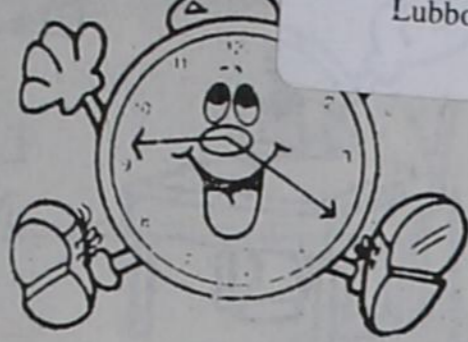


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Around the County

Health Screening Clinic scheduled in Flomot

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot is sponsoring a Health Screening Clinic conducted by the Texas Department of Health, Tuesday, April 3, at the Flomot Community Center. The screenings will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Texas Department of Health personnel will give blood pressure screening and other medical tests free of charge.

Everyone is urged to take advantage of this medical service.

MCYO meeting Monday

A MCYO meeting will be held on Monday night, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. This meeting is very important! Those who do not agree with the elected officers, should attend this meeting to re-vote.

Also to be discussed will be the fund raiser supper.

Boll Weevil meeting set for April 2

A Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Producer meeting has been set to be held in Matador at the Senior Citizen's Building, April 2, 2001.

Denise Shannon to play in All-Star games



Denise Shannon

Denise Shannon, a member of the Matley County high school Lady Matadors' basketball team, has been nominated and selected to play in the Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star games to be held April 5-7 in Amarillo. The games are organized and conducted by an unpaid Board of Directors and assisted by volunteers who promote basketball and recognize the talents and contributions of the top high school seniors in the area.

Denise will play on the South team, along with nine other girls.

Their first game will be held Thursday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Denise is a Senior and the daughter of Robert and Debbie Shannon of Matador.

Matador Lions Club to take part in Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off

Everything is bigger in Texas, and community and cleanups are no exception as more than 100,000 volunteers take to the streets on Saturday, April 7, 2001, to declare war on trash. As participants in the 16th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, these proud Texans will be going to extreme measures to pick after those who have dared to trash the Lone Star State.

"We are extremely grateful for the way our Trash-Off volunteers demonstrate their Texas pride, but it's hard work for 100,000 volunteers to pick up after 17 million people,"

said Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "Other Texans talk about their state pride, and I challenge them to put that pride into action year-round by keeping our highways litter free."

In Matley County, there are two Adopt-a-Highway groups who keep eight miles of road clean during the year. Participating in the Trash-Off on April 7th will be the Matador Lions Club.

"Currently Adopt-a-Highway volunteers clean only 10 percent of the state's roadways, and state tax dollars must be used to keep the remaining stretches clean," said Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator. "Adopting a highway not only helps keep our state beautiful, it also allows tax dollars to be used for road improvements and beautification instead of trash pickup."

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Local Fire Department hosts 2nd Annual Fire School

by Craig Turner

The Matador Fire Department hosted their Second Annual Wildland Fire School on Saturday, March 24. Registration was from 7:00 until 8:00 a.m. Classes began at 8:15. There were three classes - Incident Command, Fire Suppression, and Pump Operations. There were about 79 students enrolled in the classes. Instructors were personnel from the Texas Forestry Service and local fire departments. At lunch participants were fed an excellent meal.

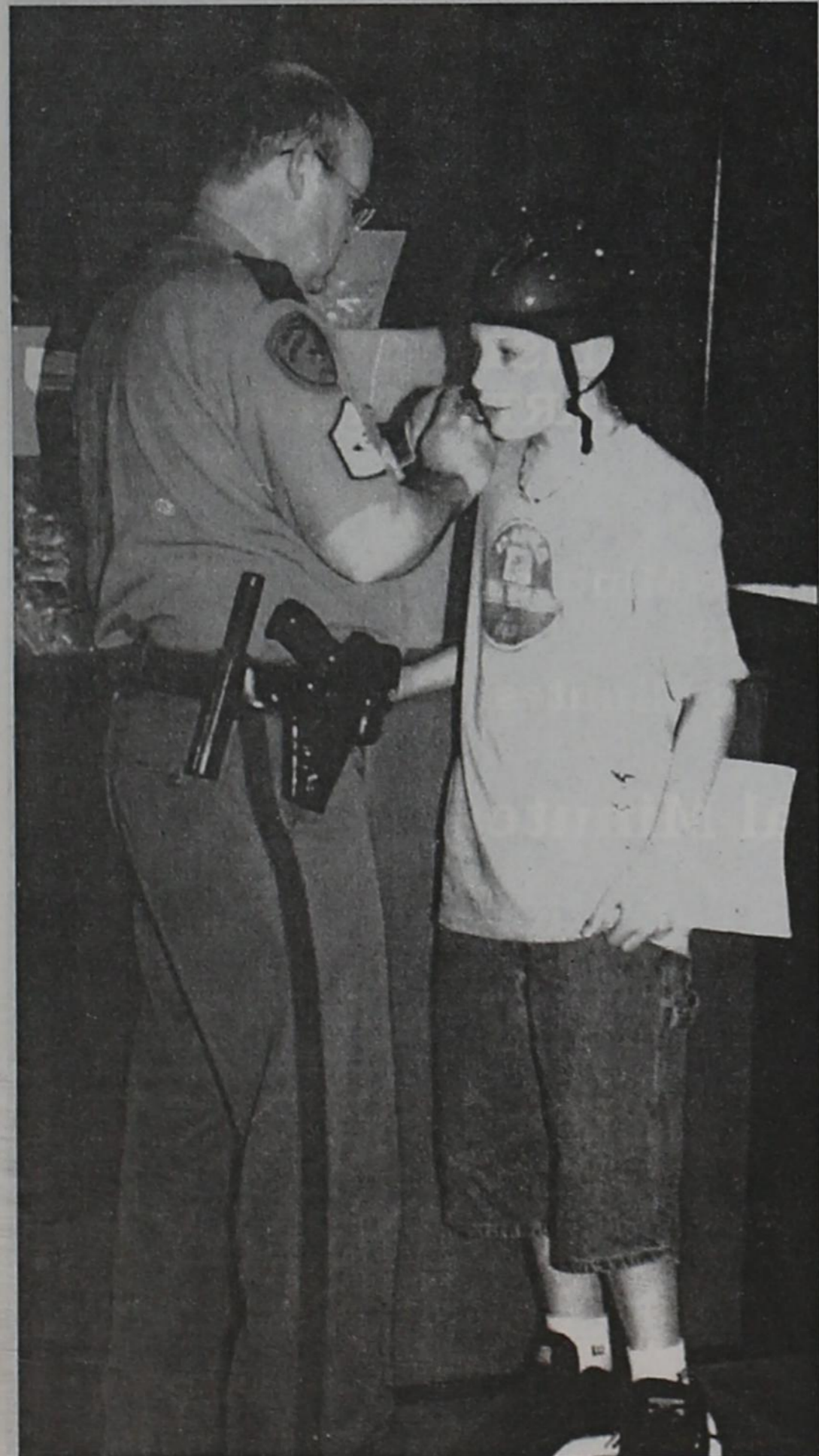
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Whiteflat Homecoming to be held April 7

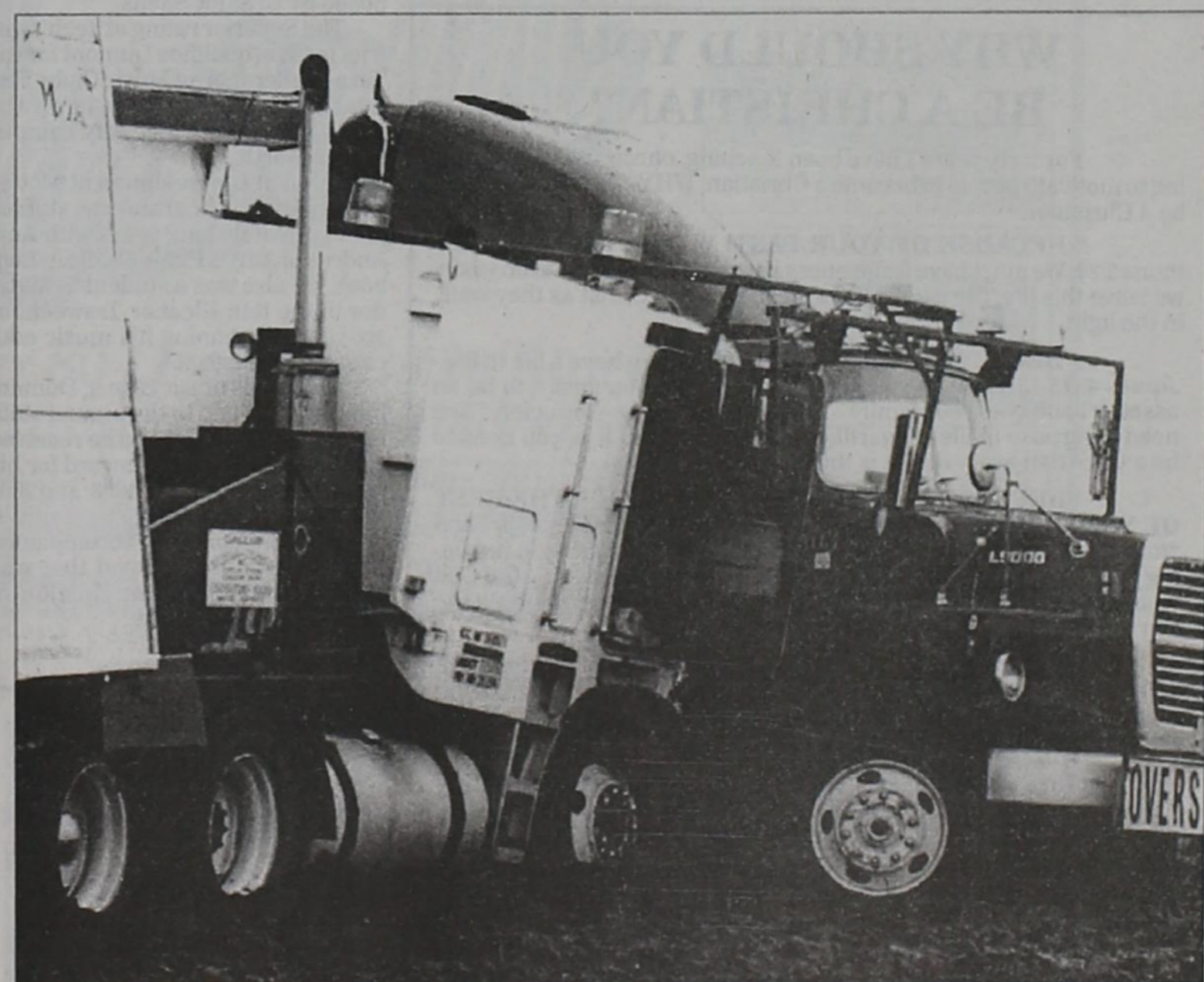
Once again it's nearing time for the annual Whiteflat Homecoming. The annual reunion will be held on Saturday, April 7, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador. There will be lots of food and fellowship. The coffee pot will be on and the doors will open by 9:00 a.m.



LEARNING TO ESCAPE — Motley County Pre-K students learned to use a fire escape during a program at school, sponsored by the State Fire Marshall's office and Motley County Fire Departments, last week. This trailer, a miniature house on the inside, is complete with a living room with a fire place, a kitchen with a stove and microwave, stairs that lead to a bedroom, and sliding glass doors with a fire escape from the balcony, as pictured here. The trailer was donated by the Texas Fire Chief's Association and is taken to schools all over Texas to teach children fire prevention. According to Mr. Gary Dodson of the State Fire Marshall's office, over 102,000 children have gone through this program. Assisting the children are Chesle Rains (top) and Gene Chapman.



DPS Sergeant, Richard Gribble, fits Motley County fifth grader, Riley Nordquist, with a new Bike Helmet. DPS gave new helmets to all Motley County elementary students. The helmets were made available through a grant Sergeant Gribble secured from the Texas Health Department.



TRUCKS COLLIDE — These two tractor-trailer rigs, pulling double wide mobile homes, collided Sunday morning, eight miles north of Matador. According to Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, it appeared the truck in back attempted to pass, striking the truck in front, causing it to veer off the road. There were no injuries. Sheriff Meador reported that alcohol was a factor in this accident.



I would like to say congratulations to my cousin, Shirlene, of DeRidder, LA. Shirlene works at the *Beauregard Daily News* in DeRidder. She has been a member of the newspaper's staff for several years, and just last week was promoted to staff writer, after working in classifieds far too long. Now I know for a small weekly paper like this that probably doesn't sound like much, since at our paper, the staff of one does it all, but for a daily paper that is quite an accomplishment!

Shirlene is a wonderful writer. In fact I have suggested that she write a feature story for our paper.

Shirlene, my sister Sherry, and I spent many hours playing as children. One of our favorite games was writing letters and 'mailing' them back and forth from bed to bed in my Granny's back bedroom. Although the beds were only about 2 feet apart - to us there was an ocean separating them. We rigged up a line hang-

ing between the beds, with clothespins to clip our letters, and pulled the line across the "ocean" to the receiver. Shirlene's letters were always so interesting.

She went from letter writing across the "ocean" to writing poems and short stories and even wrote stories for a magazine in Ruidoso, NM.

We spent many hours talking and playing and dreaming of what we would be when we grew up, although I don't remember either one of us ever mentioning newspaper work, I find it rather ironic that we are now both in this line of work. Not only are we blood kin - I guess we both have "ink in our blood."

Shirlene is a very talented writer. She has a natural talent. Words just seem to flow for her. I am very proud for her and I just wanted to use my limited space this week to congratulate my cousin.

So, Shirlene - You go girl!

Texas Trash Off

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Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers will pick up an estimated 2 million tons of litter in time for the Spring wildflower season. This massive statewide cleanup is organized by TxDOT and is fueled by volunteers from Adopt-a-Highway groups and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) communities around the state.

Along with the Don't Mess With

Texas Trash-Off, TxDOT's litter prevention programs have reversed a trend in the increase of trash on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter. TxDOT's grassroots partner, Keep Texas Beautiful, is a nonprofit, environmental organization consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies. Anyone interested in participating in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off can call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org and www.ktb.org. For more information call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator at 940-937-7145.

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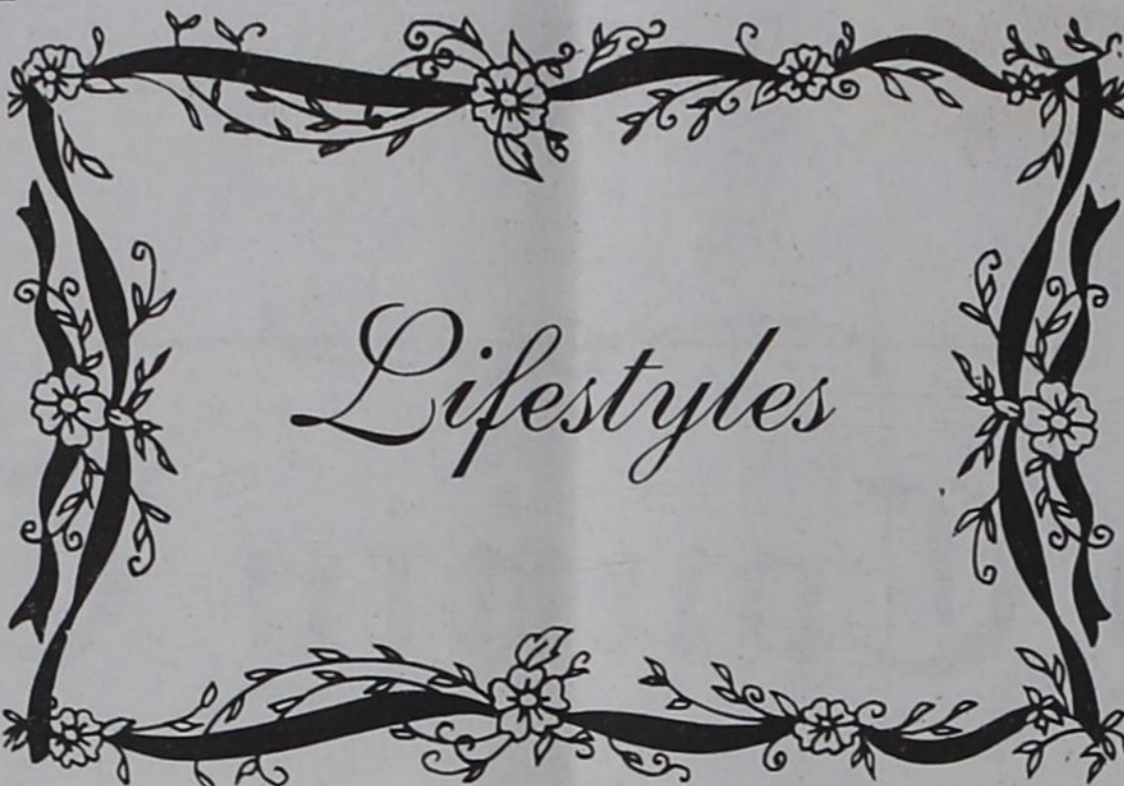
- * **BECAUSE OF YOUR PAST!** We have all sinned - *Romans 3:23*. We must have forgiveness if we want to go to Heaven when we leave this life. Christians have forgiveness in Christ as they walk in the light.
- * **BECAUSE OF YOUR PRESENT!** You have a life to live - *James 4: 13-15*. How do you want to live it? Do you desire to be an asset or liability to your family -- to your community -- to society? You need a purpose in life. Regardless of how long you live, you need to be a Christian every day. It is the best way of life.
- * **BECAUSE TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!** Now is the time to begin to "walk the walk" and "talk the talk" - *2 Corinthians 6: 1-2*. Now is the time to begin moulding your life for eternity. Now is the time to begin worshipping the God who made you and gave you life. Now is the time to begin serving the Christ who died for you. Now is the time.
- * **BECAUSE OF YOUR FUTURE!** Life must end for us all - *Hebrews 9:27*. We must die. We will all be resurrected. We must all meet God in judgement. We will want to be saved at the judgement. So, we need to be a Christian

Christians are not square pegs in a round hole. Christians are round pegs in a round hole. Those in sin are the "odd-balls." God never created us to be sinners. It is the RIGHT THING to be a Christian. Consider it carefully...

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Predicta Study Club hosts Annual Men's Night

The Predicta Study Club had their regular men's night banquet on March 22, with the President Mrs. LaVoe Thacker in charge.

Brad Thacker, student at Texas Tech University, and the son of Jeff and Pam Thacker played his guitar and sang during the eating hour. He wrote a song about the town and study club which was real cute.

Mrs. LaVoe Thacker introduced our program speakers, Ken and Dinah Young, who spoke of their trip to Australia, and showed pictures. They worked with Coca-Cola Company. They also went to New Zealand. They gave a very interesting talk and had some very good pictures.

Mrs. Joyce Smith and Mrs. LaVoe Thacker decorated the tables

with a Spring motif. Mrs. Thacker gave the prayer.

Those enjoying the evening and the delicious meal were Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Mrs. Donald Letkeman, Mrs. Geneva Wilson, Mrs. Mary McMahon, Mrs. L.V. Damron, Mrs. Nona Long, Mrs. Rhonda Long, Mrs. Pam Thacker, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Miss Lula Swam, Mr. Brad Thacker, Mrs. Rick Parker and daughter, Amber, of Lordsburg, New Mexico, Mrs. June Keltz, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Young.

Ladies meet for first Red Hat Society gathering

Joyce Campbell hosted the organizational meeting of the "Red Hat Society" last Thursday. The requirement for membership is that the participant must wear purple clothing (slacks or a dress) and a red hat. The society has chapters in all parts of the United States, including three in Lubbock, two in Amarillo, and now, one in Motley County. There are no membership dues, no officers, no restrictions or requirements other than the purple outfit and a red hat. The object of the organization is to have fun and to do something a little different, for a change.

Present at this meeting were Joyce Campbell, Gerry Jones, Shirley Smith, Ann Seigler, Ruby McGuire, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Patricia Green, Suzanne

Abbott, and Joyce Meredith. These ladies planned some outings for the group. The first will be a Saturday lunch in Plainview on March 31. All will gather in front of the Motley County Library at 10:15 a.m. and go together, dressed in purple clothes and red hat, to have lunch.

If you wish to join this group, find some purple clothes and a red hat and come to lunch with the "Red Hats" on Saturday, March 31. The next meeting after that will be held on Thursday, April 5, at 5:00 p.m. at the Motley County Library.

Superior Rating qualifies Darsey for State

Dumont Darsey, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Darsey of Matador, earned a Superior rating on Saturday, March 24, with his piano solo audition in the District 2 Federation of Music Clubs 2001 Pastoral Festival at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. His audition included the required composition, *Allegro Furioso*, by WT Skye Garcia, and a choice selection, "Final" for *LeCarnaval Des Animaux*, composed by C. Saint-Saens.

The Superior rating at Tech's district festival qualifies Dumont for the Texas Federation of Music Clubs Festival to be held on May 19 on the Texas Christian University campus in Fort Worth.

Dumont is a freshman at Motley County High School and has studied piano privately for 2 years with Amy Andrus of Amy's Piano Studio in Lubbock. He also was a student in Matador of the late Eleanor Traweck for six years, beginning his music education at the age of 6.

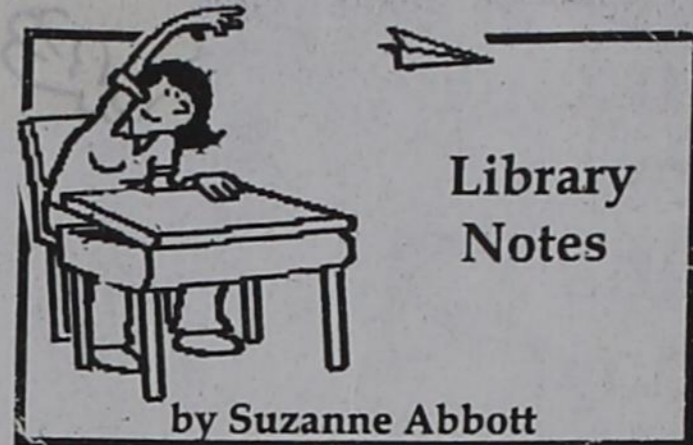
During his music career, Dumont has earned a trip to the annual state festival seven times, and he received the All-State Musician award for his piano solos at the 1996, 1998, and 2000 state competitions.

Dumont's parents accompanied him to the music festival that was sponsored by Mu Phi Epsilon of Texas Tech University.

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We appreciate the memorial that the library received last week. We thank Rita Groves for the donation in memory of Blanche Gideon and in memory of Nell Mills. We also thank Lee and Bill Peacock, Dude Barton, Rita Groves, Marge and Jake Edwards and Jesse and Caron Perkins for their donations in memory of Josephine Hamilton. All of these donations are important in that they are lasting memorials to special people and in that they are extremely helpful to the library.

A new book in the library is *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand. Seabiscuit was a famous racehorse that, with the help of his trainers, overcame physical deformity to become a Kentucky Derby winner. This horse has been an inspiration to all who have faced adversity and especially to children. Several children's books have been written about Seabiscuit, but this book is for adults and gives the history of the horse and presents several photographs of him.

Breast Screening Clinic to be held at Motley County Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador, on April 30, 2001.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast

health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

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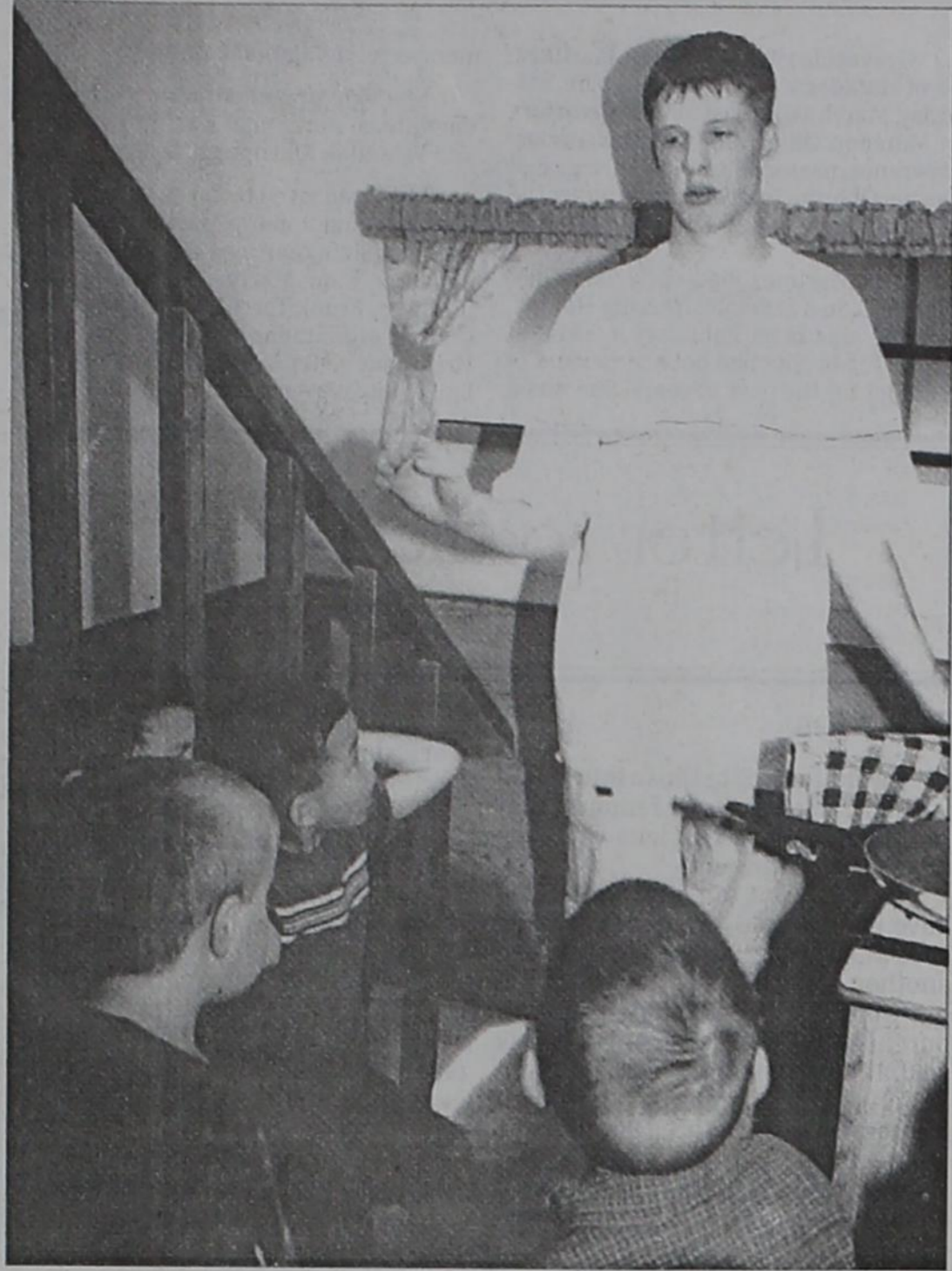
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Motley County School News



Motley County Senior, Chris Paul, gives instructions to Pre-K students on fire safety at last week's Fire Prevention display.

Boy Scouts conducting fund-raising campaign

Mrs. Darla Gwinn, local Boy Scout director, announced this week that the Motley County Boy Scouts will be a part of a very important fund raising effort for the South Plains Council.

According to Mrs. Gwinn, a gentleman by the name of Mr. John Lott has made a challenge. Mr. Lott will match every dedicated dollar given up to \$100,000 to the South Plains Council Trust Fund until April 15! This deadline will soon be here! To date 90 people have contributed \$21,531.71 to the Trust Fund of the South Plains Council. Mr. Lott has matched these gifts so that \$43,063.42 has been added to the trust.

Every dollar is important for South Plains Scouting. Mrs. Gwinn says, "Your contribution will stay in the Trust Fund forever and earn interest for the operation of the Council. Please consider a personal commitment at this time and tell a friend about Scouting and the opportunity to double a charitable Trust Fund gift by April 15, 2001!"

For more information, contact Mrs. Darla Gwinn at 469-5272 or the South Plains Council at 747-2631.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, APRIL 2

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

Lunch: Pigs in Blankets, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Jello, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Breakfast: Buttered Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Potato Chips, Peaches, Cake, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Breakfast: Puffs, Honey, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Garden Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon & Eggs, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Ham Slices, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Squash, Corn Bread, Cantaloupe, Milk.

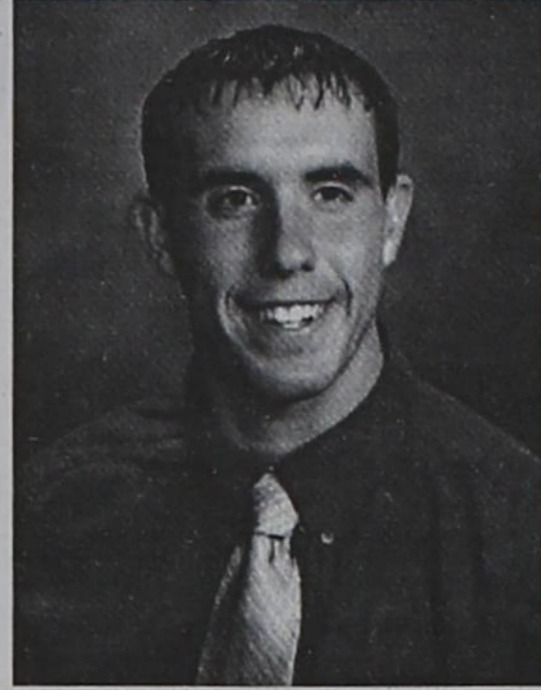
FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cool Ranch Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.



Class of 2001 Senior Spotlight



BENJAMIN JAMES RIDGLEY

Nickname: Benny Jack, Binky, Mr. Freeze, Icicle, Stonewall Ridgley, Stinky Springs, Ben hammer, Ben-Gay, Benny Boy, Ben-Jam-in.

Age: 19
Date of Birth: March 9, 1982
Parents: Robert and Patricia Ridgley

Siblings: Adopted brother, Robert Sanchez.

Who do you most admire and why: My father because he has always supported our family. He has

always been there for me no matter the situation, and I mean any situation.

Most embarrassing moment: Springs, Freezeout, the numerous times I've injured my head.

What material thing do you most treasure: My piece of the basketball net of my senior year.

Extracurricular activities: Golf, UIL, Cross Country, Ag, Football, Basketball, Track.

Special honors: Regional qualifier Cross Country, Sophomore, Junior and Senior years; First team All-District Basketball.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Never, I mean never, never ever (unless you just want to) play Freezeout!

Plans after graduation: Go to college.

Favorites:
Food: Chicken Fried steak smothered in gravy sauce.

Hangout: House

Movie: Die Hard

Musical group: ZZ Top

Color: Green

Past time: Lying

Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper

Book: Jurassic Park

Song: I Disappear

Teacher (K-12): Coach Stewart

Sport: Football

Quote: What the smoke?

Fire School

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After lunch class members went back to class for a short period and were awarded certificates. The burn was canceled due to weather conditions. The purpose of this school is to educate area fire personnel on the latest in defeating grass fires and working with other agencies.

The registration, T-shirt and cap sales, complimentary cinnamon rolls and lunch were all handled by several of the wives of the Matador Fire Department. Without their hard work, the school would not have been possible. Our hats are off to these ladies for their hard work and support.

The fire department still has a few caps and T-shirts left. Anyone interested in purchasing one may contact Rodney Williams, Craig Turner or Fred Parson.

Friday is Student holiday

Friday, March 30, will be a school holiday for Motley County students. This is in order for teachers to have a day of In-Service. Classes will resume at the regular time, Monday, April 2.



Receive New Bike Helmets

Motley County 4th & 5th Grade students are pictured at left in their new bike helmets. All Motley County elementary students were presented new helmets by DPS Officers in a special program held last Thursday at school.



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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

Mary Lumsden visited with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent and did some shopping in Lubbock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow of Guthrie, OK, and Ruth Bradford of Sapulpa, OK, visited their sister, Zella Palmer, from Friday until Monday. They were enroute to California.

Pearl Patten and Odessa Mullins attended the 41st Annual FTWC Caprock District Convention held at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock, Saturday. They both won door prizes. Mrs. Mullins received a candle, while Mrs. Patten won a cookbook. In addition to the business sessions, there were several skits presented by the 1946 Study Club of O'Donnell, including "Good Food With Charlie," "Golden Feather Weight Control," "Terri Faye's Wash and Curl," and "Tracy's Fashion and Wig Contest."

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met in the Methodist Fellowship Hall, Wednesday night, March 21, with Mrs. Jo Crowder as hostess. Mrs. Lee Cook helped with hostess duties.

Mrs. Pearl Patten gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes and they were approved. Mrs. JoElla Bumgardner gave the devotional, "Thoughts on Listening to God." Mrs. Chelsea Read continued the study on First Corinthians.

Those attending and enjoying a delicious meal were Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. JoElla Bumgardner, Mrs. Pearl Patten,

Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. Donald Letkeman, Miss Lula Swim and Mrs. Mary Lumsden. Mrs. Chelsea Read gave the closing prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock returned Monday, March 19, from Knoxville, TN, where they attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Michelle Leannah Peacock to Arron Adamick at the First Christian Church in Knoxville, TN. They also visited Fort Loudon, The Sequoyah Cherokee Indian Museum at Venore, TN, Cumberland Gap and Speedwell, TN where Lee found Cemeteries where her ancestors are buried. Ornamental Pearl trees and the Forsythias were in full bloom and they enjoyed the scenery.

The coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee and refreshments at the Roaring Springs Methodist fellowship hall on Monday morning, March 26, with Lula Swim as hostess. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, Mrs. Pearl Patten and Dean McInroe helped with refreshment. Those attending, other than those already mentioned, were Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Buzz Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman, Mrs. Ruby McGuire, Mr. J.N. Fletcher, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mrs. Reva Sweeney, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mr. Corky Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, and Mrs. Kay James.

Mrs. Rick Parker and Amber of Lordsburg, N.M. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder this past week.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Lula Swim were in Plainview on Tuesday for a doctor's appointment.

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited from Sunday until Wednesday in Arlington with Mrs. Lula Cramer. They visited in Granbury, Monday, with Mr. Martin's sister and family, Nita and Ervin Merritt and Mrs. Susan Merritt.

Mrs. Dona Sue Degan of Calgary visited Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington enjoyed the Blue Grass Festival this weekend in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Emily Milam of Petersburg visited Wednesday and Thursday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Visiting them Thursday night and Friday were daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador and Art Green visited in Spur, Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin and sister, Mrs. Raynita Newman.

Mary Ellen Barton visited Wednesday in Floydada with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Johnny Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri is visiting his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey. Visiting them Thursday was L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Visiting Thursday with Mrs. Leona Degan was Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Panhandle, student at South Plains College in Levelland, enjoyed visiting and lunch in Lubbock, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited overnight Monday in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Jack had a medical appointment at the Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee visited in Clarendon, Sunday, with son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee. Also visiting was Ernie Lee of Turkey.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey is proud to announce her great-great grandchildren have increased to 19, after Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Whitlock of Oklahoma City had triplets, two boys and a girl, Wednesday, March 21. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitlock and great-grandparents are Nola and Joe Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross attended to business in Lubbock, Friday and visited Elisa and Stan Wigley.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

Perhaps you are too young to have lived in an era when we actually had to wind our watches once a day.

We still think the dumbest thing we have done is the so-called Daylight Saving Time. Nobody yet has explained satisfactorily to us how moving the clock back and forth saves time.

Why not just get up an hour earlier or later as the seasons change? That is exactly what we in the rural area do!

ATTEND DAVIDSON LECTURE

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas had its fifth Davidson Memorial Lecture Friday, March 23, at the Lubbock Civic Center. It featured Suzanne Carriker of Bellaire, director of teacher development at Neuhaus Education Center. Her topic, "Literacy: The Whole Nine Yards."

Mrs. Chelsea Read and Mrs. D'Anna Russell of Matador and Mrs. Carol Ann Turner, teachers in the Motley County Schools, attended the workshop. Mrs. Carriker told the history of language and that students must have awareness of the mechanics and conventions of writing to be successful with written expressive language.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper was a guest at

the El Predicta Club Thursday night held at LaNita's Cafe in Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner attended a birthday luncheon Sunday honoring his brother, Benney Turner, held in his home in Abernathy. Hosting the celebration were daughter and family, Jeania, Bobby and Jody Grimsley of Abernathy. Other guests were Dean and Nova Dell Turner of Matador, Cobey Turner of Lubbock and Heather and Scott Blount of Abernathy.

Ryan Martin returned to Tarleton University in Stephenville after visiting the spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin.

Jack Samford of Afton visited Saturday with Mrs. Juanita Cooper. Mr. Samford sold his land in Afton and is remodeling a home on land he bought in Littlefield. He was a former tax appraiser in the area. Kourtney Dunnam of Amarillo, granddaughter of Mrs. Cooper, was in Denver, Colorado during the weekend for a volleyball tournament. She and her BOMBER teammates were awarded 2nd place in the finals. We congratulate Kourtney and the team as 64 teams competed in the tournament!

Mrs. Geney Stan of Laplata, N.M. is attending to business at the Spray farm this week and visiting with friends.

WHITEFLAT HOMECOMING SATURDAY, APRIL 7

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

Every other day is winter. Sunday, March 25, was a beautiful day. At the Methodist Church, Cameron David Stafford was present. A bad knee had kept me away for awhile, but Cameron is NEW - only a few weeks, and he behaved beautifully. That's something that was hard often while I was a child - "Pretty is as pretty does." He is and does pretty. Another nice thing, J.N. Fletcher came in just before the sermon began and invited all to come to the Baptist Church for lunch. Vera Mitchell and I federated. She's Baptist, I'm Methodist at the moment. We were the "elderly" there. We sat with our canes near the refreshment tables. The occasion may not do much for uniting some small congregations who should agree to become one federated church. The Methodists all still sat together at the Baptist Sunday Dinner.

Letters aren't always cheerful, but the ones from Lucille Woolery always bring a lift to the spirits. She is such a gallant person. No complaint, just sharing of wonderful memories. And a long conversation with Lola Pohl, whose out-

look on life is enviable. Some may complain of institutional food, but not Lola. She says, "I've cooked." Period. She is still playing piano about an hour before breakfast each morning, and is surprised that no one else among her associates plays the piano. We may eventually have to go back to singing without music and that would be a tragedy.

This week we need prayers for Jack W. Nichols of Pampa who is scheduled for heart surgery in Amarillo on Tuesday, March 27, and Charlie Keith who will have surgery on Wednesday, March 29. For Charlie in his nineties, any surgery is major. Hang in there, Guys!

A query came for information about the Chalk family. It is in Eleanor's book. By now you know about a copy of "Eleanor's book" that surfaced recently in a green binding. Even though the Copyright probably ran out in 2000, I'm glad to have a "First Edition."

Watch for the Chalk family history in next week's paper.

"May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

— Psalm 119:171 NIV

MATADOR NEWS

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koon Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20-21, were Mr. and Mrs. Merl Harper of Lovers Park, Illinois and son, Chris Harper of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Koon, nee Billie Lawrence, and Mrs. Harper, nee Marjorie Moore, were classmates and graduates of Matador High School. Mr. and Mrs. Koon were in Lubbock Friday for her a medical check up following recent hand surgery.

Pete Williams returned home from Lubbock Sunday afternoon where he was hospitalized since Tuesday at Covenant

Medical Center. He is reported to be recovering just fine.

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(a los votantes registrados del Condado Motley, Texas;)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m., on May 5, 2001, for voting in a Trustee election, to fill two positions for (3) year terms. (Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00p.m. el 5 de Mayo de 2001 paravotarenla Eleccion para elegir dos personas paraun periodo de (3) anos.

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES:
(DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES):

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 - 2.....Community Center, Flomot, Texas
 - 3.....Cemetery Building, Northfield, Texas
 - 4.....Depot Building, Roaring Springs, Texas
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Obituaries

Andria Martinez

Graveside rites for Andria Martinez, 57, of Matador, were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Martinez died early Thursday, March 22, in a Lubbock Nursing Home.

She was born February 4, 1944, at Waco, Texas. She had been a resident of Matador for the past 20 years. She was a

member of the Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Fernanda Martinez in 1990, and Valentina Martinez in 2001.

She is survived by three sons, Frank Martinez and Johnny Martinez of Amarillo and Sixto Martinez of Lubbock; one daughter, Lupe Martinez of Irving; four brothers, Frank Torres, Paul Torres and Conrad of Matador, and Pete Torres of Kress; one sister, Virginia Castro of Oklahoma; and eleven grandchildren.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to update those interested in the Frank Mitchell Memorial that the Roaring Springs Lions Club has taken on as a project.

First, I want to thank those who have contributed. We have received over \$1,000.00 so far, but we still need another \$1,000.00 before we can begin work. We need to have supplies purchased before setting a work day so that we can run the cement foundation to hold the marble slabs with the names of the 546 area servicemen on them.

Joe Bruce King had the marble slabs made. Several people have

agreed to donate their help on the work day, but we still need more money for the concrete work.

Please send contribution to: Roaring Springs Lions Club c/o Kelly Keltz, Secretary PO. Box 83 Roaring Springs, TX 79256

For further information contact me at P.O. Box 307, Roaring Springs, TX 79256, phone 806-348-7000, or you can contact me by e-mail: corkymon@caprock-spur.com.

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Farm and Ranch News





COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



TEXAS 4-H REACHES MILLION-MEMBER MILESTONE

Each child in Texas 4-H is now literally "one in a million." One point two million Texas children ages 5 to 19 took part in one or more 4-H programs last year. Texas 4-H began in 1908 with a 25-member boys' "corn club" in Jack County west of Fort Worth. It was formed to teach children new methods of agricultural production and food preservation. But 4-H has evolved into an organization dedicated to the development of young people. It remains rooted in the heart of rural communities, but it thrives in the cities -- where most young people in Texas now live. In fact, more than half of Texas 4-H'ers live in Houston and surrounding Harris County. Harris County actually has more 4-H'ers than any other state. For more information on Texas 4-H, visit the Web site at texas4-h.tamu.edu.

RESEARCH LAUNCHED TO CONTROL COTTON PEST WITHOUT INSECTICIDES

Texas A&M entomologists Allen Knutson and Julio Bernal have mounted a search part in Mexico to collect natural enemies of the cotton fleahopper. This pest causes \$35 million in annual losses to the Texas cotton industry. Researchers say they have found a microscopic wasp known to feed inside fleahopper eggs. Knutson says the goal of the research is to one day produce Texas cotton without insecticides. He says currently the only effective control comes from costly insecticide application early in the growing season. Both fleahoppers and parasites must be reared and studied in the laboratory before the parasite can be released into fields.

SLOWING ECONOMY KEEPS COTTON FROM BEING PROFITABLE

This year's cotton crop is expected to produce good yields, but the slowing economy is keeping it from being profitable. Extension economist Carl Andeso says there is too much supply and too little demand. American consumers are postponing the purchase of linens and other cotton goods due to the slowing economy. And, China is not buying on the world market due to its own large cotton crop. Given the extra supply of cotton, Andeso says American producers should be thinking about planting less cotton. However, he says this is difficult to do. Many producers are tight on irrigation water and other resources, so they will resort to cotton instead of other more profitable crops.

UNUSUAL WAYS TO LEASE LAND AND BULLS

There are several common methods to figure cost of leasing grazing land, often by the acre, head, or stocking weight. Here's a cow lease you may not know of, used by a Hill Country rancher leasing land from family members (sometimes the worst leases to negotiate peacefully). They arrive at a long-term average lease and then vary it each year as the price of calves varies, using the USDA Yearly Average Price Received for Calves. That way the leaser pays yearly in proportion to receipts. More people are interested in leasing bulls, rather than owning. Leases often are done on some flat dollar amount or some percentage of the bulls value, often with various adjustments. A Rolling Plains rancher leases out bulls for a breeding season for 5% of the total value of the calves at weaning. Again, cost varies directly with the price of calves.

BUDGET FUTURE LOOKING GOOD FOR AGRICULTURE

Demonstrating a much needed, and appreciated, recognition of the serious nature of the current economic crisis in agriculture this week the House Budget Committee put Agricultural budget needs at the head of the line.

Agriculture has been identified as one of two beneficiaries to receive additional pending authority from 2002-2011 out of the substantial Contingency Reserve projected to be left over after funding for tax cuts, debt reduction, Social Security and Medicare have been allotted.

Overall the fact that Agriculture was identified with Defense as the ONLY beneficiaries is seen as extremely good news.

Another important item included in the Budget resolution was authority to develop and deliver assistance later this year to producers suffering expected economic hardships in 2001.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest has said the designation demonstrates recognition of the important role Agriculture plays and the severity of the problem it faces.

The House budget Committee not only identified Agriculture as a primary beneficiary of the ten-year Contingency Reserve, it also left the size of the allocation unfixed and will take its cue from the House Agriculture Committee on how much funding is needed to fund a comprehensive Farm policy remake.

The House of Representatives will take up the Budget resolution next week followed by the Senate the week after.

At this time the House Agriculture Committee has a timetable stretching from now until July 11 to complete hearings on future Farm

Policy and to present a mark-up of the Commodity Title that will be the foundation of the next Farm Bill.

This is a much more ambitious schedule than many had previously envisioned, but seems to fit well with Chairman Combest's desire to get a new Farm Bill finalized by the House this year.

Unlike years past where the overall size of the budget allocation drove what type of policy was finally developed the House Agriculture Committee has before it what may be even more challenging - the development of a long-term policy for Farm programs unencumbered by the need to fit it into a set amount of money.

It behooves all of agriculture to set realistic goals and to help develop a Farm Program that is as lean as it can be while still fully addressing the needs of producers and necessary industry infrastructure.

With such an accelerated timetable it is possible, although not likely, that parts of the new program are able to take effect during the 2001 crop year.

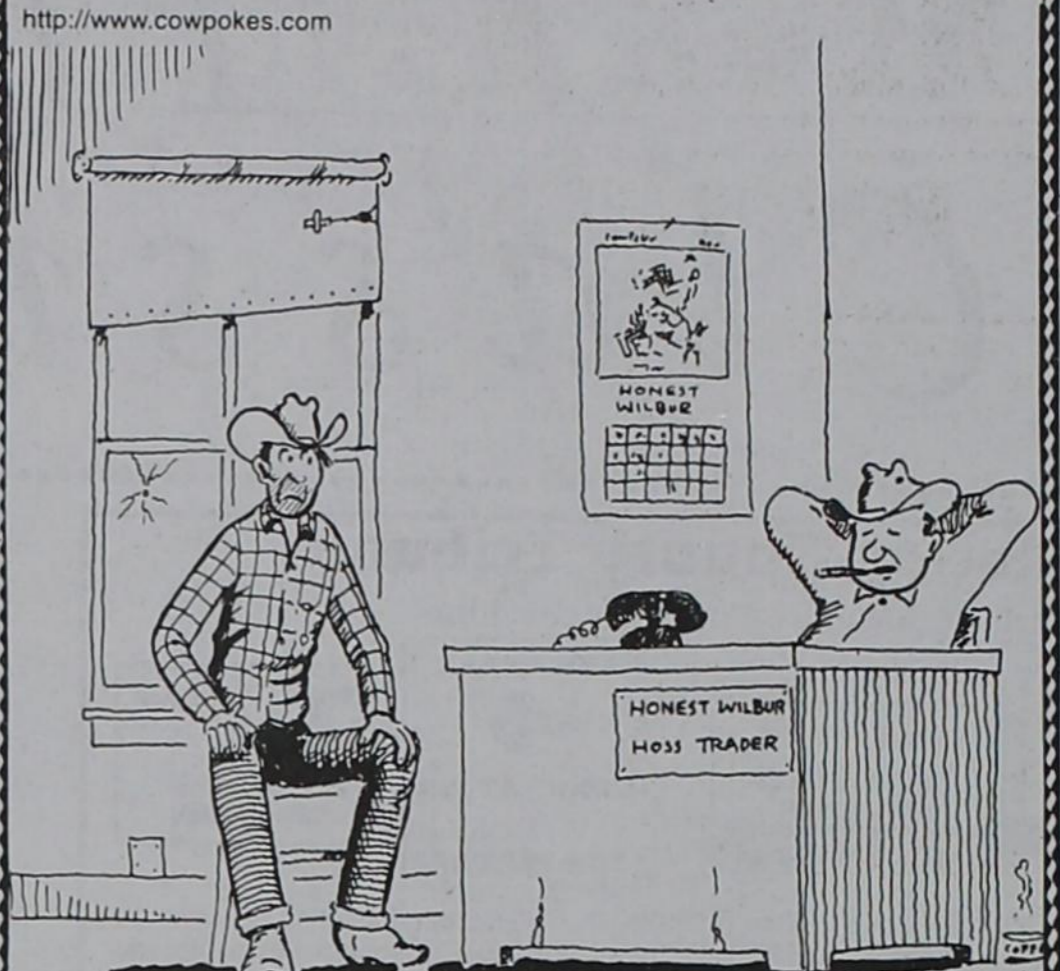
A more likely scenario is to have some type of assistance package developed to cover the 2001 crop year and get the new Farm Bill implemented in 2002.

More good news from the budget front is that it appears that up to \$90 Billion in budget surpluses will be available in 2001. That 2001 wiggle room is what makes it possible that portions of a new Farm Bill could be implemented as early as Fall 2001.

Partial implementation or separate assistance, either way it looks like Chairman Combest and the rest of the House Agriculture Committee have a chance to truly make a difference in the near future and future down the line.

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Mesquite and other tap rooted trees should not be allowed to grow on the terrace as decaying tree roots could lead to failure of the terrace. Shrubs such as Four Wing Saltbush should be encouraged if wildlife habitat is a desire. All end closures (blocks) should be repaired in level terraces as these blocks are needed to ensure the proper functioning of the terrace. End closures allow needed rainfall to be trapped in the terrace channel and stored in the soil profile for future crop use.

Proper terrace maintenance is required just as other conservation practices in order to maintain program benefits under the conservation compliance provisions of the current farm program. If grass windstrips are required for compliance then these should be reseeded in conjunction with terrace repairs or as a result of chemical damage. NRCS personnel are available to assist you in determining if terrace repairs are needed on your farm. Contact James Gillespie or Rodney Williams at the NRCS office in the USDA building in Matador Office hours are 8 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, telephone (806) 347-2263, ext. 3.

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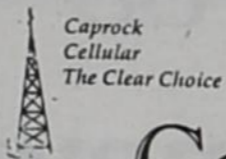
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