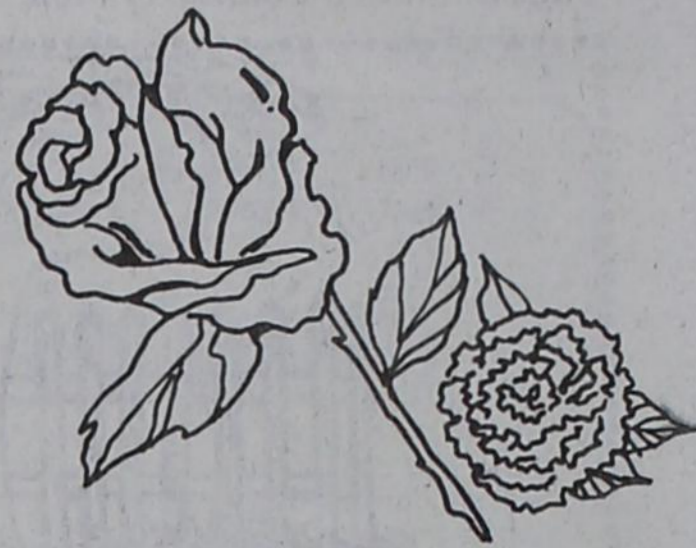
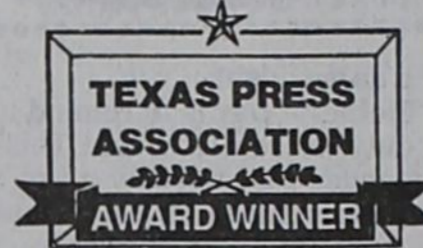
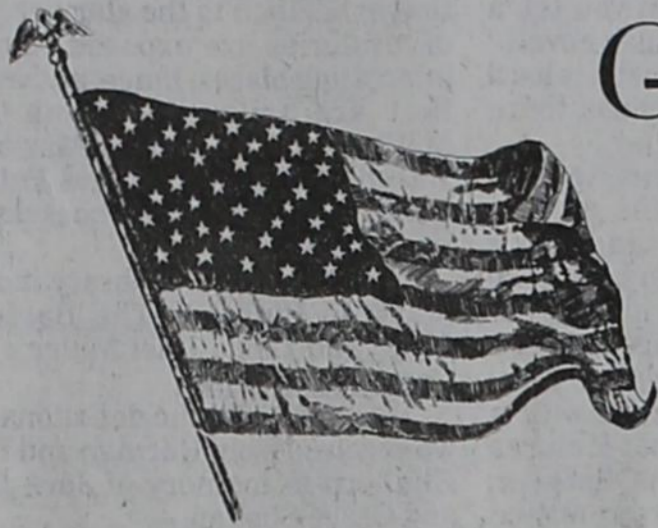


Happy Mother's Day



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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2002

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Bluegrass fans will gather in Flomot for third annual music festival

Fans of Bluegrass Music will gather in Flomot this weekend for the third Annual Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival. Event will kick-off on Friday, May 10, with stage music continuing until 11:00 p.m.

Music will begin on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 11:00 p.m. A devotional will be held on Sunday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by gospel music until 12:00 noon.

The festival will take place on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. In the event of bad weather, activities will move into the gym.

Spectators are asked to bring their lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Bands from Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico will be on hand to entertain the crowd. Eight bands will play during the festival. But, the official bands are just half of the fun. All the festival grounds will be groups playing and jamming at all hours. Everyone that plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. If you don't play you are welcome to wander the grounds and listen to the various groups.

Bands scheduled to play on stage during the festival include Pecos Valley Bluegrass from Mayhill, New Mexico, Red River from Amarillo, Now and Again from Amarillo, Texas Country from Wicket, Sundown from Odessa, Yellow House from Silverton, Dyson Family Bluegrass from Sayre, Oklahoma and Triple L from Portales, New Mexico.

The festival is an event that the entire family can enjoy. Several of the bands feature young people. The Dyson Family band is a couple and their children; Triple L is three boys accompanied by their parents.

Food booths will be setup on the grounds. Everyone is invited to come to Flomot and listen to great music and eat with one of the food vendors.

A large group of RV'ers was expected to arrive on Wednesday. RV parking is available for \$8.00 per night and hookups are available with festival tick purchase.

Festival tickets are \$6.00 for Friday and \$10.00 for Saturday, Sunday is free. Children, 12 and under, will be admitted free at all times.

For more information call 806-469-5278.



DANCING THE TWO-STEP — Justin Fletcher, 3-year-old son of Peyton and Michelle Fletcher of Dallas, danced the night away at last Saturday's Lions Club sponsored street dance. The grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fletcher of Matador, he is pictured here dancing with 6-year-old Hannah Hulsey, daughter of Mickey and Jill Brooks of Roaring Springs.

Early deadline for next week's paper

The deadline for next week's paper, the May 16th edition, will be at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, instead of the regular 5:00 p.m. deadline. All news and ad copy must be brought in no later than 11:00 a.m. to be included in that edition.

The Tribune will close early Tuesday afternoon, May 14.

Love Fund established

A Love Fund has been established for Judy Crowley at the First State Bank in Matador. Mrs. Crowley recently underwent open-heart surgery and had no insurance.

Roaring Springs Art Workshop will feature renowned artist



Paul Milosevich with some his beautiful paintings in his studio in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Milosevich will conduct a painting workshop in Roaring Springs May 17 and 18. The workshop is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

An art workshop scheduled for May 17 and 18 in Roaring Springs will feature renowned artist, Paul Milosevich of Santa Fe, N.M. This unique painting workshop is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

Milosevich is noted throughout the nation for his portraits, golf paintings and landscapes. In 1975 he was commissioned by the Songwriters' Hall of Fame to do portrait drawings of the annual inductees.

Mr. Milosevich was inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame in 1996.

The weekend of activities will kick-off with a reception for the artist on Thursday, May 16, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Milosevich will be available to personalize books, posters, prints and originals.

On Friday, May 17, instruction in portrait painting, watercolor or acrylics, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Instruction in landscape painting will be offered on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on location at Mott Creek Ranch, 12 miles west of Matador.

No experience is necessary and participants may sign up for one or both of the sessions. The cost will be \$40 per day. Amateur, as well as experienced painters, should bring their paints, brushes, and easels. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Proceeds will go to the Roaring Springs Volunteers, a non-profit group which sponsors Kids' Camp during the summer, preservation and tourism projects in the area, and promotion of their community, and region.

For workshop information contact Corky or Monta Marshall at 806-348-7000.

Two new members elected to Motley County School Board

The two incumbents were unseated in Saturday's School Board election. James Gillespie received 117 votes and Vaden Hays received 112.

Tina Brooks of Roaring Springs, received 274 votes, and Pat Smith of Matador, received 199 votes, placing them on the Motley County School board. The two terms are for three years.

WTU Changes Ownership

American Electric Power (AEP) announced April 17 that it has reached a definite agreement to transfer West Texas Utilities to Centrica, a leading provider of retail energy and other consumer services. WTU was one of the two Texas retail electric providers the company sold. WTU has provided service for many years to Matador and Roaring Springs. Some areas of Motley County are provided services by South Plains Electric or Lighthouse Electric.

WTU and CPL sell electricity to more than 850,000 residential and small commercial customers in south and west Texas. These customers are served at the "price to beat," a statutorily defined rate for customers with a peak demand of one megawatt or less who do not switch to competitive providers. Full customer choice began in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) January 1, 2002.

As part of the transaction, Centrica assumes the obligation to serve those customers who choose the "price to beat" and gains the West Texas Utilities, WTU, Central Power and Light, and CPL brand names. AEP will provide Centrica with a power supply contract for WTU and CPL and all back-office services related to their customers with peak loads of greater than one megawatt and will fulfill its existing provider-of-last resort assignments.

An independent appraiser, using comparables for similar transactions involving retail energy customers, will establish a fair market value for the transaction after mid-June. This approach satisfies the parties' desire to have the transfer price reflect the actual fair market value on a date nearer to closing, and is consistent with the pooling of interests accounting limitations imposed on AEP until June 15, 2002, because of the company's merger with Central and South West Corporation. If the appraised value is outside the range of \$133 million to \$153 million, the transaction need not be completed.

In addition, AEP retains the right to share in earnings from WTU and CPL above a threshold amount for the next five years in the event the Texas retail market develops increased earnings opportunities. AEP will also receive an up-front payment of approximately \$39 million from Centrica associated with a back-office service agreement which utilizes a state-of-the-art customer care services model developed by AEP.

AEP and Centrica expect to complete the regulatory approval process and conclude the transaction by the end of the year.

This transaction does not affect AEP's ownership of its power plants in Texas and its transmission and distribution network that delivers

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AROUND THE COUNTY

News briefs of area events

Important Booster Club Meeting set for Monday

An important Booster Club meeting has been set for Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All members are urged to attend as scholarship recipients will be elected.

MC High School to sponsor Blood Drive

Motley County High School will sponsor a Blood Drive, Monday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. For an appointment contact Sonya Herrell at 347-2677. Appointments are appreciated. Please bring picture ID and lists of meds. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

April showers bring optimism to Motley County farmers and ranchers

by Earlyne Jameson

April showers allowed Mother Nature to show off her spring ensemble and allowed us to take a breath of clean air. Green now dominates the countryside and wheatland with a promise of hope for continued moisture. My husband wonders if he didn't have an interest in agricultural

operations if he would enjoy rain as much as he does now.

Total moisture for the month of April reported by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 2.19 inches; Kelly Meyer, Matador, 1.45 inch; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 1.44; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 1.80; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 1.23.

End of school program schedule

End of School programs for Motley County ISD have been scheduled as follows: Elementary, Wednesday, May 22, 1:30 p.m.; Jr. High and High School, Thursday, May 23, 1:30 p.m.

Jr. High Graduation will be held Friday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. High School Graduation will be held Saturday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m.

All of these events will be held in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend. The All-Night Project Graduation party, for students and guests in grades 9-12, will be held Saturday night, beginning shortly after graduation ceremonies.



"God can't always be everywhere; and, so, He invented Mothers."
— Sir Edwin Arnold

Mother's Day will be celebrated this Sunday, May 12. The special day is celebrated each year on the second Sunday in May, a time when flowers are in bloom. Mother's Day is a special time for children to honor their mothers, as well as grandmothers and other "mothers" and show appreciation for their love and caring.

Julia Ward Howe, social reformer and poet, made the first suggestion for a Mother's Day in the United States. In 1872, she suggested Mother's Day be on June 2 and that it be a day dedicated to peace. She sponsored Mother's Day meetings in Boston for several years, and people in other towns began to do the same.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia, began a campaign for nationwide observance of Mother's Day. She also began the custom of wearing a carnation on that day, a colored carnation if one's mother is living and a white carnation if one's mother has died.

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress authorizing federal agencies to observe Mother's Day. The following year, Mother's Day was proclaimed as an annual national holiday.

Anna Jarvis said the purpose of Mother's Day, is... "To revive the dormant filial love and gratitude we owe to those who gave us birth. To be a home tie for the absent. To obliterate family estrangement. To create a bond of brotherhood through the wearing of a floral badge. To make us better children by getting us closer to the hearts of our good mothers. To brighten the lives of good mothers. To have them know we appreciate them, though we do not show it as

often as we ought....

Mother's Day is to remind us of our duty before it is too late. This day is intended that we may make new resolutions for a more active thought to our dear mothers. By words, gifts, acts of affection, and in every way possible, give her pleasure, and make her heart glad every day, and constantly keep in memory Mothers Day; when you made this resolution, lest you forget and neglect your dear mother. If absent from home write her often, tell her of a few of her noble good qualities and how you love her. A Mother's love is new every day. God bless our faithful good mothers."

My greatest joy in life has been being a mother and now a grandmother.

To all my readers who are mothers, I wish you a very special and blessed day.

My love and best wishes most of all to my wonderful Mother, who continues to give me love, support and guidance everyday of my life; to my mother-in-law who gives her love in a quiet, unselfish, but knowing way; to my daughter-in-law, who is a good and loving mother to my precious grandchildren; to my sister, who is a patient, kind and fun mother; and my sisters-in-law, who are wonderful and loving mothers; to my good friend, Meme, who has been so loving, kind and very special to me; to my Aunts, who love all their nieces and nephews as they were their own, and to whom I know I can depend on; and to my good friends with whom I have shared many motherly talks and laughs.

I love you all dearly and I pray for God's greatest blessings to shine upon you on Mother's Day and everyday. May you always feel special.

A Mother holds her children's hands for a while....their hearts forever!



Pivots & Divots

by Mary



No one played on April 25th because of the cold weather. The Babe Zaharias Tournament was enjoyed by 16 players on April 28th. Winning team, with a score of 67, was Roy Stephens, Olivia Barton, Conway Clary and Corky Marshall. Others playing were Garland and Judy Cartwright, Tom Melton, Pam Joplin, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Ken Marshall, Bob and Dianna Logan, Matt Washington, Louise Barton and Jake Goodson.

Donating to the cancer fund, but not playing, were Mrs. W.N. Pipkin, Geneva Wilson, Lula Swim, Dean McInroe, Ben Dillard, Roy Rowe, Gale and Lindy Stafford, Steve Byrd,

Pearl Patten, Mary Lumsden, Dan Brandon, Virginia Nunn, Alan and Kay Bingham, Ellis and Leona Terry, D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Mary Jones, and Wade and Nell Berryman. \$471.00 has been donated to date. Anyone wanting to make a donation to the cancer fund can contact Pat Warren at Matador First State Bank.

Cold weather on May 2nd didn't keep the following from enjoying regular play day. Playing 18 holes were Louise Barton, Olivia Barton,

LaVoe Thacker, and Geneva Wilson. Geneva won the ball. Playing 9 holes were Frances Hobbs and Judy Renfro. Frances won the ball.



by Penny Pipkin

News from the Lions

The Matador Lions Club would like to express their thanks to the Motley County community for their support and attendance at the recent Barbecue Dinner and Street Dance during the Highway 70 Association's Great 70-mile Garage Sale. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening, but expressed their disappointment at not hearing "Great Balls of Fire". There is always next year as the Lions would like to make the dance an annual event.

A small, blue, lady's hat with a turned up brim was left at the dinner site. It may be claimed at the Pipkin Insurance Agency during business hours.

The Lions would also like to thank Shirley Smith for her organizational skills in setting up the Matador portion of the Garage Sale. Thanks to Carla Meador and the Motley County Tribune for her reporting and advertising assistance.

Thank you for reading the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

Thank you to Matador and the Highway 70 Committees! In my guest book, I was surprised at some of the places came from. They bragged on Matador, Roaring Springs and Spur.

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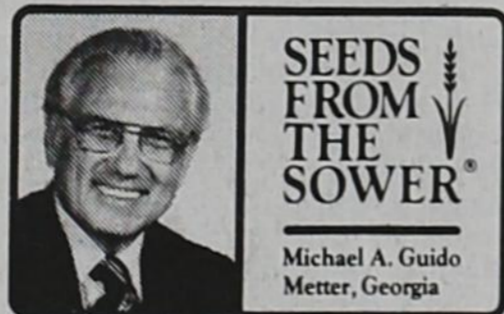
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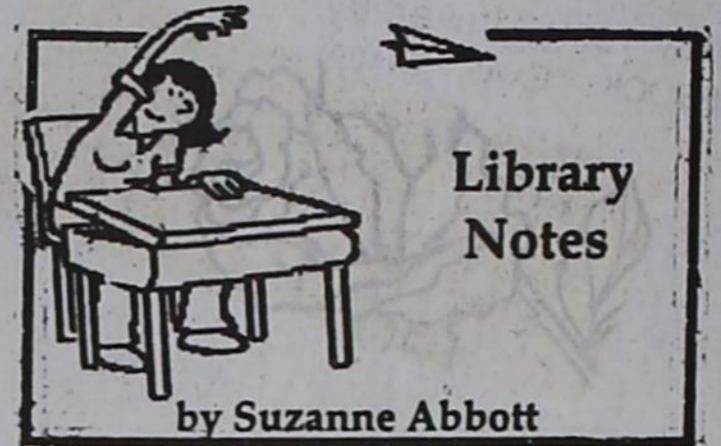
After church one Sunday, a deacon took his family to a cafeteria for dinner. As they sat at a table, little Margie bowed her head and waited for the prayer of thanks. But the father started to eat.

"Mom," she whispered, "Dad has started to eat, and we haven't thanked God for the food."

"Hush," said the father, "people don't give thanks in a place like this."

"Why?" asked Margie. "Doesn't God go to a cafeteria?"

Your Christianity should be seen where you feed your body as well as where you feed your soul, at recreation as well as at a revival, at the club as well as in the church, at work as well as at worship. And it will, if it's real.



We had a great book discussion about mysteries last week at the library. We may have even recruited some new mystery fans. One participant, who was not a mystery book reader asked, "How can you tell a mystery from just a regular novel?" We "experts" all agreed that it is hard to define a mystery because there are so many different types.

There are the adventure/spy stories written by the likes of Tom Clancy, Ken Follett, and Jack Higgins. Also in the mystery category are the police dramas written by authors like Joseph Wambaugh and Lillian O'Donnell. The classic mystery that everyone is familiar with is the Private Eye story that features the likes of Hercule Poirot, Spenser, and Nero Wolf. There are romance mysteries like those of Catherine Coulter, Nora Roberts and Danielle Steel.

While mysteries are fiction, each usually has basis in fact either in events or setting or characters. Reading Dana Stabenow teaches the

reader a lot about Alaska and reading Ellis Peters' Brother Cadfael series takes the reader to another century. All of the Mystery-Lovers' book discussion panel members agreed that in addition to the story, readers of mysteries are exposed to many interesting places, times, and events that are true. We thank D.A. McGuire, Mary Renfro, Marihelen Wason, Fredia Burns, and Patricia Green for serving on our book discussion panel.

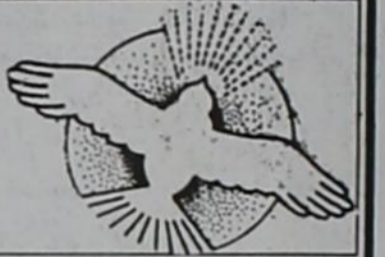
New books in the library include Mary Jo Putney's *The Bartered Bride* and Linda Lael Miller's *The Last Chance Cafe*.

We appreciate the donations that we received from Herman and Ruby Ellithorp in memory of Jack Case and Grace Shelton.

If you have a child or grandchild who is going to college soon, come by the library and pick up a brochure called "Texas Grant For a Pricelless Education." This pamphlet gives information about Texas Education Grants.

Sonbeams

by June Kella



God gives us no greater challenge than to raise our children with discipline, wisdom and love. During a rebellious stage of my six-year-old son, my patience had worn tissue paper thin when his goal seemed to be to test me and see if I would carry out my threats toward his continual disobedience. The showdown came when he threatened me with running away if I punished him. Being the amateur psychiatrist Mom I replied, "Good! I'll help you pack your bags." His retort was "bitter sweet" with tears in his big brown eyes and a trembling voice of surrender he replied, "It wouldn't do any good, you would just get in that old Buick, chase me down and bring me back."

Some might view this as defeat but I would label it "security." Even in his miserable disobedience he sensed a parental love that had nurtured and loved him unconditionally that would always follow him. Sometimes we, as prodigal children test

our Heavenly Father by doing our own way, ignoring His written principles and precepts. Does He care? Will He let us go? Will He cease to love us? Experience teaches us that He sends His Angelic FBI after us and we can attest to King David's cogent remarks found in Psalms 139:7-10, "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me."

He is our place of safety with protective arms forever reaching out to hold us close. We have a choice: To remain in that refuge or expose ourselves to the enemy outside. If we choose the latter, He chases us down with faith that we will return. What a Savior! What Parental love!

Bible Study to begin at Matador First Baptist Church

"Living a Life of Love & Laughter" is the theme of an upcoming Bible study at First Baptist Church, Matador. Beginning Sunday, May 26, the video series, which features Christian humorist Dennis Swanberg, will provide spiritually sound instruction for facing life, accompanied by plenty of lighthearted

moments along the way. The series will be presented on six consecutive Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m., in the church sanctuary. Facilitator for the study will be Pastor Jack Boggs.

For questions, or to register for the study, please call the church office at 347-2345 or 347-2782. There is no charge for the study.

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No, not all change is bad. The Bible tells us in Second Corinthians 3:18, "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory..."

Change is good, change is necessary. There are many who fear change. And

sure, radical shifts are to be avoided. But there is the need for change in our lives in order to insure growth and success as we mature in Christ. We define success here in our context as growing in our faith and understanding of God's will for our lives. In order for this to come about we must all, each and every one of us, have a fundamental conversion and re-tooling of our core beliefs and priorities.

So, what type of change is needed? Which part of our lives are to be altered? But most importantly, what are we being changed into? In order to reflect the Lord's glory we must be completely re-created in Christ Jesus. This is the change that we must be primarily concerned with today.

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Motley County School News



What's happening?

Saturday, May 11: Area I FFA at Amarillo.
Sophomore Bake Sale
Sunday, May 12: MOTHER'S DAY
Monday, May 13: Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14: End of year Exam, Biology.
 Elementary Perfect Attendance party
 Dog/Cat Vaccination, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15: End of year Exam, Algebra I
 Jr. High and High School Perfect Attendance Party.
Thursday, May 16: End of year Exam, English II and US History.
Friday, May 18: Jr.-Sr. Prom/Banquet, 7:00 p.m.
 Mini-Olympics, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 20: Perfect Attendance trip to Lubbock, 8:30 a.m., Pre-K-12.
Tuesday, May 21: Semester tests.
Wednesday, May 22: Semester tests.
 Elementary Program at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 23: Jr. High & High School Awards program, 1:30 p.m.
 Senior Breakfast at Methodist Church, 8:30 a.m.
 Parents' Sr. Party, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 24: Teacher In-service.
 Jr. High Graduation, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 25: Teacher Workday.
 High School graduation, 7:30 p.m.
 All-Night Party, 9-12.
Monday, May 27: Memorial Day.

Friday is School holiday

Friday, May 10, will be a school holiday for Motley County students and staff. Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, May 13.

Blood Drive at school set for Monday

Motley County residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the community blood drive from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 13, at Motley County High School, multi-purpose room.

Each blood donation can help several patients. Every unit of donated blood is sent to the United Blood Services laboratory for testing and processing. Laboratory technicians separate the whole blood into components (including red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate).

Red blood cells are used for surgery patients. Plasma is needed to treat trauma and burn patients. Platelets are required for cancer and leukemia patients undergoing chemotherapy. Cryoprecipitate is a special blood clotting factor used by those with hemophilia. While individual components are transfused for specific medical needs, a patient with a serious injury may require several different components.

Anyone who wishes to donate may call Sonya Herrell at 347-2677 to arrange an appointment.

Motley County High School is sponsoring the blood drive. Blood donated here is used to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals and area hospitals throughout the area.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune



MONDAY, MAY 13

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Nachos, Salad, Refried Beans, Dessert, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecued Ribs, Fried Okra, Creamed Potatoes, Onion, Pickles, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Onion, Pepper, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Chips, Pinto Beans, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Breakfast: Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chili Dogs, Baked Beans, Fries, Pickle Spear, Jello, Milk.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Fish Sticks, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Hush Puppies, Cake, Milk.

Game tables needed for Project Graduation

The Motley County Booster Club will sponsor the All-Night Project Graduation Party, Saturday, May 25. Game tables, such as Ping-Pong, Foos Ball, and a Pool Table are needed. If you have one or all of these game tables and would not mind lending them for the party, please contact Ronda Miller at 347-2290 or 347-2714. Your help is very much appreciated.

Students of the Month

Motley County ISD Students of the Month for May are Melissa Flores and James (Jay) Potts, Elementary, and Shea Rose and Chance Bingham, Jr. High/High School.

Shea is a Sophomore. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Bingham. She enjoys cooking, reading and hanging out with friends in her spare time.

Shea is a member of the Pep Club, the Golf team and FCCLA. After high school she plans to attend Wayland College and she plans to become a teacher and coach.

Her advice to fellow students is to study hard and be nice to your teachers.

Shea's favorite color is blue and her favorite food is Pizza. Her favorite type of music is rock-pop. Her favorite movie is American Pie. The last book she read is Chicken Soup for the Soul.

Shea admires her parents the most and believes the qualities of a good citizen is helping your neighbor.

Chance Bingham is the 14-year-old son of Alan and Kay Bingham. He is an 8th grader. His favorite subject is Athletics. His favorite teachers are Coach Sanchez and Mrs. Bingham. In his spare time he enjoys working and hanging out with friends.

Chance serves as his class president, is a member of FCA, 4-H and Student Council.

He would like to attend college after high school and own a ranch. He would like to coach or day-work on a ranch.

His advice to fellow students is to try harder.

Chance's favorite color is navy blue. His favorite food is Ranch or Rib-eye Steak. His favorite music is Country and he likes Gary Allen. His favorite movie is Gladiator. The last book he read is My Brother Sam is Dead.

Chance's hero is Martin Luther King. He believes the qualities of a good citizen is to help someone without pay.

MCYO will sponsor Mini Olympics May 18th

Motley County Youth Organization will sponsor a Mini-Olympics, Saturday, May 18. Registration will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in front of the Motley County football field. Events will begin at 10:00 a.m. for 2 year-olds through the first grade. Second grade through sixth grade will immediately follow.

Each child participating needs to fill out a registration form and have it turned in to their home room teacher by May 10 if possible. If your

child is not enrolled in school and needs a registration form contact Tammy Simpson at 347-2663 (8-4) or Kim Woolsey at 348-7011, or they may register that morning. All children in surrounding counties, ages 2 years through sixth grade are invited to participate.

Entry fee will be \$5.00 to enter all or just one event. Ribbons will be given to all participants in all events. Concession stand will be available.

Good Texican Cookin'
 The FLOMOT CAFE will be open during the BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL, May 10, 11 & 12
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 Breakfast, Sunday, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
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MAKING A SALE — Colleen Baxter, left, owner of The Greenhouse in Matador, makes a sale to a woman from Lubbock during Saturday's first annual 70-Mile Garage Sale. The event, sponsored by the Texas Highway 70 Association, brought many out-of-town shoppers to Matador and Roaring Springs.

Brothers awarded Eagle Scout badges

Note: Information for this article is from the Edgewood Enterprise.

"Only two out of 100 Boy Scouts will become an Eagle Scout," according to Congressman Ralph Hall. This is the highest honor to be obtained in Boy Scouting.

Congressman Hall made this statement during his featured address at a ceremony to present three young brothers their Eagle Scout badges.

The boys, 17-year-old John Paul Nimmo; 16-year-old Andrew Nimmo; and Michael, 13, are the sons of John and D'Ann Nimmo of Edgewood.

It is believed this is the only time three brothers have been presented their coveted badges at the same time.

The new Eagle Scouts, are all

members of Boy Scout Troop 390 of Edgewood. Several dignitaries congratulated the young men for all their accomplishments and hard work.

John Paul entered the scouting program as a Cub Scout in 1991. He earned his Arrow of Light in 1995 before entering Boy Scouts. He has earned 39 merit badges during his scouting years.

He was voted into the Order of the Arrow by his fellow scouts. For his Eagle Project, he converted a storeroom into a classroom in his church, and reorganized two storage closets, adding shelves to each.

Andrew became a Cub Scout in 1992, and earned his Arrow of Light in 1997 before entering the Boy Scout Troop. He has earned 31 merit badges. He was also voted into the Order of the Arrow by his fellow

scouts. For his Eagle Project, he erected a chain link fence around the back yard of the church parsonage.

Michael began his career in scouting as a Cub Scout in 1994. He earned his Arrow of Light in 1999 before becoming a Boy Scout. He has earned 22 merit badges. For his Eagle Project, he restored and revitalized Highland Cemetery, using shovels to fill in lower areas; and straightened tombstones; as well as painting the sign over the gate and outside the old school house.

The boys' father, John, was raised in Matador and is a graduate of Matador High School. Their grandparents are Calvin and Virginia Nimmo of Matador and William P. and Monnie Furrh of Sunnyvale.



John Paul II, Andrew William and Michael Thomas Nimmo were awarded their Eagle Scout Awards at a presentation, March 9.

Local funding on statewide corridors to be revised

Austin -- Cities and counties should not bear the financial brunt in developing transportation corridors of statewide significance, members of the Texas Transportation Commission said yesterday.

That opinion could be important as the Texas Department of Transportation makes plans for the Trans-Texas Corridor, a proposed 4,000-mile multi-use system to move people, goods and ideas across the state.

The transportation commission, meeting in Abilene, directed TxDOT to study department policy requiring local governments to buy right of way and pay for utility adjustments needed to make room for transportation projects of statewide importance.

The directive followed commission action revising local government funding requirements on State Highway 130, a planned 90-mile toll road between Georgetown and Seguin.

TxDOT and local officials from four counties may now develop new funding agreements for SH 130, a project that has expanded from regional to statewide significance.

"Local participation will always influence how quickly the department can schedule a local or regional project for state investment," said John W. Johnson, Texas Transportation Commission Commissioner. "However, local governments should not be forced to pay for a project with benefits extending beyond the local area that improve mobility, safety, and economic development statewide."

SH 130 was originally envisioned as a regionally significant, non-toll highway with access to encourage economic development. The project is now planned as a toll road with limited access. It will have statewide significance by improving safety and reducing congestion on Interstate 35 and other major roadways in the Austin/San Antonio corridor.

The Trans-Texas Corridor - proposed by Gov. Rick Perry in January - will include roads, railways and utilities. TxDOT will finalize an action plan this summer on the proposal, outlining public involvement opportunities, environmental studies, financing options, public/private partnerships and an implementation strategy for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

— Philippians 4:13

Health News

May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month

May has been designated as National High Blood Pressure Education Month and marks the beginning of a year-long intensive focus on knowing your blood pressure numbers.

Why is it important to know your blood pressure? The heart's job is to pump blood through the arteries to the body. The force of pressure in the arteries is measured with the familiar blood pressure cuff.

Blood pressure is typically recorded as two numbers — the systolic pressure (the first number, when the heart beats) over the diastolic pressure (the second number, when the heart relaxes). When your pressure begins to rise, it means the heart is working harder.

Recent data from the Farmingham Heart Study reported that as a person's blood pressure rises above the optimal level of 120/80 mmHg (millimeters of mercury), the risk of suffering a stroke, heart attack, or heart failure increases. Even study participants with a high-normal blood pressure of 130/85 had 1.5 to 2.5 times greater risk in 10 years than those with optimal blood pressure — the higher the pressure, the greater the risk.

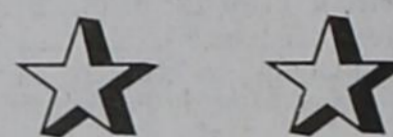
Now is a good time to get your blood pressure checked, know your numbers, and take action to prevent high blood pressure or to keep it under control.

Luckily, it is easy to prevent and control high blood pressure. It's important to aim for a healthy weight and to be physically active every day. Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy products, and choose foods that are low in salt and sodium. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation. If your physician has prescribed medicine for high blood pressure, it should always be taken as directed. And of course, if you have questions, talk to your doctor.

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—Henri F. Amiel

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Painting, repairing existing playground equipment and landscaping are all necessary, but everyone is welcome to contribute in any way they would like. The Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation has generously donated some new playground equipment.

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VOLUNTEERS — Matador and Roaring Springs United Methodist Church men have been going to Ceta Canyon for several years. They have given over 320 hours of volunteer time. Some of the projects that these men have worked on are: laying bricks at dining hall, kitchen remodel, repaired pews, assembled beds at Garrison Retreat Lodge, built new garages, windows installed at Health Center, and new siding installed on inside of Health Center. Pictured above are Alex Crowder, Rev. Monte Wike (former Matador pastor), Rodney Williams, Ken Abbott and Charlie Johnson, pictured left to right.

16th Annual Drag A Steer Roping held at Flomot

Burleson Arena, Flomot, Texas, was the scene of the 16th Annual Drag A Steer Roping, Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. Over 30 steer ropers, members of the ISRA Invitational Steer Ropers Association, competed in the four events.

One of the two day roping events is a Tri-State contest of ropers. Texas and Oklahoma lost their "Bragging Rights" to a 4-man team composed of ropers from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Oregon. The best combined time of the 4 ropers on 2-head took the bragging rights home.

The ISRA divides the membership into two categories. Group "A," ropers who have won more money through the season, and Group "B," low money winners.

On Saturday "A" roper winners were Clay Cameron, Canyon, first; Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, second; Leo Campbell, Amarillo, third. In group "B," winners were Rick Glaze, Odessa, first; Tom Palmer, Pueblo West, Colorado, second; Jody Duggan, Snyder, third.

Sunday's early morning ropers were the Senior and Super Senior ISRA members. Sixteen members roped in these two events. Eldon Dudley and Myurl Goodwin, both of Canyon, were first and second, in the "Super" timed event. Larry Duggan, Canyon, and Dale Robbins, Quannah, were the first and second place in the Senior group.

Sunday afternoon the "A" and "B" ropers determined the winners with

the fastest times. "A" winners were Clay Cameron, Canyon, first; Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, second; Joe Bartlett, Eugene, Oregon, third. "B" ropers were Jim Locke, Miami, first; Doug Bean, Scottsdale, Arizona, second; and Trey Johnson, Happy, third. Clay Cameron was the average winner of the two days and received

spurs made by Tom Whitacre of Canyon. The fastest time of the day on Sunday was garnered by Jim Locke, Miami, with a 9.60 second time.

Each year a gate drawing is held for a pair of Tom Whitacre horse bits. Bob Shulte, Nazareth, was this year's winner.

Do yourself a favor, read your Social Security statement

by Mary Jane Shanes
Manager in Plainview

If you're one of the 125 million people who will automatically receive a Social Security Statement each year from now on, you can do yourself a favor. Read your Statement carefully and let us know right away if it contains any errors in your personal or earnings information.

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As you read your Statement, make sure your date of birth, name and Social Security number are listed correctly. (Compare the name and Social Security number on the Statement with your Social Security card.) Incorrect personal information can delay the processing of your claim when you file for benefits.

No matter how careful you, your employer or Social Security are in reporting and recording important information, mistakes will happen. For example, in some Statements issued since October 1999 a few records list dates of birth in the mid-1800s. While today's workforce includes many older people, an 1845 date of birth indicates a recording error. Most likely it should have been recorded as 1945.

And, frequently we find that people have changed their name through marriage, divorce or other action and failed to notify Social Security. Changing your name with your employer or notifying the IRS doesn't change your Social Security record. You need to complete an application for a Social Security card, Form SS-5, and show us one or more documents that identify you by your old name and by your new name.

So, be sure to read your statement carefully and let us know about any errors you detect so we can get them corrected as soon as possible.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

Once again, Matador joined together and made our Hwy. 70 Garage Sale a success. We had 22 vendors, besides all the local people who shopped. We, at Calico Treasures, had people from Oklahoma, Dallas, Lubbock, Amarillo, Comfort, and several small towns in between.

I would like to thank you for all the free write-ups printed in your paper from week to week to promote this event. As far as I know, your paper was the only one in the area to give this event such coverage. The hopes of Hwy. 70 Association is to bring people to this area, and your newspaper has a big part in that.

The barbecue and dance was also great.

Thank you,
Shirley Smith
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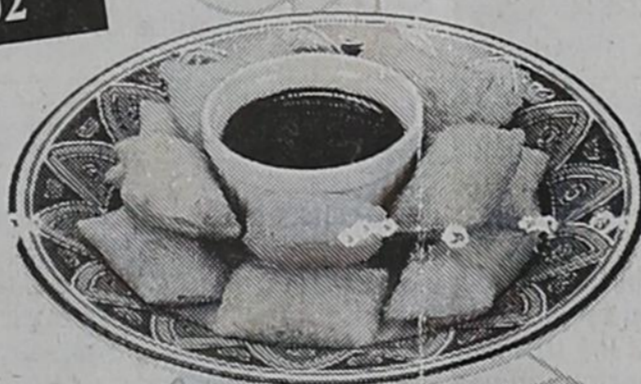
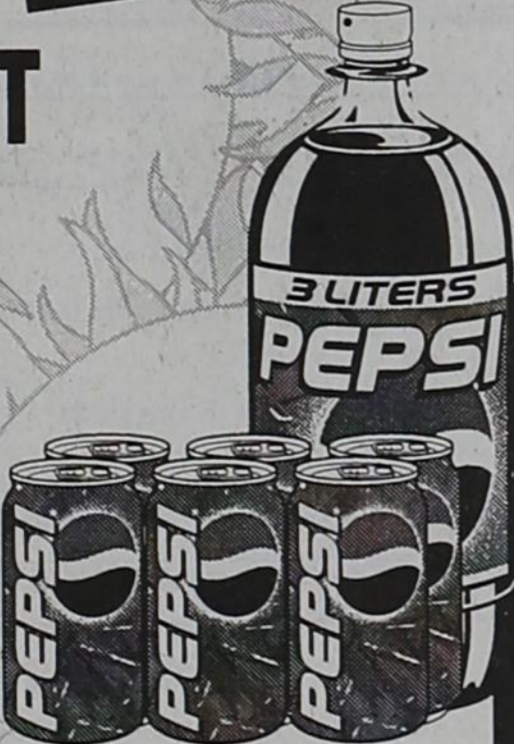
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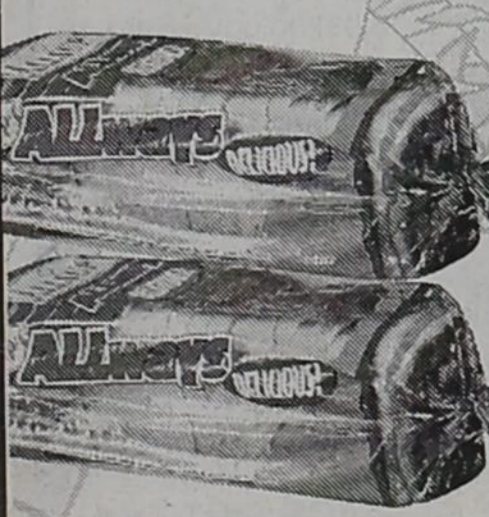


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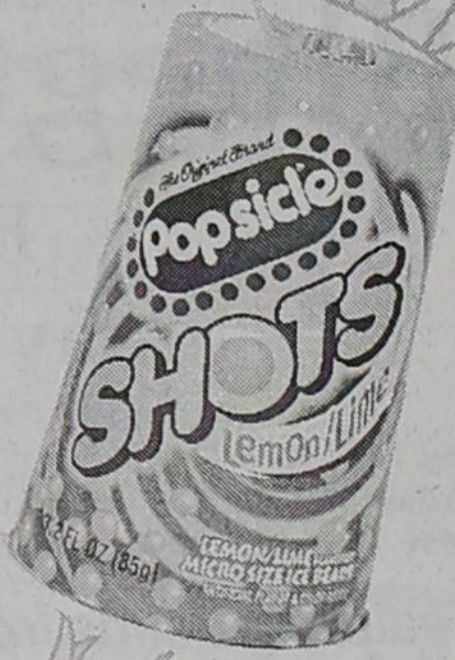
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FARM AND RANCH NEWS

Farm Service Agency News

by Debbie Shaw, CED



USDA SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

According to Debbie Shaw, County Executive Director for the Motley County Farm Service Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold a series of six public meetings across the country to solicit comments on the Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Farmable Wetland Pilot Program, and the Grassland Reserve Program. One of the meetings will be held at the Ambassador Hotel located at 3100 I-40 West in Amarillo, Texas from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 14, 2002.

Shaw explained that comments will be considered in the preparation of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement for all of the programs. "The environmental impact statement will provide USDA decision makers and the public with an analysis of the environmental benefits and potential effects of administering each of these programs," Shaw said. "Also, it can help USDA officials review and improve current policies and achievements."

The prepared PEIS will describe both the positive and negative impacts and collectively address the cumulative impacts of all of the programs being considered.

"FSA administers these programs on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation," Shaw said, "and we are conducting a comprehensive review of them in anticipation of potential Farm Bill changes."

According to Shaw, "The public comment meetings will allow individuals an opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions, analyze alternatives, or suggest improvements to conservation programs and related legislative issues."

For persons who will be unable to attend the scheduled meeting in Amarillo, written, electronic or oral comments may be submitted for consideration by the close of business on June 30, 2002. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent possible.

Send comments and requests for draft PEIS information packages to CRP PEIS, P.O. Box 6830, Falls Church, VA. 22046-6830, via email at CRP@mangi.com or telephone at 1-877-271-3842.

For more information contact Don Steck, USDA/FSA/CEPD/Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Ave, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0513, (202) 690-0224, or email at don Steck@wdc.usda.gov or CRP@mangi.com.

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



STINK BUGS

Stink bugs can cause quite a stench for producers and vegetable gardeners. Damage can include irregular shaped peaches, pock marked tomatoes, and off colored black eyed peas, to name a few. The worst problem occurs when field crops are drying up. The pests move to whatever is still green, which concentrates their numbers. Stink bugs feed with a piercing mouth so the damage is a puncture. They are difficult to control for a couple of reasons. One, the sucking mouth does not pick up much insecticide when they feed. Therefore contact insecticide is usually required. Second, once they are adults they can fly well which causes more to move in quickly. Organic gardeners are almost limited to hand picking stink bugs to control them. When doing this, watch for egg masses that can be crushed before they hatch.

GARDEN CHECKLIST FOR MAY 2002

Cut off old blossoms on spring flowering annuals, such as pansies, snapdragons, stock and calendulas, to prolong the flowering season. Continue to fertilize roses every four to six weeks with small amounts of a balanced fertilizer. Allow foliage of spring flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing. Set out plants of hybrid portulaca in sunny areas. Make rooted cutting of your favorite colors by placing 3 to 4 inch stems in moist, sandy soils. It is not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias and other summer flowering bulbs can also be planted in May. Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, better branched plants with more flowers. Plant caladium tubers, petunias, impatiens, begonias and torenias in well prepared shady areas. Make cutting of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss. Cover

cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 to 6 days to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth. Remove or cut back frost-damaged crape myrtle and other ornamentals as soon as the extent of the injury can be determined.

CRAPE MYRTLE CARE

Summer in Texas would not be complete without the abundance of crape myrtle flowers now beginning to be conspicuous over most of the state. Proper fertilization and pruning usually result in a long display of flowers of three months or more.

Fertilizer recommendations are best made after reviewing soil test results, but a general recommendation of 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of root area is sufficient for most trees and shrubs. This can be repeated again in the late fall. The first application should be made just before new growth begins in the spring. The number of square feet in the root area is determined by the branch spread of the tree. The most significant disease affecting crape myrtle is powdery mildew. This can be controlled by spraying with Benomyl or Funginex, used according to label instructions. Mildew is usually less of a problem if plants are located in open sunny areas where air circulation is good.

Pruning is best done in late winter before new growth begins. The structure and trunks of crape myrtle are among their chief assets; therefore, pruning should normally involve only removing dead and twiggy growth to expose the sculptural character of the tree. For dwarf varieties or in shrub borders where crape myrtles may be grown only for their blooms, severe pruning will help insure larger and more prolific flowers. The pruning of faded and seedy blossom heads will usually promote repeat blooming late in the summer. For something different, try some of the dwarf type crape myrtle in tubs or pots on the terrace. They do best in sunny areas, and are as satisfactory for container use as they are in the ground.

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COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

HOW TO FIGURE OUT THE FARM BILL

With the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 approaching the finish line, figuring out how and where the new legislation will impact growers has become the number one topic of conversation.

The most important aspect of the new Bill for growers to understand is that while it is a significant improvement in the level and certainty of support that will be available for program crops, it is also a different animal in terms of how that support is structured and delivered.

With the reintroduction of target prices and counter-cyclical payments; the continuation of direct, decoupled payments; and the continuation of the marketing loan, there are lots of ways that the program can be misunderstood in terms of how much support is provided compared to year-to-year production of a given commodity.

First and foremost for growers to keep in mind is that support provided through the direct and the counter-cyclical payments are not dependent on what crop a grower chooses to plant in any given year.

In fact, the only portion of the current Bill that is tied directly to production are those associated with the Loan program and the ability of the grower to receive loan level support on actual production amounts.

One important aspect of the final agreement was the inclusion of rules allowing 2001 crops grown on non-AMTA farms to be able to receive loan deficiency payments with beneficial interest requirements waived for the 2001 crop.

Under the new program direct and counter-cyclical payments are decoupled from any planting requirement and are paid based on an established base acreage and payment yield on every farm enrolled in the program.

With that basic understanding that task of sorting out just how each of these phases will be implemented and carried out can be attempted.

The following is based on current understanding of the legislation.

For purpose of the FSRI, payment limitations have been imposed which limit the amount of support a single producer is eligible to receive through each phase of the program.

The other new limitation, set for implementation in 2003, is a Means Test that will exclude any person/entity from receiving farm program payments whose three year average Adjusted Gross Income is greater than \$2.5 million dollars. A person/entity whose AGI is greater than \$2.5 million can retain program eligibility if they receive 75 percent of the average AGI from farming and ranching.

Of key importance to cotton is the fact that the current rules regarding spouses, actively engaged in farming and the 3-entity rule have been maintained with no changes.

Loan - Individual producers will maintain 100 percent access to the benefits provided through the marketing loan program. The FSRI Act renews the \$75,000 per person limit on benefits received through loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains included in the 1996 Farm Bill and adds the ability to redeem cotton entered in the loan with non-transferable generic marketing certificates.

Direct - The FSRI Act limits the amount a single producer can receive through direct, decoupled payments to \$40,000.

Counter-Cyclical - The FSRI payment limit on new decoupled counter-cyclical program payments is set at \$65,000 per person.

Marketing loan provisions are essentially unchanged under the FSRI Act. The only real differences are in the levels at which base commodity loan rates are set and the change to a 9-month loan repayment period.

The following chart shows the applicable base loan rates for loan eligible commodities, excluding graded and nongraded wool and mohair.

Commodity	Direct Payment Rate	Target Prices	
	2002-2007	2002-2003	2004-2007
Corn (bu)	\$0.28	\$2.60	\$2.63
Sorghum (bu)	\$0.35	\$2.54	\$2.57
Barley (bu)	\$0.24	\$2.21	\$2.24
Oats (bu)	\$0.024	\$1.40	\$1.44
Wheat (bu)	\$0.52	\$3.86	\$3.92
Soybeans (bu)	\$0.44	\$5.80	\$5.80
Minor Oilseeds (lb)	\$0.0080	\$0.0980	\$0.1010
Upland Cotton (lb)	\$0.0667	\$0.7240	\$0.7240
Rice (cwt)	\$2.35	\$10.50	\$10.50

Commodity	Loan Rate	Loan Rate
	2002-2003	2004-2007
Upland Cotton (lb)	\$0.52	\$0.52
ELS Cotton (lb)	\$0.7977	\$0.7977
Corn (bu)	\$1.98	\$1.95
Sorghum (bu)	\$1.98	\$1.95
Wheat (bu)	\$2.80	\$2.75
Soybeans (bu)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Rice (cwt)	\$6.50	\$6.50
Barley (bu)	\$1.88	\$1.85
Oats (bu)	\$1.35	\$1.33
Peanuts (\$/ton)	\$355.00	\$355.00
Min. Oilseeds (lb)	\$0.0960	\$0.0930
Dry Peas (cwt)	\$6.33	\$6.22
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by Agriculture Commissioner **SUSAN COMBS**

People across the state are bringing home the bacon - and the sausage, pork chops and ham. And it's safe to say they're not frying it up in a pan - consumers are choosing pork products to trim the fat from their diet and offer their families healthy choices at the dinner table.

It's a time when American obesity is at a record high. More than 20 percent of children are overweight - a number that has doubled in recent decades - and 61 percent of adults are overweight or obese. People are bombarded with warnings to cut fat and calories and increase exercise to stave off excess weight, heart disease and cancer. This means consumers are looking for healthy choices, and the pork industry is responding to that demand by producing leaner products.

Today a three-ounce center rib chop has only eight and a half grams of fat and 179 calories, which fits into a well-balanced diet. Compared to 10 years ago, pork products have an average of 31 percent less fat, 29 percent less saturated fat, 10 percent less cholesterol and 14 percent fewer calories. The pork industry's "Other White Meat" slogan has helped increase pork sales 37 percent since it was introduced in 1986.

Hog production is evolving as this demand continues. In the 1930s, much of the hog was used for producing lard. These days, lean meat replaces much of that fat. The pork industry in Texas is the 6th largest in the nation based on number of operations. Through genetics, technology and better production techniques, Texas producers are working to meet the health demands of consumers.

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