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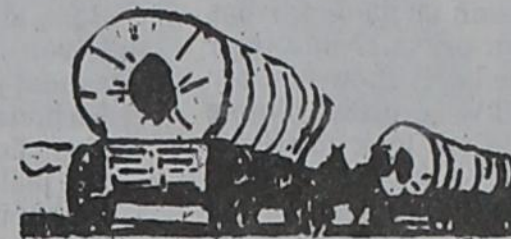
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Reality of America at War felt in Motley County

Motley County residents join Americans all over the nation in prayer and thought for the U.S. servicemen and women deployed to the Middle East. The attack on Iraq began last Wednesday night, March 19, when President Bush's 48-hour deadline ended for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave that country.

American and British forces advanced last week through southern Iraq. Hundreds of Iraqi soldiers surrendered and U.S. troops captured a key port along the border with Kuwait last Friday.

The first combat casualty, a U.S. Marine with the 1st Expeditionary Force was killed in southern Iraq. According to re-

ports the Marine was shot in the stomach while his company was sweeping around a burning oil pumping station.

Since that first report more U.S. and British troops have given their lives in this fight to protect the world from Hussein's wrath. Others have been declared missing in action, or have been taken prisoner.

On Tuesday, President Bush asked for \$74.7 billion as a down payment for war in Iraq. "We cannot know the duration of this war, yet we know its outcome: We will prevail," Bush, commander in chief of 300,000 troops, told U.S. military personnel at the Pentagon.

"The people of our military and their families are showing



Sgt. Justin Lucas

great courage, and some have suffered great loss. America is grateful to all those who have sacrificed in our cause," Bush said.

Bush asked Congress for flexibility in spending the money and said he wanted the bill on his desk as soon as possible. Aides said his target date was April 11.

Fierce sandstorms were slowing forces to a crawl on Tuesday and thwarted air missions as U.S. led forces edged closer to the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

The reality of this war has hit too close to home for one former Motley County resident, Carolyn (Perkins) and Rocky Lucas, of Ransom Canyon. The couple's son, Sgt. Justin Lucas was less than a month away from ending his military service when the Army discontinued discharges.

In a recent interview with the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas said their son joined the Army in March 1999. He was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., when he was called to active duty Feb. 21.

"I told him to be careful," said his father. "He told me that he knew what happened to short-timers, and he would be especially careful."

Lucas said his son returned to active duty as a squad leader for the 101st Airborne Division. The unit was expected to take part in the early and possibly heaviest fighting in Iraq.

"This would be the third time he's been under fire," said Mr. Lucas. "He was in Kosovo (Serbia) for six weeks, Kandahar (Afghanistan) and now Iraq."

Mr. Lucas said in the interview with Avalanche-Journal

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TRIBUNE WILL HONOR SOLDIERS

The *Motley County Tribune* would like to pay tribute to those servicemen and women with Motley County ties.

If you have a loved one in the armed forces at this time, in the Persian Gulf, stateside or in other areas of the world, please bring or mail their service picture with information (i.e. name, rank, service branch, parents names, hometown, school, etc.) to the office. Those wishing to mail this information may do so to the following address:

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Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of your picture.

Last minute candidates enter race for May Election

With a deadline of last Wednesday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m. to file as a candidate for the May municipal elections, four last minute candidates filed for a place on the Motley County School Board. There are three places open on the board, those currently held by Marisue Potts, Douglas Campbell and Coy Franks. Douglas Campbell filed for re-election. Also filing for one of these positions are Patti E. Lane, Marvina Mason, Ted Davey, Matt Crawford, Bob Davis, and John Douglas Russell.

The Roaring Springs City Council will have three places open, currently held by Timmy Brooks, Alex Crowder and Amy Perryman. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Crowder have filed for re-election. Also filing are Patricia K. Green and Vince Taylor.

The Matador City Council also has three places up for election, those held by Doyle Rose, Bert Darsey and Jim Watson. All three men have filed for re-election. Also filing are Chuck Ream and Randy Martin. Terry Simpson was listed as a candidate in last week's report. Mr. Simpson has since withdrawn his name from the race.

The Motley County Hospital Board has two places open, currently held by Charlie Johnson and Cynthia Stafford. Mr. Johnson filed for re-election and Kim Woolsey has also filed.

Early voting will be held April 16-29. The election will be held Saturday, May 3.

Economic Sales Tax increase will take effect April 1

The Economic Development Sales Tax will go into effect in Matador April 1. Matador residents voted in favor of the sales tax increase last November. The new rate is 1/2 of 1 percent for each part of the tax, 4A and 4B. The new rate will be .082500.

The new tax rate may be used to help finance economic development efforts. The 4A tax is primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development, and revenues from the tax must be used to focus on these areas. Money raised by this tax may be used to acquire land, buildings, equipment, fa-

cilities, and improvements for purposes related to:

— Manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities;

— Commercial development and expansion in blighted or economically depressed areas and development areas;

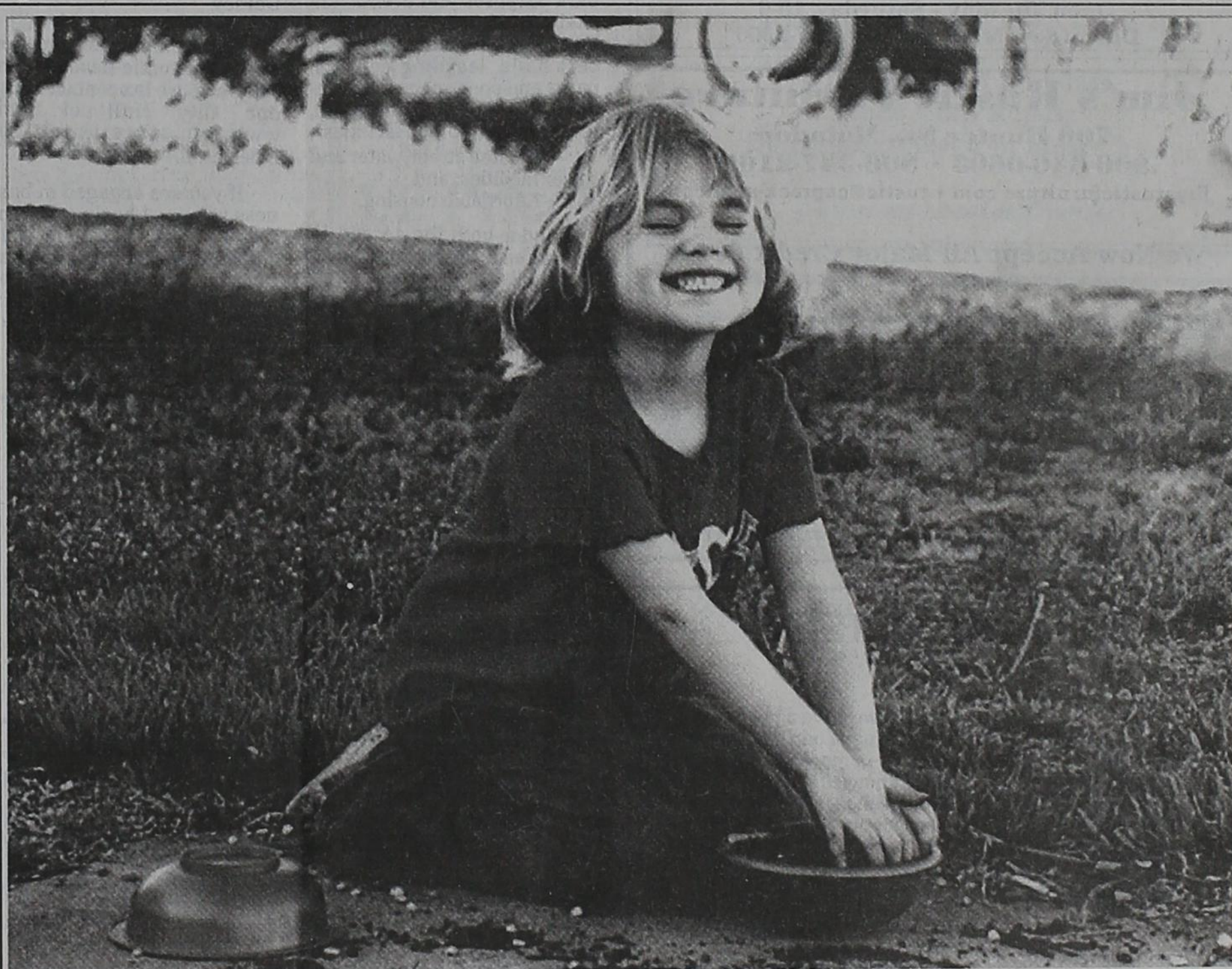
— Job creation and retention;

— Job training;

— Educational Facilities; and

— Maintenance and operating costs associated with projects.

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Spring is finally here!

Little Hannah Mason took advantage of the sunshine to get her hands into making some mud pies on a warm Spring day last week. Motley County students enjoyed a week's vacation for Spring Break last week. Spring officially began on Friday, March 21. Hannah is a Kindergarten student at Motley County ISD and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Mason of Matador.

Two accidents occur in one week west of Matador

Motley County response teams responded to two accidents last week, both occurring west of Matador.

According to Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, the first accident occurred, 5 miles west of Matador, on Wednesday, March 19. Motley County law enforcement, ambulance and fire department were notified at approximately 2:45 p.m.

A Hughes Sprinkler pickup, from Plainview, was attempting

to pass a Lipham gravel truck while the truck was making a left turn into the gravel pit entrance.

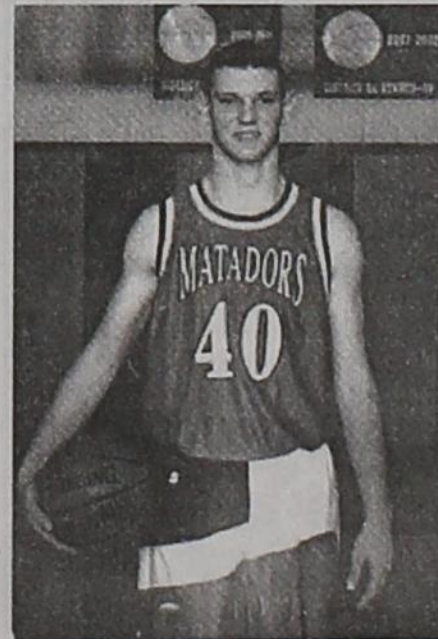
Both the driver and passenger of the pickup were transported to hospitals by Motley County ambulance.

On Friday, March 21, at approximately 5:20 p.m., law enforcement, EMS and fire department were notified of an-

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This accident, which occurred last Wednesday, 5 miles west of Matador, is the first of two in the same week. Two men from the Hughes Sprinkler pickup were conveyed by ambulance. The driver of the gravel truck was not injured.



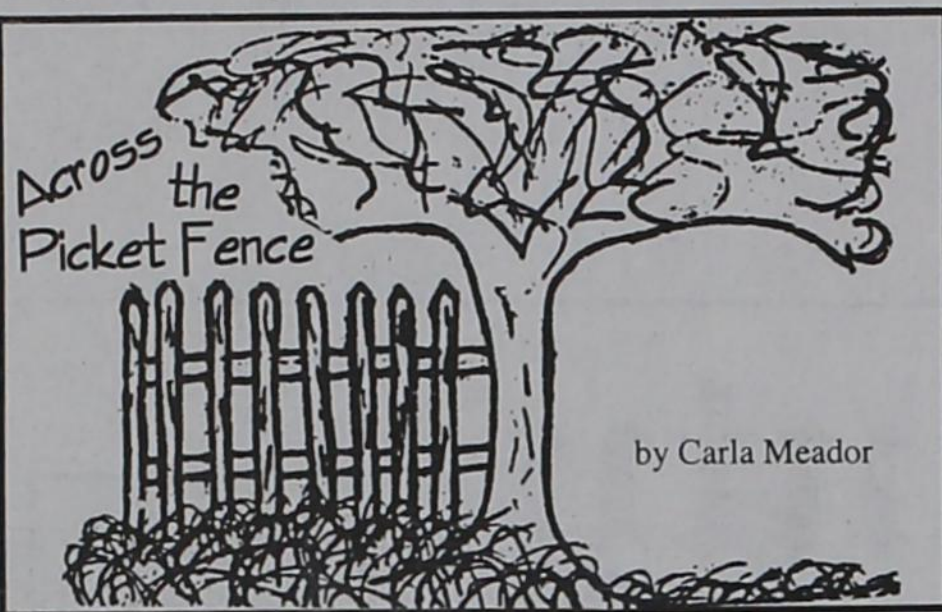
CLINT COOPER

Clint Cooper named to All-State Academic Team

Clint Cooper, a Motley County High School Senior, has been named to the 6-Man All State Academic Teams in both football and basketball by the Texas 6-Man Coaches Association.

Clint, an all district and all area performer in football, and the district most valuable player in basketball, maintained an overall grade average of 99.52. He is also active in FFA, UIL, and Track.

Clint is the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador.



As a mother my heart goes out to the parents of those with children now engaged in the raging battle in Iraq. Especially those who have lost their child, or whose son or daughter has been taken prisoner and their faces have been shown on numerous TV reports. Those young soldiers look so frightened.

Most of the servicemen and women we see on the news reports are babies! My heart cries with their mothers.

My 26-year-old son, with a strong military bloodline, had desired to enter the Navy, but opted for college, marriage and children instead - thank God. As a Lubbock Policeman, he has a strong instinct to protect. He told me that he watches the reports of war and wishes he was there fighting alongside our troops. With pride and admiration of his loyalty, I must admit that I am thankful he is only 90 miles away.

The following was written by Mother Teresa. Her wisdom in these words should be useful to all of us, especially in today's world.

Accidents

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other accident, 4 1/2 miles west of Matador.

This accident occurred when the driver of an SUV veered off the highway, running through a fence. The vehicle rolled several times and came to a stop several hundred feet from the roadway.

Both the driver and passenger were transported by Motley County ambulance, with AeroCare meeting them enroute to a hospital. AeroCare transported one victim.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Whiteflat Reunion set for April 5th

The annual Whiteflat Reunion has been set for Saturday, April 5, at the Matador Senior Citizens Center.

All former residents of Whiteflat are welcome to attend.

Full Gospel to host 5th Sunday Gospel Singing

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will host a 5th Sunday Gospel Singing at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 30.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of great gospel singing.



American Legion to host Panhandle District Convention

Local Legionnaires and Auxiliary Unit members will host the Department of Texas, District 18 Spring Convention, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on April 5 at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Delegates representing Posts and Units from all over the Panhandle are planning to attend.

This is an all hands event. Every Veteran and other patriotic citizen is invited. A Veteran does not have to be a member of the American Legion to join in and feel welcome.

Persons attending can participate in the VA Health Fair, UBS Blood Drive, and/or Tour of Roaring Springs that morning. The opening ceremony will begin at 12:00 p.m., followed by a lunch of gourmet soups, chili, and other delicious eats at 12:30.

Major General Robert Dempsey USAF (Ret.) of Amarillo will deliver the keynote address at 1:30 p.m. The General grew up in neighboring Floyd County and is a high school

classmate of Marisue Potts. Informational briefings and business meetings are scheduled from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. During this period, State Representative Rick Hardcastle of Vernon will bring delegates and guests up to date on the current Legislative Session in Austin, with emphasis on issues of interest to Veterans and rural Texans.

The Memorial roll call, at 5:00 p.m., precedes an inspiring devotional service to be led by District Chaplains, Dr. Clint and Fredia Burns of Matador.

Following the closing ceremony at 5:30 p.m., time will be set aside for visiting, then everybody can enjoy a pancake supper prepared by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

Each Veteran is advised to wear his Legion, VFW, or service cap if he has one. If not, normal civilian head gear or a bare head is okay.

For more information call (806) 348-7953.

Sales Tax

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The 4B tax provides cities with a wider range of uses for the tax revenues because it is intended to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for quality of life improvements, including economic development. Cities may use money raised by this tax for a wide variety of projects including land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements related to projects relating to:

- Professional and amateur sports (including children's sports) and athletic facilities; tourism and entertainment facilities; convention and public park purposes and events, (including stadiums, ballparks, auditoriums, amphitheaters, concert halls, learning centers, parks and open space improvements, municipal buildings, museums, exhibition facilities);
- Related street, water and sewer facilities; and
- Affordable housing.

Under both the 4A and 4B tax increase the city is required to establish a corporation to administer the use of tax funds. The corporation will be run by a board(s) of directors. The 4A

corporation's board is composed of a five member board with terms not to exceed 6 years. The 4B corporation's board is composed of seven board members. Three of the seven directors cannot be employees, officers, or members of the city's governing body.

At their February meeting, Matador City Council appointed the following board of directors to the 4A corporation:

Ronda Miller, President; Lara Davey, Secretary; Ed D. Smith, Pat Seigler, and J.D. Russell.

The 4B tax board of directors are: Paul Westbrook, president; Lara Davey, secretary; Craig Turner, Roy Hobbs, Judy Renfro, Lee Jones, and Bert Darsey.

For a complete explanation of the economic development sales and use tax contact Matador City Hall or visit www.cpa.state.tx.us/lga/index.html.

If you are engaged in business you must begin collecting the new local tax rate on April 1. If you aren't sure of the total tax rate for any transaction, call toll-free 1-800-252-5555 or 512-463-4600 in Austin, or Matador City Hall at 347-2255.

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Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Carla and Jim Meador continue to give a gift subscription of the Motley County Tribune to the library. They have done this for several years and we really appreciate this generous donation. We keep the back copies of the Tribune and many people come to search for an article or picture. Thanks to the Meadors for this thoughtful gift.

We appreciate the memorial donation to the library from Myrna Stephens for Lottie Stotts, Frances Finch, and Gale Stafford.

New books in the library include a series of three historical novels about Josephine Bonaparte. The titles in particular make you want to read the books: The Many Lives & Secret Sorrows of Josephine Bonaparte, Tales of Passion, Tales of Woe, and The Last

Great Dance on Earth.
We also have a new biography on Hank Williams by Colin Escott and a book called Last of the Old-Time Texans by Mackey Murdock. We have the number one best selling novel, Jester, by James Patterson. All of these books and more are ready to be checked out and enjoyed. Come to the Motley County Library for books, videos, audios and free Internet access.

Finally, I am back at the library. Betty Henry and D.A. McGuire were a great help while I was gone. We appreciate all our volunteers who have been willing to help out when we call on them. Betty Moore, Jo Scott, and Lea Peacock are the ones who keep the library open on Mondays. We appreciate their faithfulness.

A NOTE OF THANKS

James and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your love and concern for James. Thank you for all the lovely cards with prayers, notes, phone calls, flowers, visits and gifts of books to read, true cowboy stories and history - just what he loves, also the good food was appreciated.

The EMT's are a gift to all. They are prompt and efficient in their work. Answering our call was Debra, Betty and Sheila.

A special thank you to James' loving family. I cannot name all the good things they have done. Tanya and David came to stay overnight so I could come home to clean up. Also Charles - he was so good for his Dad and helped so much, and also to Dean, Billy and Jim for taking care of us.

We do live in a wonderful little town, Matador. A special thank you to Bro. Jack and Jo. God bless you all.

Our love,
James and Dorothy Meador

Psalm 27 says, "I am confident of this, I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Not only have I seen the goodness of the Lord, but also the goodness of His people. Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers and gifts, and most especially for your persistence in prayer. God is so good. May He bless you all.

Deb Spray

We are very sad at the loss of Don King. He died of a massive heart attack on Wednesday of last week while working on his ranch north of Matador.

We are grateful for the Sheriff, Ambulance Crew, and Funeral Director who responded with such care and competence. We are truly blessed in Motley County.

We also appreciate the warm way we have been received into the community since our arrival in 1998.

Jane King, Brett King, Brad King

To the Wonderful People of Matador:

Our sincere thanks are sent to all of you for the caring feelings, help, and food you have given us after the death of our mother and grandmother, Lottie Stotts. We won't forget you.

The Dean Stotts family

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I read an interesting story in an article by my friend, David Nestor, concerning Bible knowledge. It seems there was a Haifa policeman who was on the trail of a gang of smugglers. These smugglers had used a donkey pack string to make good their escape from the authorities. In the process of escaping the police captured some of the gang's donkeys. One policeman remembering something he had read in the Bible, kept the animals from food for a couple of days. Upon their release those hungry Donkeys led the police right to the smuggler's hideout! What the policeman remembered was found in Isaiah 1:3 "...the ox knows its owner, and the donkey his master's crib."

Why not open God's word and there discover God's will for your self? Our God never intended for His Word to be only a centerpiece or decoration for some coffee table or bookshelf. God intended for His people to have a working knowledge of the Bible. Open the Bible, read, and be ready to follow the directions found there.

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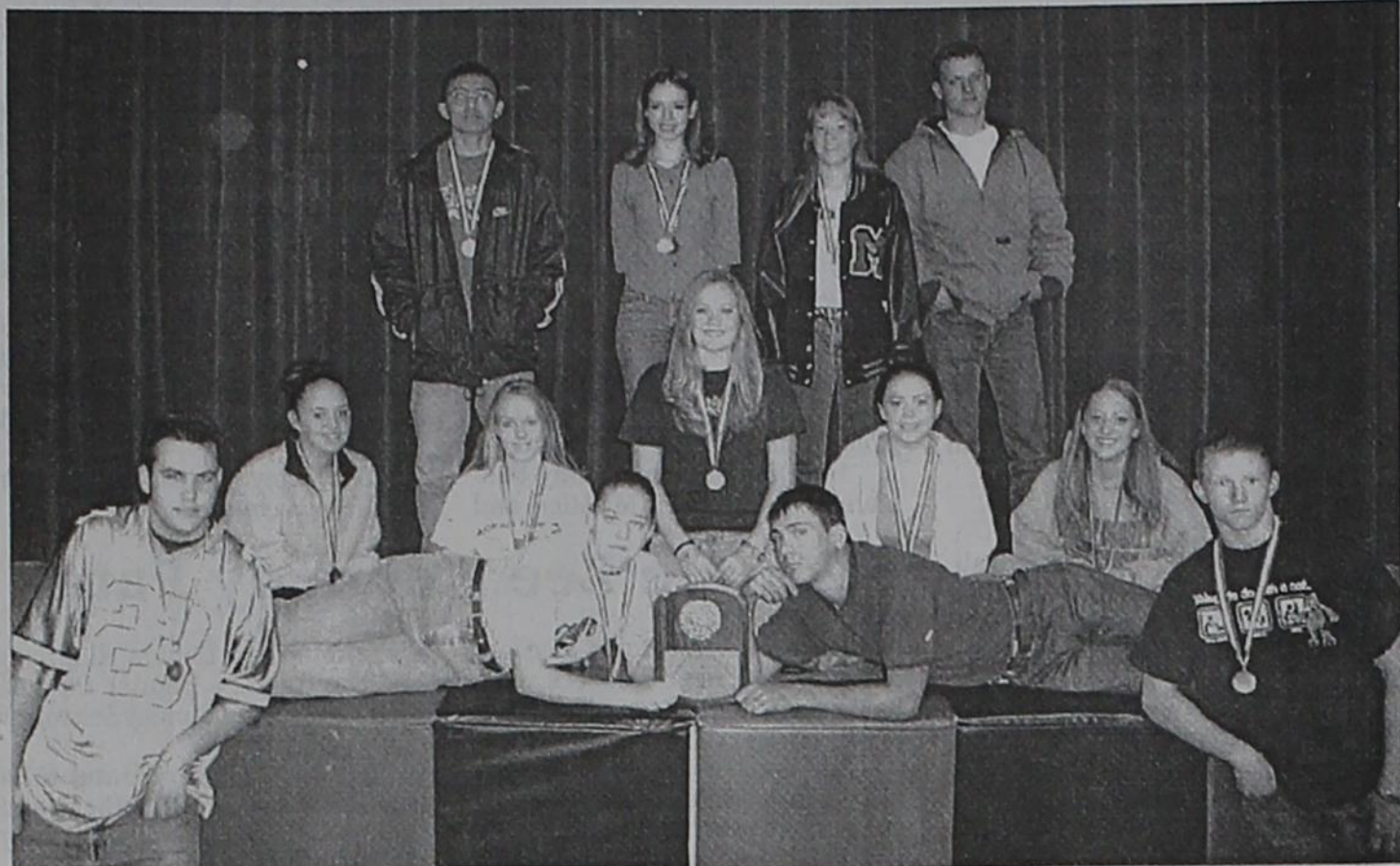
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BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Class of 2003 Senior Spotlight



Motley County One-Act Play Cast and Crew: Pictured at back, left to right, Lorenzo Salazar, Sara Fuston, Charli Ream, Kenny Johannes; (middle) Amanda Hurt, Kittie Campbell, Angie Marvel, Stachia Baxter, Mandi Ream; (front) Chantry Meyer, Brittany Moore, Brandon Martin and Quinten Rose.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 31:

Breakfast: pancake, sausage, syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: pigs in blanket, baked beans, pickle spear, fries, orange, milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Oreo Fluff, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Breakfast: Hot Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Beans, Pickle, Onion, Fruit, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Bean & Beef Burrito, Green Salad, Corn, Chips, Cake, Milk.



BRITTANY MICHELLE MOORE

Age: 18
Date of Birth: 2-28-85
Parents: Ronda & Terry Miller and Chris Moore of Amarillo.

Siblings: Ryan Moore
Who do you most admire and why: My mom, because she has always been there for me.

Favorite high school memory: My Senior year.

Extracurricular activities: Basketball, Tennis, Student Council, Church Youth, Pep Club, FCCLA.

Special honors: All District Basketball Honorable Mention, Class Officer (Reporter, Pep Club (Vice-President)).

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Have fun while you can because it goes by fast.

Plans after graduation: Attend Nursing School

Favorites:

Food: Mexican Food
Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper
Hangout: Lubbock and the Drag

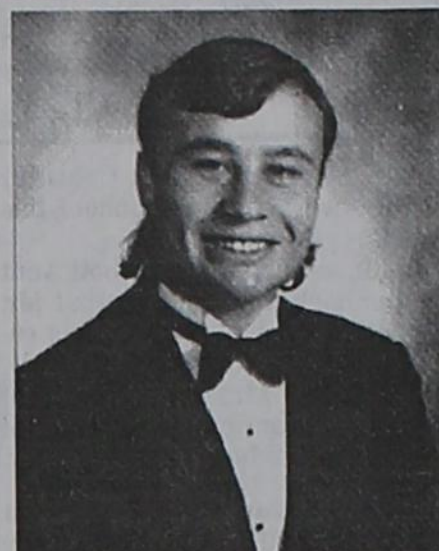
Book: Macbeth
Movie: Big Daddy
Song: A Song for Mama and Dilemma.

Musical Group: Boys II Men.

Teacher (K-12): Mrs. Gillespie.

Color: Baby Blue
Sport: Basketball
Past Time: Hangin' out.

Quote: Just Chillin'.



BO LONG

Age: 18
Date of Birth: 8-17-84
Parents: Boyd & Laura Long.

Siblings: Gina, Trina, Sherry, Thiry, Stephen, and Chooch.

Favorite high school memory: My freshman year of football.

Extracurricular activities: Football, Basketball, Powerlifting, Track.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Always pay attention, even when you sleep in class.

Plans after graduation: Just make some money.

Favorites:

Food: Pizza
Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper
Hangout: At a friend's house

Movie: Half Part Dead
Song: Sun Shining Down on Me.

Teacher (K-12): Coach Stewart.

Color: Black or Blue
Sport: Football
Past time: Listening to the Radio.

Quote: Always expect the worst and you will never be surprised.

MCYO meeting set for Mar. 31

MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) will meet Monday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. New officers will be elected and plans will be discussed for the upcoming season.

Everyone with an interest in the Summer Softball program should attend this meeting.

One-Act Play competes at Zone

by Amanda Hurt

The Motley County One Act Play competed in the Zone Contest, Monday, March 24, at Jayton.

Four members of the cast

received honors. Named to the All-Star Cast were Kittie Campbell and Mandi Ream. Angie Marvel received honorable mention. Sara Fuston won Best All-Around Actress. The

play was named Alternate.

Congratulations to all those who participated this year.

The Cast and Crew would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's play.

Motley County Hosts Track Meet Local Athletes Dominate

The Motley County Track and Field complex was the sight of a dominating effort by the Matadors and Lady Mats on Friday, March 14th. When the smoke cleared Friday night, the Lady Mats had won the team championship and the Matador Men had finished second overall.

In the girls' competition, Motley County defended their home turf in a seven team field. Individual results for the Lady Mats are as follows:

3200 Meter Run - Cassie Campbell, 3rd.

400 Meter Relay - Motley County, 2nd. Team of Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, Chasity Holman and Brittany Donaldson.

100 Meter Hurdles - Brittany Moore, 2nd.

800 Meter Relay - Motley County, 3rd. Team of Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Brenda Gillespie and Brittany Donaldson.

300 Meter Hurdles - Brittany Moore, 2nd.

1600 Meter Run - Brenda Gillespie, 2nd. Susanna Mendoza, 3rd.

1600 Meter Relay - Motley County, 3rd. Team of Stachia Baxter, Cassie Campbell, Angie Marvel and Charli Ream.

Triple Jump - Chasity Holman, 2nd.

Long Jump - Brittany Donaldson, 1st.

Shot Put - Chasity Holman, 5th.

High Jump - Brittany Donaldson, 1st., Brittany Moore, 3rd.

Final team placings were: Motley County, 1st; Paducah, 2nd; New Home, 3rd; Spur, 4th; Hedley, 5th; Wilson, 6th; and Guthrie, 7th.

The Matador Men put forth a tremendous effort to finish second in the seven team field. Individual results for the Matadors are as follows:

400 Meter Relay - Motley

County, 2nd. Team of Chance Bingham, Kenny Johannes, Quinten Rose, and Seagram Sims.

100 Meter Dash - Seagram Sims, 3rd.

800 Meter Relay - Motley County, 2nd. Team of Chance Bingham, Kenny Johannes, Quinten Rose and Seagram Sims.

400 Meter Dash - Lorenzo Salazar, 6th.

200 Meter Dash - Kenny Johannes, 5th.

1600 Meter Relay - Motley County, 4th. Team of Clint Cooper, Clay Cooper, Chance Bingham, Lorenzo Salazar.

Triple Jump - Seagram Sims, 3rd, Lorenzo Salazar, 6th.

Discus - Clint Cooper, 1st.

Shot Put - Clint Cooper, 2nd.

High Jump - Seagram Sims, 2nd., Clint Cooper, 5th.

Final team placings were Paducah, 1st; Motley County, 2nd; Spur, 3rd; New Home, 4th; Guthrie, 5th; Wilson, 6th; and Hedley, 7th.

Booster Club will meet March 31

The Motley County Booster Club will meet at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 31 at the School.

Plans will be discussed for the end of school Graduation Party and the Sports Banquet.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Ephesians 6:1

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Matador Variety

Kid's Praise April 2nd

Kid's Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, April 2, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

All children of the community, 2 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 Mission of the Church's WMU.



GOOD CITIZENSHIP STUDENTS — Clint Cooper of Matador, left, along with these other area students were selected as the Good Citizens of their schools. They were honored by the Buffalo Grass DAR Chapter at a banquet on February 25th at Light-house Electric's Hospitality Room in Floydada. They wrote essays on "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility For Preserving It." Clint had the winning essay and it was sent to State Competition. Clint is a Senior at Motley County High School and the son of Jim and Judy Cooper. Shown with Clint are Chelsea Kirk of Floydada; Sarah Boling of Ralls; and Garrett Mathis of Lockney.

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Roaring Springs - Graham Supply, 348-7216, 12-1 p.m.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder made several trips to Lubbock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott went to Lubbock this week so that Mr. Abbott could have the staples removed from recent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Purvis of Stephenville and daughter Sherry of Amarillo were here visiting Friday.

Jill Duncan and Kelsey from Austin visited her mother-in-law Robena King last week and on Thursday they drove to Big Spring to visit Jo Bruce King.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Lumsden on Saturday.

Mrs. Page Reveret and children of Tahoka visited in the home of her granddad, Dean McInroe two days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker were in Lubbock last week celebrating his birthday with family members.

The Methodist Church turned out real good in attendance to the Pot Luck lunch at the Matador Methodist Church on Sunday.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Kay Jones was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met in her home on Wednesday night, March 19, with Mrs. Pearl Patten in charge. She gave the blessing and blessed the food.

After a delicious meal Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes of the last meeting. A thank you note was read from Suzanne Abbott for the flowers sent to Kenneth when he was in the hospital.

Mrs. Lea Peacock gave the devotional, The Lord's Baseball Game.

Mrs. Chelsea Read gave the study. Her opening question was, "Are you for War?" Several verses were read from the 7th chapter and 26th chapter of Deuteronomy and in the 14th chapter of Genesis. She also talked about some of the verses in Judges.

Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, and Miss Lula Swim.

Mrs. Read dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Brooke Rogers of Monterey, California was given a celebration on her 13th birthday Saturday at the home of her father, Donnie Rogers, with a rib-eye steak cook out luncheon. She was presented a colorful decorated birthday cake, gifts and cards.

Honored guests were her grandparents, B. and Howard Rogers of Flomot and sister, Natalie Rogers of Monterey, California.

Others enjoying the fun filled time were Coy and Julie McKay of Vernon; Trent and Wanda McKay, Scotty and Sandra Stark of Quitaque; Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary; Shawna and Jack Abernathy of Abilene; Shay, Jimmy and Seth McDaniel of Lubbock; Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch; Kyler Degan of Crosbyton; Blake and Jake Petree of Acuff; Tory and Teah Patton of Silverton; Talon, Roegan and Branson Cruse of Turkey; and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo. Guests from Flomot were Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Jack and Nada Starkey, Donnie and Judy Cruse.

ATTEND WEDDING
 Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey visited in Vernon Saturday morning with Breck and Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany.

They attended the wedding ceremony of Arnold's great niece, Monica Merrill and Jonathan Clubb held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Iowa Park. Monica is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Iva Merrell of Flomot.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Geneva Martin was honored on her birthday with a luncheon with all the trimmings in Plainview, Saturday. Guests enjoying the happy occasion were daughter, Mrs. Kathy Shorter, Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mrs. Judy Stark of Flo-

mot and Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg.

Thursday was an annual Sister's Celebration when Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart and Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador joined Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay in Flomot for refreshments and to visit.

 Mrs. Tim (Gwen) Mandrell, Peyton and Shae of Lubbock visited Tuesday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Leah Cruse of Lubbock and Keane Cruse of Turkey visited the weekend with their family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited from Thursday until Monday of last week in Fritch with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael.

Donnie Rogers met his daughters, Brooke and Natalie Rogers of Monterey, California at the Amarillo Airport, Friday and accompanied them here to visit during their school spring holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross attended to business in Plainview, Tuesday. They received word that their daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock is under medical care for pneumonia and strep throat.

L.T. Starkey and Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls visited their mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and brother, Johnie Starkey, Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Lee visited in Turkey, Sunday with daughter and children, Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kellan, Kacey and Micah. Kacey was on the sick list.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks was Cara Franks of Canyon.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey during the weekend were Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Obituaries

Don King

Morlex Don King, 59, of Amarillo and Motley County died Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 22, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, Amarillo, with Reverend Don McMahan of Turkey United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. King, born in Childress, lived in Amarillo, and before 1998 when he started ranching in Motley County, owned and operated Don King's Goldsmith Jewelry shop.

He attended King's Way Missionary Institute in McAllen and

later served as a missionary in Honduras for three years. He was very involved with the Boy Scouts, working with Troop 621 in Burleson, where he served as Assistant Scout Master. Mr. King was owner and operator for 15 years, of a barber-shop in Burleson. In his spare time he loved to fish and hunt.

Mr. King married Jane Henley in Amarillo on April 16, 1967.

Survivors include his wife; two sons Brett King of Burleson and Brad King of Waco; a brother Ronald Gene King of Amarillo and 2 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to your own church.

Winnie Lee Kennedy Pate

Funeral services for Winnie Lee Kennedy Pate, 100, of Lubbock, were held Friday, March 21 in Brownfield, Texas.

She was born January 22, 1903 at Dickens and died at the age of 100 years and 2 months. She was married to George Dorsey Woods, November 22, 1919 at Spur, Texas. Of this union, a son, Jeff D. Woods was born.

While living in Roaring Springs, she met Charles Wilson Pate (Doc). They were married and of this union two sons were born, Doyle Charles and Claudius Donald.

She was a member of Eastern

Star, American Legion Auxiliary and the Calvary Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years.

She had a zest for life and was a true testimony of a "mother" and "grandmother". She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Doc Pate; two sons, Jeff D. Woods and Claude Pate; and one grandson, Jeff Pate.

She is survived by one son Doyle Pate and wife, Maxie; daughter-in-law, Kate Woods; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A Taxpayer wrote to his state comptroller to confess that he had cheated on his income tax 10 years ago and had not been able to get a good night's sleep since. He enclosed \$25 and this note:

"If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance."

ATTEND TFWC CONVENTION

Mrs. Wilda Dixon attended the Caprock District of Texas Federation of Womens' Club Spring Convention Saturday held at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Mrs. Dixon is the Year Book chairman. She reported a good turn out.

She and husband, Spencer visited overnight in Lubbock. They visited Saturday afternoon with Tammy Palmer, a patient at Cov-

enant Medical Center. En route home Sunday they visited in Idalou with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whitefield.

VACATION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin returned home last Tuesday from a ten day vacation trip. They visited at Port Mansfield, the Brownsville Zoo, tourist attractions in Harlingen and enjoyed the beach at South Padre Island.

Joining them to visit during the trip were Bonnie and Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, Chris Ebrum, Michael and Christina Ebrum of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fullingim of Argile.

Reality of War

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writer Myrna Whitehead, that for the past two and half years, he has communicated with his son via e-mail and cell phone. Lucas said he received a few letters, but his son isn't much on writing.

"We managed to get a two-minute call from him a week ago," Lucas said. "I know that he will call whenever he can."

Lucas said his son has truly grown-up while in the military, learning responsibility and leadership. He said his son ex-

pressed one main concern regarding the conflict.

"He told me that he hoped the people at home didn't greet them the way they treated the soldiers returning from Vietnam," Lucas said. "He didn't want people to spit at them."

"I told him that this was his duty, and he should be proud to fight for his country," Lucas said. "I just hope the people of America will get behind our troops and support them throughout this war."

Sgt. Lucas' mother, Carolyn, grew up in Matador and is a Matador High School graduate. She is the daughter of Boyd and Eileen Perkins, former residents, who moved to Tulia from Matador.

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Matador News

Lonnie Harmon of Hedley visited recently with his sister, Mrs. Juanita Cooper.

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Harmon of Mansfield visited in Matador Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with their sisters, Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon.

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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



Just a final reminder that this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week are very important days to complete the sign-up for the new Farm Bill sign-up.

Monday, March 31, 2003, is the final deadline to designate peanut base acres and yields permanently to a specific farm, they will be permanently placed on the last farm that the peanuts were associated with.

Tuesday, April 1, 2003, is the final deadline to make a base and yield selection and get owner's signatures to enroll in the new farm program. If a base and yield election is not selected, then the Production

Flexibility Program bases and yields will be retained as your Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program bases and yields.

Thank you to the producers of Motley County for working with us during this sign-up process. Again, we appreciate your patience and willingness to come in the office and complete this process, a lot of you have had to come in several times in order to complete all that is required and obtain all the signatures that were needed.

If you still need to complete any of this process, please give us a call immediately and we will get you in the office to meet these deadlines.

City Council

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Mayor Williams told the Council that this is not a good practice. A motion to reinstate water service to Council at standard rates was brought by Fred Parson and seconded by Jim Watson. The motion passed 5-0.

The 2002-2003 budget for the General Fund and the Waterworks Fund was reviewed and approved.

Mayor Williams presented the budget for this year. Council approved the 2003-2004 budget.

Mayor Williams explained that in the past the city has used the election judges that were hired by the school. These judges will be called to serve for the May 5th Election of Municipalities. It was decided that the city will again use the same judges hired by the school.

A resolution was read to the Council by Mayor Williams. The resolution is for regional cooperation, supporting other City

Councils and County Commissions in collectively seeking support for legislative matters that affect the interest of West Texas. This resolution was called by Marc McDougal, Mayor of Lubbock. Council voted to accept the resolution.

Mayor Williams asked the Council to consider a membership to TML (Texas Municipal League) Legal Pool. This service is used to provide legal assistance to Municipal Governments that will aid in issues and questions that should arise for Council and the City. The Council agreed that this would be a wise investment and voted to approve the membership.

Mayor Williams gave the Council a handout that pertained to the Law Seminar that he and Jim Watson had attended. He directed Council that this was pertinent information and very beneficial for all Council persons. It was advised that all Council should try to attend the next Seminar which will be coming up soon.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Rodney Williams; Council members Fred Parson, Doyle Rose, Bert Darsey and Shane Jones; City Secretary Lara Davey; and Water Superintendent Steve Barton.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you. He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."
John 6:47

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

by Stephen P Hammack,
Extension Beef Cattle Specialist,
Texas A&M Center at Stephenville

COOL is hot. That is, it's a topic of much interest these days in the cattle business. Country of Origin Labeling is a provision included in last year's Federal Farm Bill, The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The law is voluntary up to September 30, 2004, when it becomes mandatory for retailers selling fresh or frozen muscle cuts of beef (including veal), lamb, and pork; ground beef, lamb, or pork; farm-raised fish and shellfish; wild fish and shellfish, perishable agricultural commodities (fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables); and peanuts.

Retailers affected are those who buy and re-sell more than \$230,000 of perishable agricultural products a year. Not affected are butcher shops, fish markets, small groceries, and food service establishments such as restaurants, cafeterias, lunchrooms, food stands, saloons, bars, taverns, lodges, lounges, or other facilities that sell food to the public. It is estimated that about 50 percent of total U.S. beef sales will come under the labeling provisions.

Why COOL? Some livestock producers feel that products identified as American will have extra appeal and value to consumers, leading to more sales at higher prices. There has been a voluntary country-of-origin labeling program available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture for some time, but no company has ever chosen to participate.

Right now, if some product is imported in a consumer-ready package (such as vacuum packed leg of lamb or a can of corned beef) that package must be identified by country of origin. However, even if it is identified by country of origin when it enters this country, if the product undergoes "substantial transformation" (such as cutting or processing) it can be labeled for sale as U.S. product.

Some of the proponents of COOL more or less assumed that, since imports are identified when they enter this country, everything else could be assumed to be domestic. But it may be easier to document that something is imported than to prove it's not. In order to be labeled "United States Country of Origin", the retailer must, according to the law, "maintain a verifiable record keeping audit trail" proving that the product is from an animal that was exclusively born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States. ("Processed" can be used in place of "Slaughtered".)

Country of origin will be designed for the three stages, birth, production and slaughter. So, we could see a product labeled "Born in Mexico, Raised in the United States, and Slaughtered in Canada." Ground products may be particularly troublesome, since meat from various sources is often combined. In such instances, in order not to confuse or mislead the consumer, multiple sources must be listed on the label according to their relative proportion by weight. So, there might be a label, "Beef From Cattle With the Following Countries of Origin: Born in Mexico, Raised and Slaughtered in the United States; Born, Raised and Slaughtered in the United States; Born and Raised in Canada and Slaughtered in the United States." And that label could change the next day, or even with the next batch of product.

What about just labeling "Origin Unknown," or something of that sort? Can't be done, according to the USDA - Agricultural Marketing Service. The law "requires retailers to inform consumers of the country of origin for covered commodities."

Saying you don't know where it comes from doesn't meet that requirement. Retailers will have to know the origin, and have verifiable proof of that knowledge, or they can't sell it. That leaves only food service to market commodities of unknown origin.

Since only retailers must label, consumers might form some confusing perceptions. Consider a bargain-store, price-leader, low-quality round steak that somebody decides to grill. Contrast that with a tasty, high-quality strip eaten at a white tablecloth steak house. The first might be identified as "Born, Raised and Slaughtered in the United States." The second would not.

The law specifically states that "the Secretary of Agriculture may not use a mandatory identification to verify country of origin." But a retailer could very well require such identification, or any other procedures they deem necessary, in order to "maintain the verifiable record keeping audit trail," which they will be required to do.

Record keeping in this program could become rather cumbersome, and possibly costly. The Federal Government is required to estimate reporting and record keeping costs of Federal regulations. The USDA has estimated the reporting and record keeping cost for all commodities under COOL at \$1.97 billion a year. *Cattle Buyer's Weekly* (an industry publication) estimate annual costs of \$1.4 billion for the beef industry alone. About half of that is estimated to be for identification and tracking in the production and packing segment and half in retail establishments for re-configuring meat departments, record keeping, and labeling.

However, some proponents of COOL maintain that such estimates are inflated. A group of 12 U.S. Senators has recently voiced concern to the Secretary of Agriculture that USDA officials appear to have consulted only with opponents of COOL in preparing these estimates. The USDA says they have met with parties on all sides of the issue and that they plan to have listening and educational sessions in 12 states in the near future to gain public input and provide information.

What should a producer do? The program is scheduled to become mandatory in less than 18 months. That means a lot of calves being born this spring will be coming off feed by then or later. One state Extension service is recommending that cow/calf producers ear tag calves, maintain calving books and herd inventories, and keep purchase receipts and bills of sale of all animals.

At this point, nobody knows for sure what retailers may require that would have effects back down the line. But it does look like this is not going to be as simple and easy as was first thought.

If you're interested in more information on COOL you can find it on the internet at www.ams.usda.gov/cool/.

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