do what you feel is right. It doesn't matter what everyone else says or thinks.

Casey Carnes



Casey grew up in Matador and is the son of Kim Fletcher. He said his mentor is his grandad. "He's always been there for me and helped me to be a better person."

When asked what he would do if he could do anything he wanted he replied, "I would give myself the power to fly. His favorite quote is, "Just do it."

Some of Casey's accomplishments during high school are; Most Improved Player, football; 1st Team All-District Center; 1st Team All-Regional Center, 2nd Team All State Center, 2nd Team All South Plains Center.

He plans to attend South Plains College, study criminal technology and go into law enforcement.

Best Advice

Be good to someone.

Christy Smith



Christy grew up in Matador. She is the daughter of Pat Smith and Vicky Tiner. Her most inspirational teacher was Mrs. Gillespie. "She has always pushed me to do my best." Her favorite is by Confucius; "Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance." When asked who her hero was she replied, "My father. He has worked so hard to get to where he is today. I'm so proud to call him 'Dad.'"

If Christy could do anything she wanted she would travel around the world. Her current plans are to go to South Plains College and eventually go into nursing.

She has had many accomplishments during high school: Honorable Mention, 2 yrs. basketball; All District, basketball, 2 yrs.; Bausch and Comb Science award; Varsity cheerleader, 4 yrs, captain, 2 yrs; Varsity basketball, 4 yrs, captain, 1 yr; Regional qualifier, shot put.

Best Advice

Always be yourself, no matter what.

Valedictorian

Emma Knowles



Emma, the daughter of Richard and Melea Knowles, comes from Tennessee, California and Texas. Her most inspirational teacher was Mrs. Gillespie. "She has helped me accomplish everything I wanted to do this year."

Her hero is her mom, and her favorite quote is "A laugh is a smile that bursts," by Mary H. Waldrip.

If Emma could do anything she wanted, she would travel all through Europe. Her immediate future plans are to attend Texas Tech University in the fall, where she plans to study animal science.

Among her many high school accomplishments are: Varsity cheerleader, Fr., So., Sr.; varsity golf, Jr., Sr., (regional qualifier); NHS Jr., Sr., (vice president); basketball manager, Fr., So., Jr.; All-American cheerleader, Fr., So.; A Honor roll; class vice-president.

Emma's best advice

You can't get to your future if your past is present.

Salutatorian

Savannah Rose



Savannah Dae Rose has lived in Matador all her life. She is the daughter of Lisa Rose and the late Kenny Rose. Mrs. Turner has been her most inspirational teacher. "She has always been there for me as well as the rest of her students. Her heroes are her granny and her dad. "He was a great person." Her favorite quotes are; "Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work so most people don't recognize them," by Ann Landers, and, "Many an opportunity is lost because a man is out looking for four-leaf clovers." Anonymous.

If she could do anything she wanted, she would go to college, get a job, and donate as much as she could to help out neglected and abused animals. "I would also like help out abused children." As of now, her plan is to study business administration at South Plains College.

Savannah was listed in Outstanding Students of America and had the highest ranking average of the year in 2007. Some of her other high school accomplishments are: Golf regional qualifier, 2006, 2007; All-district basketball, 2007; National Honor Society, Cheerleader, and A-Honor Roll.

Savannah's best advice

Always try your hardest at everything you do.

Never give up.

What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger.

Congrats Grads !!

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Click It or Ticket program at Motley County School

CHILDRESS – Seat belts save lives – and they can also save you from getting a ticket. That's the message that Trooper Dan Hawthorne gave the students of Motley County School this week.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety joined forces for a Click It or Ticket program at Motley County School on Wednesday, May 21st, in an effort to educate the students about the importance of buckling their seat belts, "everytime, everywhere, no matter how far".

TxDOT and DPS are once again joining forces with hundreds of police and sheriffs' departments statewide to launch a massive statewide Click It or Ticket effort in Texas. Between May 19 and June 1, thousands of law enforcement officers across Texas will be working overtime to ticket drivers and passengers who aren't buckled up.

Since Click It or Ticket began in 2002, millions more Texans

are now using seat belts and buckling up their children. As a result, experts estimate that seat belts have saved 1,600 lives and prevented 37,600 injuries. Reducing traffic deaths and injuries also reduces the costs associated with collisions. This translates

to saving more than \$6.6 billion in insurance premiums, medical care, property damage, lost productivity and travel delays.

For more information, contact: Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information at 940-937-7288.



MCISD STUDENTS were allowed to drive a golf cart through an obstacle course wearing fatal vision goggles. Fatal vision goggles are glasses that simulate the effects of being intoxicated. Students were also put through a sobriety test while wearing these goggles. Each year thousands of teens in Texas are killed or injured in traffic crashes as a result of underage drinking.

MCISD Honor Roll Students receive Awards



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL A Honor Roll. (L-R) Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Emma Knowles, Isiah Archer, Courtney Alexander, and Kyla Simpson.



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL A-B Honor Roll. (L-R) Brendan Wiltshire, Leatrice Gutierrez, Mylissa Gilmore, Kayla Simpson, Shane'a Russell, Mellissa Flores, and Danielle Stewart.

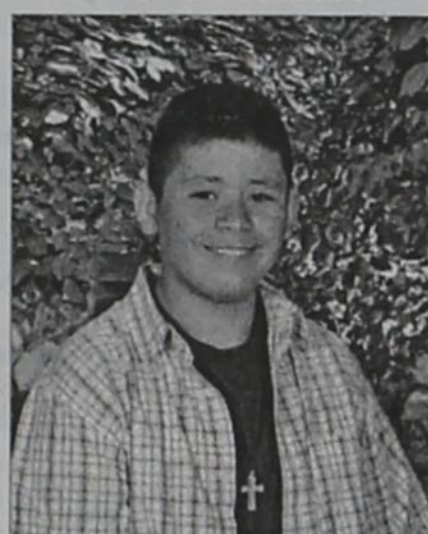
Eighth Grade Graduation May 30, 2008

Salutatorian

Valedictorian



Braden Mason



Keyan Kautz

The eighth grade class of 2008 would like to invite you to their 8th grade graduation. The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Motley County gymnasium. The Valedictorian is Keyan Kautz, son of Bobby and Yolanda Kautz of Dickens and the Salutatorian is Braden Mason, son of Crawford & Marvina Mason of Matador.

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Davey resigns from school board



TED DAVEY receives plaque from Superintendent Randy Brown at school board meeting on May 19, 2008. "Ted Davey has been a strong advocate for the children of Motley County I.S.D. for the past 5 years. We will miss the Davey family and wish them the best" said Brown.

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Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Markort



Consider:

Information is money, but data is squat.
--Angela Llama-Butler

Is there a piano tuner in town? Who can cater the banquet? The pipe is busted and water is cascading out--who can fix it real quick?

Motley County doesn't have as many shops as a big city, but there are lots of people around who can and will help with all kinds of services. Who are they and what services do they offer? Information is what is needed--information about who does what and how to reach them. And information is what the Chamber of Commerce is assembling for you again.

Several years ago, the Chamber put together a little booklet on the services available in Motley County. It listed all the different vendors and ventures on offer. But, as the years have passed, some of the businesses have closed, while new ones have opened. People with new talents have moved here, and they offer new services.

It is not just newcomers to the county who need this information, although they may need it

more than long time residents, who at least know who to ask. Still, the information is important for everyone, so the new edition of the directory is being prepared.

But your help is needed if this new directory is to be complete. What services do you offer that may not be well known yet?

You do not have to have a registered business to be listed in the directory. Maybe you can bake and decorate birthday cakes or sew alterations in clothing that doesn't fit the owner quite right. As long as you are willing and able to do something to help others, you should be listed in the new directory.

So please, please, let the Chamber know what you have to offer. Send us an e-mail at motcoem@caprock-spur.com or call the Chamber office at 347-2968 and leave a message so someone can call you back and get all the details about what you have to offer and where you can be reached.

We want to get this directory finished quickly, so don't put this off. Call or e-mail right now, so that the information the Chamber puts together is complete and the directory helps everyone in the County.



Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Library to offer summer programs

Children who will be in grades 1-6 next school year will be eligible to play Reading Bingo during the months of June & July. Not only will the children receive prizes for their efforts, they will also keep their reading skills current during the summer months. We hope all children will take advantage of this offer.

Every child can pick up a bingo card beginning June 2nd. Each card has 25 "bingo" squares on it. Each square challenges the child to read a different type of book. When the child completes one entire row, or Bingo, they bring the card to the library to pick a prize out of our treasure chest of goodies. When the child has read all the books on the card, also known as "blackout", his or her name will go into the grand prize

drawing, to be held July 31st. This year's grand prize is something a little bit different. The Friends of the Library has donated two portable DVD players for us to give away. If that's not incentive enough for a kid to read, I don't know what is!

In addition to Reading Bingo, all children who will be in grades 1-3 next school year are invited to take part in the library's Summer Reading Club for kids. Each Tuesday in June, from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m., we will have stories, crafts, and refreshments. For the last session, June 24, we will be having a special presentation, "Magic by Russell". Children of all ages are invited for this. Even those of you who still think you're children! The Friends of the Library sponsor the festivities, so there is no charge, but parents do need to pre-register their children at the library.

Chamber hosts GO TEXAN speakers; TDA promotes Texas-based products

The Texas Department of Agriculture has launched a new promotional campaign to promote products grown, produced, processed or manufactured in Texas.

Fifteen members of the Chamber of Commerce attended a meeting at Hotel Matador on May 15 to learn how to connect businesses with the best quality products Texas has to offer.

Speakers for the event were Janell Turner, daughter of Matador Ranch Manager Bob and Wanda Kilmer; and Matt Williams of Lockney, who encouraged business owners to "get your voice out there."

TDA's high-profile GO TEXAN marketing program generates widespread awareness of the brand logo and its members. "For only \$25 a year, you get to use the signature GO TEXAN logo, and a matching fun program designed to double the marketing dollars available," Turner said. "One new program helps consumers choose Texas restaurant establishments at first glance," Turner said. In addition, Matt Williams added, "A monthly newsletter goes to all the members, including about 1700 members across the state."

Hotel Matador is a member of the GO TEXAN program, purchasing products made, grown, processed or value added in Texas. Other local members include Main Street and Billie Dean's Restaurants, Matador Cattle Company, and Moore Maker, Inc.

From gourmet foods, cut flowers and fresh produce to Texas wine, natural fibers, livestock and more, GO TEXAN builds on the loyalty and pride of Texans and on the mystique and allure of the Lone Star State, TDA literature says.

Example of other products that have a "direct link" are horticulture programs, like selling Christmas Trees, "Turner said. "We can't make deals for you, but we can put your name out there, help you get in touch with the right people," Williams said. There are two other programs available, Hometown STARS Program, and Bootstraps Bucks Program.

To learn more about the programs available to individuals and businesses, check out the web site at www.gotexan.org.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Cattle Improve Wildlife Habitat

Most cattlemen today understand that moderate grazing coupled with other simple practices can create habitat, inviting wildlife to be a rancher's secondary pleasure, but with increased "out of county" landowners, this concept has declined. Studies prove that practical land management and moderate grazing increase wildlife habitat.

Actually, one of the better practices for good quail habitat is moderate grazing with cattle. Moderate grazing opens it up so little quail can run around and find the seeds that drop to the ground. Where there is no grazing you can imagine what a jungle they think it is. Other species profiting from simple management techniques are: turkey, deer, dove, pheasant, and feral hogs.

Deliberately managing rangeland for wildlife is really not that tough to do, but it is something you have to make an effort to get done. For the everyday cattleman, below are some simple yet effective tips on managing land for wildlife.

First, if a rancher is interested in establishing habitat he or she should determine what existing vegetation is valuable to wildlife, such as woodies, forbs and grasses. Ask the question, "Do I have food, cover, water and space for wildlife to survive?"

Some ranchers years ago root-plowed or dozed all of the mesquite on vast areas and as a result lost all of their deer population. They realized later on that, that wasn't the best thing to do. Deer need to be able to get back in their habitat about 100 to 300 feet where they can lie down or stand and have enough cover that they think somebody can't see them. The main thing is to be aware that if wildlife is valuable to you consider it

before you do any large-scale brush control where you clear a big area.

A practical use of mesquite in pastures lacking cover, particularly low cover for quail, is half-cutting mesquite. Sawing big mesquite branches about half-in-two, leaving them partially connected to the tree, and yet allowing them to fall to the ground. The tips of the limbs will protect the grass from being grazed and allow a good place for quail. And because the limbs remains half connected to the tree they will continue to leaf-out. This is a very effective practice.

Other valuable woody species in rangeland include aromatic sumac, plum thickets, hackberry, cottonwood and willows. The willows and cottonwoods provide roosting areas for turkeys while hackberry trees provide berries for quail.

Second, it is recommended to control brush on an individual basis leaving "islands" or strips of treed habitat on a couple of acres throughout the rangeland. These "islands" or strips serve as a travel lane for deer and is also good cover for quail and dove.

But where woody cover lacks, plant trees and shrubs such as Russian olive, plum thickets and four-wing saltbush. The plum thickets, which spread by the roots, are good habitat for cold weather and overhead protection from predators. Four-wing saltbush is good cover for quail and excellent winter forage for deer. Russian olive also provides food and cover. However, young trees and shrubs should be fenced off from cattle.

Third, make sure a year round food and water source is available. Food is what lacks most on ranches. Those that graze livestock on winter wheat provide excellent winter protein for the cattle and also the deer, but where cattle are grazed on grass *continued on page 11*

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune
May 29, 1958

Memories are the empty shells of time scattered on the far away shores of yesterdays, and slowly consumed by restless tides and tempestuous storms that arise in the passing of illstarred hours.

Free advice provides a convenient travel service for people who don't know where they are going.

Even the last horse in a race has the satisfaction of providing competition.

Directors could make a genuine contribution to television entertainment if they would use real bullets in the Western shows for a few nights.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
May 29, 1958

Melody Maids on Floydada Radio

The Melody Maids, from last year's eighth grade, sang on a program over Station KFLD, Floydada, Wednesday morning, Mrs. France Barton and Mrs. Tommie Edwards accompanied the girls to Floydada, and on their return they were guests in the Barton home for lunch. The group is composed of Judy Hobbs, Vada Nichols, Dixie Barton, Cherri Barton, Vella Ree Edwards and Melanie Brown, and their accompanist, Sandra Stevens.

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Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

May 15
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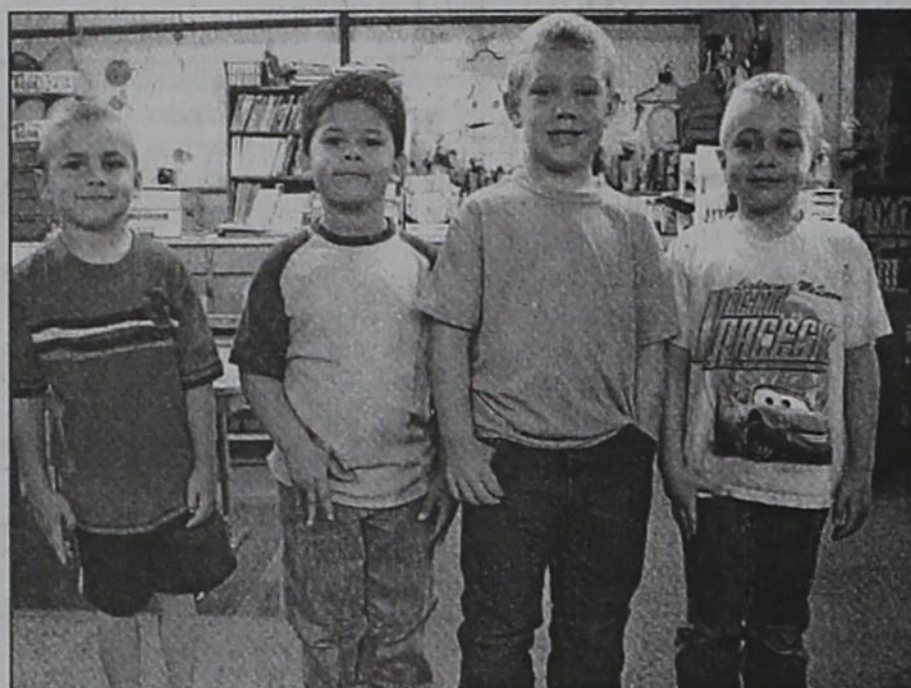
CLASS OF 2008 Front row(LtoR) Andrew Stafford, Trace Osborn, Jeren Hughs, Cory Hamilton, Bryer Davis. Middle row (LtoR) Brogan Rankin, Chance Pigg, Kyler Beshirs, Kason Degan, Krystin Ferguson, Trinity Ward, Reese Marshall, Tyne Marshall, Jaycee Pigg. Top row(LtoR) Jackson Rains, Andrew Moore, Jaxon Edwards, Gage Sperry, Colton Martin, Prescott Falcon, Case Drum, John Jones, Mrs. Crowley

Promotion Program

Finishing up 18 years of preschool, four boys are going into kindergarten. Pictured, left to right are; Colton Martin, Prescott Falcon, John Jones, and Case Drum.

They have worked hard and are in different levels of reading. The Promotion Program for these boys will be Friday, May 30, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship building.

The classes, taught by Mrs. Judy Crowley, focus on reading. Students come from Motley and surrounding counties.



DAYS GONE BY

Anna's American Dream From Motley County Roundup c. 1991 by Marisue Potts

Part 2 of 3

... In December of 1878 in the mile high city, Anna met and married Arthur Byron Cooper, a rare and wise scout who it was said retired from the service of General Custer's command shortly before the fatal Battle of the Little Big Horn in June of 1876. The newlyweds soon took the train to Kansas City and then to Dallas, headed for the frontier of Texas where Cooper had scouted while in the army.

In Dallas they shelled out \$40 for a wagon and \$70 for one old and one "tolerably" young horse and stocked up on flour, meat, and coffee. Traveling on a worn trail the couple met wagon load after wagon load of hides coming in as they wended their way through the "Grapevine" Prairie to Decatur and on to Jacksboro. The Coopers paused at Archer City before making Seymour, the last habitation before TeePee City.

Arriving in February of 1879 at the lively buffalo hunters outpost, Anna recalled finding the following inhabitants: saloon keeper-post master Mr. Armstrong (known to the Coopers as Issac O. but Ludlum on the 1880 Census as well as Lendman on postal records); a clerk (probably Andrew Sharp) for Hamburg and McCamey hide dealers; boot-maker Hammock; cowboy Bob Harper; and freighter families Counsel and Bowman who lived in picket houses.

The Coopers rested a few days before heading northwest to Clarendon where they sought in-

formation on land available and applied for the services of surveyor J.H. Parks.

In the meantime, a dugout was quickly built into the side of a hill on TeePee Creek and a patch of about 12 acres was broken out for a garden and corn crop. The Coopers stretched their meager supplies of flour, salted fish, dried fruit, and dried beans with fish from the creek and wild game from the country side.

In May of 1879 Parks made a survey and placed them on their 160 acre homestead claim. Cooper traveled to Jacksboro, filed on the claim and bought three Land Scrip certificates, each representing a section, using the money that thrifty Anna had saved from her work at Galesburg.

While Cooper was away hauling freight, their first son, James Motley, was born on May 4, 1881, in the dugout. (Accordingly, this date would substantiate a controversial claim that James Motley was first white male born in the county since Harry H. Campbell was born on May 15, 1881.) When the infant died less than a month later, he was buried by some passing cowboys and the father never saw his first born.

Moving to the mouth of Turtle Hole Creek, Cooper built another dugout for a store, stocked with supplies he freighted in over the trail from Dallas. While he was gone, sometimes for six weeks at a time, Anna would catch sight of Indians, mounted and waiting on the rim of the hills for a time, then riding off.

Besides keeping the store, Anna washed, ironed, and

mended clothes for the cowboys, probably as much to supplement their income as to keep the lonely hours at bay. In her later years she always thought of the twilight hours near sundown, when the doves coo and the bobwhites call, as a most melancholy time.

Anna's next child, Nora Cordelia, was born in 1882 with the distinction of being the first white girl born in unorganized Motley County. Then in 1884 James Jurvens was born. Anna knitted socks and gloves for them and made their little clothes by hand.

The A.S. Johnsons, Anna's aunt and uncle, arrived from Sweden in 1884. Cooper met their train at Dallas. However, on the way home, the old man died and was buried at Jacksboro. Auntie made her home with the family in the dugout for the next three years.

During a rise of the river, the dugout became flooded with water. Rocks and boards were removed from the back of the dwelling so that Nora and Jim could escape, but Auntie, it was told, remained glued to the table she was standing on until the flood waters receded.

Since the dugout was ruined, the Coopers moved back near the site of their first dugout at TeePee City, this time building a two room half-dugout lined with rock. Here Mary Elizabeth, "Nellie," was born in 1886, but she failed to thrive and died before her first birthday.

to be continued June 5, 2008

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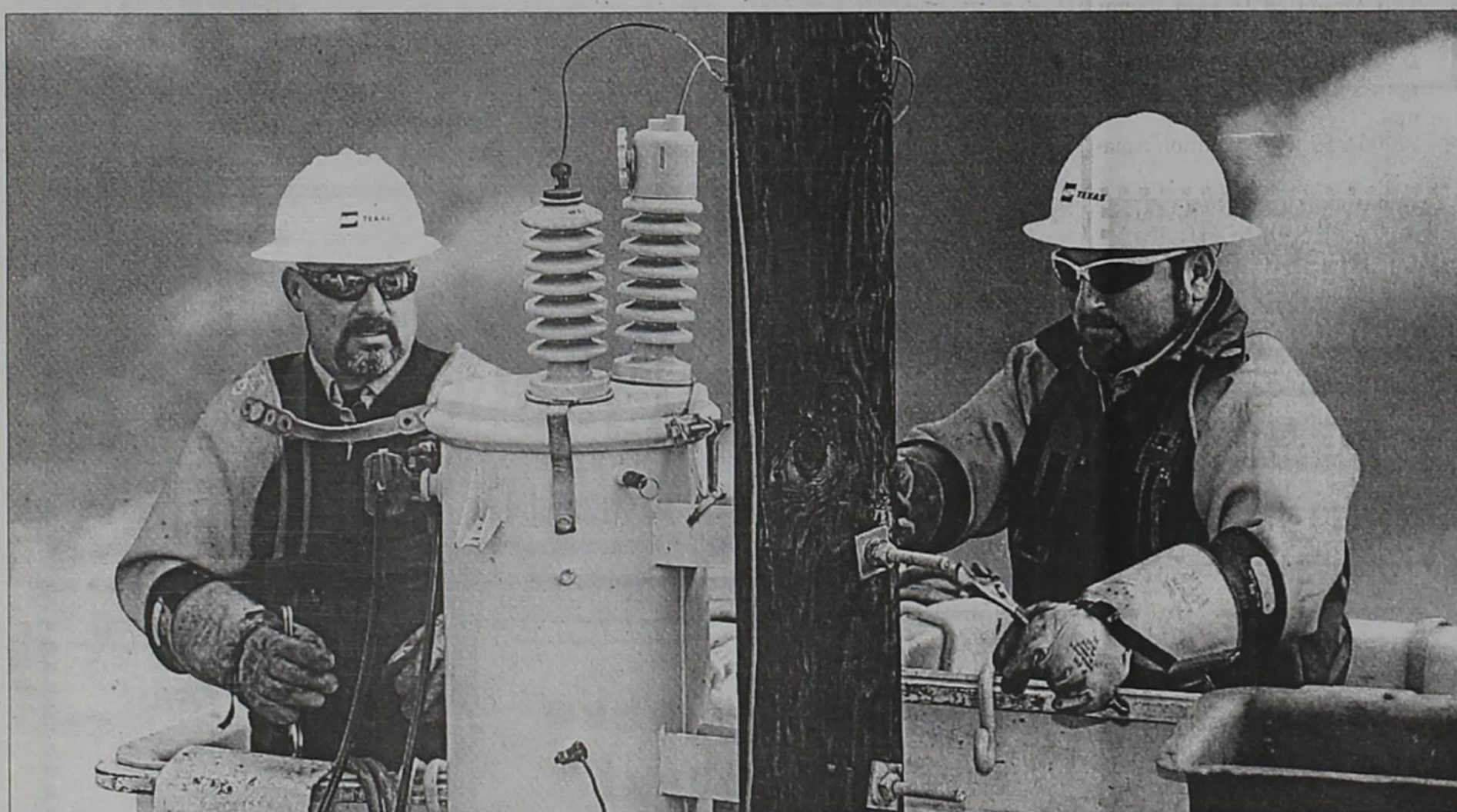
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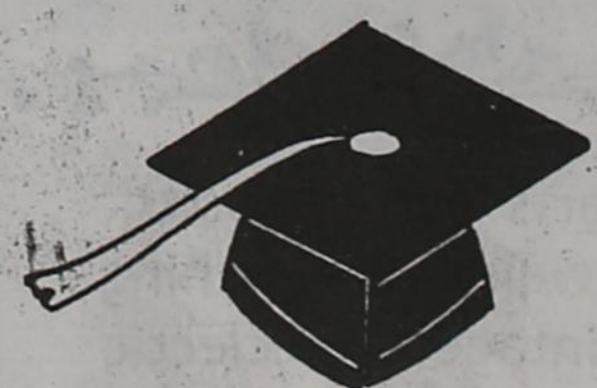


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continued from page 9 **County Agent Report:**

rather than wheat, plant food plots throughout the rangeland. Block off a few 5 acre plots throughout the pasture to plant strips of wheat or grain sorghum. These plots will need to be fenced off from cattle if they are going to be managed for deer.

Winter wheat is also a seed source for quail, turkey and dove. Try rotating wheat and sorghum and utilize land with the poorest grass cover as a place to plant the food plots.

For deer, try planting trees such as aromatic sumac and elbow bush. These are really good deer forages to plant. Most people think deer would prefer twigs and leaves for browse, but if given the choice, deer would choose the forbs.

Finally, seek technical assistance from entities which deal with wildlife and its habitats: Texas Forest Service, NRCS, Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the universities.

Bee Awareness Seminar

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Motley County will be hosting a Bee Awareness Seminar on May 29, 2008 starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Motley County Library Annex Building. This seminar is to inform residents

on bee populations in our area and the presents of Africanized bees. Topics that will be discussed also include safety around bees, how to prevent attacks, and what to do in case of a bee attack.

Local representatives from Emergency Services will also be present to inform residents when they should contact Emergency Personnel and what they can do when residents encounter bees. If you have questions concerning bees or would like to know more about bees in your area, make plans to attend this meeting.

Livestock Handling and Value Added Beef Conference

Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist, will be here on June 6, 2008 to discuss with producers livestock handling techniques and value added beef. The conference will start at 9:30 a.m. in the Motley County Library Annex Building. In light of the recent videos published and studies done by the Humane Society on "downer cattle" at livestock auction barns, livestock handling has become a large issue with producers and consumers. "If we don't address this situation and educate producers

on the importance of animal care and handling, this can be detrimental to the beef industry", stated extension specialists. In order to educate producers, conferences on livestock handling will be available throughout the state. Dr. Ron Gill is an expert on the livestock industry and will provide producers with information to better understand how to handle livestock and add value to your cattle and overall increasing your profit.

Events Calendar:

- May 29 - Bee Awareness Seminar
- May 31 - 4-H Shooting Sports
- June 2&3 - Horsemanship Clinic - Childress
- June 6 - Livestock Handling and Value Added Beef Conference
- June 7 - 4-H Horse Club Playday
- June 9-13 - State 4-H Roundup
- June 14 - 4-H Horse Club Playday
- June 16 - State Steer Validation
- June 18-21 - District 4-H Horse Show
- June 23 - 11 County Camp Registration Due
- June 30 - 11 County Camp
- July 8 - Cleanup Day for Jr. Rodeo
- July 11&12 - Motley County Jr. Rodeo

Family fishing day at Caprock Canyons

Caprock Canyons State Park is hosting Family Fishing Day on Saturday, June 7, 2008. The event will take place at Lake Theo at Caprock Canyons State Park from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park entry fees will be waived for this event.

Family Fishing Day will feature a Children's Fishing Derby, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to Fishing Derby participants in two age groups, eight years and under and nine to twelve years of age. Children will sign up for the Fishing Derby at 9:00 a.m. and free hot dogs and drinks will be offered to the participants of the Children's Fishing Derby.

To promote recreational fishing statewide, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is waiving the normal license and stamp requirements for anyone fishing inside the property boundary of a Texas State Park through August 31, 2008.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Clyde, you're sure lucky! The boss thinks you're the best hoss shoer on the place!"

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- 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FREE Chili dogs, chips, and drinks
- 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Drum Circle Art Performance - experience the beat of African drums, courtesy of Three Rivers Foundation of the Arts and Sciences
- 8:30 p.m. Recognition of the Diekempe Family
- 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Orientation to the Night Sky, Three Rivers Foundation of the Arts & Sciences
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OIL & GAS REPORT
 BY THOMAS MUSSER

PALO DURO BASIN OIL & GAS UPDATE

BRISCOE COUNTY:
 The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. R. L. Montgomery Lease (196514) Well has been Re-Plugged and Abandoned. This well was originally drilled in 1984, was Shut-in from 1984 until Plugged by the State of Texas in 1990, then was Re-Entered in 2001, remaining Shut-in from November 2001 until Re-plugged and abandoned in 2008.

BRISCOE COUNTY:
 On 16 May 2008 the Re-entry permit expired for the DBP Exploration, Inc. Rodgers D Lease Well #1, without the Wellbore being re-entered. This Wellbore was originally drilled by Gulf Oil Corporation as the S. A. Rodgers, "D" Lease Well #1 in 1956, being Plugged and Abandoned in November 1956.

MOTLEY COUNTY:
 On 22 May 2008 Sharp Image Energy, Inc. filed an Amended Application for Drilling Permit for the Vinson Farms Lease Well #1, changing the Lease Name and Well Location.

The Lease Name is changed from Vinson to Vinson Farms. The Well location is moved One mile East of the original location. The Amended Vinson Farms Lease Well #1, Block S, SF 4214, D. F. Jones Survey, Abstract-1545, six miles Southeast of Flomot. PPROA 2008 Convention Ama-

rrillo - Palo Duro Basin Information:
 At the Invitation of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, Mike Long and Tom Musser attended the 2008 PPROA Annual Convention in Amarillo last week to Update the PPROA Members on the Palo Duro Basin Energy Activities. Last year Mike and Tom were invited to make a Presentation on the Palo Duro Basin, this year they were given an Information Booth and visited with the PPROA Members during the Convention. Mike discussed the Permitted Briscoe County Uranium Core Test Holes and Briscoe County Wind Energy. Tom updated the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity. Many of the PPROA members expressed their continuing interest in the Palo Duro Basin, and shared their ideas of the Basin.

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- May**
- 29 Last Day of School
 - 29 Elementary Awards Program
 - 30 8th Grade Grad 7 pm
 - 31 HS Graduation 7pm
 - 31 Relay for Life Bake Sale, Lowes Pay-N-Save 9 am
- June**
- 2 FBCM VBS begins 5:30 pm
 - 3 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m.
 - 5 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30 am
 - 7 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7 a.m.
 - 7 Jail Star Party and Drum Circle, Matador, 7 -10 pm
 - 4 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
 - 9 Commissioners Court, 9:30 a.m.
 - 9 Roaring Springs City Council, City Hall, 6 p.m.
 - 10 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7 p.m.
 - 11 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
 - 12 Matador City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - 17 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30pm
 - 18 Do-Gooders Club quilting at Flomot Community Center, 1 p.m.
 - 19 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 - 21-22 Relay For Life, 7pm to 7 am
 - 26 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 p.m.
- July**
- 1 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30pm
 - 3 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30am
 - 4 4th of July celebration

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