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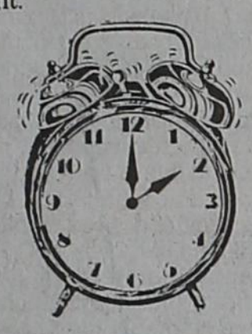


THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2004 ESTABLISHED 1891 ISSUE NO. 14

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Savings Time will officially begin at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, April 4.

Spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



29th annual Whiteflat Reunion set for Saturday

Whiteflat ex-students, former residents and local residents will meet this Saturday, April 3, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador for their 29th Annual Homecoming.

The building will be open by 9:00 a.m. and coffee will be ready for a morning of visiting before the covered dish lunch as 12:00 noon. A short business meeting will follow with this year's president, C.D. Garrison, presiding.

Friends are invited to join the fun and a special day of fellowship and reminiscing.

School Board meets in called meetings

Employees voice concerns, board accepts resignations, makes cutbacks

by Tina Brooks
School Board reporter

The Motley County School Board met March 25 in a called meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Denise Ford, Marsha Jeffcoat, Annette Hollinsworth, Jeanne Moore, Rosalee Davis, Kellie Martin, Melanie Parson, Judy Crowley, Cathy Simpson, and Rhonda McCleskey.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation.

During open forum Rosalee Davis discussed her concerns about the proposal to cut back staff in the Cafeteria.

Mrs. Davis explained that workers begin the day at 6:30 a.m. to prepare breakfast. It takes two workers to prepare breakfast and one begins to prepare lunch.

Mrs. Davis said that she helps as much as possible, but she also has the responsibility of pulling the breakfast and lunch tickets, monitoring children and writing the many reports required by the state.

Mrs. Davis noted that the Cafeteria had a surprise inspection that morning and received a score of 97, which is an excellent score and hard to obtain. She wanted the board to know that it takes all the workers doing their job to make the Cafeteria run well, be clean and serve good and nutritious meals.

Kellie Martin, also a Cafeteria worker, agreed with Mrs. Davis, but also added that even though we have an open campus we still have a lot of children in the Cafeteria. She asked that before a final decision was made that the board come and observe them during working hours and see what their jobs entail. She also stated that the inspection proves how hard they work to keep an excellent Cafeteria for the children at Motley County.

Another Cafeteria worker, Melanie Parson, stated that in the past workers had been cut and she feels they are already at the bare minimum. She feels the board does not know how hard they have to work to prepare quality meals. They are proud of the food they serve and the special items they prepare such as cinnamon rolls, and feels if a worker is cut the quality of the food and the special items for the kids will be cut also.

Rhonda McCleskey informed the board that she has substituted in the Cafeteria many times and stated that it is hard work. She feels that the children will not benefit from this and that the board needs to look at different areas to cut.

Mr. Copp commended Mrs. Davis and the Cafeteria staff for the grade of 97 on the health inspection. He said they work very hard and the grade proves that.

The board was also informed that the third grade passed 100% on the reading TAKS tests. The third grade should be commended for their hard work.

The board entered into executive session.

Out of executive session, upon recommendations from the Superintendent, Smith made a motion to implement a program change in Jr. High business staff and the library program. The motion was seconded by Brooks, with a vote of 7/0.

A motion was made by Elliott to direct the Superintendent to make recommendations in a reduction in force in the March 29 meeting. The motion was seconded by Stafford, with a vote of 7/0.

The Board met Monday, March 29 for a called meeting. All board members were present, in addition to Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilynn Hicks, Denise Ford, Kayla Guest, Walter Taylor and Judy Crowley.

The board entered into executive session.

Out of executive session, with recommendation from the Superintendent, the board voted not to continue the full time library position and Jr. High business programs. Motion by Brooks, seconded by Smith, and unanimous vote, 7/0.

On recommendation from the Principal, the board voted to extend the term contracts of the professional staff. Motion by Davey, seconded by Woolsey, and a vote of 7/0.

The board voted to extend the probationary contract of Marijon Pernell, from recommendation from the administration.

On recommendation from the Superintendent, for a look at staffing needs, the board did not re-new a coach probationary contract.

The board agreed to accept the resignations from Leslie Norris, Patricia Moore, Chelsea Read and Carol Hays.

Dedication slated for TeePee City markers

by Marisue Potts

On Saturday, April 17, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., two Texas Historical Comminssion markers will be officially dedicated at the Texas Department of Transportation roadside park, 10 miles east of Matador on U.S. 70. Special invited guests include descendents of the A.B. Cooper family, descendants of the Captain G.W. Arrington family, and the staff of the Matador Cattle Company.

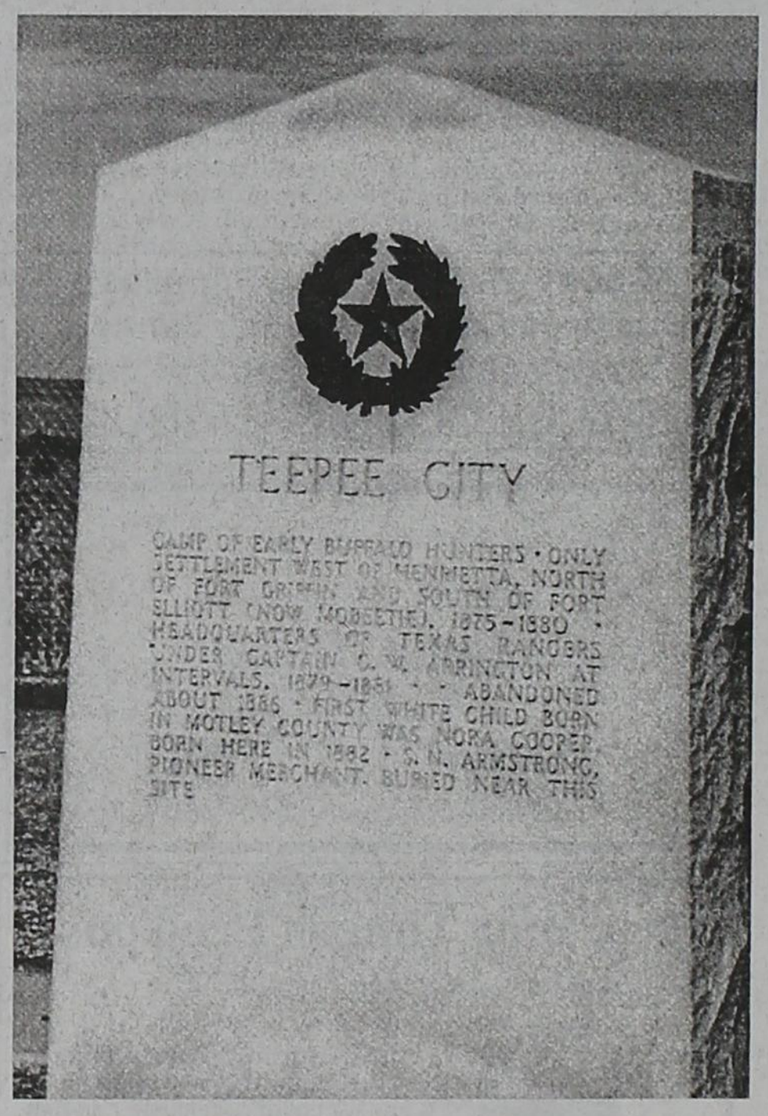
Immediately following the ceremony, a reception and history talk will be held at the Motley County Library in Matador. Alvin Lynn of Amarillo will trace the interplay between the buffalo hunters' outposts of TeePee City, the hunters, and the Rath and Reynolds Trail.

Lynn is a retired geologist who serves at a Texas Archaeologist Steward for the Panhandle region and has done extensive research and work on buffalo hunters camps. A popular speaker, he has previously shared his interest of the Red River Wars to a standing room only audience at the library. An added bonus to his talk is a display about buffalo hunters that is expected from the Texas Parks &Wildlife Department.

One of the markers to be singled out is a 1936 centennial marker made of granite, previously located on the Matador Cattle Company property along TeePee Creek. Since that land is closed to the public, relocation of the marker is a way of sharing the history of the area with those pausing at the park. The other is a new marker, explaining that the first marker has been relocated, with additional information about the era. Each marker is well situated on a knoll looking towards the site of the early day settlements.

The Motley County Historical Commission extends thanks to Bob Kilmer of the Matador Cattle Company, Douglas Campbell of the Texas Department of Transportation, the Motley County Commissioners Court, and the Motley County Library for their assistance in this project.

Everyone is invited out to the roadside park and to the program and reception at the Library in Matador.



TEEPEE CITY HISTORICAL MARKER — "Camp of early Buffalo hunters ..." A celebration of the relocation and dedication of the historical markers will be held April 17.

Former Whiteflat residents recall making it through snow blizzard in 1940

by Earlyne Jameson

The time, the place and the people might be gone, but the recollection of those days are never really lost if they stay a part of our memory. Such was a snow blizzard in 1940 in Whiteflat. It was a record breaking unexpected snow driven by high winds which blocked roads and drifts reported as high as 13 feet in places.

The day, Friday February 16, started out mild. School buzzed with its usual activities until after lunch. A storm howling out of the north made a quick appearance and continued unabated until Saturday night. Some parents began coming, a few at a time to pick up their children at the Whiteflat School as there were no telephones. They let younger students out early and a bus loaded with those living east of Whiteflat started the route. The bus was unable to travel any farther than the Sherman McCary Store at Four Corners.

Dorothy Cox remembers staying overnight with the McCary family and her father, Luther Cox coming after her the next day in a wagon.

Clovis Murphy came in car to the school for his daughters, Laverna and Mary. Their car got stalled before reaching home and he dragged them by hand through snow drifts before reaching their home.

Mary said the snow was up to the roof of their barn.

Emitt Fisher, in a car, came after his sons, Alvin and Eugene and neighbor boys, C.D. and Alvin Garrison. Confronted with a snow drift in the road by Levi Wilkinson land, they had no choice but to start home on foot. C.D. said they walked over five wire fences and 4 1/2 foot snow banks.

The junior and senior classes at the Whiteflat School attended Matador High School. The Barton and Whiteflat school buses coming from Matador around 3 p.m. came to a stop in

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Roaring Springs City Council meets

The Roaring Springs City County met in regular session, February 9, in City Hall. Those attending were Mayor Corky Marshall; council members, Alex Crowder, Timmy Brooks, Kelly Keltz, Patricia Green; Water Manager, Robert Osborn; City Secretary, Zella Palmer; Karen Allison and Darla Gwinn.

Karen Allison, representative of Grant Works, answered questions about a Home Improvement Grant. Council voted unanimously to pass resolutions authorizing Grant Works to begin paper work for the Grant.

Darla Gwinn, representing Motley Mill and Cube, explained the Bio-diesel fuel, which their company is planning to produce. The fuel will be made from cotton seed and used in diesel equipment. The city will support the plant 100%.

Minutes from the January 12 regular meeting were approved. The financial statement was approved and bills were approved to be paid as presented.

Mayor Marshall called for an election to be held on May 15, 2004, to elect one (2 year term) Mayor; and two (2 year terms) Council members.

Council discussed playground equipment for the City

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Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor Easter Egg Hunt

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 10, at 2:00 P.M. at the Roaring Springs Community Center. All children, from toddlers to eleven years old, are invited to participate.

Children need to bring only a basket to put their eggs in. The Volunteers will furnish the Easter eggs. Two lucky children will have a chance to win a prize bunny.

First Baptist Church to present special Easter service

Music Evangelist, Allison Ware, of Allen, Texas, will present a special Easter Service at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Sunday, April 11. Mrs. Ware will lead the congregation in praise and worship and will present a mini-concert.

Mrs. Ware has ministered in music evangelism for 26 years with her husband, Connie and their sons. "After my husband went home to be with the Lord in 2000, God made it clear to me that I'm to continue serving Him in a traveling ministry of music to churches and ministry to women"

George Mosier, Pastor, Pleasant Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, said, "Let me assure you, Allison 'on her own' burns a very strong light. Allison's range is immense, her voice strong; her personal charm leaves the platform and visits each person. Her beautiful voice shows years of training. Her witness shows countless times of sharing Christ."

Mrs. Ware, a graduate of Baylor University, has ministered in over 1,400 church commitments throughout the United States - revivals, retreats, concerts, conferences, banquets, music and family revivals. She has also done mission work in Jamaica, Brazil, England and Australia.

Rev. Jack Boggs extends an invitation to everyone to attend this special Easter service, which will begin at 11:00 a.m.



IT'S APRIL FOOL'S DAY! The origin of April Fool's Day remains clouded in obscurity. Basically no one knows exactly where, when, or why the celebration began. What we do know is that references to 'All Fool's Day' (as it was first called) began to appear in Europe during the late Middle Ages. All Fool's Day was a folk celebration and elite participation in it appears to have been minimal (which is why it's so difficult to trace the exact origin of the day, because the people celebrating it back then weren't the kind of people who kept records of what they did). But what is clear is that the tradition of a day devoted to foolery had ancient roots.

Every April Fool's Day the ritual is the same. Outrageously false stories - issued by a variety of sources such as corporations, journalists and politicians appear in the media. The challenge for all of us is to sort out the April Foolery from the weird stuff that's actually true. Listed below are some claims that have been made in the media. Some were April Fool's Day jokes, the others were real news stories. Can you tell the difference between the two. Answer each question and look on page 6 for the answers.

1. Don't Disturb the Squirrels: In 1993 city officials in Cologne, Germany imposed a new regulation on people jogging through the city park. Runners were requested to pace themselves to go no faster than six mph. Any faster, the city officials cautioned, could disturb the squirrels who were in the middle of their mating season.

— True — April Fools

2. Corporate Tattoos: The Pepsi-Cola Company, in search of more innovative ways to reach out to young consumers, once experimented with offering teenagers an intriguing deal. The company sponsored teenagers to tattoo themselves with its corporate logo. In return for permanently branding themselves, the teenagers received a lifetime 10% discount on the company's products. Teenagers were said to have responded enthusiastically to the offer.

— True — April Fools

3. Crustless Bread: For those who just can't stand the taste of crusts, and are too lazy to cut them off themselves, Sara Lee introduced in 2002 the ultimate in convenience - crustless bread. Available in stores everywhere?

— True — April Fools

4. Pet Tax: The city of Philadelphia, faced with a looming budget shortfall, last year announced a new tax targeted at pet owners. The owners will be charged a base fee of $10 per pet, and then $1 extra for every additional pound the pet weighs over ten pounds. Failure to pay the tax could result in the euthanization of the pet.

— True — April Fools

5. Chicken Manure-Powered Electrical Plant: In 1991 Mitsubishi Bank contacted venture capitalists about an exciting new investment opportunity: Fibropower, 14-megawatt generating plant fueled entirely by chicken poop. Finally, the investment prospectus boasted, a way to put unwanted chicken manure to good use.

— True — April Fools

6: Prehistoric Penguin Murals: In 1991 prehistoric murals were discovered on the walls of an underwater cave in eastern France revealing that penguins and man once lived side-by-side in that region. Historians, accustomed to seeing prehistoric depictions of animals such as bison and deer, were extremely surprised to find the penguins.

— True — April Fools

7. Bank Teller Fees: In 1999 a Connecticut-based ban announced that due to rising costs it would be forced to charge a $5 fee every time a customer visited a live teller. The bank promised that the fee would actually help to improve the quality of customer service.

— True — April Fools

8. The Tooth Telephone: Engineers recently unveiled the world's first tooth telephone, perfect for those who want to talk hands-free while on the go. When implanted into a tooth, the tiny device vibrates to let the user know there's a call. Users speak normally, and the tiny microphone picks up their voice. Incoming sounds are transferred to the inner ear by means of bone resonance.

— True — April Fools

Lifestyles

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

"A lie can travel around the world while the truth is just putting on its shoes."

— Mark Twain

Pretty soon it will be time to think about presents for a variety of occasions -- Mother's Day, graduations and weddings come to mind. And the Chamber offers a solution that can make your planning easier and help your community at the same time.

Motley County Bucks.

Motley County Bucks are gift certificates, but they are not certificates for any particular store. Almost all the businesses in the county accept them. The Bucks can be purchased in any amount you choose over $5.00, and the recipients can use them as they would cash. You are saved the need to plan the right gift, purchase it in time, wrap it and send it off, (not to mention the postage you save), and it cannot get broken in transit.

Why does it help your community? Well, Motley County Bucks help the businesses located in the county. Of course we all go shopping in surrounding communities from time to time, but our lives here would be ever so much more difficult if we did not have our local businesses. We cannot go driving 30 miles or more every time we need some lettuce or some envelopes, not to mention gas or someone to fix a flat tire. So money spent in the community helps the community in the long run by supporting the number and variety of businesses, not just the business where the purchase is made.

Motley County Bucks can be purchased by mail from the Chamber office. Just send your request with a check for the desired amount to the Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 788, Matador, TX, 79244, and they will be mailed back to you (don't forget your return address). They can also be purchased in person from the Chamber office in the Museum, from the First State Bank on Main Street in Matador, or from Penny Pipkin.

Whiteflat

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Whiteflat and a majority of the students lived in the rural areas.

France Barton met his sister, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton in Whiteflat and when trying to reach their home in Flomot, due to an embankment of snow on the highway just past the Malcolm Jameson home, they had to abandon their vehicle and spend the night at the Jameson's home. Others staying there were Jodie and Skeet Jameson. They rode on a large black workhorse of Mr. Jameson's on the five and half mile trip to home east of Whiteflat two days later.

Visitors at the Tom Spary home were nephews, Norman and Melvin Spray. Tom was the janitor at the school and had the chore of keeping wood and coal stoves burning for students who stayed at the school. Those that joined Doris Stephens and friends at her home across from the schoolhouse and played board, card and domino games all night were Luther Green, W.O. and L.M. Cox, Bascom Murphy, John Morris, Thomas Bourland and Guy Kimbell, Jr. Luther remarked they had fun and good eating and he was not happy about going home to look after farm animals in this weather.

Horses were the main transportation during the blizzard. Thomas Bourland borrowed a horse from Jess Perkins to get home. He said the horse would fall every few minutes the farther they traveled as snow was up to the horse's belly. He finally had to get off and lead the horse as he knew livestock needed to be fed. Ernest McWilliams came on horseback for his daughters, Ernestine and Annette.

Carl Cooper rode a horse, leading another behind into Matador for Dr. A.C. Traweek, Sr. who returned with him to Whiteflat as his son, Kerry Wayne had diptheria. Because of good medical treatment and dedication to mankind of Dr. Traweek, Kerry Wayne survived this serious illness.

Minnie K. Stephens, brother, H.A. and friend, Oneita Kimbell stayed with her sister and husband, Nora Belle and Bill Dunning. Minnie, John Morris and Guy Kimbell, Jr. trudged to their homes wading in waist and thigh high drifts. Gene Sawyer, grandson of Hudson's, brought H.A. home on horseback, Sunday.

Dorothy Morris and brothers, Brown and Jimmy stayed with their aunt, Mrs. Ida Morris and children at the Post Office. Willina Wilkinson had friends at her home and June Barton visited with Johnnie Belle Willis at the Dixon home. Frances and Dorothy Jean Casey visited overnight with Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Acker and their father, F.M. Casey came after them in a wagon. Ruth Jameson was sheltered in the home of her sister and husband Beatrice and Peg Spray.

Pansy Spary told of the many business establishments in Whiteflat during 1940. The Ed Jameson Garage, Blacksmith and trucking (Alfred Watson and Weldon Bailey drove his trucks), Acker Mercantile, Higginbotham Service Station and Cafe (men played dominoes in a room there), Lynch Store, Preston Spray Garage and gas dealership, Post Office and Pansy's Cafe that had a thriving business with her good hamburgers. Two teachers in the Whiteflat School (1st to Soph) were Supt. C1G. Rankin and Troy Perkins. Baptist minister J.J. Terry's car was invisible in a snow drift.

People helped one another, getting them to safety, digging out cars and homes, feeding and clothing those trapped away from home. There is a residual sense of having lived through a historical event together. They may not have made this bit of natural history, but those in Whiteflat certainly shared it!

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When reading past issues of Matador Tribune in 1940, Old Man Winter held the stage for an extended season in 1940 as reported by editor, Ben Meador.

A snow blizzard hit area Jan. 18, snow and mercury fell near zero Jan. 24; Worst Blizzard in Two Decades reported Feb. 16 and Winter Came Back With An Encore April 11.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Matador, Saturday, April 3, beginning at 7:00 a.m.

All men of the community are invited to attend.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donation that the library received from Rita Groves last week. We thank her for the memorials for Rick Futrell, Marie Moore, and Omar Parks.

New books in the library include Through Time and the Valley by John R. Erickson of Hank the Cowdog fame. This book relates the history of the settlement and civilization of the Canadian River Valley and the events that took place in and around the Canadian River and points beyond.

The library has a copy of a Dr. Seuss book for adults - You're Only Old Once! We also offer a bunch of different "Chicken Soup...." books, including Chicken Soup for the Dog and Cat Lovers' Soul.

Pivots & Divots

by Mary

The Ladies Golf Association will begin the 2004 season on Thursday, April 8, with a luncheon at Billie Dean's at 12:00 noon. We will begin play that afternoon with Most Bogies on Even Holes.

Also, Play Yourself begins! We invite all ladies of Roaring Springs Ranch Club who are interested to join us. There will be two groups of golfers each Thursday - 18 hole play will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 9 hole play will begin at 5:00 p.m. We are looking forward to a fun season for all.

Newlyweds honored with shower, party

Dayton and Brittany (McAdams) Grundy of Taylor, Arkansas were honored with a Bridal Shower Saturday afternoon, March 13, in the home of Marihelen Wason. Assisting Mrs. Wason with hostess duties were Brenda Osborn, Shane Jones, Kellie Martin, D'anna Russell, Jessie Mae Brown, Debra Scott, Glenda Williams, Judy Renfro, Brenda Cruse and Rex Hamilton of Morton.

Brenda served punch from a crystal bowl flanked by a unique birdhouse. Guests were served dips and chips, vegetables, fruit pizza and sweets.

Those attending from out of town included Janet Brazzell, mother of the bride, Imagene Sweet, grandmother of Taylor, Ark., Bobbie McAdams and Margaret McAdams of Magnolia, Ark., grandmother and aunt of the bride. Also attending were guests and relatives from Lubbock, Lorenzo, Childress, Paducah, Snyder, Dumont and Floydada.

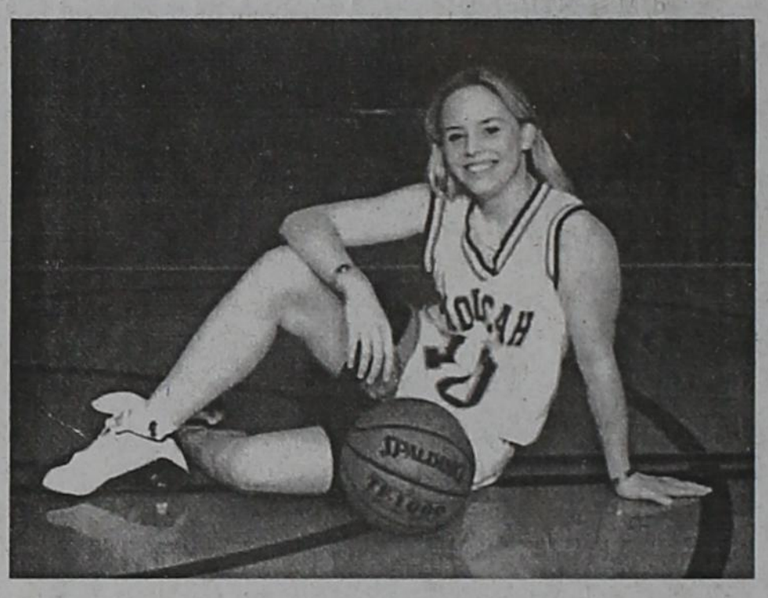
The Brady Barn in Dumont was the setting for a Brisket-Wild Hog, with all the trimmings, Buffet and Barn Dance honoring the couple, later that same evening.

Guests were seated at tables covered with checked clothes and napkins, pot plants, ivy and pictures of the bride and groom in earlier years. Hundreds of strands of clear lights made for a festive mood.

Local talent Lee Smith, Pat Seigler and other band members provided good music for young and old.

Approximately 100 guests attended the party which was hosted by family members and friends.

Special guests included the bride's mother and grandmother of Taylor, Ark.



Shanai Slover, Paducah High School freshman, was recently chosen Newcomer of the Year.

Granddaughter selected Newcomer of the Year

Shanai Slover, granddaughter of Bundy and Lucretia Campbell of Matador and Roy Grundy of Quitaque, was recently selected as Varsity "Newcomer of the Year" in District 6-1A Basketball. Shanai is a freshman at Paducah High School. The district consist of teams from Knox City, Munday, Crowell and Paducah. The Lady Dragons are coached by Amy Bowles.

Shanai is also active in Cross Country, Volleyball, Track and Golf and is an A student.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Laura Slover of Paducah.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

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

I want to ask you for some of your time. That is right. Would you give some of your time during the week of April 18th through the 21st. Why? Because we of the Matador Church of Christ are a part of this community. And because we are, we have planned that special time for a series of Bible based lessons that will benefit all of us.

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

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

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Motley County Class of 2004!





AMANDA JANE HURT

Name: Amanda Jane Hurt
Age: 18
Nickname: Mom
Parents: Kate & Tommy Hurt
Brothers & Sisters: Tommy Hurt.
Birthday: October 28, 1985
Birthplace: Plainview, TX
Favorites:
Song: Here Without You & Tuesdays Gone.
Movie: Saving Private Ryan & Tombstone.
Book: Band of Brothers
Sport: Tennis
Color: Yellow
Food: Chinese
Musical Group: 3 Doors Down & Lynard Skynard.
Teacher (K-12): Who &Why: Coach Ridgley, because he encouraged me to get interested in history.
Subject (Why?): History, because I love to learn about what the people before us did to form our country.
Best Advice ever received & from whom?: If it comes down to it, sometimes you need to listen to your heart instead of your head; Given to me by a good friend.
The person I have admired most in my life & why?: My mom, because she puts up with a lot and never complains and she is always there for me no matter what.
Best memory of school: The road trip, the cooler and all the times at the burr kill.
Activities: FFA, yearbook, varsity mascot, tennis.
Special Awards: Lions Club Queen, Tennis MVP, Journalism Award, Miss MCHS.
Worst habit: biting my nails and asking to many questions.
Hobbies: Playing tennis, journalism and hanging out with my friends.
Favorite pastime: Taking road trips and sitting at Martha and Smitty's.
Two words that best describe me: Optimistic, fun.
Words of wisdom to the underclassmen: Don't take anything or anyone for granted and have fun because it doesn't last long.
Plans after graduation: Attend SPC and get my degree in journalism and become a successful journalist.

SAMUEL JAMES STAPLETON

Name: Samuel James Stapleton.
Age: 18
Nickname: Samo Slago
Parents: Greg Stapleton
Birthday: September 16, 1985
Birthplace: Salinas, CA
Favorites:
Song: In the End
Movie: Lord of the Rings series.
Book: Green Eggs & Ham
Sport: Track
Color: Aqua
Food: Pizza
Musical group: Linkin Park
Teacher (K-12) Who & Why: Mr. Cooper, because he is cool.
Subject (Why): Ag, because I get to work on projects.
Best Advice ever received & from whom?: Don't take life to serious, you'll never get out alive.
The person I have admired most in my life & why?: My Dad because he's always been there no matter what.
Best memory of school: "Hey let me show you something," Lorenzo's birthday and Quitaque.
Activities: Football, track, baseball, FFA.
Special Awards: MVP track.
Worst habit: Popping my knuckles.
Hobbies: Hunting.
Favorite pastime: Watching movies.
Two words that best describe me: Consistent, out-going.
Words of wisdom to the underclassmen: Have fun while it lasts!
Plans after graduation: Go to a technical school.

FFA taking orders for Easter hams

The Motley County FFA Chapter is selling mesquite smoked Easter hams as a fund raiser. The hams will be fully cooked and delivered to your door on Wednesday, April 7th. The hams will weigh about 16 pounds after cooking and are perfect for the family gatherings. Cost is $40.00 each. Call Jim Cooper at 347-2852 or 347-2338 to reserve yours.

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THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —

Kid's Praise to be held April 7th

Kid's Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, March 3, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. All children of the community, 3 years through 6th grade are invited to attend.

Songs, crafts, a Bible story and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Kid's Praise is sponsored by the Women on Missions of the Church's WMU.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, APRIL 5
Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, or, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Spanish Rice, Salad, Tortilla Chips, Peaches, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Turkey Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Crackers, Sherbert, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8
Breakfast: Pancake, Syrup, Sausage, or, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Dessert, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

NO SCHOOL!!!

North American Youth Sports Annual Spring Basketball Tournament still has openings

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they still have openings in their annual spring youth basketball tournament in the Lubbock, Texas area at Brownfield High School on May 21-23, 2004.

This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.

The entry fee for this tournament is $90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

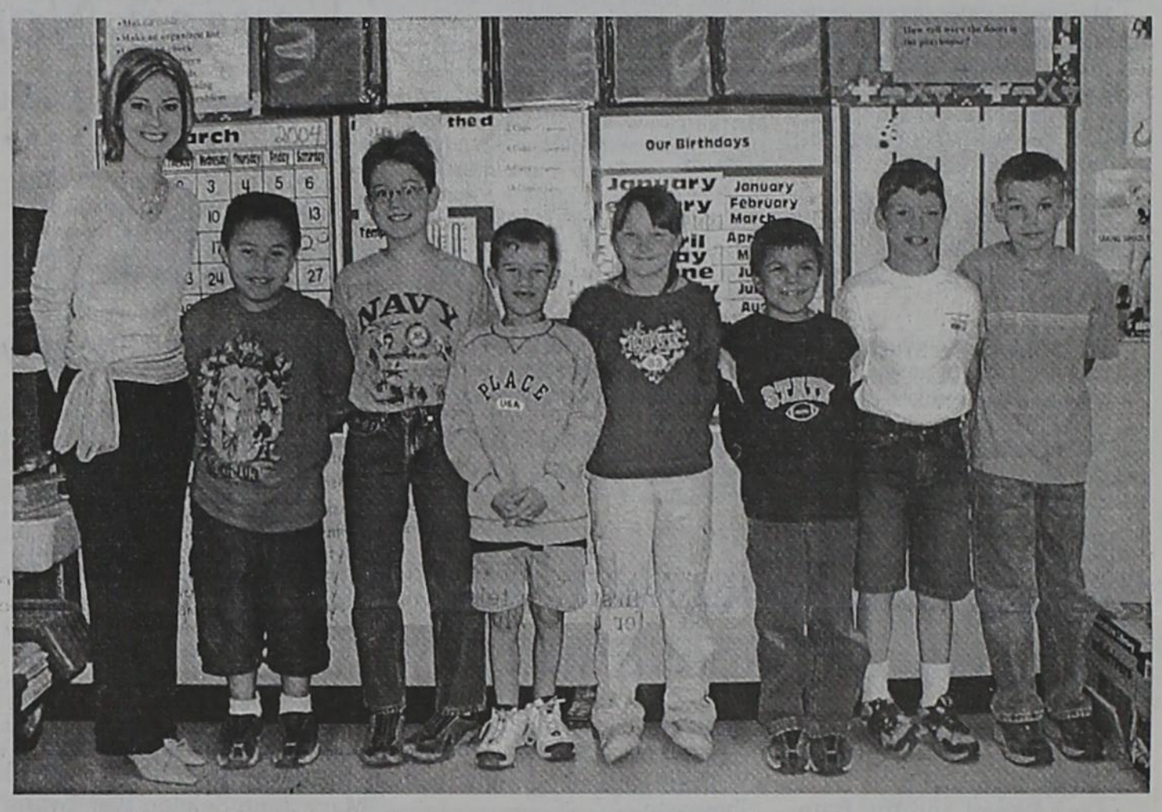
The entry deadline is April 30, 2004.

For additional information or an entry form, please call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Matthew Neighbors at 806-637-4523.

SHOP AT HOME!



MOTLEY COUNTY ONE ACT PLAY CAST & CREW, pictured left to right, Brittany Moore, Angie Marvel, Stachia Baxter, Charli Ream, Quinten Rose (back), Kittie Campbell, Amanda Hurt, Mandi Ream, and Lorenzo Salazar (in front). The cast performed the play "Just Another Day" for the public Monday night. They performed in contest for Area competition at Jayton, Tuesday, and received fourth place. Stachia Baxter was named to the All-Star Cast and Kittie Campbell received Honorable Mention All-Star.



100% PASSED! Motley County third grade students who took the TAKS test in March all passed. Teacher for these successful students is Leslie Norris. As a part of No Child Left Behind legislation, students are required to pass this test in order to continue to the next grade in school. One student, Hance Davey, received a Commended Performance score. He missed only two questions on the test. Pictured left to right are Miss Leslie Norris, Dominique Quilimaco, Neal Potts, Hance Davey, Taylor Tomlinson, Juan Flores, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

Summer Baseball sign-up to begin

Sign-up for the MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) Summer Baseball program will begin soon.

All children, ages 4 through 12th grade are invited and encouraged to participate. Four-year-olds must turn four before September 1, 2004.

Sign-up forms will be available at school or by contacting Tammy Simpson at 347-2202 and must be turned in no later than APRIL 15th.

Leagues will be as follows:
Age 4 - 2nd grade: T-Ball
Grades 3-6: Minor League
Grades 7-12: Major League
Join in the fun! Sign-up for baseball before it's too late!

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, words of concern and especially your prayers during my illness, hospitalization and since my return home. I appreciate your kindness.

Billie Dean Smith

Words cannot express my appreciation for all the kindness shown my family and me during the two times I was in the hospital and my recovery at home. The food was wonderful and such a help. Thanks also for the flowers, visits, cards, calls and especially your prayers. God bless you.

Chelsea Read

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Visiting Joyce Smith for the weekend were her daughter, Michelle Smith and her friends, Mavon Wall, Leslie Grisham, Andrea Madison, and Angie Hubbard, all school teachers from Barbara Bush Middle School, Dallas.

The Ladies' Bible group met in the orchard of Ken Young for their meeting on Monday morning, March 22. There were 21 ladies present. Mrs. P.K. Green reviewed the book Station of the Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Goss of Missouri, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman drove Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock last week where she received treatment for her eye. They drove her to Floydada on Friday to keep a doctor appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Lumsden this past week.

Matador News

Mrs. Ken (Kay) Dunnam and daughter, Kourtney of Amarillo, accompanied their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Juanita Cooper to Granbury Thursday, March 18, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Pat) Minton. Also visiting the Mintons were their daughters and children, Mrs. Ben (Cheryl) Rockwell, Elizabeth and Andrew of San Antonio and Mrs. Matt (Carol) Cooper, Jack and Ella of Quarters, VA. They all returned to their respective homes on Saturday, March 20.

Jack Samford, his sister Mrs. Nina Barton and Mrs. Juanita Cooper attended funeral services on Monday, March 22 in Hamlin for Charles Wesbrooks. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene. He was a brother-in-law to Jack and Nina.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Jack Samford visited in Plainview Saturday, March 27 with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunnam. They were joined by Mrs. Cooper's daughter and son-in-law, Ken and Kay Dunnam of Amarillo to celebrate Kay's birthday.

Edna Ruth Green has been to Austin, Cedar Park, Dallas and Whiteface, visiting her children and grandchildren during their school's spring break.

ATTEND TFWC SPRING CONVENTION

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited overnight Friday in Lubbock. Saturday, Wilda attended the Texas Federation Womens Club Caprock District Spring Convention. It was held at the Ashmore Inn in Lubbock. Wilda was installed as first vice president of the Caprock Federation for two years. Also attending was Mrs. Bradley (Mindy) Jameson.

En route home, they visited in Idalou with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whitefield.

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Natalie Jameson, 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeromy Jameson, suffered an injury Saturday when riding a horse at the home of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Cindy Jeffers in Plainview. She was conveyed to Convenant Medical Center in Lubbock where she had surgery on her arm.

Last Friday, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon made a trip that included Mrs. Hester visiting in Forest Hill with niece, Mrs. Jannice Whitaker. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon visited in Rowlett with nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon and Chance and their guests, his mother and husband, Jerry Ann and Bruce Card of McKinny. En route home, Monday they visited in Graham with Mr. and Mrs. Walt Marshall. Mrs. Hester returned to Lovington, Tuesday.

Tim Ward, following a horse accident Saturday, was a patient at Convenant Medical Center in Lubbock with a broken pelvis and other injuries.

L.B. (Bundy) Campbell is under medical treatment in Crosbyton for pneumonia.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Through the May.... just become very smug, and say bah or humbug, or want to pull the plug, even the biggest lug has to feel his heart tug each time he gets a hug.

ATTEND MEETING

Trula and Wilburn Martin visited Saturday and Sunday in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Saturday night they attended a Texhoma Federal Credit Union dinner and meeting. It was held at the Frank Phillips College cafeteria. Trula and Marilee each won twenty five dollars at the drawings. Before returning home, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper in Borger.

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Attending the funeral services of Mrs. Amy Merritt Tuesday morning held at the United Methodist Church in Morton were Wilburn Martin, Mrs. Kathy Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Waydetta and Ronald Clay. Kathy and Waydetta were featured vocalists at the services.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was hospitalized from Wednesday until Saturday at Mangold Hospital in Lockney. With her during hospitalization were sons, Jack and Johnie Starkey.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Leona Degan, Sunday were Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound, Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Kalagary, Crystal and Dane Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton, Jimmy and Shay McDaniel and Seth of Lubbock and Mrs. Mildred Chandler of Plainview.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited overnight Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her a medical appointment. They visited in Canyon with son, Michael Starkey.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter and mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin were in Plainview, Monday to celebrate Geneva's birthday with lunch and entertainment.

Dustin Reed of Lubbock is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and uncle, Glen Calvert.

Mrs. Alma Shorter is a patient at newstime at Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was accompanied Friday and is under medical treatment for pneumonia.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers, Sunday were Dane, Crystal, Kyler and Kason Degan of Crosbyton, Mimmy, Shay, and Seth McDaniel of Lubbock, Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks during the weekend were son and family, Amy and Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock. Also visiting were Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot.

Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director

Hello — remember the Bake Sale coming up April 10 in front of the Library, then on the 24th of April the Volunteers' appreciation Spaghetti Supper.

The Center has received memorial donations from Ellis and Leona Terry and Ray and Don Baxter in memory of Billy Ray Webb. Mary E. Pitts gave a memorial donation in memory of Douglas E. Pitts, Jr., Norman M. Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Pitts, Sr., Don P. Keith, Ruth Latimer and Bodie Keith in memory of Cecil and D.P. Keith. Thank you all so very much.

Building Fund donations have been received from Steve and Joanne Stevens in honor of Winifred Darsey; Harry and Fran Campbell, Garland and Shirley Rattan, Norman and Mary Jane Seigler, Kay Lynn and Charles Cammack, Andy and Gay Green, H.L. Willett, James Fish, Rosemary Anderson, Bob L. Stafford, M.D. and Zelda Payne. Thank you all so much.

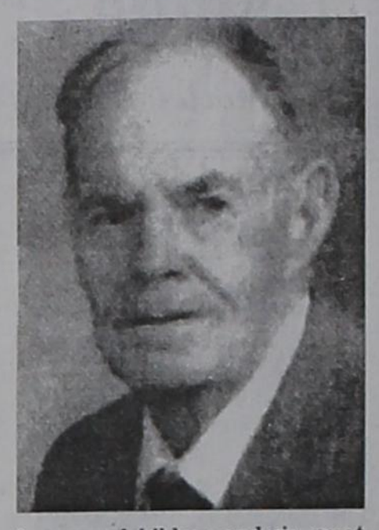
We are still waiting for the Government portion of the funds for the building extension. They have indicated that the Grant is being finalized and funds should be provided in time for construction to begin about June 1. The plans and specifications are completed. Construction should only take about two months. We are looking forward to having the work completed this summer. We have now received donations and memorials which will cover our matching funds for the building addition. We want to express our sincere appreciation for these generous gifts. We still want to encourage donations so that we can replace the old tables and the hard chairs with something more presentable and comfortable.

Remember the exercises on Monday, Wednesday, Friday; and the Armchair Exercises on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. It's lots of fun and good for you! We also have computers available for you to use.

The Center is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See you at the Center.

Obituaries

Turner Randall Hunter



Turner Randall Hunter, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, departed this live on Monday, March 22, 2004, at the age of 86 years.

He was born on February 25, 1918, in Paris, Texas to Sam David and Edna Turner Hunter. He graduated from high school in Roaring Springs in 1935 and attended VA school. He married Sarah Eilon Campbell on April 7, 1940 in Jayton. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He moved to McCoy Community in Floyd County from Afton in 1949. He farmed for many years in the McCoy Community. Following retirement he was a grounds keeper at Lighthouse Electric. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Doris Thacker.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sarah E. Hunter of Floydada; one son, Larry D. Hunter and wife Ruth Ann of Lubbock; one daughter, Barbara McCormick of Lubbock; two brothers, Sam Hunter of Iowa Park and John Hunter of Lubbock; one sister, Faye Chastain of Snyder; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at First Methodist Church with Dr. David Jones officiating. Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Amy Bynum Merritt

Funeral services for Amy Bynum Merritt, 94, of Morton, former Flomot resident, were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Morton. Burial was in the Cochron County Cemetery.

Mrs. Merritt died Sunday, March 21, 2004.

She was born December 30, 1909, in Elida, N.M. and her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Bynum. As a young child, she and her family moved to Flomot and she attended Flomot Schools. She married Ralph Merritt in 1926 in Matador. He preceded her in death in 1972. They moved from Flomot to Morton in 1946. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church in Morton.

After the death of Mr. Merrit's parents, his young sisters, Lois and Irene Merritt resided with them.

Mrs. Merritt was preceded in death by two sons, Weldon Merritt in 2000 and Dacra Merritt in 2003; two brothers and two sisters and sister in law, Lois Daugherty.

She is survived by one son, Ervin Merritt of Grandbury; sister in law, Irene Morris of Tulia; six grandsons and ten great-grandchildren.

Billy Ray Webb

Graveside rites for Billy Ray Webb, 71, of Lubbock were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Bennie Goss, of Littlefield. Arrangements are under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Webb died late Wednesday, March 24, at his home near Lubbock.

He was born May 13, 1932, in Motley County. He served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict, and had been a resident of Lubbock since 1962. He was married to Rosemary Shanks on May 9, 1959, at Levelland, Texas. He worked for the Lubbock County Sheriffs Office for several years, and later as a barber.

He is survived by his wife, one son: Billy Ray Webb, Jr. of Lubbock; three daughters: Janet Forbus of Itaska, Janelle Hodges of Lubbock and Mary Fehr of Wolforth; four sisters: Nell Berryman of Matador, Karen Bumpus of Henrietta, Betty Stone of Amarillo and Lucille Sunvick of Everett, Washington; and four grandchildren.

Turkey Jamboree will feature area talent Saturday

The performers for the Turkey Jamboree to be held Saturday night, April 3, are:

Euel Daniel and the Rambling Rascals of Amarillo; Jackie and Ruby Dewbre of Crosbyton; Henry and Doris Baker with a tribute to Bob Wills; and The House Band, THE TURKEY GEMS.

There will also be a Talent Showcase.

Admission is free! Door prizes! Food for sale beginning at 6:00 p.m. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Roaring Springs City Council

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Park, and voted unanimously to purchase a Challenger and Swing set.

Robert Osborn reported that he had been asked to remove trees on City property. Council made a decision not to remove the trees, but to trim the trees.

The Council met March 8 for their regular meeting with a short agenda.

Dianne Washington, Certified Public Accountant for the City, presented an audit report for fiscal year 1999-2000.

Minutes from the February 9 meeting were approved. The financial report was approved and bills were approved to be paid.

Council voted unanimously to purchase a paper shredder.

The Council met in special session March 23.

Michael Adams, Engineer with OJD Engineering, presented a Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Bid Tabulation. Bids for the Sewer Plant were let March 19. Morton Irrigation, L. Howard Construction, and Triple L Utilities, presented bids. Mr. Adams explained the bids and the work to be done on the plant. Council voted unanimously to award the bid to Morton Irrigation.

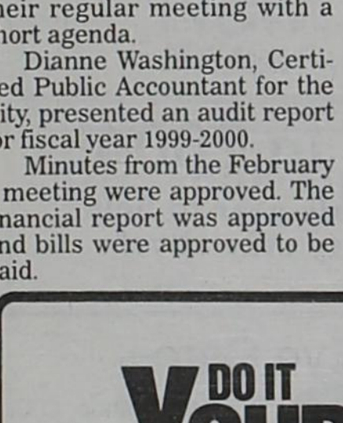
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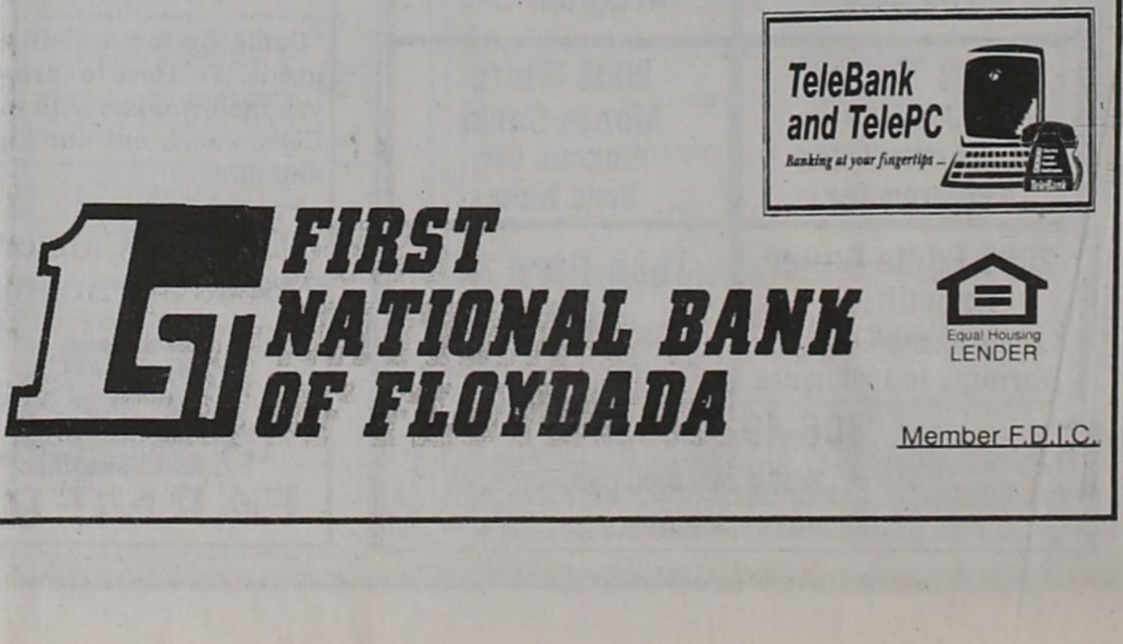
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by John Bird,
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You can view the Texas Farm Service Agency website with the following address: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx/Defaultx.asp

GRAZING OF CRP

All livestock should have been pulled off of CRP by March 1. Grazing of CRP is not allowed during the primary nesting season which is March 1 through June 30.

EQIP DEADLINE

The deadline to sign up for EQIP is April 16. This year's concerns for Motley County are erosion control and plant health/brush encroachment. Eligible practices for erosion control will be range seeding and planting cropland to grass. Practices for plant health are mechanical brush control, raking, range seeding, pasture planting, and mechanical raking. Please call the NRCS for more information or to make an appointment to sign up.

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"Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?" Job 38: 25-27

USDA Rural Development tackles rural issues

Temple, Texas - Bryan Daniel, State Director for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development recently returned to Texas from Washington, D.C., where he participated in a series of high level rural economic and community development meetings with key White House, Congressional, and USDA officials. The meetings focused on ways to support rural job creation, home ownership, business development, and public utility and community infrastructure needs in rural Texas.

Daniel said "USDA Rural Development will concentrate on providing staff resources and financial assistance in key areas to continue economic growth, job creation and provide support for rural families in Texas." To accomplish this, USDA Rural Development will: 1) utilize USDA Rural Development funds and partnership financing to increase the level of rural home ownership; 2) promote, through business and industry loan guarantees, value-added agricultural grants, and other programs, expansion of local of business ventures and job creation and 3) expand community access to information technology for business development and advanced health and educational services by building technology infrastructure.

USDA Rural Development seeks to support local efforts by providing financing to create housing, business development, and essential community facilities. In FY 2003, more than $280 million were invested into rural Texas.

"USDA Rural Development programs deliver the tools needed to help develop vibrant, sustainable communities for you and your children. We have helped to provide improved water service for more than 61,000 rural households, better healthcare facilities and public safety equipment provided to more than 46 different communities; more than 1,400 jobs were created and saved; alternate energy sources were created, and affordable housing brought to more than 1,800 rural families in Texas in 2003," said Daniel.

Daniel urges communities to take advantage of USDA Rural Development programs. "If you feel one of our programs can help you or your community, I urge you to contact one of our offices. Our staff is ready to help you," said Daniel.

Contact the USDA Rural Development State Office at (254) 742-9710 or your local USDA Rural Development Office generally listed in the blue pages of phone directories. Visit http://www.rudev.usda.gov/tx.

Risk Management Conference offers strategies for cattle producers

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is partnering with Texas Cooperative Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association to offer conferences in April and May to help producers manage challenges and risks in the beef industry.

The first two conferences will take place at Texas A& M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, in Amarillo on April 5 and at Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall, 1000 Fifth St. in Wichita Falls on April 7. Registration is $20, and participants may register at the door. The events are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The conferences called "Got Risk?" will also be held in six other major beef productions areas of the state including Hallettesville on April 20, Abilene on April 28, Sulfur Springs on May 11, Waco on May 18, Palestine on May 19 and Alpine on May 26.

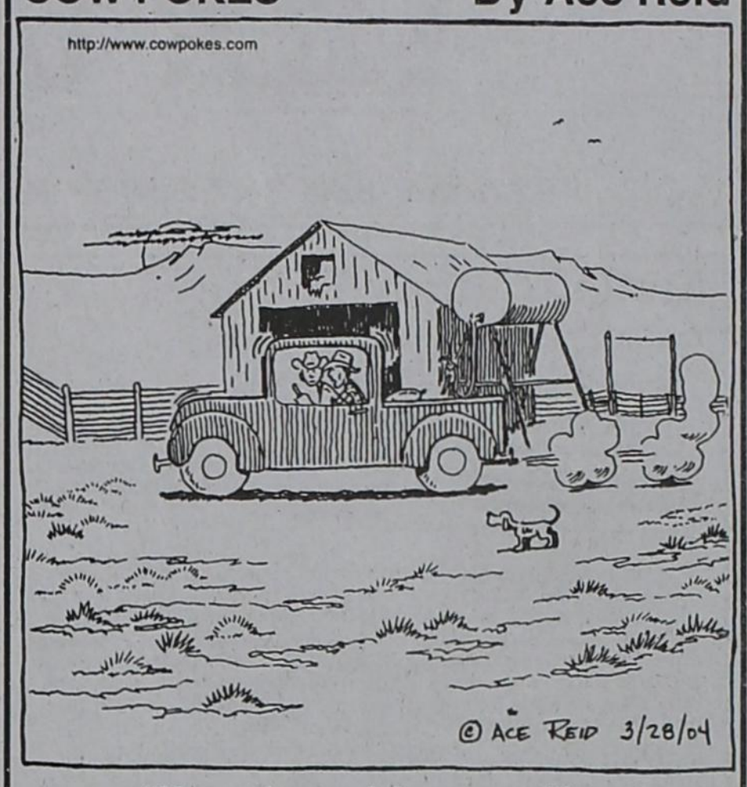
"These workshops are a great way to inform cattle producers - the ultimate leaders in our agricultural business community," Combs said. "Our cattle industry is widely known for its quality and high levels of production, and there are a number of programs and strategies available to help cattle producers keep their operations moving forward."

The workshops will highlight various tools available to producers. Sessions will include information on prices, strategic planning, state and federal programs, country - of - origin labeling, drought management and value - added marketing, to name a few.

"Providing tools for our cattle producers is more important than ever," Combs said. "Risk management involves being proactive and prepared for shifts in the industry, severe weather, price volatility and many other situations that can be challenging."

For more information, please call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA or visit mastermarketer.tamu.edu/tbrm.

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