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TO REGIONAL— Brenda Gillespie will compete at the Girl's Regional Powerlifting meet at Colorado City, Friday. Lifting will begin at 2:30 p.m. Brenda was the only member of the Motley County team to qualify for Regional competition. She is a Sophomore at Motley County High School and the daughter of James and Kathy Gillespie of Matador. Her coach is Mrs. Amy Bowles.

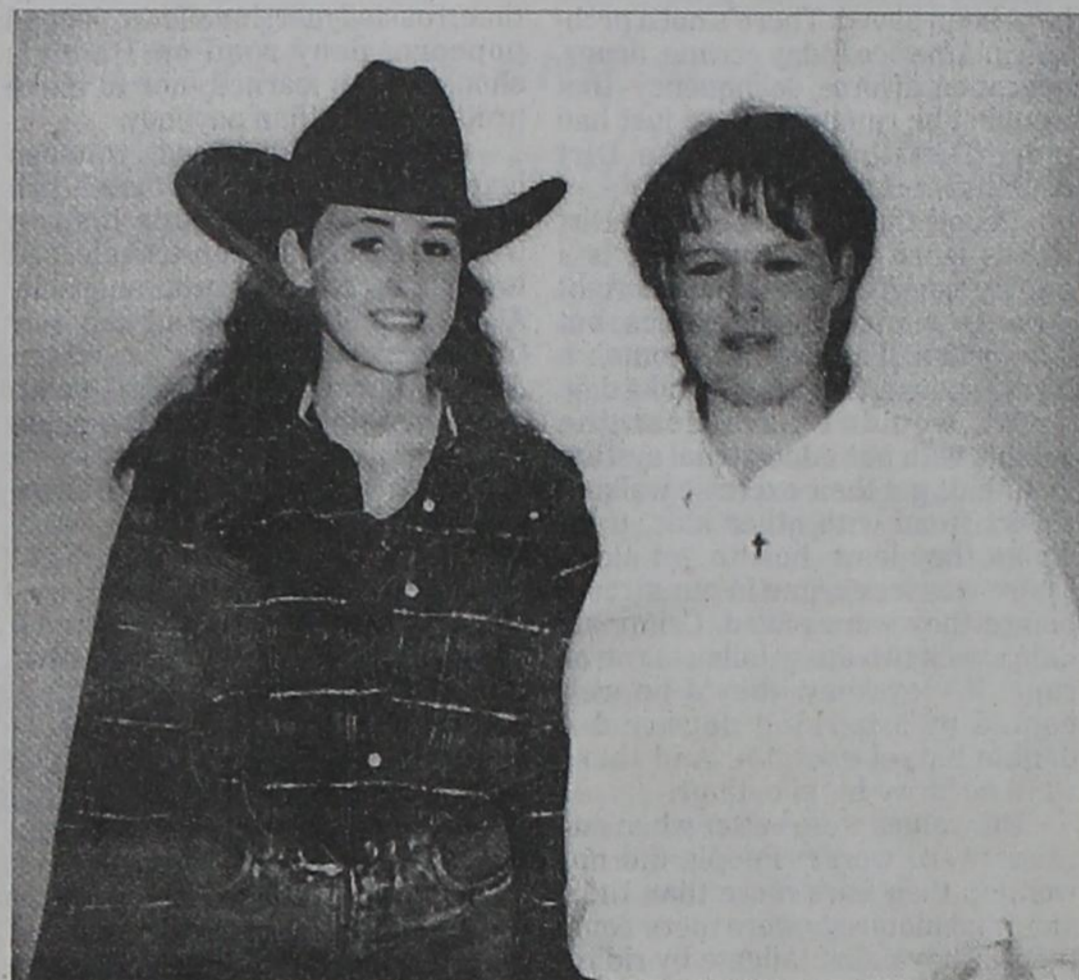
MC educator selected to attend National Teacher Conference

Kathy Gillespie, a high school mathematics and science teacher at Motley County ISD, has been selected to represent the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative (TRSD) and Motley County ISD at the National Science Foundation's Rural Systemic Initiative Lead Teacher Conference. Mrs. Gillespie will join approximately 100 other rural mathematics and science teachers from across the nation at the conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 8-10. The conference will provide opportunities for participants to define and develop the role of teachers in the Rural Systemic Initiative (RSI) Program, to network with teachers from other RSI projects, and to learn more about RSI goals and objectives. TRSI Project Director Judy

Kelley commented, "We are so excited that Kathy will represent us at this national conference. She is an excellent leader on the local TRSI district leadership team and has played a key role in sharing information from TRSI with other teachers in Motley County."

Motley County ISD is one of 60 school districts across the state that participates in the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative. TRSI works in partnership with school districts to improve mathematics and science education for all students.

TRSI will provide all costs associated with Mrs. Gillespie's participation in the conference. Funding for TRSI is provided through a grant from the National Science Foundation.



MOTHER & DAUGHTER OF THE YEAR — Barbara Durham and daughter, LeeAnnra Wallace were named Mother and Daughter of the Year at the 61st Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet held last Thursday night at the school gym. LeeAnnra is a Senior at Motley County High School. The pair were selected by Eternas Study Club members.

State Comptroller delivers \$335.3 million in February sales tax rebates

(Austin) — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered February 9, \$335.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 5.8 percent increase compared to the \$316.7 million allocated to cities and counties in February, 2000. So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 5.4 percent compared to the first two months of 2000. Comptroller Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling

\$310.9 million to Texas cities, up 5.8 percent compared to last February's payments. Rebates of \$24.3 million to Texas counties are up 5.7 percent compared to those paid in February, 2000.

Another \$11.1 million went to 56 special purpose districts around the state. Texas' six Metropolitan Transit Authorities and two City Transit Departments received a total of \$116.2 million.

This month's sales tax allocation

includes sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year, 2000.

In Motley County, Matador, with a current rate of 1.00%, received a net payment this period of \$4,603.93, compared to \$3,253.66 for last year. This is a 41.50% change. 2001 payments to date are \$6,329.58, compared to

\$4,975.04 at this time in 2000, a 27.22% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.00%, received a net payment of \$4,429.83, compared to \$304.34 last year, a 1355.55% percent change. 2001 payments to date are \$7,053.70, compared to \$1,137.18 at this time in 2000, a 520.27% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be delivered on Friday, March 9, 2001.

Expanded Sales Tax Holiday would save taxpayers additional \$46 million

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced last week, her proposal to expand the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days and add to the list of tax-exempt items safety equipment, school supplies and materials used to make kiddos' clothing. Comptroller Rylander's proposal would save Texas taxpayers an additional \$46 million from 2001 to 2003.

"The Sales Tax Holiday is a tremendous help to hard-working Texas

families," Rylander said. "By expanding the holiday from three days to five and adding these items, the sales tax holiday will be less of a traffic jam and save Texans more of their hard-earned dollars for their families."

The items added to the tax-exempt list are buttons, zippers and fabric for mammas who make the clothes; school supplies, including backpacks; and safety equipment, including bicycle helmets, elbow and knee pads, and baby and children's

car seats.

"I want to make the Sales Tax Holiday as beneficial to Texas families as possible," Rylander said. "The tax burden on working families is too high and the sales tax holiday provides Texans with much-needed relief."

In 1999, the legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first weekend in August each year, which coincides with back-to-school shopping. No state or local

sales taxes are collected on tax-exempt items under \$100.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays, taxpayers saved \$32.6 million in 1999 and \$37 million in 2000. Beginning last year, local taxing entities were able to opt out of the Sales Tax Holiday if they notified the Comptroller's office by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community southwest of Austin, chose not to waive its local sales tax.

Around Town News briefs of area events

Motley County Spring Break
March 12-16

Spring Break for Motley County students will begin at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 9. Buses will run and parents of town students will need to pick up their children at this time. Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 19.

Kid's Praise set for March 7th

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, two years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, March 7, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, March 3, at 7:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Matador. All men of the county, regardless of denomination, are invited to attend!

Public School Week March 5-9

Motley County ISD will observe Public School Week, March 5-9. All parents are invited to come and enjoy lunch with their child. Special meals will be prepared on Thursday, March 8, for parents of children in grades Pk-6th, and again on March 9 for parents of children in grades 7-12. If these specified days are not convenient please call the school and make a reservation to eat on another day. The price of a visitor's meal is \$4.00.

The lunch schedule is as follows:
Pre-K - 10:55-11:25
Kindergarten - 11:00 - 11:30
First grade - 11:05 - 11:35
Second grade - 11:10 - 11:40
Third grade - 11:15 - 11:45
4th grade - 11:20 - 11:50
5th grade - 11:25 - 11:55
6th grade - 11:30 - 12:00
7th & 8th - 12:10 - 12:40
9th - 12th - 12:18 - 12:48

Annual Lions Show, Queen's Contest set for March 5

The Annual Matador Lions Club Show and Queen's Contest has been set for Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the school gym. There will be the usual delicious candy sales with prizes to be found in some lucky boxes.

Great personalities will be performing, including such famous names as Willie, Dolly and Kenny, to name just a few. This year's show will be a new rendition not seen in years. Tickets for the show are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. The 2001 Lions Club Queen will be crowned at the Show.

ANNUAL STOCK SHOW SET FOR MARCH 10TH

The 61st Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show has been set for Saturday, March 10, 2001, at the Motley County Livestock Show Barn. The Livestock Show is sponsored each year by local volunteers to provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their livestock projects. By caring and feeding their livestock throughout the feeding period, youth have the opportunity to learn responsibilities and increase their knowledge of the livestock industry.

During this year's show, there will be two steers, forty-four hogs, thirteen lambs, twelve rabbits 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 PeeWee 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.

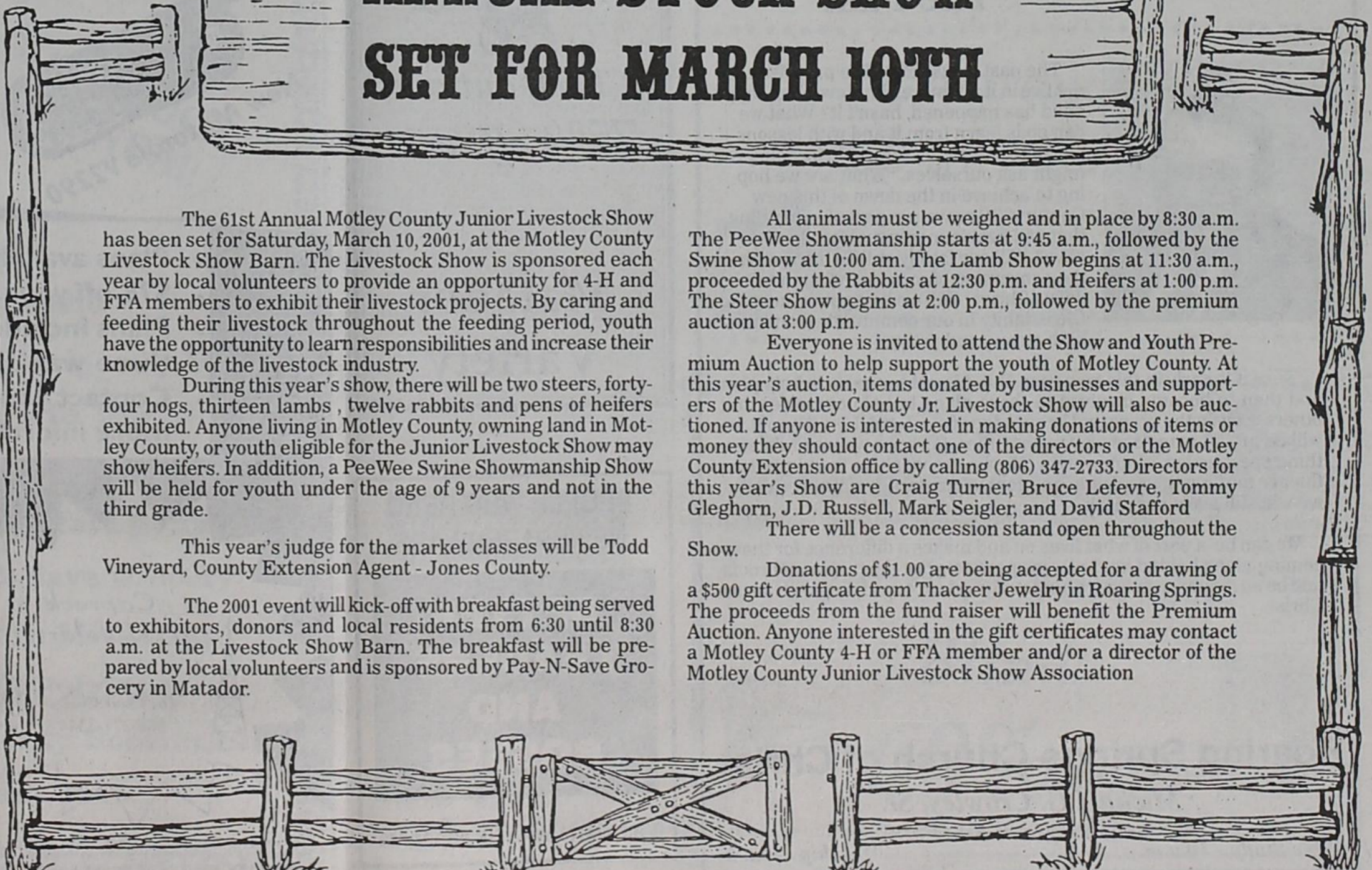
The 2001 event will kick-off with breakfast being served to exhibitors, donors and local residents from 6:30 until 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Show Barn. The breakfast will be prepared by local volunteers and is sponsored by Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador.

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 a.m. The PeeWee 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., preceded by the Rabbits at 12:30 p.m. and Heifers at 1:00 p.m. 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 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show will also 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 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.





I grew up living on a dirt road, as I suppose my mother and daddy, and their parents did also. I now live on a dirt road. I guess I turned out pretty good. Now TxDOT employees may not agree with this particular little article, but according to this too many dirt roads have been paved.

DIRT ROADS

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved. There's not a problem in America today - crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency - that wouldn't be remedied if we just had more Dirt Roads; because Dirt Roads give character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride. That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home... a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along. There was less crime in our streets before they were paved. Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by 5 barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun. And there were no 'drive by' shootings.

Our values were better when our roads were worse! People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous. They didn't tailgate by riding

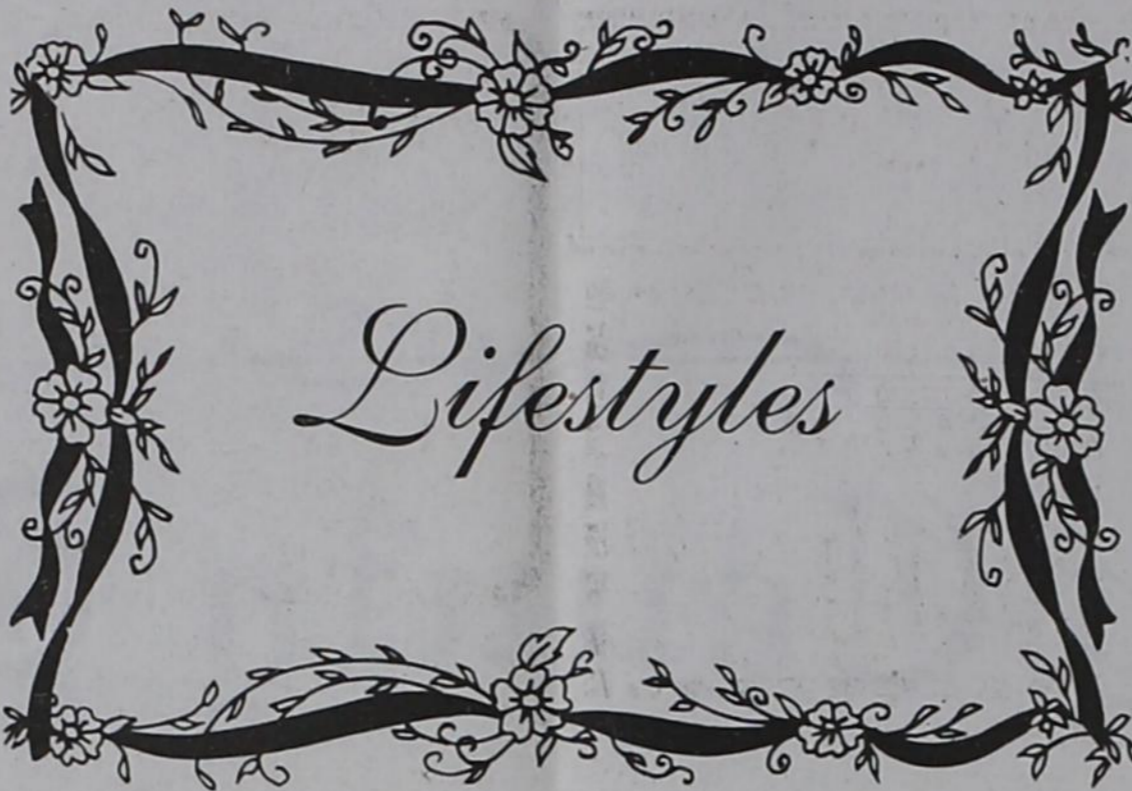
the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust and bust your windshield with rocks.

Dirt Roads taught patience. Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly, you didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk, you walked to the barn for your milk. For your mail, you walked to the mailbox. What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows, popped popcorn, pony road on Daddy's shoulders, or learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap. Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole. At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out. Usually you got a dollar...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road

When I read this, I thought of Motley County and the people who live here. I think that most of us who live here still live by these 'dirt road' values. Thank goodness we still have some of those 'dirt roads' and the good friends who live at the end.



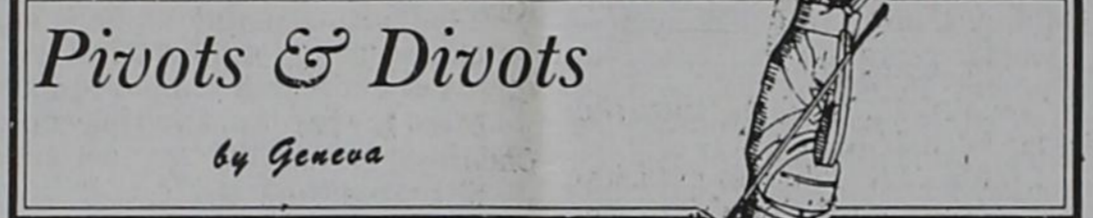
Predicta Study Club members meet in Roaring Springs Depot

The Predicta Study Club met at the Depot in Roaring Springs on Tuesday night, February 15. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was in charge. Mrs. Pam Thacker read the minutes of the last meeting; they were approved.

It was announced that Mrs. Nona Long is District Chairman of the President Operation Smile and Mrs. Odessa Mullins is District Chairman of Family Life.

Mrs. Mullins gave the devotional, "The Golden Chain of Friendship." Mrs. Callie Giesecke gave the program and she gave a book review on *Wilderness Bride*.

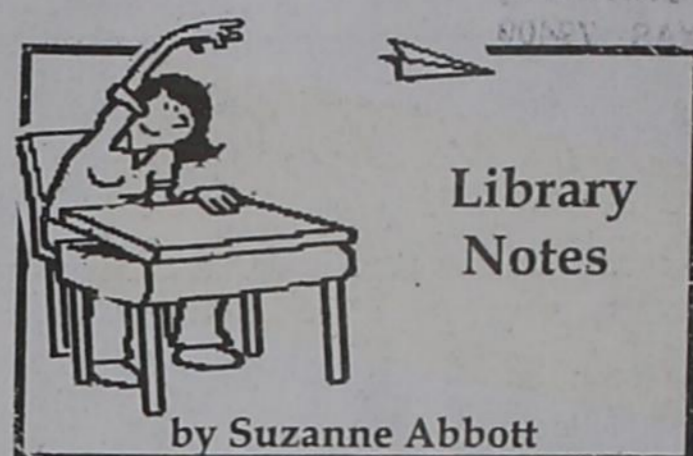
Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Grace Zabielski were hostesses. Mrs. LaVoe helped with the refreshments. Those attending, other than those already mentioned, were Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. L.V. Damron, and Miss Lula Swim.



The Springs Ranch Women's golf Association will begin their 2001 Season with a luncheon on Thursday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m., in the home of Frances Hobbs. Play will begin at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. All interested women are invited to attend and join the association.

"I will declare thy name unto my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee."
Psalm 22:22

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We appreciate the donation to the Library by Dorothy Knight in memory of Lila Meador. We also appreciate the check that James Fish sent.

This is another reminder to pay your Friends of the Library dues if you have not already paid them. For an individual, the dues are \$4.00; for a family, \$10.00; supporting, \$20.00; and life, \$100.00. You can bring the dues to the library or mail them to P.O. Box 557, Matador, TX 79244. Make checks to Friends of the Library.

New books in the library include Barbara Delinsky's newest, *Commitment*. We also have *Hearse of a Different Color* by Tim Cockey and *Trojan Sea* by Richard Herman. These and many other new books are ready to be checked out at the Motley County Library.

Family & Consumer news
by Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

STROKE AWARENESS
Every 53 seconds, someone in the United States experiences a stroke. Every 3.3 minutes, someone dies of one. Stroke, also known as brain attack, is the third leading cause of death behind diseases of the heart and cancer, and is the leading cause of serious long-term disability, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent.

Each year about 600,000 people suffer a new or recurrent brain attack. In 1995, stroke killed 157,991 people and left many of those who survived with severe disability. Stroke is not solely a disease of the elderly; 28 percent of people who suffer a brain attack in a given year are under the age of 65.

Here are the warning signs of brain attack:
Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.
Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech.
Sudden, severe headache with no known or apparent cause.

Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the other listed stroke symptoms.
The moment you notice one or more of these signs, seek medical help immediately. Early detection and treatment of stroke may prevent some of its brain injury. New treatment therapies require immediate, rapid response within three hours of the stroke's occurrence.
Stroke is not a hopeless death sentence anymore. There are treatments and rehabilitation therapies available to help stroke survivors and their families cope and recover. Stroke is largely preventable by practicing healthy life-style habits that reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke-controlling high blood pressure, maintaining healthy blood cholesterol levels, eating foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, stopping smoking and getting regular medical check-ups.

You are invited to attend a **Baby Shower** for **Misty & Lee Jones**
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Theme: Teddy Bears

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"The Past"
The past is just that. The past. We cannot live in it anymore. Whatever has happened has happened, hasn't it? What we can do is learn from it and with lessons learned, look to the future. In so doing we might ask ourselves, "What are we hoping to achieve in the dawn of this new Century?" Are we are part of something that will keep our spiritual family roots alive? Will our family still be involved in the conversion of men and women to Jesus Christ? Will we be a part of keeping Christianity in our communities and it both strong and active?
Sure it is early in this new year. But it is not too early to help plan and then to become involved in those plans to help ourselves and others grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. Like it or not we will be an influence one way or the other. Perhaps we won't do anything spectacular or noteworthy. Maybe we won't be the biggest influence for growth in spiritual matters in our corner of the world. But we will still leave our mark.
We can be a part of what lives on and makes a difference for those coming along behind us. Let's purpose to grow deep spiritual roots and be an influence to insure our family's close connection with Jesus Christ.
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Motley County School News

PTO will host Pajama Reading Party

The Motley County PTO will host a pajama reading party March 2 from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Students and parents are encouraged to meet at the school gym for an opening session on the "Importance of Reading" and then enjoy a fun night listening to *Minnie and Moo go to the Moon*, *Pumpkin Soup*, *Bill Pickett-Rodeo Riding Cowboy*, *Harry Potter* (4th - 7th grades only), *Safari* and various other stories. A free reading time will also be provided for families to sit down and read together.

All participants must come dressed in their PJ's — pillows and blankets are welcome. A "Best Pajamas" prize will be awarded as well as door prizes throughout the evening. More information will be sent home with students. The main target of the party is PK-7th grades. All older students and parents of these students are asked to volunteer to help make this night a huge success. Any child (school age or not) is invited to participate. A child under PK age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Release forms must be signed for all children that will not be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The forms will be sent home and available the night of the party. Make plans now to attend this fun evening!

HONOR ROLL

DISTINGUISHED LIST

(all grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Dylan Adams, Stormy Guerrero, Christina Moehringer, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

First Grade: Jonathan Osborn, Braden Mason, Zachary Martinez, Keyan Kautz, Pablo Martinez, Danielle Gwinn, Gabriel Espinoza, Nayo Santos.

Second Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Colby McCleskey, Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker, Dillon Walker.

Third Grade: Melissa Flores, Kaleigh Kerns, Gavin Luckett.

Fourth Grade: None

Fifth Grade: Riley Nordquist, Savannah Rose.

Sixth Grade: Fannin Gwinn, Griselda Flores.

Seventh Grade: Ashlee Green/

Eighth Grade: Cody Cooper.

Ninth Grade: Dumont Darsey.

Tenth Grade: Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

Eleventh Grade: None.

Twelfth Grade: Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker, Scott Jones, Ben Ridgley, Denise Shannon, Ashley Stevens.

HONOR ROLL

(all grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Hayden Scott, Juan Flores.

First Grade: Christian Brooks, Marti Walker, Alexis Osborn, Garrett Jenschke, Brett Fletcher, Reagan Elliott.

Second Grade: Leanne Jameson, Mercedes Saenz, Alyx Smith, Jacob Dilworth.

Third Grade: Sam Fletcher, Andrew Martin, Courtney Moctezuma, Eric Simpson.

Fourth Grade: Andrew Davila, Cade Luckett, Laura Martinez, Kayla Simpson, Jesse Moehringer.

Fifth Grade: Magdiel Alvarado, Bradley Brown, Mylissa Gilmore, Danielle Ho-Gland, Christy Smith.

Sixth Grade: Chicagra Brown, Beatriz Espinoza, Marc Henzler, Cameron Jeffcoat, Angelica Mendoza.

Seventh Grade: Chance Bingham, Colton Russell, Jose Martinez.

Eighth Grade: Clay Cooper, Annie Green, Kattie Campbell, Maria Martinez, Veronica Martinez, John Stevens.

Ninth Grade: Susana Mendoza, Stachia Baxter.

Tenth Grade: Cassie Campbell, Brittany Donaldson.

Eleventh Grade: Kayla Copp, Shandra Jones, Brandon Moore, Courtney Hays, Justin Jameson, Frank Martinez, Jose Flores, Sergio Flores.

Twelfth Grade: Charity Bartlett, Rachelle Renfro, Jermaine Hendrix.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffins, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Burritos, Chips, Salsa, Green Salad, Refried Beans, Jello, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

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

Lunch: Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, Crackers, Veggie Sticks, Ranch Dressing, Treat, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

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

Lunch: Corn Dogs, French Fries, Pickles, Corn on the Cob, Pudding, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: (PK - 6th Parent Visitation) King Ranch Casserole, Garden Salad, Fried Okra, Texas Toast, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: (7th - 12th Parent Visitation) Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Apple Crisp, Milk.

Matadors end season with Bi-District loss to Whitharral

Motley County lost a chance for the Bi-District crown when they were defeated by Whitharral, last Tuesday night, February 20. The final score was 56-49. The Matadors put up a good fight and ended their season with 16 wins and 11 losses.

Jermaine Hendrix led in scoring with 17 points, followed by Chris Paul with 11. Clint Cooper added 7; Casey Lawrence, 4; Ysef Alvarado, 4; Tony

What's Up?



March 1: Houston Show. Girls Tennis vs. Paducah at 3:30 at M.C.

March 2: Houston Show. PTO Pajama Reading Party, 7-10 p.m.

Girls Regional Powerlifting at Colorado City.

March 3: Houston Show. Boys Regional Powerlifting at Sundown.

March 4: Lions Club Practice at 5:00.

March 5: Lions Club Show, 7:00 p.m.

Boys Golf at Munday.

March 6: Girls' Golf at Idalou. Shattered Dreams Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

March 7: WTU Electric Assembly, Elementary at 8:30.

March 8: Board Meeting at 7:30.

March 9: Early out for Stock Show at 1:30 p.m.

March 10: Motley County Stock Show.

March 12-17: Spring Break.

March 17: State Powerlifting at Killeen.

March 19: Girls' Golf at Childress.

March 20: Boys' Golf at Childress.

Shattered Dreams at 6:30.

One Act Play Pref. at 7:30.

March 21: One Act Play Rehearsal at Jayton at 4:00 p.m.



MOTLEY COUNTY POWERLIFTING TEAM — Brandon Martin, Ashley Stevens, Rebecca Morris, Coach Amy Bowles, pictured at back left to right; (front) Lorenzo Salazar, Brenda Gillespie and Brandon Lee. Not pictured is Tony Salazar.

Powerlifters end season with one Regional qualifier

Six powerlifters traveled to Floydada on Saturday, February 24. They were Brenda Gillespie, Brandon Lee, Brandon Martin, Rebecca Morris, Lorenzo Salazar, and Ashley Stevens. This was the last day team members could post qualifying totals for the regional meets. The lifters did not have the excellent day they had hoped for and as one of them said, "Stuff happens."

Only two of the lifters received a qualifying lift in the squat. The judges were very strict, which is what the lifters wanted before the regional competition. The lifters had trouble with their concentration and made some errors as to depth of squat and moving their feet. Also, the competition has gotten very fierce over the course of the last two years.

Brandon Martin was one of the two lifters to complete the competition. Brandon finally got all of his motions to sequence and was very excited to be able to compete. He posted a squat of 200, a bench of 150, and a deadlift of 270, for a total of 620 pounds. Although his total was not enough to advance to the regional competition, Brandon gained valuable experience which will help in the future.

Brenda Gillespie was the other lifter to complete the competition. Brenda did not have her best day of lifting, but she probably had a high enough total to qualify for regional

competition in the 105 pound class. At the Floydada meet, Brenda posted a squat of 170, a bench of 85, and a deadlift of 200 for a total of 455 pounds.

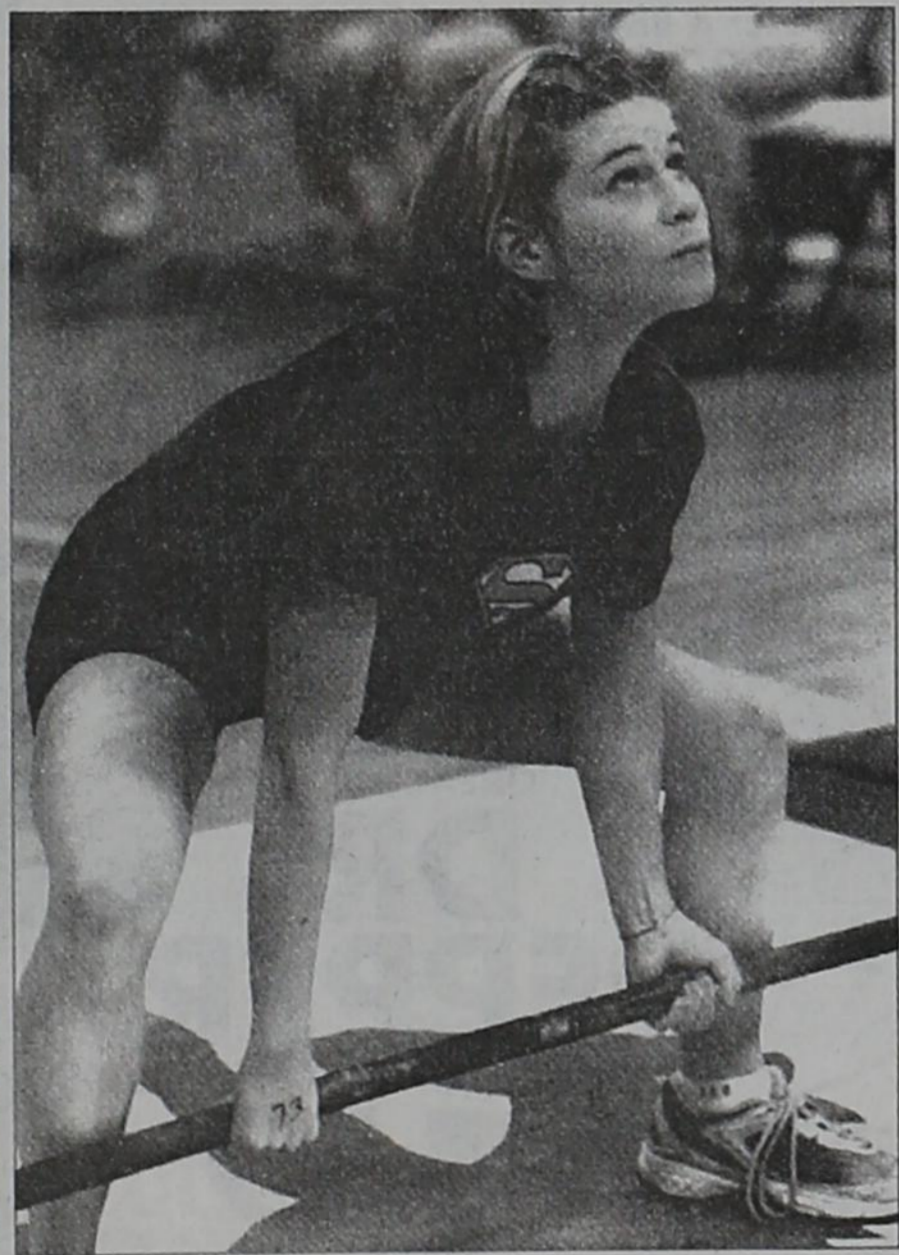
Lorenzo Salazar did not manage to qualify for regional competition, but he did gain experience and confidence that will carry over to next year. None of the three senior lifters qualified for the regional competition. These three, Brandon Lee, Rebecca Morris, and Ashley Stevens, have competed for three years and have given the younger lifters the benefit of their experience and high goals for which to aim. Although they were disappointed, they showed great character by staying for the entire meet and supporting the other lifters.

The powerlifting team has worked hard this year. Although, at this time, it looks like only one of them will advance to regional competition, they have all supported each other and have tried to help each other become better lifters. Coach Bowles has expressed pleasure with the lifting effort displayed and the team support shown by these team members.

All of the lifters should be congratulated for trying hard to succeed, and Brenda should be congratulated for moving on to the next level of competition.

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Good Luck at Regional



Brenda Gillespie

Regional Powerlifting Meet

Friday, March 2
Colorado City

GOOD LUCK, BRENDA!!

Motley County Elementary Students to Jump Rope for Heart

The students of Motley County Elementary school are jumping at the chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On March 6, the school will hold its third annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs. Jump Rope for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope for heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy life-style. The event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

Mrs. Judy Cooper, event coordinator, said, "Please help our children help others. When a student asks you to be a sponsor, support Jump Rope for Heart with whatever you can afford to give."

For more information about the event, contact Mrs. Cooper at 347-2676.

WORD of GOD

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3:11, 12

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Free Washington trip for local contest winners

An all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. next June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, according to Bill Harbin, manager of the cooperative.

Harbin said winners of an essay/oral presentation contest would be awarded the trip which is set for June 14-26, 2001. Area high school aged youths in the system's service area, including the school districts of Crosbyton, Motley County, Peters-

burg, Plainview, Lockney, Floydada, Valley, and Memphis, are eligible to enter the contest.

Contest entrants will be required to submit an essay on the subject "Lighthouse Electric Cooperative - the Home Team Advantage." Resource materials that may be helpful to contestants are available from the cooperative's office, according to Larry Ogden, who is charge of the contest.

Essays will be judged on knowledge of subject, originality, composi-

tion, neatness and grammar.

Deadline for entering will be March 30, 2001. On basis of the essays, finalists will be selected to orally present their essays to a team of judges at the final contest on April 5, 2001.

This is the 37th year that Lighthouse Electric Cooperative has sponsored area youth on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour. Winners last year were Rebecca Warren of Floydada and Kayla Copp of Matador

As participants in the Youth Tour, local winners will join other winners from across the state to travel by chartered bus to Washington where they will spend six days visiting places of historical interest, members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

For further information, contact Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at 983-2814 or (800) 657-7192.

New way to keep track of Social Security earnings

It's not your high five years of earnings or your high three years that determine the amount of your monthly Social Security retirement benefits, as is the case with most government and private industry pensions. Your benefits will be based on your lifetime earnings. And keeping track of the earnings posted on your Social Security record is about to become much easier.

On October 1, Social Security began mailing Social Security Statements to the approximately 125 million workers or self-employed per-

sons who are 25 years or older and not already receiving Social Security benefits. You can expect to receive your Statement each year about three months before your birthday. For example, if you were born in February you should receive your Statement in November.

Your Statement will display a year-by-year record of earnings your employer(s) has reported to Social

Security and estimates of the benefits you and your family may be eligible for now and in the future. If you are self-employed, the earnings you

reported to the people plan their retirement finances around a benefit that's based on their highest five, or even three, years of earnings. If that is the case, it's likely that your calculation will not be correct. When Social Security calculates your benefit amount it's based on your average

earnings over most of your working lifetime. Usually, that's the 35 years in which you earned the most money.

That is not, however, the case with most government and private industry pensions. Benefits are often based on the employee's high five or

high three years.

Read your Social Security Statement carefully and be sure to check your earnings history as it appears on the Statement. If you think there's a mistake, please let us know right away. That's important because your Social Security benefits will be based on your lifetime earnings.

If you have questions about Social Security benefits, call, write or visit your local Social Security office or call this toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-800-325-0778. You also can reach Social Security at this Internet website: www.ssa.gov.

Motley County
Chamber of Commerce
News & Views

by Barbara Armstrong



The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met Thursday, February 1, to elect new officers and discuss goals for the year 2001.

President Jeff Thacker called the meeting to order with the following board members attending: Rodney Williams, Sondra Francis, Brent Marshall, Brian Marshall, Marisue Potts, Richard Knowles, and Dianne Washington. Also attending was Barbara Armstrong, office manager.

The first item of business was to elect new officers. The following were elected unanimously: President, Penny Pipkin; Vice President, Marisue Potts; Secretary, Rodney Williams; and Treasurer, Sondra Francis.

Visitors Debbie Shaw and David Blanco were welcomed.

Rodney Williams explained some of the projects the City of Matador is working on to bring new business to Matador. Other goals and projects were discussed and board members were reminded to seek out two more

interested citizens of Motley County to join the Board. Hopefully from Roaring Springs and/or Flomot, as these two cities are not represented on the Board at this time. Jeff Thacker and Wilburn Martin have resigned.

It was suggested that the Board consider a sign to be made and installed outside the office. Brent Marshall volunteered to look into these details.

Mrs. Armstrong informed the Board that a computer has been donated to the Museum-Chamber office by RC&D (Rural Conservation and Development) with USDA. Mr. C.W. Moore, director of the Motley County RC&D had these refurbished and reprogrammed by Shelly Cox and the Motley County computer students.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. Anyone interested in the progress of Motley County and the success of the Chamber is invited to attend.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There are several Motley County residents now employed at the Dickens County Detention Center at Spur. I recently obtained this article and thought it would be interesting to let your readers know what our job really is as prison guards. The article was written by Mildred L. Brown, and was printed in a prison newsletter.

Our professionalism, their responsibility
The average citizen has no idea about what goes on inside a prison. Seldom does a person feel concern for their safety from the convicted. Only on occasion, when an escape is reported, does the public stop to think about what might happen if their path crossed that of the fleeing criminal. Then, once the person is apprehended, the thought is gone.

I know a little about fear. I work in one of our state prisons six days a week. When I walk through the gate into a world behind an 8-foot fence topped with razor wire, I don't know if I will walk out at the end of my shift or be carried out on a stretcher.

As a correctional officer, I must realize that I wasn't forced into this profession. At this point in my life I often stop to question my sanity for being in this situation. Why do I put my life on the line everyday? It certainly isn't for the money, nor the benefits, nor the glory of the job.

It is a position that not everyone and fill. Could you? Do you believe that under highly stressful, understaffed unsafe conditions you could perform your best? Could you walk amid murderers, robbers, rapists and child molesters nine hours a day, listen to them call you everything except a human being, and keep your cool? Could you walk amid these people, knowing that you are their target, knowing that at any given moment you could be subjected to whatever the inmate population decided was your destiny?

These are just a few of the anxieties that we, as correctional officers, face daily. Is there any wonder that our profession has one of the highest rates of divorce, heart attacks, depression and suicides? According to a study by the U.S. Department of Justice, it rates as the fourth most violent job in the United States.

Consider that, at present, there are more than 151,000 convicted men and women locked away behind the fences of the state prisons.

Employed to supervise these of-

fenders are approximately 35,000 TDCJ employees. On paper, that doesn't seem so bad, a ratio of one officer for each five offenders. In reality, that just isn't the case.

I work at one of the smaller units. At maximum capacity we will house 174 offenders. To be fully staffed we need to turn out 13-14 officers per shift. That is a 13:1 ration of offenders per officer. In reality the ratio is 16:1 on a good day; however, some days it is a 20:1 ratio and many days it is 100:1.

Take into consideration limited or no air conditioning and sweltering Texas heat. Add a mixture of several different races and cultures. To that add gangs. Stir all of these up and place in a building that is 2-3 tiers high with 100-plus offenders on each run. As if that isn't enough, add a noise level that is loud enough to burst an eardrum. What do you have now? On a good day you will find these conditions in almost every TDCJ penal facility across the state. On a bad day, you may have an inmate fight, an attempted suicide by hanging, an inmate killed or a riot. On a really bad day, you will find officers being assaulted, beaten or even murdered.

Consider the anger that is inside these offenders. Take away all the correctional officers and see what would happen. It seems that the general opinion is that correctional officers employed by the state of Texas have an easy job. People seem to believe that we don't deserve a pay raise or better working conditions. If that is how you feel, come walk nine hours in my shoes.

One thing is for certain, your life will never be the same as it was before. Only then, your education regarding the job of a correctional officer will be almost complete. It will not be 100 percent complete until you have been spit on, thrown on or assaulted by one of the offenders you told "good morning."

Now, friends and neighbors, the next time you place your head on your pillow at night, say a prayer for the men and women in corrections who supervise the convicted felons across Texas. Without them, your worst nightmare might come true.

(Mildred L. Brown is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officer working in the Gatesville area. This article first appeared in The Huntsville Item.)

Thank you,
Wallace Bethard

Caprock Canyons State Park announces March events

Caprock Canyons State Park recently announced their March events, which include a Family Nature Hike and more.

Events are as follows:
March 3: Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m. March is a great time to visit, so make the most of yours with a guided hike, approximately 2 miles long. Investigate plants, animal tracks, and more. Spectacular scenery and fun for the whole family. Regular park fees apply.

March 10: Springtime Birding, 9:00 a.m. Lots of birds are migrating through the Park in march, so that makes this a great time to get out and see these unusual visitors. Enjoy a morning of birding, whether a novice or an expert. Regular park fees apply.

March 17: Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m. Learn how to attract wildlife to your own yard and save on water at the same time by landscaping with native plants. Lots of examples on hand. Regular park fees apply.

March 24: Springtime Birding, 9:00 a.m. Birds and Bats: Build a House! Bring the kids and build a bird or bat house. Plans and material will be provided. This event is sponsored by Caprock Home Center, Quitaque. Please call ahead for reservations, 806-455-1492. There will be a small fee for materials in addition to the regular park entrance fee.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



CHARITABLE GIVING WITHOUT TEARS

'I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain portion of his income for charitable purposes, and... his further duty to see it so applied as to do the most good of which it is capable.' — Thomas Jefferson, 1806

Thomas Jefferson never imagined in his wildest dreams that the federal government which he helped to found would exact tribute from Americans' philanthropic efforts. But that is the case in our country today.

Right now, Americans who wish to donate assets held in an IRA to a charity of their choice have to pay federal taxes on those assets first. Under current law, Uncle Sam takes as much as 39 percent of such gifts out in taxes. So I have sponsored legislation, the Charitable IRA Rollover Act, to allow these generous-hearted individuals to roll over assets from an IRA to a charity without incurring a tax liability. Gifts to charity shouldn't be taxable events. This measure is written to encourage America's best charitable instincts, and to strengthen our charitable organizations as well as our colleges, universities and other educational institutions.

Here's how it would work: Many people have done such a good job of saving for their retirement that, when the day comes, they find they do not need any or part of the assets they hold in IRAs for living expenses. They would like to donate those funds to a charity or educational institution whose work they support.

Under current law, they must remove the funds from their IRA, pay any federal taxes owed and make their diminished contribution to charity.

My bill would change that burdensome and costly process by allowing a person who has reached age 59 to move assets from an IRA directly to a charity or into a qualifying deferred charitable gift plan without having to pay federal tax on the transfer funds.

This could provide a valuable new stream of philanthropy for our nation's charities. Recent studies show that retirement plan assets comprise a substantial part of the net worth of many individuals. So these IRA assets represent the main source of funds from which they can make charitable gifts.

The additional giving encouraged by my Charitable IRA Rollover Act would support increased public services through the nonprofit sector. I believe voluntary charity changes hearts and lives much more effectively than government programs — the hearts and lives of those who voluntarily help as well as those in need of a hand.

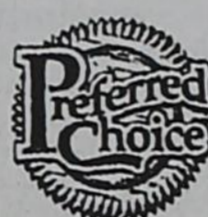
Americans are among the most generous people in the world — 70 percent of all U.S. households contribute to charity — but we have the potential to give even more. To those who argue we can't afford to forego this particular stream of tax revenue, I would counter with Thomas Jefferson's words once more: "I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it."

I first introduced the Charitable IRA Rollover Act in 1998. Unfortunately, it was part of the tax relief bill that President Clinton vetoed in 1999. With a President who has expressed support for tax relief and for encouraging private charities to step in where government cannot, I'm hopeful the time is right to make the Charitable IRA Rollover Act the law of the land.

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Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:30 a.m. March 7, 2001

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
East U.S. Highway 70
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 26, 2001. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 6, District 7, and District 9, will be elected in 2001. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2001

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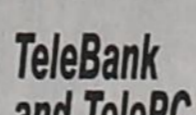
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Obituaries

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS
Mrs. Tom Adams was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met on Wednesday night, Feb. 21, at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Pearl Patten was in charge and she gave the opening prayer and prayer for the food.

Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes; they were approved. It was announced that the Tri-District Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held at Ceta Canyon Methodist Campground, March 30-31.

Mrs. Grace Zabielski presented the Devotional from "Ideals, The Treasury of Prayers."

Mrs. Chelsea Read presented the study from the book, *Conflict and Community in the Corinthian Church*.

Those enjoying the delicious meal were Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Noma Wike, Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. Lee Cook, Mrs. Tom Adams, and Miss Lula Swim.

Mrs. Mary Lumsden gave the closing prayer.

FORMER ROARING SPRINGS SUPERINTENDENT DIES

Attending the funeral services for Glen Sanders, held at the Methodist Church in Spur, Monday, were Pearl Patten, Zella Palmer, Callie Giesecke, Nona Long, Charlie Long, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dillard, and Lula Swim.

Mr. Sanders was a former school Superintendent at the Roaring Springs high

school. He also served in that capacity at Patton Springs ISD. Odessa Mullins visited Monday morning with his wife, Shirlene, and son, Phillip. The family moved to Hondo from Patton Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker spent Friday night in Lubbock with Joyce Smith. The trio attended opening night producer of the play "Harvey" by Mary Chase, directed by Jake Morgan, at the Garza Theatre in Post. Blair Thacker, granddaughter of the Thackers is a member of the cast. The play is a hilarious production. The movie, by the same name, starred Jimmy Stewart. The play will run the next two weekends, March 2, 3, 4 and March 9 and 10.

Ken and Suzanne Abbott were hostesses to the coffee drinkers Monday morning, February 26, at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Abbott decorated the hall in the Easter theme. Those enjoying the goodies were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mr. J.N. Fletcher, Mrs. Reba Sweeney, Mrs. Kay Jones, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Ruby McGuire, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Gene Stetson of Las Cruces, N.M., Miss Lula Swim, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke.

Mrs. Pearl Patten and Mrs. Mary Lumsden accompanied Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock Tuesday for a doctor's appointment.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Julie Clay of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They were luncheon guests Sunday, of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Walker and Ryleigh in Turkey. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey.

Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Joshua Lee of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon and Roger and Brandon Lee of Flomot.

Visiting this week with Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse is her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, and granddaughter Teah Patton of Silverton. Visiting them Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle of Whiteflat.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter met daughters and families, Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily of Petersburg, in Lubbock, Saturday for lunch and entertainment. Keri and Brian visited them Sunday and Brian remained to visit overnight.

Leah and Keane Cruse, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, visited their family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and

daughter, Peyton of Lubbock, visited her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert, Wednesday.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary visited overnight Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Tommy Ross of Castroville visited Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross.

Jack and Nada Starkey accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Amarillo, Tuesday for a cardiac medical appointment. She received a good report. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Zelma D. Starkey and Mrs. Clifton Reid in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Of interest to local residents, Mrs. Eunice McFall of Quitaque, had surgery Tuesday morning, Feb. 27, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mary Ellen Barton attended the Agricultural Producer Meeting held last Monday at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey. She visited in Floydada, Tuesday and again Sunday, with Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Lubbock, Friday with new great-grandson, Kyle Ryan, son of Dane and Krystal Wampler Degan. They also visited in the new home of granddaughter and husband, Shay and Jimmy McDaniels and with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A Mom and Dad got their first call to school by the Principal at their daughter's school this week. She got into trouble for making and selling so called "high power spitball shooters" out of click style ink pens.

On the playground, the monitor caught some boys in her 5th grade class using them. When they were questioned about them, they said a girl had sold it to them for one dollar. The Principal said it was a weapon like device and she and the boys could be expelled from school.

When the Dad saw the pen, he almost broke out laughing, because he remembered making similar shooters and his teacher taking them away and putting them in her desk drawer. The Dad didn't know whether to be mad or proud of her ingenuity and entrepreneurship.

The day their daughter had to go with them for the meeting, she was so scared. She took her picture of Jesus and stuck it in her pocket. After the Principal told her she wouldn't be expelled, but on detention, she said, "I knew Jesus would take care of me."

PLACES IN GYMNASTICS MEET
Danielle Gwinn attended the Gymnastic Meet Saturday, held at the Scurry

County Coliseum in Snyder. It was a Pre-qualifying competition for state finals.

She was awarded in her division, 3rd in Trampoline, 5th in Double Mini and 7th in Floor Exercises.

Accompanying her to Snyder were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and brother, Fannin.

Arthur Harmon of Amarillo returned home, Friday after visiting the past week with his sister, Mrs. Juanita Cooper. Jack Samford of Afton, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Abney of Plainview and Mrs. Cooper enjoyed lunch at LaNita's Cafe in Roaring Springs, Sunday after attending church services.

Ryan Martin, student at Tarleton University in Stephenville, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin of Midland visited Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. They were en route home from Sagerton where they had visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre, Mrs. Frances Clark and houseguest, Mrs. Ladain Anderson of Houston.

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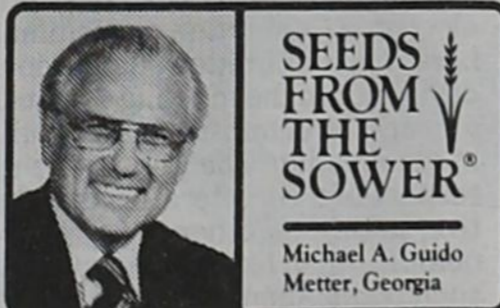
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Services for Glenn Darwin Sanders, 67, of Hondo, Texas, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Spur with the Rev. Kermit Sorreles of Coleman and Doug Foshee of Alpine officiating. Burial was in the Afton Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

He died Friday, February 23, 2001, at the University Hospital in San Antonio. He was born June 27, 1933, in Briscoe County, Texas. He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1950. He married Shirlene Carol Durham July 21, 1954, in Clarendon. He served in the US Navy from 1950 to 1954. He received his Bachelor's Degree from West Texas State College in 1957, and his Masters Degree in 1966 from West Texas State College. He was a school administrator for 33 years at various schools including Roaring

Spring, Miami, Patton Springs, and Loraine retiring in 1992. He was then employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from 1992 until 1999. He lived in Hondo for the last 9 years where he was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirlene Sanders of Hondo; one son, Phillip and Stephanie Sanders of Cleveland; two daughters, Carolyn and Mitchell Hale of Sweeney; and Sandy and Buster Vickery of Afton; one brother, Arby and Faye Sanders of Arlington; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or the Afton Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wilbur Leeper, Rex Peoples, Charlie Johnson, Stuart Niethofer, Doug Foshee, Bob Forbis, Nelson Rape, and Gene King.

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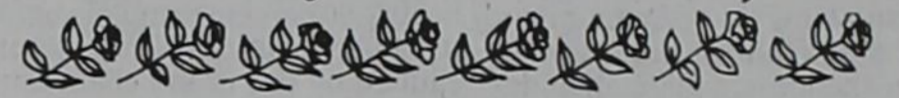
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Farm and Ranch News

Oral Arguments to be heard in Farmers' Lawsuit Appeal

The U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado, will hear oral arguments concerning the appeal of the Four Farmers' Lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed January 24, 2000, in U.S. District Court in Denver claiming the federal government's refusal to implement statutory law requiring market regulation, anti-trust action and foreign currency exchange stabilization has damaged ag producers. The federal district judge dismissed the case as a political question. That dismissal was appealed to the Tenth Circuit.

Tuesday, March 13, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., at the Byron White U.S. Court-house, 1823 Stout St., Denver, the appeals court will hear oral arguments concerning the dismissal of Schroder et al. v. Clinton et al, case number 00-1357, known as the "Four Farmers' Suit." The suit seeks to compel the government to obey its own laws that require maintenance of market conditions which affect farm prices, protect consumer interests and provide stability in international monetary policy. The suit finds authority in many laws enacted over the years, as recently as 2990 and as far back as 1933.

The four farmer plaintiffs, Dr. Eugene Schroder of Colorado, Ed Petrowsky of Kansas, Russell Grider and Wesley Myers of New Mexico, are supported by numerous individuals, the American Coalition of Consumers and Agriculture Producers (ACCAP), and several state Commissioners of Agriculture and Attorneys General, including Colorado, are studying possible action. The plaintiffs seek relief from government inaction that has resulted in the presently unsustainable condition of the nation's family farmers. Named as defendants are the U.S. President, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Secretary of Treasury and the United States of America.

The plaintiffs charge the defendants with failure to provide and maintain a proper economic balance of income (parity) as required as emergency statute. The plaintiffs further contend that the defendants have intentionally, willfully and deliberately failed and refused to perform their statutory obligations, directly causing damage to the plaintiffs and others within their class.

The complaint says that a declared state of National Emergency,

with all incidental powers of control, was imposed over Agriculture on May 12, 1933, (Agriculture Adjustment Act). It also maintains that agriculture was impressed into Service with a national public interest by Roosevelt's New Deal Congress. While the Act was to be temporary in nature, it has yet to be terminated 68 years later.

Dr. Schroder reasons that since every succeeding president has shown no interest in declaring the emergency terminated and giving up emergency regulatory powers, the current president should be required to follow the legal mandates regarding how those powers are used.

"It isn't just a farm issue," he said. "Consumers should know that the price of groceries has little relation to the price farmers are paid for their production. They need to consider what will happen when corporate farms squeeze out the few family farmers remaining. They need to think about what will happen to the price and quality of food when these corporations achieve a total monopoly."

Arguing the appeal for the plaintiffs will be Walker F. Todd of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Mr. Todd is an attorney and economic consultant, former assistant general counsel and research officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and also formerly an officer in the Legal Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

For information about attending the hearing (seating is quite limited within the courtroom), contact Don Lock at 719-523-4248, or Don Self at 719-523-6775 for alternative arrangements. The ACCAP can be contacted at 316-546-2465. The District Court version of the Complaint, no. 00-AP-154, and related information can be viewed or downloaded electronically at www.buffalo-creek-press.com, then select "click here for lawsuit."

The 1933 Agriculture Adjustment Act and important details that deal with obtaining fair crop prices for producers will be discussed Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the KoKo Palace in Lubbock. Former president Franklin D. Roosevelt passed this law in 1933 to protect family farmers from low crop prices. See why state departments of agriculture and state legislatures are recognizing this often overlooked law.



News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

ANGUS CATTLE

The American Angus Association has monitored spring and fall prices at 10 markets from Kentucky to California for the past two years. Compared to non-Angus, premiums were: fall-sale steers, \$3.27/cwt; spring steers, \$1.99; fall heifers, \$2.24; spring heifers, \$1.43. That amounts to about \$11 a head more for 500 lb. calves, or about the same difference that an additional 10 lb. of sale weight would have returned last week. Remember, profit equals number of head X average weight X average price/lb minus total cost of production. Price is only one factor.

IRM BOOKS

A handy reference for beef cattle producers is now available from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. This 170-page pocketbook has text, charts, and graphs covering most aspects of production from "Signs of Approaching Parturition" to "Quality and Yield Grading." The price is \$6.50 for item no. 12-975 from the NCBA at (800) 368-3188 or Renee Lloyd.

BIRTH WEIGHTS

Nebraska researchers studied records from a 3-year period in the mid-90's on over 400 2-year-old first-calving heifers. Over the three years, average Dec.-Feb. temperatures increased 11 degrees, average birth weights decreased 11 lb. (81 vs. 70),

and calving difficulty went down by 22 percentage points. Oklahoma workers compared calves born in early fall or late winter/early spring out of similar crossbred cows Al'ed to the same sires. Fall-born calves averaged 4.5 lb. *77.7 vs. 82.2) lighter birth weight. While we might think our climate is not so great at times, say in July, it does have one side benefit, generally less calving difficulty than they have up North.

FLOWER BEDS SHOULD RISE TO THE OCCASION

Texas gardeners are finding that building raised flower beds, rather than planting deep into the soil, can open more options for landscapes. Raised beds allow you to use a lot of space regardless of the soil type. Anyone can build a raised bed. The main thing to think about what you want it to look like when you are done. Site selection, drainage considerations, design, and irrigation needs are important in the pre-building phase. Decide the ultimate purpose of the bed and if it will be used for perennials or vegetables. While the style and materials of the raised bed are aesthetically important, the type of soil used helps maintain the new plants. You can use natural soil that

is brought in or you can use amended soil depending on what is planted. The soil should be piled higher than ultimately desired and allowed to settle before planting.

USDA Funding for EQIP

The United States Department of Agriculture has received funding for the fiscal year 2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Services Agency (FSA) work together on this program to make it available to local producers. The NRCS has technical responsibility for the program which includes the planning process, the plan of operations, contract administration, design of practices and installation of practices. The FSA has financial and administrative responsibility for the program. Application for the program may be made in either the NRCS office or the FSA office. Applications for the current period will be taken through March 30, 2001. The applications being taken now are for contracts beginning October 2, 2001.

The EQIP is a voluntary program for farmers and ranchers who face serious threats to soil, water, and related natural resources on the land which they own or operate. The EQIP is an incentive based program to provide funding for farmers or ranchers to carry out conservation practices on their land. The program provides benefits both on site and off site. On site benefits usually provide improve-

ments direct to the producer while off site benefits provide cleaner water and less runoff and siltation down stream. Application of practices may be eligible to receive up to 75% cost share. All conservation practices listed in the NRCS field office technical guide are eligible for incentive cost share.

The application process is competitive and each applicant will go through a ranking process to determine if a contract will be granted. Funds for Motley County are not allocated to the county but rather competition is based on a statewide pool of applicants. For additional information contact the NRCS or FSA office in Matador at (806) 347-2263.

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Businesses across Texas have benefited from such TAFE programs. At a time when loan eligibility and interest rates may not always favor agricultural enterprises, this program has stepped in many times and offered a hand, boosting the spirits and strengthening the pocketbooks of rural communities.

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Wildlife Habitat funds available

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A conservation plan is developed by the land user and NRCS. The plan is set up for a specified period of time,

usually between five and ten years, during with the plan is implemented and the land user receives incentive payments for each component of their plan. Participation in the program is determined by a ranking process. The ranking process is competitive with other land users in Texas. The current ranking period will end April 15, 2001.

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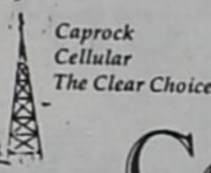
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