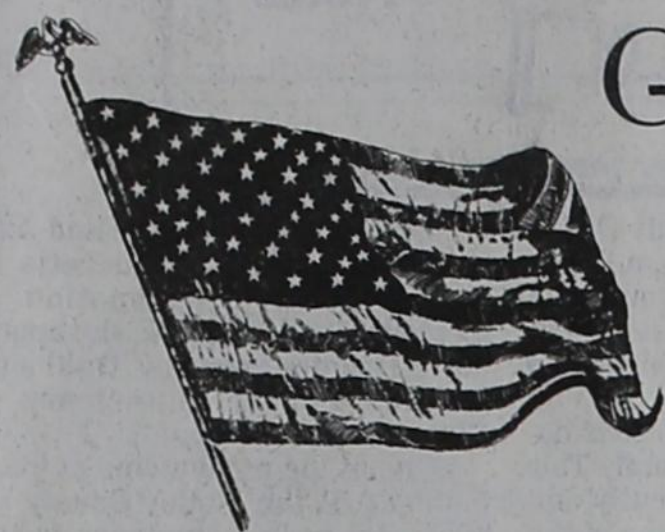




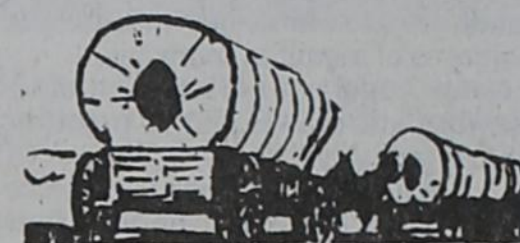
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School Board candidates profiled



TINA BROOKS

Family and Education: Married to Timmy Brooks. Our children attend Motley County Schools. Our son, Christian will be in third grade next year and our daughter Mattie will be in Pre-K. I graduated from Motley County High School in 1989. I have completed three years of college. I attended two years at Clarendon Jr. College and one year at WT/A&M at Canyon.

What are your qualifications for this office? I have always been involved in the community in youth organizations as a citizen, an employee, and as a parent.

Your reason for running for this position: In the past I have made my position clear that Motley County has a good school and the potential to be even better. I want to do all I can to make sure that the school meets the needs of each and every student to assure that their possibilities in life are not limited.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? At this time I would not attempt to change things until I am sure a better way is possible. I would like to change what is possible to help our school to fit the needs of our students. I think we need to remember that "School is for children."

What do you think our school's greatest needs are: A more positive view of our school needs to be presented. Our residents are the voice of Motley County school system and we need to be seen in a better light.

Other comments: It seems apparent that something needs to happen at Motley County. We are a great community with great people, wonderful teachers and kids with bright futures. We need to take our positive assets and raise them even higher. We need to acknowledge our negative qualities and make a change for the future of our children. We can only do this as a team made up of school board, administration, teachers, parents and community members. Working together we can and will make a positive impact on Motley County School.

JAMES GILLESPIE

Family and Education: My wife, Kathy, is a graduate of Texas Tech, a son, Robert now a junior at Texas Tech and a daughter Brenda who is a junior at MCISD. I am a graduate of Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Ag Education and a Masters in Ag Education also from Texas Tech.

What are your qualifications for this office? I have a background in the education field, a deep interest in the education and growth of our youth, I am trained and skilled in personnel management, trained and skilled in budget and finance and currently serve on the Texas Association of School Boards legislative initiative team.

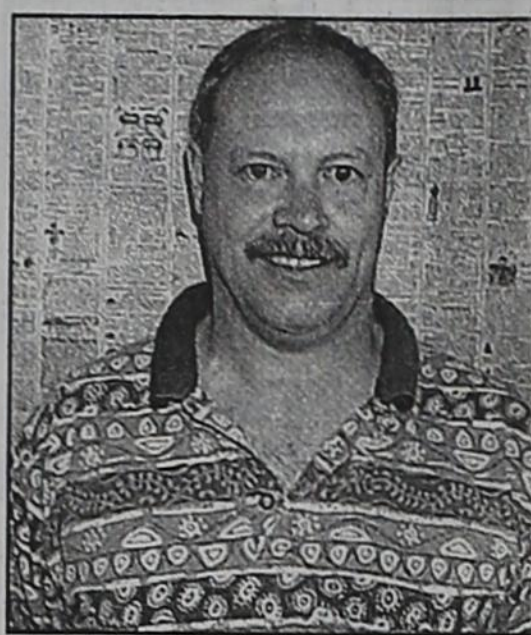
Your reason for running for this position: My desire is to assist MCISD to maintain the highest level of academic achievement possible and to keep MCISD financially sound.

What do you think our school's greatest needs are: The greatest needs we have are maintaining the District, staying financially sound, maintaining and/or increasing student population, and to continue progressing with academic improvement.

If you are an incumbent, do you feel you have been fair and open minded and how do you feel you have been a benefit to this position: As an incumbent, I believe I have been very open minded and very fair. I have gone through the decision making process in such a manner as to arrive at the best decision possible that is beneficial to all and not just a select few. I have been instrumental in stabilizing the finances of the district and as a member and president of the board have welcomed and encouraged outside input. I have performed my duties as a member of the board based on facts and numbers and not on rumors.

Other comments: MCISD is a great school and the students, parents, teachers and administration are what make it that way. There are so many positive aspects of MCISD and I only want to keep and add more. Currently the District is financially stable and on a planned tract to an even higher level of stability. Just recently, the Tribune reported that 100% of the sophomores had passed the TAAS. This didn't just happen, it took hard work on the part of students, parents, teachers, and administration and I want to see this trend continue. School finance is on the table in the next legislative session and it will be imperative that MCISD be heard and be a part of the school finance reform package. As a member of the TASB team legislative affairs I can make the needs of the District heard. Being a part of this re-

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PAT SMITH

Family and education: I graduated from Motley County in 1977. I have two children attending school here, Christy is in the 6th grade and Alyx is in the 3rd.

Your reason for running for this position: To try and bring the same opportunities to our kids in Motley County that are already offered in the surrounding communities.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? It's past time for our students to have access to the Distance Learning Lab. This will be a priority. I would also like to see some type of community scholarship program for all seniors planning to go to college.

What do you think our school's greatest needs are? Leadership directed towards meeting the needs of parents and students. It's time to do whatever it takes to reverse the trend of our students transferring over the past three years.

Other comments: As parents we need to see our kids get a good start. Our administrators and teachers can be a big influence on our kids and how they perceive themselves and their school when they get older.

Area Schools receive funding for celebrations

Twenty-one schools in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District have agreed to hold an after graduation "drug/alcohol free" party for their students. These schools will be reimbursed for the expense of their parties from \$100 to \$400. In Texas, traffic crashes, half of which involve alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people ages 15-19. TxDOT started the Project Celebration program in 1984, to give students the opportunity to celebrate graduation without alcohol and drugs.

Motley County High School plans

MONTIE VADEN HAYS

Family and Education: Wife, Carrol, teacher for 25 years at Motley County ISD; daughter, Courtney, a Senior at Motley County ISD; and son, Quinn, a Sophomore at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock. I am a 1964 graduate of Matador High School.

What are your qualifications for this office? I have served on the Board of Trustees for the past three years. I am a lifelong resident of Motley County and have watched the school system in the district change and grow over the years. With teenagers of my own who have been educated in this school system, I am aware of its strengths and weaknesses.

Your reason for running for this position: I am strongly convinced that in the three years that I have served, the school has improved measurably. Teacher morale has improved, and the overall atmosphere at the school is more pleasant. I believe that the current Board of Education, if left in place, can affect even more positive changes in the system. I want to be an integral part of that growth.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? Change is an important part of any education system. I would like to see the TAAS/TEKS scores continue to improve. The Exit level TAAS scores are 100%; I would like to see that continue, and to see continued improvement in the elementary and junior high scores. I would also like to see a smooth transition from 11-man to 6-man football.

What do you think our school's greatest needs are? We need to offer courses that will benefit our students in every way possible as they prepare for college or the job market. We need

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BIG WINNERS — Local Boy Scouts, Jacob Johannes, Martin Walker and Cameron Jeffcoat, pictured left to right, display the ribbons the troop won at the Post Camporee.

Local Boy Scouts attend Camporee

Boy Scout Troop 360 from Matador attended the 2002 Camporee at Camp Post Friday through Sunday, April 12-14. The boys brought back 13 ribbons for various events such as the Chariot race, pancake flip, catch the snapper, Kim's checkerboard game, log walk, toxic waste removal, spider web, obstacle course, stretcher relay and string burning contest. They had two first place ribbons; five second place; two third place and four special ribbons such

as Best Scout Spirit, Best Scout Attitude, Most Organized Teamwork and Best Team Spirit.

Those attending were Cameron Jeffcoat, Martin Walker, Mark Henzler, Jacob Johannes, John Martin, Sam Fletcher, and Jesse Moerhinger. Scoutmasters attending were Don and Marsha Dillard and Mark Gumeat.

Anyone in grades 4-12 interested in scouting can call 348-7992 for more information.

Early voting ends Tuesday

Early voting for the May School Board Election will end Tuesday, April 30. Those wishing to vote early may do so at the Motley County Clerk's office at the Courthouse.

The School Board race is the only opposed race in the upcoming election. Roaring Springs City Council, Matador City Council and Motley County Hospital Board elections have been canceled due to the fact there were no opposed races.

Two (3-year) terms are open on the Motley County School Board, those currently held by James Gillespie and Vaden Hays. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Hays are seeking re-election, while new candidates Pat Smith of Matador and Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs have also entered the race.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 4.

MC faculty members will face off with class of 2002

The Motley County Booster Club would like to invite everyone to a night of fun May 7, at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the high school gym, when the Motley County faculty will take on the 2002 Senior class for an exciting game of basketball.

A surprise visit from "Motley County beauties" is planned during the game. Booster club members will

serve homemade pie during half-time.

This event is a final fund-raiser for the All-Night Party. Admission to the game is \$1.00 per person. Assorted pie slices are \$1.50 each and .50¢ for coffee, tea or punch.

Come out and support your favorite teams and enjoy the homemade pies!

Flomot Homecoming Association to meet

Glenn Calvert, President of the Flomot Homecoming Association announces that there will be a Homecoming planning meeting, Sunday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m., at the Flomot Community Center.

Plans for the Tri-Annual Homecoming to be held on Saturday, July 6, will be discussed. Everyone interested in the Flomot Homecoming is urged to attend this important meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like to be a part of the Homecoming planning, please call Glenn Calvert, Donnie Rogers or Dianne Washington.

Quick weather data now available

Weather station positioned near Roaring Springs

Note: Information for this article is from the December 27, 2001, edition of *The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

With the help of Texas Tech's new West Texas Mesonet, people across the South Plains have access to nearly up-to-the-minute information on weather from around the area.

Twenty-eight weather stations, including one at Buzz Field near Roaring Springs, are positioned in 20 counties across the South Plains, said April MacDowell, a wind science and engineering research associate at Tech.

The purpose of the system,

MacDowell said, is to provide more up-to-date weather information to meteorologists, students and farmers.

The Mesonet system is administered by Tim Doggett, principal investigator. Wes Burgett, operations manager, and Bruce Haynie, research associate. The project began in July, 1999.

Information generated by the Mesonet is provided on the Web site www.Mesonet.ttu.edu, MacDowell said. The data is available to anyone, free of charge.

"The Mesonet is part of a program that came through city, state and economic development,"

Doggett said. Along with the 28 stations currently providing information, seven more are to be added, Doggett said.

The stations stretch from Friona in the north to Lamesa in the south and from Spur in the east to Morton in the west. The network provides information on wind speed, temperature, humidity and other climatological data.

Although most information is free, there may be a charge to those interested in accessing archived information, Doggett said.

There are Mesonet systems in place in other areas of the United States, but the South Plains system is the first in Texas, MacDowell said.

Assembly of God Church to host Gospel Singing

The Matador Assembly of God Church will host a Gospel Singing on Saturday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. Special music will be presented by Rita Goffinett of Childress, the Gospel Troubadours of Shepherd, Texas, and other singers from the area including Wellington, Paducah.

The Gospel Troubadours will also perform at the Sunday morning service, April 28.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

Matador First Baptist Church to host special music service

First Baptist Church, Matador, will host a special music service on Sunday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. A concert of Christian music will be presented by Jubilee, a women's vocal ensemble from First Baptist Church, Floydada.

Everyone in the community is invited to be a part of this special service.



This really touched my heart. I hope it will do the same for you. I must thank my Louisiana cousin for sharing it with me.

MY QUILT

As I faced my Maker at the last judgement, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles.

An Angel sat before each of us sewing out quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life.

But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares were. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air.

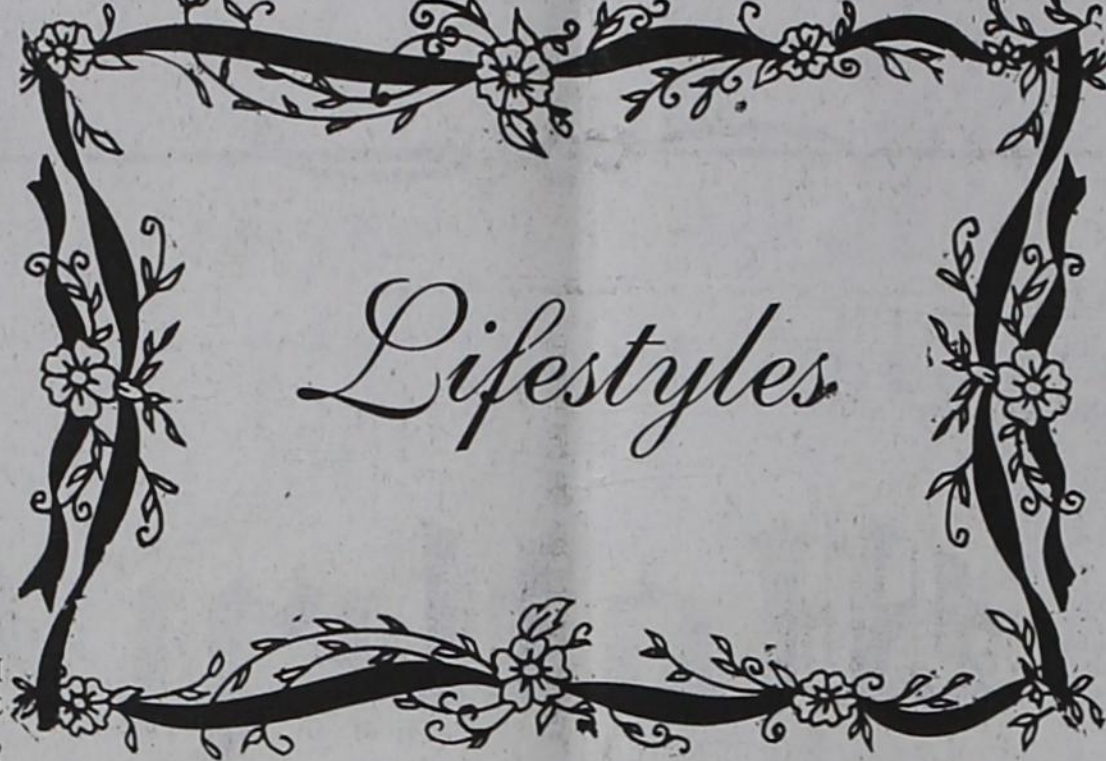
Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I

hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and death, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pickup and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgemental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes.

Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you."

May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, and winning Christ to shine through.



Pivots & Divots

by Mary



The ladies met at the club house at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 18. New member, Virginia Nunn, was welcomed to the club. Other members attending were Louise Barton, Olivia Barton, Nell Berryman, Tempie Francis, Mary Jones, Judy Renfro, Leona Terry, LaVoe Thacker, Marihelen Wason and Geneva Wilson. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Yearbooks were presented to each member. Playday will be held

each Thursday as it has been in the past.

Play was for most one-putts. Playing 18 holes were Louise, Olivia, Tempie, LaVoe and Geneva. Olivia and LaVoe tied with 7 one-putts.

Playing nine holes were Nell, Judy and Marihelen. Nell and Marihelen tied with 2 one-putts.

Ladies who are members of RSRC are invited to join us.

Cooking Corner



Hungarian Goulash

Makes 8 servings

3 lbs. lean beef chuck
2 Tbsp. margarine
2 cups chopped onions
1 clove garlic, minced
1 Tbsp. paprika
2 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. caraway seeds
1/2 cup Coca-Cola
1/4 cup dry red wine
4 ripe tomatoes
3 Tbsp. flour
Hot cooked noodles

Cut beef into 1-inch cubes, discarding bone and fat. In a Dutch oven, melt margarine and add meat, stirring to brown on all sides. Remove meat cubes as they brown. Sauté onions and garlic in the drippings until they are soft. Stir in paprika, salt and caraway seeds; cook 1 minute. Stir in meat, Coca-Cola, wine

and peeled, cut-up tomatoes. Cover tightly; simmer about 1 1/4 hours or until meat is fork-tender. Blend flour with a little water to make a smooth paste; stir into goulash. Stir and cook 3 to 5 minutes until gravy is thickened. Serve with hot noodles.

Renowned artist to conduct painting workshop in Roaring Springs

Renowned artist, Paul Milosevich of Santa Fe, N.M., and the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will join forces May 17 and 18 to present a unique painting workshop.

Milosevich is noted throughout the nation for his portraits, golf paintings and landscapes. In 1975 he was asked by the Songwriters' Hall of Fame to do portrait drawings of the annual inductees. His first was of Jimmy Rodgers. Others in the group have included Dolly Partin, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Hank Williams and Kris Kristofferson. He has done more than eighty Hall of Fame celebrity portraits, including the area's premier country-western, swing artist, Bob Wills.

Mr. Milosevich was inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame in 1996.

The weekend of activities will kick-off with a reception for the artist on Thursday, May 16, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Milosevich will be available to personalize books, posters,

prints and originals. On Friday, May 17, instruction in portrait painting, watercolor or acrylics, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Instruction in landscape painting will be offered on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., on location at Mott Creek Ranch, 12 miles west of Matador.

No experience is necessary and participants may sign up for one or both of the sessions. The cost will be \$50 per day. Amateur, as well as experienced painters, should bring their paints, brushes, and easels. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Proceeds will go to the Roaring Springs Volunteers, a non-profit group which sponsors Kids' Camp during the summer, preservation and tourism projects in the area, and promotion of their community, and region.

For workshop reservations contact Corky or Monta Marshall, 806-348-7000.

Note: Participants are asked not to wear perfumes to the classes or the reception, as Mr. Milosevich is very allergic.

BOOKS - BOOKS - BOOKS

Many selections to choose from!
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Vows That Have Been Made To Us



Vows are not hard to make but there are times when they are difficult to keep. The Bible tells us that we are to remember what we have vowed and to keep them. We read of this in Ecclesiastes 5:4-5.

Our God has made vows to us and He will keep what He has vowed. Notice:

Genesis 8:22 — "As long as there is an earth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

John 3:36 — "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life..."

John 14:3 — "And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you with me that you also may be where I am."

Hebrews 13:5 — "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."

Our confidence is in our God who is the one who keeps His promises and that is why we read in Psalm 91:4, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."

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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Mystery-Lovers' Night-Out is Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Motley County Library. If you like to read mysteries or if you just want to hear a good book discussion, plan to be at this event.

We appreciate the generous donation from the Marshall family. This family had a reunion recently and they decided to donate some of the proceeds of their family auction to the library. We are grateful to this pioneer family for this useful gift.

We also appreciate the memorial donations that we received last week. We thank Charley and Opal Johnson and Judy and Butch Renfro for their donations in memory of Jack Case. We also appreciate the donation by the Motley County Arts and Crafts in

memory of Grace Shelton and Alan Branson. Thanks to Lucretia E. Campbell for her donation in memory of Jack Case. We also appreciate the donation by Dahl and Delores Clower in memory of Glynard Moore.

One of the many items of information that the Motley County Library offers to its patrons is the schedule of events at the Caprock Canons State park. We post this in the window so you can see it at any time. We currently have April and May events posted so come by and look at these schedules. Everything from nature hikes to wildflower treks to photography workshops awaits those who are interested in the great outdoors.

Mystery lovers will discuss favorites at Library gathering

On Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m., at the Motley County Library, all those who love a good mystery are invited to attend a book discussion. There will be a panel of mystery fans who will discuss their favorite authors and books. The panel members and the authors they will talk about are Marihelen Wason, Virginia Lanier's bloodhound series; Mary Renfro, the Indian mysteries by James Doss and Margaret Coel; Fredia Burns, the Ellis Peters'

Brother Cadfael series; Patricia Green, Dana Stabenow and her Kate Sugak Alaskan books; D.A. McGuire, the adventures by Jack Higgins; and Suzanne Abbott, Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe.

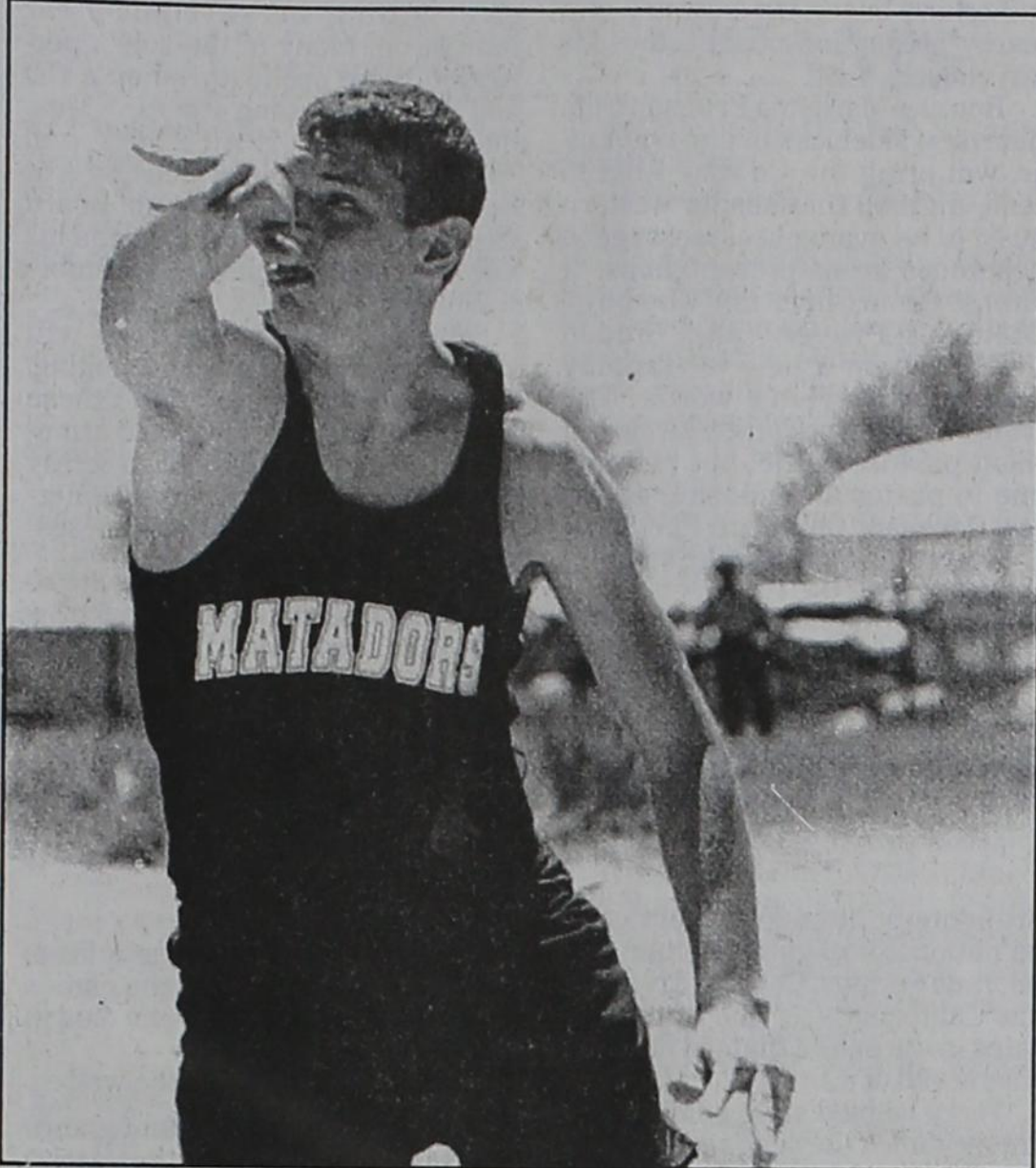
Even though there is a panel, the audience will be encouraged to talk about their favorite mystery writers and heroes. Be sure to come and join in the fun at this Mystery-Lovers' Night Out.

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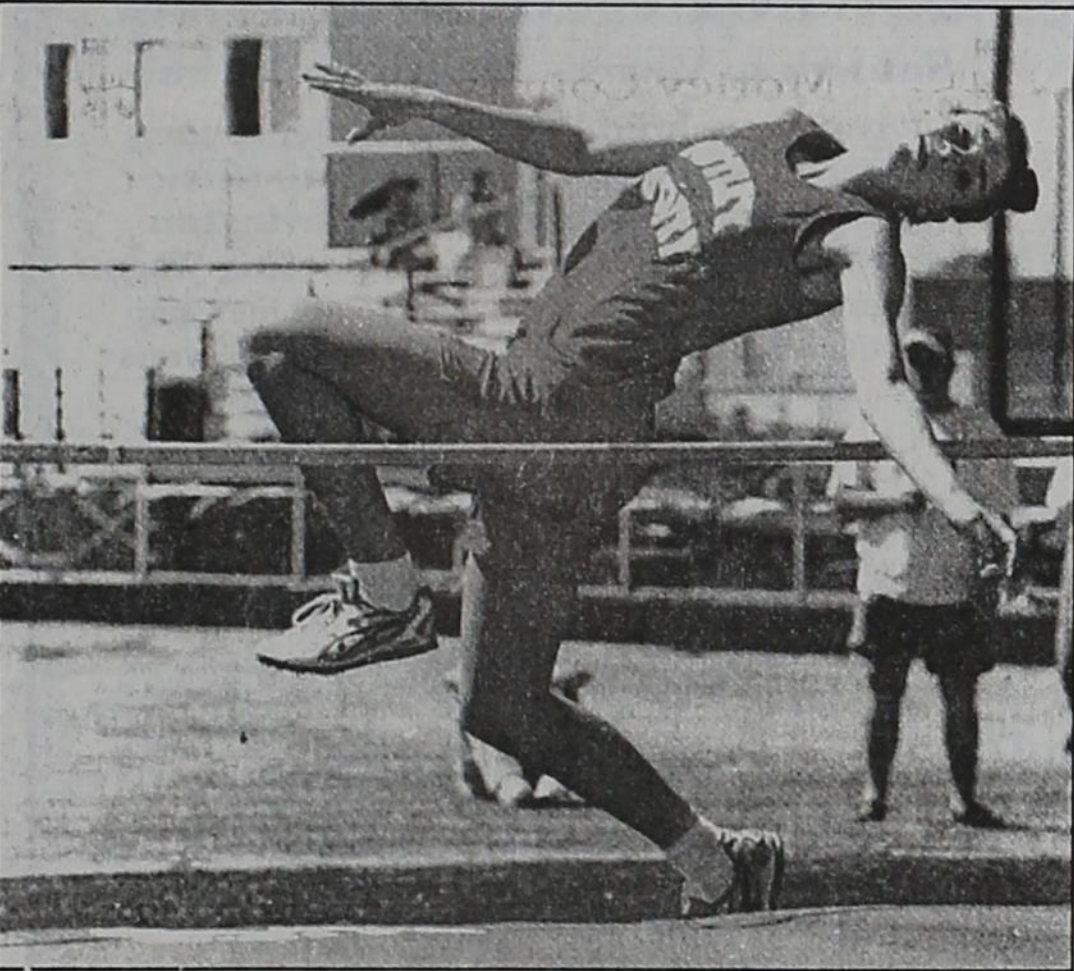


IT'S GONE! Clint Cooper swings the discus and lets it fly at the Area Track Meet. Clint qualified for Regional in discus and shot. He is a junior at Motley County High School.

Donaldson, Cooper to compete at Regional

by Stachia Baxter

The Area Track meet was held April 12. To qualify for this meet the participants had to place 1-4 at District. Brittany Donaldson placed first in Long Jump with a jump of 15' 7 3/4" and third in high jump with a height of 4' 8" at the District meet. At the Area meet, Donaldson jumped 4' 10" in high jump, placing third. In the Long Jump event she placed first with 16' 3 1/4". She advanced to Regional in both events.



UP WITH EASE — Brittany Donaldson seems to be flying over the pole with ease as she competes in the high jump at the Area Track Meet. Brittany will compete at the Regional Meet at Abilene on Friday. She is a junior at MC High School.

School Awards Banquet set for May 9

The Motley County School Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Parents and guests must purchase tickets before Wednesday, May 1. Tickets will be \$7.00 each and may be purchased from Carolyn Johnson at school. Students receiving special invitations to the banquet will not be required to pay for their meals.

School to dismiss early April 30

Motley County ISD will dismiss early Tuesday, April 30. Classes will dismiss at 1:30 and buses will run at that time. Parents of town students need to pick up their children at this early-out time. This is in order for teachers and staff to attend an afternoon of in-service.

MCHS Seniors to be honored at banquet

First Baptist Church, Matador, will host a Youth Banquet in the fellowship hall of the church on Sunday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. All Motley County students, grades 7-12, are invited to the informal event, which will honor all 2002 MCHS seniors. Music will be presented by Summit Trace, an outstanding Christian vocal group, made up of four young men from Lubbock and Plainview. Students wishing to attend the banquet should contact Mrs. Ewing at school by Wednesday, May 2.

Jr. High and Elementary TAAS tests

by: Amanda Hurt

On April 16-19th grades 3-8th grade took the TAAS tests. Math was given on Tuesday and Reading on Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday 8th grade took the Social Studies and Science portions of the test. The elementary students took the test in their classrooms and the 7th and 8th grade students took their tests in the multi purpose room. The TAAS test, which stands for Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, is untimed and each student can take all the time, needed. The results of these tests should be in around May 10.

Kindergarten and First Grade students enjoy field trip to Planetarium

by: Aleda Ross

On Wednesday, April 10, the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes took a field trip to Lubbock. The trip was educational and involved going to the Planetarium and a museum at Texas Tech University. Gene Chapman drove the bus to Lubbock. The kids were allowed to bring personal belongings on the bus to keep them occupied. Children brought toy dinosaurs, army men, and pencil and paper. According to Mrs. Davis, the kids behaved very well and seemed to really enjoy the show. They had fun learning about the moon and learning songs about the planets. After leaving Tech, the students went to Cici's and ate pizza. Mrs. Hoyle brought juice pouches for the children to enjoy on the trip home. Juan Flores thought the most exciting part of the trip was taking pictures, while Austin Taylor felt that it was when he tripped and fell. Overall, the kids seemed to have had a great time.

SCHOOL MENU

- MONDAY, APRIL 29**
Breakfast: Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Cheesy Biscuit, Red, White & Blue Bar, Milk.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 30**
Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Green Salad, Corn, Chips, Key Lime Pie, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.
- THURSDAY, MAY 2**
Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Oven Fried Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Pea Salad, Texas Toast, Strawberry Fluff, Milk.
- FRIDAY, MAY 3**
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Orange Slices, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

Motley County PTO News

by Mary Ann Potts

Motley County PTO gathered at the school cafeteria April 15 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming events and year-end business. Those members present were D'Anna Russell, Tina Brooks, Wendy Taylor, Kathy Gillespie, Yolanda Kautz, Mary Ann Potts, Liz Mason, Brenda Ferguson, Donna Hoyle, and Annette Hollinsworth. Wendy Taylor gave the treasurer's report and announced that the Motley County PTO has a balance of \$2,005.20. The PTO then agreed to continue the UIL Senior Scholarship and awarded \$100 to the fund. As for upcoming events, the Book Fair was set to arrive at MCS April 22 and continue through April 26. PTO donated \$100 towards the event with Yolanda Kautz taking charge of the celebration once again. Also, May 9 is Elementary Field Day and PTO will be providing healthy snacks for the students. In May, as the school year winds down, the election of new officers takes place. And the hope of establishing new committees, such as Little Dribblers, Concession Stand, P.I.E. (Parental Involvement in Education) Grant, Room Mom, and Fund Raising to target each area efficiently and effectively for the coming school year. Congratulations to MCS Sophomore class for passing the TAAS this year. And to Yolanda Kautz and Kathy Gillespie for having the most parents in attendance at the meeting. Each teacher can select a book of her choice (a \$10 limit) at the Book Fair this week.



JR. HIGH TENNIS TEAM — Standing at back, left to right, Allissa Blanton, Ashley Green, Rachael Bartlett; (front) Matthew Martin, Chance Bingham, and Cameron Jeffcoat.



JR. HIGH TRACK TEAM — Standing at back, left to right, Angelica Mendoza, Chicagra Brown, Griselda Flores; (front) Chance Bingham, Colton Russell, and Matthew Martin.

Rolling Plains Shared Services to move offices

The Rolling Plains Shared Services Arrangement is preparing to move into a new building and location this summer. After about three years of planning and meetings, the cooperative will be relocating their offices. The new building is located at the north end of the football field on lots that were donated to Motley County ISD by the Walter Russell family. The RPSSA Co-op would like to thank Market Matador for helping prepare the lot and for digging the trenches that were needed to put in water, sewer, electricity, and telephone lines. Mayor Rodney Williams, Steve Barton, and Devin Perryman were responsible for these projects and also for preparing the road work into the parking lot and adding a culvert.

The RPSSA is a cooperative that serves seven (7) school districts in the region. The schools served are Motley County, Patton Springs, Spur, Jayton, Guthrie, Paducah, and Valley. The seven superintendents of these schools make up the governing board for the employees who work for the districts through the co-op. There are six (6) employees who work for the districts through the co-op. Beverly Mars is the RPSSA Director and works closely with each district to assure a quality program is provided for all children involved.

Tammy Utter and Kayla Guest are the two diagnosticians for the co-op. These two ladies are responsible for testing, diagnosing the results, and making recommendations to the district when a child meets the requirements for the program. Lindy Stafford is a transition coordinator. Her responsibilities include working with teachers and staff members preparing children to make the transition from the Special Education program back into the general education program or graduation and life after high school. Lindy Osborn is the co-op's speech therapist. She works with all districts in helping children with speech problems that they might be having. Tammy Simpson is the secretary for the co-op.

Each school district pays a percentage to the RPSSA, depending upon the number of children being served from their districts. These funds are generated yearly and is the way the new building has been funded. Each school district contributed excess funds from the RPSSA fund balance. The new building was built by L&M Builders of Lubbock.

Once the building is complete and the RPSSA has moved in, an open house will be held to invite the public to tour the newly acquired office building.

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School-Wide End-of-Year Title I Meeting Announced

Motley County I.S.D. would like to invite you to the End-of-Year School-Wide Title I Public Meeting, Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in room #109 at Motley County School.

We will discuss and evaluate techniques and programs utilized during our school year. Suggestions and questions will be discussed. Also, new programs and ideas for next year will be discussed. We would appreciate your attendance, input of ideas, and concerns for our School-Wide Title I Program.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Condado del abigarramiento y S.D. guste invitarlo a Extremode-ano el Titulo Escuela-ancha y la Reunion Publica, jueves, 9 de mayo de 2002, a 6:30 p.m. La reunion se celebrara en cuarto #109 en la Escuela de Condado de Abigarramiento.

Nosotros discutiremos y las tecnicas del evalute y programas utilizaron durante nuestro ano escolar. Se discutiran sugerencias y preguntas. Tambien, los nuevos programas y ideas para proximo ano se discutira. Nosotros apreciariamos su asistencia, entrada de ideas, y preocupaciones para nuestro Titulo Escuela-ancha y Programa.

Espere verlo a la reunion.

Sonya Herrell, Principal

Carol Ann Turner, Title I Coordinator

Kid's Praise set for May 1

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, two years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, May 1, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

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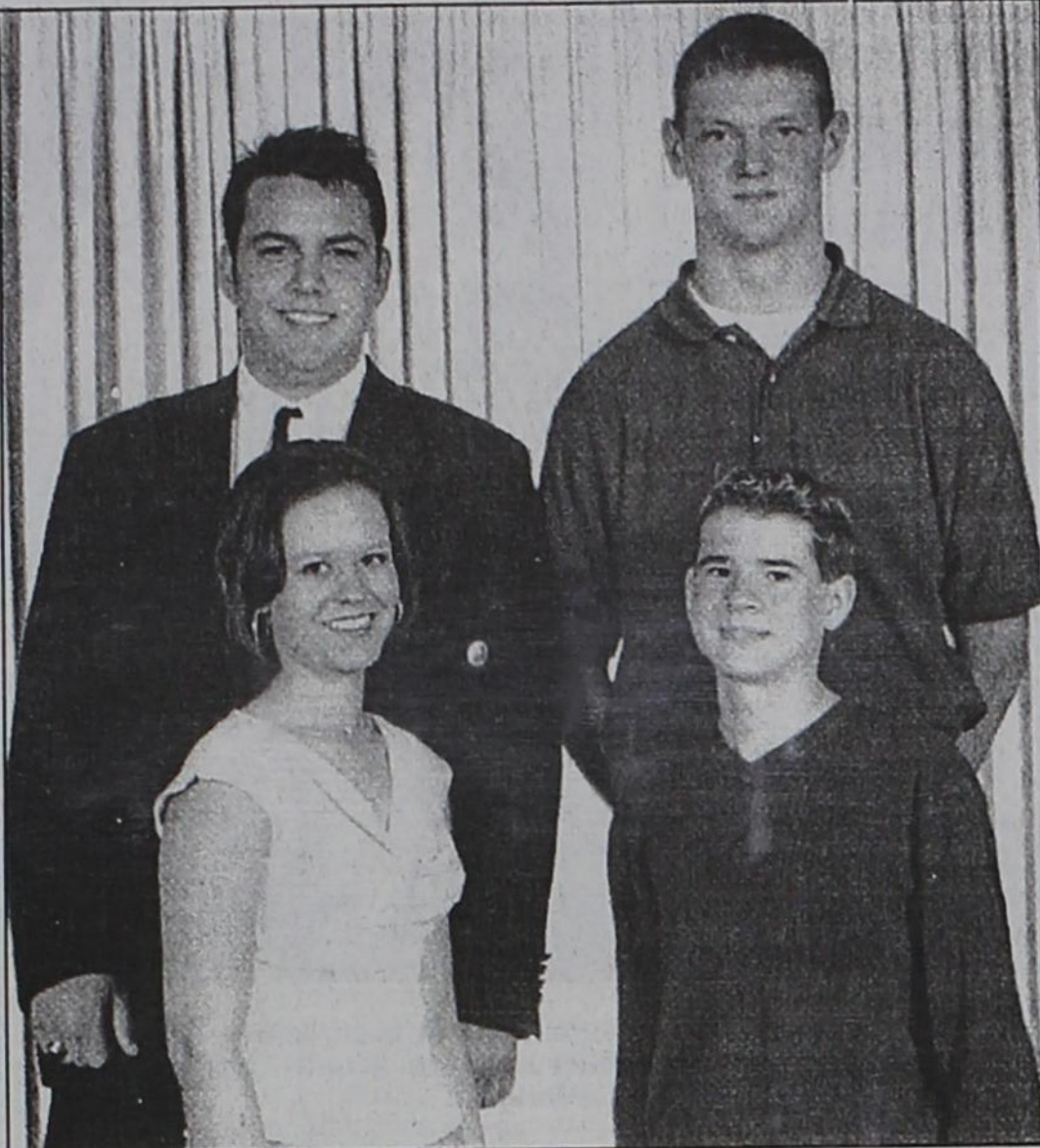
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MOTLEY COUNTY STUDENTS HONORED — Four students at Motley County ISD were among 400 area students recognized April 10 at a Celebration of Educational luncheon hosted by South Plains College in Levelland. The State Board of Education sponsored programs recognizing academic excellence by more than 14,000 students in Texas public schools. From left on the front row are Kayla Copp and Dumont Darsey, and from left on top row are Chantry Meyer and Clint Cooper. (SPC photo)

Camp Meeting features working cowboys

by Marisue Potts

Working cowboys and a cowgirl will be sharing life experiences and their special brand of music with those attending the Cowboy Camp Meeting at Mott Camp, 12 miles west of Matador, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Guests from all walks of life will be treated to a chuckwagon meal at noon, catered by Frank Covington of Dougherty, and wagon rides to the picnic area provided by Jim Bo Humphrey of Dickens.

At a cottonwood motte, nourished by the seep springs of Mott Creek, Joe Leathers will once again share his insights gained from working on ranches in the area. Leathers,

a camp man at 6666's North Camp, pastors the Guthrie Baptist Church in his quiet, thoughtful cowboy manner.

Cody Cochran, a former employee of the 6666's, rides and trains outside horses and pastors the Anson Assembly of God. His small herd of Christians is increasing and his message is drawing rodeo cowboys, team ropers, and horse trainers on their way to and from competitive events.

A former bull rider and ex-Marine, Jim Sutherland of Beaver, Okla., will be guest speaker for the third time at Mott Creek camp meeting. Sutherland rides with the crew at Barbee Ranch near Beaver where he holds his own camp meeting at a cottonwood oasis picnic area. A cowboy with a wide range of experiences, Sutherland began his ministry at a nearby prison and now pastors his own church.

Ron and Marianne Brunson from Plainview, sidekicks in life, and music, will bring the Cowboy Church Band, a group that adapts Western music to an evangelical message in their rodeo arena presentations. "I Wanna Be a Christian Cowboy," "Maiden's Prayer," and "Faded Love" take on a new toe-tapping message with Ron's words. The Brunsons day work and take care of wheat pasture cattle, but still find time to pastor and minister to the New Covenant Church in Plainview.

Recording artist Bunk Skelton, a

horse trainer from Whiteface, has donated two weeks of his summers to a cutting horse clinic near Cimmaron. Many of the songs performed there are featured on a CD that includes, among others, "Messiah," "Calvary is All I See," and "Who Am I?" A special blessing is in store for those who have not heard this cowboy's music. Skelton and his wife co-pastor a Harvest Assembly in Whiteface.

During the day others will present their testimony and singing. Everyone is invited to attend these outdoor services in a relaxed atmosphere. Free will donations to defray cost will be accepted. For more information, call Mott Creek Ranch at 806-787-0592.

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Matador native listed on Firemen's Memorial

Note: Information for this article is from the *Daily Breeze*, San Pedro, California. Mr. Tilson was a former resident of Motley County and was the brother of Roaring Springs resident, Grace Zabelski.

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Warren Earl Tilson dreamed of joining the Fire Department. He struggled through the firefighter's exam after cramming all night with his wife and friends.

"When he finally passed, he was walking on air," said his wife, Carole Tilson of Torrance, California. "That was in 1959."

On August 11, 1965, a young man was pulled over in South-Central Los

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Pat Seigler to perform at Turkey Gem Theater

Pat Seigler of Matador will be featured as the opening act, Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Gem Theatre in Turkey. Mr. Seigler will be on stage to open the featured entertainer, Terry Smith, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Smith was voted by the Traditional Music Association as its Songwriter of the Year in 1995 and 1996. He wrote the song "Far Side Banks of Jordan" which is featured twice in Robert Duvall's movie, *The Apostle*. It has been recorded by more than fifty artists including Johnny and June Carter Cash, and Allison Krauss, and has won three Grammys.

Mr. Smith has written about 2000 songs and some of them have been

recorded by such greats as Kitty Wells, The Oak Ridge Boys, Chris LeDoux, Roy Acuff and others.

A traditional singer in his own right, Mr. Smith has released five albums of original material to date. He writes gospel, ballads, novelty, story songs, honky-tonk, and western swing.

Mr. Smith will be backed by the Turkey Gems with special guest drummer, Jack Greubel, who played drums for Floyd Cramer for 14 years as well as for Chet Atkins, Boots Randolph and other greats.

Admission to the show is \$8.00. For more information call (806) 423-1273.

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Current and proposed rates are:

	Current Rates (1)***				Proposed Rates** (1)***			
	(1)	(2)	(3)**	(4)	(1)	(2)	(3)**	(4)
Residence	\$7.90	\$8.90	\$7.10	\$8.20	\$8.65	\$8.65	\$8.65	\$8.65
Tone Dialing	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Business	12.50	14.00	18.35	21.30	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75
Tone Dialing	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rotary Access	17.50	19.00	-	-	19.00	19.00	-	-
PBX Trunk	26.10	27.60	29.40	34.55	27.60	27.60	27.60	27.60

(1) Afton and Flomot Exchanges
(2) Dry Lake, Girard, Hackmont, Jayton, Peacock, Spur, Verbena, and White River Exchanges
(3) Dickens, Matador, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges
(4) Paducah Exchange

* Proposed residence and business rates include Tone Dialing charges
** Current residence customers who presently do not have Tone Dialing will pay \$7.80

	Current Rate (1)	Proposed Rate (1)
Pay Telephone Service	\$22.15	\$22.10

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	Current Rate (1)	Proposed Rate (1)
Outside Base Rate Area	\$2.00	-
Key Access Service*	22.00	22.00 25.50

(1) Matador and Quitaque Exchanges
(2) Dickens, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges
(3) Paducah Exchange

* Existing Key Access Service customers will move to Rotary Service and will pay the lower Rotary Service rate of \$19.00.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact the Cooperative at P.O. Box 300, Spur, TX 79370-0300 or call (800) 692-4242 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission has assigned Tariff Control Number 25636 to this application. Persons who wish to formally participate in the Commission's proceedings concerning this application, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or reach the Commission's toll free number through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2988. Requests to participate in the proceedings and comments should reach the Commission no later than May 31, 2002. If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lesser of 5% or 1,500 of the affected local service customers to which this application applies by May 31, 2002, the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of the complaint(s).

Baseball teams drafted at recent MCYO meeting

by Kim Woolsey

The Motley County Youth Organization held its regular meeting April 18 with 25 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Tina Brooks. First on the agenda was the discussion of fund-raising projects. MCYO voted to sponsor a Mini-Olympics on Saturday, May 18. All surrounding counties are invited to attend. More details will be available in the weeks to come.

A clean-up day was set for Saturday, June 1, at 9:00 a.m. at the baseball field. Everyone's help is needed.

MCYO is in great need for the donation of a good used refrigerator for the Concession Stand at the baseball field. If anyone would like to help with this, please call Tina Brooks at 348-7208 or Kim Woolsey at 348-7011.

MCYO would like to thank Crawford and Marvinna Mason for the donation of a freezer and thank you to Shawn Elliott for his donation of time to build the new equipment shed at the field.

Following the regular meeting, teams were drafted. Coaches will be contacting their players for the date and time of practices.

Patton Springs gearing up for All-Night Party

School's almost out and Patton Springs PTO is gearing up for the 14th annual Project Graduation for a safe and Drug Free All Night Party. Members have been working all year to raise funds for this event but help is needed for the finishing touches. Parents and Teachers will be visiting local businesses to request donations of gifts, food and money. Money collected as donations will be awarded as cash prizes or spent in Dickens and Motley Counties. Volunteers are needed to supervise games, show videos, serve food, clean up and chaperon. If you are not approached and would like to help, please contact the Patton Springs School office at 689-2220.

T-BALL TEAMS

DIRT DOBBERS: Coach Christy Bland.
(Field Practice, Monday, 6:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Mattie Brooks, Joshua Martin, Michael Martin, Carly Pelham, Barrett Bland, Kolby Williams, Dillon McCleskey, Katie Pelham, Christian Brooks, Hanna Alexander, Jasmine Porter.

LITTLE SANDLOTS: Coach Olivia Osborn.
(Field Practice, Monday, 5:00 p.m., beginning May 13)

TEAM MEMBERS: Megan Perryman, Gage Renfro, Wesley Bishop, Hanna Mason, Andy Arocha, Noah Guerrero, Stormy Guerrero, Brett Fletcher, Jonathon Osborn, Mark Quintero.

LITTLE RASCALS: Coach Shonda Barton.
(Field Practice, Friday, 7:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Macie Marshall, Marcus Ortiz, Shelby Elliott, Katie Barton, Hayden Davey, Gabbi Santos, Hance Davey, Nayo Santos, Tabatha Goodsite, Reagan Elliott, Aaryn Brandon.

CRICKETS: Coach Mindy Jameson.
(Field Practice, Thursday, 5:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Joey Horton, Meagan Jameson, Marty Walker, Sam Hulsey, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Ford, Celeste Sims, Hannah Hulsey, James Horton, Keyan Kautz, Clarissa Elizondo.

YELLOWJACKETS: Coach Tammy Simpson.
(Field Practice, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Kaylee Woolsey, Korbyn Simpson, Tanner Bearden, Jared Stephens, Jacob Woolsey, Tamera Campbell, Gabriel Espinoza, Logan Ferguson, Chase Buckner, Tanner Norrell, Patrick Harvey.

STEELERS: Coach Shane Taylor.
(Field Practice)

TEAM MEMBERS: Thalia Quilimaco, Micky Clary, Caleb Clary, Bryant Taylor, Conner Mason, Dominique Quilimaco, Austin Taylor, Cody Martin, Lexi Osborn, Braden Mason.

KNIGHTS: Coach Kim Jenschke.
(Field Practice, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Bailee Perryman, Seth Baxter, Gabbi Silva, Logan Everett, Matthew Mount, Britt Simpson, Kaitlan Perryman, Payden Perryman, Garrett Jenschke, Danielle Gwinn, and Parker Meredith.

MINOR LEAGUE

HURRICANES: Coach Tammy Simpson.
(Field Practice, Monday, 7:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker, Sarah Ferguson, Annie Hurt, Colby McCleskey, Patrick Ramsey, Eric Simpson, Andrew Martin, Taelor Norrell, Jessica Pelham, Bradley Brown, Isiah Archer.

TEXAS TORNADOS: Coach Amy Perryman.
(Practice in Roaring Springs)

Candidate Profile

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JAMES GILLESPIE

form package and staying abreast of legislative change is imperative. The school finance reform will be a huge challenge for all school districts but especially so for small districts. Maintaining and increasing the student population is an important issue and this year's board has been very involved. This school year the student population has been stable and the daily attendance has been good staying at a level around 96%. This is an issue that everyone needs to be involved in.

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MAJOR LEAGUE

RANGERS: Coach Mindy Jameson.
(Field Practice, Friday, 6:00 p.m.)

TEAM MEMBERS: Chicagra Brown, Chance Bingham, Sierra Atherton, Seagram Sims, Brittany Moore, Brandon Moore, Quinten Rose, Cole Grundy, Sylvia Martinez, Levi Buckner, Luke Taylor.

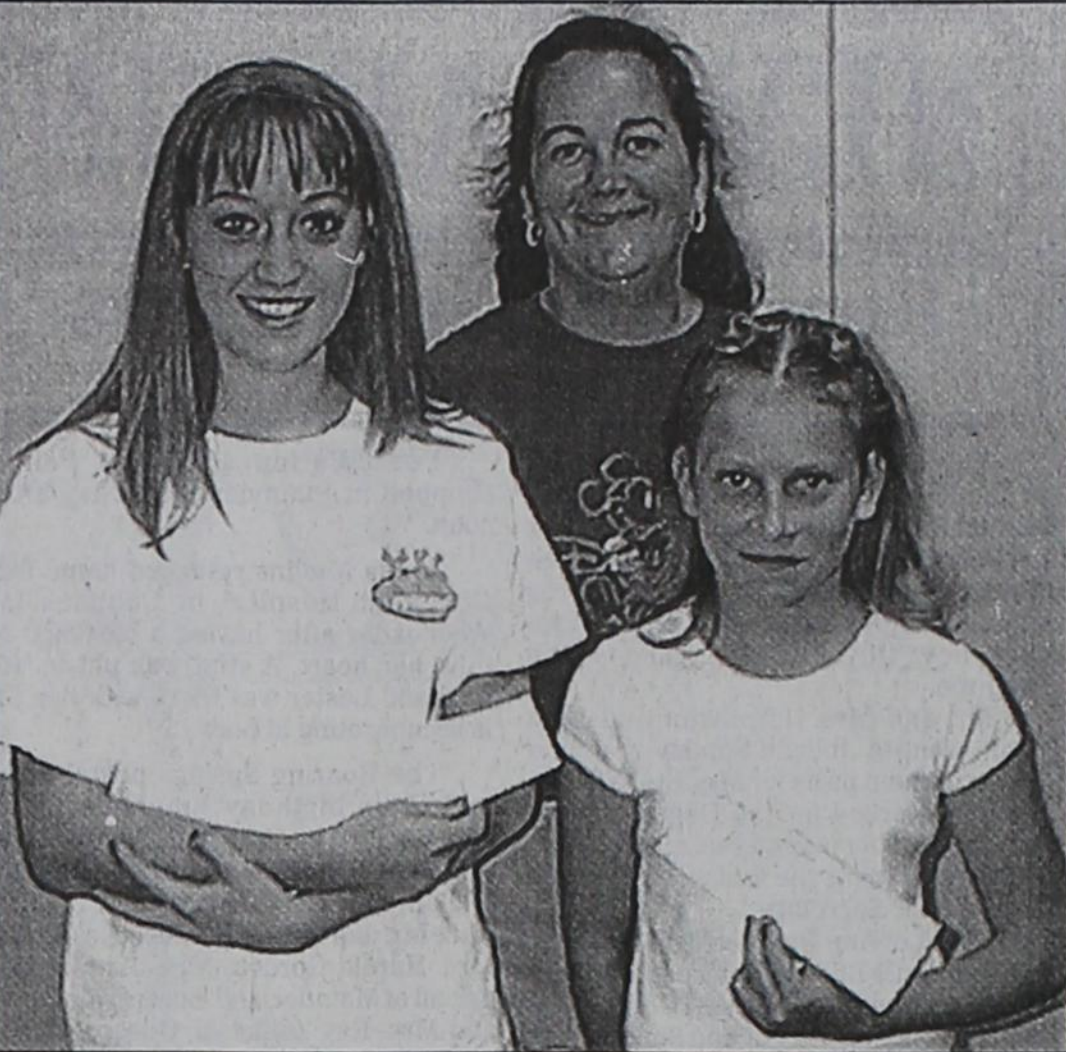
BRAVES: Coach Adam MacKinney.
(Field Practice)

TEAM MEMBERS: Martin Walker, Matthew Martin, Sabrina Osborn, Matt Henzler, Emily Hurt, Shawn Marvel, Robby Womack, Mason Pierce, Lorenzo Salazar, Crystal Garcia, Britt Pierce.

all staff. If the rule isn't fair or isn't necessary, it needs to be removed.

If you are an incumbent, do you feel you have been fair and open minded and how do you feel you have been a benefit to this position? I like to believe that I have been fair and open minded. I feel that my "level-headedness" and patience have been a benefit. I try to find the best in everyone, and overlook minor faults rather than trying to build them into major defects.

Other comments: Currently, TAAS scores at the Exit level are better than they have ever been. Attendance is at 97%. Although enrollment is not what it once was, enrollment is down in many other rural communities. We have a good strong student body for the most part. I believe that if I am elected, a good strong school board will remain in place, and Motley County School will continue to improve in all areas.



MEAT FUND-RAISER SALES AWARDS — This year's top sales awards for the 4-H fund-raiser went to Mandi Ream and Shane'a Russell. Cynthia Stafford, fund-raiser coordinator, presented the girls a \$50 check. All 4-H'ers are to be commended for their hard work and to all those that purchased meat, they say thanks!

Motley County Senior Citizens news

by Eva Barkley

This month went by so quick - I do not know where it went.

We had some nice showers in April, which, according to the saying, should bring May flowers!

This month we had a presentation by the Texas Department of Health on the results of "Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance Survey", which was very informative and revealed some interesting trends.

On April 17 all the seniors with birthdays in April were recognized, "Happy Birthday" was sung and Adam prepared a special cake.

As most of you already know, I will leave the Senior Citizens Center with the end of April and will take over the Office of Treasurer starting in May.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to help get this wonderful project started and to be able to greet each and everyone of you every time you decided to visit the Senior Center.

I enjoyed working with Adam, Rose, and Georgia who perform their duties without fail and always have a smile on their face.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the volunteers who give freely of their time to deliver meals in Roaring Springs and the ones who will start meal deliveries in Matador.

Please keep up your wonderful support for the Motley County Senior Citizens Center.

MAY MENU

Wednesday, May 1: Salisbury Steak, Oven Baked Potato, Green Peas, Cauliflower, Biscuit, Cherry Cobbler.

Friday, May 3: Roasted Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Tossed Salad, Wheat Roll, Chocolate Cake.

Monday, May 6: Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll, Apple Cake.

Wednesday, May 8: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Italian Veggies, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Cake.

Friday, May 10: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Wheat Roll, Gelatin, Cake.

Monday, May 13: Chicken a la King, Squash, Tossed Salad, Wheat Roll, Pineapple Upside Down Cake.

Wednesday, May 15: Ruben Sandwich, Potato Salad, Turnip Greens, Chips, Birthday Cake.

Friday, May 17: Taco Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Rice, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Peach Cup.

Monday, May 20: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Baked Potato, Okra, Hot Roll, Apricots, Cookie.

Monday, May 27: MEMORIAL DAY, CLOSED.

Wednesday, May 29: Beef Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Harvard Beets, Sliced Potatoes, Hot Roll, Banana Pudding.

Friday, May 31: Green Chili Chicken, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad.

A Note of Thanks

At times like these, we realize how special it is to live in a small community. We thank God for the way that you have expressed your thoughtfulness in our time of sorrow. We are so grateful for all the prayers, food, phone calls, visits and all the many other things you have done for us during this time. A special thank you goes out to Maria and Sandra and all the EMT's who responded when we needed you. Also special thanks to those of you who came to the house to help us notify our family. We can never tell all of you how thankful we are.

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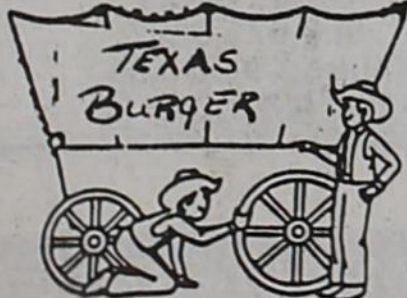
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Sunday, April 28, 2002

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9:00 a.m. - SSRA Roping

12:00 - 6th Annual Tri-State Match
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1:00 Ropers introductions

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Those enjoying coffee and breakfast at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday morning, April 22, were Rev. Paul Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mrs. Cleo Watson, Larry Watson, Corky Marshall, Ruby Hipp, Lula Swim, Reva Sweeney, Joyce Smith, and Dean McInroe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swim and Lula Swim went to Abilene Sunday to attend the retirement party for Mrs. Stella Swim. She had worked for the Department of Public Safety for over 30 years. At the time of her retirement she was working in the Lab as their Secretary.

PFC LeeAnn Peacock is visiting her grandparents Bill and Lea Peacock while on leave from Lackland AFB, San Antonio. Also visiting are Pat and Sharon Peacock of Anahuac.

Pearl Patten and Zella Palmer shopped in Plainview Thursday afternoon.

Linda Mullins returned home from Covenant Hospital in Lubbock last Wednesday after having a blockage behind her heart. A stint was put in. Her husband Lester was there with her. She is recuperating at home.

The Roaring Springs postal group had their birthday luncheon at the Hitchin' Post on Tuesday, April 16. Those attending, to celebrate the birthdays of William and Mary Jo Brown of Dickens, were Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, all of Matador, and local residents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Odessa Mullins and Lula Swim.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green visited from Friday until Monday of last week in Austin with son and family, Dr. Tim Green and wife, Dorothy, Jordan and Arthur Sanchez and daughter, Jolie. The families were guests Saturday in Round Rock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green's daughter and family, Patsy and Noel Scoggins and Emily and daughter, Allison, student at A&M University in College Station. Also visiting in the Tim Green home Friday evening was Perry McWilliams of Buda, cousin of the late Varner McWilliams.

Mrs. Mark (Debbie) Seigler returned home recently from Amarillo following surgery.

Bessie Jean and Pete Williams each had knee surgery, Tuesday, April 23, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. With them during surgery and hospitalization were children, Mrs. Ronda Miller and Rodney Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green visited in Floydada, Friday with his brother and family, Don and Carolyn Green. They celebrated the birthday of Don. Other guests were Mrs. Dolly Emeret, Robbie Green, Chad Green and son, Jaden all of Floydada.

Visiting Jewell Landrum last week were John and Mary Landrum of Red Oak; John Landrum, Jr., Greg Landrum, Clara Tulle, and Annetta Hurt of Mabank; Leslie Jacobs and Bud Curley of Dallas; and John and Jill Jackson of Wichita Falls.

EXTENDED VISIT

Visiting Cora Hall for an extended visit have been her son and daughter-in-law, Albert and Norma Hall of Duval, WA. Enroute here the Halls were involved in a roll over in their mobile home, in California. They awaited for their insurance

to settle before traveling to Matador. The couple are enjoying an early retirement, due to Albert undergoing complete knee replacement surgery. He worked for the City of Seattle over 15 years.

While here, Norma played music for the Assembly of God Church. They also enjoyed attending services at the Methodist Church in Roaring Springs.

The couple enjoyed camping at the Roaring Springs ranch and visiting with new friends, Donald and Dennis Letkeman.

Visiting with them while here were Robert Birchfield of Andrews, Larry Markham, Lonnie Doran, Jean Cooper, Catherine Henderson, Elaine Hart, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Rev. and Mrs. Sandlin, Carter Luckett. Also visiting was a childhood friend of Norma's, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Miles of Portland, Oregon, enroute to Florida.

Albert and Norma had planned to go to Mexico to do mission work before their accident, but due to the circumstances were unable to arrive on time. The couple enjoyed doing mission work in Matador and plan on coming back this fall.

They left for home April 20. They planned to visit friends, Sue and Ray Lipham in Aspermont and cousins, George and Mary Jameson in Brownfield, before returning home.

Visiting Cora Hall and son and wife, Albert and Norma Hall, were Cora's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farrar of Denton.

Albert and Norma Hall accompanied his mother, Cora Hall to Eureka, Kansas to visit her brother, nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Ratcliff and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ratcliff.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Cory and Amy Franks of Bastrop accompanied baby daughter, Madison for her first visit in Flomot during the weekend with grandparents, Connie and Coy Franks. Other family members visiting during the weekend in the Franks home were her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington of Flomot, uncle, Cary Franks and friend, Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock, and aunt Cara Franks of Canyon.

Mrs. Ruth Lee attended a family reunion of descendants of her parents, J.W. Smith and Mattie Crawford Smith, Saturday held at the Senior Citizens building in Kress. They were pioneers of the Fairmont community in Floyd County. Around 85 family members attended the enjoyable event.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington were in Childress Friday night and visited son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner. They were on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team representing Conner who is under treatment for leukemia. Other family members on the team were Buck and Ann Chadwick of Quitaque, Stephanie Woods of Plainview, Alissa Woods of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson, Sherry and Kimberly of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo Friday to be with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Moon who had heart stent surgery at the Northwest Texas Hospital. They continued to Frith and visited the weekend with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited last weekend in Lovington, N.M. with Mrs. Betty Stewart.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Dimmitt, Monday for her a medical appointment. Enroute home, they visited in Hart with her aunt, Mrs. Jometa McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers visited overnight Friday in Lubbock with son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Ronnie and Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary were in Artesia, N.M., Saturday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Rogers' sister-in-law, Mrs. Inez Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited during the weekend in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottie Gray.

Carolyn and Arnold Johnson have been in Quitaque with her mother, Mrs. Dorothy May who is under medical treatment, but is improving.

Mrs. Leona Degan visited in Calgary, Saturday with son, Stanley Degan and great-grandson, Kyler Degan of Crosbyton.

Mrs. Waydette Clay and Mrs. Kathy Shorter were featured vocalists at the Quitaque Community Singing held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited his father, Raymond Kendall at the Care Center in Lockney, Sunday.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
No one has more driving ambition than the teenager who wants to buy a car.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Amarillo, Wednesday for medical appointments. They visited her brother, Arthur Harmon who is recuperating just fine from recent back surgery.

Ryan Martin, student at Tarleton University at Stephenville, visited the weekend with his parents, Kellie and Hal Martin. Kellie, Ryan and friend, Jamie Pigg of Turkey, visited in Vernon, Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis.

Visiting the weekend with Danielle

Gwinn and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Fannin was Alexis Osborn of Matador.

Spencer Dixon who has been taking therapy treatments three times a week for injured arm at Crosbyton Hospital is hoping he had his final treatment Friday.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Matador Sunday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver and Jack Samford of Matador.

Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited from Friday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Visitors Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green of Matador.

The Motley County Courthouse Staff would like to invite you to a RETIREMENT RECEPTION honoring Joe Campbell for his many years of service as MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER

Joe has decided to retire on April 30th and Eva Barkley will take over as Treasurer effective May 1, 2002

The Reception will be held TUESDAY, APRIL 30 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Courthouse Snacks and Refreshments will be served and you may come and go as you please

Please make plans to stop by and thank Joe for almost seventeen years of dedicated service to Motley County and wish him and Loys a long and happy retirement

Joe is also the Motley County Veterans Service Officer and will continue to serve in that position

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

Obituaries

Billy Roys

Amarillo -- Services for Billy Cecil Roys, 63, former resident of Flomot, were held at 3 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Amarillo, with the Rev. Coy Wylie officiating.

Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

He died Friday, April 19, 2002.

He was born Dec. 14, 1938, in Stith. He farmed and ranched in Flomot before moving to Amarillo in 1988. He played the guitar and sang gospel music with various church organizations and at nursing homes. He was a member of San Jacinto Full Gospel Church, where he directed the music. He married Sandra Ann Haskins in 1994 in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Billy Joe of Lubbock, Johnny of Amarillo, Eddie of Quitaque and Mark of Abilene; five daughters, Dee Dee Payne of Quitaque, Prissy Clayton of Abilene, Terri Robertson and Vickie Andreu, both of Amarillo, and Carla Balha of Mart; five brothers, Maddlin Roys of Amarillo; five brothers, Rudolph Roys of Kingsland, Charley Roys of Dumas, Delbert Roys and Joe David Thomas, both of Amarillo, and Richard Roys of Lubbock; three sisters, Allene Townsend of Ozona, Betty Gonzales of Amarillo and Pearl Hill of Hawley; and 28 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to BSA Hospice.

Connie Morene Davis

Fort Worth -- Connie Morene Davis, 87, a homemaker, died Wednesday, April 17, 2002, in Fort Worth.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 20, in Roaring Springs Cemetery.

Connie Morene Davis was born December 1, 1914, in Erath County and had been a Fort Worth resident for over 27

years. She was a member of the University Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Lewis A. Davis.

Survivors include two sisters, Vere Fox of Dallas, Wilma Jacobs of Leawood, Kansas; a brother, Garland G. Kerr of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

W.R. Smelser

Graveside funeral services for W.R. (Bill) Smelser, 90, of Big Spring were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2002, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joel Miller officiating.

Mr. Smelser died Tuesday, April 2, at a nursing home.

He was born in Gasoline on April 12, 1911, and married Clara Lee Dye on Nov. 25, 1933, in Matador. She preceded him in

death on Jan. 12, 2001. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1950. He was a Methodist and a Charter Member of the Big Spring Lodge 1340 AF & AM.

Survivors include one son, Sam Smelser of New Braunfels; one daughter, Pat Crow of Houston; and one sister, Cleo Bailey of Forsan; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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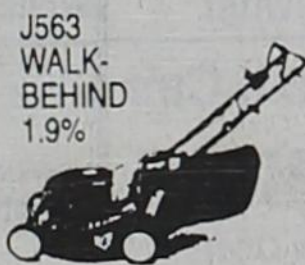


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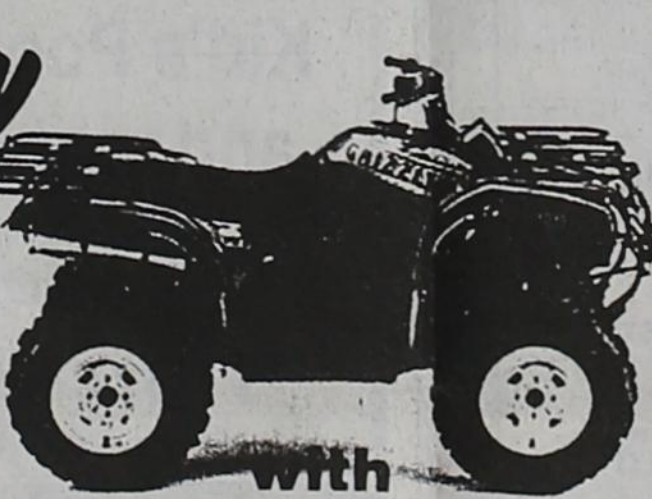


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FARM AND RANCH NEWS



County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



NEW REGULATION TO PROTECT HORSES

Horse enthusiasts with limited area on which to keep their animals can now be assured that nearby horses have tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). EIA, also referred to as "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever," is an incurable disease that can be carried by biting flies from infected equids (horses, mules, donkeys or asses) to "clean" animals. While most infected animals appear healthy, some may die from the virus. Other equids will develop chronic, recurring health problems, such as debilitating weight loss, fever, depression, weakness and swelling of the legs. There is no cure or approved vaccine for EIA, and treatment is limited to providing comfort to the sick animal. To combat the spread of EIA, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory authority, in response to citizen petitions, enacted a new regulation April 1, 2002, that requires equids to have had a negative blood test for EIA within the previous 12 months, if the animals are boarded, stabled or pastured within 200 yards of equids owned by another person.

"Concerned owners approached the TAHC commissioners several months ago with a petition, asking for this new regulation," commented Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director. "Because many horse owners in Texas have small plots of land, they wanted to be assured that their animals would not be near potentially

infected equids." Dr. Logan stressed that although EIA-infected equids do not spread the disease through close contact, biting flies can mechanically carry viral-laden blood from one to another. EIA does not affect humans or animals other than equids, she explained. "Owners may call the TAHC headquarters or their TAHC area office, to request assistance with this regulation," said Dr. Logan. "A TAHC representative will first ensure that the complainant's animals have up-to-date EIA test documents. Then, TAHC staff will canvass neighboring premises to gain compliance with the testing requirements." Dr. Logan said the TAHC has worked to control EIA for many years and Texas has had a dramatic decline in the viral infection since 1997, when more than 730 equids tested positive in Texas. Of the 250,000 equids tested in Texas in 2001, only 124 were infected, a drop which Dr. Logan credits to owner concern, more stringent testing requirements and a growing awareness of EIA.

Current TAHC regulations require equids to be test-negative for EIA within the previous 12 months, if they are hauled to assemblies, such as fairs, shows, exhibitions, rodeos or trail rides. The 12-month EIA test rule also applies to equidae undergoing a change of ownership or entering the state. EIA-positive equine are permanently identified with a "74A" on their left shoulder and must either be euthanized, sold to slaughter or provided to an approved research facility, or remain quarantined for life, at least 200 yards from other equidae.

FARM BILL PROGRESS HARD TO FIGURE

House Conferees submitted a new Conference proposal to their counterparts from the Senate Thursday in an effort to reinvigorate negotiations between the two sides.

The House proposal, which retreated slightly from some previously reported proposals, appears to stay within the confines of the current budget agreement and includes several interesting changes from their original legislation.

Among the more interesting points are a slight increase in loan rates and the addition of a partial yield update for growers who elect to update crop acreage bases.

Unfortunately, Senate Conferees led by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) did an apparent about-face on many issues including loan rates, payment limitations.

As a result the Senate counterproposal returned to provisions that would actually lead to less than current support for producers of crops such as cotton and rice. Low prices have made loan deficiency payments and generic certificates the only lifeline available to help them meet the minimum price supposedly guaranteed by the marketing loan program.

In the latest Senate counterproposal all of the apparent progress that had been made over the last couple of weeks to find a workable compromise appeared to have been tossed out the window.

Where the process goes from this point is a matter of speculation. House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest has pledged to continue to work to find that elusive middle-ground which will provide U.S. farmers and ranchers a dependable, market-driven safety-net. Whether or not Senate conferees have the same motivation is unclear and only time will tell what will happen.

For producers two key points still drive the need for completion of the Farm Bill effective in 2002.

The first point is that even though legislation authorizing supplemental assistance have been filed, automatic approval by Congress is not a given. Any supplemental assistance bill that is debated will no doubt face the same uphill battle for legitimacy that

is plaguing the Farm Bill.

The second point is that abandoning the effort to complete the legislation in favor of another band-aid fix creates serious budget implications for a Bill initiated with the 2003 crop.

The House Ag Committee leadership has not given up and will continue to fight for a Bill this year. It appears that negotiations and meetings will continue through the weekend and into next week.

PCG ELECTS '02 - '03 OFFICERS

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors came together April 5, 2002, to elect the organization's officers for the 2002-2003 growing season.

The PCG Board elected Mark Williams, of Farwell, Texas, as the organization's 23rd President.

Also elected to officer positions were Rickey Bearden of Plains, Texas, as Vice President and Mike Hughes of Lamesa as Secretary-Treasurer. PCG Bylaws limit terms of service for each officer position to two consecutive terms.

Also selected at the PCG Board of Directors meeting was the 2002-2003 Executive Committee.

The 25-county PCG service area was divided into three districts from which three individuals are eligible to serve on the PCG Executive Committee. Those members are selected by other Board members in their district and join the officer corps as members of the 2002-2003 PCG Executive Committee.

The following is a list of the 2002-2003 Executive Committee:

District 1: Kevin Riley, Castro Co.; James Brown, Bailey Co.; Dan B. Smith, Floyd Co.

District 2: Scott Harmon, Lubbock Co.; Craig Heinrich, Lubbock Co.; David Pearson, Lynn Co.

District 3: Shawn Holladay, Dawson Co.; Wesley Butcher, Gaines Co.; Russell Leland, Terry Co.

President: Mark Williams, Farwell.

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Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner
SUSAN COMBS

Coming from a big-time cattle state where steaks are revered and barbecue is practically its own food group, it may surprise you to note that Texas ranks first in goat meat production in the United States. We're home to some 1.25 million head of goats, and the market is wide open for Texas producers.

Goat meat is low in fat, which is one reason why demand has risen steadily since the late 1970s. Another reason for the growth comes from the diet preferences of recent immigrant populations. Globally speaking, goat meat is consumed in most countries throughout the world.

Demand for goat meat is expected to rise domestically with increasing familiarity and education. Folks prefer domestic goat meat to others when sampled, and the Texas Department of Agriculture recently teamed up with Ranchers' Lamb, a producer-owned lamb and goat slaughter plant in San Angelo, to promote Texas lamb and goat meat. We're targeting major Texas grocery store chains for cooking demonstrations and advertising.

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If you know of a child that qualifies for the program, please notify the principal of the school, Sonya Herrell, Motley County ISD, P.O. Box 310, Matador, TX 79244, at (806) 347-2676, for a registration form. Complete and return the registration form by May 23, 2002.

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