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A Look
Back
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MAY 3, 1951

Accidental Gunshot Fatal
to Flomot Farmer
W.A. Rattan, Jr. is Victim of Tragedy

"Tragedy struck swiftly Friday afternoon on a Flomot farm and in its wake claimed the life of W.A. Rattan, Jr., 27, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Rattan, Sr., long-time residents of the Flomot community.

Three relatives and companions, the victim, had been fishing in a tank and decided to kill a rabbit for bait. The gun was accidentally discharged in the truck. The 22 bullet striking Rattan in the neck and lodging in his spine. He died about 5 p.m. Monday."



LIONS ROYALTY — Kayla Copp, (third from right) was crowned the new 2000-01 Lions Club Queen at their annual show, held Tuesday night. Ashley Stevens, (standing left of Kayla), last year's queen, crowned Kayla as the new queen. First runner up was LeeAnnra Wallace, (right of Kayla). Other queen candidates were (from left) Courtney Hays, Chasity Holman, and Cassie Campbell.

Motley County voters will decide outcome of local elections Saturday

Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and remain open until 7:00 p.m. for Motley County voters to decide who will hold the seats on the local boards and councils, when they cast their votes this Saturday, May 6th. There are contested races on both the Matador and Roaring Springs City Councils and on the Motley County School Board. The Matador Mayor's race is also contested.

Voters may cast their votes in Matador at the Courthouse in Matador for School Board and City Council. It had been reported earlier that voters should cast their votes for Matador City Council at City Hall, but Matador City Secretary, Linda Perryman, reported to the Tribune Tuesday morning, that voters should vote for Council at the Courthouse.

Roaring Springs residents will cast their votes at the Depot; Northfield, at the Cemetery building; and Flomot residents will vote at the Community Center.

The outcome of the Motley County School Board election will be interesting with three places up for election and eight candidates. Incumbent candidates are Larry Clifton, Ben Charles Grundy and John D. Russell. Challenging candidates are Marisue Potts, Douglas Campbell, Coy Franks, Bobby Williams and Pat Smith.

Seeking election for the Mayor's seat in Matador are Incumbent Gary Lancaster and challenging candidate Rodney Williams. There are two places open on the City Council, currently held by Shane Jones and Don Warren. Both incumbent candidates are on the ballot, as well as challengers, Gene Chapman and Fred Parson.

Mayor Joey Thacker will seek re-

End-of-School Bash planned for May 9

Ice cream, ice cream, we all scream for ice cream!

Motley County ISD will sponsor an End-of-School Bash for one and all, May 9, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

The coming of the end of school will be celebrated with cake and homemade ice cream. An informational meeting will follow to determine if there is enough interest in reorganizing PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization). If enough interest is shown, officers will be elected for the 2000-01 school year.

Statistics show that lack of family involvement in schools is one of the many reasons for failure in school and lack of motivation and achievement.

The residents of Motley County should work to improve the school, have some fun and help Motley County students. This is a family event, so children must be accompanied by an adult. Please make plans to attend this End-of-School Bash!

Memorial Day Muster dedicated to World War II Veterans

Motley County Veterans and their family members and friends will Muster at 6:00 p.m. on the traditional Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

This event is dedicated to "The Greatest Generation" of Veterans and their loved ones who fought and won World War II.

A special guest will address the assemblage following the supper.

Fleming Post 37 of the American Legion and Unit 337 of the American Legion Auxiliary are sponsoring the Muster.

There will be more information printed about the Muster in subsequent issues of the *Motley County Tribune*.

election in Roaring Springs. There are two places on the Council. Candidates are Vince Taylor, Gary Simpson and Corky Marshall.

Roaring Springs residents will also vote on a sales tax increase for economic development. The sales tax increase, including part 4A and part 4B under the Development Corporation Act of 1979, will ask for a 1/2 cent increase under part 4A and a 1/2 cent increase under part 4B. The sales tax was created by the Texas Legislature to be used exclusively for economic development.

Part 4A, primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development, must be used to focus on these areas. Roaring Springs could use the money raised by this sales tax to acquire land, buildings, equipment, facilities and improvements.

This type of sales tax may be used for distribution centers, small warehouse facilities, commercial development and expansion in depressed areas, among others.

Part 4B of the sales tax increase would provide Roaring Springs with a wider range of the use of the tax revenues because it is intended to give communities an opportunity to undertake a project for quality of life improvements, including economic development.

Roaring Springs could use this

sales tax for a wide variety of projects, such as facilities for sports, tourism, entertainment, parks, concessions, water improvements and sewers, as well as affordable housing.

Other cities on the South Plains who have already passed the Sales Tax are Littlefield, Clarendon, Friona, Groom, Gruver, and Wellington.

It is reported that Arlington Stadium was built with money raised through the 4B tax.

The sales tax has been reported to be one of the most popular and effective tools used by cities to promote economic development.

A committee must be appointed to administer the work of the Economic Development Corporation. The Committee can only recommend to the council the spending of funds.

All purchases currently made within the City of Roaring Springs that already have a sales tax will have an additional 1/2 cent for each part of the tax added, if passed.

Motley County residents are urged to go to the polls this Saturday. Each part of this election is very important to the county and voters should let their voices be heard, in a sense, by casting their votes. Every vote counts!

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Did Coronado sleep here?

By Marisue Potts

Approximately 130 people gathered at the Plains Baptist Assembly in Blanco Canyon on April 17 to listen to the theories of historians and scholars about whether the Francisco Vasquez Coronado Expedition camped in 1541 near the spring-fed waters of White River, about seven miles south of present-day Floydada.

Following nine presentations at a sister conference held at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM, this segment offered thirteen topics to interested historians, geographers, archaeologists, and just plain old history buffs.

For eons people needing shelter, water, and food have gathered within these canyon walls: the early pioneers, the cavalry, the Comanches, Apaches and Kiowas, and, if Wichita State professor Dr. Donald Blakeslee is correct, the Tejas Indians and an exploration party of 300 Spanish soldiers and 1,500 Mexican Indians, with thousands of head of livestock for the

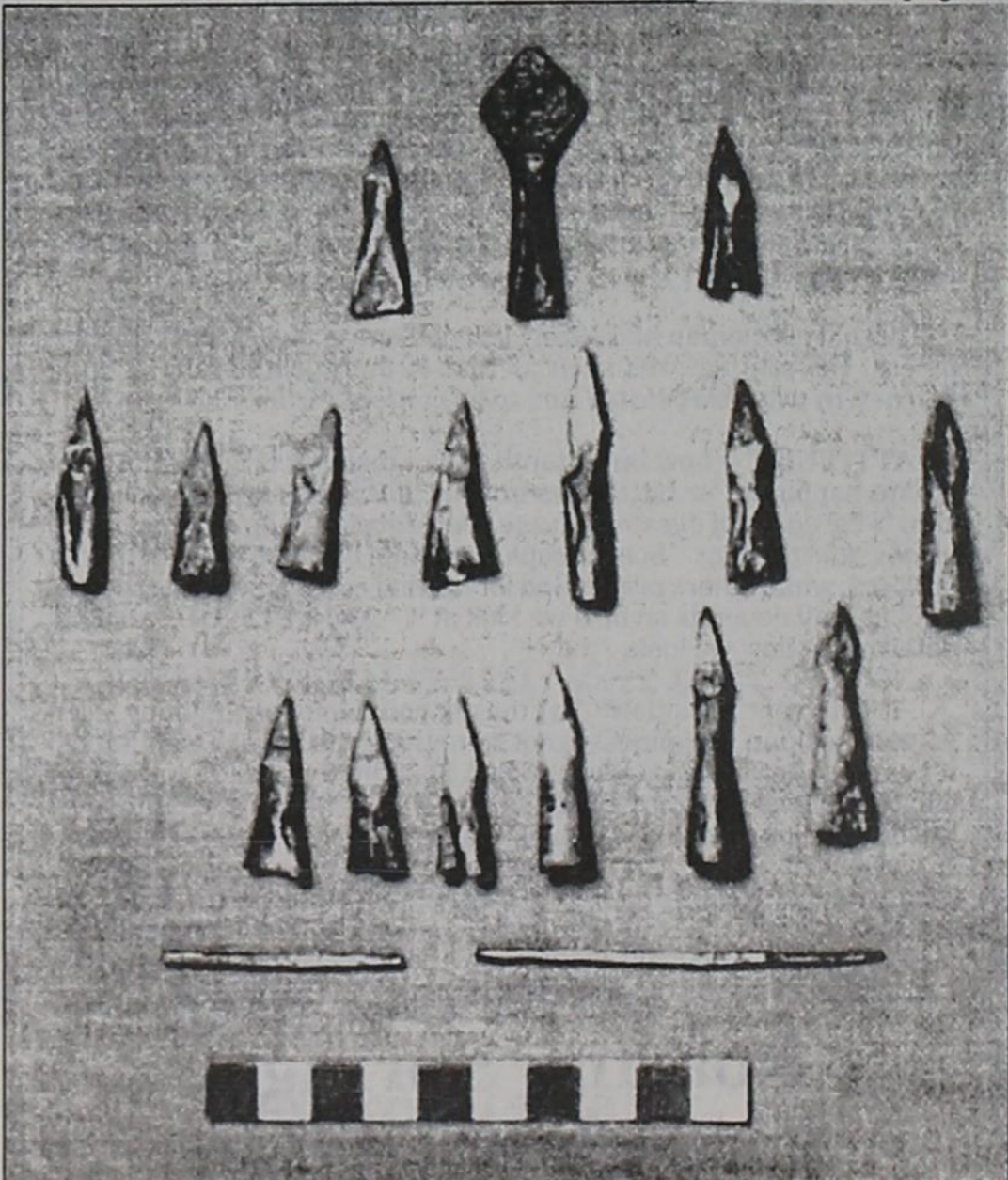
supply train.

In the early 1990's Floydada resident Jimmy Owens unearthed in Blanco Canyon the first crossbow bolt points linked by documents only to the Coronado Expedition. Since then Blakeslee has pursued and catalogued Spanish-style horseshoes and carrot-shaped horseshoe nails, and some 36 copper tips, the most found in any one location and more than in all the other locations combined. A chain mail gauntlet or glove that was found in a local farmer's field has also been linked to the site, Blakeslee believes.

Still elusive in the river valley are the definitive pottery sherds from olas broken in a hail storm and a massive amount of buffalo bones from a two week bison hunt undertaken by the exploration party which ultimately covered 4,000 miles from the Mexican coast and back.

One of the more interesting talks from our Motley County vantage point was presented by airline pilot

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Crossbow bolt points unearthed in Blanco Canyon are being linked to the Coronado Expedition of 1541 by Spanish documents. If these or other Spanish artifacts are found in Motley County, they could pinpoint the route of the large entourage of soldiers, Mexican Indians, and livestock.

\$100 million in tobacco funds delivered

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is sending \$100 million this week from the Texas tobacco settlement to 288 Texas cities, counties and hospital districts to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

The Motley County Hospital District received \$6,598.15.

The check amounts were determined by a formula, established by the Texas Department of Health, based on the amount spent on unreimbursed indigent health care in the previous year.

The funds are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998, and are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for payments in 1999-2001. The 1999 payments totaled \$300 million.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April, 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion was set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

April makes stormy exit Rainfall totals good for the month

by Earlyne Jameson

The month of April made a stormy exit Sunday, April 30, in Motley County with a sighted tornado funnel, hail and blowing rains.

Motley County has received average and above average rainfall amounts so far this year. Farmers are hoping it will be enough to make up for the lack of moisture the past year. Tractors moved across fields with Treflan and fertilizer rigs, followed by listing of land the past two weeks,

in preparation for planting cotton crop in May.

The total rainfall in April registered by Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, National Weather Service Volunteer of Flomot, was 3.30 inches. Jim Stockton of Whiteflat reported a total of 3.28 inches. Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, reported 3.53. Betty Simpson of Northfield reported a total of 3.33 inches, while Kelly Meyer of Matador reported 1.15 for the month of April.

Annual 4-H sponsored Mini-Olympics set for May 13

Motley County 4-H will once again sponsor a Mini-Olympics for area youth on Saturday, May 13, at the Motley County High School Track and Field. The event will start at about 9:30 a.m. with check-in beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Olympics are open to all youth of the area from ages 2 years through the sixth grade. The youth will compete based on their age or grade with a separate boy and girl division in each age or grade.

There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per participant which will allow the youth to enter one or all of the events in their age/grade bracket. The events

will include the 50, 100, 200 and 400 meter dash; the 400 meter relay; long jump; baseball throw; and jump rope. There will be a special family 400 meter relay which will consist of two adults and two youth, if there is enough interest.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third places in each event and participation ribbons to all participants.

A concession stand will be available.

To sign up or receive more information, please call D'anna Russell at 347-2601.

Teen Challenge Service to be held at Assembly of God

The Matador First Assembly of God will host the Teen Challenge team for a service on May 7th at 6:00 p.m. The Teen Challenge ministry works with both men and women of various ages that have become addicted to alcohol and drugs. Worldwide, Teen Challenge continues to have the highest cure rates of substance abusers. Come and hear for yourself first-hand testimonies of those that have been freed from their addictions. There is no charge for the service but those that desire to support the ministry of Teen Challenge will have the opportunity to do so.

For additional information contact Pastor Rex Kreuzel at (806) 347-2771.

Summer Baseball Sign-up

Summer Baseball sign-up is now in progress. All kids who want to participate may pick up forms at the Motley County School, New To You in Matador, or LaNita's Cafe in Roaring Springs.

All kids in Motley County or Patton Springs are encouraged to participate. Age divisions are for children who will be four by May 19 and up to 18 years of age.

Roaring Springs Methodist to sponsor supper

The Roaring Springs First United Methodist Church will sponsor a Supper on Monday night, May 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meal will consist of soup or a bowl of beans, cobbler or cake topped with homemade ice cream. There will also be sugar free homemade ice cream and cake. The proceeds will go for expenses of the new Fellowship Hall.

Roaring Springs Volunteers to sponsor annual Flea Market

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers announced this week that they will sponsor their annual Flea Market fund-raiser on Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Booth rentals will be \$10.00 each. Vendors must furnish their own tables, racks, etc. Items may be brought to set up the afternoon before, on May 5, between 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., or set up the next morning at 8:00 a.m.

Jo Trammel, 348-7565, will be the chairperson in charge of this event.

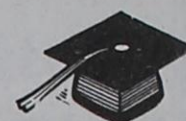
All-Sports Banquet set for May 11

The Motley County All-Sports Banquet will be held Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The cost of tickets are \$6.50 each and can be purchased at Rose Garden Floral, Marshall Brothers or Mane Place and PCA.

Motley County School News



CLASS OF 2000 SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Immunization Clinic set at School May 9

An Immunization Clinic will be held at the Motley County School in the Multipurpose Room on May 9, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

A flat fee of \$7.00 will be charged for each child who is served at the clinic. The fee remains the same no matter how many immunizations the child receives. If the child is covered by Medicaid, either the parent or student will need to bring a current Medicaid card or a clear copy to school on the day of the clinic.

The consent form sent home with

each child and the required \$7.00 fee must be returned to Mrs. Carolyn Johnson at the school by Friday, May 5, in order for the immunizations to be provided at the scheduled clinic. If these items are not returned by May 5, the immunization becomes the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

If a child has had the required immunization, please contact Mrs. Johnson at 347-2676 with the correct documentation so that the school files can be updated.

What's to Eat?



MONDAY, MAY 8

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage and Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Cheese - Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Breakfast: Toast, Scrambled Eggs, hash Browns, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Chips, Cowboy Cookie, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Breaded Pork Chops, Fluffy Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce and Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Peach Cup, Milk.

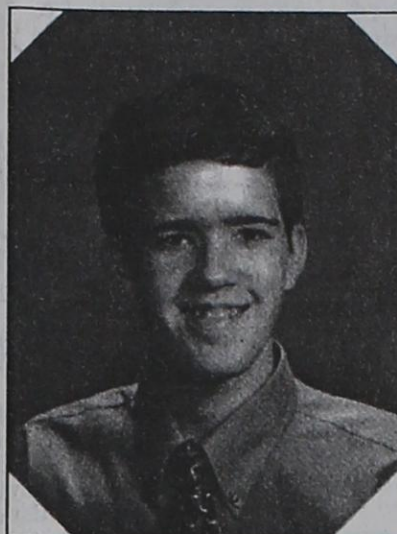
FRIDAY, MAY 12

Snow Day, SCHOOL HOLIDAY!

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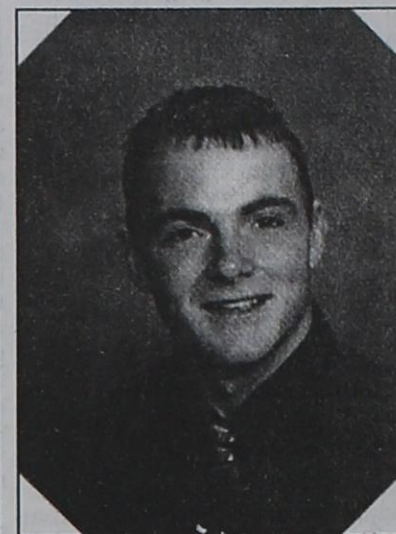
JAY TOMISON

Age 18
 Birthday: August 23
 Place Of Birth: Plainview
 Nickname: Jaybo
 Parents: Arnold and Nelda Tomison
 Favorite Past Time: Watching TV
 Favorite color: Blue
 Favorite food: Chicken Strips
 Best Movie I ever saw : Titanic
 Favorite song: The Dance by Garth Brooks
 Favorite musical talent or group: Dixie Chicks
 Favorite style of clothes: Wranglers and T-Shirts
 Best place to hang out: Nathan's house.
 Best memory of school years: Regional U.I.L. trip.
 Favorite teacher throughout school: Mrs. Cox
 Favorite subject: Computers
 Who do you most admire and why? My Mom and Dad and my Grandmom because they've always been there for me when I've needed them



KEMBER DeSHAY EVERETT

Age: 18
 Birthday: March 17, 1982
 Place of birth: Lockney, Texas
 Parents: Rob and LeShay Everett
 Brothers and sisters: Jaron and Logan
 Favorite past time: Hanging out, playing basketball
 Favorite color: Yellow
 Favorite food: Mashed Potatoes
 Best movie I ever saw: Dirty Dancing
 Favorite Song: The Kangaroo Song
 Favorite musical talent or group: Creed
 Favorite style of clothes: Lucky and Abercrombie
 Best place to hangout: anywhere
 Best memory of school years: Road trips
 Favorite teacher throughout school: Mrs. Gillespie.
 Favorite subject: Calculus
 Who do you most admire and why: I admire Maw-Maw Sue because she is always willing to help others no matter how it affects herself.



DUSTY JAY JACKSON

Age: 17
 Birthday: August 28, 1982
 Place of birth: Lockney, Texas
 Nickname: DJ
 Parents: Donnie and Kelli Jackson
 Brothers & sisters: Jack
 Favorite past time: Playing football, visiting Kember.
 Favorite color: Blue
 Favorite food: Steak
 Best movie I ever saw: Tombstone and Varsity Blues
 Favorite song: My Own Prison
 Favorite musical talent or group: Creed
 Favorite style of clothes: Lucky and Tommy
 Best place to hangout: Kember's house.
 Best memory of school years: Football '99.
 Favorite teacher throughout school: Coach Cox
 Favorite subject: Math Models
 Who do you most admire and why: My Mom and Dad because they are always there for me no matter how bad I mess up.

Plans in progress for "Project Graduation"

The Motley County Booster Club members are beginning preparations for the "Project Graduation." This is an all-night, lock-in, drug free, alcohol free party that the Booster Club sponsors for all Motley County High School students and a guest, to be held May 27, 2000, after graduation.

Motley County ISD is made up of students from the Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot, Whiteflat and

Northfield areas. The Booster Club is asking for donations or gifts for the event from these communities. Checks should be made payable to "Motley County Booster Club."

Any donation or prize may be given to Reneigh Burns, Judy Renfro, Ronda Miller, Wanda Kilmer or Dana Graham in Roaring Springs. Your kindness and support will be greatly appreciated.

Prom - May 6
Book Fair - 8-11
Athletic Banquet - May 11

Mother's Day is May 14th!
Rose Garden
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Beautiful Flowers & Plants, Garden Accessories
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I would like to ask for your Vote and Support in the Mayor's Election Saturday, May 6th. Please Vote Saturday

Thank You, Rodney Williams

Political Ad Paid For by Rodney Williams

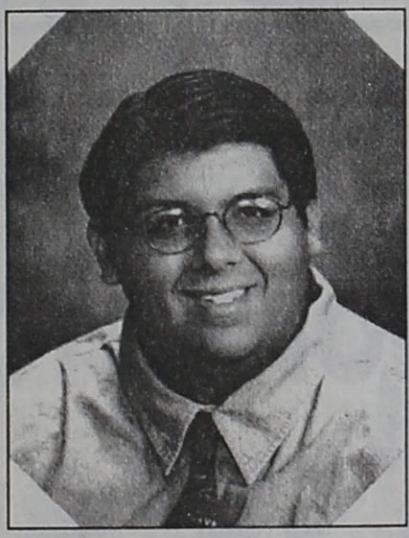
For all your Memorial needs in Marble, Granite and Bronze see Betty Bostick

The Windmill

347-2233 or 347-2012 after 5:00 p.m.

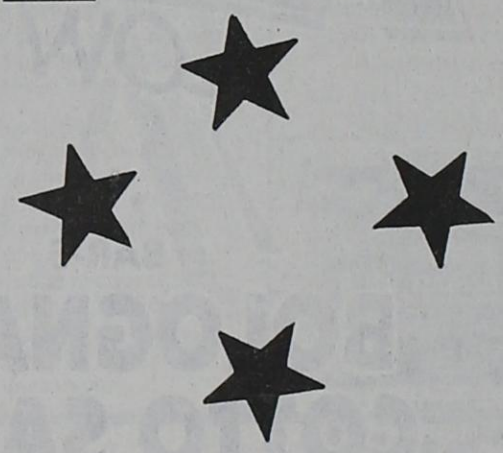
Congratulations to all Motley County UIL Participants and

GOOD LUCK AT STATE



Quinn

Quinn Hays will compete at State in Ready Writing UT at Austin, May 6



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| First State Bank | Meredith Construction | Higginbotham-Bartlett |
| Caprock Cellular | Gas & Supply | Gillespie Communications |
| Matador Variety | Matador Motor & Implement | Motley County Tribune |
| The Windmill | Cap Rock Telephone | Rose Garden Floral |
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| New To You | Flomot Gin | Thacker Supply |

CANDIDATES' PROFILE

NOTE: Every candidate was mailed a Candidate Profile. Some chose not to return them. The following profiles are the candidates' comments concerning the office they are seeking in Saturday's upcoming election. We appreciate the response to this Profile feature by the candidates and hope you will take the time to read each one.

Gary L. Lancaster
Incumbent Candidate
for Mayor, Matador

Family & Education: Wife, Carolyn; two daughters, Mrs. Brian (Shanna) Glover, grandchildren Cutter and Canbree of Lazbuddie, Tx.; and Mrs. Jay (Wendy) Flowers of Old Glory, Tx.

Graduated from Matador High School. Graduated Cum Laude from Midwestern State University with a bachelors degree in Business Administration and Accounting.

Work: Self-employed Certified Public Accountant and part-time Rancher.

Reason for running for this position: To continue progress on upgrading water, sewer, and solid waste systems while at the same time keeping the City financially solvent.

New projects: While completing the solid waster landfill expansion, several grants for water and sewer system improvements are in the planning stage. There is also a possibility of obtaining some form of economic development grant. These grant possibilities require matching funds and must be carefully monitored to prevent an increased burden to the taxpayers.

Needs, plans and comments: Everyone is interested in seeing Matador increase its industrial, retail, and population base. The city government should do everything in its power to provide adequate infrastructure and a business climate conducive to any new business or business expansion that might arise. The city must keep in mind, however, that money alone can not bring about these changes. The private sector, civic organizations, financial institutions, and other local governments must assume part of the burden, not just the taxpayers of the city. Above all, it takes a business or individual willing to take the risk of investing time and money in order to start a business in this area. The taxpayers can not, nor should they, assume the financial responsibility required to start a new business.

In order to assist local businesses and individual taxpayer the City of Matador has been able to decrease ad valorem tax rates while maintain-

ing a high level of efficiency. The City of Matador has decreased its rate by 15 cents from 1981 to 1999. By contrast, Motley County has seen a 25-cent increase over the same period. Matador's water, sewer, and solid waste rates are also among the lowest in the region. The City of Paducah, for instance, has a base rate for businesses \$23.00 per month higher than the base rate of Matador.

The tax rates and user fees mentioned in the above paragraph have been accomplished while updating all City owned equipment, obtaining over \$1,000,000 in State & Federal grants, converting the City accounting system from hand ledgers to an up-to-date internet capable computer system, and changing solid waster disposal from "burning barrels" to dumpsters.

Lancaster commented, "As a candidate, my pledge is to continue this path of low taxes, low user fees, while still doing everything possible (within the City's financial means) to encourage new business growth and success."



Rodney Williams
Candidate, Mayor, Matador

Family and Education: I am 44 years old. I have a wife, Glenda, and two daughters, Lindsey, 21, and Kristi, 19, both students at South Plains and living in Lubbock.

Attended Matador High School. Place of work: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Your reason for running for this position: I have been a City Councilman for five years. I would like to expand my service to the citizens of Matador as Mayor.

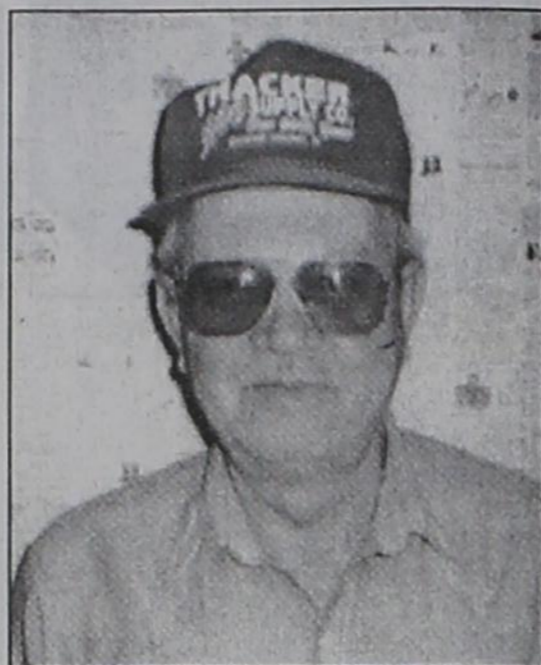
What do you want to "do" or "change" if elected? I would like to promote growth of the City by providing quality service and encourage business growth, which will benefit all citizens.

What do you think Matador's greatest needs are? Means of re-

taining our youth here as future Matadorites.

Do you have plans or ideas to better our present system, and what are they? To promote our city as a place for small business to prosper due to low taxes, living expenses, etc.

Comments: I have tried to be fair and honest with everyone I have dealt with the past five years. I will continue to be fair and truthful and work hard for the betterment of the citizens and the City of Matador.



Gene Chapman
Candidate, City Council Matador

Family and Education: Wife, Sara, Matador Postmaster.

Graduated from Paducah High School.

Place of Work: Motley County ISD.

Reason for running for this position: I have some ideas that I think could help the town.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? Check into any and all government programs available to help small towns.

What do you think Matador's greatest needs are: Better streets, new business and/or industry. More housing.

Do you have plans or ideas to better our present system and what are they? I know there are ways to get what we need for Matador and I want to work and find the help we need to do this.

Comments: I would really like to look into the development of creating something for our youth, such as researching grants available for a youth center.

Fred Parson
Candidate, City Council, Matador

Family and Education: Wife, Mallane; daughters, Chesle Rains of Floydada and Brooke Barton of

Matador; one granddaughter, Katie Barton; one grandson, Riley Rains.

Attended Floydada High School and Wayland Baptist University.

Place of work: Higginbotham-Bartlett, Matador.

Your reason for running for this position: I consider this to be an opportunity to become directly involved in furthering Matador's progress.

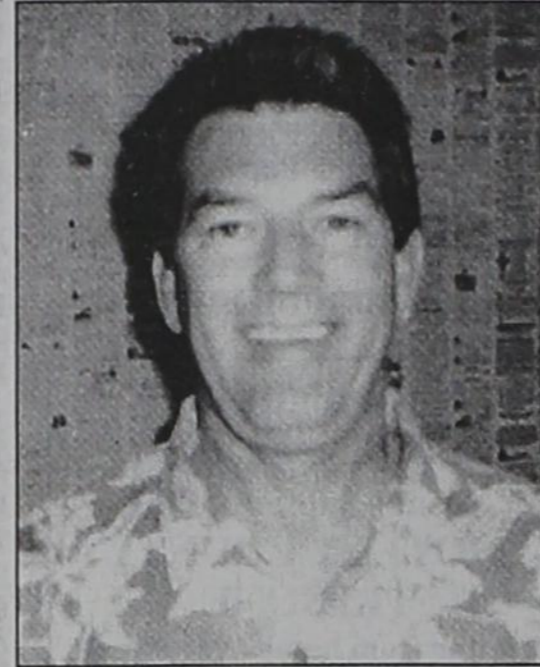
What do you want to "do" or "change" if elected? Explore all avenues for Matador's economic growth.

What do you think Matador's greatest needs are? Jobs and housing.

Do you have plans or ideas to better our present system, and what are they? The present system is working fine. We should all work toward the common goal of keeping our community strong and secure.

Comments: I would like to see our town progress, but keep the qualities that make it "home." Matador is an ideal place to raise a family or retire.

We have many resources here to work with and we should be good stewards of them.



Vince F. Taylor
Candidate, City Council,
Roaring Springs

Family and education: Parents, Frank and Jimmie Taylor; sister Jody Piper; daughter ShaVonne Taylor, 18; son, Luke, 14; wife, Laura Taylor.

Attended Paducah High School. Place of Work: Valley Tribune, owner.

Reason for running for this position: I feel that it's everyone's responsibility to serve their community in some capacity or another, and the City Council does a lot of good.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if elected? I would like to work with the other council members

to bring new businesses to our community and improve our quality of life in Roaring Springs.

What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are: We need a lot of things, but the one thing I think we need the most is a reliable Grocery Store that is well stocked and open regularly.

Do you have plans or ideas to better our present system, and what are they? I would like to work for more grants and with landowners in town to help bring in more people.

Comments: If elected, I will try to serve the people of Roaring Springs with their best interest at heart, be fair and open to all ideas, and work with fellow council members and the Mayor to make Roaring Springs a place we will all be proud to call home!

Gary L. Simpson
Candidate, City Council,
Roaring Springs

Family and education: Wife, Lisa; two children at home, Eric and Britton.

Graduate of Motley County High School.

Place of work: WTU

Your reason for running for this position: My heart is in this small town. I feel everyone should take a turn running the affairs of their town, if they care at all.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? To change, I don't know. To do, I would like to insure the survival of this small town.

What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are? The greatest needs we have at this moment is trying to keep the people working and living here.

Do you have plans or ideas to better our present system, and what are they? I would like to do my part to contribute to the town I live in and to work to improve it in any way I can.

Corky Marshall
Candidate for City Council,
Roaring Springs

Family and education: Wife, Monta; son Kenneth and wife, Mary; daughter, Pennie and husband, Kelly; four grandkids and two great-grandkids.

Graduated from Roaring Springs High School, 1950

Place of work: Broker for I.M.C. Salt Co.

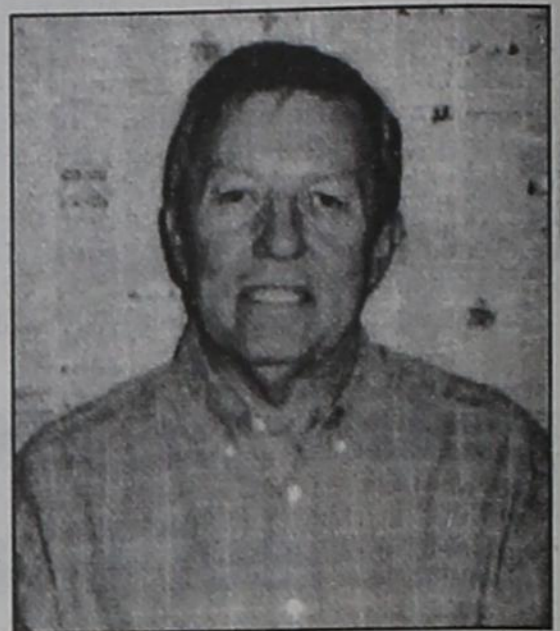
Reason for running for this position: I want to do what I can for my home town.

What do you want to "do" or

"change" if elected? I want to do my best and only change things that will make the city better if it is changed.

What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are? More businesses, more jobs and more housing.

Do you have plans to better our present system, and what are they? As I serve in the system I will develop ideas and plans.



Bobby G. Williams
Candidate, School Board

Family and Education: Wife, Jeanne; daughter, Paige W. Barnes. Graduate of Matador High School, class of 1959.

Place of work: Texas Department of Transportation, Childress Area Engineer's Office.

Reason for running for this position: To serve the School District in a fair and impartial manner for the betterment of the system.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if elected? I would like to see the Motley County School become more cohesive and obtain an even higher level of efficiency.

Do you have plans or ideas to better our present system, and what are they? To be open-minded, fair and to work with the Board, Administration, Faculty and all involved, to serve and improve the entire Motley County School community.

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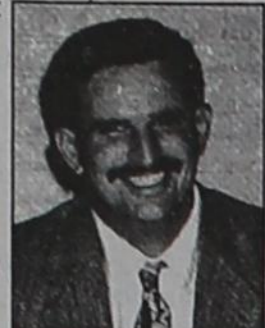
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News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

BIODEGRADABLE HYDRAULIC FLUID NEARS MARKET

A new vegetable-based biodegradable hydraulic fluid for use in heavy equipment is moving toward commercialization. USDA scientists are producing industrial-sized quantities of the basis for making biodegradable lubricants from sunflower oil fatty acids. Hydraulic fluids are used to transfer pressure in machinery to activate motion, such as a moving crane or a blade.

Sunflower oil can replace petroleum-based hydraulic fluids, which do not degrade well. Construction equipment manufacturers began seeking biodegradable alternatives in response to tighter environmental regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency. Sunflower fatty acids produce a clear fluid that pours well at below-freezing temperatures, making this hydraulic fluid desirable for engine operation during cold weather.

FOR UNIFORMITY, DON'T CROSSBREED?

There is currently a good bit of discussion about the lack of uniformity in the nation's beef herd. One proposed cure is straightbreeding, which certainly can increase uniformity compared to indiscriminate, ill-planned crossbreeding. But, just because an animal is straightbred doesn't mean it's good; undesirable uniformity is not good, whether straightbred or not. Crossbreds from well-designed systems can be uniform. And, realize that uniformity is important primarily when selling in multiple-head groups, but market desirability is important always. The U.S. Meat Animal Research Center reports that crossbreeding averages a 20% increase in pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed to breeding, and crossbred cows average staying in the herd 1.3 years longer with 30% higher lifetime production than straightbred cows. Strive to produce adapted, efficient, desirable crossbreds. If you are marketing in groups, uniformity is a bonus.



Displaying the \$1 million patronage to Panhandle-Plains FLBA stockholders are Kenneth Hooper, Steve Brown, Jerry Oswalt, Ronnie Hopper and Tommy Ogden.

Highlights of Panhandle-Plains stockholders meeting

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association held its annual meeting April 15th at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. The meeting was well attended with some 200 plus members and their families, guests, and staff.

In board elections, Steve Burns, a producer and businessman from Roaring Springs, was elected to a vacancy in Place 9. Stockholders also reelected Larry Fairchild from Place 4 and Ronnie Hopper from Place 8.

According to Chairman Jerry Oswalt, the association enjoyed several significant accomplishments during 1999. "We are proud to report a one million dollar cash patronage and approval of the interest rate reduction that occurred in January of this year. The transition to a direct lender, or Federal Land Credit Association, was successful and the association is now positioned to use its financial strength for the benefit of its membership."

CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr., re-

viewed financial reports for the past year. "The association's 1999 financial performance was highlighted by strong consistent earnings, a strong

and improving capital position, superior asset quality, and a 6% net loan volume growth. The association is positioned to be successful, even during these rough times in the agriculture economy," Williams said.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia. A former minister, Dr. Wyatt is nationally known for his western artwork.

Headquartered in Pampa, Panhandle-Plains FLBA is a member-owned lending cooperative, providing long-term financing for agricultural real estate purchase, refinance, and improvement. The association has approximately \$150 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Peryton, and Plainview.

Coronado

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Dee Brecheisen of Peralta, NM. His slides centered around the Spanish artifacts found on old mule train trails in Panama. The adventurer shared items from his collection: carrot-head nails, mule shoes, cross bow tips, harness rings, mule bells, belt buckles, crosses, medallions, silver cast buttons, weight cups to weigh precious metals, gold coins, links of chain mail, Chinese ceramics, lead balls of many different sizes, spurs of a wide variety of designs, and the distinctive "Jesus" stirrups in a cross shape.

"Artifacts linked to the Spanish in Panama and found there should also be found here," he said.

Pat Mercado-Allinger of the Texas Historical Commission has stated that the Coronado sites are of great importance to Texas history because they testify to the first encounter of Europeans with Indian groups of the Panhandle-Plains. In addition, they are a viable tourism

draw, so much so that the THC is considering adding explorer's routes to the Trail series, the Forts Trails, the Mission Trails, the Plains Trails, and so forth. For local chambers of commerce, the location of the Coronado sites in their regions provide a marketing tool vitally important to boost sagging economies with tourism dollars.

If the Blanco Canyon site is indeed the place where Coronado pitched his silk tent, as Dr. Blakeslee suggests, and not Palo Duro Canyon as Dr. Jack Hughes suggests, then where is the location of the second campsite described in the chronicles of Castenada? Motley County, an area where Spanish artifacts have been discovered for years by landowners, cowboys, and amateur archeologists, could harbor the second location. It may be that Coronado (and about 1,799 others) did indeed sleep here.

If anyone has information about Spanish artifacts and/or old trails, please contact the Floyd County Museum in Floydada or the Motley County Museum in Matador. The search goes on.

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