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Homecoming 2002 set for October 25-26

Planning is progressing for the 2002 Homecoming Celebration to be held at the Motley County School October 25-26. The traditional bonfire will be held on Thursday evening, October 24. A Pep Rally will be held in the school gymnasium on Friday afternoon and the Homecoming football game will be held Friday evening, October 25 against Hedley.

On Saturday, October 26, registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the

school lobby. Coffee and rolls will be served in the cafeteria and groups will meet in reserved rooms at the school. This will be a five or ten year anniversary for classes graduating in years ending in two or seven, (1942, 1957, etc.) Since Homecoming is now held every other year, those classes graduating in years ending in six and one, (1946, 1951, etc.) may also want to have class reunions this year. The classes of 1942, 1959, 1960, and 1992

have already reserved rooms at the school for meetings on Saturday, October 26.

A delicious noon meal will be catered in the school cafeteria. The program and business meeting will be held in the school gym at 2:00 p.m. The Homecoming Committee will be mailing out announcements which include the program of events, within the next week. Please plan to attend Homecoming this year!

Motley County Seniors nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman



Brenda Gillespie

High School is a vital time for teenagers as they develop self-discipline, set goals and build confidence to help them achieve success in all walks of life, as students, athletes, role models and leaders in their communities. With this in mind, Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger Restaurants created a program that honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme "scholar-citizen-athlete."

Motley County ISD's Clint Cooper and Brenda Gillespie have been nominated by Principal Sonya Herrell for their academic aptitude, athletic talent and tremendous display of commitment in and out of the classroom setting. These two promising young leaders represent the very best Motley County has to offer, as both are recognized for their achievements and outstanding levels of commitment to their teachers, classmates and community.

"These students are truly in a

league of their own," says Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Trophy and program spokesperson. "Each student nominated for the award has gone above and beyond expectations to help those in need, enhance their education and pursue their dreams.

The program, now entering its ninth year, was created through a partnership between Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club (DAC) — the home of the Heisman Memorial Trophy, in 1994.

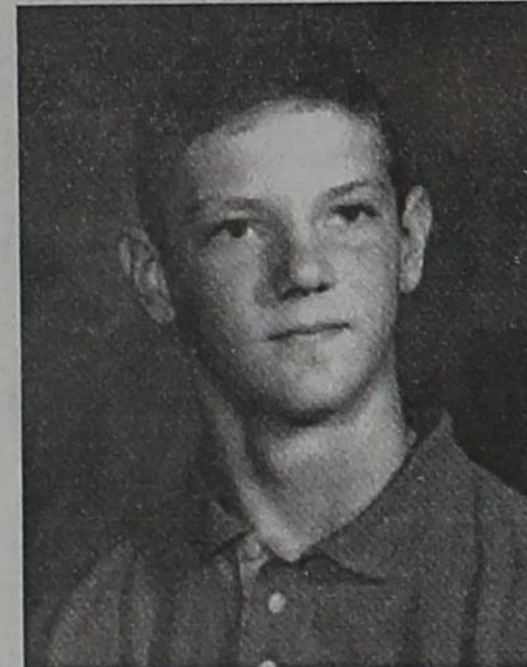
The Wendy's High School Heisman Program recognizes high school seniors nationwide who have learned to collaborate and appreciate the interrelation of academics, athletics and community service. Brenda and Clint have enhanced the quality of life, inspired others and embody the ideal characteristics of today's leading youth.

Plans in the works for Care Center

Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. has received a non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service and has begun seeking out grants and other gift funding. It was necessary to obtain a ruling from the IRS granting non-profit status before applying for any substantial grants.

The architectural firm of Jones and Rowntree is in the process of drawing up building plans. The firm

met with the Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. board earlier this summer and went over a preliminary plan for construction. In the next couple of months a building plan will be adopted. The board estimates that the Center will have 49 beds and employ between 30 and 40 people. If you have questions about the proposed Care Center feel free to contact Chesle Rains at 347-2691.



Clint Cooper

Pulitzer Prize winner got her start in Matador

Note: The following article first appeared in the Amarillo Globe-News, by Greg Cunningham.

Matador native Karen Elliott House lives in the rarified air of journalism's upper echelons, but that lofty perch was decades and thousands of miles away in the early 1970s as she tried to compose her first story at the University of Texas.

The classic small-town-girl-makes-good story — in journalism it doesn't get much better than Pulitzer Prize winner and publisher of the Wall Street Journal — House had an inauspicious beginning as she took her first steps toward a career in journalism.

"I worked from 1 (p.m.) to midnight trying to write this assignment — and weeping," House said. "I would write something and tear it up. I was saying to myself, 'I'm never going to get this done right.'"

In a 30-year journalism career that took her all over the globe and put her in the same room with some of the great public figures of the past few decades, the 54-year-old House lived for the reporting but had to work at the writing.

"I wouldn't claim to be a great writer, even now," House said.

"I think I was a great reporter, and I think over time I learned to

think more clearly, which allows you to write more clearly."

House's modesty about her writing abilities is belied by the fact that she won a Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for coverage of the Middle East.

The top prize in journalism was capped off with one of the top posts in the business when House took over as publisher of the Wall Street Journal's various print publications in July. House is also a senior vice president of the Dow Jones & Company, parent of the Journal. Growing up in the tiny town of Matador — current population 726, slightly more in House's childhood — House had clear potential, but a journalism career wasn't her first choice.

"We just always knew that she would probably make it big somewhere," said House's longtime friend Joanie Stephens, who still lives in Matador. "She was always the brightest one in the class, very outgoing."

House wanted to be a teacher, but her father frowned on the idea, so House decided on a career as a reporter. House cut her teeth at the Matador Tribune while still in high school.

House was a voracious reader as a child — her conservative parents wouldn't allow a phone or a television in the house — and her natural curi-

osity served her well when she graduated from UT and went to work at the Dallas Morning News.

After a stint covering schools in Dallas, House managed to secure a place in the News' Washington bureau.

House became a member of the Journal's staff in 1974, covering regulatory issues, energy and finally, foreign policy.

House held the position of diplomatic correspondent for six years, then moved into management as a foreign editor, working her way up to publisher this year.

In between stints climbing the journalistic ladder, House has managed to achieve satisfaction in her personal life as well.

House has been married for 18 years to Peter Kann, chairman of Dow Jones, and the couple has adopted three children and lives in Princeton, N.J.

House commutes to the Journal's offices in New York City.

House has taken the reins of the Journal at an important time in history, when the organization is still feeling the aftershocks of the Sept. 11 attack on as.

On Monday, House was just moving into her office in the World Financial Center, which was shut down by damage caused by the collapse of the



POSTING THE COLORS — Reagan Elliott, left, and Jonathan Osborn were flag bearers and posted the colors at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held in August. The boys are members of the local Webelos Troop 360. The Motley County Webelos are led by Shawn Elliott. The group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Hall. Webelos is for boys ages 8 and 9. Mr. Elliott encourages all Motley County boys in that age group to become a part of this fun activity. Anyone who would like to help with the group should contact Mr. Elliott. Other members of the local troop are Garrett Jensechke, Cody Martin, Braden Mason, Christian Brooks, and Keyan Kautz.

Motley County Matadors
vs. Spur Bulldogs
Friday, there, 7:30 p.m.

★★★★

Jr. High Mavericks vs. Spur
Thursday, here, 5:00 p.m.

School Board meets

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met September 9 for their regular meeting. All board members were present except Les Woolsey. Also present were Rick Copp, Sonya Herrell, and Denise Ford. Representing the staff were Walter Taylor, Donna Hoyle and Carolyn Ewing.

During open forum Mr. Copp introduced Coach Cooper, Coach Elizondo and Coach Loy.

During Mr. Copp's Superintendent report, he informed the board that he and Mrs. Ewing have discussed her retirement plans. She plans to retire in January and will be able to continue employment through May on a part-time basis to help train a new PEIM's coordinator. Mr. Copp will advertise for the position beginning in November.

A list of current substitutes was presented to the board to review.

A concern had been raised at the August Board meeting about the caf-

eteria receiving a fine from TEA. A salesman from one of the cafeteria food suppliers had expressed the issue. Upon investigation the fine in question had been imposed 20 years ago in 1982 and had been settled.

The Regional Education Service Center 17 has offered to work with Denise Ford. They will assist Mrs. Ford with the current program while training her to begin the new RSCC business program that will take effect after the first of the year.

The current enrollment is 168, 48 in high school, 26 in Junior High and 94 in elementary.

Items for board action:
— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.
— Approved the expenditure report.
— Approved Update 68 (LOCAL).
— Approved Pest Management Policy, IPM.



Karen Elliott House

neighboring World Trade Center towers.

The attacks forced Journal staffers to pick up stakes and move to south Brunswick, N.J., where they bought every computer they could get their hands on and managed to create a newsroom from scratch, getting an edition onto the streets the morning of Sept. 12.

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As I write this column on this day of remembrance, September 11, my mind is still vivid with the reports of that tragic day, one year ago. That day has remained a vivid memory for most Americans and people all over the world. The continued reports of the war on terrorism keeps the thought of wondering if and when it could happen again on our minds. If we let the thoughts consume us we could easily become fearful. It's at this time that we must remember what the Bible tells us "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of sound mind. (1 Timothy 1:7).

We must remember that God is in charge of this situation! We must continue to pray for our leaders. To pray that they will find the will of God and seek His direction. We must continue to pray for the men and women who are fighting the war on terrorism and ask God to give them peace. "Though I walk in the midst of trouble thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. (Psalm 138:7)

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, brought a change not only to America but to all of the world. We, as Americans, realized that we are not removed from war, terrorism and the things of horror that we have watched on TV reports in other countries. Many have turned to God. Many who haven't had a relationship with God at all have put their trust in Him. And many who had fallen away from God have returned to Him. Many have prayed like they've never prayed. We have all changed. Our thoughts, our fears, our sense of peace has changed.

It was only a year ago, before that tragic day that the only radio station on which you would hear the name of God was one of the few religious stations. Now some disc jockeys and TV reporters freely speak of God and praying.

Our country has discovered a new sense of patriotism. Many display the US Flag, who may have never thought of doing so before. Many have found a new love and respect for our country. "The National Anthem," "God Bless America," "The Pledge of America," and other patriotic verses have been heard more than ever in this country.

President Bush said, "These terrorists hoped to demoralize our country, they failed." Yes they failed. The terrorists planned to change our country. They did. We are now a country with more love for our God, more love for our country, and more love and respect for each other.

Although we live in a country now where the threat of attack is very real, we cannot let ourselves be discouraged. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:6-8

God is in charge!

Vintage hats on display at Do Gooders club meeting

Members of the Do Gooders' Club arrived at the Community Center in Flomot, Tuesday afternoon, September 3rd wearing hats of every description, color and style and at every angle on their heads. They told of the occasion when they wore the hat which proved to be very entertaining.

Hostesses, Mrs. B. Rogers and Mrs. Barbara Payne had a display of vintage hats from the 1920's to present time on a table encircled with grapevine and purple blossoms. They presided at a purple service at the refreshment table. It was centered with a colorful floral arrangement. They served dips and chips and iced tea from a pewter pitcher.

Mrs. Waydette Clay, president opened the business meeting by telling of an amusing episode when she and husband, Ronald were on a recent vacation trip to Oregon and the

state of Washington. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes that were approved.

Members voted to have the club's annual Bazaar, Saturday, November 9, 2002 as an Old Country Store theme. They plan to have home canned vegetables, fruits, pies, cakes beside the art and craft projects for sale. Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Judy Stark were chosen to be in charge of decorating the booths for the event.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon was presented a beautiful pot plant of mums after she won the raffle ticket drawing.

Those attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Trula Martin, Anna Beth Clay, Judy Stark, Kathy Shorter, Alma Shorter, Geneva Martin, B. Rogers, Barbara Payne, Suzie Shannon, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydette Clay and Leona Degan.



Alana Bingham & Tyson Carr

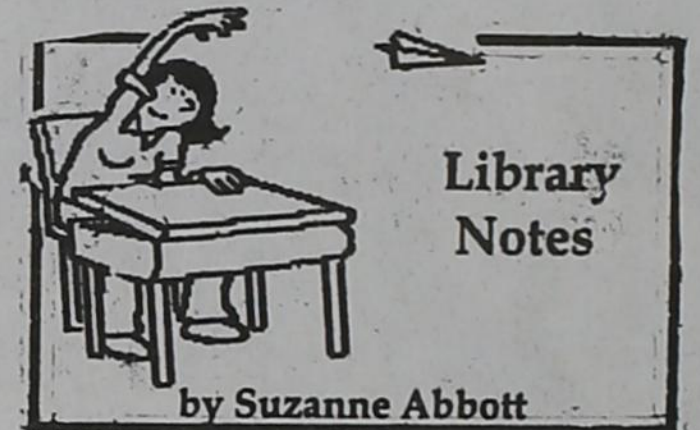
Wedding Plans Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bingham of Matador, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morris of Spur announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alana Bingham to Tyson Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Carr of Littlefield.

The wedding will be held at the First Baptist Church in Spur, October 26, 2002.

Alana is a graduate of Spur High School and Texas Tech University. She received her Bachelor Degree in Communication Studies in May, 2001, and is employed by the American Cancer Society.

Tyson is a graduate of Littlefield High School and Texas Tech University. He received his Bachelor Degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics in December, 1999, and is employed by American State Bank.



Pivots & Divots

by Mary



There were only 9 players for the August 27th Scramble. First place with a score of 33, were Harvey, Paul and Geneva. Others playing were Alan, Buzz, LaVoe, Louise, Kenny and Liv. Buzz won closest to the pin on #6.

The September 3 scramble had 14 players. First place, with a score of 30, were Harvey, Roy S., and Dot. Second place, with a score of 31, were Ken M., and Corky. Other playing were Paul, Dortha, Conway, Alan, Kay, Louise, Buzz, LaVoe, Jim W, Kenny, Liv and Geneva. Louise won closest to the pin on #3.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
The RSRC Championship Tournament was held September 7 and 8. There were 13 men and 3 women entered.
Women's Championship flight:
First, Olivia Barton, 154
Second, Kay Bingham, 157
Women's Senior Flight:
First, LaVoe Thacker, 155
Men's Championship flight:

First, Ken Marshall, 133
Second, Alan Bingham, 148.
Also playing were Conway Clary, Steve Buxkemper, Jay Nelson and Ryan Buxkemper.
Men's Senior flight:
First, Charlie Long, 147
Second, Mike Nelson, 155
Also playing were Jim Watson, Keith Dotson and Roy G. Stevens.
Men's Super Senior flight:
First, Buzz Thacker, 172
Second, Paul Westbrook, 175.

Conway Clary was closest to the pin on #3. Steve Buxkemper won closest to the pin on #6.

LADIES PLAY DAY
Ladies play day on September 5 was for most pars on even holes. Playing 18 holes were Geneva, Louise, LaVoe and Liv. Liv won the ball.
Playing 9 holes were Nell, Dartha W, Frances, Judy and Marihelen. Nell and Frances tied. Both won balls.

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Many selections to choose from!
Motley County Tribune

A Day That We Remember



September 11th! When we think of what this date represents, a flood of thoughts come racing through the brain. War! Past wars and battles won or lost. Our people were being hurt or killed. Many died and some became heroes without ever intending to be. These good people put their lives at risk to help others. This cheered our stunned spirits.

September 11th! A flood of memories that are painful reminders of what has been ours for so long has been because of the sacrifices of others. We lost our security. Our military might did not protect us. This brought about a different perspective of ourselves and of our relationship with our God. We even recounted our blessings as a nation. We remembered that half the world's population goes to bed hungry. We realized much of this world is held in the group of Godless governments or dictators. We have relearned that freedom as we know it in these United States of America, simply does not exist outside of our borders.

Benjamin Franklin at eighty-one years of age said: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this."

Surely our God has blessed us a nation. September 11th was hard on us. But our Lord still reigns and holds the future in His hands.

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Movement of Praying Youth Continues to Grow Annual See You at the Pole set for September 18

Lifting up prayers for America, its leaders and its youth, Motley County students will join others throughout the U.S. to come together around their school flagpoles on Wednesday, September 18 for the 13th annual See You at the Pole (SYATP), a grass roots prayer event that began in Texas in 1990. Students will gather around their school flagpoles at 7:00 a.m.

During the past 12 years, millions of young people have lifted voices, bended knees and joined hands to pray for the schools as part of See You at the Pole — National Day of Stu-

dent Prayer, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and their countries. "Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down" is the 2002 See You at the Pole (SYATP) theme, quoting from Isaiah 64:12. The prophet's cry for God to reveal Himself and "make His name known" is echoed in the fervent spirit of many teenagers as they have gathered for See You at the Pole over the years.

In 2001, barely a week after the terrorist attacks on America of September 11, more than 3 million young people met for SYATP in all 50 states

of the U.S. Many prayed passionately for the nation in crisis. There were also reports from countries on six continents, including Australia, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, S. Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Puerto Rico, S. Africa, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. See You at the Pole is a student-initiated and student-led movement that started in the Ft. Worth suburb of Burleson, Texas, in 1990. It originated with just one group, meeting at night at several schools around Burleson during a weekend retreat.

Campus Prayer Journey September 17

Many students who gathered around school flagpoles for "See You at the Pole" prayer event last September should find the task even more effective this year thanks to a similar effort by their parents and others the night before.

During the Sept. 17 Campus Prayer Journey 2002, individuals will walk, ride or drive around school campuses - praying not only for the safety of students, but for God to work supernaturally in the lives of students to lead them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. "This year we're asking the question what can happen when we pray," said Randy Brantley, founder of Campus Prayer Journey. "We're trying to help people get a vision for what can happen when God's people pray for the schools and for the students...It's the whole concept of praying down revival from heaven."

The event began in 1998 in the wake of the school shootings in Jonesboro, Ark., according to Brantley. "Our office was just bom-

barded with calls from people wanting to know what they could do as a church to respond to this tragedy," he said.

Prayer walks on campuses quickly emerged as an appropriate response. The walks were scheduled to provide prayer support for See You at the Pole, in which students gather around flagpoles before the beginning of the school day on the third Wednesday of each September.

"The idea was to encourage adults to become actively involved in going on campuses walking and praying for the salvation and safety of the students in the community," Brantley said. "Our vision was if every church would mobilize their congregation to pray for the school in the state." The concept caught on, and later the event was renamed Campus Prayer Journey -- to allow for other types of prayer encounters. It is part of an overall campus evangelism strategy that includes the Fish model for student-led Christian clubs on campuses and the commissioning of

students as campus missionaries.

Campus Prayer Journey also has spawned several variations, including a community-side rally in Raleigh, N.C., last year that drew 4,000 students and adults. "They were hoping to have several hundred people show up and we wound up having several thousand," Brantley said.

Locally a Campus Prayer Journey is being planned for Motley County school on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in front of the school. If you would like to participate or would like more information on the local Campus Prayer Journey, please contact Matt Crawford at 347-2038. Information is also available on the Internet at www.studentz.com/prayer.

Harvest Carnival set for October 18

The Eternas Study Club held their first meeting recently and set the 2002 Harvest Carnival for October 18. The carnival will be held in the old gym at Motley County ISD.

A Prince and Princess contest for Pre-K through Second grade and a King and Queen contest for Third through Sixth grade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each participant is encouraged to sell tickets. The one who sells the most tickets will be crowned the winners.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Fiesta Casserole, Green Beans, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Refried Beans, Chips, Jello/Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, French Fries, Pickle Spear, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Peas, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit, Milk.

Officers elected for National Honor Society

Brittany Perryman

Cooper

The Motley County ISD National Honor Society met on Friday, September 06, 2002. At this meeting, officers for the 2002-2003 school year were elected.

President - Brenda Gillespie
Vice President - Chantry Meyer
Secretary/Treasurer - Susana Mendoza
Reporter/Public Relations Officer - Cassie Campbell
Parliamentarian/Historian - Clint

The members are looking forward to an exciting year. They are planning to revamp the local chapter by-laws, conduct blood drives, and plan other community activities.

The Society would like to remind everyone that the first blood drive is on Monday, September 23, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the MCISD Multi-Purpose room. Anyone who is interested in donating blood may contact any NHS member or their sponsor, Kathy Gillespie.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS — Beginning at back, left to right, Brenda Gillespie, President; Chantry Meyer, Vice-President; Clint Cooper, Parliamentarian/Historian; Cassie Campbell, Reporter/Public Relations; (front) Susana Mendoza, Secretary/Treasurer.

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A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of kindness during my recovery from surgery. I enjoy receiving the cards and I appreciate your words of concern, and most of all I appreciate your prayers.

Shea Rose and family

I want to thank everyone that came to help me celebrate my 90th birthday. Thank you for the good food, well wishes, the lovely cards and the beautiful courage from Cleo. God bless each of you.

Mary Lumsden

Thank you to everyone who remembered us during this time of illness with cards, prayers, and phone calls. A special thanks to the Motley County EMT service.

Jesse and Beth Turner

It's not every day you fall off a roof, but when you do it's good to know you have friends like you. Thank you to everyone for all you have done and especially your thoughts and prayers. We appreciate everything. Please remember us in your daily thoughts and prayers.

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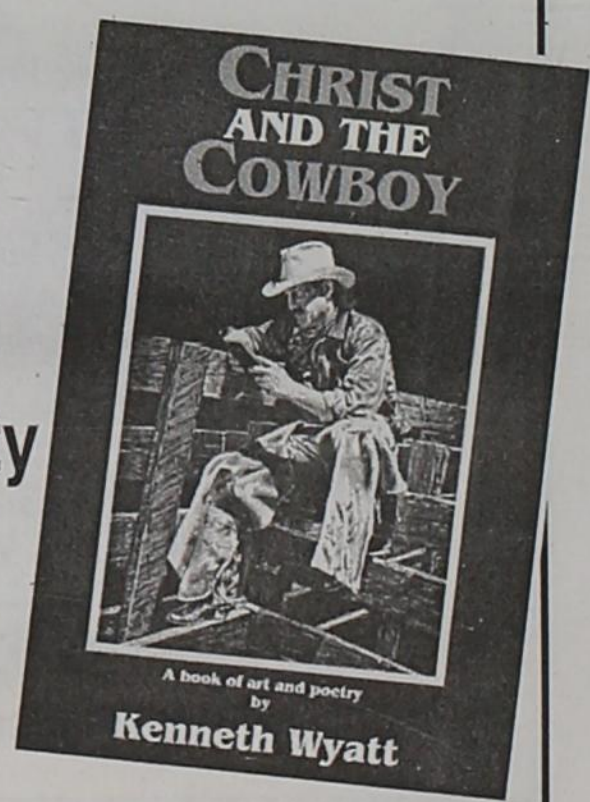
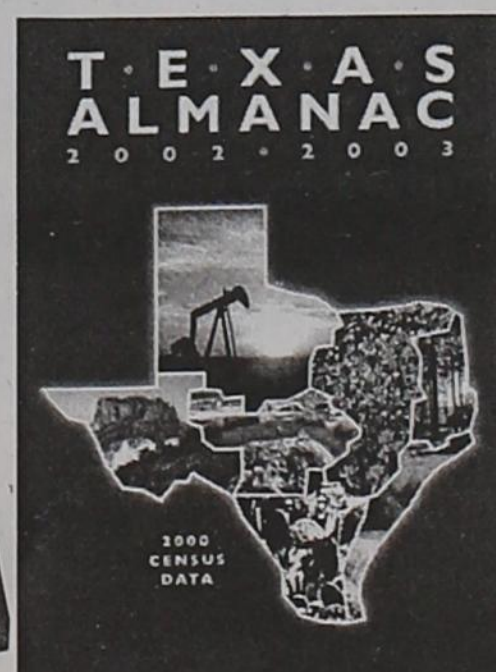
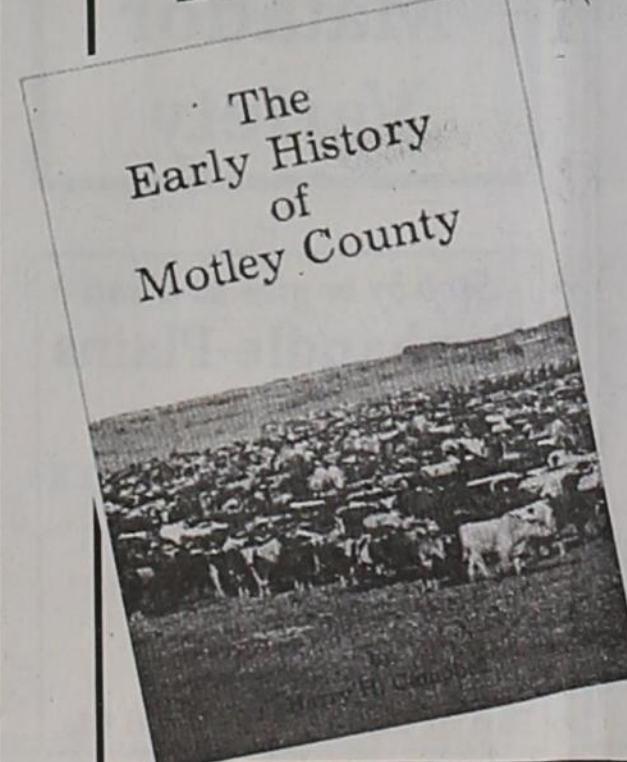
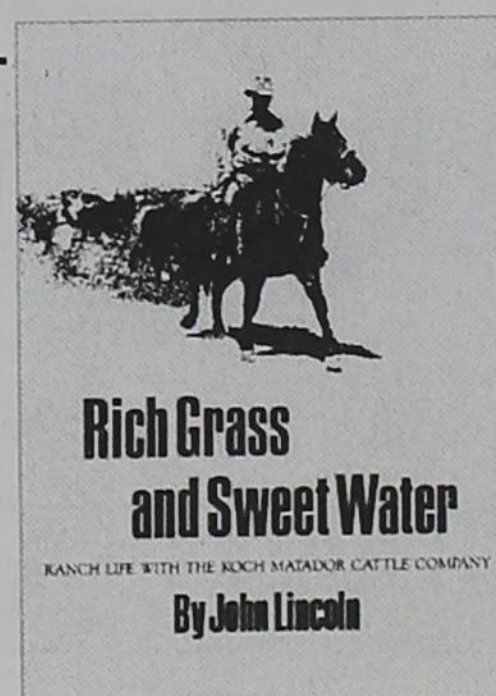
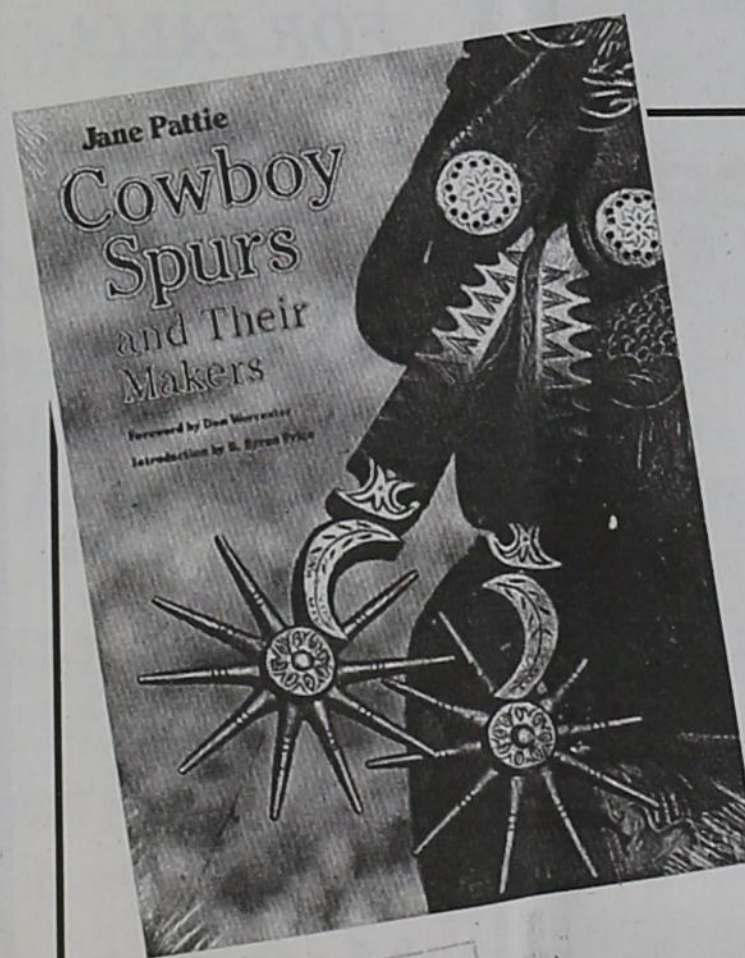
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PEANUT QUOTA BUYOUT PROGRAM (QBOP)
 Signup for the Peanut Quota Buyout Program began Tuesday, September 3rd. The signup will continue until November 22, 2002. Eligible peanut quota holders may complete a contract. A general eligible peanut quota holder is a person that owned a farm or tract on May 13, 2002. There are exceptions to this rule, such as an agreement to purchase land prior to May 13, 2002. An FSA-375, written contract, written agreement or verbal agreement is acceptable, if agreed upon by all associated parties in writing. For producers with a verbal agreement, certification, which must include the date of the agreement, pounds agree

upon, and associated farm numbers. All parties must sign the certification for it to be considered valid. Verbal agreements without the signed certification cannot be considered.
 Producers may elect to receive a yearly payment of 11 cents per pound; these payments will be made as soon as possible for 2002. For 2003-2007 QBOP payments will be issued no later than September 30th. Producers may also elect to take a lump sum payment of 55 cents per pound. This lump sum payment can be requested for any year. After a producer makes his selection, it can not be changed. If you have any questions concerning this program or any other program, please contact the FSA office at 347-2263.

Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

DISASTER AID: YES, NO OR MAYBE?

Advocating the need for disaster assistance is usually an uphill battle in Congress and the effort to secure a Crop Loss Disaster assistance package to offset weather related financial losses incurred in 2001 and 2002 has proven maybe more complicated than most.

Given the fact that efforts to secure the assistance have run parallel with the effort to secure passage of a new farm bill, the road to a 2001-2002 Crop Loss Disaster Program has had more than its share of detours and unexpected turns.

For the producers depending on the disaster program to shore up severely injured farm finances there is an understandable feeling that disaster assistance need to be completed yesterday. For the nonagricultural members of Congress who have a hard time seeing the differences in a backward looking Crop Disaster Program and the forward looking assistance implemented through the authority of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 the earlier phases of the debate were not how to get both, but why do you need a Disaster Program if we are writing a new Farm Bill to provide a safety net.

Folks involved in agriculture see clearly that without a Disaster Program there will be producers who will not be able to utilize the safety net provided by the new farm bill.

Rhetoric and misunderstanding have played a big part in the confu-

sion. What has never wavered, however, is the commitment of Plains Cotton Growers to find a way to deliver not just one or the other, but both.

In many cases the tactical decisions made to secure the best position for achieving the dual goal of getting a new Farm Bill and also winning passage of a supplemental Crop Loss Disaster Program have been misinterpreted and seen as a putting aside of one in favor of the other.

Efforts to move disaster assistance have been a top priority since the signing of the Farm Bill May 13. Those efforts have finally begun to get to a stage where debate and votes will take place. As early as next week the Senate is expected to vote on an amendment to the Interior Department Appropriations Bill that includes Crop and Livestock Disaster Assistance for 2001 and 2002.

With the mid term election season heating up and the fact both Democrat and Republican leadership have voiced support for a Disaster Assistance Program the odds that something will get done are improving.

The unknown answer at this time, and the point on which much of the political push and shove will come, is how a Disaster Program would be funded.

For producers who need the assistance the bottom-line is that they probably don't really care how it gets done, either through so-called budget offsets or through emergency funding, as long as it gets done.

Copper Breaks state park offers hunter safety course

Copper Breaks State Park will offer the state approved Hunter safety course on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15, 2002.

The 12-hour course is required by law for all hunters born after September 2, 1971. Proof of course completion must accompany hunting licenses. Course hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday with a half hour lunch. The class continues from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. It is suggested that participants bring a lunch for Saturday.

Enrollment is limited, with participation by reservation only. Participants must be 12 years old to receive certification. Younger hunters may attend the course if accompanied by any adult, but they cannot be certified.

Park Ranger Fred Woerndell will teach the course. He will be assisted by Bob Hopkins who is also a certified hunter safety instructor. Ranger Woerndell has been a certified hunter safety instructor for nine years and has served as a park ranger for twenty-five years.

A non refundable payment of \$10 per person is required for reservation in the course. Park admission, normally \$2 per person, will be waived for class participants. Hunting licenses are also available at the park during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

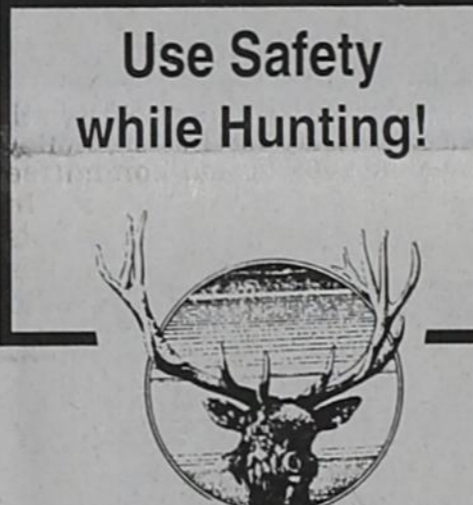
For more information on Copper Breaks State Park programs or facilities, or to sign up for the hunter safety course, call 940-839-4331 during business hours. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE: The Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers board will hold an open meeting at 8 p.m., Thursday, September 26, at the Tabernacle in Roaring Springs to discuss the future of the celebration and the proposal of forming a 501c 3 corporation.

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Special Election NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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