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### Legacy Exploration is a reality in Motley County

There's a lot going on near Whiteflat! Everyone in Motley County is talking about it. There have been a lot of stories around. What's all the buzz about? Legacy Exploration, that's what.

Legacy Exploration, which is owned by Mr. John Swanson of Branson, Missouri, is a natural gas operation now in full swing in Motley and Floyd counties.

"Work began on this project about seven years ago," Mr. Swanson said in an interview last week. "No one has really known anything about it until the last two years."

"WL Gore and Co. has been doing geo-chemical surveying for Legacy in this area the past two years for this project," he continued.

According to Mr. Swanson, the main development for this project is in Motley County and will extend to Floyd County. "We think the natural gas availability will be about half and half in Floyd and Motley Counties," he said.

Mr. Swanson explained that research has shown that the gas here is very high BTU and produces a lot of condensate. The condensate will be removed from the gas first. It will then be filtered through a larger facility to take out the propane and butane.

The propane/butane terminal will be located north of Whiteflat, where a large tank has already been set. The propane will be trucked to a pipeline terminal in Abilene. The condensate will be put in a BP Amoco pipeline which crosses property near Whiteflat. The dry natural gas will also go out by pipeline and an agreement with a major utility company has been made to purchase the gas. Another company will buy the propane.

"We must have thousands of acres of land for a gas line, for the reserves required, to justify the expense of the pipeline and

facilities," Mr. Swanson explained. "Currently a 20 mile 12 inch line is being laid to the main transmission line located in Floyd County."

"Natural gas wells are approximately 10,000 feet deep," he continued. "One well has been completed and has been tested." Mr. Swanson says he believes there will be a lot of natural gas in this area.

"Each well takes approximately 30 days to drill. After the first three wells, the process will step-up and there will probably be five drilling rigs running at one time," he explained.

Mr. Swanson explained that the project will employ contractors who will in turn employ several people to work who will most likely move here. "With this area basically being no-man's land, with everything so far away, it will be necessary to bring people in," he said.

The main office for Legacy Exploration is in Arlington, Texas, with another office in

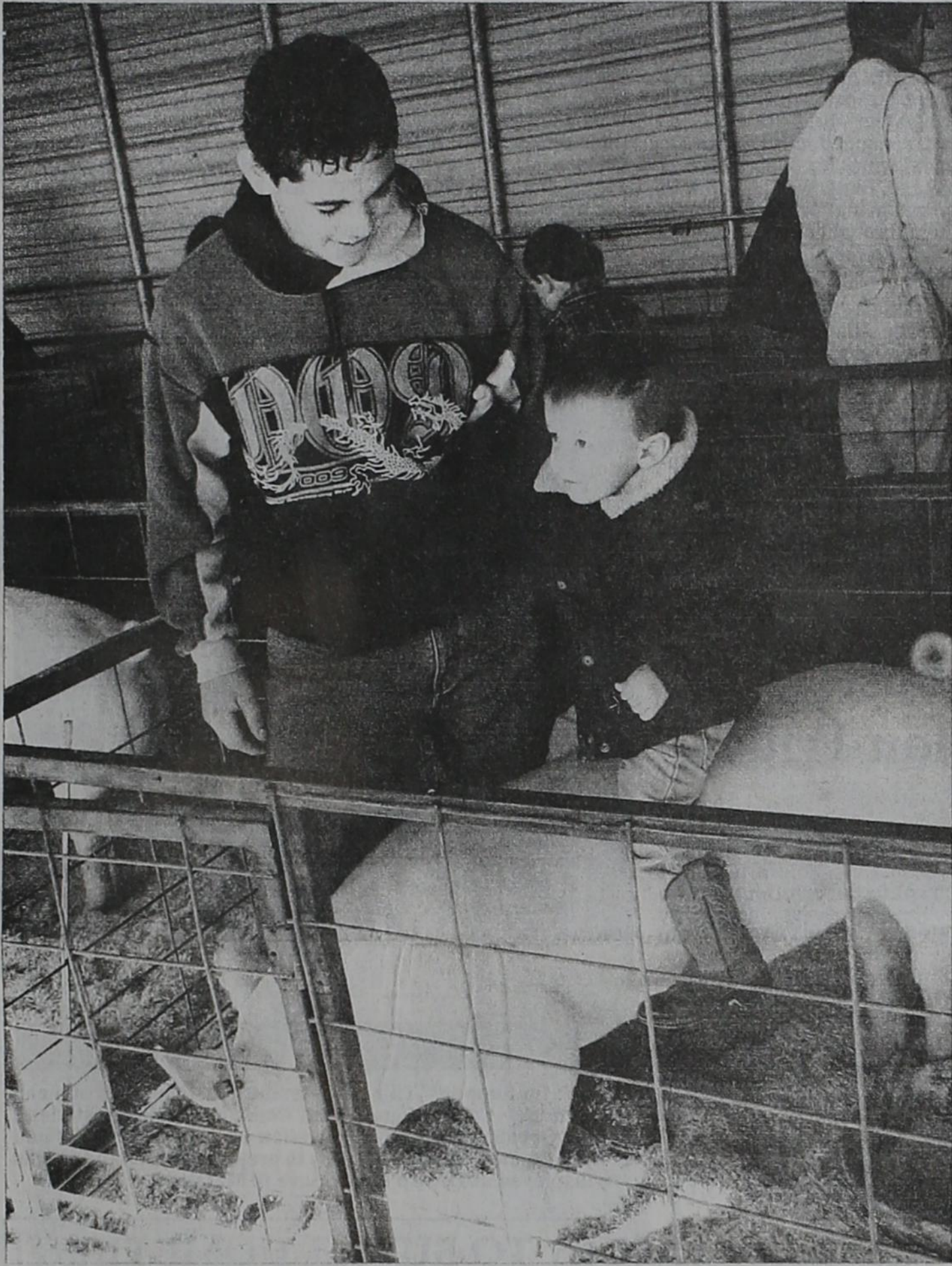
Houston, and now Quitaque and Matador. "The Quitaque office is more administrative and the Matador office will be a headquarters for the engineers," Mr. Swanson explained.

Carrie Buckner of Matador is the office manager for the Matador location, which is housed in the second floor above City Hall. "She keeps everything in order, answers the phone and goes back and forth between this office and the Quitaque office," said Swanson.

Jerry Kohl, who recently moved here with his family, is employed as a dozer operator.

Mr. Swanson said he appreciates the cooperation he has received from the people here. He especially wanted to thank Market Matador and the people of Matador.

"We have a lot invested in this project. All the preliminary work and front-end work has basically been done," Mr. Swanson said. "Now it's time to get down to business."



#### This thing isn't going to buck, is it? ...

Little Cameron Stafford holds on while he sits on Matthew Martin's hog before last Saturday's Stock Show. Matthew received second place in the medium weight division. Cameron is the son of David and Cynthia Stafford of Matador.

photo by Walter Taylor

### 63rd Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show results announced

The 63rd annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show went off without a hitch on a beautiful, sunny Saturday, February 22. Motley County FFA and 4-H members had the chance to show their prize animals. Some fared better than others, but all of the participants are winners.

Below are a list of the results:

#### SWINE SHOW

Grand Champion, Clint Cooper.  
Reserve Champion, Reagan Elliott.  
Showmanship, Clay Cooper.

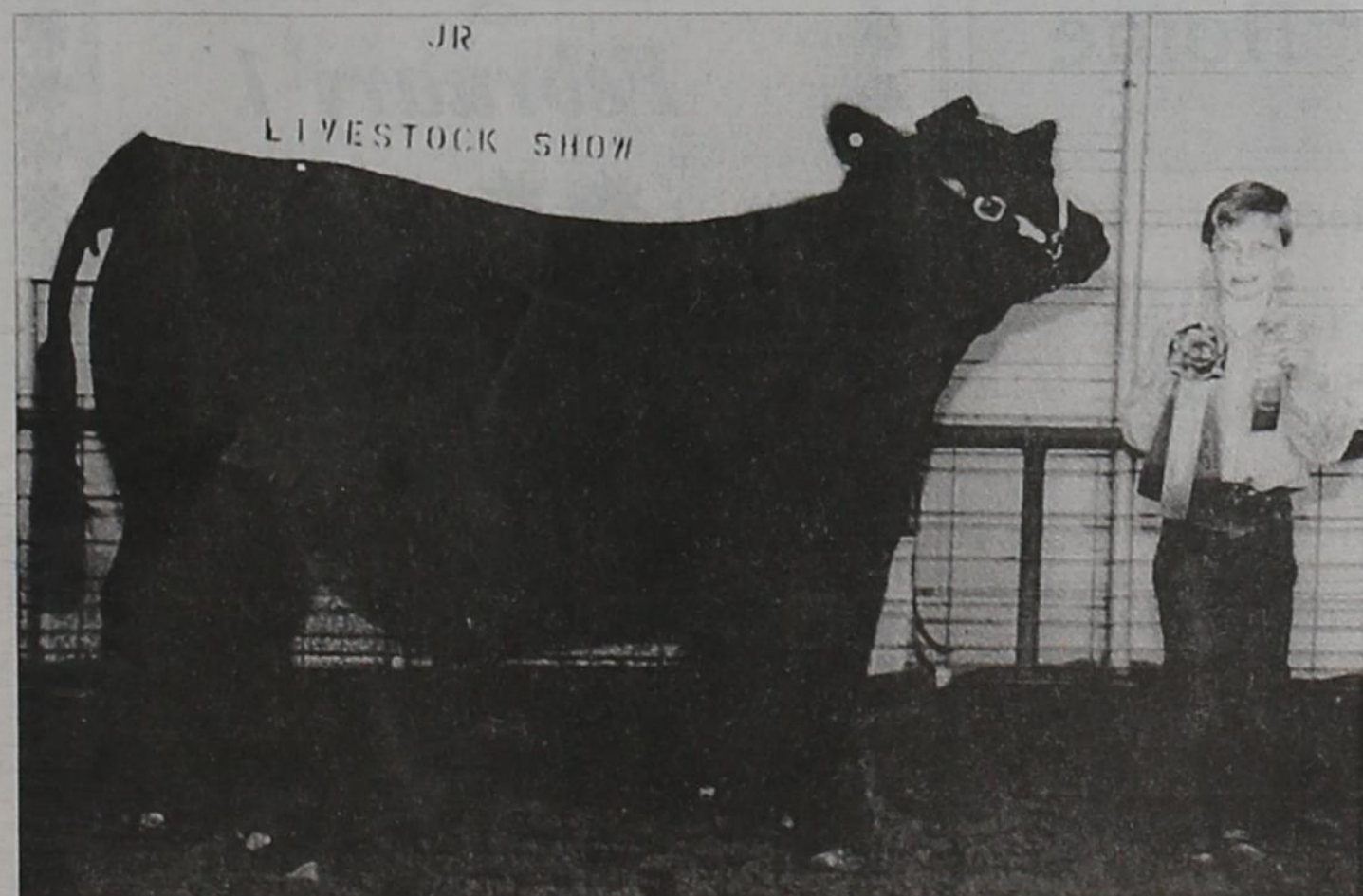
#### Light Wt. Class Placing:

1st, Clint Cooper  
2nd, Clay Cooper  
3rd, Brandon Martin  
4th, Kenny Johannes  
5th, Cody Cooper  
6th, Chance Bingham

#### Medium Wt. Class Placing:

1st, Cody Cooper

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Garrett Jenschke received the award for showing the Grand Champion Steer at last Saturday's 63rd Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show. See results above and more pictures inside.

### Market Matador receives big donation of city lots

Herman A. (Arvin) Ellithorp of Harker Heights, Texas, recently presented local Economic Development Corporation, Market Matador Inc., with 47 city lots. Mr. Ellithorp generously donated the 47 lots he owned in Matador to further Market Matador's objective of attracting new business to the area.

The board members of Market Matador are working continually to put together land and buildings that might attract new industry to this rural community. Growth and expansion are the only means of survival for

small towns today and competition is intense. Many of the surrounding towns have also put together Economic Development Boards and are using any available tools to promote their towns and resources.

Market Matador, Inc. seats five board members: Craig Turner, Roy Hobbs, Charlie Johnson, Penny Pipkin, and Bobby Williams. Mayor Rodney Williams and Councilman Fred Parson are also actively involved. Local citizens and business owners are always welcome at meetings. The organization is also a Texas, Non-

Profit Organization and can offer donors a tax write-off for donations of any size or kind.

Market Matador Inc. hopes their efforts will attract business and industry and create jobs for citizens and enable them to stay in the area. Every year small towns lose more and more of their populations to larger cities that can offer career opportunities.

If you would like to work with Market Matador Inc. or make a donation of any kind please contact a board member or call 347-2691 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Matador VFD to sponsor Annual Wildland School

The Matador/Motley County Volunteer Fire Department, along with the cooperative effort of the Panhandle Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association and the State Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas, will host the Fourth Annual Matador/Motley County Wildland Fire School this March 1, 2001, at the Matador Fire Department, 1000 Eubank, Mata-

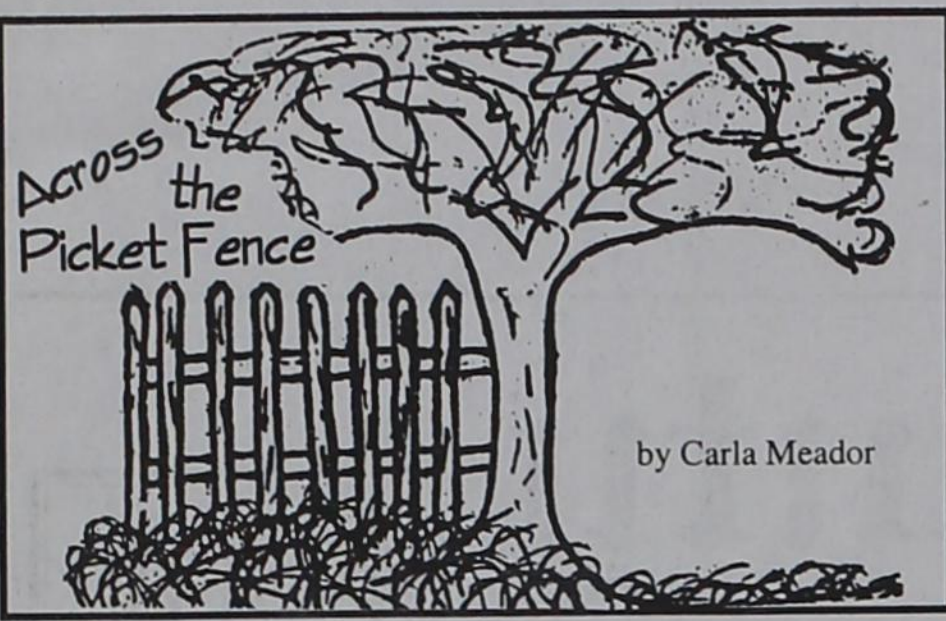
dor, Texas. The Emergency Services Training Institute of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, and the Texas Forest Service will conduct the academy.

This year's academy will provide local firefighting and industry resources with several courses focusing on wildland firefighting tactics and equipment use. The academy will also

feature a hands-on controlled burn training exercise (this controlled burn will be contingent upon optimal weather). The burn exercise will take place on Saturday, March 1st at one 1:00 p.m.

For more information on the academy or registration information, please call Rodney Williams at (806) 347-2487.





I am so glad that I didn't have to take a test to get out of school! I don't know how these kids survive. The new TAKS test (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) is replacing the TAAS test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills). Whew! That's a mouth full!

I wouldn't want to mention any names, but there were some of us, when I was in high school, who did a lot of playing and not much schooling. I just don't know if we had much knowledge and skills. Not to take anything away from our teachers. We had some wonderful teachers, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Timmons - they were great. Now, I could do real well on a test that I could study for, but

you can't really even study for these tests, if I understand correctly.

Amanda says this test is harder than the TAAS test. She said the PTO and students put on a pep rally Monday, the day before the practice test. She had pictures of some of the teachers doing a yell, but we didn't have room this week.

Well, anyway my hat goes off to these kids. Most of them are so involved in sports and other activities that they have very little spare time. To have to think of passing a test before you can graduate, well, that would have been just too much for me I think.  
Good luck MC students!

### First Baptist Church will host Women's Salad Supper Thursday night

Area women are reminded of the "Showers of Blessings" Women's Salad Supper to be held at the First Baptist Church, Matador, Thursday (tonight), February 27, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

## Thank You

Our family can never express our gratitude for the support and concern and love we have felt in the last week. Your presence at the funeral and at our home, the beautiful flowers, the food, the cards, and the memorials to Gale have helped ease our sorrow each day. We want everyone to know that we have the best EMT's anywhere, and that we, as a community, need to be especially proud of them. Thank you from all of us for honoring Gale in so many ways.

Lindy Stafford  
Wesley & Tammie Stafford, Connor & Collin  
David & Cynthia Stafford & Cameron  
Bob & Diana Stafford & family  
Richard & Julia Stafford & family  
Shirley & Jerry Roberson & family

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to those who brought food, sent flowers and cards, made donations, phone calls and lifted us up in prayer during the loss of our loved one. Our special thanks to Linda Conaway and all of the Hospice of Lubbock personnel. You made it possible for us to fulfill her wish to remain at home. To live where so many people care and respond when you have a loss in your family is an honor and a privilege.

God Bless you dear friends,  
The family of Irene Blasingame

I would like to say thanks to the many friends for their prayers in my behalf. The precious people of Premier Inc. for prayer throughout the world. Thanks for the cards, flowers, calls, food. Christian friends are a treasure.

Thanks,  
Dan

We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, phone calls and words of comfort. We especially thank you for your prayers at the loss of our loved one, Odessa Mullins. May God comfort you in your time of need.

Lester & Linda Mullins & family  
Bobby & Marie Mullins & family

We would like to thank the Motley County Chamber of Commerce and businesses for the welcoming basket and making us feel welcome in Motley County. Your kindness is appreciated.

Jerry, Jeanetta & Nikki Kohl

Love truth, but pardon error.

—Voltaire

### Pain and Sufferings



In dealing with pain and suffering there are times when we want to yell at the heavens, "WHY GOD?" We find ourselves not alone in that very old question. One of the "ancients" that lived about the time of Abraham questioned the pain and suffering that affects humanity in this world. His name was Job.

Job asked and got his "wish". Here was the prototype of innocent suffering. He will get a response from God. God's reply to Job's question makes up one of the longest single speeches in the Bible. So in that long speech what did God say to the man who had lost everything but just wanted an answer to his question?

What God did not say was, "I sure am sorry for your unfair treatment." Nor did God suggest to Job that he might be somehow better off with a loathsome disease. No, the Great Creator proceeded to sweep Job off his feet with a series of questions, not answers. Each question God asked Job had to do with the evidence of His magnificent power seen in the creation of our world. So how did God answer Job's question? He didn't. That's right. He did not!

God wanted Job to focus all his trust on God and not on himself. The point being: A God wise enough to rule the universe is wise enough to be aware of what is happening in the lives of His children.

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## El Progresso Club enjoys Valentine party

by Beverly Vinson

Valentines greeted all who entered the home of Rick and Lana Copp, when the El Progresso Club met for their annual Baked Potato-Bingo Party. The gray day was made bright by many of the members being dressed in red - what a bright atmosphere! Tables were laid with red tableware, flowers centered each table, and chocolate hearts adorned each place setting, with the traditional candy hearts strewn down the center of the table. To top that off each member was given a large chocolate egg wrapped in gold to make it an even more gala day. Each member brought something to contribute to the delicious baked potato - chili, cheese, onion, bacon bits, with olives, pickled beets and many other delicious accompaniments to a great meal. The invocation was given by Fredia Burns.

Before guests arrived, the meeting was called to order in the living room, by president Lana Copp. The usual business was carried out. A reminder to

the members that Guest Night will be held March 13 at the Motley County School Cafeteria, and then move to the TV Room where the program will take place.

Prior to the meal the pledge to the U.S. Flag was given to show the club's support of the petition that was handed out concerning declaring the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag "unconstitutional" because the words "Under God" are contained in it. After the meal, which was calorie free, of course, Bingo was played with prizes being "White Elephant" items brought by each member to make for a fun-filled afternoon.

Those attending were Jeanne Adams, Sharon Allen, Fredia Burns, Loys Campbell, Lucretia (Estes) Campbell, Lana Copp, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Opal Pipkin, Shirley Smith and guest Barbara (her future granddaughter-in-law), Beverly Vinson, Lu Walker, Grace Campbell and Joanne Dickson. Other guests were Elaine Hart and Judy Cartwright.

## Library will host book discussion Friday

A distinguished panel of Motley County residents will discuss selected works of Ellis Peters at 7:00 P.M. at the library, Friday, February 28. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served.

Ellis Peters wrote novels of Medieval suspense, set in Twelfth Century England and featuring a fictional monk, Brother Cadfael. Even though the stories are fiction, the setting, both in time and place are not. Set against a background of the historical struggle for power between Empress Maud and King Stephen, the reader is given a fascinating glimpse of

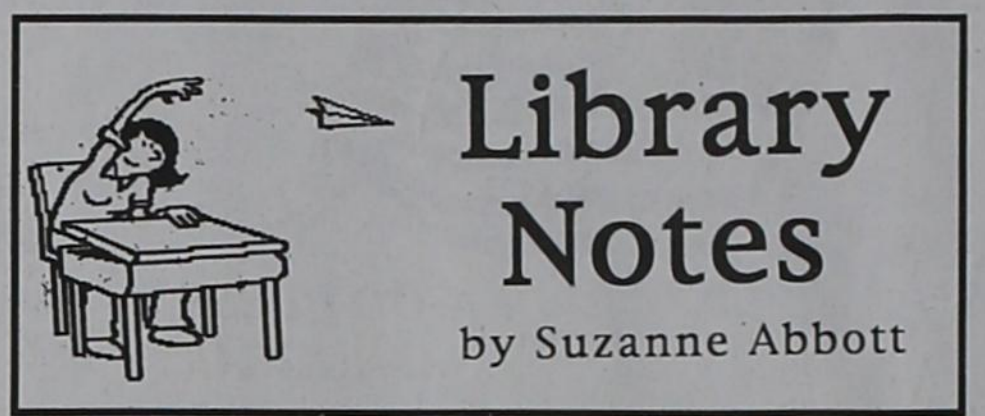
life as it was in medieval times.

To make things even more interesting, Peters presents graphic descriptions of the herbs and salves, concocted by Brother Cadfael, that were used in those days for healing. Brother Cadfael is a herbalist in the Monastery of Shrewsbury, a place that really existed.

On Friday night, each of four books will be discussed for a short time and then a A & E video of one of the books will be shown, complete with popcorn. Make plans to be at the library for this evening of mystery, history, and fun.



RED HAT LUNCHEON — Members of the local Red Hat Society recently enjoyed a luncheon at the Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs.

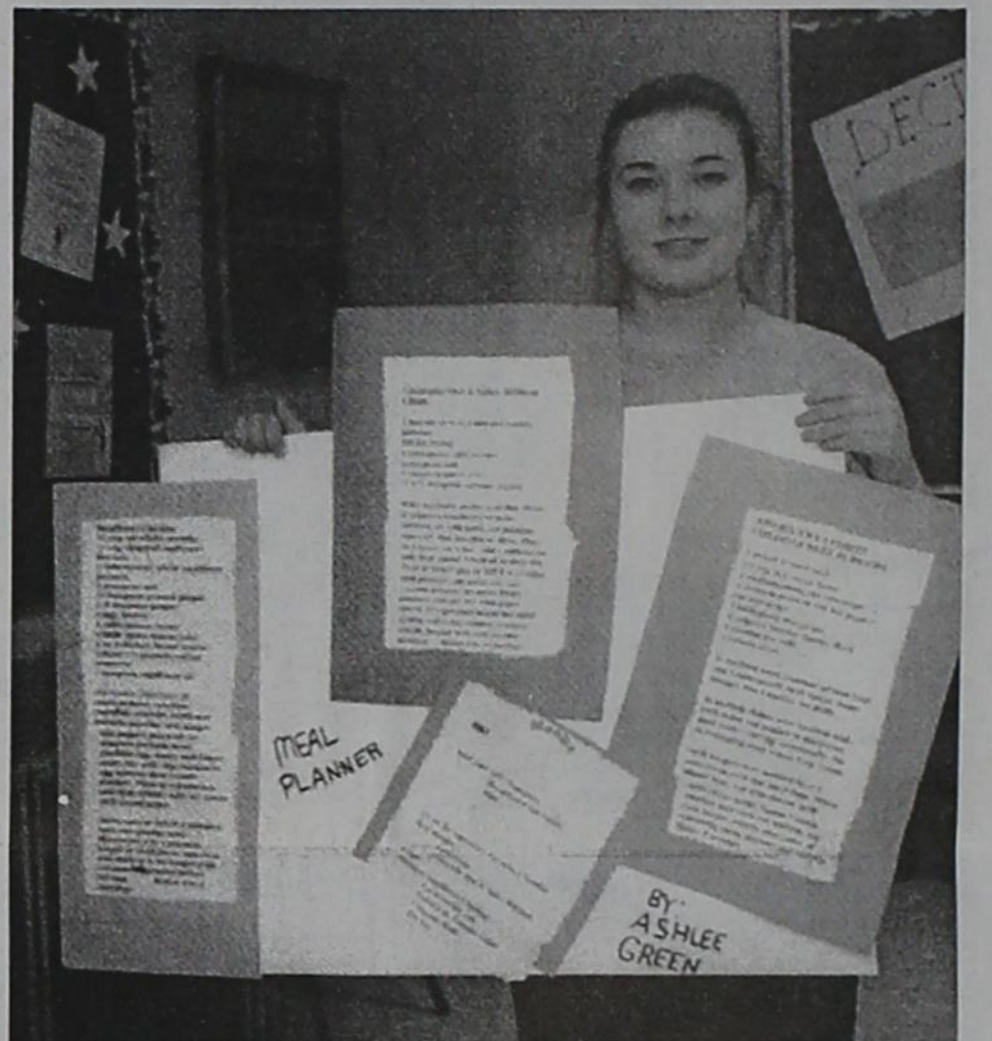


We appreciate the memorial donations that were sent to the library this week. We thank the following people: JoAnn and Bill Durham for their memorial to Gale Stafford, Glenda and Rodney Williams for their donation in memory of Kenny Abbott, Opal and Charley Johnson for their donations in memory of Odessa Mullins and Evelyn Jones, and to Doris Moore for her memorial to Gale Stafford. We also appreciate the donations from Brenda and Darrell Cruse and from Marihelen Wason in memory of Gale Stafford. We thank Pam and Jeff Thacker for their donation in memory of Gale Stafford.

Tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. there will be a book discussion at the library. Be sure to come and join the fun. Also, please remember that Friends of the Library dues for 2003 are due.

You can pay your dues Friday night at the book discussion or you can bring them by the library or you can mail them to Friends of the Library, PO Box 557, Matador, TX 79244.

New books include Jeffrey Archer's *Sons of Fortune* and Steve Martin's *The Arraignment*. Both of these are good authors and I know you will enjoy these latest books. We also have the newest by Deborah Smith, *Sweet Hush*.



"What's for Supper?" This is a common question asked at mealtime. Motley County Family and Consumer Science student, Ashlee Green, answers this question by planning menus and recipes for mealtime. These easy to prepare recipes and menus are displayed at Lowe's Pay-N-Save in Matador.

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## LIVESTOCK SHOW



**PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP** — These youngsters participated in the Peewee Hog Showmanship division at last Saturday's Stock Show. Left to right are Logan Salazar, Garrett Jameson, Drew Lust, Ty Lust, Austin Taylor, Korbyn Simpson, Bryant Simpson, Seth Baxter, Mattie Brooks, Ruby Klebhan, Mercy Klebhan, Bryson Elliott, Shelby Elliott, Carly Turner, Cassidy Turner, and Cameron Stafford.

## SCHOOL MENU

**MONDAY, MARCH 3.**

**Breakfast:** cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

**Lunch:** spaghetti, meatball, sauce, broccoli, cheese sticks, jello, milk.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4.**

**Breakfast:** biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, potato faces, cookie, 1/2 apple, milk.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.**

**Breakfast:** pancake, sausage, syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, honey, milk.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6.**

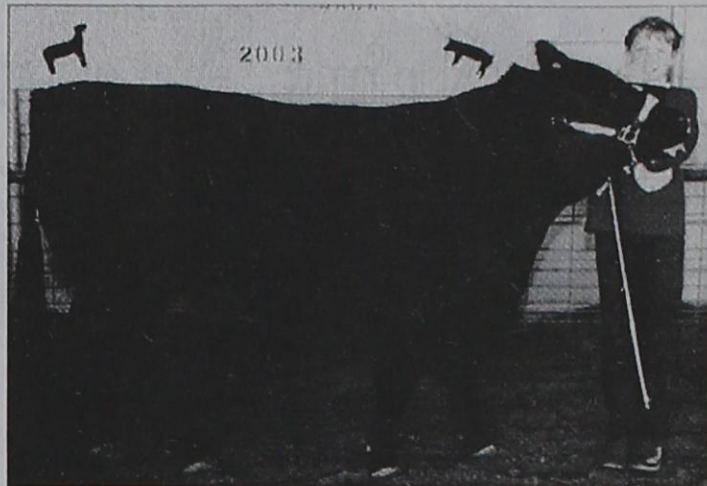
**Breakfast:** hot cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

**Lunch:** tamales, refried beans, salad, tortilla chips, fruit, milk.

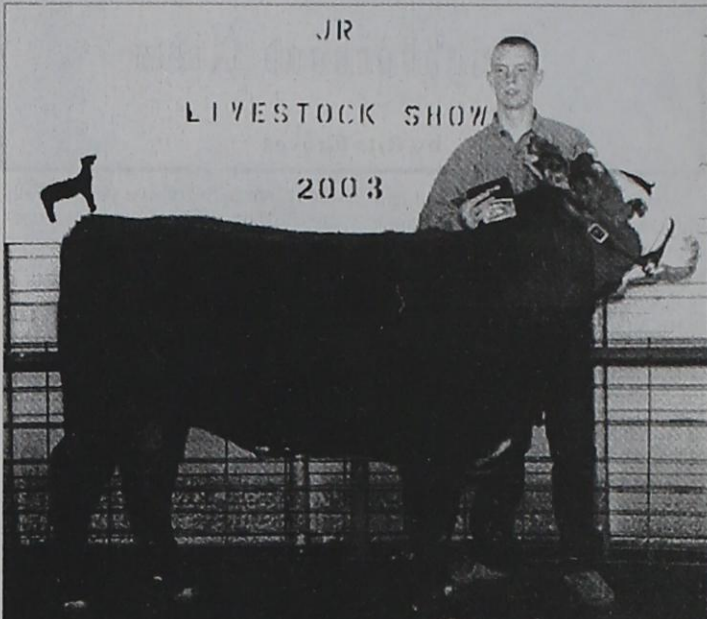
**FRIDAY, MARCH 7.**

**Breakfast:** biscuit, sausage, gravy, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** BBQ on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, chips, no bake cookie, milk.



**RESERVE CHAMPION STEER** — Shane'a Russell.

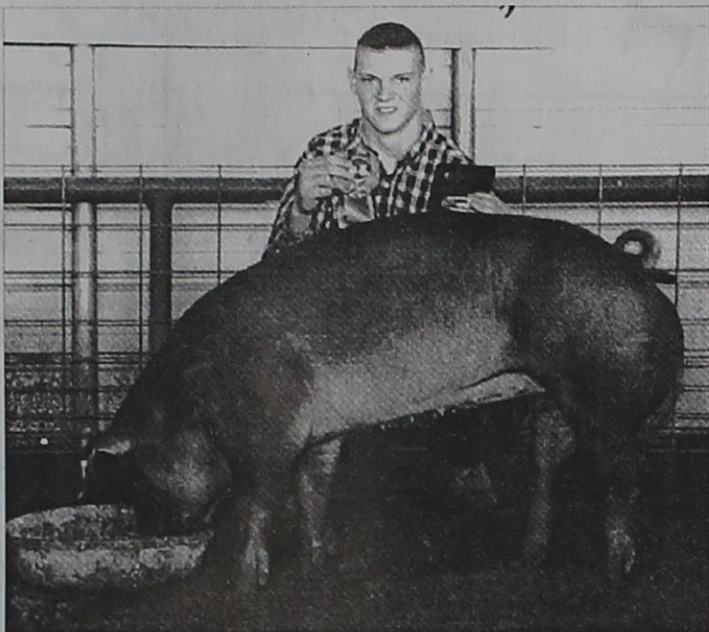


**SHOWMANSHIP AWARD, STEER SHOW** — Clay Cooper

## Kids' Praise March 5th

Kids Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, March 5, 5:00-6:00 p.m. All children of the community, 2 years through 6th grade are invited to attend. Songs, crafts, a Bible story and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Kid's Praise is sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.



**GRAND CHAMPION HOG** — Clint Cooper



**RESERVE CHAMPION HOG** — Reagan Elliott



**SHOWMANSHIP HOG** — Clay Cooper

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**GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT**, Mandi Ream, left; Reserve Champion, Charli Ream.

What's Happening?

**THURSDAY, FEB. 27:** Girls Golf @ Childress.  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 28:** Blood Drive, HS Track @ Wayland, PTO Pajama Party.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman and Lula Swim met Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Harris and Mrs. Opal Baum in Gainesville on Friday for lunch and visiting. They visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alderson, in McKinney, for the weekend. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Ray

McCallom and Mrs. Elmire Hill of Bella Vista, Arkansas; Mrs. Ruby Miller and her two daughters of Celeste; Mr. Homer Alderson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler of Plano; Mrs. Emma Harris and daughter and husband of Cleburne.

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Kudos to the Newsboy who can hit your front porch with the Paper when the temperature is 8 degrees above zero! Just another blessing that comes to the elderly who live in the City of Roaring Springs.

Reading a recent report of the "open forum" of a school board meeting makes one wonder about the future of the SCHOOL and search for an alternative. Then the solution came to mind. Only half-way listening to a news report, the answer came as clear as a bell.

By then, computers will be out of date - they only stay alive now by upgrading at least twice a year. We will be singing a sad song of, "where have all the girls and boys gone." The perfect solution of what to do with hungry youth had once been of turning the prison yards into college campuses, but no one seemed to think we could control college age children unless we learned how to control grade school children first.

I remember exactly why I had rather trudge off to school with my biscuit in a bucket than to go to the cotton patch. Modern children are not offered such a pleasant choice. I remember that we have a war

about every thirty-five years. Well, the third one is just around the corner. I sat on the front step of our town house when the Armistice was being celebrated at the end of "the War to end all Wars"! That was the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year!

"Pearl Harbor" happened while I was in a picture show on a Sunday afternoon, while Algie sat with son Pat while I "waited" for Mike. Jim, Pat, and Mike were with me in Matador when the siren "went off" in the night of D-Day, and in college finishing work on my college degree, with Jim, Pat, and Mike, when 1946 brought the end of World War II. And here I am just sitting not even in supplies (I have plenty of Duct tape) for another onslaught. Just following my favorite pursuit of just "spouting off".

Surprise! I thought Patty Lane was a speaker who came to town to speak to the Lions Club. Nobody dares tell me anything, for fear I will repeat it. Well, all in one day, just sitting here, I learned I've known Patty Lane since before "when"! And let me remind you that God is still on his throne. Take it easy.

## Matador News

Truitt Read was conveyed by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Sunday February 16. He had emergency surgery Monday, February 17. At news time he is still hospitalized.

Vann Francis was involved in a

horse accident February 19 when overseeing his cattle operations at Lucky Knob. He was conveyed to the University Medical Center in Lubbock. He suffered a broken hip, leg and ribs. He had surgery Thursday, February 20th.

## Obituaries

### Wanda Copeland

Graveside rites for Wanda Copeland, 65, of Afton, were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Dickens Cemetery in Dickens. Officiating was David Peebles, of Lubbock. Interment was in Dickens Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Copeland died early Monday, February 24, 2003, at Crosbyton Hospital in Crosbyton.

She was born January 30, 1938, at Brownwood, Texas, and had been a lifelong resident of Dickens County. She was married to Robert Copeland on June 11, 1955, at

Dickens. She was a homemaker, and farmed with her husband. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Doug Meador of Ozona and Susan and Ray Thomas of Matador; one sister, Billie Smith of Buffalo Springs Lake, Texas; two grandchildren, Doug Meador, Jr. of Kingwood and Sherri Thomas of Matador; and one great-grandchild, Claire Meador of Kingwood.

The family has suggested memorials to Chorus of Angels, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock, TX 79410.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### HOSPITAL NEWS

L.E. Shorter was a patient from Monday until Friday at the Mangold Hospital in Lockney under medical treatment for pneumonia.

Mrs. Coy (Connie) Franks was in Lubbock Monday, morning, Feb. 24 to be with her son, Cary Franks who had surgery on his injured foot at the Covenant Medical Center.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney from Sunday until Thursday. Her daughter, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty is visiting her during her recuperation.

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Wilburn and Trula Martin and Mrs. Waydeta Clay visited from Friday until Sunday in Granbury with sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Friday for Orville's medical tests.

Mark and Kathleen Wason and son, Dalton of Casper, Wyoming visited Saturday with his sister and family, Brenda and Darrell Cruse and son, Derrick.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg.

Travis Kendall and sons, Cory Kendall of Midland and Tim Kendall of Flomot were in Westminster, California from Friday until Saturday moving Richard March to Quitaque. Mr. March is the father of Mrs. Travis (Linda) Kendall.

Ms. Beatrice Skaggs and chil-

dren, Caitlynn and Cayden of Matador visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay, Sunday.

Mrs. Tim (Gwen) Mandrell, Dustin, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock visited Saturday night and Sunday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains, Julie, Neal and Caden Edwards, Tina, Pat, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker Carson and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot. Mrs. Lane who was a resident at the Lockney Care Center for many week is recuperating from an illness was glad to return to her home in Turkey this week.

Cara Franks of Canyon visited Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks. Visiting them from Friday until Monday morning was son, Cary Franks of Lubbock.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited recently in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Browning.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her medical appointments. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Starkey.

Aleda and Tom Ross were in Lubbock, Wednesday for her medical appointment. They visited Mrs. Elizabeth Andested and Mrs. Ruth Williams before returning home.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Strakey, Friday.

## Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Recalling his youth in East Texas in the 1920's, a man from San Angelo said as the oldest of three children, he got to bathe first every Saturday night in the No. 3 washtub. His two siblings followed using the same water.

Years later after moving to West Texas, he ran into a bully who snarled, "I understand you East Texans bathe just once a week."

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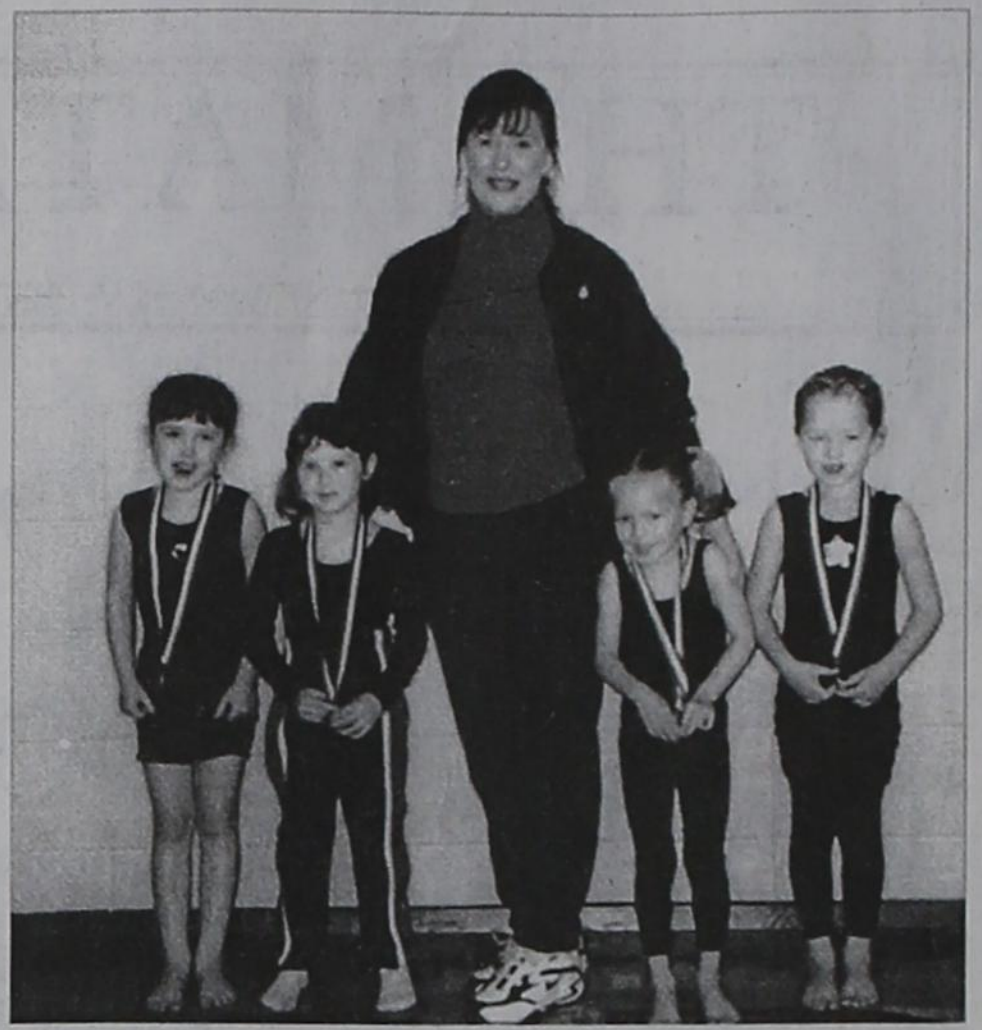
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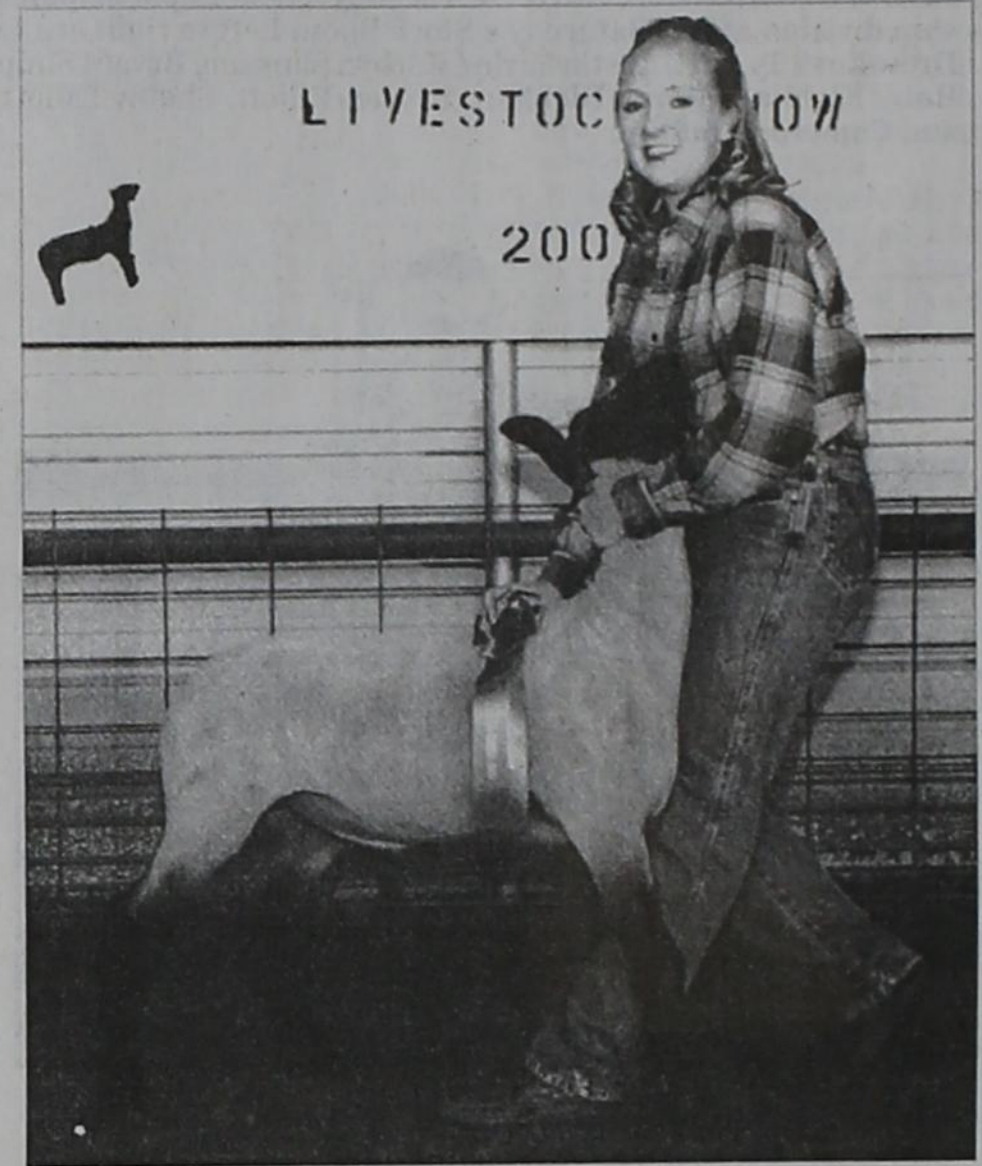
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These little gymnast performed at New Deal, February 22. Pictured left to right are Meagan Ford, daughter of Gary and Denise Ford of Roaring Springs, who placed first in her division; Maegan Jameson, daughter of Brad and Mindy Jameson of Matador, placed first in her division; Instructor Sherry of Floydada; Macie Marshall, daughter of Brent and Jana Marshall of Matador, placed third in her division; Katie Barton, daughter of Bobby and Brooke Barton of Matador, placed first in her division.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB & SHOWMANSHIP AWARD — Cassie Campbell

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 a.m. March 10, 2003

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 24, 2003. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 2003. 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 or 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; 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 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 form 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 2003

#### District 2

Jim Crawford  
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RR 4 Box 68  
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Charles Huffman  
RR 1 Box 145  
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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



**HONORED FOR SERVICE** — James Bearden, left, was presented a distinguished service award for serving as a director of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District for over 25 years. Daton Elam, vice chairman of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, presented the award.

## James Bearden receives SWCD Service Award

James Bearden of Roaring Springs, was honored with the presentation of a distinguished service award at the February 19th meeting of the South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Mr. Bearden has served as a director of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District for over 25 years. Daton Elam, vice chairman, of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board presented the award. James has been an out-

standing director of the local district supporting the conservation movement locally, statewide and at the national level.

The soil and water conservation district is a sub-division of the State of Texas government. The district is governed by a board of five directors who volunteer their time and efforts to promote the conservation movement and provide clean air, clean water, and reduce soil erosion on this nation's lands.

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by Debbie Shaw, CED



Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced that the USDA is establishing a disaster assistance working group to ensure timely and efficient implementation of program benefits contained in the \$3.1 billion disaster assistance package passed by Congress.

"We want to make sure that the disaster aid implementation is a farmer friendly process and our team at USDA is going to work to ensure that the program benefits reach producers as quickly as possible," said Veneman. "This working group will examine ways to expedite the process and cut red tape if possible to get program benefits in the hands of farmers and ranchers."

While it is still too early for USDA to determine when sign-up for the various disaster assistance programs will be available, this working group will begin examining program requirements and appropriate timetable. The disaster assistance programs contained in the measure will require producers to sign-up to receive program benefits through local Farm Service agency offices. This will take USDA additional time to establish regulatory guidelines and write computer software pro-

grams so county offices are able to perform sign-up when those timeframes are announced.

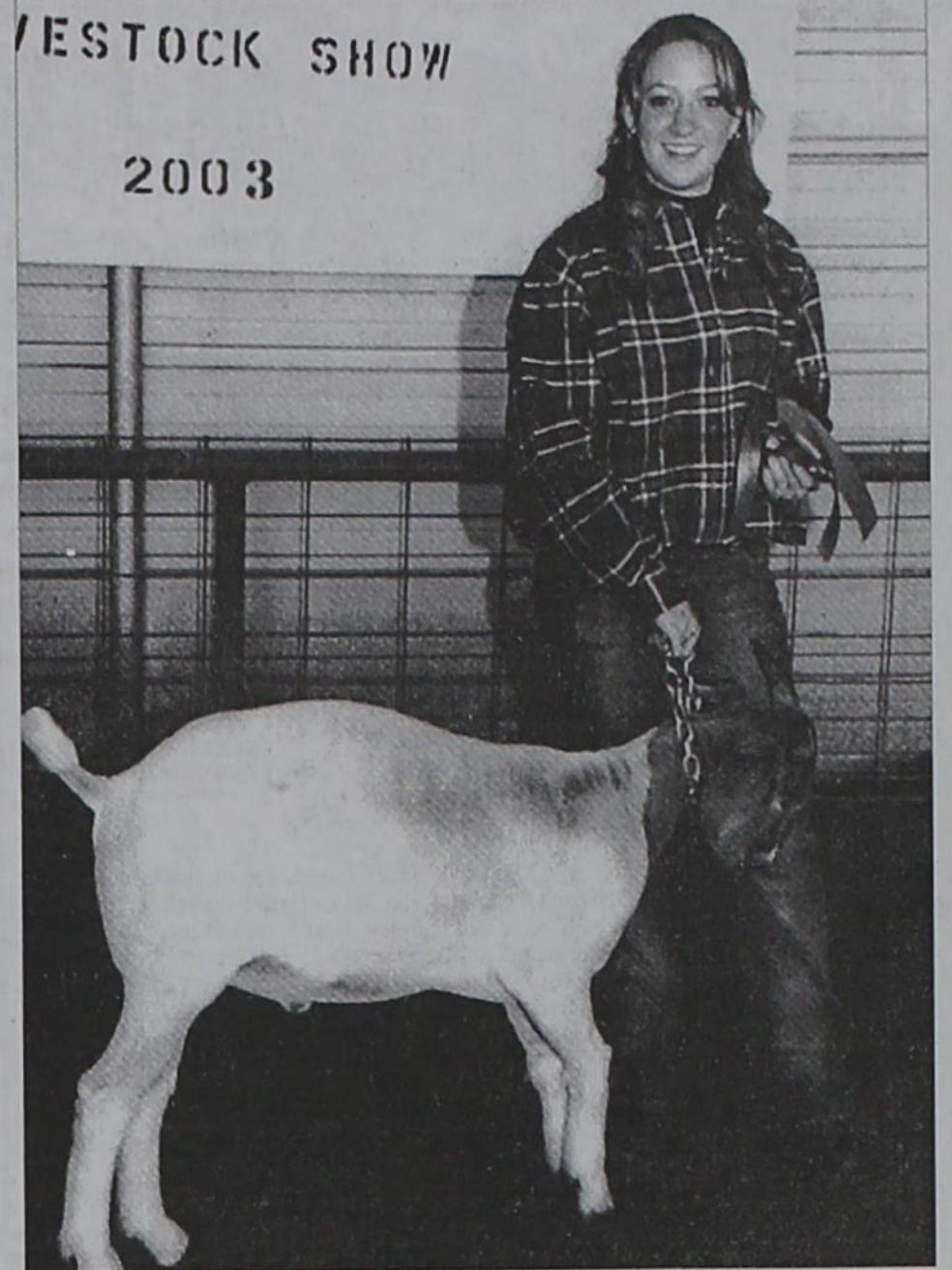
The working group, much like USDA's Farm Bill working group, will consist of the Secretary's Sub-cabinet officials, USDA's Chief Economist, Budget Director and other ensuring appropriate planning, coordination and implementation of the disaster programs.

As part of the disaster aid implementation process, USDA will launch a new website next week for producers to utilize that will contain information about the disaster assistance programs, questions and answers, as well as other pertinent data. The website will also contain a comments and suggestions section to encourage producers and interested parties to provide input to USDA on how best to move the implementation process forward.

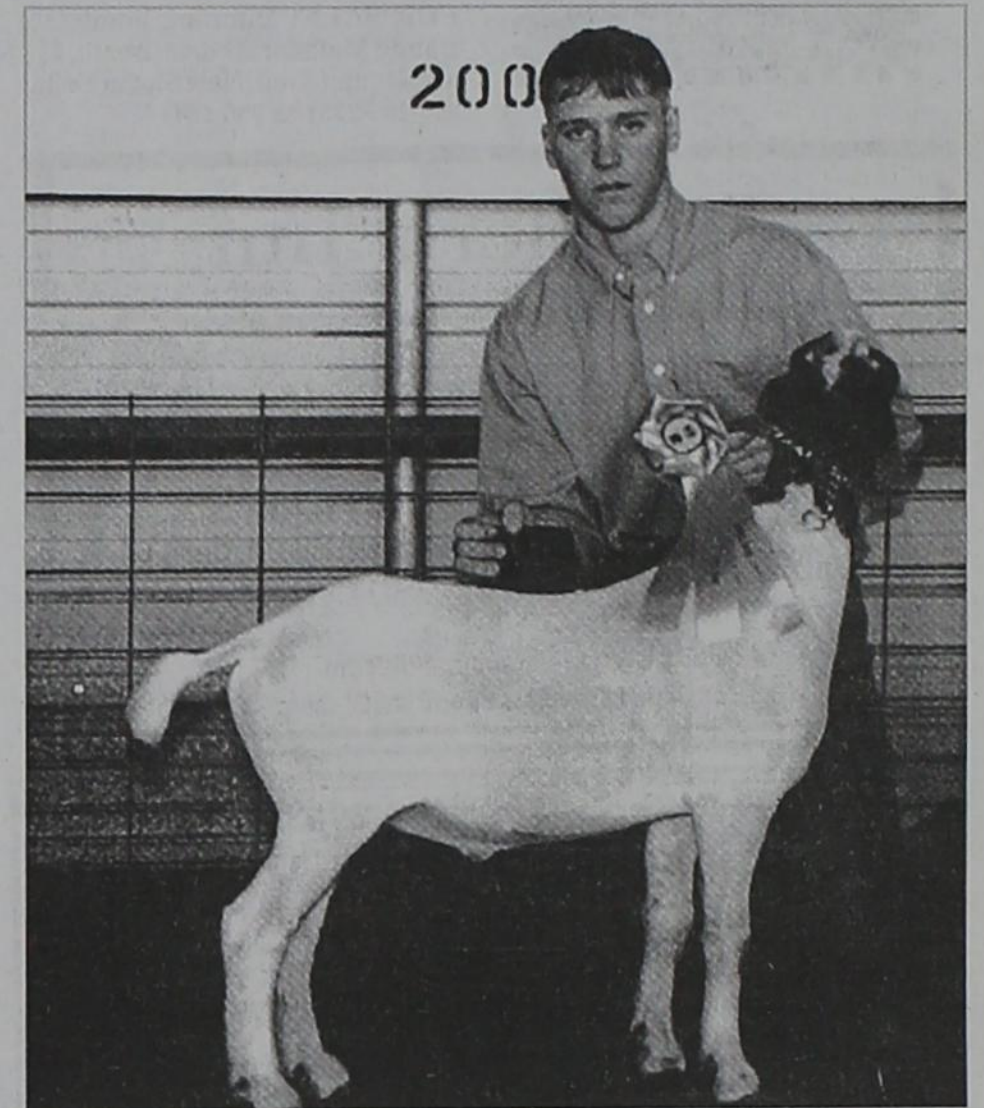
"This working group will establish the framework to analyze the new programs, put in place the timeframe for implementation and sign-up, and issue guidance to producers who are eligible to receive these benefits," said Veneman. "Our team will continue their hard work in the coming months to get the job done."

## LIVESTOCK SHOW

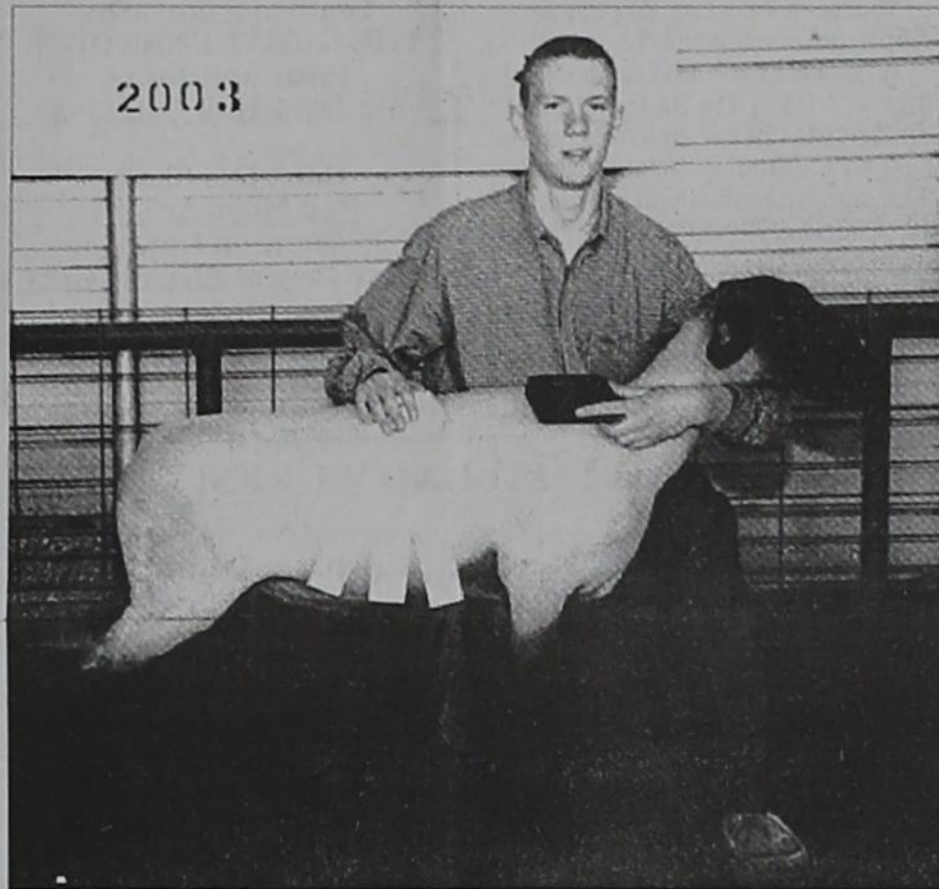
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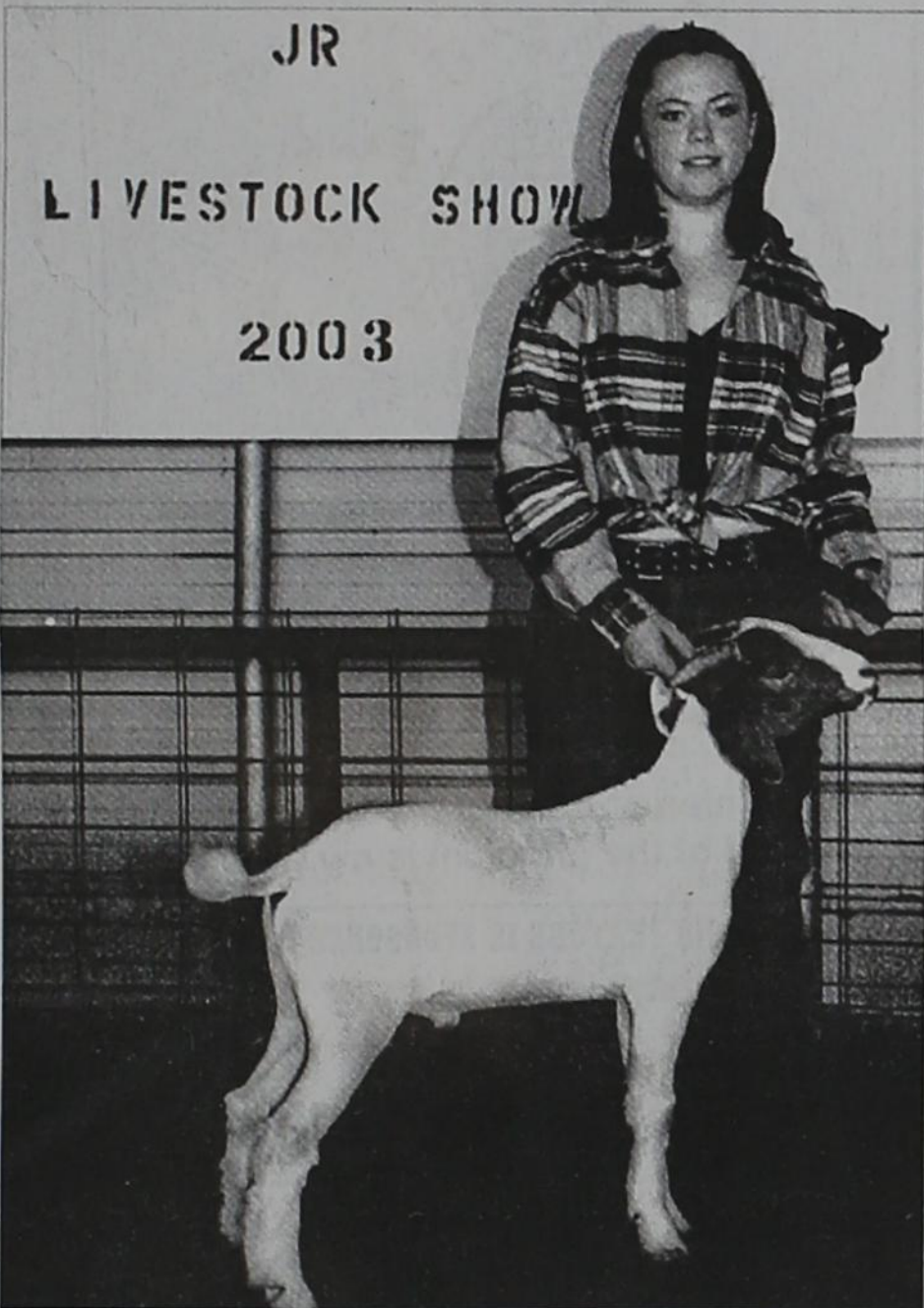
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## Stock Show

from page 1

- 2nd, Matthew Martin
- 3rd, Clay Cooper
- 4th, Garrett Jenschke
- 5th, Chance Bingham
- 6th, Amanda Hurt

### Heavy Wt. Class Placing:

- 1st, Clint Cooper
- 2nd, Reagan Elliott
- 3rd, Christian Brooks
- 4th, Cody Cooper
- 5th, T.J. Christopher
- 6th, Garrett Jenschke

### LAMB SHOW

- Grand Champion, Cassie Campbell
- Reserve Champion, Clay Cooper
- Showmanship, Cassie Campbell

### Light Wt. Class Placing:

- 1st, Mylissa Gilmore
- 2nd, Clint Cooper
- 3rd, Emily Hurt
- 4th, Cassie Campbell

### Heavy Wt. Class Placing:

- 1st, Cassie Campbell
- 2nd, Clay Cooper
- 3rd, Cody Cooper

### GOAT SHOW

- Grand Champion, Mandi Ream
- Reserve Champion, Colton Russell
- Showmanship, Stachia Baxter

### Light Wt. Class Placing:

- 1st, Kyla Simpson
- 2nd, Stachia Baxter
- 3rd, Colton Russell
- 4th, Kyla Simpson
- 5th, Shane'a Russell

### Medium Wt. Class Placing:

- 1st, Chasity Holman
- 2nd, Mandi Ream
- 3rd, Stachia Baxter
- 4th, Brittany Moore
- 5th, Charli Ream

### Heavy Wt. Class Placing:

- 1st, Mandi Ream
- 2nd, Colton Russell
- 3rd, Shane'a Russell
- 4th, Charli Ream
- 5th, Malcomb O'Daniel

### RABBIT SHOW

- Grand Champion, Charli Ream
- Reserve Champion, Mandi Ream

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- 1st, Mandi Ream

- 2nd, Charli Ream
  - 3rd, Keyan Kautz
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 706 Dundee, Matador, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003, and ending on April 29, 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Lara Davey  
City Secretary  
P.O. Box 367  
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Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

Issued this the 17th day of February, 2003.

Rodney Williams  
Mayor

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**MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
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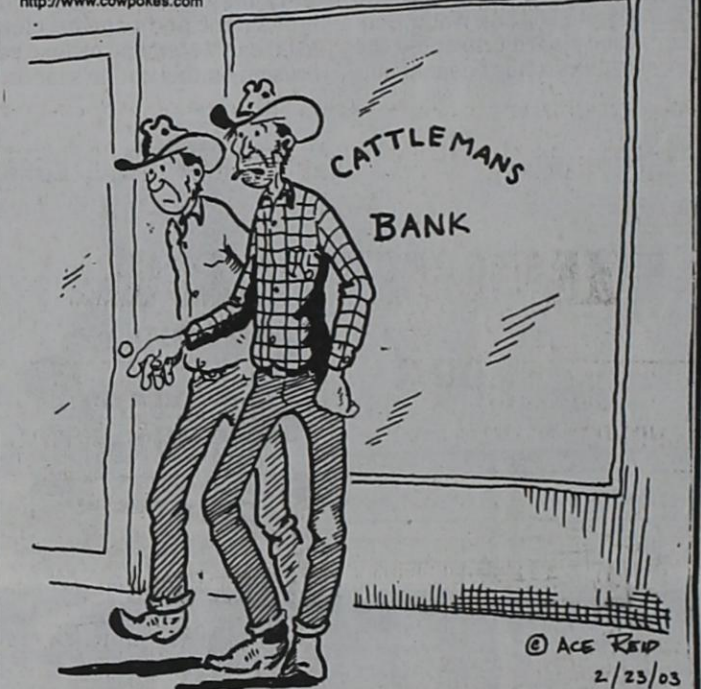
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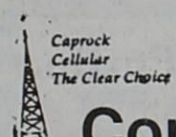
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