

The March 12th Primary Elec- complete a form which is very time tion is right around the corner and Motley County election officials would like to remind voters of some very important matters regarding this election.

Most importantly voters must

consuming for the voter and the election official.

in the correct polling location. Polling locations are as follows: Precinct 1, Democratic - Motley

Springs Community Building. Republican - Sam location.

Precinct 5, Democratic - Catho-Voters should make sure they are lic Church Parish Hall, Matador. **Republican - Old Texaco Station**

> on Hwy. 70. Precinct 6, Democratic - Motley Smallwood, Dem.

ner of this Primary will be the winner of the Judge's position. Motley County Judge candidates are Ed D. Smith and Gale Stafford.

Other candidates are as follows: Justice of the Peace, Cora

The 62nd Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show will kick off early Saturday morning, March 9, at the Motley County Livestock Show Barn. The Show is sponsored each year by local volun-

teers to provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their livestock projects. By caring and feeding their livestock through-out the feeding period, youth have the opportunity to learn responsi-bilities and increase their knowledge of the livestock industry.

Saturday morning

During this year's show, there will be 6 steers, 25 hogs, 12 lambs, 12 rabbits, 17 goats and pens of heifers exhibited. Anyone living in Motley County, owning land in Motley County, or youth eligible for the Junior Livestock Show may show heifers. In addition, a Pee Wee Swine Showmanship Show will be held for youth under the age of 9 years and not in the third grade.

This year's judge for the market classes will be Todd Vineyard, County Extension Agent - Jones County, and for the heifers and showmanship is Scott Farley, Ag Science Instructor at Sam Norwood High School.

This year's events start with breakfast being served to exhibitors, donors and local residents from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Show Barn. The breakfast will be prepared by local volunteers and is sponsored by Pay & Save Grocery in Matador. All animals must be weighed in place by 8:30 a.m. The pee-

wee showmanship starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the swine show at 10:00 a.m. The lamb show begins at 11:30 a.m. proceeded by the rabbits at 12:30 p.m. and heifers at 1:00 p.m. followed with meat goats. The steer show begins at 2:00 p.m. followed by the premium auction at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the Show and Youth Premium Auction to help support the youth of Motley County. At this year's auction items donated by businesses and supporters of the Stock Show will be auctioned. If anyone is interested in making donations of items or money they should contact one of the directors or the Motley County Extension office by calling (806) 347-2733. Directors for this year's Show are Craig Turner, Bruce Lefevre, Tommy Gleghorn, J.D. Russell, Mark Seigler and David Stafford.

There will be a concession stand open throughout the Stock Show.

Donations of \$1.00 are being accepted for a drawing of a \$500 gift certificate from Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs. The proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the Premium Auction. Anyone interested in the gift certificates may contact a Motley County 4-H or FFA member and/or a director of the Motley County Junior Livestock Show Association.

observe the fact that they cannot vote' in both the Republican and Democratic primary races. If a voter casts a vote in both races, the votes will be thrown away and will not be counted. Both parties will be listed on the ballot for the General Election in November.

Voters should also remember to bring their Voter Registration Certificate. Without this card, voters must

County old grade school building, Matador.

Republican - Luther Green resi- dence at 1307 Main St., Matador, dent at 1307 Main St., Matador.

Community building.

Republican, Flomot Gin Office. Precinct 3, Democratic,

Northfield Church. Republican, Same location. County Courthouse. Republican - Luther Green resi- Kate Hurt, Dem.

This particular primary election Rep. Precinct 2, Democratic - Flomot is probably the only primary election in Motley County history which will determine the outcome of the Motley County Judge's race. Both candidates are Republican and will not face an opponent in the General Elec-Precinct 4. Democratic - Roaring tion in November, therefore the win-

Motley County and District Clerk,

County Treasurer, Eva Barkley,

Commissioner, Prec. 4, J.N. Fletcher, Dem.; Timmy Brooks, Dem.; and Russell Alexander, Dem.

Commissioner, Prec. 2, Donnie L. Turner, Dem.; Bobby Fletcher, Jr., Rep.

Comptroller delivers \$338.8 million in February sales tax rebates

Carole Keeton Rylander recently delivered \$338.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,117 Texas cities and 121 counties, a 1 percent in-crease compared to the \$335.3 million paid in February 2001. So far this year, sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties are up 0.8 percent compared to the first two months of 2001.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January. The state's s are of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.2 billion, down 1.4 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent Feb-

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller ruary sales tax rebates of \$313.3 milcompared to February 2001. Texas counties received February sales tax rebates of \$25.5 million, up 4.6 per- 2002 payments total \$5,350.30, com- March 8. cent compared to one year ago.

Another \$12.8 million went to 66 special purpose taxing districts around the state. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$116.2 million in sales tax rebates.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,576.62, compared to \$4,603.93 last year, a -22.31% change. 2002 payments to date total \$4,968.43, compared to \$6,329.58 at this time last year, a -21.50% change.

lion to Texas cities, up 0.7 percent rate of 2.000%, received a net pay- time, a -24.14% change. ment of \$3,726.18, compared to \$4,429.83 last year, a -15.88% change. allocation will be made on Friday,

Roaring Springs, with a current pared to \$7,053.70 last year at this

The Comptroller's next sales tax

Motley County receives some moisture and contrasting temperatures in February

by Earlyne Jameson

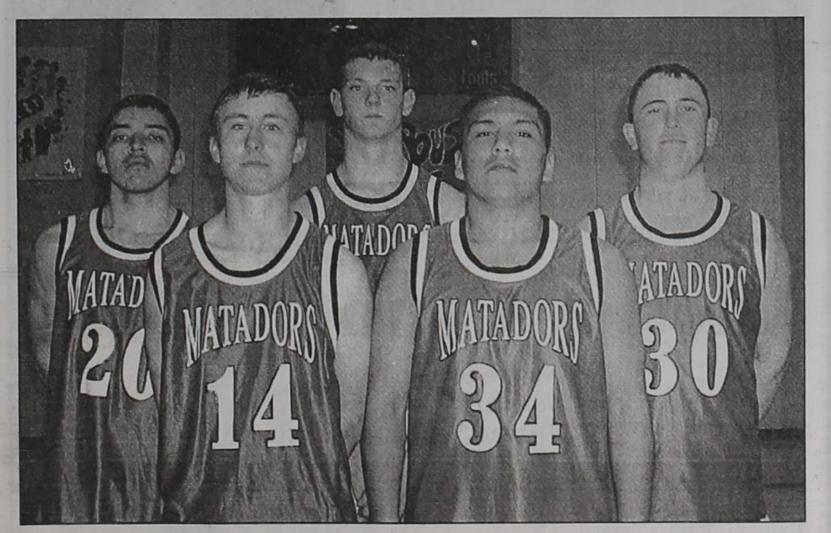
Motley County experienced contrasting temperatures in February from a six inch snow, to a springlike 80 degrees, then plunging to an arctic 12 degrees.

Soil moisture is adequate from snow earlier in the month, but high winds this week are drying it out quickly. Livestock is being moved to wheatland for grazing, but supplemental feeding continues.

Farmers are preparing land for cotton despite low prices and a large surplus. There is still not enough of economic incentive to shift acreage to other crops.

Total moisture registered by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers in February: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.00 inch; Kelly Meyer, Matador 0.88; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.97; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 0.55 and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 0.88.

Remember to Vote Tuesday, March 12





All District Matadors

Motley County Matadors receiving All-District honors are pictured above, left to right, Tony Salazar, All District; Brandon Moore, Honorable Mention; Clint Cooper, MVP; Frank Martinez, Honorable Mention: Brad Baxter, Honorable Mention.

All District Lady Matadors

Lady Matadors receiving All-District honors are pictured above, left to right, Courtney Hays, All-District; Brittany Moore (Jr.), Honorable Mention; Chasity Holman, All-District; Lisa Perryman, Honorable Mention; Brittany Donaldson, Honorable Mention; Brittany Moore (Fr.), All-District.

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Just in case you weren't feeling remote control. old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen.

Here is this year's list.

The people who are starting col- contact lenses are. lege this fall across the nation were born in 1983. They are too young to or where he was from. remember the space shuttle blowing up.

cluded AIDS.

screw off and plastic!

The CD was introduced the year been white. they were born.

They have always had an answer- Styrofoam containers. ing machine.

They have always had cable. They cannot fathom not having a

Jay Leno has always been on the 🖉

Popcorn has always been cooked

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard

They don't know who Mork was

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," Their lifetime has always in- or "de plane Boss, de plane."

They do not care who shot J.R. Bottle caps have always been and have no idea who J.R. is.

Michael Jackson has always

McDonald's never came in

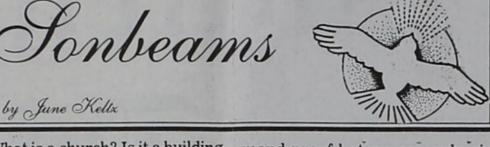
They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Do you feel old yet?

Matador First Baptist Church to begin Bible Study

The Matador First Baptist study will be led by Lana Copp. Church will begin a Bible study, Workbooks are \$13.00 each. Ev-"Breaking Free" by Beth Moore, on Tuesday, March 19. There will be two sessions, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The 2425.

"Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways." Haggai 1:5



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What is a church? Is it a building of wood, stone or brick? Is it a denomination? Many define it as such but were that so, the church would be a lifeless structure contingent on man's maintenance and subject to eventual extinction.

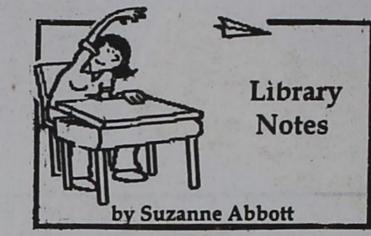
In the Greek language it is "ekklesia" which means "a calling out, a popular meeting, especially a religious congregation (a Jewish synagogue or Christian community of members on earth, or saints in heaven or both) an assembly." In good, old West Texas English it is people who have been called out by God to be a part of His Kingdom. There is no greater calling than to be a child of the most high God. It lifts us out of the sensual mundane into a heavenly supernatural realm known only to those whose filthy garments (sins) have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. That Lamb is the only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, the anointed one.

cross some 2000 years ago. They de- another.

mand proof but we can only give them the credible, God-breathed word accompanied by an attitude of heartfelt love. We are a people far from perfect but still on the Potter's wheel being molded into vessels of honor to be useful to our Master.

Jesus prayed in John 17 that the Church would be one as He and God are one. Anything that affects one assembly of believers, affects all be-cause we are one body. It grieves the heart of Father God when one part finds pleasure in the brokenness of another. When we break a toe, arm or leg we hurt all over and hurry to find relief in a pain killer. As mem-bers of Christ's body, we should be the aspirin or Tylenol who runs to the aid of the broken member, opening our mouth only in prayer and encour-agement. Trials come to all but there is no excuse to cease from reflecting and radiating God's supportive, forgiving love.

To the world (the unredeemed) Knowing that we are one of the "called out" whether an eye, nose or we appear as fools, putting our faith finger of the body, we have a tremenin one whom we cannot see, who dous responsibility and we are acclaims to have lived and died on a countable to God as well as to one



We appreciate the memorial donations that were sent to the library this week. We appreciate the donation to the library by Inez Bailey and Marlene Ham given in memory of Grace Shelton. We also thank Earline Vaughn for her donation in memory of Grace Shelton. Donations such as these make lasting memorials to special people.

We thank Lucretia Campbell and Patricia Green for lending us their Scottish items for our display case. We had a thought provoking book re-view by Jerry Green of <u>How the Scots</u> <u>Saved the Modern World.</u> We appre-ciate Jerry's review of this book and it is now available for check out from the library.

I had to be out of town two days this week. I thank Ruby McGuire and Patricia Green for helping Betty at the library while I was gone. I don't know what I would do without these three ladies.

Do you know what TexShare is? It's a program that allows a Motley County Library patron in good stand- these authors in paperback and some ing to check out books from other of them in hardback books. All are participating libraries in the state. If enjoyable reading.

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you think you might be interested in this service, come in the library and get your TexShare card.

Do we have any Tony Hillerman fans out there? It has been a while since he has written a new book, but we have some similar books to recommend to you. We thank Mary Renfro for introducing us to three authors who write mysteries based on Indian reservations and on Indian lore. Aimee and David Thurlo write the Ella Clah mysteries. The latest one in paperback is Red Mesa and features Navajo Police Special Investigator Ella Clah who in this novel becomes the murder suspect.

James D. Doss writes wonderfully funny mysteries featuring Charlie Moon as the Ute tribal policeman and his Aunt Daisy who is the shaman and who really solves the mystery. Margaret Coel's mysteries are set on the Wind River Reservation and feature the Arapaho lawyer Vicky Holden and a Catholic priest Father John O'Malley. We have books by

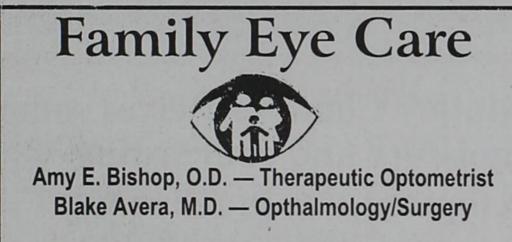


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"Knowing the Bible"



When we have a good working know-ledge of our Bible we enjoy benefits in more ways than one. Bible knowledge makes a world of difference for our personal lives, for our families and in general, the communities in which we live.

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 au-thorities. 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 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

Green Thumb changes name to Experience Works

Waco, Texas -- Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's leading provider of training and employment for older workers, changes its names to Experience Works.

"In the past ten years we have significantly expanded the services we offer to mature individuals," said Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb. "We have added a staffing service, an e-commerce Web site, many local services, and a na-tional, year-long event to recognize the contributions of older workers. We believe that our new name much better describes the wide range of these services."

The name "Green Thumb" comes from the organization's origins in 1965. That year, as part of Lady Bird Johnson's "Beautify America" program, retired farmers who needed additional income, applied their expertise and "green thumbs" to improve America's parks and highways. That project evolved into the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act, which helps low-income seniors secure meaningful employment.

SHOP

MOTLEY COUNTY

'Since 1970, Green Thumb has always been an advocate for the em-

ployment of older workers throughout 132 Texas counties and as Experience Works we will continue to be a leader in providing training and employment opportunities for our state's mature workers," states Diane Cowan, Regional Director.

Green Thumb is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals each year in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. In addition to operating the Senior Community Service Employment Program, Experience Works provides staffing services, training pro-grams and Geezer.comSM, an e-com-merce Web site featuring seniormade, handcrafted products. The organization also leads the Prime Time Awards Program, the only yearlong, nationwide effort to recognize and honor the contributions of mature workers. For more information visit www.experienceworks.org.

For more information regarding the Texas program, please call Experience Works at 1-800-880-5292.

Now stocking sodas, candy, chips, sandwiches, eggs, ice

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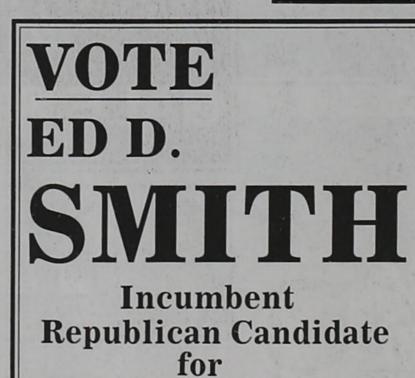
Come by for a Visit or a Snack

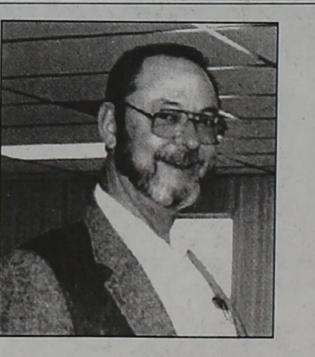
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smuggler's hideout! What the policeman remembered was found in Isaiah 1:3"....the ox knows its owner, and the donkey his master's crib."

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.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ Michael G. Crowley, Sr

Radio Programs, K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am

SIDEWALK SALE

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Matador Variety

Motley County Judge

✓ Native Son

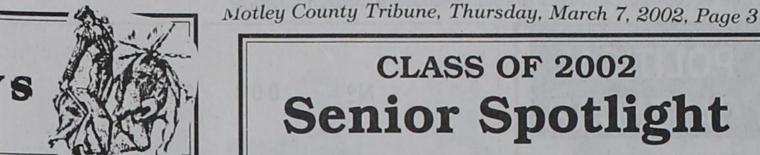
✓ Veteran

✓ Fifteen Years Administrative Experience ✓ Twelve Years Law Enforcement Experience ✓ No Other Business Interest or Occupation

Your Vote for Ed D. Smith is a Vote for a Full-Time Judge!

Political ad paid for by Ed D. Smith

Motley County School News



MC ISD to dismiss for Spring Break

Spring Break for Motley County students will begin at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2002.

Buses will run and parents of town students will need to pick up their children at this early out time. Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 18.



Friday, March 15: Girl's Powerlifting at Killeen. Monday, March 18: Progress Reports. Boy's Golf at Childress One Act Play, 7:30

Lions Club Queen Contest Tuesday, March 19: Zone One Act Play at Jayton Girl's Golf at Childress Paducah Little Dribblers

Jr. Class Cake Auction to be held March 18

Pajama Reading Party a big success



BEST PJ'S - Receiving prizes for the Best P.J.'s at last Friday night's 2nd Annual Pajama Reading Party, were (left to right) Adriann Walker, Stachia Baxter, Noah Guerrero, and Jessica Reyes. The party is spon- job kids! sored by Motley County PTO in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

ORTS SP

Motley County PTO hosted the 2nd Annual Pajama Reading Party Friday night, March 1. The party was in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Each child who attended, pre-K through 6th grade, was first whisked away for a quick picture taking session, then off they went to join their group to enjoy an evening of Dr. Seuss story-telling sessions. The children were also treated to snacks and drinks to stimulate creative energy for their picture frame craft creations. In addition, every child was encouraged to bring a book, new or used, to exchange for a different one to take home and enjoy.

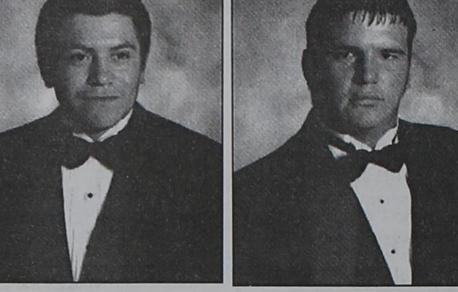
As the evening came to a close, winners from the Bookmark Contest were announced: Korbin Simpson, Stormy Guerrero, Kyla Simpson and Chantry Meyer.

Additional prizes were awarded for the Best P.J.'s: Noah Guerrero, Adriann Walker, Stachia Baxter and Jessica Reyes. And of course, J.D. Russell.

The door prizes went to Cassidy Turner, Garrett Jenschke, Shane'a Russell and Cassie Campbell.

Finally, 4th - 6th graders acted out Dr. Seuss' "Oh the Places You'll Go" as the final bedtime story. Great

The PTO would like to thank all the volunteers who made this event a reality for the children. Your time, effort, creativity and donations are all greatly appreciated. *********



CLASS OF 2002

Senior Spotlight

SERGIO FLORES PACHECO Age: 20 Date of Birth: 10/21/81 Parents: Antonio and Alejandra

Flores. Siblings: Abel, Jose, Arturo, Gland. Griselda, Melissa and Juan Flores.

Who do you most admire and why? My parents, because they work hard to give me a good education.

Favorite high school memory: Prom.

Extracurricular activities: Football, basketball.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Keep up your grades and don't sleep in class.

Plans after graduation: Attend South Plains College. Favorites: Food: Pizza and Mexican Food. Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper Hangout: Friends Movie: American Pie 1 & 2 Musical Group: Cristina Aguilera Color: Blue Past time: Being with my family Book: Death Hands Song: Mi Reflejo Teacher (K-12): Mrs. Bingham Sport: Football Quote: Este Vato

WILLIAM LORANCE **HO-GLAND**

Age: 18 Date of Birth: 7/22/83 Parents: Jonathan & Sarah Ho-

Who do you most admire and why: My mom, because she is the only one that can trust me for a long time.

Favorite high school memory: Going to the Springs during the sum-

mer and camping. Extracurricular activities: Football, Track & FFA

Special honors: Greenbelt Degree, Lonestar Degree.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: The more wrong decisions you make the less you will accomplish.

Plans after graduation: Navy or go to college.

Favorites: Food: Seafood Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper Hangout: Springs Ranch Movie: The Green Mile Musical Group: Godsmack Color: Dark Blue Past time: Being a little kid. Book: Where The Red Fern Grows Song: Voodoo

Teacher (K-12): Sandy Price

Sport: Football Quote: Your mama

The Junior Class will hold their cake auction on Monday, March 18. The cake auction will be in conjunction with the public performance of the One Act Play and the Lions Club Queen Contest.

Everyone is invited to attend the festivities.

Brenda Gillespie competed at the Plainview, Friday, March 1. Brenda competition, a lifter must be in the

A good conscience is a continual feast. -Robert Burton

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR **VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS?**

If you have lost your Registration Certificate, please contact my office for a replacement. You will be required to show the certificate in order to receive a ballot at the polling place during Early Voting or on **Election Day.**

Early Voting is currently underway, ending March 8, 2002. Election Day is March 12, 2002.

Please check the Voting Precinct Number noted on your card for the correct place of voting.

> **ELAINE HART MOTLEY COUNTY VOTER REGISTRAR**





Brenda Gillespie advances to State Powerlifting Meet

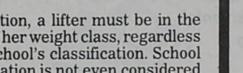
Regional Powerlifting meet held at met a personal best at this meet, with a 215 lb. squat, 95 lb. bench, and 245 deadlift. Her total lift was 555. She placed 5th in the 114 pound weight class and was the top 1-A lifter. She will compete at the State Powerlifting meet to be held in Killeen, Friday, March 15.

Motley County is a part of Region 1 which encompasses 96 counties. In order to advance to the Regional

top 12 of her weight class, regardless of the school's classification. School classification is not even considered until the Regional competition.

In order to advance to the State Meet, a lifter must be in the top 3 at the Regionals or the top lifter in her school's classification. Only the top 5 lifters in each weight class receive





Congratulations Brenda!



and District Clerk

March 12th Primary

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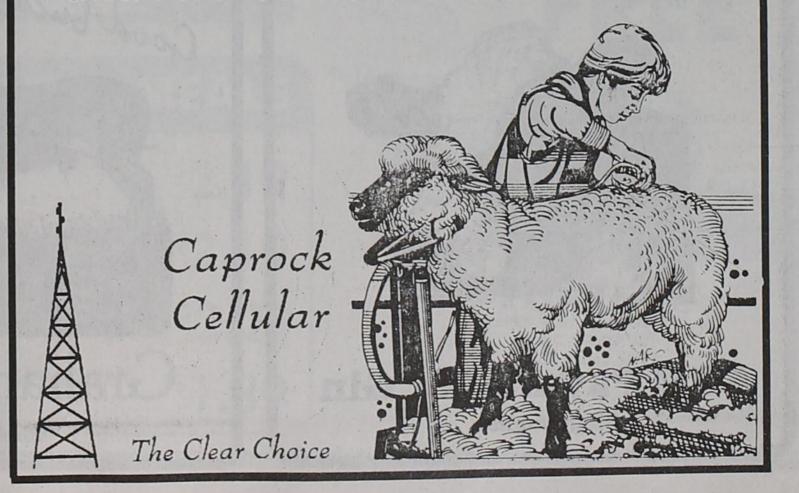
We support Motley County youth and wish them the best at the **62nd Annual Stock Show**





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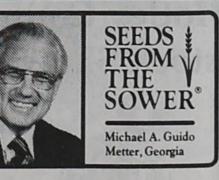
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VOTE MOTLEY COUNTY!

VOTE REPUBLICAN!

VOTE JUDGE'S RACE!

VOTE



A kangaroo is less than an inch long at birth. But it grows until it becomes about seven feet tall. And God wants more "spiritual kangaroos" among His children. How does a Christian grow? By eating. The Bible is food for your soul. It says, "Desire the milk of the Word that you may grow." A Scriptureless Christian is a stunted Christian. By exhaling and inhaling. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath. The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing." A prayerless Christian is a peewee Christian. By exercising - in gospelling, glowing and giving.

A grower is a gratifier. Are you

a grower?

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Timmy Brooks Democrat

Political advertisement paid for by the above listed candidates.

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Democratic Party Primary Election (Eleccion Primaria del Partido Democratico)

(Condado de) Motley County, Texas

March 12, 2002 (12 de marzo, 2002)

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candiate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

"I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another policial party's primary election or convention during this voting year." ("Yo soy Demócrata y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o particpar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido politico durante este año electoral.")

United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Gene Kelly
- Ron Kirk
- Ken Bentsen
- Victor Morales
- Ed Cunningham

United States Representative, District 13 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13) Zane Reese

Governor

- (Gobernador)
 - **Tony Sanchez**
 - Bill Lyon
 - John Worldpeace Dan Morales

Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente) John Sharp

Attorney General (Procurador General) Kirk Watson

Comptroller of Public Acounts (Contralor de Cuentas Públicas) Marty Akins

Chief Justice, Supreme Court (Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema) Richard G. Baker

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1) Linda Yanez

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2) Jim Parsons

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 - Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3, Duración Restante del Cargo)) William E. Moody

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 - Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 4, Duración Restante del Cargo) Margaret Mirabal

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1) John W. Bull

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2) Pat Montgomery

Julius Whittier

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 3) _ J.R. Molina

Member, State Board of Education, District 15 (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Publica, Distrito Núm. 15) David Schaeffer

State Representative, District 68 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 68) David Counts

Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District (Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7) Floyd Holder

District Judge, 110th Judicial District (Juez, del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 110) Randy Hollums

District and County Clerk (Secretario del Distrito y Condado) Kate Hurt

County Justice of the Peace (Juez de Paz del Condado) Cora M. Smallwood

On your way to adulthood

The vast majority of young people must go through a period of health rebellion on their way to adulthood. how else is the dependent child to become the spontaneous, creative, flexible adult capable of coping with our diverse, decision demanding society. Most do not pass through the change in personality patterns with deep composure and calm. If adults are to establish a more sympathetic and constructive relationship with young people, they need some feel-ing of what's going on at each pro-gressive stage of growing up. What do children need most at

each stage of development?

Young people don't suddenly become pre-adolescents, adolescents or older youth and they won't sud-denly become adults. Each person comes out of a past and is gradually becoming someone in the future. There are special challenges appropriate to each "moment' of human life.

Commissioner of the General Land Office (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Tierras) David Bernsen Ray Madrigal
Commissioner of Agriculture (Comisionado de Agricultura) Tom Ramsay Ernesto De Leon
Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles) Paul C. Looney Sherry Boyles

Co	unty Commissioner, Precinct 2
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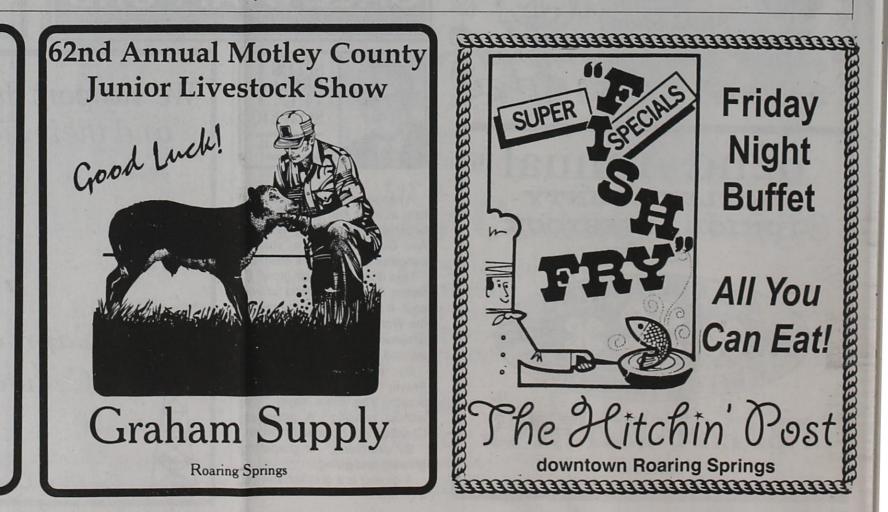
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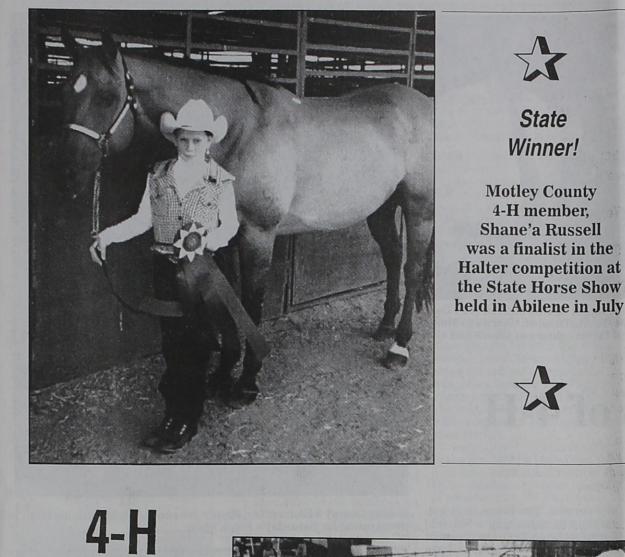
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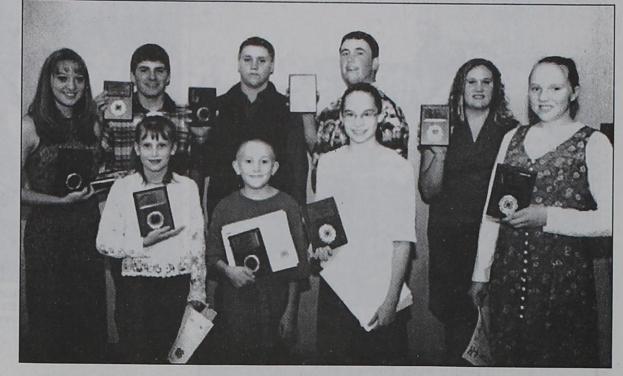


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DISTRICT AND STATE AWARDS — Receiving plaques for District or State achievements at the annual 4-H Banquet held in October were (left to right), front - Shane'a Russell, Gavin Luckett, Mylissa Gilmore, Savannah Rose; back - Mandi Ream, Justin Jameson, Colton Russell, Brad Baxter, Sherri Thomas.





GOING TO THE GOATS! — Shane'a Russell is pictured here with her goats she will show at this Saturday's Stock Show. This is the first year goats will be shown at the Motley County show.

Stock Show participants!

Good Luck

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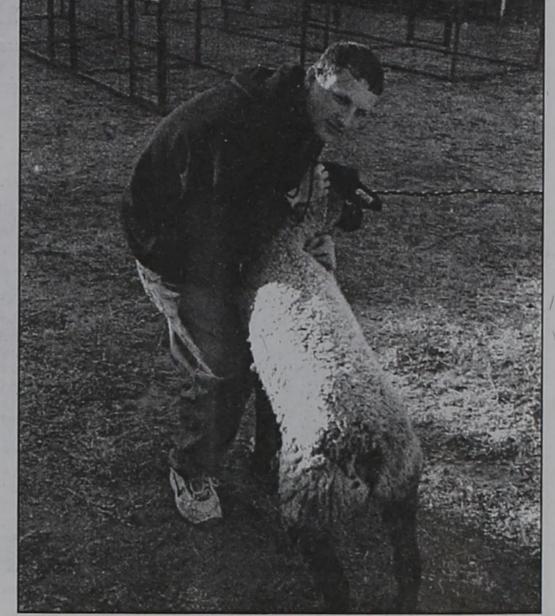
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MC 4-H member, Colton Russell attended a Team Roping Camp held at Levelland in May.



I DARE YOU AWARDS — Charli and Mandi Ream received the I Dare You awards at the annual 4-H Banquet held in October. Charli and Mandi are Motley County Sophomores and the daughters of Chuck and Gail **Ream of Matador.**



Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune



Congratulations Motley County 4-H & FFA

on outstanding members & leaders!

100 years of 4-H celebrated

In 2002 the National 4-H will be nity service. The program is celcelebrating their 100th anniversary. 4-H is a youth development program that stresses leadership and commu-

ebrating by organizing a National Conversation on Youth Development in the Twenty-first century. These conversations are offered in every county in the country so that young people and adults can express their views on what youth development needs to accomplish. They cover topics like the power of youth, access, equity, opportunity, and innovative practices. The local conversations and recommendations will be taken to the state. Then, recommendations from local and state conversations will be compiled into a national re-port that will be presented to national leaders including President Bush.

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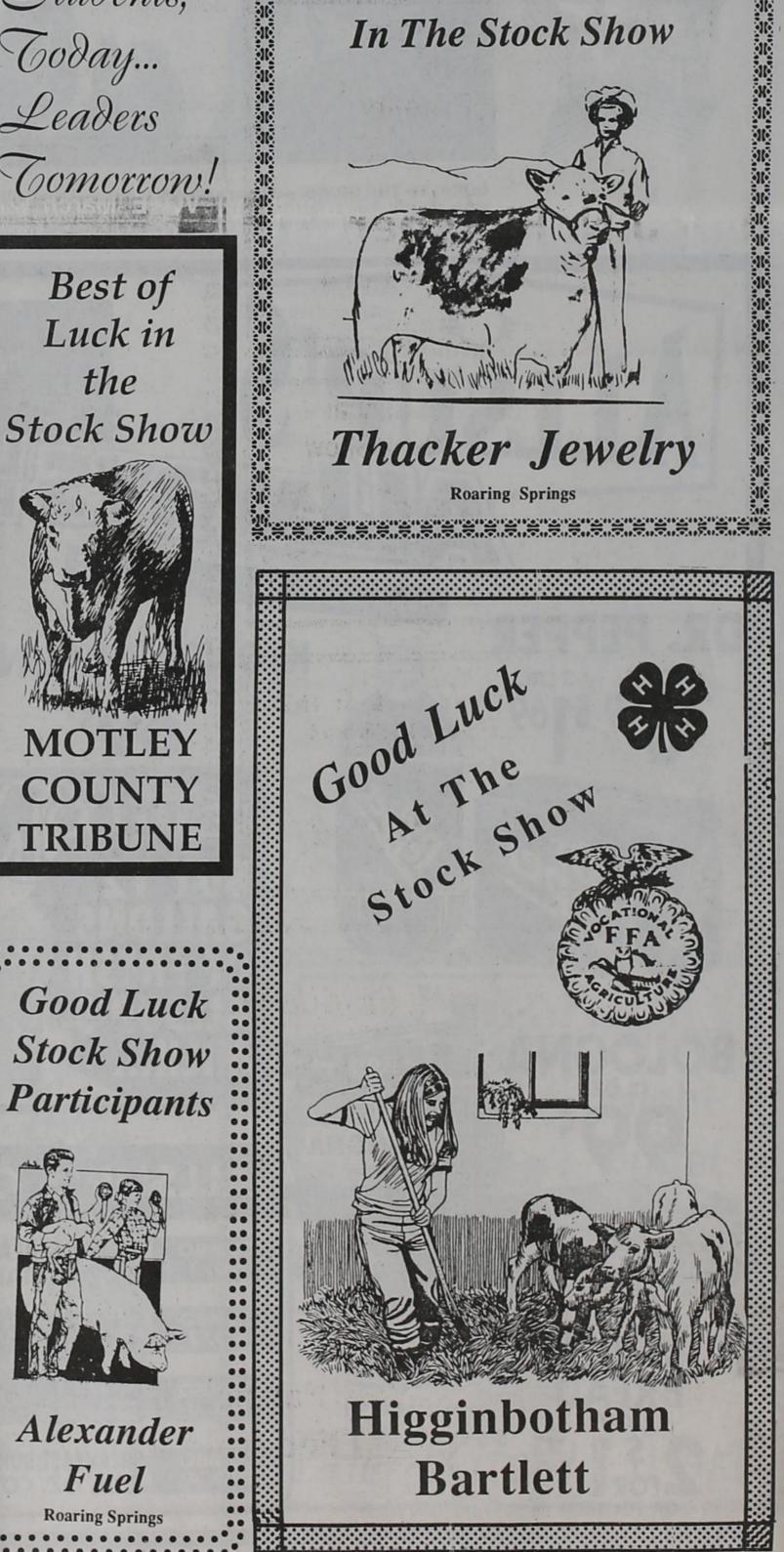
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Motley County FFA member, Kenny Johannes, works with his lamb in preparation for Saturday's Stock Show.

ZACHA GUERRERO will return to JOANN'S COUNTRY COIFFURE THURSDAY, MARCH 14 8:30 a.m. - ?

Good Luck!

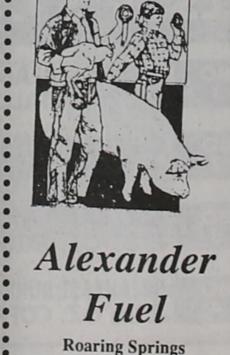








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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the Roaring Springs Community residents. They are to be congratulated for their efforts in working for things for the City.

They have been successful with the Community building and it is an asset to the area.

The project currently ongoing at present is the Memorial park, the location of the pipe plant, the African American Cemetery entrance gate, and currently they have been successful in obtaining funding for the restoration of the QA & P Depot. Also currently ongoing is the restoration of the Hotel by a local resident and hopefully this year it will open as a Bed and Breakfast.

My opinion about the Roaring Springs Community residents is that they deserve a BIG SALUTE and Congratulations for their accomplishments. I think that the ex-residents would join me in this recognition.

> From an ex-resident, Grady Glenn 412 E. 47th St. Odessa, Texas 79762

Word of God

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27

Dear Friends,

On May 1,2001, I retired from the Dallas Fire Department after over 36 years of service. I chose this career when I was approximately nine years old and never wavered. Fire Fight-ing is a profession full of emotions. We see and feel the horrors and sadness of loss and life and property. It affects us all, especially when we lose one of our own.

On September 11, 2001, my exwife called and told me two planes had crashed into the World Trade Center and it was thought to be an act of terrorists. I, like most Americans, turned on the TV and was riveted to it most of the day and the days that followed.

I helped develop the Incident Command System for the Dallas Fire Department. Most fire departments throughout the country work with a similar system. As I watched the two towers burning, I knew the stairwells were crawling with firefighters, emergency medical personnel, police and other emergency personnel. While everyone else was trying to get out, they were trying to get in and save who they could.

I have entered tall buildings on fire, and know how tired you are carrying all the equipment required to do the job when you reach the fire floor, but never 110 stories. As I watched, I was thinking of the offic-ers and their responsibilities not only to the citizens, but for the safety of their personnel. I was silently praying, and telling them, "be safe, but get the job done."

It stunned me when the first tower collapsed and numbed me to my very soul. When the second tower collapsed, I ran to the bathroom and threw up, and then I started crying. Even though I did not now them personally, I had just lost several hun-dred of my brothers and sisters. It hurt, and it still hurts today.

I had been reviewing material for the last few days of a book I am writing. It is titled, Funnies in the Fire

Department. It is a book of short stories of pranks that were pulled on each other while I was in the department. Things we do to temporarily

blind the horrors and sadness we have seen.

As I sat on my patio that evening reflecting on the days events, I thought, this is not funny. I also thought how selfish of me thinking only of the firefighters lost in this cowardly attack. Thousands of private citizens also died, yet my mind kept going back to my fallen brothers and sisters. I don't know if I can ever publish that book.

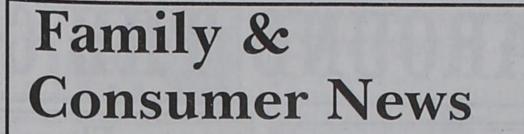
Over the past few days my thoughts have been of Thomas LaPuppett. He was a black man with more class in his little finger than I will ever have. He was a black belt of noted stature and a great fighter. He was a New York City Fire Fighter for twenty years and had retired several years ago. He died from cancer a while back and I miss him and his class terribly.

I mentioned Thomas was black. In the fire fighting profession, there is no race, color, sex, religion or anything else that separates us in time of emergencies. We are a team. Do we have issues with one another? Yes. Do we fight amongst ourselves? Yes, but we are brothers and sisters and when the chips are down, we take care of each other.

This great Country is made up of the same people. Yes, we have our problems, but when the chips are down, we are one. We will survive this cowardly attack and become stronger because of it.

Hopefully, when we finish our duties of bringing all the terrorists to justice, we will take a good, internal look at ourselves. Instead of slandering, extending a gun or knife, or other injustices we do to our fellow countrymen, we will extend a helping that looks out for each other, helps other nations of the world and brings fear to those who wish to destroy us.

God Bless America, its people and never let us forget September



By Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

ACT TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY

The federal Gramm-Leach Bliley Act of 1999 requires financial institutions to let customers "opt out" of having their financial information sold to most third parties. By July 1, 2001, creditors, insurers, banks, savings and loans, credit unions and other agencies mailed their customers notices of their right to opt out. Every company was required to describe how it currently uses customer financial data and provide a response form for the customers to notify the company of their choice.

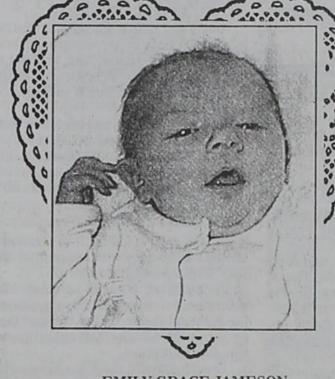
needed to serve customer needs. Customers who like receiving unsolicited information promoting products and service may choose from a list of different ways the data is used.

Surprisingly as few as 0.5 percent of the opt-out notices were returned. Why so few? Does this mean consumers don't care what's done with data they provide these institutions?

No, not quite. A recent study suggests one reason for the small response rate is the notices are "impenetrable." The law says the notices should be written in "clear" and "rea-They could "opt out" to stop any use sonably understandable" language.

of their financial data other than that Evaluation of 34 notices found that only nine scored normal or better when tested for use of words commonly understood. The language used was comparable to second-year college level or higher instead of the more easily-understood level experts recommend.

What do we as consumers want policy makers to think about our interest in how our financial data are used? Find and return your response cards, or use the 800 phone number on your financial statements to request a second copy. The institutions had a deadline for notifying you of your options, but there is no deadline for responding.



EMILY GRACE JAMESON Daughter of Jeromy & Danika Jameson of Matador Granddaughter of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield, hand. Let us become a family nation Cindy Carthel of Edmondson, and Darrell Dudley of Lubbock Great-granddaughter of Dorothy Nichols of Northfield,

Dorothy Carthel of Floydada, Margie Payne of Roaring Springs, and Melson and Wilma Dudley of Floydada



SIERRA JAMESON Daughter of Jarrett and Shawna Jameson of Wolfforth Granddaughter of Franklin & Susan Jameson of Northfield and Jack & Sue Mixon of Lubbock Great-granddaughter of Dorothy Nichols of Northfield, **Margie Payne of Roaring Springs** and A.L. Mixon of Lubbock



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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News by Odessa Mullins

Whiteflat News

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner accompanied Pearl Patten to Crosbyton Saturday to visit Harry Patten. He is still in the Crosbyton Hospital. Mrs. Patten spends days with him.

Mary Lumsden spent Friday in Lubbock visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent and tending to business.

Lester Mullins accompanied his mother, Odessa Mullins to Lubbock Thursday for an appointment with her Cardiologist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, Mary Ramos and Emily, and Odessa Mullins visited in Plainview Sunday afternoon with Dene Gray at Covenant Hospital, where he will undergo surgery Tuesday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The postal group celebrated the birthdays of Grace Zabielski and Harold and Vee Gordon with lunch at the Hitchin' Post on Thursday February 28. Those attending, in addition to the honorees, were R.C. and Callie Giesecke, Juanita Cooper, William and Mary Jo Brown of Dickens, Ray Zabielski, and Lula Swim.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

goodies at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday, March 4. Those en- one. joying the fellowship were Linda Hotchco of Dickens, Gale Stafford of Matador, Cleo Watson, Larry Watson, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Dean McInroe, Joyce Smith and Lula Swim.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Flomot Cemetery Association met March 2. Arlene Hinkle of Quitaque was the winner of the afghan, which was donated by Lorene Wagnon Cobb. Mrs. Cobb was raised in this area.

The ballots were counted for the 2002-03 vice president and secretary. Seab and Dianne Washington won with 45 votes. The three 2002-03 directors will be Donnie Turner with 45 votes; Mary Ellen Barton with 45 votes and Wilburn Martin with 47 Coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee and votes. There were two write-ins, Leona Degan with 2 votes and Ronald Clay with

Everyone who helps keep the Flomot Cemetery up and looking good is appreciated. Everyone is invited to attend the Flomot Homecoming in July this year.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Dusty and Julie Whitaker attended the funeral services of her maternal grandfather, Dr. M.V. Hinderliter, 76, held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 25, at the Central Christian Church in Portales, N.M.

Julie was with him and her family from Wednesday until Monday. He was a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring.

Teresa Whitaker of Matador. *************

Nita and Ervin Merritt of Granbury visited last Monday with her brother and

Johnie Starkey was in Lebanon, Missouri from Saturday until Tuesday attending to business. He visited son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey and grandson, Chris Starkey.

Advertising in this newspaper benefits the entire county!

Obituaries

Davis Loy Harvey

Texas.

Funeral services for Davis Loy May 15, 1926 at Colinsworth County, Harvey were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 4, 2002, at Springcreek Baptist Church at Sayre, Oklahoma. Officiating was Rev. Jim Clark. He was laid to rest at Springcreek Baptist Cemetery in Sayre, Oklahoma. Arrangements were under the direction of Stanley-Lee Funeral Home.

2002 at Clinton, Oklahoma. He was born

ters; one son; six grandchildren; one Mr. Harvey passed away January 29, great-grandson; one brother and one sister

Mollie Burleson

Funeral services for Mollie Faye ley County to Mott Line Camp, twelve Barton Burleson, 85, of Floydada, Tx were miles west of Matador, where they operated a ranch, once part of the Matador Land and Cattle Company. Mollie moved to Floydada in 1981 and joined the First United Methodist Church soon after. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, W.E. in 1975, a son, Barton Burleson in 1955 and a grandson, Dusty Burleson in 1983.

He was a former resident of Motley

He is survived by his wife; four daugh-

County, having worked for the Blankenship Ranch for eleven years.

Survivors include one son, S.C. Burleson of Floydada; one daughter, Marisue Potts of Matador; one daughterin-law, Lou Burleson; one sister, Mary Ellen Barton of Flomot; seven grandchildren, Carrla Burleson Jones and Beverly Burleson Brock both of Levelland, Jim Potts of Floydada, Tom Potts of Royce City, Robert Potts of Cypress, Richard Potts of Irving and Christy Potts of Houston; ten great-grandchildren, Ty, Caycee and Cyanne Jones, Kolt, Kwail and Klay Brock, Jay, Neal, and Grant Potts and Kendal Potts, a host of nieces and nephews and many friends and relatives. The family suggests memorials to a

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Funeral services for Ronnie Christian, 64, of Sanger, Texas, and formerly of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. James McCloud and Rev. Jack Boggs. Graveside rites were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Christian died Friday at a hospital in Denton, following a lengthy illness. Ronald Lane Christian was born

former member and past president of the Matador Lions Club, and a former Worshipful Master of the Matador Masonic Lodge. He also served on the Motley County School Board and was a former member of the Paducah Chamber of Commerce.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by a daughter, Arla Kay Christian, and by one brother, Glenn Christian.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Craig of Denton and Cody of The Colony, one daughter Carla Christian of McKinney, two brothers Larry of Lubbock and Jackie of Amarillo, one sister Edna Blakney of Lubbock and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to The Dallas Area Support Group of the Myositis Association of America at 205 Laurel Road, Athens, Texas 75751.

by Earlyne Jameson James and Darla Gwinn were in

It is gratifying to know there are people so dedicated to public service that they are willing to undergo the demands of a political campaign. Remember to exercise your right to vote in the Primary Elections March 12th.

OVERHEARD

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and other US Postal and Ex-Postal employees honored Vee and Harold Gordon of Matador and Mrs. Grace Zabielski of Roaring Springs with a birthday luncheon Thursday at the Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs.

Others attending were Callie and R.C. Giesecke of Matador, Lula Swim and Ray Zabielski of Roaring Springs and William and Mary Jo Brown of Dickens.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton had surgery, Thursday, February 28 and was a patient at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo until Saturday. With her during surgery, hospitalization and return home were her children, Mrs. Carol Ann Turner, Mike Montague of Amarillo and John Montague of Houston. *************

Snyder last Saturday with their daughter, Danielle, who competed in a Gymnastic Meet.

Ryan Martin, student at Tarleton University visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin. Guests in their home, Sunday was Jamie Pigg of Turkey, student at Clarendon College.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Amarillo, Thursday and Friday for medical appointments and tests. Mrs. Cooper visited daughter and family, Kay, Ken, and Kourtney Dunnam. Kourtney's volleyball team, The Bombers won first place in the tournament held last weekend at Amarillo College. Mr. Samford visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Ray King.

Fannin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, visited from Saturday until Monday in Lubbock with his aunt, Aly Gwinn. His parents and sister, Danielle visited Monday and accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner visited in Lubbock, Sunday in the home of Mr. and

Also attending his services was Mrs.

wife, Wilburn and Trula Martin.

Everett Shorter, son, Clois Shorter, his she is improving.

other son, Louis Shorter of Mansfield and nephew, Wayne Barnes of Whitesboro enjoyed fishing from Thursday until Saturday at Lake Tawkoni, northeast of Dal-

las. They were successful as Everett caught a 42 pound and Clois a 33 pound blue cat fish.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mrs. Kathy Shorter joined Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville in Lubbock, Saturday and enjoyed entertainment and shopping. Emily and Brian returned home with grandmother, Mrs. Kathy Shorter to visit.

mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey were in Amarillo, Tueday for Nada and Mrs. Starkey's cardiac medical appointments. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Jack and Nada were in Plainview, Thurs-

College in Levelland, visited during the weekend with his father, Roger Lee and

Dusty and Julie Whitaker visited Saturday and Sunday in Sterling with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McEntire. They celebrated Mrs. McEntire's birthday, Saturday and attended church ser-

day and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited Satur-

IN HOSPITAL

the Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was admitted Monday, February 25th. Her family has been with her and report

held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 4, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Floydada, Tx with Rev. Wendell Horn, pastor, officiating. Graveside burial services were at 2:00 p.m. at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Arrangements Jack and Nada Starkey and his were under the direction of Moore-Rose-

day tending to business.

Brandon Lee, student at South Plains

vices with them on Sunday morning.

White Funeral Home of Floydada, Tx. Mrs. Burleson died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center.

She was born on April 16, 1916, to Wilburn and Ella Etta Orr Barton at the family ranch on the North Pease River in northern Motley County. She graduated from Matador High School in 1934. She married W.E. Burleson on December 30, 1934, when they eloped to Silverton. They were hired as a ranch hand and ranch cook and made \$40.00 a month near Cedar Hill in Floyd County. They later

bought the Walter Wood place east of South Plains where they raised cattle and

farmed. In 1958, Mollie and W.E. moved to Mot-favorite charity.

Ronnie Christian

Mrs. Edith Washington is a patient in

Mrs. Scott Blount and Skylar. Other guests were Mike Montague of Amarillo, John Montague of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Cobey Turner of Lubbock.

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March 18, 1937, at Turkey, Texas. He was married to the former Barbara Wilson on February 9, 1958, at Lockney. He was a former longtime resident of Matador, and had operated Ronnie's Department Store in Matador, and Christian Dry Goods in Paducah.

He was a member and former deacon at the First Baptist Church in Matador, a

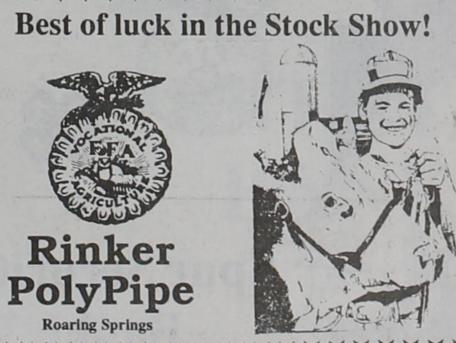
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FARM AND RANCH NEWS

Federal Import Requirements for Mexican Feeder Cattle in effect April 1

ture has raised health standards for sored teams will continue to review importing Mexican feeder cattle in Mexican states as they make order to protect U.S. animals from progress, so the regulations for each tuberculosis (TB), a bacterial infec-tion that can cause internal lesions specialists in Riverdale, Maryland, ers) from Mexico will enter the U.S. under health regulations published Code of Regulations by the USDA's designated portion of Sonora (which equivalent standards for cattle TB 10,000," Dr. Ferris commented. eradication.

regulatory authority.

"Mexican feeder animals have offered excellent opportunities for cattle producers," she said. "Cattle TB, however, continues to be a problem in many Mexico states, and we must continue to assure that imported animals are properly tested for TB before they enter Texas. Infected animals can spread the disease by coughing, bellowing or snort-ing. The bacterial-laden aerosol that they expel can be inhaled by animals nearby or could contaminate feed. If we have TB introduced into our

The U.S. Department of Agricul- Services in Texas. "The USDA-sponin the lungs, lymph nodes, or other internal organs. On April 1, 2002, boundaries of TB regions within feeder cattle (steers and spayed heif- Mexican states. The maps are to be ready prior to April 1.

more than a year ago in the Federal -- steers and spayed heifers -- from a Veterinary Services. By 2003, the borders Arizona) may be imported USDA will tighten regulations again, into the U.S. without a TB test, bewhen international rules will require cause this area has an infection rate exporting countries to fully meet US- of less than one infected herd per

dication. "As always, all Mexican cattle "Texas cattle producers import must be officially identified with a approximately a million Mexican blue ear tag imprinted with the name feeders each year. On April 1, entry of its Mexican state. The animals regulations for these animals will be must also be accompanied by a certied directly to the prevalence of TB tificate of origin, which documents in their Mexican state of origin, or where the animals came from," extheir region within a Mexican state," plained Dr. Suzanne (Suzy) commented Dr. Linda Logan, Texas Burnham, TAHC's new binational listate veterinarian and head of the aison, who is stationed in San Anto-Texas Animal Health Commission nio. She says the imported animals (TAHC), the state's livestock health must also carry an "M" brand on the hip and will be inspected for fever ticks at the import station at the bor-

> "Feeder cattle must have a negative TB skin test before being imported, if they come from Yucatan; a designated portion of Coahuila, our direct neighbor to the south; Sinaloa; the remaining portion of Sonora; or

a designated segments of Aguascalientes or Jalisco," said Dr. Burnham. She said these states or portions of states have between 1 and 5 infected herds per 1,000 herds.

Dr. Burnham explained that an

Agency News by Debbie Shaw, CED

Farm Service

SECRETARY LINKS AGRICULTURE TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Rounding out a whirlwind multistate tour this month, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman stopped off in Dallas to address the 2002 National Cotton Council delega-As of April 2002, only feeder cattle teers and spayed heifers -- from a tion and appoint members and alter-nates to the National Cotton Board.

Veneman thanked American farmers and ranchers for supplying the nation with safe, abundant food and fiber, emphasizing agriculture's importance to homeland security.

Veneman stated, "We need to do everything we can to protect our food and agricultural sector not only from unintentional threats, but now also

of the nation's cotton industry, Secretary Veneman emphasized the Administration's and U.S. Depart-ment of Agriculture's (USDA) support for policies and a farm bill that apply ensure American agricultural producers are afforded every opportunity to maximize production and complete in the growing global mar- year unless the acreage is irrigated ket.

"The Administration supports farm policies that would strengthen the farm economy over the long term ... programs that are market oriented the heading stage. and encourage independence but don't hurt producers. The President also wants a farm bill that supports international trade," said Secretary Veneman.

These are welcome words of en- the percentage of small grain plants



century with technology mirroring that of the private sector. Before leaving Dallas, Veneman

appointed 17 members and 18 alternate members to the National Cotton Board responsible for competitively positioning cotton in the mar-ketplace. For more information re-garding the appointments, see the Secretary's remarks on the USDA official website at www.usda.gov.

NAP ELIGIBILITY FOR CROPS PLANTED FOLLOWING SMALL GRAINS

We have received guidelines clarifying the eligibility of NAP crops following small grains. This informain her message to the 700 del-egates representing a cross-section Committee has determined that crops shall be ineligible for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) if any of the following

herds, our ability to trade interstate or internationally would be restricted.'

Dr. Logan pointed out that in April 2001, the USDA's Veterinary Services published an interim rule requiring Mexican feeder steers to originate from herds that had recently been tested for TB. The USDA then agreed to grant waivers to the whole-herd test, if Mexican states could demonstrate sufficient progress in eradicating TB prior to April 2002.

During the past five months, USDA-sponsored teams have conducted in-depth TB status reviews in 16 Mexican states with active TB eradication programs. The teams, comprised by state and federal regulatory veterinarians, trade association representatives and laboratory specialists, determined that only one Mexican state and portions of five other states could be granted a waiver of the whole-herd test requirement.

"These rules are intended to protect the health of U.S. livestock," noted Dr. Logan. She pointed out that, in the early 1900s, nearly five percent of U.S. cattle herds were infected with TB. Today, she said, the disease is extremely rare in U.S. herds. However, more TB-lesioned cattle are being detected at slaughter, and ear tags indicate that many of these animals are of Mexican origin.'

"Prior to pasteurization, or heat treatment of milk, humans could contract the disease from infected cows. Today, human TB cases in the U.S. are rarely, if ever, traced to the cattle form of the disease, due to a combi-nation of slaughter surveillance, pas-teurization of milk and disease eradication," she said.

Dr. Logan said the TAHC also will closely scrutinize Mexican roping rodeo cattle already in Texas. "We will be checking these animals at events and practice pens to ensure that these animals have had their required post-entry TB tests," she said. "The TAHC requires that these animals be tested every 12 months for TB.

"We have worked closely with Mexico on TB eradication since 1988, when the USDA began offering training and technical support," she said. "Since 1994, Mexican cattle have been imported under a 'consensus agreement' established by the state veterinarians in Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico. At least 20 other U.S. states incorporated the consensus document into their state rules. The new federal rules will provide a more stringent, yet uniform program for imports. A Binational Committee, with eight American and eight Mexican representatives, also has been meeting three times yearly to formalize status review findings, and discuss TB, brucellosis and trade issues. Dr. Logan also pointed out that, over the years, groups of regulatory personnel and producers from California, New Mexico, Texas and Arizona, and other participating states conducted program reviews in Mexican states. She said they monitored TB prevalence in Mexican herds, inspected laboratories, checked slaughter surveillance techniques, and shared ideas and experience. "The new federal requirements will advance the TB eradication effort by protecting all US states that may receive Mexican cattle," pointed out Dr. Richard Ferris, area veterinarianin-charge for the USDA's Veterinary

accredited veterinarian conducts a into the skin or "caudal fold" under the animals tail. The site is examined 72 hours late for redness, swelling or other reaction, which indicates the animal may have been exposed to or year. infected with TB.

'Mexican states that did not obtain a whole-herd test waiver from the USDA include Tamaulipas and portions of Baja California, Campeche, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Jalisco, Nuevo Leon and Veracruz," said Dr. Burnham. "These states will export feeder cattle under the interim rule because they have an infection prevalence greater than 5 infected herds per 1,000 herds in the state or area.

'The parent herd (including the feeder cattle being exported) must have tested negative for TB within the previous 12 months. This will prevent cattle exporters from assem-bling untested feeder animals from a number of sources shortly before shipment," explained Dr. Burnham. She pointed out that each of the exported animals also must be individually TB tested again. The animals are to move under an import permit from the USDA.

The whole herd test concept is vitally important, as animals they have been exposed to TB can still test negative for a period of time, if they are incubating infection. By requir-ing the entire herd to be tested, we have a greater probability of deter-mining if there is a health problem and we can restrict the entry of animals from that herd.

"Feeder cattle from some Mexican states or portions of states will be allowed to enter the U.S. only directly to slaughter. These animals are from areas that have not made sufficient TB eradication progress or met program review criteria for inspection, testing, or surveillance," said Dr. Ferris. "Prior to entry for slaughter, the animals must have a negative TB test and must be accompanied by the proper paperwork, in-cluding an import permit and official ear tags.

TB skin test by injecting tuberculin couragement to the cotton industry considering the volatile nature of the agriculture economy. Cotton communities in Texas alone lost an estimated \$433 million for the 2001 crop

> economy through export expansion, increased support for research and technology, conservation, elimina-tion of unfair trade practices, and risk der NAP is 10 years. For the 2002 crop management.

'A good farm bill must provide a 2001. safety net for farmers without encouraging over-producing which thereby depresses prices. If we set loan rates too high, it could reverse

According to Veneman, passing your production. new farm legislation is just one hurdle facing the Administration. USDA then faces the daunting task of implementing the associated farm program changes. USDA must be ready to quickly deliver the programs once the President signs the farm

Farm Service Agency (FSA), under the USDA umbrella, will be responsible for timely, efficient program delivery which will include distributing payments to producers.

John T. Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency spoke candidly with the Secretary during her Texas visit. Fuston assured the Secretary that Texas FSA is poised and ready to implement the legislative changes as soon as the state receives regulations and software for program delivery.

Veneman agreed with Fuston that timing and availability of technological tools were essential to effective farm program delivery. She reiterated her commitment to improved information technology within the Department. Veneman acknowledged the need for a streamlined program delivery process and envisions USDA coming into the 21st

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for the applicable small grain. The Texas State FSA Committee has also determined that crops will Secretary Veneman expressed her desire to have farm policy passed that is "generous but affordable" and able to jump-start the agriculture the crop has not been successfully produced in three (3) crop years in the base period. The base period unyear the base period is 1992 through

Please remember to bring in your sudex production for 2001, even if you did not purchase 2001 NAP coverage, your production will count to-wards your APH. We need at least loan rates too high, it could reveal their intended impact and make an already difficult situation even if Veremen said wards your APH. We need at reast one bale weighed and any other docu-mentation that you have to prove

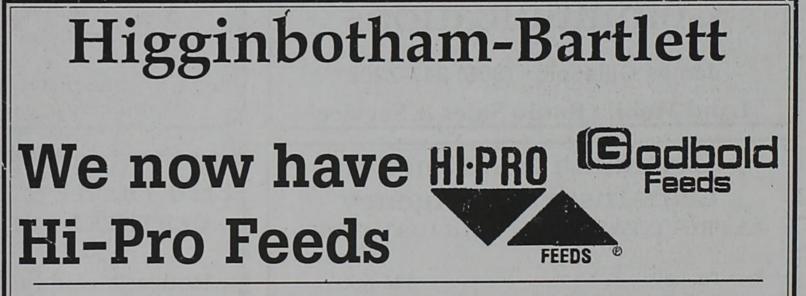
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