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Issue No. 8

Matador City Council meets **Economic Sales Tax Board members appointed**

Matador City Council members met in regular session Thursday, February 13. Attending the meeting were Mayor Rodney Williams; Council members Fred Parson, Doyle Rose, James Watson, Shane Jones, Bert Darsey; City Secretary Lara Davey; Water Superinten-dent Steve Barton; and Matador resident, R.C. Giesecke.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order. Minutes from the January 9th meeting were read and approved. Minutes from the special meeting held January 16th were read and approved. Minutes from the special session held January 27 were read. After several corrections the minutes were approved. Doyle Rose gave the council an update on the standings of the nursing home and discussion of where the possible location will be.

cussion of the pro's and con's of this procedure and where it would be most beneficial it was decided that Steve Barton will survey the city streets and prioritize them as to which streets are in the worst condition and which are traveled most often. From this the streets will be ranked from best to worst in case the city does receive the material. This list is to be presented to the council at the next meeting.

The council then discussed the appointing of persons to the



Council went into closed session at 9:12 p.m. and excited at 9:23 p.m.

As a result of the closed session a motion was brought by Doyle Rose to dismiss part time employee Elaine Risser, due to financial reasons. Motion passed.

Mayor Williams called for an election of three Councilpersons on May 3. The seats up for election are those currently held by Bert Darsey, James Watson, and Doyle Rose.

Doyle Rose presented a way that some of the city's streets could be paved without expense to the city. It was mentioned that the county has access to recycled paving material from Cottle County. This pavement can be used as type of finish on top of dirt roads. A commissioner has offered to donate this to the city for use on some of the city's streets. After some dis4A tax board. The 4A tax board will have five directors. There will be three two-year terms and

Russell.

If for any reason these people are not able to serve on the board the council will seek others to be appointed. Council approved the list of directors.

lows:

Judy Renfro, Paul Westbrook, Lee Jones, Bert Darsey, and Lara Davey.

seven two year terms. Council

approved the list of directors. Mayor Williams presented the board with the proposed budget for 2003-2004. The budget was based on last year's budget, but pro-fated to reflect more accurate figures. With some changes discussed and made, Mayor Williams called for a public hearing to be held at 6:30 p.m. before the next coun-cil meeting in March. Mayor Williams advised the

council on the status of the TCBG Application for a water grant. He will present the city's proposal March 21.

Candidates may file for upcoming elections until March 17th

Local elections will be held May 3. Voters will elect Council members for Roaring Springs and Matador, and members to the School Board.

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In Roaring Springs three council places will be up for election, those currently held by Timmy Brooks, Amy Perryman and Alex Crowder.

In Matador three places will be up for election, those currently held by Bert Darsey, Jim Watson and Doyle Rose.

On the Motley County

School Board, three places are up for election, those currently held by Marisue Potts, Douglas Campbell and Coy Franks.

Applications for a place on the ballot for one of these posi-tions will be accepted February 17 through March 17. Ballots may be picked up at the respective City Halls for a council position or at the School for School Board.

Early voting will be held April 16 - 29.

Project Graduation

two three year terms. Directors were appointed as follows: Ed D. Smith, Pat Seigler, Rhonda Miller, Lara Davey, J.D.

The appointment of the 4B tax board was appointed as fol-

Craig Turner, Roy Hobbs,

This board will consist of

during open forum at last week's meeting by Pat Smith **Board Member reporter**

The Motley County ISD School Board met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. February 10. All board members were present. Also present were Su-perintendent Rick Copp, Principal Sonya Herrell, Denise Ford, Dianne Washington, Ronnie Cox, Patty Lane, and Seven Alexander.

Dianne Washington, the school auditor, was on the Open Forum agenda to give an audit update. Patty Lane signed up to speak in Open Forum. Dianne advised the board on some changes that needed to be made in the reports. She also informed the board of some disbursement recommendations which included:

 Don't make checks out to cash.

Always put payee on check.

 Tickets for items pur-chased should be signed by person making purchase.

- Some documentation for expenditures was reports. Some of these reports were not signed. Someone should take responsibility for the expenditure.

 The proper authority must sign requisition form. Do not pay anything without signature.

- The board is approving bills at the board meetings, but no one is taking responsibility for doing so. There is no way to trace the bills that are approved. Each invoice and bill should be presented to the board and at least half of the board members should initial each bill. There should be supporting documentation for all purchases or the bill should not be approved and paid. Coy Franks disagreed with the recommendation. He felt like that was what he hired the superintendent and the new business secretary for, and it was not necessary for the board to look at the bills individually. Mrs. Washington stated that it was ultimately the boards' responsibility to make sure that all

bills were properly presented and the staff held accountable for their actions.

Patty Lane also spoke in Open Forum. Ms. Lane read a letter (* printed at the end of this report). She also made for-mal requests for a copy of the profit and loss or financial statements for the past 5 years of business at M.C.I.S.D., and requested a copy of summary report of the student enrollment for the past 6 years.

The Superintendent's report included the following:

- Basketball is finished and all district teams will be announced at a later date.

- Four students participated in the Ft. Worth Stock Show.

- Ten MC students attended a job shadowing project. The Superintendent is sending out information letters updating board members weekly.

Enrollment is 181 and attendance is at 95%.

 Board members sign-up dates are Feb. 17 through March 19, 2003.

Approximately 90% of taxes have been collected.

- \$300.00 in district travel benefits paid to Mr. Copp that had been being approved at each regular board meeting in the past must now be included with his check because it is subject to withholding. Smith asked if this was an expense that could be looked at as a possible cut

Smith abstained.

- Motion by Campbell, second by Franks to call for school board election for May 3,2003. Motion passed 7-0.

- Mr. Copp recommended the board approve Dianne

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session February 10. Present were

Mayor Corkey Marshall; Coun-

cil members Alex Crowder,

Timmy Brooks, and Gary Simpson; Water Manager Rob-

ert Osborn, City Secretary Zella Palmer. Also attending was

Kelly Keltz. Council member

Amy Perryman was absent. Mayor Marshall called the

Washington as the school district auditor. Motion by Campbell, second by Smith to retain Dianne Washington as district auditor. Motion passed 6-0-1. Franks abstained.

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New councilman appointed at recent Roaring Springs meeting

meeting and appointed Kelly Keltz to fill the unexpired term for Council member, vacated by Bob Vandiver. Mr. Keltz, took the oath of office.

Robert Osborn reported that he has been looking into prices to repair 3rd street. The street has a lot of holes in it and is in bad need of repair.

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NEW RESIDENTS WELCOMED BY CHAMBER - Motley County Chamber of Commerce welcomed new Matador residents, Jerry and Jeanetta Kohl and daughter, Nikki Sims to Motley County with a 'welcome basket' during their regular meeting Tuesday night. Pictured above, left to right, are Chamber Secretary Barbara Armstrong, Chamber member Annette Hollinsworth, the Kohl family, Chamber Vice-President, Shirley Smith, and Chamber President Penny Pipkin. The Kohl family recently moved to Matador from Taylorville, Illinois. Mr. Kohl will be working with Legacy Exploration. The Chamber plans to welcome all new residents to the County with a welcome basket. The baskets are filled with gift certificates and other items donated by local businesses.

School Board hears concerns, requests

party plans underway

The Motley County Booster Club is planning activities for Project Graduation, scheduled for May 24, 2003, after high school commencement. Club members propose to make this year's party the best ever.

A dance, games and the ever popular casino, where great prizes are won by the students, are just a few of the activities planned for the evening and the early morning hours. Local

businesses support this project by their generous donations, and individuals are invited to support the students by contributing, also. Interested community members may purchase a prize at any store and designate it as a prize; monetary donations can also be made at local businesses or by contacting any Booster Club member. For more information, contact Judy Cooper or Janie Campbell.

since budget cuts are much needed. Mr. Copp stated that it is.

- Legislative update: As of now the Senate has voted to repeal the Robin-Hood act.

Brooks asked the Superintendent if he knew how many continuing education hours she needed. Mr. Copp was not sure and said he would have to look it up on the TASB web site.

Items for board action:

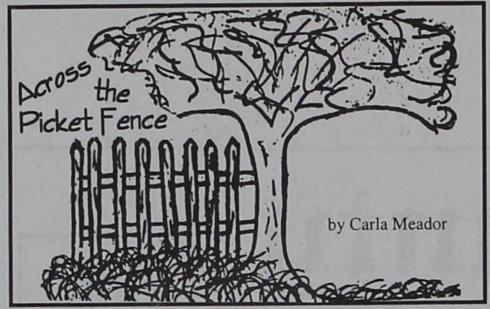
- Motion by Brooks, second by Campbell to approve minutes of last meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

- Motion by Brooks, second by Campbell to elect Smith as reporter. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Mother & Daughter of the Year

Brenda Browning and daughter Chasity Holman were named Mother & Daughter of the Year at the 2003 Mother-Daughter Banquet held Monday night at the School. The annual event is sponsored by the Eternas Study Club. Chasity is a Senior at Motley County High School.

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Borrowed from another email. Oh, how true!

MOTHERS

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby...somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, normal is history.

Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct ... somebody never took a threeyear-old shopping.

Somebody said being a mother is boring...somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good" ... somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee. Somebody said "good"

mothers never raise their voices .. somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through a neighbor's kitchen window.

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother ... somebody never helped a fourth grader with his mother.

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first ...somebody doesn't have more than one child.

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books...somebody never had a child stuff beans up her nose.

Somebody said the hardest and delivery ... somebody never bus for the first day of kindergarten.

Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back...somebody never or-

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married....somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-inlaw to a mother's heartstrings.

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home ... somebody never had grandchildren.

Somebody said your mother knows you love year, so you don't need to tell her....somebody isn't a mother!



part of being a mother is labor watched her "baby" get on the

ganized seven giggling Girl Scouts to sell cookies.

Matador First Baptist Church to host Women's Salad Supper

Fredia Burns of Matador will be the special guest speaker for the upcoming "Showers of Blessings" Women's Salad Supper at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Thursday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Burns, a Christian wife, mother, and Bible teacher has served, along with her husband, Dr. Clinton Burns, and son Wes, as a missionary in Kenya and in Honduras.

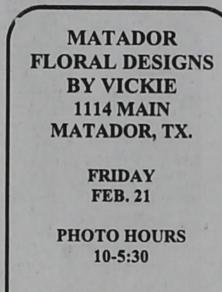
Fredia was an instructor in **Business Education in the Dal**las County Community College system at Eastfield College. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Education from the University of North Texas in Denton, and was a teacher for fourteen years. Throughout her Christian life, she reports, she has experienced the love of God and has seen His mighty works in the areas where she has served. Sharing her testimony, she gives witness to the power of God in lives and families today.

Special music will be presented by Carla Meador, editor and publisher of the Motley County Tribune. She is a member of First Baptist Church, where she teaches children's Sunday School and participates

Those attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two to three women in the group.

Individuals are not required to pre-register, but groups are asked to notify the church beorder to assure adequate seating. To register or to receive more information, call Lana Copp (347-2425), Dixie Campbell (347-2893), or Elaine Risser (347-2345).

This event is sponsored and hosted by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.



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We appreciate the donation to the library by Dinah and Ken Young in memory of Kenny Abbott. We thank Jo Ann and Bill Durham for their donation to the library in memory of Odessa Mullins.

We also thank Beverly Vinson for donating a new book to our genealogical collection. This book is Early Texas Birth Records, 1839-1878. This book contains an alphabetical listing of people who gave birth in the early days of Texas-before birth certificates were common.

We appreciate the donation of <u>Preaching Christ at Christmas</u>, a series of Christmas sermons by Monte Wike. Monte sent a copy of his newest book to the library and it is ready for you to check out and enjoy.

New books in the library include the newest "Cat who" book by Lillian Jackson Braun,

Honor Society announces that

there will be a blood drive on

Friday, February 28th, in the MCISD Multi - Purpose Room

from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Donors are greatly appreciated for the commitment that they

make to maintain the area's

blood supply, which is currently

considered at the critical short-

The Cat who Brought Down the House. We also have John Grisham's <u>King of Torts</u> and W.E.B. Griffin's <u>Final Justice</u>. Also new to the library is a romance, Perfect Lover by Stephanie Laurens. For all Stephen White fans we have his newest, Best Revenge.

Library

Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

Last week I announced an up-coming book discussion. We had to move this forward one day to Friday, February 28. I found out that I have a librarian's meeting in Lubbock on Thursday. Please plan to come to this discussion of Ellis Peters' books and videos. We'll have an evening of 12th Century British history, murder most foul, herbal medicine - all to be found in Peters' books. We'll also have lively discussion, a movie, popcorn, and fun starting at 7:00 P.M. in the Library.

Motley County NHS to sponsor blood drive

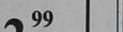
The Motley County National age level.

> For an appointment, contact Kathy Gillespie at 347-2676 or any NHS member (Cassie

Campbell, Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie, Susana Mendoza, or

Chantry Meyer). Walk -ins are also welcome. All donors will receive at T-Shirt from United **Blood Services.**





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In the January 4th edition of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, **Beth Pratt wrote these words**, "America breaks the mold on religion, showing more in common with poorer countries than with the wealthy nations of the world." I believe she is correct. I also believe one of the reasons for this is because we as Americans understand freedom. In our defense of our freedom we have fought to insure the right of the individual to worship.

John Adams, one of America's great men once said, "Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." In the main, we have understood and appreciated those of Mister Adams stripe. Some has written, "What we attain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value." May we never count our assembling on the Lord's Day for worship, some insignificant matter.

in the music ministry of the church.

All women of the community are invited to attend this special event, and to bring a friend.

American

Legion meeting set for Feb. 24th

Members of American Legion Post 337 and Auxiliary Unit 337 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, in the Motley County Senior Citizens Center.

This is a regular, covereddish supper get-together.

Boys State, Girls State, and the District Convention are primary agenda items.

All Veterans and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. Telephone 348-7953 for additional information.





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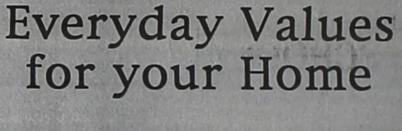


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God in heaven knows how to put a price upon that which is good and it would be apathetic if such a precious freedom is lost in trivia. Our freedom to assemble to worship our God can be easily in just one careless generation. We can pur-pose to be at the worship assembly this coming Lord's Day and by our very presence, we are declaring our understand-ing of our precious freedoms. Freedoms dearly paid for our patients finest. Cod has been good tous nations finest. God has been good tous.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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February Students of the Month are Macie Marshall, Ky Christopher, Griselda Flores

and T.J. Christopher. Macie is the 5 year old daughter of Brent and Jana Marshall of Matador. She is a Pre-K student at MC Elementary School.

Her favorite subject is P.E. and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Parks.

For fun Macie enjoys playing with her brother and sister and her friends.

Macie would like to be a Doctor when she grows up.

Her favorite color is Pink. Her favorite food is Spaghetti. Her favorite movie is Monsters, Inc. and the last book she read was Alex Remembers.

Macie's heroes are her Mommy and her Meme.

Ky is the 9 year old son of John and Mitzi Christopher of Roaring Springs. He is a fourth grader. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Kautz.

Ky enjoys riding his bike for fun.

Ky is on the Honor Roll. He plans to attend college when he completes high school and hopes to play college football and become a pro player.

His advice to fellow students is to be nice to your teachers.

His favorite color is Blue. His favorite food is Pizza. His favorite musician is Eminem. His favorite movie is George of the Jungle and the last book he read was Arthur.

Mrs. Bingham.

Griselda enjoys playing basketball, shopping and hanging out with friends for fun.

She is a member of Pep Club. She plans to attend col-lege after high school and hope to play college basketball. She wants to be a Nurse when she grows up.

Griselda's advice to fellow students is to never get involved with drugs.

Her favorite colors are Blue and Green. She loves all kinds of food. She also enjoys listening to all kinds of music. Her favorite movie is A Walk To Remember.

Her heroes are her parents. She believes the qualities of a good citizen is to never give up and reach your goals.

T.J. (Tye Justin) Christopher is the 19 year old son of John and Mizti Christopher of Roaring Springs. He is a Senior. His favorite subject is English and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Bingham.

He enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his girlfriend, Trisha.

T.J. is a member of FFA and serves as his Senior Class Vicepresident. He was a football captain of this year's team.

T.J. plans to attend Hill College and would like to become a Coach.

His advice to fellow students is "time flies."

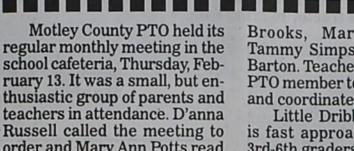
His favorite colors are Yellow and Pink. His favorite food is Seafood and Steak. He enjoys all kinds of music and especially likes Bob Seger. His favorite movie is Varsity Blues. The last book he read was <u>Green Eggs</u> & Ham. T.J.'s hero is his Grandpa. He believes the qualities of a good citizen is to have good moral standards.

Motley County Schools will

Busses will run and parents

dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb-ruary 21 in order to prepare for the MC Stock Show.

of town students will need to



order and Mary Ann Potts read the minutes of the January meeting. D'anna then read the treasurer's report stating that as of Feb. 13, there is an account balance of \$4047.67.

Business discussed included information about the New Box Tops Contest going on now through March 14. All labels, from the beginning of the year, and weekly are separated by grade. And each week 8 labels from elementary and 6 from junior high and high school (one from each grade) will be drawn and placed in a separate pot until the end of the contest on March 14. Then two winners will be selected from the pot, 1 elementary and 1 junior high/ high school student, will receive a free meal from a local restaurant in Matador or Roaring Springs and movie dollars for a theater in Lubbock.

Also discussed were plans for the Pajama Reading Party. This year the PTO, with permis-sion from MCS, has opted to cel-ebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America on Feb. 28, 2003, during school hours. Yes, all students Pre-K through 6th can wear their pajamas to school next Friday, watch Dr. Seuss videos, and enjoy storytelling by "Friends of the Library". These wonderful vol-unteers are happy and eager to assist the PTO in making this year's Pajama Reading Party the best one yet! Reading Party coordinators are D'anna Russell, Lara Davey, Tina

pick up their children at this

regular time, Monday, February

Classes will resume at the

early out time.

Brooks, Mary Ann Potts, Tammy Simpson and Brooke Barton. Teachers get ready fora PTO member to visit your room and coordinate a reading time. Little Dribblers basketball

by Mary Ann Potts

is fast approaching MCS. All 3rd-6th graders are welcome to join in the fun. However, in order to play in the games all players must pass all subjects each week. Coodinators this year include: D'anna Russell, Cathey Turner, Annette Hollinsworth, Lacy Rankin, Tina Brooks, Tammy Simpson and Olivia Osborn. More dates, times and details to follow.

Lastly, the Booster Club has requested continued support for the All Night Party. Motley County PTO unanimously voted to contribute \$200 towards this event

In other business, a TAKS Test Booster is being considered. This "booster" is simply to give students a little motivation/ boost for the upcoming TAKS tests. Tina Brooks is spearhead-ing this event, with help from Mary Ann Potts, with several ideas still being considered.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gilmore, 4th grade teacher, this month's book winner. She had the most parents present at the PTO meeting this month.

And many thanks to all who helped create memory pages for the Senior Scrapbook on Saturday, Feb. 8th. All memorabilia is in place along with newspa-per clippings of Senior events. Announcements include: Feb. 22: Motley County Jr. Livestock Show



Motley County 4-H'ers Keyan Kautz, Garrett Jenschke and Jay Potts, pictured left to right, toured the Mrs. Bairds plant in Lubbock as part of their Food & Nutrition project. While there they saw how hamburger buns are made from start to finish. They were accompanied by County Agent, Lonnie Jenschke and **Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, Jennifer Trufan.**

Congratulations Motley County 4-H & FFA Stock Show participants on the 63rd year of your Jr. Livestock Show!



Ky's hero is his brother, T.J. Ky believes the qualities of being a good citizen is to obey the law.

Griselda is the 14 year old daughter of Antonio and Alejandra Flores of Flomot. She is an eighth grader.

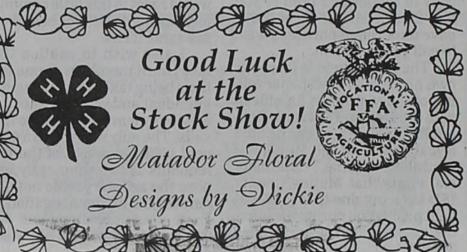
Her favorite subject is Science and her favorite teacher is

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Feb. 25: 4th-7th grades TAKS writing test, 9th grade reading test, 10th/11th ELA testing.

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Always Shop at Home first!



SCHOOL ***** **School will dismiss early Friday**

MONDAY, FEB. 24

Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: turkey, broccoli, biscuit/honey, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

Breakfast: waffle, sausage, syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: salisbury steak, gravy, green beans, potatoes, bread slice, honey, milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, applesauce, milk.

Lunch: taco salad, lettuce, tomato, cheese, refried beans, chips, cake/fruit, milk.

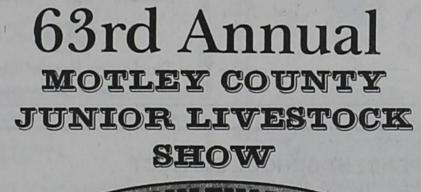
THURSDAY, FEB. 27

Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

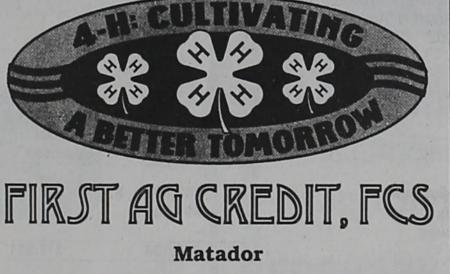
Lunch: roast beef, gravy, potatoes, corn on cob, hot roll/ honey, milk.

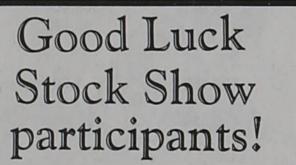
FRIDAY, FEB. 28

Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, gravy, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, fries, chocolate pudding, milk.



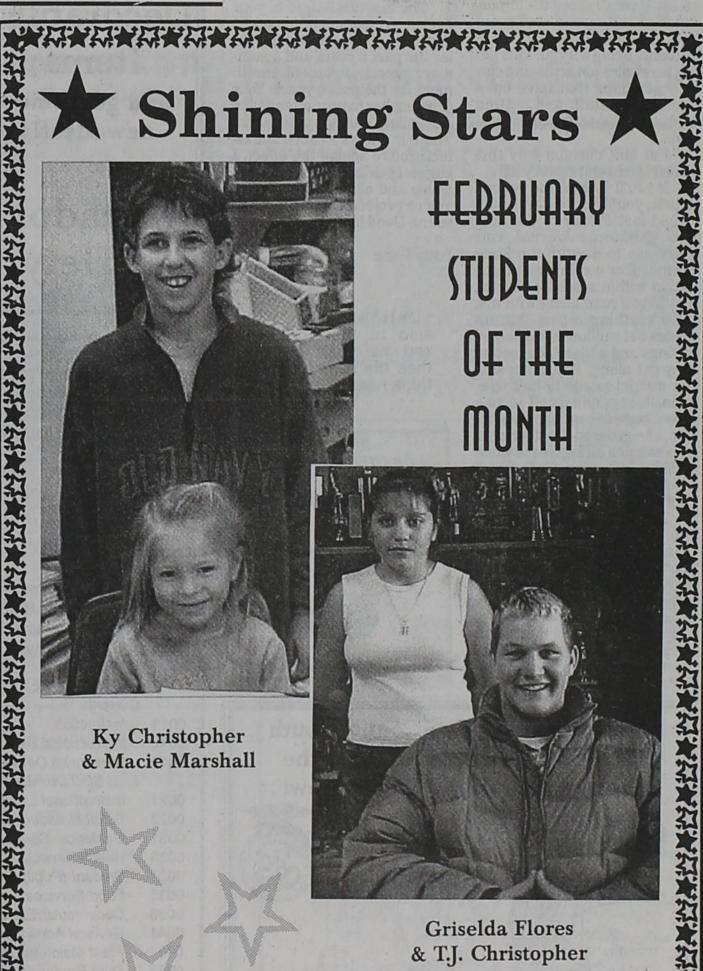
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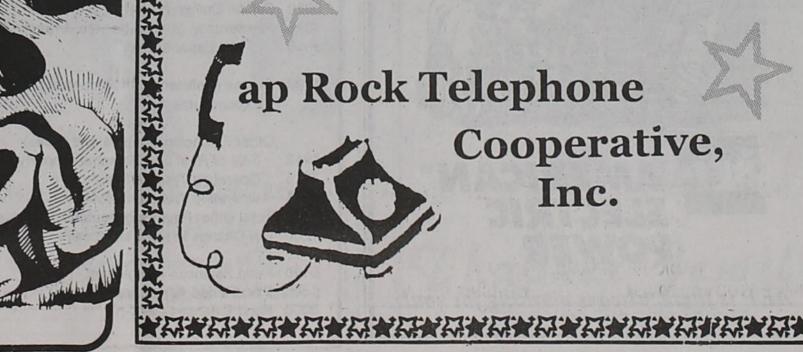




Griselda Flores & T.J. Christopher

Junior Livestock Show

ap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



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School Board report

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 Motion by Campbell, second by Elliott to apply for a class size waiver for Kindergarten class. Motion passed 7-0.

No action was taken on the activity bus.

With the exception of Franks, the board reviewed each invoice with several ques-tions being raised about some of the expenditures with assurances from the business manager that the questions would be addressed and resolved. After all invoices had been initialed by board members. Campbell made the motion to pay the bills, second by Elliott. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board went into executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Board came out of executive session at 10:50 p.m.

Out of executive session Mr. Copp recommended that the board renew the Principal's contract for two years. Smith made a motion for a one year extension, second by Brooks. Motion failed 2-5. Motion by Franks, second by Campbell to extend the Principal's contract for two years. Motion passed 5-1-1. Franks, Campbell, Potts, Woolsey, and Elliott voted for. Smith voted against and Brooks abstained.

Meeting adjourned.

* (attached letter)

Board Members:

Here I stand before you once again. This time my capacity is that of watchdog. As of the last board meeting, I requested you consider being cautious. That advice was ignored and the usual form of business was conducted.

I've produced a packet for you including the letter I'm now reading. Within this packet are copies of news articles, another copy of the letter I read to you last month and each of these have underlined phrases I wish to call you attention. The first article is from our own hometown newspaper telling of the visit from an official with the Region 17 Service Cen-ter. Please note this was printed a year and a half ago. Would you read along with me, "...the finan-cial crisis that Motley County ISD is facing due to loss of stu-dent population during the infor-mational session at the regular School Board meeting held July 16. Mr. Karr stressed the importance of getting the staff numbers in line with the number of students being served. This going to require not replacing cer-tain positions that have been vacated by staff, and cutting budget items as much as possible.' I'm still curious why this hasn't been addressed yet? If you'll look at the second article, you'll notice it was pub-lished last Friday in the Lub-bock Avalanche Journal. This story has to do with the State Comptroller coming in to force action within a school district. Would you read along with me, "... a scathing report that in-cludes \$41 million in suggested savings and a blunt suggestion they get along. Strayhorn said the district needs to halt irresponsible spending and adopt a board code of conduct. In addi-tion, she ordered the district to implement a hiring freeze while it "sifts out" overstaffed areas." I would suspect this has a ring of familiarity. The next page is a copy of the letter I submitted last month. Please read with me, "If you vote to extend or renew any contract prior to making decisions about the job cuts, you will be making a grave mistake. Logic would tell you to table all decisions until you've found answers to the emergent questions. If you table or better yet

freeze any hiring until the teachers and staffs contracts are discussed in March and the money recovered to balance the budget ... you've allowed yourselves the opportunity to recognize what must be done. You can still make decision on all or any contracts left pending but will do it with a clear conscience and informed mind and heart."

I believe this last statement has been substantiated.

However, there is still the issue of your voting on a contract, one that had yet expended and shouldn't be acted on until its time had run out, in your last session. I'm hereby putting you on notice. I was standing in the lobby with Seven Alexander at 3 a.m. January 14, 2003, and both doors leading into the board room were closed and remained that way until you adjourned. We were waiting to go into open session to see you vote on that contract but were never given that opportunity. That means you voted in closed session which is against the law that governs your operation as a school board. Whether I file a complaint with the TEA is still a matter I'm considering. The other issue has to do with Les Woolsey being an active board

member. It is my understanding that if a member misses 3 consecutive meetings he/she is no longer a member and should be replaced. Since Mr. Woolsey was part of that voting body, it is still constituted as legal and the action done in closed session would probably make the decision null and void. This is a question I will ask TEA to make a ruling on.

I implore you all to look strongly at the actions you're taking and consider the possible ramifications. If the Avalanche Journal is interested in Brownsville, I wonder how they would react to this little commu-



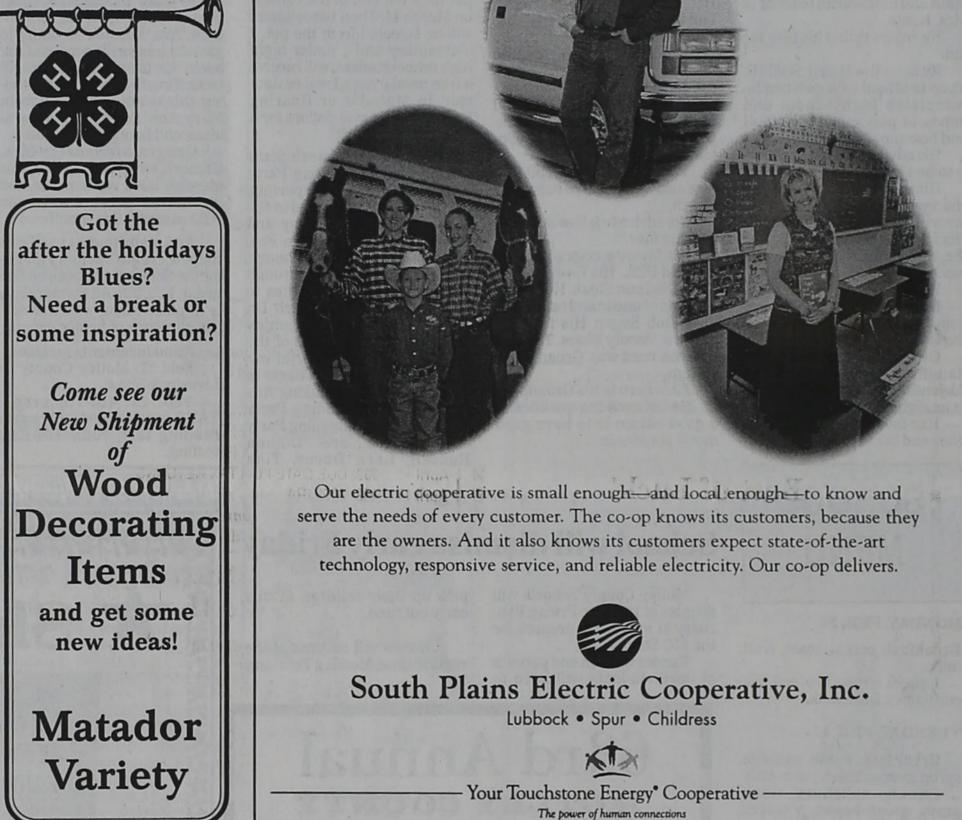
FFA members work all year before the Stock Show, preparing their animals for the Show. In this picture Mr. Cooper, FFA Director, operates tractor to grind feed.



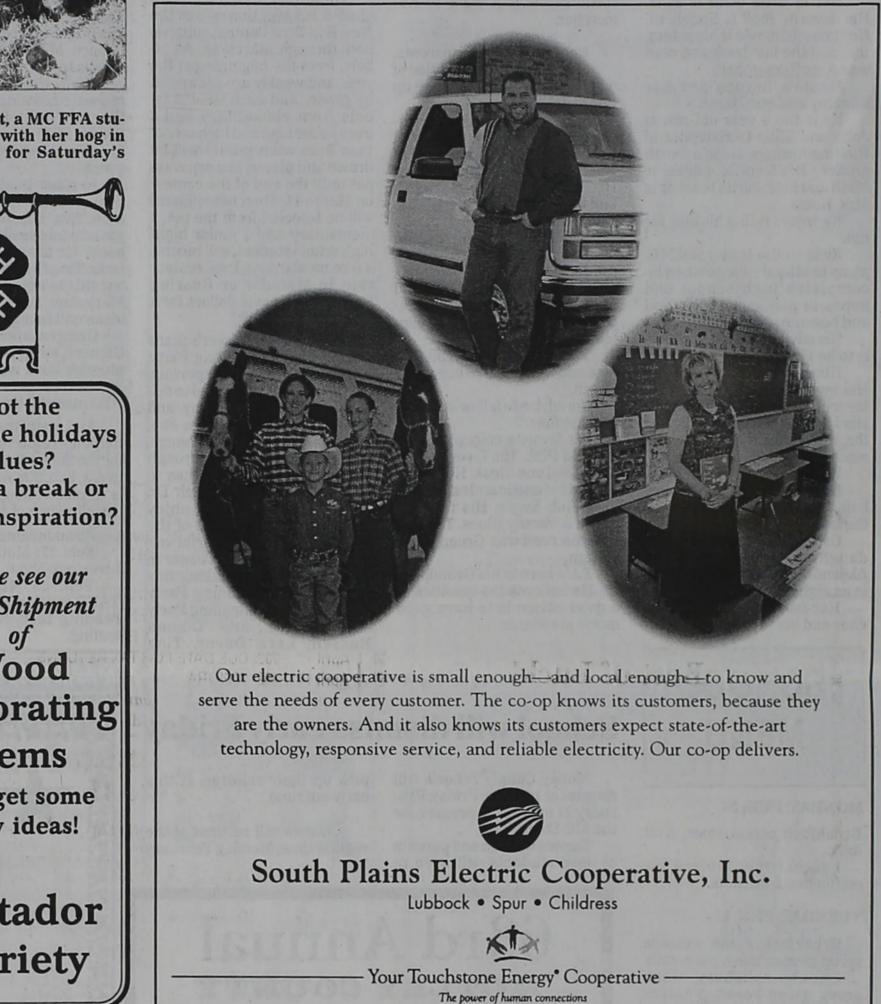
Motley County FFA members grind feed for their show animals.



Amanda Hurt, a MC FFA student, works with her hog in preparation for Saturday's Stock Show.



Don't Miss The Stock Show, Saturday!



nity losing its school based on the same ideas.

I also wish to caution the new board members. Some actions being taken by your superintendent and yourselves could inevitably leave you open to law suits. The only way you can prevent your being one of the defendants is to vehemently oppose the actions you do not understand. It is your obligation to know ... ask questions and de-mand answers plausible to your queries The last two letters in your

packet are requests for profit and loss or financial statements for the past 5 years and a summary report of student enrollment for the past 6 years. Your problem lies in your attendance and failing student population. There is always a cause and effect. You're seeing the effect, I suggest you look hard to find the cause and eliminate it quickly. You're projected viability is 5-6 years. Good luck.

Patty Lane

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psalms 37:4



and leaders and wish them the best of luck in the Stock Show!

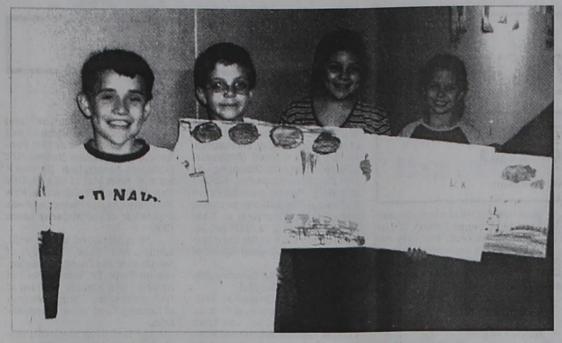


MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes		General Fund	Special Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
and the second second	REVENUES:				
	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 767,901	\$ 317,551	\$ 15,069	\$ 1,100,521
	State Program Revenues	891,235		24,263	915,498
	Federal Program Revenues	-	-	370,973	370,973
5020	Total Revenues	1,659,136	317,551	410,305	2,386,992
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	EXPENDITURES:				
	Current:				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
0011	Instruction	993,918	65,941	309,464	1,369,323
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	27,617		80	27,697
0013	Curriculum Development and Instructional				
	Staff Development	2,891	-		2,891
0021	Instructional Leadership		122,162	1,204	123,366
0023	School Leadership	75,748	- 10.000		75,748
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	19,687	9,459	-	29,146
0033	Health Services	120			120
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	66,196	-	-	66,196
0035	Food Services	-	-	96,865	96,865
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	62,910	-	1.1.1.1.1 1.1.1.1.1.	62,910
0041	General Administration	148,180	-	4,216	152,396
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	145,831	16,333		162,164
0053	Data Processing Services	53,519			53,519
0080	Capital Outlay		103,656	-	103,656
0093	Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	34,649	-	-	34,649
6030	Total Expenditures	1,631,266	317,551	411,829	2,360,646
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
	Expenditures	27,870		(1,524)	26,346
	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	376	- 1	-	376
7915	Operating Transfers In	16,632	STOTET CAL	18,156	34,788
8911	Operating Transfers Out	(18,156)		(16,632)	(34,788
	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(1,148)		1,524	376
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	26,722	Store - Street	-	26,722
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning	537,219	T-T-		537,219
1300	Prior Period Adjustment	(3,265)		at - I and	(3,265
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 560,676	s -	\$	\$ 560,676

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UPPER PEASE SWCD POSTER CONTEST WINNERS, THIRD GRADE — 1st, Braden Mason; 2nd, Garrett Jenschke; 3rd, Clarissa Elizondo; 4th, Alexis Osborn.



FOURTH GRADE — 1st, Dillon Walker; 2nd, Kyla Simpson; 3rd, Alex Smith; 4th, Anna Moctezuma.



SIXTH GRADE: First, Kayla Hollinsworth.

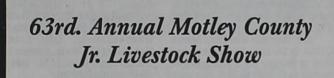
Roaring Springs City Council from page 1

He also reported that there have been a lot of complaints about dogs running loose in town. There is nothing the city can do about this problem. Council discussed cleaning

Council discussed cleaning up property with old cars and trash being collected on the property. Letters will be sent to property owners, asking them to clean up their property.

property. Letters will be sent to property owners, asking them to clean up their property. Mayor Marshall called for an Election to be held May 3, 2003, for the purpose of electing three 2-year term council members. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, during regular business hours, beginning February 17. March 19 is the last day for accepting applications for a place on the ballot.

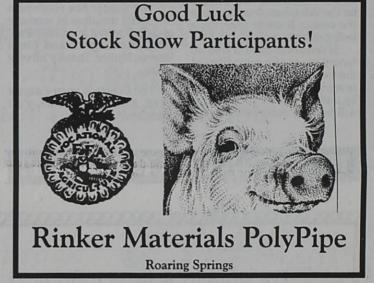
FIFTH GRADE — 1st, Cory Durham (not pictured); 2nd, Melissa Flores (not pictured); 3rd, Courtney Moctezuma; 4th, Jessica Reyes.

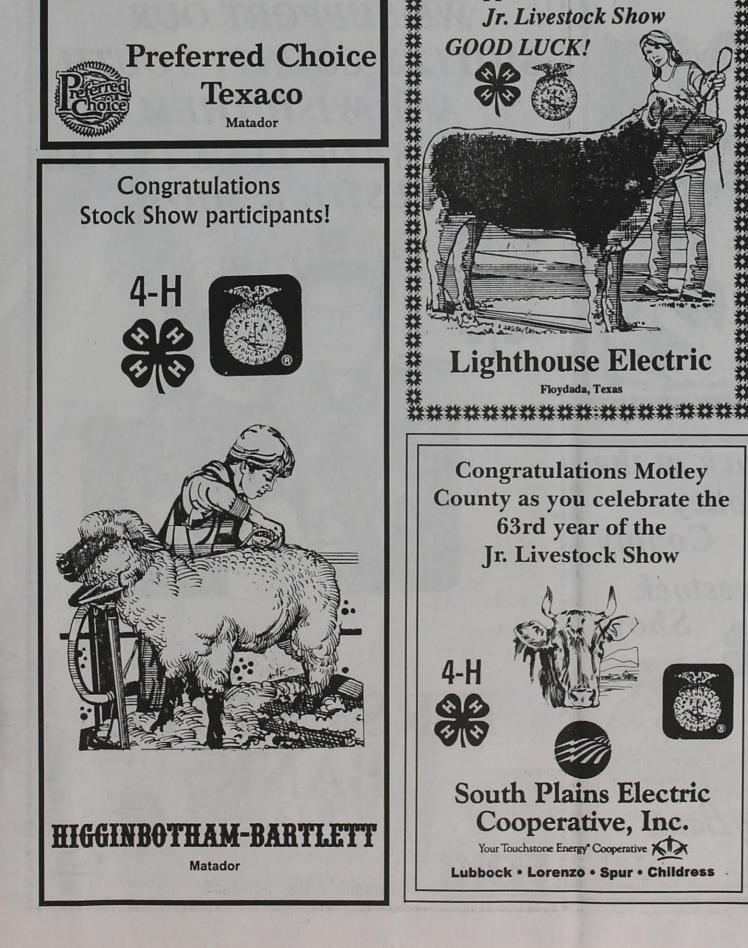


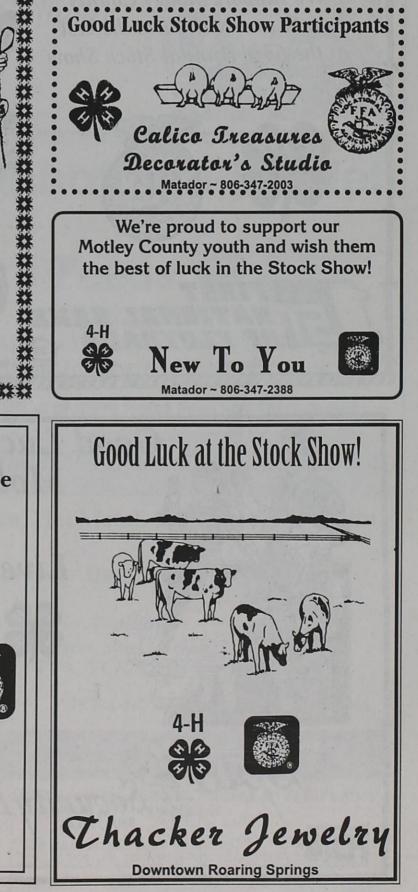
Best of Luck!











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by Rita Groves

Matador Aelus

The small, thriving town of Roaring Springs is full of treasures and surprises, but has lately suffered several calamities that sadden us all. The most recent has been the loss of one of our most loved and valuable members.

One finds difficulty in listing all the benefits we enjoyed that originated with Odessa Mullins, but we more or less took her for granted, like we do pure water or our beautiful sunrises and unpredictable

Hall, a patient in Lockney General

Hospital, Friday. Mrs. Cooper re-

County residents at the Re-Hab

Center in Lockney and at the Floy-

dada Nursing Center. She reports

IN CAR ACCIDENT

rillo, former resident of Roaring

Springs, was involved in a three car

accident Sunday afternoon in Ama-

rillo. She suffered a broken jaw, nose

and arm, lacerations and a leg in-

Mrs. Susie Posey Sain of Ama-

that everyone is doing well.

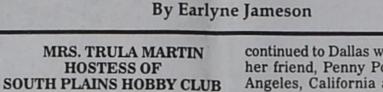
Mrs. Cooper also visited Motley

ports that Mrs. Hall is improving.

weather changes. Even as a shut-in and unable to return her favors, there was no hesitation. A favorable and kind response was always forthcoming, when she was called.

The thought comes first to mind — who can take Odessa's place? The answer comes immediately -

no one. She trusted us, and was trustworthy. She never locked her house. If you asked a favor, she met us more than halfway - without fail.



Mrs. Trula Martin was hostess of the South Plains Hobby Club Wednesday afternoon, February 12th in her home. They enjoyed hearing the stories and viewing the historical quilts made in the 1930's by her mother, Mrs. Lennie Gilbert and aunt, Mrs. Bessie Martin. She then displayed her artistic talents with a wholecloth quilt, Queen's Ann and a Grandmother Flower Garden

Refreshments of sandwiches, dips and chips, Valentine cookies, coffee and tea were served. Those attending the entertaining afternoon were Mesdames Peggy Roberts, Bessie Bradford, Eudean Crow, Ruby Brannon, Carolyn Marble, Donnie Bowman, Ann Hartnear, Betty Davenport, Virginia Taylor, Sandra Lass and Wanda

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was accompa-nied to Mangold Hospital in Lockney, Sunday by her son Johnie Starkey, son and wife, Jack and Nada Starkey. Her daughter, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty stayed overnight Sunday with her in the hospital.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. She

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erby and asked, "Buddy, could you

spare a quarter for a cup of coffee?"

A Panhandler stopped a pass-

Whiteflat Aews

By Earlyne Jameson

continued to Dallas where she met her friend, Penny Pollock of Los Angeles, California and they enjoyed visiting and entertainment until Sunday. Cara visited Sunday night with her parents before returning to Canyon.

Richard Rogers of Lubbock visited Wednesday night and Thursday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mrs. Nada Starkey received medical treatment at Lockney Clinic Friday following an accident in her home. She suffered bruised ribs.

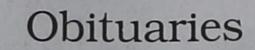
Visiting Friday night and Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Brian Sehon of Ropesville, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs visited Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Tuesday and Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Alma and Everett Shorter were in Lockney, Thursday for her a medical check up following her recent illness. She received a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee met her niece and husband, Shannon and Earl Jones of Carlsbad, New Mexico in Lubbock, Sunday to visit.



Gale Stafford

Memorial services for Gale Stafford, 60, of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Paul Stearns, pastor, and Rev. Ron Kelly. Private graveside rites and burial immediately preceded the memorial service, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Stafford died Saturday, Feb. 15, at Crosbyton Hospital.

He was born October 31, 1942, at Matador. He graduated from Matador High School, and from T.C.U. in 1965. He was married to the former Lindy Armstrong in 1964. He returned to Matador in 1974, after living in Dallas, DeKalb, and Mt. Pleasant for several years. He was a farmer and rancher.

Mr. Stafford played football for TCU during his college years. He was a Trustee of the First United Methodist Church at Matador, a past director of both the Foundation Beefmaster Association and Beefmasters Breeders United, and a former president of the Panhandle/New Mexico Beefmaster Breeders Association. He was a former member of the Motley County School Board, was a FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer, and was a member of the Matador Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Lindy; two sons, Wesley of Sweetwater and David of Matador; two brothers, Dr. Bob Stafford of Amarillo and Richard Stafford of Dallas; one sister, Shirley Roberson of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials to the American Diabetes Foundation, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79424, or the First United Methodist Church at Matador, TX 79244.

Pallbearers were Bundy Hal Campbell, Guy Campbell, Roy G. Stephens, Kenny Barton, Butch Renfro, Van Francis, Roy G. Hobbs, and Bennie D. Dillard.

Irene Blasingame

Graveside services for Irene Blasingame, 80, of Afton, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2003, at Afton Cemetery with Rev. Billy Goodwin officiating. Services were under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

She died Monday, February 17, 2003, in Afton.

Mrs. Blasingame was born August 31, 1922, in Paducah to Thomas and Grace Galloway Reagan. She married Dorr Blasingame on November 7,1937, in Crosbyton. He preceded her in death November 7, 1996. She was a beautician for several years before attending Permian

General Hospital School of Nursing in Andrews. She received her LVN license in October, 1973. She then practiced nursing in hospitals and nursing homes in Floydada, Crosbyton, Lockney and Spur, after which she worked for a home health organization in the Afton, Dickens and Spur area.

Survivors include one son Geary of Afton; two grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock, TX 79453 or the Afton Cemetery Assn., Afton, TX 79220

Cuma Lorella "Tiny" Harmon

Funeral services for Cuma Lorella "Tiny" Harmon, 69, of Hedley, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, officiat-Burial will be held at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc. of Clarendon. Mrs. Harmon was born March 5, 1933, in Dickens County and had lived in Borger for 5 years before moving to Hedley in 1984. She mar-

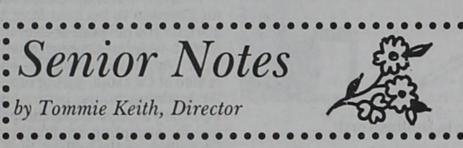
ried Lonnie Murl Harmon on August 19, 1950, in Carlsbad, N.M. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Wayne Harmon on October 18, 2001. Survivors include her husband, Lonnie Harmon of Hedley; one son, Tommy L. Harmon of Amarillo; four granddaughters, Karen R. Tucker of Clovis, N.M., Terri J. Metzger of Waupaukaneta, OH, Lisa A. Harmon of Ft. Worth, Samantha A. Harmon of Clovis, N.M.; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. J.B. Cooper visited Cora jury. She is a patient at Baptist - St. Anthony's Hospital.

> two female passengers escaped injury. Her children, Rene and Gary Laughlin of Midland and Rhonda and Mike Davis of Amarillo are with her.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason and daughter, Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder were in Amarillo, Sunday to help choose a wedding dress for granddaughter and daughter, Shahala Marricle of Lubbock.



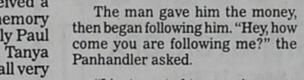
We would like to thank kinda deal. Shane Jones and Kay Skaggs for the Valentines decorations in the center. It made everything look good and festive. If you are in need of food we have 9 boxes of commodities at the Center that I can distribute to anyone in need. Please come by and we will fix you up, they will be first come - first serve

Her car was a total loss, but her Lane.

The Center has received a memorial donation in memory of Gale Stafford from Billy Paul and Betty Simpson and Tanya Warren Multer. Thank y'all very much.

The Center is open 5 days a week, 8:00 a.m. til 3:00, y'all come and see us!

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY!



"I just wanted to see where you can get a cup of coffee for a quarter these days.

Fannin Gwinn was a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock Tuesday and Wednesday under medical treatment for pneu-

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Thursday where both had medical appointments. Wilda is continuing her trips to Crosbyton for

monia. His parents, Darla and

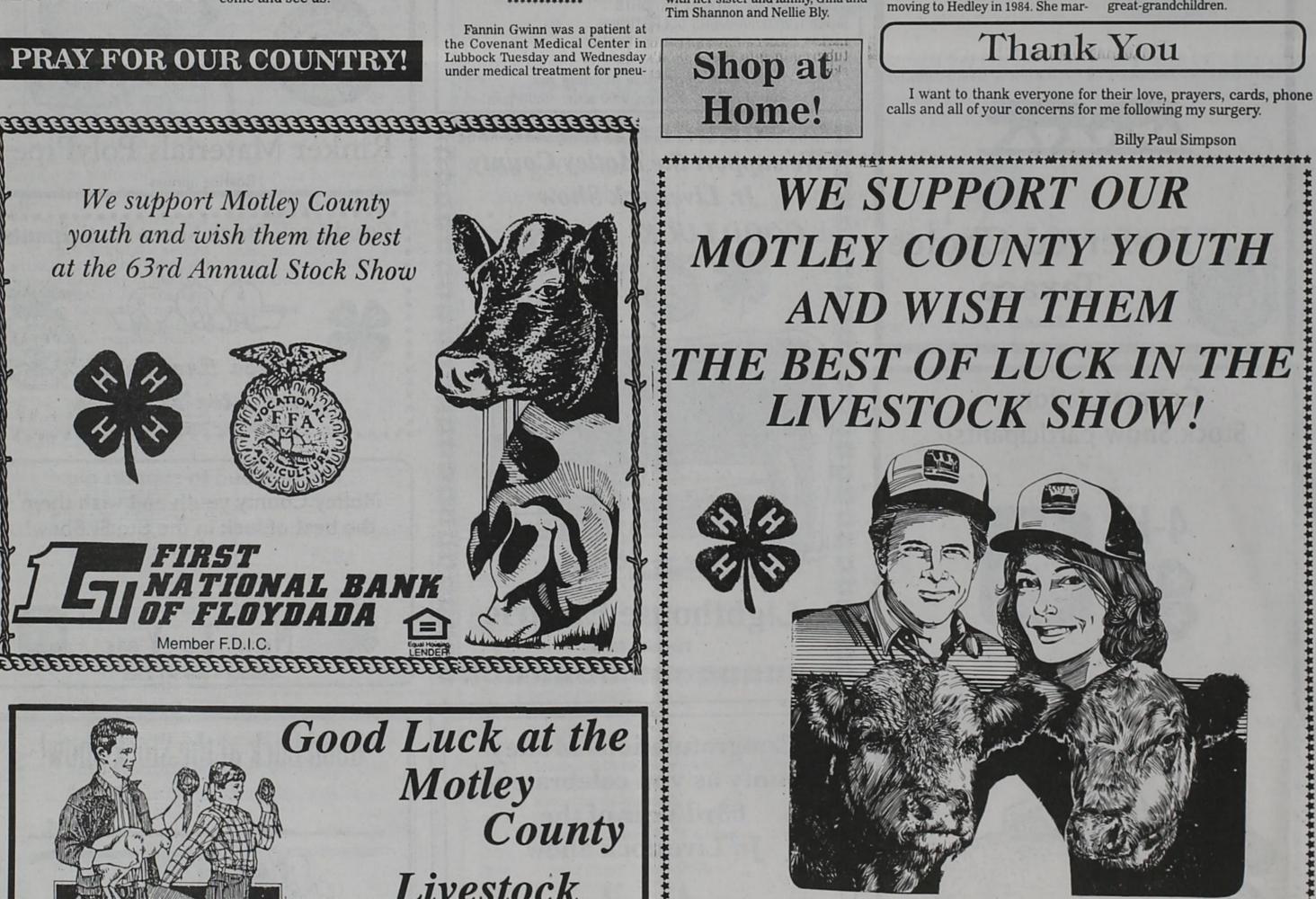
James Gwinn were with him during

his hospitalization and visited in the

home of his sister, Aly Gwinn.

therapy treatment on her arm. Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were in Lubbock, Friday where he had surgery. Mrs. D'Lynn Hale, Walker and

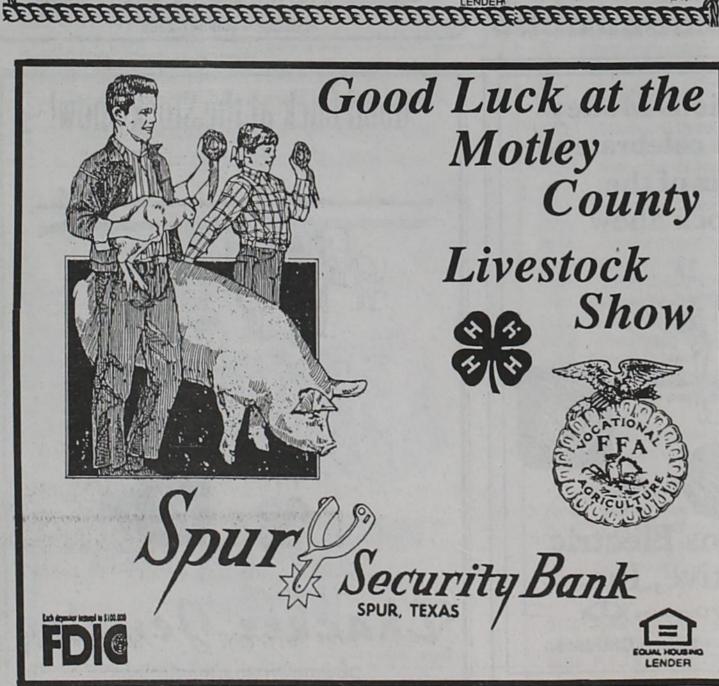
Alyson of Lubbock visited Saturday with her sister and family, Gina and Tim Shannon and Nellie Bly.



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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS by Debbie Shaw, CED

PEANUT LOAN AND LDP DEADLINE **EXTENSION**

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provides for that 2002 through 2007 crop years peanut marketing assistance loans and LDP's (Loan Deficiency Payments) be made available to eligible producers who produce and harvest peanuts.

Because of the lateness in the passage of the Act, com-

FARM & RANCH NEWS

bined with the major changes in the peanut provisions, FSA has been faced with many challenges in implementing the 2002 peanut marketing assistance loan and LDP programs.

To provide producers with the greatest flexibility to fully use the peanut marketing assis-tance loan and LDP programs, FSA will accept peanut loan and LDP requests through COB February 28, 2003, for the 2002 crop year only.

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New Health Regulations for Mexican rodeo cattle delayed

Texas livestock officials have temporarily put new health rules "on hold" that will apply to Mexican-orgin roping and rodeo cattle. The regulations had been slated to become effective February 1, 2003.

'Under the rule, which is being delayed until the further notice, horned steers or horned spayed heifers from Mexico would be recognized as poten-tial rodeo stock and would undergo a skin test for cattle tuberculosis (TB) upon arrival at the Texas port of entry," said Dr. James Lenarduzzi, acting ex-ecutive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory authority. "We will continue to enforce an ex-isting regulation that requires the annual TB testing of Mexi-can-origin rodeo and roping

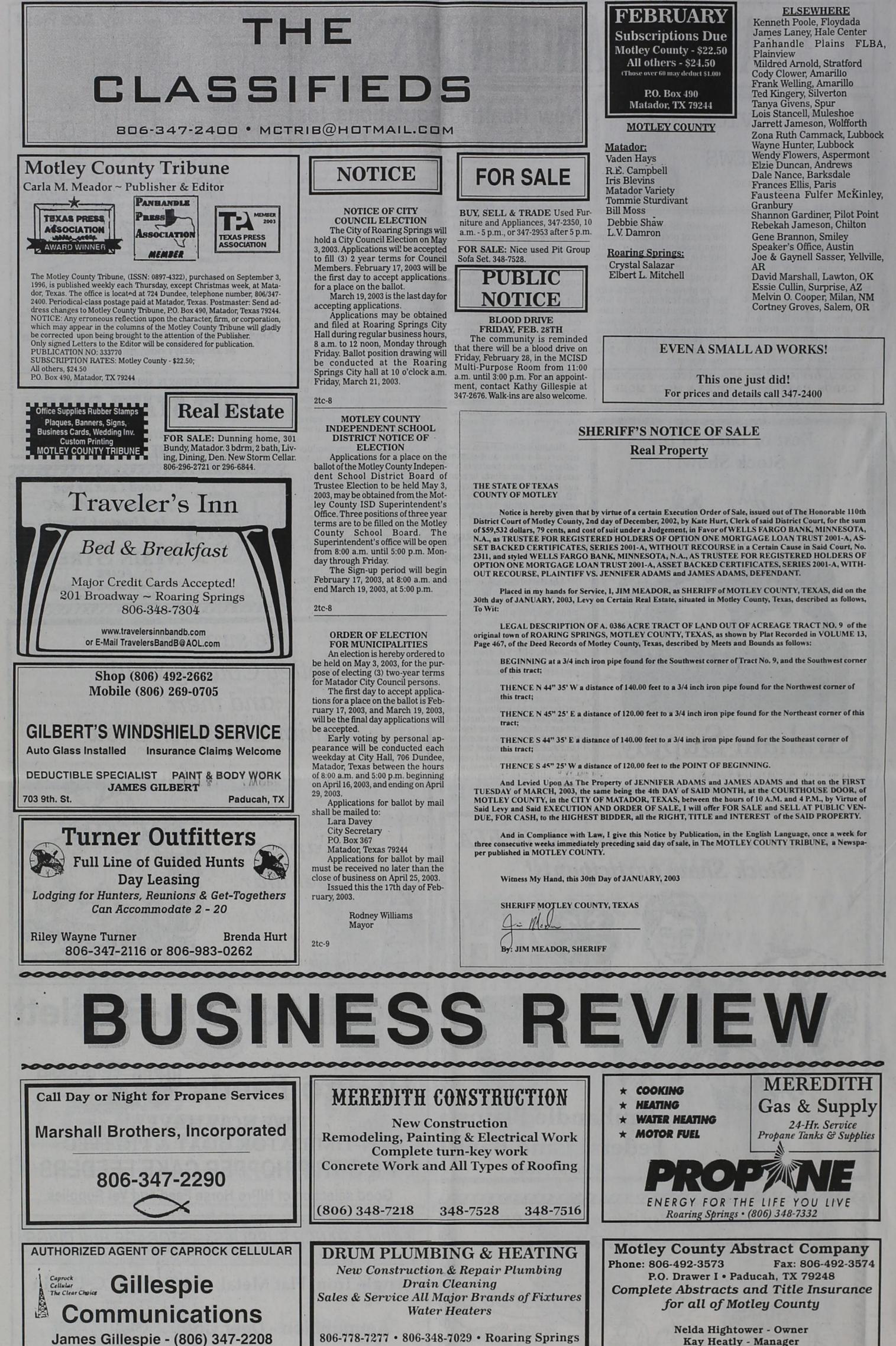
enty-two hours later, the veterinarian examines the injection site for a reaction, such as swell-ing or bump, which may indicate the animal has been exposed to the cattle TB bacteria.

When the regulations are implemented, the TB test-negative Mexican-orgin rodeo and roping animals may be allowed to move under a TAHC - issued permit from the port of entry to a ranch or other facility. The animals will remain under TAHC movement restrictions for 60 to 120 days, pending a re-test for cattle TB. Dr. Lenarduzzi pointed out that, during the 60 - to 120 - day hold-ing period, the TAHC may allow the animals to have limited movement for training or events, provided no other cattle will be present. After the TB re-



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