

MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

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Photo by Johnny Davenport, Dec. 18, 1958, Cow Hollow Tank, Matador Ranch

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Local youth wins calf-scramble at 2006 Fort Worth Stock Show

Fort Worth -- Cade Luckett of Matador, a Patton Springs FFA member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the February 4 evening rodeo performance at the 110th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Parents of the winner are Kendra and Bill Luckett. Sponsoring Cade's effort is Texas Motor Speedway of Fort Worth, Texas.

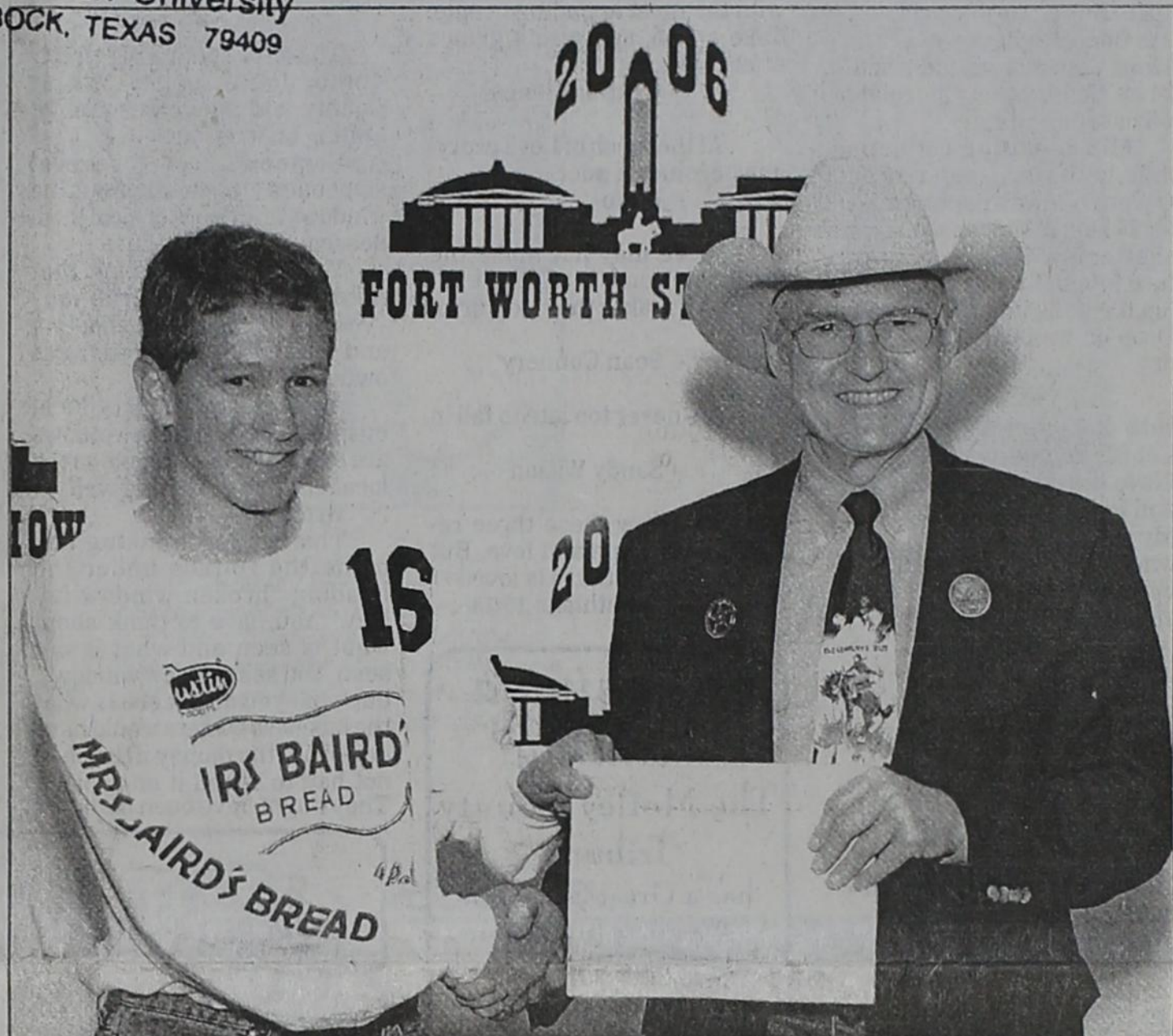
The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each one of the 30 Stock Show Rodeo performances, has weight winners per performance. The participants, who are high school students, must catch and halter a calf in order to win a \$500 purchase certi-

cate. The certificate will go towards the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer for a year long 4-H or FFA project.

Winners must care for their animals throughout the year and return to Fort Worth for the 2007 Stock Show to exhibit in the Junior Heifer Show. Those who do the best job will be in line to be awarded college scholarship funds. Last year, scholarship grants were made to 53 students.

All the participants receive a special T-shirt. Participants who don't catch a calf will still receive a certificate for a pair of Justin boots. Mrs. Baird's Bakeries and Justin Boots have proudly sponsored this event for many years.

The nation's oldest livestock show is currently underway now through February 5 at the world-class Will Rogers Memorial Center. The Stock Show features 24 days of family fun and entertainment and will host a record number of nearly 25,000 livestock entries throughout the run. In addition to the prestigious livestock competitions, the Stock Show offers many interactive educational exhibits, great shopping in the commercial exhibits area, an exciting carnival and midway plus 30 thrilling performances of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo. For ticket information or any performance or Stock Show event, call 817-877-2420 or visit www.fwssr.com.



Cade Luckett, left, receives a certificate for a calf after winning the Calf Scramble at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

EQIP application deadline nears

Temple, Texas -- The deadline for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accept applications for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding is February 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Motley County. Last year EQIP in Motley County funded over \$260,000 dollars of conservation work.

Farmers and ranchers can apply for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA-NRCS to make sound a decision regarding conservation prac-

tices to meet their conservation goals.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on any conservation practice listed in the local field office technical guide. Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. High priority conservation practices include livestock watering facili-

ties (wells, livestock pipelines, troughs), brush management, range and pasture seeding and/or any rangeland conservation practice. However, it should be noted that producers can sign up for any conservation with an excellent chance of being approved.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Matador, contact James, Rodney, or Si or call at 347-2263 extension 3. Other information is available on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

South Plains Electric Co-op contributes \$6,600 to volunteer fire departments

Lubbock -- South Plains Electric Cooperative contributed \$6,600 to 33 volunteer fire departments during this statewide disaster of wildfire threats caused by extremely dry weather and conditions.

Matador VFD was among the volunteer departments to receive a \$200 grant.

All together, the 33 departments serve and protect 14 counties. The grants also serve as a kick-off for the Operation Round Up membership drive to further benefit the volunteer fire departments (VFDs).

Operation Round Up is a community service program funded by the member-consumers of South Plains Electric Cooperative. As a participant, the electric bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar each month and the few extra cents go into the Operation Round Up fund. A volunteer, 10-member board, consisting of Cooperative member-consumers, reviews applications and fills grant requests. More than \$400,000 has been given back to our local communities and individuals since 1993.

During the membership drive, for every new account enrolled in Operation Round Up, a \$5 donation will be made to a VFD specified by the Cooperative member-consumer or will be put into a general fund and divided among all 33 VFDs. For member-consumers already participating in Operation Round Up, a one-time \$5 donation will be made in their honor.

"Rural fire volunteers should be commended for what they do so fearlessly and generously to keep our communities safe each day," said James Driver, general manager of South Plains Electric Cooperative. "If we can help make their jobs a little easier or safer, we are delighted to do so. After all, many of the volunteers are co-op employees and member-consumers."

Whether you're a country or city dweller, wildfires are a significant danger for you and your property. Fires have burned 455,127 acres across Texas, destroyed 343 homes and killed three people since late December. The VFDs are your last defense against a wildfire reaching your home.

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Plans underway for Family Fun Night, Spring Fling Mother-Daughter, Father-Son Banquet set for March 3rd

Plans are currently underway for a Family Fun Night - Spring Fling, which is the Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Banquet combined. The annual banquet, sponsored each year by the Eternas Study Club, was combined last year to make the event a family affair.

The banquet will be held Friday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the Motley County High School Gym. Tickets are available for \$6.00, Pre-K through 5th grade; and \$8.00, 6th grade through adult. Tickets may be purchased at New To You, from Ginger Gilmore at the School, or from Leadell Martin at 347-2686, or any Eternas Study Club member. March 1st is the last day to purchase a ticket.

Good food and a lot of fun is planned for the entire family. Entertainment will be by Music to the Maxx from Lubbock.

More details will be printed when available. Contact Leadell Martin for more information.

UIL Realignment announced

Austin - The UIL Six Man football district alignments for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 seasons were released February 2. Division 2, Region 2, District 7 will include Motley County, Groom, Lazbuddie, McLean, and Samnorwood.

Other area teams have been realigned as follows:
Division 1:
Region 1, District 4: Jayton, Gail Borden, Hermleigh, Loraine, Trent.

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Weather conditions leaving Motley County dry Temperatures register above average in January

by Earlyne Jameson

Very dry and windy conditions continued with temperatures well above average in January. Storm systems fizzled out before reaching Motley County leaving only wind that pushed potential precipitation away.

2005 cotton crop is harvested, but land preparation is hampered by dry weather. Winter wheat, pastures and ranges are in poor condition. Livestock conditions are fair to good. The short term drought is pretty intense.

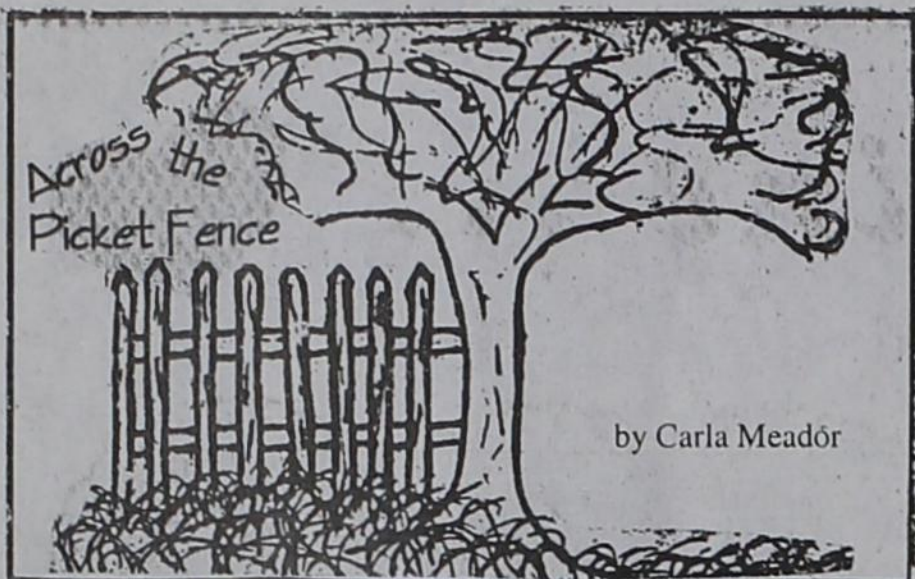
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Up for two ...

Motley County Matador, Isaiah Archer, goes up for two at a recent game against Wilson. The Matadors, both girls' and boys' teams, defeated Wilson. Basketball season came to an end Tuesday night when the Matadors and Lady Matadors were defeated by Lorenzo.

(Photo by Bailey Davenport)



by Carla Meador

Since Valentine's Day is coming up next Tuesday, I thought it might be fun to share a few Sweetheart recipes and quotes. I hope you have a blessed and loved Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day Cinnamon Pecans

1 c. Sugar
1/2 c. Water
3 tsp. Cinnamon
1 dash Salt
3 1/2 c. Pecans
Combine sugar and water. Cook to soft ball stage. Add cinnamon and salt and mix well. Add the pecans. Stir until it hardens. Pour out and let cool.

Valentine's Day Coconut Bon Bons

15 oz. Sweetened Condensed milk
1/2 c. Butter, or margarine
2 c. Confectioners' sugar
12 oz. Coconut, grated dried
24 oz. Semi-Sweet Chocolate
4 Tbs. Shortening
Mix together condensed milk, butter, sugar and coconut. Cover with wax paper and chill for 24 hours. Melt chocolate with shortening. Roll coconut mixture into balls and using a fork, dip the balls into the chocolate. Drop on wax paper to cool and dry.

♥ ♥ ♥

How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth
and breadth and height
My soul can reach,
when feeling out of sight.
For the ends of Being
an ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level
of everyday's
Most quiet need,
by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely,
as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely,
as they turn from Praise.

I love thee with the passion
put to use
In my old griefs, and with
my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love
I seemed to lose
With my lost saints, --
I love thee with the Breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!
-- and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee
better after death.

-- Elizabeth Barret Browning

♥ ♥ ♥

-- If music be the food of
love, play on.
-- Shakespeare

-- Grow old along with me,
the best is yet to be.
-- Robert Browning

-- Love is the enchanted
dawn of every heart.
-- Lamartine

-- Charm is a way of getting
the answer yes without having
asked any clear question.
-- Albert Camus

-- It's not the men in my life
that count -- it's the life in my
men.
-- Mae West

-- One of the keys to happi-
ness is a bad memory.
-- Rita Mae Brown

-- Never judge someone by
who he's in love with; judge him
by his friends. People fall in love
with the most appalling people.
Take a cool, appraising glance
at his pals.
-- Cynthia Heimel

-- At the touch of Love every-
one becomes a poet.
-- Plato

-- Love may not make the
world go round, but I must ad-
mit that it makes the ride worth-
while.
-- Sean Connery

-- It's never too late to fall in
love.
-- Sandy Wilson

-- And now these three re-
main: faith, hope and love. But
the greatest of these is love.
I Corinthians 13:13

Planning a Wedding?

The Motley County
Tribune

has a Great Selection
of Wedding Invitations,
Announcements, Thank
you notes, Napkins and
Wedding Accessories

PRAISE TO THE LORD

"O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your
name, for in perfect faithfulness
you have done marvelous
things, things planned long ago.
Isaiah 25:1

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



The Bulb Exchange and Horticultural Fair will take place this Saturday, February 11, at the library at 10:00 a.m. Featured speaker is Eric Lewis. There will be a time for questions and certainly time to trade bulbs, tubers, etc. If you have nothing to trade, that's OK (I don't either) but it might be fun to pick up some bulbs to plant in our yards. There are sure to be extras. We have some good books about bulbs that you can check out and Mr. Lewis is bringing some handouts for the participants. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments. There is no charge for this event.

We thank those who have bought a Valentine for the Library. We thank Judy Woolsey,

Ruby and D.A. McGuire and Marihelen Wason for taking part in our Valentine Fund-raiser. Their names are on hearts in the window of the library. I urge everyone to buy a Valentine for the library. This fund-raiser continues throughout the month of February.

We thank Bertha Moore for her donation to the library in memory of Kathryn King, Katie Davis and Lola Pohl. Donations such as this help keep our collection up-to-date and are greatly appreciated.

New books in the library include *Fugitive Wife* by Peter Brown, *The Hunt Club* by John Lescoat, *Memory in Death* by J.D. Robb and *Speak of the Devil* by Richard Hawke.

Motley County Chamber News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

Horses are supposed to be dumb animals. But they are smart enough not to bet on people.

-- Thomas Sowell

There is something pretty dumb going on in Motley County, and the horses are not betting on it, either.

Someone or several someones are shooting out the windows and doors of local businesses.

You may be thinking that this has nothing to do with you - you are not doing the shooting and you are not a local business owners.

Anyway, it supports local business in that new windows are ordered and installed, so the local glaziers are doing well.

Wrong.
This way of thinking has made the rounds under the heading "broken window fallacy." You have to think about what is seen and what is not seen. You see the new windows, but what you do not see is what the business owners would have done with the money if they had not had to spend it on repairs. They might have been planning

to buy a new refrigerator, or hire a part time employee.

If we could get rich destroying our own property, we would all crash our trucks and set fire to our homes. Of course this is not the way to gain wealth.

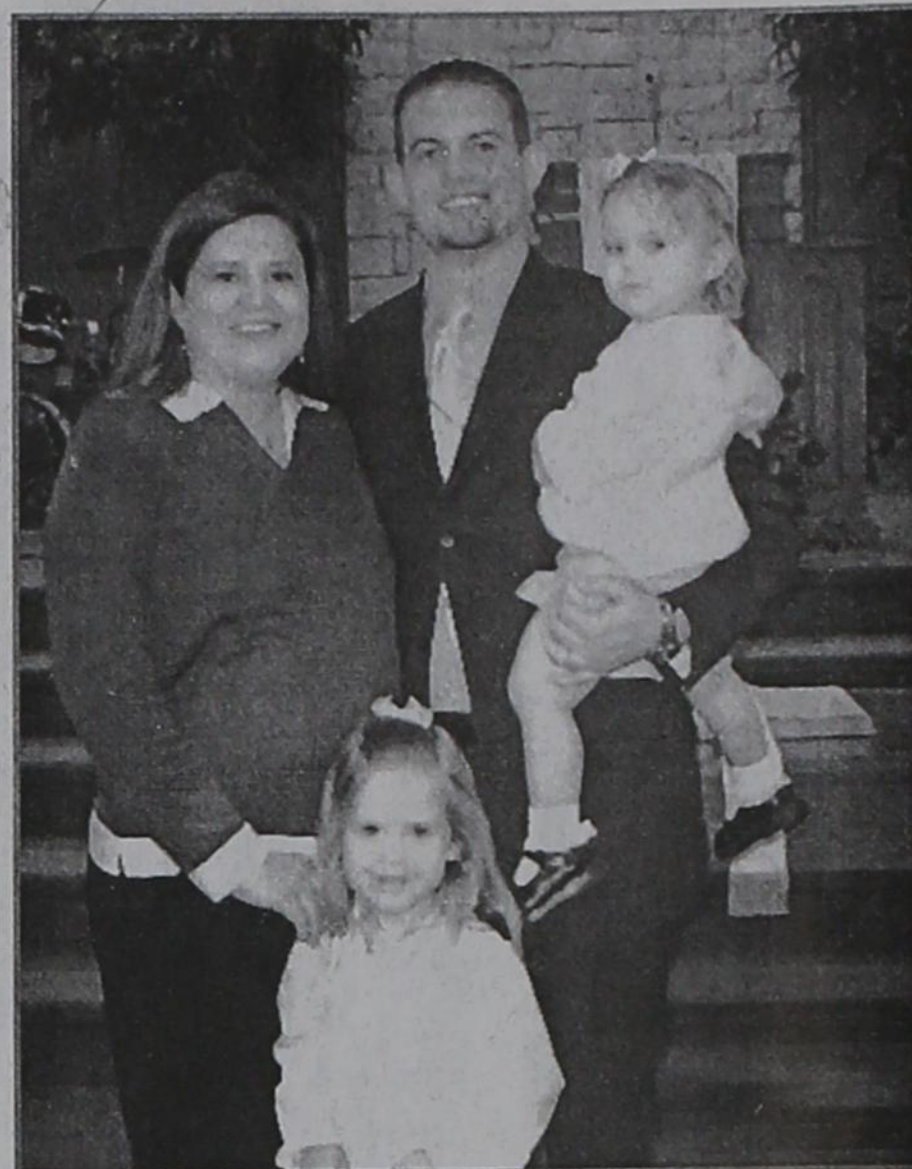
And then there are all the costs of the destruction that are not seen -- the time involved in clean up, in provisional repairs until the new glass comes in, telephoning around to secure the repair, and time spent with the repairs.

So the damage costs a lot more than the price of the new window.

And this effects all of us, because this leads to higher prices in the stores that have been hit, and higher insurance rates in the whole community.

If you are interested in the economics of destruction, and why business owners do not go around destroying the businesses of their competitors, read the facts at <http://www.lewrockwell.com/molyneux/molyneux11.html>.

Meanwhile, if there is anything you can do to stop this wave of senseless destruction, please, please get involved and help our local businesses.



New Pastor of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, Kevin Keltz and his family, wife Lesa and daughters, Kaitlyn and Kenzie.

Roaring Springs Full Gospel church calls new pastor

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church is proud to announce their new pastor, Kevin Keltz. Kevin is a native of Mator and Roaring Springs. He is the son of Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs, and graduated from Motley County High School in 1996 and later from South Plains College. His wife, Lesa is a 1995 graduate of Motley County High School, and later from Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of former Motley County Coach, Charles and Sherry Prather.

Kevin was raised in the Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs under the late Rev. Edna Dillard.

Kevin and Lesa have been very active in the churches they have attended in Lubbock. He has been the praise and worship leader and the youth minister. Lesa has been director of the day care and also the ministry

administrator. They have also been leaders of a young couples cell group.

Kevin states, "I am excited about being back in Roaring Springs and I am even more excited about the things God is going to do. I want to help create an environment in which people can quench their thirst with the indescribable living water that flows through the well of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. It is a well that Sister Dillard dug many years ago and with God's help it will flow even more abundantly. My family and I gladly accept the call and look forward to doing whatever it takes to help our community feel the loving touch of the Holy Spirit."

The Keltz family will make their home in Roaring Springs. They have two daughters, Kaitlyn and Kenzie, and a son soon to be born.

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He Is Coming!



A fundamental theme in the first letter that Paul wrote to Thessalonica was - "Christ is Coming!" He left no doubt about it. And neither should we. He is coming -- we just don't know when! And I suppose there are as many ways to look at the return of Jesus as there are opinions about how it will happen. Don't be surprised at this, since the Bible describes it

with a wide range of terminology -- numerous nouns, verbs, and adjectives, each bringing to mind various and differing scenarios. Following are a few:

- To the Romans, Paul calls it the "day of wrath and revelation" -- Romans 2:5
- To the Corinthians, Paul refers to it as "the day of the Lord Jesus." -- I Cor. 5:5
- To the Ephesians, Paul calls it a "day of redemption" -- Ep. 4:30
- He encourages the church at Philippi to stand strong until the "day of Christ Jesus." -- Phil. 1:6
- Jude simply calls it the "great day." -- Jude 1:6
- Jesus refers to His coming in a number of ways, including the "day of judgment" Mt. 12:36...the "last day" -- Jno 6:40 ... and simply "His day" -- Lk 17:24.

Now, how do YOU view His coming? What will it hold in store for YOU? A "day of wrath" or a "day of righteous reward"? I suppose it all depends on how we each prepare for it -- don't you.

ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

Realignment

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Region 2, District 5: Happy, Kress, Lorenzo, Petersburg, Silverton.

Region 2, District 6: Chillicothe, Crowell, Hedley, Paducah, Valley.

Region 2, District 7: Aspermont, Knox City, Rule, Spur, Throckmorton.

Division 2:

Region 3, District 9: Patton Springs, Benjamin, Guthrie, Harrold, Vernon Northside.

Motley County weather

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Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report total rainfall for January 2006: John Bird, Matador, 0.03; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 0.01; Darla Gwinn, Whiteflat 0.0; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.08 and Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.03.

Don't forget your
Sweetheart

Valentine's Day is Tuesday
February 14

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Flower Arrangements, Blooming Plants,
Stuffed Animals, Gifts & Much More

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My Sweet Valentine ...



Haley Hester Davis
♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥
to Great-Grandmother, Marge Edwards



Jake, Zachary & Katterli Edwards
♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥
to Great-Grandmother, Marge Edwards



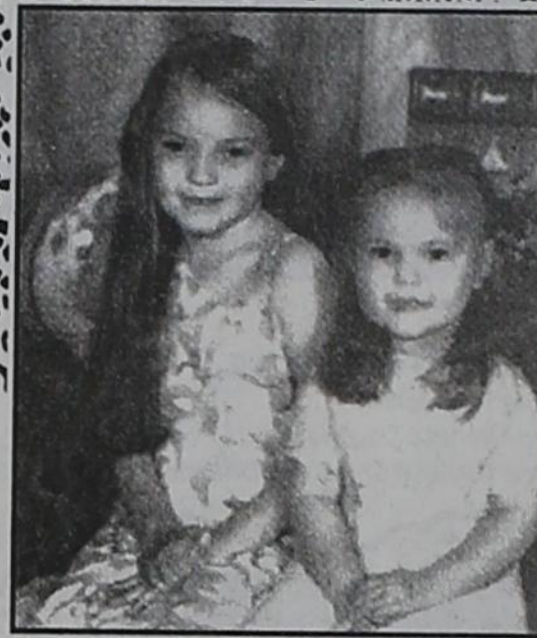
Emily Milam, Brian Sehon, Cade Calvert & Haley Milam
Emily & Haley are the daughters of Dwain & Christi Milam of Petersburg, Brian is the son of Kevin & Kerl Sehon of Ropes, Cade is the son of Chad & Cindy Calvert of Bogota, Colombia
♥ Happy Valentine's Day from Nana & Poppa ♥



Andrew Westbrook
Son of Randy & Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock
Grandson of Rodney & Glenda Williams of Matador
and David & Terri Westbrook of Lubbock
Great-grandson of Jim & Wanda Stockton
and Pete & Beesle Jean Williams
of Matador; Jim & Paula Westbrook of Lubbock
and Andy & Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, AR
Andrew's aunts are Kristi Williams
and Tessa Westbrook of Lubbock



Charlee Thacker
Daughter of Brad & Weslyn Thacker of Amarillo.
Granddaughter of Jeff & Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs,
and Micky Maupin. Great granddaughter of Buzz & LaVoe
Thacker of Roaring Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Aquin and
Jewette Hayes



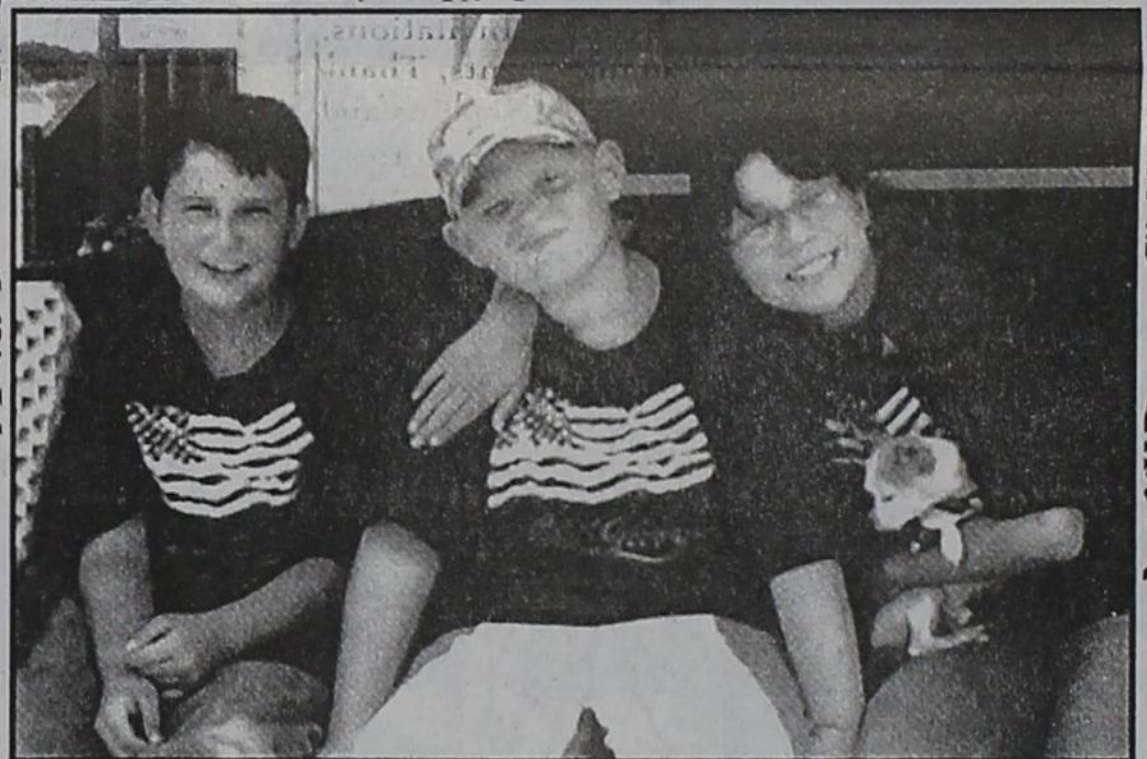
Sage & Tatum Guerrero
Sage, 7, and Tatum, 4, are the daughters
of Gilbert & Zacha Guerrero of Matador.
Granddaughters of Franklin & Dixie Harris
of Floydada; Alex Guerrero of Louisiana;
and Frances Guerrero of Plainview



Zachary Byron
4-year-old son of Tommy Hurt and
Amanda Ashby. Grandson of Tommy & Kate Hurt
and Cindy Campbell. Great-grandson of Thomas
& Dora Hurt and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell.
Special aunts & uncle are Josh & Amanda Plercy
and Loretta Thompson



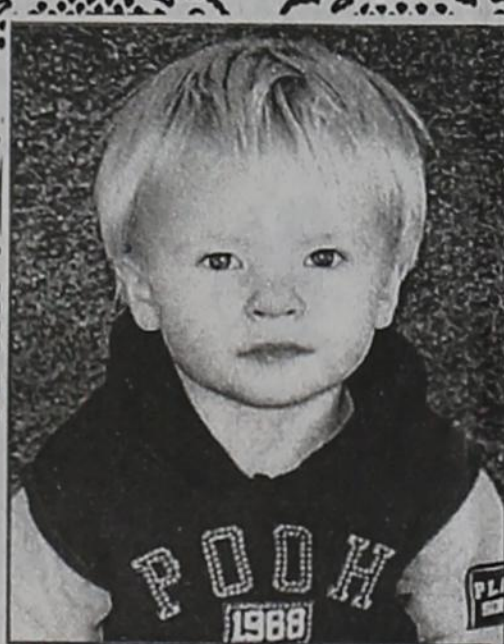
Judson David Jones & Morgan Anne Jones
8-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son of Jeremy & Whitney Jones
of Lubbock; Grandchildren of Jim & Carla Meador and Travis & Lou
Anne Jameson of Matador, and Jon and Chris Jones of Fremont, CA;
Great-grandchildren of Joe & Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs,
Marlan Jones of Monterey, CA, Marion Woodruff of Matador,
Dorothy Nichols and Dena Meador of Floydada



Jonah, Parker & Angelica Meredith
Jonah & Angelica are the children of Cody & Leah Meredith of
Las Vegas, NV; They are the grandchildren of Joe and Joyce
Meredith of Roaring Springs; Garrett & Lovette Timmins
of Austin, and the great-grandchildren of Mae Kippins of Las Vegas,
NV; Parker is the son of Yancy & Daphne Meredith of Roaring
Springs. He is the grandson of Joe and Joyce Meredith of Roaring
Springs; Ronald & Dorothy Farmer of Hale Center; Great-grandson of
Mildred Sowell of Hale Center.



Skylar Alyson & Jaxon Cash Blount
The 4-year-old daughter and 20-month-old son of Scott & Heather
Blount of Lubbock; Grandchildren of Ben & Irene Blount of
Paducah and Johnney & Carol Ann Turner of Lubbock;
Great-grandchildren of Georgia Ann Releta of Paducah
and Carolyn Luckenbach of Silvertown



Justyn Alexander Cooper
♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥
to our Little Sweetheart
From Mom, & Dad,
Granny, Papaw, GG-Pa Jack & Uncle Steve



Claire & Matthew Meador
Children of Doug & Natalie Meador of Kingwood
Grandchildren of Doug and Barbara Meador of Ozona
Great-grandchildren of Dena Meador of Floydada





Tylee Barclay

1-year-old daughter of Ty & Brittany Barclay of Matador; Granddaughter of Jerry & Sandra Barclay of Flomot, Danny Perryman & Brenda Hurt of Matador; Great-granddaughter of Sol & Geneva Barclay, Bill & Erma Washington, Janice Perryman, and Thomas & Dora Hurt



Tristan Perryman

6-year-old daughter of Devin Perryman and Lisa Perryman of Matador; Granddaughter of Danny Perryman and Brenda Hurt of Matador, Leslie & Diana Taylor and Johnny & Terry Martin; Great-granddaughter of Janice Perryman, Thomas & Dora Hurt, Margie Taylor and Eunice Lane.



Nolan

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥
Love Granpa & Ganny Ream

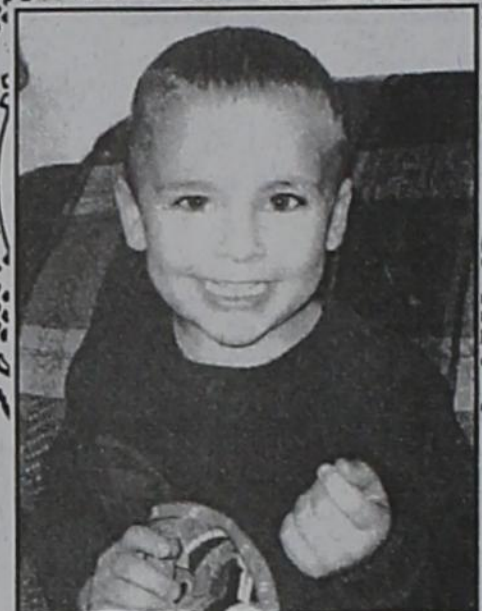


Aryn Raylien

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥
Love Granpa & Ganny Ream

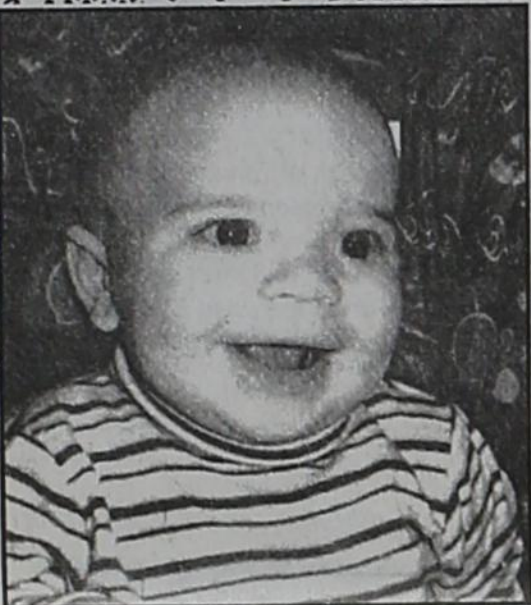


Haley Elizabeth, 10, Donna Marie, 8, & Jon Warren, 5
Children of Jon & Donna Kay Solt
Grandchildren of Pat Warren and the late Don Warren
Great-grandchildren of John Briscoe and the late Christene Briscoe



Colton Ryan Martin

3-year-old son of Ryan & Jamie Martin of Whiteflat, Grandson of Hal & Kelle Martin of Whiteflat and great-grandson of Art Green of Matador.



Kadyr Kitchens

10-month-old son of Greg & Jill Kitchens of Midland
Grandson of James & Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, and George & Patsy Kitchens of Midland



Kenzie Rogers

14-year-old daughter of Jason & Tamera Stanley of Lubbock; granddaughter of James & Margaret Stanley of Lubbock, Bruce & Selena Dirickson and Gary & Cathy Armes



Lexie Faye Sheffield

Our family was blessed on November 4, 2005 with Lexie, daughter of Bill & Cris Sheffield of Amarillo
Granddaughter of Wendell & Regina Sheffield of Matador, and Richard & Pam LeGrand of Amarillo, Great-grandmothers are Nadine Welborn and Anna LeGrand of Amarillo



Brock Fowler

15-month-old son of Blair & Courtney Fowler of Midland
Grandson of Vaden & Carol Hays of Matador and Mike & Sara Fowler of Midland



Jackson Rains

Son of Scotty & Chesle Rains of Matador
Grandson of Fred & Mellane Parson of Matador
David & Shirley Bunch of Plains
Great-grandson of Sue Parson of Lubbock, Violetta Rains of Brownfield, Ernest & Ruby Sellers of Plains
Great-great-grandson of Ernest Carey of Plains



Katie Barton

Daughter of Bobby & Brooke Barton of Matador
Granddaughter of Fred & Mellane Parson and Steve & Beverly Barton of Matador
Great-granddaughter of Sue Parson of Lubbock and Bud Barton of Matador



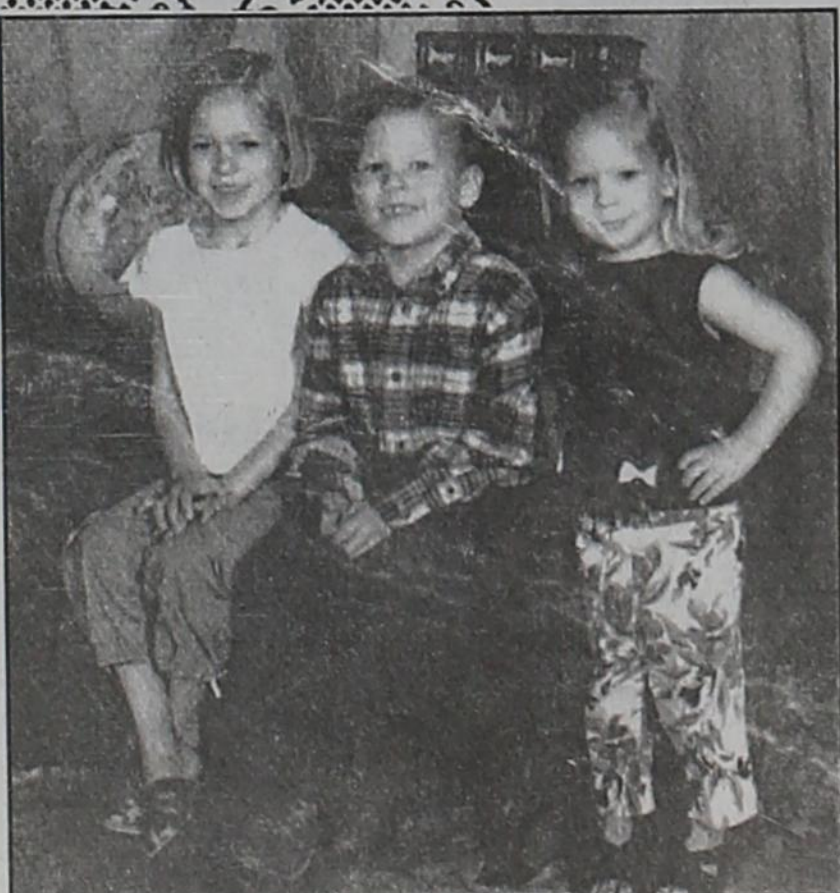
Tucker Barton

Son of Bobby & Brooke Barton of Matador
Grandson of Fred & Mellane Parson and Steve & Beverly Barton of Matador
Great-grandson of Sue Parson of Lubbock and Bud Barton of Matador



Emily, Jayda, Sierra, & Natalie Jameson

Emily, 4, and Natalie, 7, are the daughters of Jeromy & Danika Jameson of Matador. Jayda, 2 and Sierra, 4, are the daughters of Jarrett & Shawna Jameson of Tell. The girls are the granddaughters of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield. Emily & Natalie are also the granddaughters of Cindy Carthel, Darrel & Linda Dudley. Jayda and Sierra are also the granddaughters of Jack & Sue Mixon. Great grandparents are Dorothy Carthel, Margie Payne, Dorothy Nichols and A.L. Mixon.



Macie, Eli & Cambrie Marshall

Children of Brent & Jana Marshall of Matador
Grandchildren of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador,
Great-grandchildren of Corky & Monta Marshall of Matador.



Rivers, Tyne & Reese Marshall

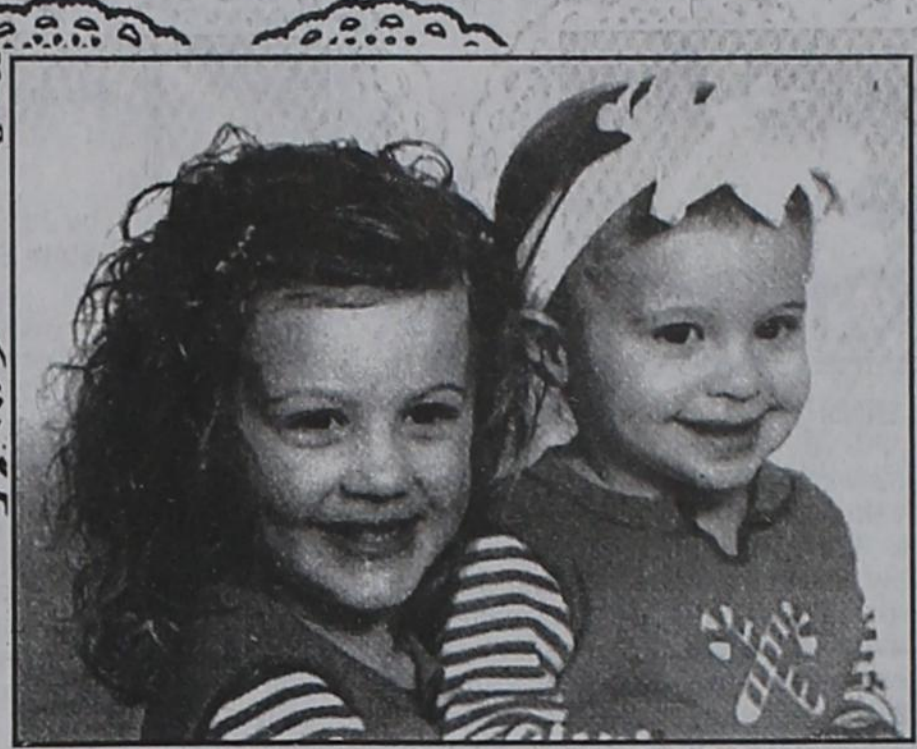
Daughters of Brian & Nancy Marshall of Matador; Granddaughters of Ken & Mary Marshall of Matador and Jackie & Sharon Martin of Roaring Springs; Great-granddaughters of Corky & Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs and Calie & R.C. Giesecke of Matador



Colton & Shane'a Russell
Colton, 18-year-old Senior,
and Shane'a, 15-year-old Freshman
♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥
to our Grandparents,
Sonny & Dorothy Russell
Dale & Dona Smith
Great-grandmother, Lottie B. Garrison
and Mom & Dad, J.D. & D'anna Russell



Journey Ruth Blair
The 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Brian & Kobbi Blair
of Salem, Oregon; granddaughter of
Fred & Elaine Risser of Matador;
great-granddaughter of Frances Dixon of Matador



Zoe & Madilyn Barnes
Zoe, 4, and Madilyn, 1 1/2, are the daughters of
Bryan and Paige Barnes of Lubbock.
Granddaughters of W.L. and Kathy Barnes,
Bobby and Jeanne Williams.
Great-granddaughters of Cleo Watson



Trace Osborn
Son of Sabrina Osborn & Levi Buckner
Grandson of Billy & Brenda Osborn,
Carrie & Gary Tomlinson
and Dennis Buckner
Great-grandson of Charlie & Mary Renfro
and Betty Bearden



Christina Moehring
Christina, 12, is the daughter of Cindy Cowan
and Mike Moehring of Indianapolis, Indiana.
Granddaughter of Joe & Pauline House of
Roaring Springs



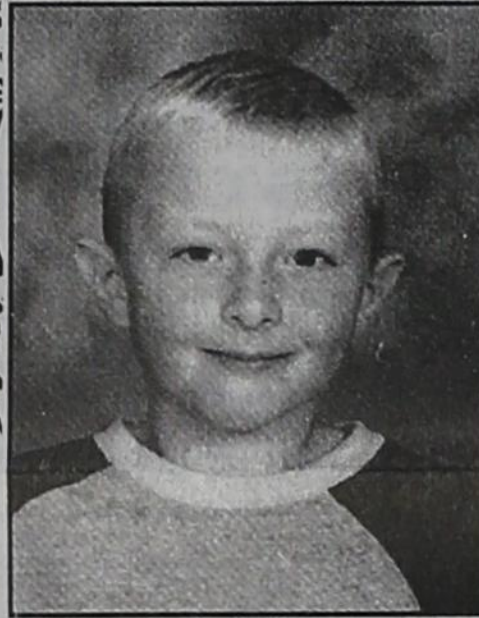
Dalton Wason
Dalton, 7, is the son of Mark & Kathleen
Wason of Lubbock. Grandson of
Joe & Pauline House of Roaring Springs
and Marhelen Wason of Matador



Jesse Moehring
Jesse, 15, is the son of Cindy Cowan
and Mike Moehring of Indianapolis, Indiana.
Grandson of Joe & Pauline House
of Roaring Springs



Kyla Simpson and Lexie Osborn
Kyla is the daughter of Terry & Tammy Simpson
Granddaughter of David & Frances Taylor and
Von Simpson and the late James Simpson of Matador.
Lexie is the daughter of Billy & Brenda Osborn of Matador.
Granddaughter of Charlie & Mary Renfro
and Betty Bearden of Matador.



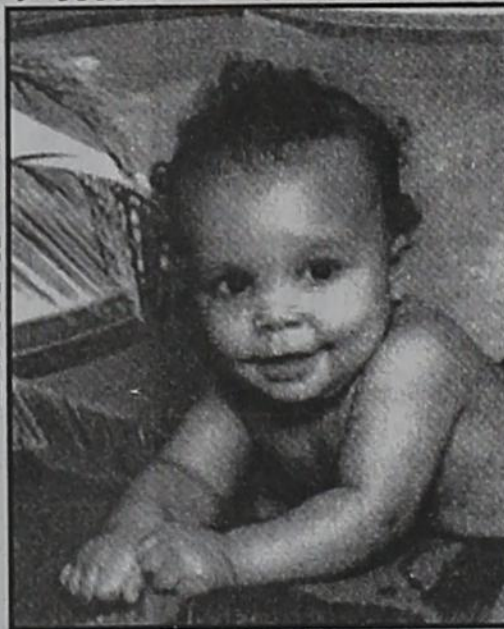
Korbyn Simpson
Korbyn is the son of Terry & Tammy Simpson
of Matador. Grandson of David & Frances Taylor,
Von Simpson and the late James Simpson of Matador



Chloe Reagan Kautz
4-month-old daughter of Eric and Robbin Kautz
of Lubbock; granddaughter of Bobby & Yolanda
Kautz of Dickens and Rob & Tammy McFarland
of Lubbock; great-granddaughter of the late
Richard Kautz Sr. and Valentine Kautz of Dickens,
and Jesus and San Juana Zarate of Dickens



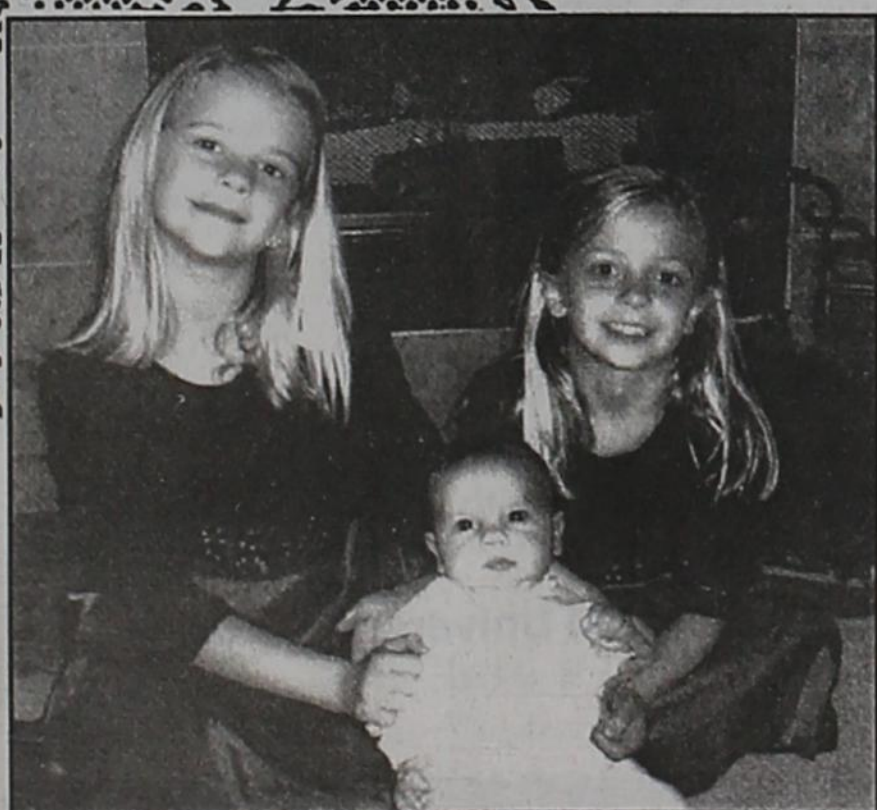
Cassidy & Carley Turner
Daughters of Craig & Cathey Turner,
Granddaughters of Linda & Steve Hess,
Dean & Nova Turner,
and great-granddaughters of Sylvia Martin



Tyson Jade Hurst
Tyson, 1, is the son of Tamara Simmons
of Matador and Dexter Hurst of Paducah.
Grandson of Michelle Simmons of Matador
and Craig Simmons of Tulla and
Joyce & Author Hemphill of Paducah



Clayt Bridge & Laurie Hoyle
To My Sweetie,
♥ Happy Valentine's Day! ♥
Love you - Clayt



Morgan & Madison Mzyk and Bryer Davis
Morgan and Madison, 7, are the daughters of Frank & Renee Mzyk of Flower Mound;
Bryer is the 4-month-old son of Brody & Rochelle Davis of Turkey.
Grandparents are Butch & Judy Renfro of Matador.



Kaitlan Price
Daughter of Tonya & Heath Givens of Spur
and Keith Price of Lubbock
Granddaughter of Larry & Donna Hoyle of Matador,
Preston & Cinda Givens of Spur,
and Joe Ed and Janice Price of Amarillo



Madison Givens
Daughter of Tonya & Heath Givens of Spur
Granddaughter of Larry & Donna Hoyle of Matador
and Preston & Cinda Givens of Spur

Motley County I.S.A.

A Note from the Office ...



by Marilyn Hicks

Next week we have one of the days that the students look forward to the most — Valentine's Day. The high school students are putting together a newspaper with song dedications and notes of remembrance for other students. The elementary students will have one of their three designated parties on Tuesday at 3:00.

The wind is blowing daily, and so it must be time for track and golf. Basketball has wound down with the teams, both high school and junior high, making progress and doing well. I certainly appreciate the dedication of Kay Bingham that has allowed all of the teams to continue. Also, thanks to Judy Cooper for taking the junior high girls and to Mr. Brown for extra travel and support. This has been a real team effort on the part of these people to cover all

of the basketball responsibilities.

We are asking all of the sophomores to sign up for and take the THEA this spring. This will enable them to take college classes and dual credit classes beginning during their junior year. If you have a sophomore at your house, ask them about the registration for this test. Mr. Gleghorn has them.

During the next month, various students will be coming around to sell ads for the yearbook. This is the only way we can continue to produce an annual. The price charged to the students is not nearly enough for the publishing. Think about how many times you have looked someone up in your yearbook and remembered some wonderful times. If you can, please help the current students to have that same opportunity by buying an ad.



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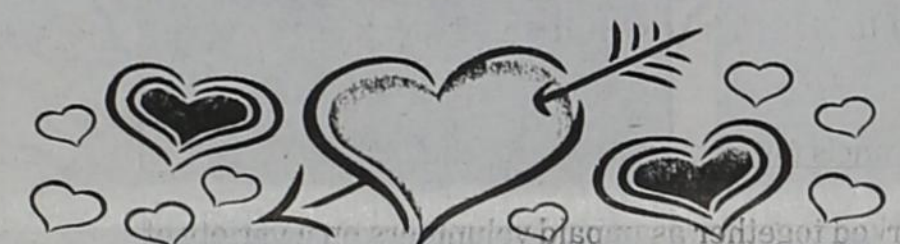
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School District Consolidation is an issue that just won't go away

by Jeff Wentworth
State Senator, District 25

If you were to bring up the subject of school district consolidation to some legislators, they might tell you "Let that sleeping dog lie." But the Texas Supreme Court's ruling on school finance may have kicked that sleeping dog.

The court ruled that the current method of funding public schools is unconstitutional and gave the Legislature until June 1, 2006, to fix it. While the court did not rule that the way Texas distributes funds, specifically taking them from property wealthy school districts and giving them to poorer districts, is unconstitutional, it did say that the distribution method is drifting toward unconstitutionality.

In its opinion, the Supreme Court indicated that Texas has too many school districts. The Court offered consolidation of schools or the consolidation of tax bases as two ways that might be used to transfer funds from property-rich district to property-poor ones.

Currently, a House of Representatives subcommittee is studying school consolidation and will make recommendations to the Legislature. I believe, however, that any efforts to consolidate school districts would be met with vehement opposition.

Texans have a history going back to the 1830s of wanting local control over their schools. Rural Texans, particularly, would not "cotton" to the idea of electing people from a town 50 miles away to run their schools, to set their tax rate and to decide how the tax money is spent.

While rural school districts, those with fewer than 1,200 students, would be the primary targets of any consolidation efforts,

some Texans believe that urban districts should be consolidated to cut down on administrative costs. I do not believe that cost savings will be the deciding factor in whether or not to consolidate school districts.

Consolidation involves more than just economics and efficiency. It is about identity, school pride and local control.

Schools are an integral part of a community's identity. From athletic competition to academic achievement, school news fills the pages of local and neighborhood newspapers. Communities take pride in their schools, and they don't want to see them consolidated, although consolidation might be fine — for other districts.

For example, I live on the north side of San Antonio, and it is easy for me to look at south side school districts, such as Southwest, Southside and South San ISDs and say, "They should be consolidated," while Senator Frank Madia, who represents those south side school districts, could look north and say, "Alamo Heights should be consolidated with North East or San Antonio ISD."

But I'm opposed to consolidating Alamo Heights with a neighboring school district because my constituents in Alamo Heights, whom I represent, are adamantly opposed to consolidation.

While many may favor school consolidation in theory, ask yourself if you want the school district you live in to merge with a neighboring school district. For the vast majority of you who have voiced your opinion to me, the answer is a resounding "no."

Consolidation is a good idea, it seems, as long as it applies to "them" and not to "us."

A NOTE OF THANKS

I was out riding Wednesday afternoon to see what the farmers were doing and didn't make it through a sandy place in the road. When I didn't get home at the usual time, Debra asked for help. The response was overwhelming! I appreciate each and everyone of you who answered the call and family who came to be with Evelyn. This is just one of the blessings of living in a small town.

Thank you,
C.D. Garrison

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for all of the donations to help me go on the Spirit Wind trip this summer. I have wanted to go and minister to others through music but I never would be able to without your love and support.

Thanks again and God Bless!!
Bailey Davenport

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, their calls, cards and visits while Lula was in Lubbock. Thank you, Sammie Phillips and Donald Letkeman for all the times one of you took her to see her doctor. Thank you, the women who prepared and served the meal at the church. For the beautiful service we thank Rev. Donnie Howell and Rev. Winfield Davenport and Jeanne Adams for the music.

J.T. and Imogene Swim
Sam and Reba Swim
J.R. and Stella Swim
Ruston and Holly Swim and Jacob
James and Cindy Swim
Ron and Felicia Swim
Greg and Becki Knight

To the people of Motley County,

Our family has thoroughly enjoyed our stay here and we'll be leaving with treasured memories and great friendships. Thank you all for your hospitality. You will all be missed.

Randy, Kelli, Brittany & Cody Watson
Roaring Springs Youth Camp

The family of Lizzie Lou Bridge would like to express our appreciation to all who have ministered God's love to us during our time of sorrow. Your prayers, flowers, cards, food and memorials have touched our hearts and are a loving tribute in memory of our mom. Thank you and may God bless.

Jerry & Debra Clements
Janet & Wayland Ethridge

Fire departments

from page 1

Cooperative member-consumers will see bill stuffers about the program each month starting in February and corresponding information in the Texas Co-op Power magazine through May when the membership drive ends.

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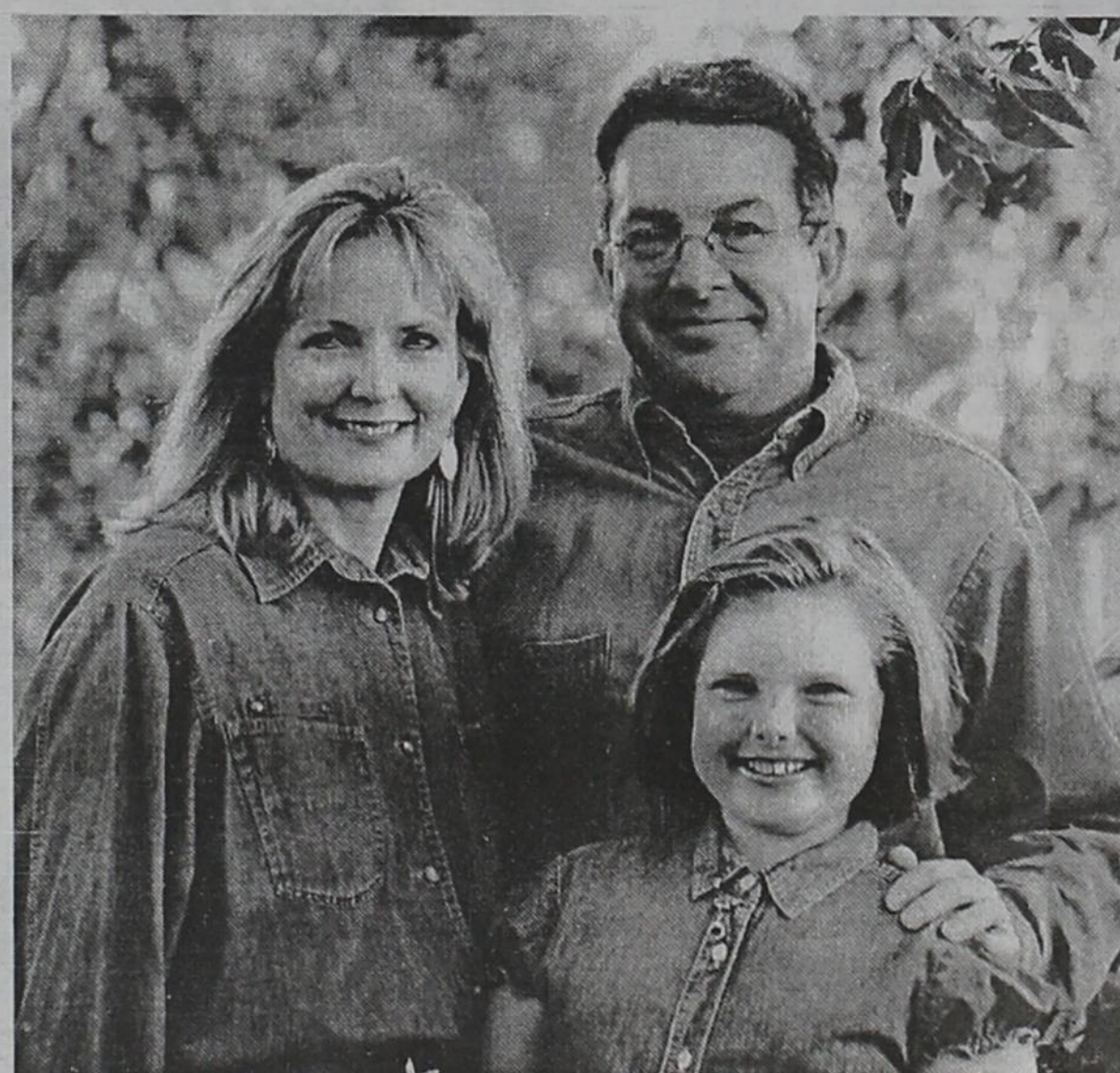
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Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

SCRIPTORTURE!

We should all know that the proper method of Scriptural interpretation is exegesis (drawing out what it actually says), but many commit the reverse error of eisegesis (reading into it what they want it to say). Whole cult and wrong theologies have been built on eisegesis. The same has been done in an attempt to reconcile the scientifically "assumed" or old age of the earth and universe (millions or billions of years) and the geologic "ages" with Scripture. Here are the three most popular attempts. All are fatally flawed for many more reasons than space allows to mention here.

The "Gap Theory." The brainchild of a "theologian" known for goofy theories, it postulates a long intermediate period of time in which to "pigeon-hole" the geologic "ages" between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, and retranslates "was" in verse 2 to "became". But, this would require a worldwide cataclysm at

the end of the geologic ages to account for the global darkness described in verse 2, and destroy the "good" before the "fall"; it contradicts other clear scripture, e.g., Gen. 1:31, Ex. 20:11; and is geologically self-defeating, as the geological age system is based upon uniformitarianism (the assumption that the slow geological process of today are also what operated in the past) thus precluding a cataclysm. There was a cataclysm (Noah's flood - which many geologists deny), but not a pre-Adamic one.

The "Day-Age Theory." This asserts that the "days" of creation were each long periods of time and of differing lengths, corresponding to the geologic "ages." But this is an aberrational translation of the Hebrew word for "day," and use of the same word in Exodus 20:11 precludes its meaning anything other than a solar (24 hour) day. Also, the references to "evening" and "morning" preclude "day" being an "age."

"Open Genealogies." This, as well as the other theories, is a pot of liberal theologians who want to rationalize Scripture with evolution (theistic evolution) an adulteration of both! It asserts that the patriarchal genealogies in Scripture are "open" (don't list everybody - just the important ones) rather than "closed" (list all), in order to "stretch" them to get more time. The genealogies are, in fact, "open", but the entire approach is absurd, because the actual lifetimes of successive patriarchs overlap - with no gaps! It is probable that many of them knew each other. This is how Bishop Ussher made his calculation of creation in 4004 B.C.

So, we have an apparent conflict between scientific dogma and Scripture. If Scripture is the word of God and God can't lie, then is it "possible" the scientific presumption is WRONG? It is, in fact, probable!

Next week: Critical Beginning Assumptions.

Judge Speaks Out

Retired Judge Price served as the presiding Motley County Judge. Judge Laverna Price was a long time resident of Matador and worked in Floydada for many years before serving as Judge.

Judge Price worked very closely with Tempie Francis as the county attorney. She is proud to endorse Tempie as the next District Judge for the 110th Judicial District



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- "Tempie would be the perfect choice.
- "Tempie has the experience and has proven herself capable of knowing the law.
- "Tempie is a very fair person and would make a fair judge.
- "Tempie has excelled as an attorney and I trusted her with all she undertook as the Motley County Attorney."

— Judge Price, Retired

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Texas Historical Commission offers free program for property owners

Austin -- It is a little-known fact that Texas has nearly one million archeological sites scattered across the state, from burial grounds to battlefields. More than 95 percent are on privately-owned land, many unknown even to the landowner.

In an effort to preserve, document and learn more about these sites, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has its own "all-volunteer army," better known as the Texas Archeology Stewardship Network (TASN), which offers free assistance to landowners wanting to learn more about their sites, or determine if they have a significant site on their property. Unless a landowner wishes otherwise, the sites are left intact. "The purpose of the program is to protect the sites," said THC State Archeologist Pat Mercado-Allinger. "No one can enter the landowner's property without permission. Nor is information about a site accessible to the public."

Stewards arm landowners with useful information and suggestions on how to protect a site from looters and other potential destruction. One of the most successful and innovative programs of its kind, TASN has served as a model for similar programs in other states. Stewards are not professional archeologists, but highly trained and motivated a vocational archeologists who work on a volunteer basis.

Stewards are available to help find, record and monitor potential archeological sites. They help obtain protective designations and record private artifact collections. Some are available to talk to schools and preservation groups and others

assist THC archeologists on digs and surveys. Stewards also carry out emergency excavations when an archeological resource is threatened with imminent destruction.

If you have property that you would like examined, or want to learn more about the program, contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512/463-6096, email archeology@thc.state.tx.us or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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Marisue (Potts) Powell and Tempie T. Francis

Marisue endorses Tempie

Tempie worked with Marisue on a number of legal issues including incorporating a non-profit organization. Tempie was kind to donate her time and her legal expertise to the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers as well as the Motley County Library.



Marisue has sent the following letter as her endorsement.

"I am an ordinary citizen.

"I have no connection to courthouse politics and speak out only as a member of John Q. Public.

"I support Tempie T. Francis for District Judge for the 110th Judicial District.

"Tempie and I have worked together as unpaid volunteers on a variety of community projects.

"I am impressed by her courage in facing issues, both in the courthouse and in her life.

"Tempie T. Francis has convinced me that she will do her utmost to be a judge who will listen, apply the law fairly, and in timely fashion, yet be firm and decisive. She has tried cases and has the expertise to oversee the Court, maintain a fair and orderly trial and oversee the paneling of grand juries.

"You can let others tell you how to vote for District Judge or you can investigate for yourself.

"Visit with Tempie, I believe that you will find that she has the character and the temperament to stand up for the rights of the ordinary citizens."

Marisue Potts Powell

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

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Friends and relatives who visited the Swim families and attended the funeral for Lula were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim, Mrs. Ruston Swim and Holly of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCallum of Bella Vista, Ark.,

and James and Cindy Swim of Bella Vista, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler of Plano, Ruby Miller and Celeste, Rev. and Donna Echols of Roswell, NM, Annie Stine of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Van Camp of Amarillo, Dr. Bob Stafford of Amarillo, Richard Hefley of Amarillo, Becki Knight of California, Ron and Filicia Swim of California, Francis Gunter of Floydada, Gilbert Perry of Childress, Rev. Donnie and Birdie Howell of Plainview, and a host of other friends and relatives attended Lula's funeral

Matador News

Betty and Billy Paul Simpson visited Friday and Saturday in Garden City with daughter and family, Tanya and Warren Multer and children. Before returning home, they

visited in Midland with his mother, Mrs. Mollie Simpson. Betty was in San Antonio recently to attend a USDA Seminar.

Senior Citizens Notes

By Tommye Keith, Director

The Super Bowl Party had a good turn out of football fans and the hot dogs and everything was really good. Would like to thank Lowe's for donating the hot dog buns. Thanks to the Site Committee for putting on such a good time.

Tex and Eva Barkley gave the Center a memorial in memory of Susannah Woodruff. June Moss gave memorials and John Briscoe and Pat Warren gave a memorial in memory of Decima Green. Thank you all so very much

Somebody donated a red steer to the Center. Due to the fact I do not know who donated it, will let you know how it did. The steer weighed 490 pounds and brought \$1.11. What a good thing to be in the steer business, thank you, it sure helped us out.

Remember the Sunday Dinner coming up February 26th. This will also be a fund-raiser for the Center.

The Center is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. Y'all come see us.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

February 14th is still the most romantic day of the year, but it is different than what it used to be. Commercialism has taken over, expensive perfume, exotic chocolates, red roses and jewelry. Years ago, it was the sentiment that counted. Lovers then knew that red roses, no matter how beautiful, faded fast. True love didn't.

We can remember when Valentine's Day cards could make the heart grow fonder and reflect a time of delivering heartfelt sentiment!

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter attended to business in Plainview, Friday.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Lubbock, Thursday for a medical appointment.

Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg visited Saturday night and Sunday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Monday night with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed the basketball game in which Kelsey and her 8th grade teammates competed against

West Texas Elementary School in Canyon.

Connie Franks is on the sick list with influenza at newstime.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Friday. Visiting him Saturday and Sunday was daughter Mrs. Fred (Marilee) Cooper of Borger.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited brother, Johnie Starkey, Wednesday

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary visited her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers last Monday. Visiting her and Donnie Rogers Saturday were Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert were in Floydada, Monday for him a dental appointment.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash last Sunday was her brother, Kip Pool and friend, Jason Potter and son, Brantley of Lubbock. Mrs. Sperry and children were in Plainview, Friday enjoying entertainment and shopping.

Mrs. Teresa Lee of Turkey had surgery Monday at the Covenant Medical Center in Plainview. During her surgery and hospitalization her children, Micah and Kacey visited her parent and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee.

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OBITUARIES

Roy W. Amick

Roy W. Amick, Col. USAF Retired, 90, passed away Feb. 4, 2006, in Pueblo, CO. Col. Amick was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Whiteflat, Texas to Robert W. Amick and Letha (Hines) Amick. Col. Amick enlisted in the US Army AC, Jan. 29, 1941, at Lubbock, Texas. He retired April 1, 1973 after 32 years of active service. Col. Amick was a highly decorated Military Officer serving during WWII in Italy, and also in Korea and Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star and numerous awards and medals. After his retirement from the Air Force in 1973, Col. Amick received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Wright State University in 1979. He became an avid artist and photographer. He was a member of the Dayton (Ohio) Society of Painters and Sculptors from 1974-1979.

Col. Amick moved from Dayton, Ohio, to Pueblo, CO in 1981. He was a past member and president of the Southern Colorado Photography Society and a member of the Pueblo Art Guild.

Col. Amick was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Letha Amick, along with his brothers, Louis and Howard, sister, Bobby and daughter, Rosemary Stecco. He is survived by his wife, Madeleine (King) Amick of Pueblo; son, Stephen Amick and fiancée, Patricia Brown of Saugus, CA; grandsons, Aaron Amick, Brent Amick (Heather) of Santa Clarita, CA; son-in-law, Kurt Stecco (Karen) of Pueblo; granddaughters, Michelle and Jessica of Pueblo; sister, Juanita Amonette of Lamesa, Texas.

Roy was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather and he will be missed.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Feb. 8, followed by the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Imperial Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be held Thursday, Feb. 9, at 10:00 a.m., at the Holy Family Church. Interment will be in the Veterans Court of Honor Section at Imperial Memorial Gardens with military honors by the Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team. The family suggests remembrances to the charity of your choice in Col. Amick's name.

William (Bill) Brown Morriss

William (Bill) Brown Morriss went to be with our Lord on February 3, 2006. Born in Matador, Texas on October 22, 1926, to Harry L. and Gladys Morriss. He was a longtime resident of El Paso. He served in the U.S. Navy and retired from Southern Pacific Railroad after 40 years. He served as president of the local UTU 18, and was a member of NARVE.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Udyene (Jean); brothers, H.L. and Jimmy.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Nell; brother, Jeff (Wanda); sisters, Grace Barnett (Jim), and Dorothy Meador; son, Chuck (Jal); daughters, Diane Smith (Harry), Patricia Wells (Jerry) and Billie Smith; stepchildren, Jerry Hall (Annie) and Trudy Brill (Gene); grandchildren, Chuck II (Nina), Dana Hubbell, Robin Morriss-Lindop, Amanda & Sean Wells, Jessie & Erin Smith and five step grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 8 step-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and a wide circle of friends.

Visitation was held at Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home on Monday, Feb. 6. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Assoc. or Tobin Park UMC. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Kaster-Maxon & Futrell Funeral Home.



Lula Swim

Funeral services for Lula M. Swim, 84, of Roaring Springs, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. Officiating was Rev. Donnie Howell and Rev. Winfield Davenport. Interment was in the Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Miss Swim passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at the Garrison Education and Care Center in Lubbock.

Lula was the daughter of J.T. Sr. and Minnie Alderson Swim. She and her family moved to Roaring Springs in 1928 from Vernon. She graduated from Roaring Springs High School.

Lula retired from the United States Postal Service with many years of service as the Postmaster in Roaring Springs. She was active in many community affairs including the Red Hat Society, Friends of the Library, several study clubs and the VFW Lady Auxiliary. Miss Swim was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs with over 70 years of service, acting for 59 years as the secretary and treasurer, retiring this year. She was a major contributor in building a fellowship hall for the Roaring Springs Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, S.A. Swim and Cecil Swim and by one sister, Elizabeth Fletcher.

She is survived by one brother, J.T. Swim and wife, Imogene of Roaring Springs; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Richard Hefley, John Hunter, David Stafford, Russell Alexander and Jeff Thacker.

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Acreage doesn't have to be large to reap profits on the farm

by Kay Ledbetter

Amarillo -- Willie Wieck's farm has a little bit of everything - wheat, cotton, seed maize, black-eyed peas, sunflowers, pumpkins, gourds, cantaloupes, watermelons, popcorn and sweet corn.

"Every opportunity that comes along, you have to make use of it," Wieck said.

A graduate of Texas Cooperative Extension's Master Marketer program, he told a recent class that the program helped him find different ways to approach the job of marketing.

With a diverse operation, marketing is what makes the difference in the bottom line, Wieck said.

For instance, with sunflowers, the market is open the first two months of the year, he said. That's when the sunflowers are bought and only an emergency will open it back up.

Wieck farms 4,800 acres, more than half of which is in sunflowers. While he grows for the commercial market, his wife, Mildred, grows a 25-acre garden for the fresh market. Wieck said.

Through the combined operations, Wieck's produce has been sold from the back of a pickup truck at a farmer's market, from their own store in the tiny town of Etter, population 200, and through Wal-Marts on the West Coast and grocery cans on the East Coast, he said.

The difference, he said, is five pounds of black-eyed peas to the farmer under a commercial contractor will earn about \$1. If he sells fresh and direct to the public, the same five pounds is worth almost \$20. Another way to look at it, he said, is 100 acres yielding 2,000 pounds per acre of dried peas is worth \$40,000 under contract, but worth \$800,000 sold on the fresh market.

"It's an opportunity," he said. "Not all of them can be sold that way."

His wife doesn't grow black-eyed peas in the garden, but Wieck said some of his 250 acres of black-eyed peas will certainly go through the fresh market with the rest of her garden produce to take advantage of that higher price.

Using the same approach, a bushel of wheat will sell for \$4

on the commercial market, while that same wheat ground into flour and sold in the fresh market will bring \$60, Wieck said.

It's different when people drive all the way to Wieck's store in Etter than if they were going to the grocery store, he said. If they have extra money, they're going to spend it before they leave.

That's why there are bags of fresh popcorn meal, wheat flour and popcorn on the counter.

"It's a marketing thing," he said.

Wieck invested in a pea sheller, a grinder and a vacuum packaging machine. All have easily paid for themselves. The counter helpers at the tiny store run the machines while they wait for customers, and the fresh aroma helps sell produce.

"It's amazing to me how many people order a couple of bushels, and if that machine is running, they'll order a couple more because of the smell," Wieck said.

Another thing he's learned along the way is selling pumpkins to Wal-mart at 1 cent a pound certainly wasn't as lucrative as selling them in a "pick-your-own" setting.

Two years ago, Wieck's family set up a maze in their corn field next to their pumpkin patch. It isn't just a maze, though. In addition, there's a small maze for the younger children made from hay bales and a haystack with corn pits on the side for "kids" of all ages to play on.

Most shoppers generally take only one pumpkin home from a grocery store, but when they come to the patch, they rarely leave with less than three, he said. And that's after they've spent time and money at the maze.

"The average car leaves with about \$35 worth," Wieck said. "You provide them a wagon and they'll fill it up. It's amazing how many come back later and bring someone with them."

Sometimes, marketing is not a matter of the best buy but convenience, he said. He found that out when he was selling 36-inch bales of wheat straw for decoration. The bales were too big for most women to handle,

so he cut them down to 22-inch bales and ended up selling them for more.

"We wound up going from selling 400 bales at \$4 apiece to selling 700 bales at \$5 apiece and the only change was we made them smaller so the women could carry them and put them in the trucks of their car," Wieck said.

It's the agriculture tourism market that Wieck says he's

cashing in on. Not only does he save labor costs, the customer puts out the energy to pick the pumpkins, but he offers them entertainment, so they have a good time while they do it.

A couple of caveats he offers when talking about the maze and pumpkin patch are: "Make sure you have a large umbrella insurance policy" and "if you don't want to put up with hassle, don't do it."

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

CRP RE-ENROLLMENTS AND EXTENSIONS FOR ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS IN 2007

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced that starting January 31 USDA will begin notifying certain agricultural producers with Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring in 2007 that they may extend or re-enroll their contracts.

"Approximately 16 million acres subject to CRP contracts expire in 2007," said Johanns. "Fulfilling President Bush's directive to allow eligible farmers and ranchers to re-enroll or extend their CRP contracts helps ensure that the quality of soil, water, air and wildlife benefits of CRP continue across the nation for years to come."

Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices will begin notifying certain CRP participants by mail with expiring contracts in 2007 if they are eligible for re-enrollments or two- to five year extensions. Participants eligible for re-enrollment will be offered a 10- or 15-year contract provided there are restored wetlands on the original land enrolled in the contract. Fifteen-year contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2007, are not eligible for extension.

FSA used the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) to determine eligibility for CRP re-enrollments or extensions. Additional credit was considered for contracts within national CRP conservation priority areas. The EBI addresses ex-

pected benefits to water quality, erosion, enduring benefits, air quality and wildlife habitat.

FSA ranked individual contracts into one of five tiers based on the environmental benefits of the original EBI score. Eligible participants ranking in the first tier (i.e. between 81 - 100 percent) of the EBI will be afforded the opportunity to re-enroll their land in new contracts. Farmers and ranchers with wetlands in this top tier ranking are eligible for a 15-year contract. Eligible participants ranking in the second tier (i.e. between 61-80 percent) may extend their CRP contracts for five years. Eligible participants ranking within the third tier (i.e. between 41-60 percent) may extend their CRP contracts by four years. Eligible participants ranking in the fourth tier (i.e. between 21-40 percent) may receive three-year extensions. Eligible participants ranking in the bottom tier may extend their contracts by two years. Before approving a re-enrollment contract or an extended contract, FSA will review the contract to ensure that the required cover is maintained and there is compliance with other contract provisions. In addition, to be eligible, participants must be able to show that they meet eligibility requirements for the new enrollment period. In the case of re-enrollments, updated rental rates will apply.

USDA also announced that a general CRP sign-up will be held this spring. Farmers and ranchers will be able to make offers for CRP's competitive general sign-up from March 27, 2006, through April 14, 2006, at their local FSA offices. Offers for general sign-up will be evaluated based on five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits) and cost. "President Bush stated that he is committed to fully utilizing the 39.2 million-acre enrollment authority under CRP," said Johanns. "This general sign-up demonstrates the administration's dedication to maintaining CRP's wide-ranging environmental benefits." CRP is a voluntary program that helps farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers, with Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) providing rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

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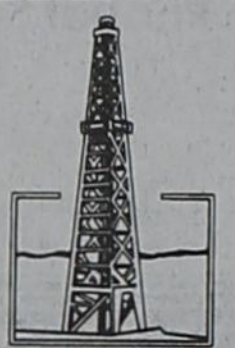
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Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser



FLOYD COUNTY: Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 as of Monday, January 6, 2006, was drilling ahead at a depth of 9,000 feet.

BASA Resources, Inc. has received an Amended Drilling Permit for Horizontal Completion for the Foster Lease Well #1. The Foster #1 Surface location is 6 1/2 miles northeast of Floydada in Section 16 Block T, B&C/Estes TA Survey. The horizontal completion will be to the southwest of the Foster #1 surface location. The bottom hole location of the horizontal completion will be located in section 14 block T, 467 feet from the South section line and 1333 feet from the east section line. On Wednesday, February 1, 2006, Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #494 was rigging back up on the Foster #1. Currently Rig #494 is drilling the curved section of the well bore. The plan is then to drill horizontally in the formation to 2,500 feet.

Texcel Exploration, Inc. (David P. Stapp) has received a drilling permit for the Bill Sherman Lease Well #1. This

well will be located 11 miles north of Lockney (1 1/2 miles northwest of Lone Star) in Section 26, block B-4, AB&M Survey, 660 feet from the north section line and 1600 feet from the west section line.

Vintage Petroleum Inc.: The Stockholders of Vintage Petroleum have approved the acquisition of Vintage Petroleum Inc. by Occidental Petroleum Corporation. The Acquisition is official as of January 30, 2006.

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Motley County Tribune Weather

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7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 51 Low: 30
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 27
	Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 43 Low: 24
	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 48 Low: 26
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 50 Low: 31
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 52 Low: 34
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 32

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 51°, humidity of 34% and an overnight low of 30°. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1957. The record low is 12° set in 1982. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 48°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
2/12	2/21	2/27	3/6

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	68	31	54/28	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.17"
Monday	60	27	54/28	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.06"
Tuesday	74	35	54/28	0.00"	
Wednesday	64	40	54/29	0.00"	Average temperature 49.4°
Thursday	69	33	54/29	0.00"	Average normal temperature 41.4°
Friday	61	40	55/29	0.11"	Departure from normal +8.0°
Saturday	57	33	55/29	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Feb. 9, 1933 - The temperature at Moran, Wyo., located next to Teton National Park, plunged to 63 degrees below zero to establish a state record. The temperature at the Riverside Ranger Station in Montana hit 66 below zero to establish a record for the nation that stood until 1954.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:22 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:07 p.m.
Moonset today	5:34 a.m.

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