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**WELCOME HOME** — Motley County Chamber of Commerce members welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Leo Faulkner to Matador at last Tuesday night's meeting. The couple were presented a welcome basket full of gifts from local businesses. The Faulkners have recently moved to Matador from Telephone, Texas, but are not new to this area. Mr. Faulkner is originally from Turkey and Mrs. Faulkner, the former Wanda McMahan, grew up in Matador. Also pictured are Chamber President, Penny Pipkin; Vice President, Shirley Smith; and Secretary, Annette Hollinsworth, pictured at back left to right.

## Local Elections May 3rd

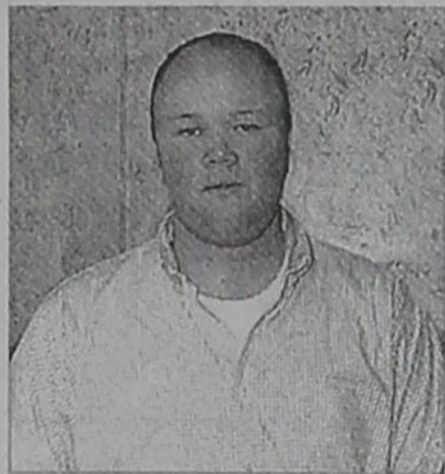
# Meet the Candidates



**JOHN DOUGLAS RUSSELL**  
Candidate for Motley County School Board

**Family and Education:** Married to D'anna Smith Russell; one son, Colton, a freshman at MHS and one daughter, Shane'a, a 6th grader at MJHS. When I started school here, there was no kindergarten available, but I attended Motley County ISD 1st-12th grade and I am a 1983 graduate. I graduated from Texas Tech, December, 1986 with an Economics Degree.

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**MATT CRAWFORD**  
Candidate for School Board

**Family and Education:** Married to Jalie Crawford. Graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a B.A. in Religion.

**What are your qualifications for this office?** I am a concerned citizen with an interest in the school.

**Your reason for running for this position:** I would like to see the School Board do all that it can to better the future of our students.

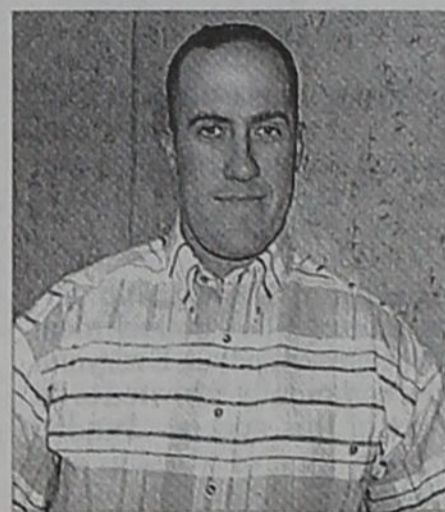
**What do you think our school's greatest needs are:** Teacher's salaries, an overall positive attitude, and a better education for our students.

**PATTY EDWARDS LANE**  
Candidate for School Board

**Family and Education:** The daughter of Jake and Marge Edwards, long time educators and teachers in Motley County.

I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education with an emphasis on English. I also have 30 hours toward a master's degree in Instructional Technology within the Distance Learning department from Texas Tech University.

**What are your qualifications for this office?** While attending Tech I sat on the accreditation board for the school



**TED DAVEY**  
Candidate for School Board

**Family & Education:** Wife, Lara, three children Hance, Hayden and Soraya.

**Education:** B.S. Biology from Texas Tech University, 1994.

**What are your qualifications for this office?** I have two children who currently attend Motley County Schools.

**Your reason for running for this position:** I want my children and other children to have the education they deserve and I want to be a part of making those decisions to achieve excellence in our schools.

**What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?** I do not have a set of ideas to do or change, all of my decisions will be approached with an open mind and be based on what is best for the children's future and nothing else.

**What do you think our school's greatest needs are?** Keeping and adding high quality teachers to assure that the students will be taught at levels equal to and above standards set by the state of Texas.

**Other comments:** The success of our children after graduation depends on the education they receive in our school system. Our students need a sense of high morale and self achievement that is taught both at home and in the schools. In order to achieve this, we as parents and members of this community must become involved and active in the children's activities and schooling. If elected, I plan on being a fair and educated representative.

**MARVINA MASON**  
Candidate for School Board

**Family and Education:** I am married to Crawford Mason. We have three children, Braden, 9; Conner, 6; and Ethan, 2. I graduated from Motley County High School in 1993.

**What are your qualifications for this office?** I have been a member of this community for 20 years. My husband and I are both graduates of Motley County. Our children are attending school here, Braden, third grade and Conner, first grade.

**Your reason for running for this position:** I decided to run for this position for many reasons. I am concerned about the future of our school. I want to become more involved in the education of my children. I would like for my children to also be graduates of Motley County.



**What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?** I would like to see a change in the way the budget is handled. More support from our school toward local businesses, who in years past have donated time, money and merchandise for numerous fund-raisers.

**What do you think our school's greatest needs are?** I feel that our school's greatest need is the need for continued change. The changes that have been made in the last year have been positive. I would like to see us move forward and see more positive changes in our school system.

**Other comments:** I am one, among many, concerned about our school. I am ready to stand up for what I believe in; the future of our children and our school. I would appreciate your vote in the May 3rd election.

## Roaring Springs City Council hires city lawyer

The Roaring Springs City Council met April 14 for their regular meeting. Those attending were Mayor Corky Marshall, Alex Crowder, Timmy Brooks, Kelly Keltz, Gary Simpson, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Zella Palmer.

Minutes of the March 10th regular meeting were read and approved and bills were approved to be paid as presented.

The Council voted unanimously to sign a one-year contract with Tempie Francis to be the city attorney for one year.

The State Comptroller's office contacted the city office April 8 and reported that the city will lose \$3600.00 in sales tax, as a result of a sales tax report be-

ing filed incorrectly, during the past year. The city will not receive any sales tax money, until all of the \$3600 is recovered.

The water lines in the City Park are in need of repair. Council approved installing a new 2-inch tap and two new faucets. With this improvement all of the park can be watered at one time.

A letter of resolution was received from SPAG informing the city that on March 27, SPAG hosted a meeting of the proposed West Texas Regional Electrical Licensing Agency (WTRELA). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the formation of this agency. The cities in this region that have

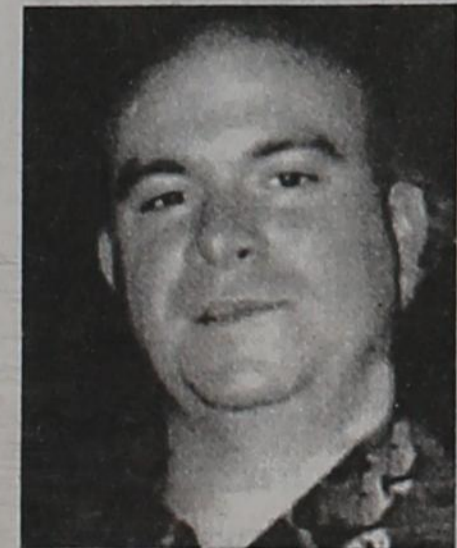
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## National Day of Prayer, May 1 Local observance to be held at Courthouse

National Day of Prayer will be observed May 1, 2003. The theme for this year is "Righteousness Exalts a Nation, based on Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." Organizers believe this verse contains an important exhortation for the citizens of the country, especially in light of recent events.

A local observance will be held on the Courthouse lawn, near the Gazebo, in Matador, Thursday, May 1, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this very important event.

## ★ A SALUTE ★



**SGT. ROBERT FISK**  
Robert is married to Christy (Pierce). The couple live in Matador and have two sons. He is a 1993 graduate of Sundown High School, and the son of Charles and Sue Fisk, former Roaring Springs residents. Robert was deployed to Iraq this week.



**SPECIALIST REBECCA SUE RAMAGE**  
Rebecca is an E-4 with the Army, Alpha company 701st main support battalion in Kintzingen, Germany. She is now deployed to Iraq. She is the daughter of Mike and Suzan Ramage of Spur. She is the granddaughter of Betty Henry and great-granddaughter of Edna Eades of Matador. She graduated from Spur High School in 1998.



**PVT. JAMES D. LOVELESS**  
3rd Infantry Division, Field Artillery, stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga. He was deployed to Iraq in January. James is the son of Tina Hartnes of North Richland Hills. He is the grandson of James Bearden of Roaring Springs.

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## School Board meets

by Pat Smith  
School Board reporter

The Motley County ISD School Board met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., April 14. All board members were present along with Rick Copp, Denise Ford, Walter Taylor and Shelley Cox.

No one attended Open Forum.

Mr. Copp presented the Superintendent's informational report, which consisted of the following items:

— Athletic Report: Tennis, Girls placed second in district. Brittany Donaldson and Brittany Moore (Sr.) advanced to Regional. In Track, the Coaches reported that the Jr. High kids did well. In high school those advancing to the area meet were Clint Cooper, Seagram Sims, Chasity Holman, Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Moore (Soph.), and possibly the mile relay team. Girls Golf won the District contest again. They advanced to Regional also. Participants were Brittany Moore

(Soph.), Stachia Baxter, Cassie Campbell, Emily Hurt and Sabrina Osborn.

Mr. Copp said that only four or five coaches applications have been received at this time.

— UIL Report: One Act Play received alternate at Zone. Academic UIL participants were Clint Cooper and Annie Green who advanced to Regional.

— TAKS Scores: Third graders took this test. Mr. Copp was very pleased with the passing rate of 96.7%.

— FFA Judging Results: Cody and Clay Cooper, Chance Bingham and Colton Russell advanced to State in Range and Pasture Judging.

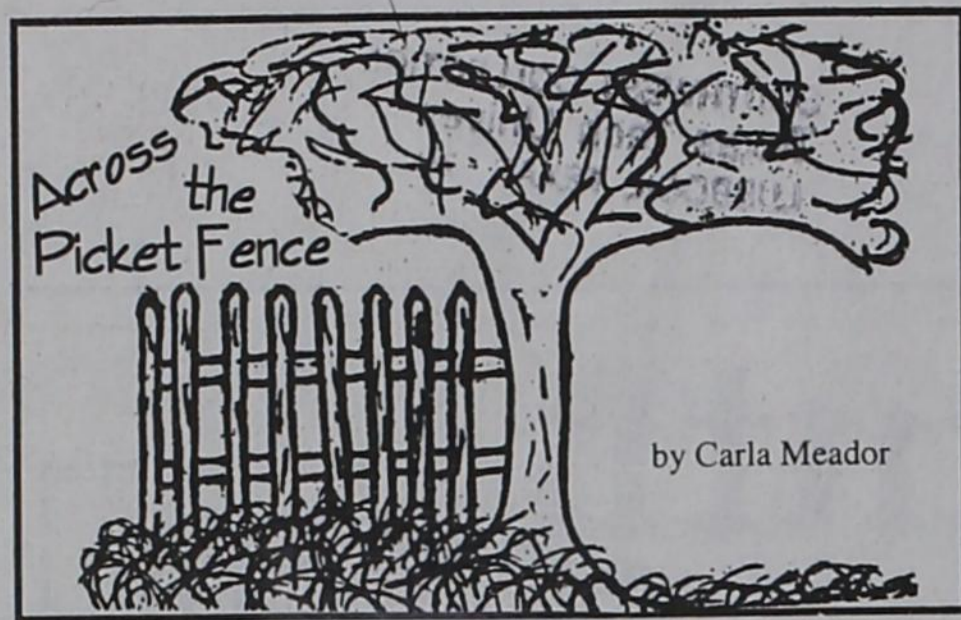
— Legislative Update: Mr. Copp informed the board that most of this is still up in the air.

— Principal Search update: 45-50 applications have been received, which has been narrowed down to about 8 as of the board meeting.

— Tax Collection is at 97.3%. Enrollment is at 187.

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I receive so many good emails and I know it seems like that's all I ever put in my column now, but those like the one below are worth sharing. This one is from my cousin in California.

**THAT'S GOD**

Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God.

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for...That's God. He talks to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to...That's

God...there is no such thing as "coincidence."

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you wanted, but couldn't afford...That's God...He knows the desires of your heart.

Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it is going to get better, but now you look back on it!...That's God...He passes us through tribulation to see a brighter day.

In all that we do we should totally give HIM thanks and our blessings will continue to multiply.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

**First Baptist Church will host Southern Gospel singing group Sunday morning**

Summit Trace will lead the morning worship service of First Baptist Church, Matador, at 11:00 a.m., this Sunday, April 27.

Best known in the area for its superb Gaither-style Southern Gospel sound, the group will utilize a variety of musical styles during the praise and worship service.

Members of Summit Trace are Andy Johnson, associate

minister of music at First Baptist Church, Lubbock, and Wayland Baptist University students Paul Harkey, David Harper, and Chris Lethgo.

Following the worship service, there will be a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. Everyone in the community is invited to be a part of this special Sunday morning time of worship and fellowship.

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*Lindah Elliott-Young*

**The Resurrection Was Power!**



The gospel is the story of Jesus. The story concludes here on this earth with the resurrection of Jesus from the borrowed grave. Power yes, but also a declaration of great power. In the New Testament what follows that resurrection is the story of that power as seen through the lives of those early believers.

In the book of Acts chapter two, we see the power convert about thousand souls. The power changed the life of a jailor in Philippi. It improved the quality of a good man named Cornelius. The power of the resurrection is clearly seen in the changed life of a Jew named Saul of Tarsus. The power of that resurrection is found in the gospel still preached today.

That power is still changing lives today. It changed my life and I am sure that many of you would say the same. The gospel story is the "good news" that death could not hold Him. Therefore God raised Him up. We believe that Jesus died for our sins on Calvary and rose again the third day. We serve a risen Savior who gives us the power to overcome sin and the fear of death through faith.

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

RADIO PROGRAMS, K-96 FM  
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



**Arts & Crafts**  
by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts & Crafts club met April 7 for its monthly meeting at the Senior Citizens Center.

President, Loys Campbell, presided over the business meeting. It was dispensed shortly and the members begin work on the project for the day.

Vee was instructor for the class, a program on "Something in Wood." It was a very good program and Vee mentioned the "Standard of Excellence" for our teachers. All materials were ready for work. It was a great time. The class was enjoyed by all.

The subject was a wood wall hanging, consisting of two laths; one slender, the other much wider. These were connected by

wires, each bore a slogan, patriotic or romantic, one on each lath and on both sides. These make a nice feature for the decor for any room or hallway. Watch for these at the Fall Bazaar.

The club dined with the Senior Citizens at noon. It was a good hour and good food.

Members present were Loys Campbell, Lorene Lancaster, Joy Archer, Nova Dale Turner, Grace Garrison, Joyce Meredith, Kathryn Russell, Vee Gordon, and Winifred Darsey.

The members expressed their special "thank you" to Vee for the preparation made for the class.

**Volunteers to be honored Friday with Supper**

Volunteers for the Motley County Senior Citizens Center will be honored at a Spaghetti Supper, Friday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

Everyone is invited to attend, enjoy the supper and help pay tribute to these tireless volunteers who receive nothing but a thanks for their efforts.

Although tickets will not be sold for the supper, donations will be accepted and appreciated.

**Roaring Springs City Council**

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spearheaded the formation of the agency are Brownfield, Littlefield and Levelland. The purpose of the WTRELA will be to issue all levels of electrical licenses to individuals who are currently licensed or would like to be licensed in the electrical trade. Before WTRELA can be an active agency, they need to know those entities that are interested in joining the agency. Jurisdictions may become a member of WTRELA by requesting membership and approving a resolution or ordinance from their city council recognizing the WTRELA as valid in their jurisdiction. The council voted unanimously not to participate in the agency.

Council approved payment to Mega Life and Health Insurance Company for health insurance for water manager, Robert Osborn.

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& MUCH MORE  
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A rose is a rose is a rose—except when it's a one-plant arbor. A Lady Banks rose tree at Tombstone, Arizona, has a trunk 40 inches thick and stands nine feet tall. Supported by 68 posts and several thousand feet of piping, 150 people can be seated under the arbor. The cutting came from Scotland in 1884.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune!

Keep your shopping dollars at home!

**Library Notes**  
by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donations to the library by Rita, Pat and Kathy Groves in memory of Carroll Wayne Cooper and Fern Henderson. Donations such as these help us keep the library's collection up-to-date and they make a lasting memorial to special people.

If you haven't started the Gabaldon Scottish novels, now is a good time. Books one and two are in the library now. This series of historical novels are hard to put down once you get into them. The first book is called *The Outlander*.

The library received three new large print books this week. We now have Dorothy Garlock's

*A Place Called Rainwater* in large print. We also have large print editions of *Jinxed* by Carol Higgins Clark and *The Enduring Hills* by Janice Holt Giles.

The long-awaited eleventh book of the Left Behind series is now in the library. Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins have called their latest book *Armageddon, The Cosmic Battle of the Ages*. There will be a waiting list for this one; come in and get in line to read this exciting new book.

Other new books include *Birthright* by Nora Roberts, *Dead Aim* by Iris Johansen and *Lost Light* by Michael

**Llan Barkley inducted into honor society**

Llan Barkley was inducted into the Delta Phi Alpha honor society at the Austin College Honors Convocation on April 24.

Delta Phi Alpha is an honor society for students in German. Llan, a 2000 graduate of Motley County High School, is the daughter of Tex and Eva Barkley of Matador.

Austin College, affiliated

with the Presbyterian Church (USA), is an independent, liberal arts college of 1,300 students located 60 miles north of Dallas in Sherman. Chartered

in November 1849, it is the oldest college in Texas under original charter and named as recognized by the State Historical Survey Committee.

**YOUR GARDEN**

Gardeners Find Many Reasons To Plant Rose Garden

(NAPS)—Ask gardeners why they start growing roses, and you'll get a range of answers.

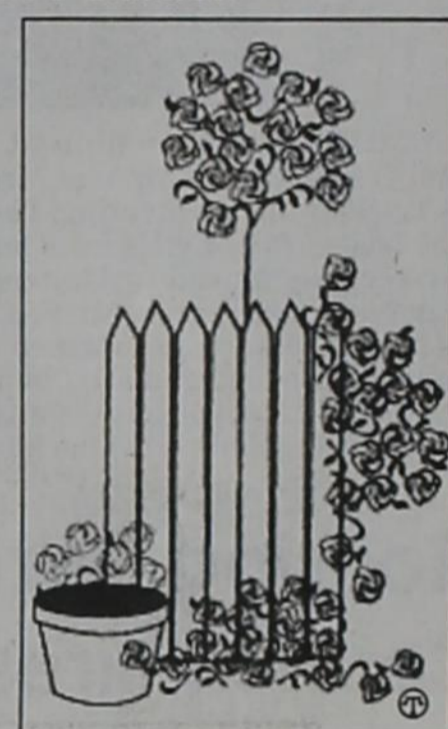
This year gardeners who choose All-America Rose Selections (AARS) winners for their garden will discover another wonderful quality of roses—generosity. The 2003 winners provide an ongoing parade of dazzling color and new blooms, plus some never-before-seen colors and combinations.

For example, the two Floribunda winners *Eureka* and *Hot Cocoa* are bushy plants that produce explosions of color throughout the growing season. Nearly as wide as it is tall, the three-foot-tall *Eureka* features big flowers in an unusual gold shade that some call "copper apricot." The clusters are widely spaced, which makes this rose a wonderful corner anchor in your garden.

*Hot Cocoa* is a novel "chocolate brown" bicolor rose that can become the focal point of the garden. This stunning rose is great in front of your house or can provide a colorful accent to an existing garden.

*Cherry Parfait*, a flashy Grandiflora with white petals edged in red, is the second bicolor AARS winner this year. This winner seems to be always in bloom, making it a terrific garden centerpiece and excellent for someone growing roses for the first time.

*Whisper*, the only Hybrid Tea winner this year, contrasts with the vivid color of the other three. Its creamy white blooms are a breath of fresh air. *Whisper* has classic bud form and dark green foliage to serve as a dramatic background for this classic rose.



Gardeners—whether beginners or veterans—find AARS winners easy to grow and maintain because they are the "best of the best" in test gardens around the country. *Eureka*, *Hot Cocoa*, *Cherry Parfait* and *Whisper* have proved disease-resistant in all climates, so they're a very safe bet for your garden.

They're also very forgiving, another characteristic of roses that makes them popular. While other plants may take weeks or months to show improvement, roses respond quickly. That's a big relief, especially for the novice gardener. Roses prove to be great friends because they have such staying power, particularly quality ones such as these 2003 AARS winners.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

John 14:27

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## Class of 2003 Senior Spotlight



**HOUSE OF FAITH** — Local children at a recent House of Faith meeting at the Roaring Springs City Park. Children, ages 3-12 meet each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at the Park for play time, Bible stories and more. Teen and adult volunteers are needed for the meetings. House of Faith is a newly established, non-denominational Christian get-together for kids. All kids are welcome to attend and are sure to have a great time. In case of increment weather, meetings will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

### SCHOOL MENU

#### MONDAY, APRIL 28

**Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, potato chips, fruit fluff, milk.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 29

**Breakfast:** French toast sticks, syrup, sausage, cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
**Lunch:** Soft taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, spanish rice, chips, no bake cookie, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

**Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.  
**Lunch:** Ham/cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, freedom fries, fruit, milk.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 1

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn, roll/honey, milk.

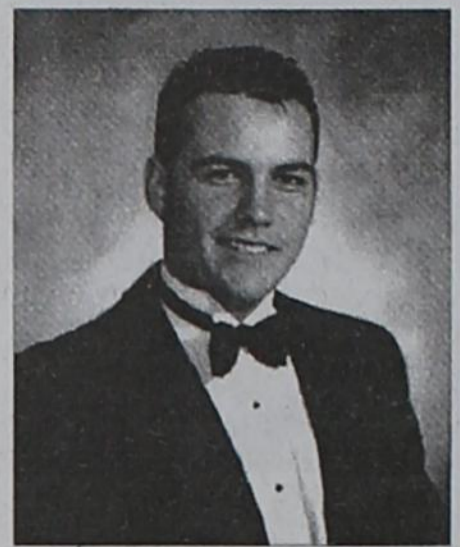
#### FRIDAY, MAY 2

**Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.  
**Lunch:** Chili dog/hot dog, baked beans, veggie sticks, cake, milk.



**BRITTANY NICOLE DONALDSON**

Age: 18  
 Date of Birth: March 14, 1985  
 Parents: Billy and Terree Donaldson.  
 Siblings: Brant Donaldson.  
 Who do most admire and why: My parents because they have always been there for me.  
 Favorite high school memory: My senior year.  
 Extracurricular activities: Basketball, tennis, track, cheerleading, helped with Gym Rockers.  
 Special honors: Lions Club Queen, Most Changed, Honorable mention, Track MVP-2002.  
 Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Have fun it goes by so fast.  
 Plans after graduation: I plan to attend South Plains and major in Child Development.  
 Favorites:  
 Food: Pasta  
 Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper  
 Hangout: Lubbock  
 Movie: My Father the Hero  
 Book: Beowulf  
 Song: A Song for Momma  
 Musical Group: Boyz 2 Men  
 Teacher (K-12): Mrs. Bingham.  
 Color: Purple  
 Sport: Track  
 Past time: Hangout  
 Quote: "Just Playin."



**MORGAN CHANTRY MEYER**

Age: 18  
 Date of Birth: November 13, 1984.  
 Parents: Kelly and Diana Meyer and Renee Agnew.  
 Siblings: Dakota Meyer.  
 Who do you most admire and why: Rickey Lawrance because he taught me a lot!  
 Favorite high school memory: Sitting at the feeder.  
 Extracurricular activities: Football, FFA, Student Council.  
 Special honors: Football All-District.  
 Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Don't rough house in the halls, you might break something.  
 Plans after graduation: Go to college.  
 Favorites:  
 Food: Pizza  
 Soft Drink: Coke  
 Hangout: Smittyville, The Blind, Drag.  
 Movie: Dumb & Dumber  
 Book: MacBeth  
 Teacher (K-12): Coach Stewart.  
 Color: Red  
 Sport: Football  
 Past time: Hunting  
 Quote: "You better get on it and get on it good or I know your Daddy!"

## Did You Know???

Understanding The Seriousness Of Marijuana

(NAPS)—To those who think marijuana is a harmless drug, think again.

Marijuana puts kids at risk. It is the most widely used illicit drug

among youth today and is more potent than ever. Marijuana use can lead to a host of significant health, social, learning and behavioral problems at a crucial time in

a young person's development. Getting high also impairs judgment, which can wreak havoc on teens in high-pressure social situations, leading to risky decision-making on issues like sex, criminal activity or riding with someone who is driving high.

Don't be fooled by popular beliefs. Kids can get hooked on pot. Research shows that marijuana use can lead to addiction. More teens enter treatment for marijuana abuse each year than for all other illicit drugs combined.

America's youth are beginning to hear a new message about marijuana, thanks to collaboration among federal agencies, public health organizations, educators and concerned parents. The initiative is working to inform young people that using marijuana has real consequences and can put their futures at risk. It is teaching them that the dangers of marijuana are not overblown and must

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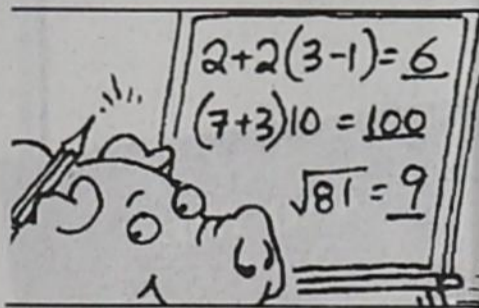
Marijuana use should not be taken lightly.

be taken seriously. Most of all, this campaign dispels the myths about marijuana by concentrating on the facts.

Time and again, kids say their parents are the single most important influence when it comes to drugs. So this message needs to start with you. Kids need to hear how risky marijuana use can be. They need to know how damaging it can be to their lives. They need to begin by listening to someone they trust.

To learn more about marijuana and how to keep your kids drug-free, visit [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com) or call 800-788-2800. Then talk with your kids.

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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (Aviso De Eleccion Trustee)

To the Registered Voters of Motley County, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado Motley, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 2003, for voting in a Trustee election, to fill three positions for (3) year terms.

(notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abridrn desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 paravotarenla Eleccion para elegir dos personas paraun periodo de (3) anos)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES: (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES):

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|---------|--|
| 1, 5, 6 | MCISD Old Elementary, Matador, Texas       |
| 2       | Community Center, Flomot, Texas            |
| 3       | Cemetery Building, Northfield, Texas       |
| 4       | Volunteer Building, Roaring Springs, Texas |

Early Voting by Personal Appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Office of the County Clerk of Motley County between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003, and ending on April 29, 2003.

(La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en entre las 9:00 a.m. de la manana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril, 2003 y terminado el 29 de Abril, 2003)

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran por correo deberan recibirse antes del termino del dia de negocio de 25 de Abril, 2003).

Application for ballot by mail should be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)

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**DOYLE ROSE**  
Incumbent Candidate for Matador City Council  
*Family and Education:* My wife, Carolyn and I have raised our children here and our grandchildren are being raised here, also.

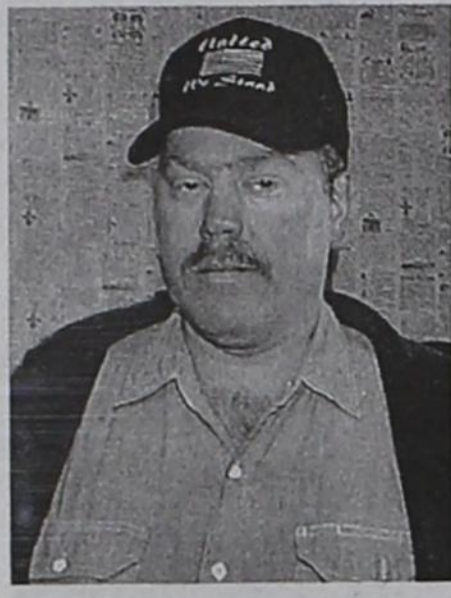
*What are your qualifications for this office?* I have served on the City Council for several years.

*Your reason for running for this position:* I would like to do something to help Matador.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* I would like to continue working to get a Nursing Home in Matador, which would enable us to keep our elderly residents at home and give our young people jobs.

*What do you think Matador's greatest needs are?* Matador's greatest need is more jobs. The only way to bring people to our town is to have more jobs available.

*As an incumbent, do you feel you have been fair and open minded and do you feel you have been a benefit to this position?* I will always be fair and try to do what I think is right and will help Matador.



**CHUCK REAM**  
Candidate for Matador City Council  
*Family and Education:* Wife, Gail, two daughters, Charli and Mandi.

*What are your qualifications for this office?* I worked for the City for a year so I know how it is run.

*Your reason for running for this position:* To get new and different ideas on the Council.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* Keep the city moving in a positive direction.

*What do you think Matador's greatest needs are?* New businesses to get more families to move to Matador.



**JAMES P. (JIM) WATSON**  
Incumbent Candidate Matador City Council

*Family and Education:* Wife Jerry. B.S. Petroleum Engineering, Texas Tech. M.S. Management, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, CA.

*What are your qualifications for this office:* City Councilman for the past three years.

*Your reason for running for this position:* To do my part to keep Matador as a good place to live and raise a family.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* Continue to support grown initiatives of present council.

*What do you think Matador's greatest needs are?* Attract small businesses that will employ more of the population of Motley County.

*As an incumbent, do you feel you have been fair and open minded and how do you feel you have been a benefit to this position?* I have tried to apply experience gained from managing a large corporation to the business of the city.

**ALEX CROWDER**  
Incumbent Candidate Roaring Springs City Council

*Family and Education:* Wife, Jo; three children and four grandchildren. I have been in school most of my life.

*What are your qualifications for this office?* I am an interested and concerned citizen of Roaring Springs.

*Your reason for running for this position:* To help Roaring Springs remain a vibrant community.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* I want to bring about a cleaner city by enabling the city to demolish old unsafe houses, clean up property in the city, and make Roaring Springs more attractive.

*What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are?* Clean up the city, renovate the old depot, attract more visitors, etc.

*As an incumbent, do you feel you have been fair and open minded and how do you feel you have been a benefit to this position?* I have tried to be open minded and fair, I have been at nearly all of the council meetings, and I have always done what I thought was best for Roaring Springs.

*Other comments:* If I am re-elected I will work for the best interest of Roaring Springs. If I am not reelected I will continue to work for the best interest of Roaring Springs.

**TIMMY LANE BROOKS**  
Incumbent Candidate for Roaring Springs City Council  
*Family and Education:* Graduated from Motley County ISD in 1977. My wife, Tina and I have two children, Christian and Mattie. My parents are Modean Brooks and the late Milton Brooks, longtime Roaring Springs residents.

*What are your qualifications for this office?* I am a lifetime citizen of Roaring Springs. I have served on the Council in the past and I currently serve as a Council member.

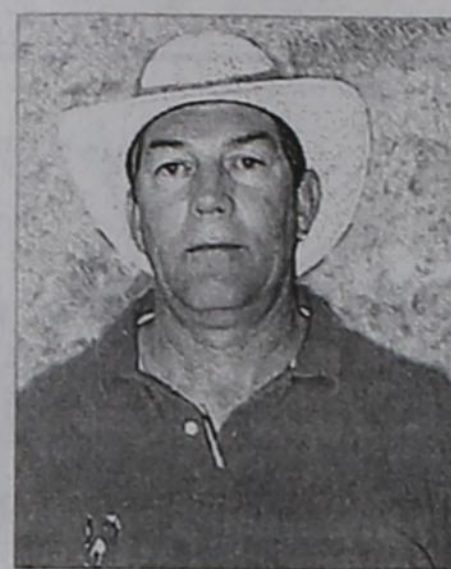
*Your reason for running for this position:* As a lifetime citizen I care about Roaring Springs and its citizens now and for the future.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* If elected I would like to continue to work for the good of our community. I would like to continue to see economic development in our town.

*What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are?* We need more industry and jobs, so that people can make a living and people will want to live and raise their families in Roaring Springs.

*As an incumbent, do you feel you have been fair and open minded and how do you feel you have been a benefit to this position?* I feel have been fair and open minded and listen to all sides before making a decision. As a lifelong citizen I feel that I know most of the citizens and they know me and that makes it easier to communicate.

*Other comments:* I feel that I never make a decision without thoughtful reasoning. I try to make all decisions based on the needs of Roaring Springs.



**VINCE TAYLOR**  
Candidate for Roaring Springs City Council  
*Family and Education:* Mom and Dad, Frank and Jimmie Taylor of Paducah; 17-year-old son, Luke Taylor; 21-year-old daughter, Shavonne Taylor; and wife, Laura Taylor.

*What are your qualifications for this office?* I live in Roaring Springs and pay taxes.

*Your reason for running for this position:* I feel that it is everyone's civic duty to serve their community in some capacity or another.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* I would like to help Roaring Springs to continue to grow and attract more people to move to our fine small city.

*What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are?* Places for our young children to play safely. More housing and lower water bills. An active Fire Department.

*Other comments:* I think Roaring Springs is a great place to live and raise a family. I hope to visit with each of you personally before the election, but if I am unable to, please take time to vote, and remember to vote for Vince Taylor for Roaring Springs City Council.



**PATRICIA K.M. GREEN**  
Candidate for Roaring Springs City Council

*Family and Education:* Married to Jerry Green for 15+ years. My step-daughter, Michelle Green, lives in Charlottesville, Virginia. My son, Carmen Cavada, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. My father is a retired Navy Chief living in San Diego, California. I graduated from a Maryland high school in 1960.

*What are your qualifications for this office?* Resident of Roaring Springs for 12+ years. Director of the Motley County Library Board and member of the Friends of the Library. Chairman of the Advisory Council of the West Texas Library System, President of local Unit 337 and Department of Texas, District 18 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Member of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce and Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

*Your reason for running for this position:* I want to help continue the 90-year tradition of sound, conservative leadership for Roaring Springs. Further, I believe we need more female representation on the Council.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* More than anything else, I would like to participate in the on-going effort to rid the city of abandoned junk, trash and unused or dilapidated buildings. Serious growth in Roaring Springs cannot occur until such time as we look good. I will ensure responsible expenditure of scarce financial resources, and search aggressively for grants to repair and/or replace City infrastructure.

*What do you think Roaring Springs' greatest needs are?* We must find ways to harness our current natural advantages, two of which are desirable retirement locations and hunting base camps.

*Other comments:* I believe that every voter in our American system of government deserves a choice and every candidate should have an opponent. If elected, I will work hard to earn and keep your confidence.

## John Douglas Russell

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*What are your qualifications for this office?* I have a strong background in Economics as well as leadership. I am open-minded and receptive to new ideas.

*Your reason for running for this position:* To be a proactive part of a system that will inspire an equal opportunity for every student to receive the best education possible.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* To help ensure that each student receives the best education possible so that no student is left behind.

*What do you think our school's greatest needs are?* Optimize our school district's limited funding for our kids, teachers and community. Continue to develop an education system that will attract new students to our school as well as people to our community.

*Other comments:* I have worked for the Matador Cattle Company for the past 15 years and have been a member of the management team for the last 10 of those 15 years. This job has provided me with considerable experience in working with a limited budget. For the last 10 years, as part of my job, I have been responsible for employee review and evaluating employee performance which we are held accountable for by our company. I feel that these job experiences along with the various 4-H boards that I serve on, and being a concerned parent will help me if I am elected to the board of trustees with the business of helping provide our children with the best education possible.

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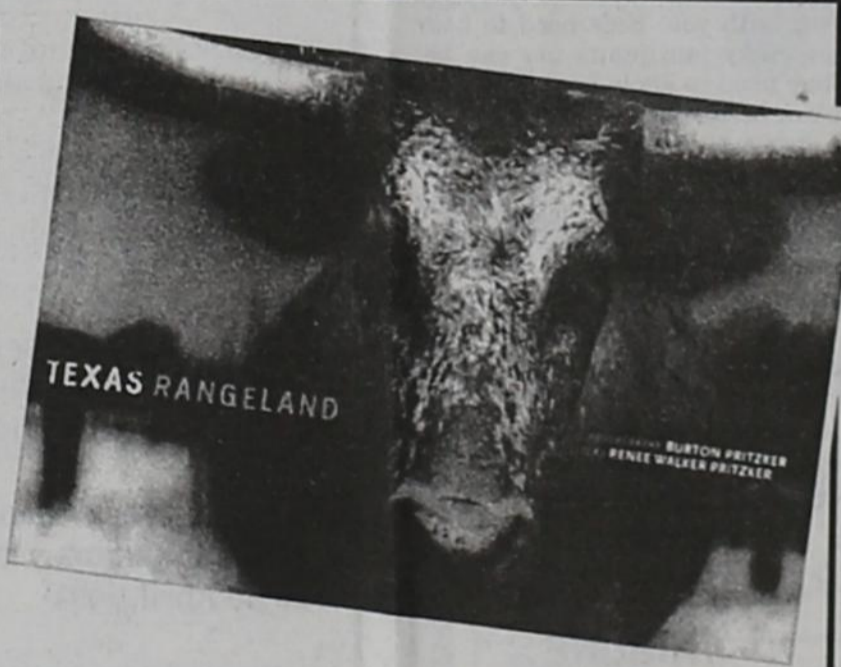
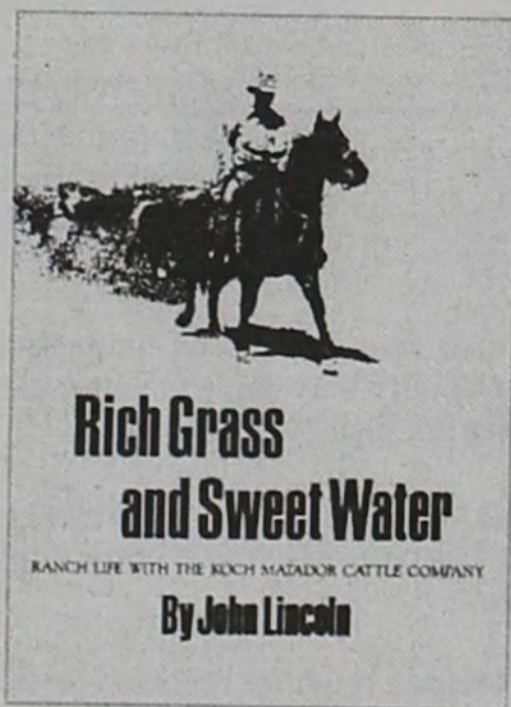
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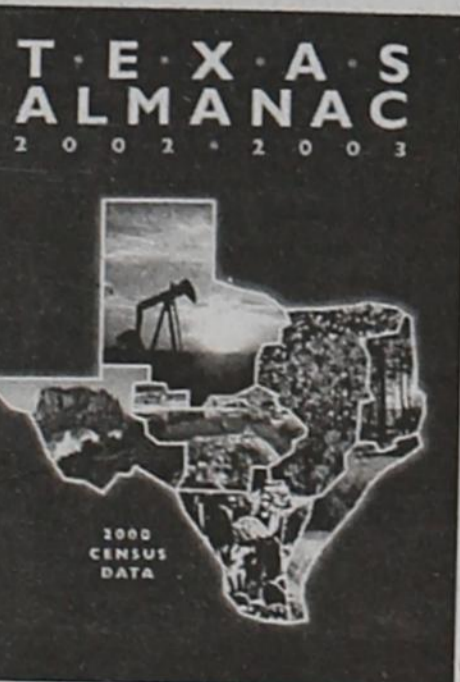
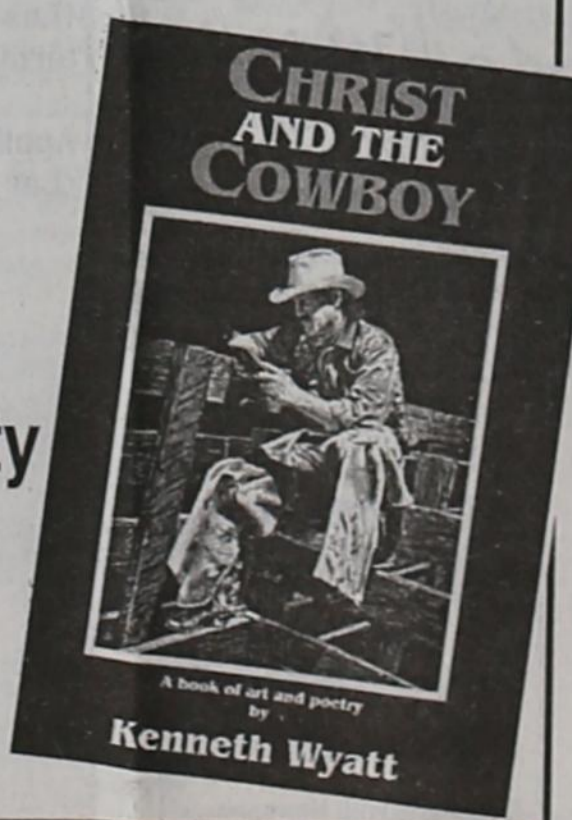
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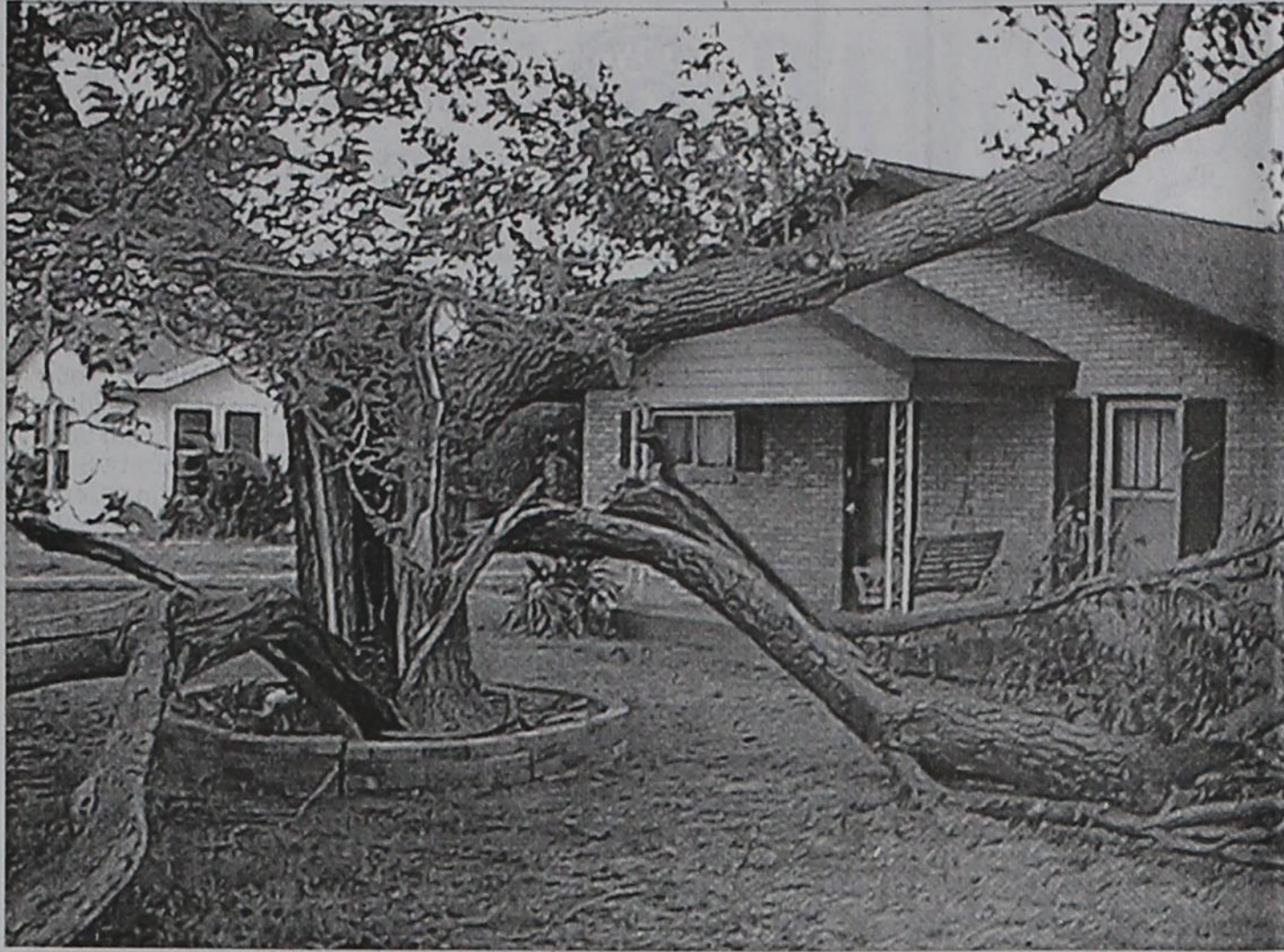


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**STORM DAMAGE** — This large tree in the front yard of Mrs. Joyce Campbell on Eubank Street in Matador, was split by wind damage during last Tuesday night's storms. Winds were reported as much as 70 m.p.h. in some areas. A barn was destroyed by the wind in Flomot, but damage was not severe in the area. Rainfall totals from 1-2 inches were reported last week.

## Matador VFD conducts Storm Spotter's training course

by Matt Crawford  
Department Reporter

The annual storm spotter training session was held Monday, February 17, at the fire department in Matador. Fourteen members were present for the training/refreshers course.

Ed Calianese with the National Weather Service, Lubbock office, conducted the training. He started with a quick overview of the training and then shared information

learned from the Happy, TX tornado last year. Mr. Calianese addressed storm spotter definitions and terminology, severe weather criteria, how thunderstorms form, and the Fujita Damage Scale or tornado classification. After a short break

he educated us on the four types of storms that make up the Thunderstorm Spectrum, non-tornadic severe weather events, tornado look-alikes, and spotter's vantage point.

Below are a couple of weather related websites for readers out there who like to stay on top of weather developments or just like surfing the web.

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[www.sch.weather.gov/lub](http://www.sch.weather.gov/lub)

After the training course, the regular business meeting was held to discuss further developments regarding our dispatcher issue.

## Patty Lane

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Probably the best qualification I have lies in being the daughter of Jake and Marge Edwards. They were a part of this education system for many years. With Daddy as the elementary principal, I was constantly aware of many problems the schools faced then and now. With Mother as a teacher, the same awareness applied but from a different perspective. When I received my degree, Mother told me I should be ready to be fired for my convictions as a teacher and what was best for my students. I've stood by that philosophy all my life. When a parent leaves their child at the doors of a school, it should be with no doubts that the professionals inside know they have the most precious gifts on loan and do all they can to enhance the lives of those beings.

*Your reason for running for this position:* The first year we lived back here I heard nothing but sad stories about problems with our school from low attendance to dissension within the community. I knew that if I were to leave my daughter in school here, I'd have to do my research to find out what I perceived the real problem to be. I started attending the board meetings and listening to lots of different ideas. I watched the two new board members elected last year struggle with acceptance. I watched a lot of things take place I wish I hadn't seen. I made trips to the Region 17 Service Center to meet with their financial officer in an attempt to find out what was really going on with our school. I'm still not sure I have answers that would justify my recommendations for change. However, I am committed to finding a way. There is always a way to make positive change. I'm running for this position so I can attempt to make that positive change.

*What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected?* There are so many things I'd love to change and do. Reality says there are only so many that will set us on the road to recovery. I struggle daily with what would effect the greatest good. I want to see humanity return

to our school. I want to see open doors with welcoming arms extended to this community. I want to see our staff and administration recognize the overwhelming wealth of knowledge and assistance this community has offered in the past and can do again with encouragement. I want to see our student body with a sense of pride about their school. I want to see our students with a sense of pride about themselves. The heritage that's been passed down through the years in this institution is one that should be heralded and applauded and carried on. Our alumni are still very much a part of the legend yet we do so little to participate in their homecoming. I'd love to see our students involved in reminding them we're still seeking that line of excellence for all our kids.

Most of all, I want integrity and fairness returned to school. We may teach the core subjects as dictated by the Agency, but our real task here in this small community has and will always be to teach our children about goodness, right and wrong and fair play and that requires us all.

*What do you think our school's greatest needs are?* Our school needs a balanced budget first and foremost. It needs to be consistent and monitored. This community spent so many years with administrators they knew. When you talk about 20+ years of service in that same position and heavy community involvement it's easy to become complacent and secure. We were used to the same expectations and outcomes. In the past 20 years our school has suffered from continuous turnovers both in staff and administration. The new folks didn't come into this community with the same conviction

as those who had raised their children here or been raised here, yet we expected the same performance. It's time for us to open our eyes and start looking at intent and end results and bottom-lines. We don't live in the same world. School is a business for Austin bureaucrats to fatten up on. The smaller schools are inconsequential and require consolidating. If we don't find a way to revive our school and become a force to be reckoned with again, then prepare yourselves to lose your biggest employer and families with children because of the distance they will travel to find education. This is our reality now.

*Other Comments:* I'd like to try all I can to make a difference in this school. I'd like the opportunity to leave some positive mark on a place I will forever call home. I won't accept the idea that the love and compassion I grew up with in this community has gone. I will commit myself to doing all I can to make "positive" change for all of us.

As a last thought, no matter who you mark on your ballot, remember you're placing someone in a position to do what you believe should be done. That requires attendance and study and research and not voting with the group because it's the easiest way to go. It requires looking like the bad guy at times. It requires asking probing questions no one wants to answer. It requires digging deep and overcoming egos and preconceived notions about the others you work with. It requires working together, not always agreeing, but working. So if your candidate of choice is placed in one of these positions, remind him or her there are folks watching and praying for the best.

## School Board

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— Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas: Contract renewed.

Items for board action included the following:

— Motion by Campbell, second by Smith to approve minutes of previous meeting(s). Motion passed 7-0.

— Motion by Brooks, second by Campbell to table the bills until new windows based program glitches are worked out. Motion passed 7-0.

— Discussion to approve possible electronic signatures for payroll and/or finance checks. After discussion, motion was made by Smith, second by Elliott to approve electronic signatures for payroll checks only. Motion passed 7-0.

— Set date to canvass votes and certify results of the May 3 Board election. Motion by Brooks, second by Smith to set date for May 8, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

— Set date to reorganize the Board at regular May board meeting, May 12. Motion by Campbell, second by Elliott. Motion passed 7-0.

— Motion by Campbell, second by Smith to approve transfer students for the 2003-04 school year. Motion passed.

— Motion by Campbell, second by Elliott to appoint Smith and Brooks to assist with Jr. High Diploma presentation. Motion passed 5-0-2. Brooks and Smith abstained.

— Motion by Brooks, second by Woolsey to appoint Campbell and Elliott to assist with High School Diploma presentation. Motion passed 7-0.

— Motion by Franks, second by Campbell to approve Mr. Copp as Representative to Region 17 Advisory Committee, for 2003-04.

— Board discussed to approve/reject the sell of property in Roaring Springs. Motion to sell made by Franks, second by Smith. Motion passed 7-0. The house will be put up for bids between now and the next board meeting.

The board entered executive session at 8:35 p.m. and exited at 9:00 p.m.

Out of executive session a motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Woolsey to accept the resignation of Erin Jones. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Elliott, with a second by Brooks to approve employee reasonable assurances. Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Campbell, with a second by Brooks to reconvene the meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday to approve expenditures. Motion passed 7-0.

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Comparison shop for gas (save est. \$.25/gallon)	48.00
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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

### PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Joyce Smith was hostess to the Roaring Springs Predicta Study Club when it met in her home on Thursday night, April 17. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was in charge. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Smith presented the program by telling of her recent trip to Ireland and showing pictures. It was such a wonderful program. She also gave the devotional reading on Easter.

Mrs. Smith served delicious refreshments and everyone enjoyed visiting.

Those attending, in addition to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Thacker, were Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Miss Lula Swim, Mrs. Gene Stetson of Las Cruces, NM.

### HOUSE OF FAITH MEETING

The House of Faith children met once again on Wednesday, after school, at the Park for games, Bible stories and refreshments. Mrs. Monta Marshall gave the Bible story. Rev. Paul Stearns, Corky Marshall and Ken Abbott helped with the kids. Mrs. Kathy Blanco furnished the cookies.

About 35 children are attending each week.

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

About 50 people from churches in Matador and Roaring Springs attended the Easter Sunrise service and the breakfast afterwards, held at the Community Center in Roaring Springs, Sunday.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Several kids enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Pearl Patten for Easter weekend were Mrs. JoAnn Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque; Misses Lisa and Tara Parker of Boyd; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen of Pampa, and sons, Jarred of Boyd and Darrin of Pampa, and Mrs. Allen's grandson, also of Pampa; Larry and Willita Burkes of Afton; Miss Angie Burkes of Lub-

bock; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Allen of Lubbock; and local residents, Mrs. Ruby Hipp and Jerry and Venita Sedgwick.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips of Matador drove Lula Swim to Lubbock Monday to keep two doctor appointments. At noon they met Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike of Sudan for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim returned home on Friday evening from Lubbock where Mr. Swim had spent a week in Covenant Medical Center. He is reported to be doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock brought his mother home on Wednesday to get some things and attend to business.

Mrs. Grace Zabielski was conveyed by Motley County Ambulance to Covenant Lakeside on Friday. She was able to return home on Saturday, but was to return to Lubbock on Monday for tests.

Mrs. Gene Stetson of Las Cruces, NM visited her twin brother, Dean McClroe, this past weekend.

Mrs. Kay Jones went to Hedley Sunday afternoon to visit her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith enjoyed Easter lunch at the home of their daughter, Jim and Carla Meador in Matador. Others attending were Kenneth Ashley, Randy and Holly Meredith, Wylie and John, local residents; Tony, Sherry, Sean and Shea of Matador. Visiting that afternoon were Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock; Jackie and Shirley Smith, Steve Smith of Matador, and their guests, Ron and Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, La., and Jayson and Barbara Cooper of Plainview. Everyone enjoyed watching Morgan and Judson for an Easter Egg hunt.

Mr. Larry Watson drove his mother, Mrs. Cleo Watson, to Lubbock to Lubbock twice last week for doctor appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Barnes and daughter Zoe of Hawley visited her grandmother, Mrs. Cleo Watson and uncles, Larry Watson and Monte Watson for the Easter weekend. They also visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams in Matador.

of Lubbock, visited Friday with brothers, Art and Luther Green and wife Edna Ruth, sister Bessie Jean Williams and husband Pete. They also visited many friends while here.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Amarillo April 11-15 with her daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Courtney Dunnam. She kept two doctor appointments on Tuesday before returning home.

Mrs. Jo Smithers of Coalingua, CA visited with Jack Samford and houseguest, Mrs. Nina Barton, her mother, last week.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Church sign: "Fastest way to heaven: knee mail."

### TURBULENT WEATHER

A small tornado struck in Flomot Tuesday, April 15 and Ruth and Orville Lee reported a steel building destroyed and windows suctioned out of their house east of Post Office.

Others in Flomot reported sighting a tornado seven miles east of Flomot that hit in open territory.

The National Weather Service reported gusts of 80 mile winds in Flomot and Whiteflat; pea, marble and golf ball size hail and cloudburst of sporadic rain.

Friday night and early Saturday morning, April 18-19 and electrical storm with flashes of lightning followed by loud claps of thunder was experienced in Flomot and Whiteflat. Significant amounts of rain was reported and electrical outages.

### CRUSE NAMED TO ALL REGION BASKETBALL TEAM

Derrick Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, has been named to the Six-Man Coaches Association All Region basketball team. He was placed on a 20 member team after leading Valley Patriots to a 15-8 record.

Cruse was a three year varsity starter who averaged 16 points per game his senior season. He also led the team in rebounds, assists, steals, blocks and deflections. He is the grandson of Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner of Lubbock visited during the Easter holidays in their home in Flomot. They celebrated the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Lukenbach of Silverton, Sunday with a cook out luncheon, decorated birthday cake and all the trimmings.

Those attending the happy occasion were their holiday guests, Heather, Scott and Sklyar Blount and Janell and Cobey Turner of Lubbock, Bill Crowell of Dallas, Mike Montague of Amarillo and Joetta and Dale Bumgardner of Matador.

Visiting last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shorter were Mrs. Beverly Shorter and Megan of Mansfield and Mrs. Jennifer Moncrief, Matthew and Allison of Roaring Springs.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark during the Easter holidays was their daughter, Mindy Stark, a student at the University of Texas in Austin.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney was a luncheon guest of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Sunday.

Those enjoying an Easter luncheon and egg hunt Sunday at the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star; Talon Cruse, Keane and Roegan Cruse and Leo Burt of Turkey; Brand and Jodi Cruse, Branson and Baylor of Clarendon; Leah Cruse of Lubbock; Derinda, Mark, Thor, Tory, Tally and Teah Patton of Silverton; Monica and Tanner Smith and Cutter of Floydada; Deidra, Larry and Skylar Clifton of Cisco; Darla, James, Fannin and Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat; Donnie and Judy Cruse, Darrell, Brenda and Derrick Cruse, Lee J., Brenda, Chasity, Malcomb and Jessie Browning of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Easter Sunday were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo. Shonda Davies of Plainview, Brandon Lee, student at SPC in Levelland, Ernie Lee, Kellan and Kacee of Turkey.

Easter Sunday was a fun filled day with a picnic luncheon and egg hunt along the river at the home of Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot and their Easter holiday houseguests, Cory and Amy Franks and Madison of Bastrop, Cary Franks and Soreel Schmidt of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Canyon; Matt and Ashley Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs and their houseguests, Mrs. Cindy Smith, Craig Cobb, Trevor and Sadie of Amarillo, Lacy and Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie of Matador and Bill D. and Erma Washington of Flomot.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited from Friday until Sunday in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray. Joining them there to visit were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

Guests of Mrs. Edith Washington, Sunday were Mrs. Stacie Washington, Cam, Clay and Conner of Childress and Seab and Diana Washington of Flomot.

Easter holiday guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers for a Rogers family reunion were Jerry Rogers of Los Lomas, N.M., Randy Rogers and children of Roswell, N.M., Mrs. Darlina Rogers and family of Ruidoso, N.M., Ronnie and Richard Rogers of Lubbock, Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Calgary, Brain Austin and family of McIntosh, N.M., and Mrs. Janice Scott and family of Holly.

A Tanner family Easter day reunion was held at the Senior Citizens building in Turkey after the families attended church services in Flomot and Turkey.

Those enjoying the good food and visiting were Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay of Flomot and their houseguests, Kevon, Lori, Kylee and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton; Clois and Kathy Shorter of Flomot and their holiday guests, Kevin, Keri and Brain Sehon of Ropesville, Dwain, Christi, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg; Diane, Stacey and Christy Loyd, Ronnie and LaQuane Barham, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Ewing, Hunter and Austin of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. David Barham, Chloe and Michael of Amarillo; Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador; Mrs. Joy Barham, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis of Hart; Karla Davis of Wolforth; Pat and Tina Walker, Ryleigh and Parker Carson, Mrs. Roberta Carson, Neal, Julie and Caden Edwards and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey; Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Flomot.

The C.W. Starkey family celebrated their annual Easter family reunion from Wednesday through Sunday at the rural location of Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Jack and Nada Starkey. The 197 attending enjoyed cook outs, hiking and Easter egg hunts. Ten of the eleven children and families attended.

Dinah and Ken Young of Roaring Springs and Mary Ellen Barton enjoyed the concert of John Walker held Saturday night at the Gem Theatre in Turkey.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter Brittany of Vernon visited during the Easter holiday with her parents, Carolyn and Arnold Johnson and aunt and husband, Kayla and Neal Guest of Turkey. They attended sunrise church services and breakfast Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon they joined the Johnny Pigg family at the Quitaque River for a picnic and Easter egg hunt.

Berry Pickett of Garland and Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and daughter, Madison of Bastrop are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.



## News from the Lions

by Penny Pipkin

### LIONS CLUB DECLARES WAR ON TRASH

The Matador Lions Club declared war on trash, Saturday, April 5, and conducted a hand to ground mop-up operation, removing trash from U.S. Highway 70, west of Matador. Members mustered at the TxDOT office and were dispersed strategically along different locales of the target area. The operation route was two miles long.

The Lions, led by Boss Lion Jim Watson, are all veterans of three previous trash engagements. The members met with heavy resistance at times but eventually the nine-person task force overwhelmed the highway litter. The conflict lasted just over two hours.

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Lions Club were ably assisted by two members of the crack Boy Scouts of America from the highly heralded Matador Troop #360. The two scouts were identified as Cory Durham and Sam Fletcher of Motley County. Sam and Cory were fulfilling Community Service requirements for their Second Class rank.

This embedded reporter did not observe any injuries to either Scouts or Lions Club members. All participants reportedly had a good time, but were glad when the operation ended. Another such operation is being planned, and the Matador Lions Club challenges other organizations to take up the gauntlet and clean up the roadways of Motley County.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and attended the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast.

Lula Swim

Our family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks for your presence, phone calls, prayers and unending devotion for our needs during the loss of our beloved Elwanda. We know how very much she loved you. May God bless you.

The McCaghren and Dewayne Martin families

We want to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, the calls, the food and for your visits, your prayers at the loss of my mother, Fern Henderson. Thanks to Pat Seigler and Nathan Shannon for your care and thoughtfulness. A special thanks to Carla Meador for the beautiful song service. The ladies at the church who prepared the meal for our family. Thanks to Rev. Jack Boggs and Rev. James Hancock.

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## Matador News

Visiting in the homes of Jackie and Shirley Smith and Steve Smith for the weekend were Ron, Shirlene and Nick Cooper of DeRidder, La. and Danny and Amber Lujan of New Braunfels. They were here to attend the wedding of their son and brother, Jayson Cooper to Barbara Tracy, held at the First United Methodist Church in Matador on Saturday. A reception was held at the Smith's home after the wedding. Several relatives and friends of the couple attended.

Jack and Decima Green of New Deal and daughter, Chris Snodgrass

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

**Cotton** **PCG** News  
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## 2003 LOAN PREMIUM AND DISCOUNT TABLE RELEASED SHOULD PROVIDE BOOST FOR 2003

Following USDA's April 17 release of the 2003 Upland Cotton Loan Premium and Discount tables, High Plains' cotton growers should find a lot to be happy about as they prepare for the 2003 growing season.

The 2003 P&D table provides a second year of positive changes in the form of lower discounts and higher premiums.

Another boon for producers is the fact that the trend toward smaller discounts carries over to the Micronaire discount table, which has lower discounts throughout.

The discount table for Uniformity remained the same as 2002 while the table for Bark has lower discounts than were in place for 2002. Strength discounts, however, did increase slightly for readings 25.4 g/tex and lower. Premiums for Strength readings above 25.4 g/

tex remained unchanged.

The Premium and Discount tables provide the applicable premium and discount figures used to determine marketing loan values for cotton produced in the United States and supplied as collateral to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

USDA indicated that the 2003 table was developed using an evenly weighted mix of the 2002 crop Premium and Discount table and reported 2002 crop spot market quotations.

Producers wanting to see the 2003 Loan Premiums and Discounts first-hand can download them from the USDA Farm Service Agency website by going to the Plains Cotton Growers website at <http://www.plainscotton.org> and following the links provided there.

The table below provides comparisons between 2002 and 2003 loan values for White Grades 11-41 and Light Spot grades 12-42.

LOAN VALUES FOR GRADE, STAPLE LENGTH, AND LEAF CONTENT OF 2003-CROP AMERICAN UPLAND COTTON  
Base Loan Rate = \$2.00

Color	Staple Leaf	31			32		
		2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change	2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change
11&21	1 & 2	-380	-275	105	-370	-275	95
	3	-405	-285	120	-385	-285	100
	4	-450	-320	130	-420	-320	100
	5	-520	-420	100	-505	-420	85
	6	-610	-515	95	-610	-515	95
	7	-775	-675	100	-775	-675	100
	31	1 & 2	-420	-290	130	-385	-290
3		-425	-300	125	-400	-300	100
4		-475	-340	135	-440	-340	100
5		-550	-435	115	-525	-435	90
6		-630	-535	95	-630	-535	95
7		-795	-690	105	-795	-690	105
41		1 & 2	-480	-350	130	-450	-350
	3	-480	-360	120	-455	-360	95
	4	-550	-395	155	-485	-385	100
	5	-605	-495	110	-590	-495	95
	6	-710	-605	105	-710	-605	105
	7	-870	-755	115	-870	-755	115
	12&22	1 & 2	-440	-350	90	-440	-350
3		-465	-365	100	-455	-365	90
4		-520	-415	105	-510	-415	95
5		-595	-500	95	-590	-500	90
6		-700	-605	95	-700	-605	95
7		-870	-760	110	-870	-760	110
32		1 & 2	-505	-395	110	-480	-395
	3	-505	-395	110	-485	-395	90
	4	-575	-455	120	-550	-455	95
	5	-635	-540	95	-630	-540	90
	6	-750	-650	100	-750	-650	100
	7	-910	-800	110	-910	-800	110
	42	1 & 2	-580	-480	100	-565	-480
3		-580	-485	95	-570	-485	85
4		-635	-525	110	-615	-525	90
5		-705	-615	90	-705	-615	90
6		-820	-760	60	-820	-730	90
7		-995	-890	105	-995	-890	105

2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change	2001 Loan	2002 Loan	Change
-145	-95	50	165	215	50
-150	-100	50	160	205	45
-200	-155	45	70	100	30
-320	-270	50	-160	-150	10
-455	-365	90	-360	-330	30
-625	-525	100	-570	-505	65
-160	-115	45	145	180	35
-165	-120	45	145	180	35
-220	-170	50	65	90	25
-330	-285	45	-190	-185	5
-480	-385	95	-390	-360	30
-645	-540	105	-590	-520	70
-240	-185	55	45	70	25
-250	-195	55	35	60	25
-275	-220	55	Base	Base	Base
-420	-345	75	-280	-255	25
-560	-455	105	-480	-440	40
-720	-605	115	-700	-585	115
-235	-180	55	45	75	30
-245	-185	60	20	55	35
-315	-255	60	-85	-35	50
-420	-350	70	-275	-240	35
-550	-455	95	-490	-430	60
-720	-610	110	-695	-610	85
-285	-225	60	-20	5	25
-290	-230	60	-30	5	25
-365	-295	70	-140	-100	40
-465	-390	75	-365	-340	25
-600	-500	100	-555	-500	55
-760	-650	110	-745	-650	95
-400	-330	70	-225	-195	30
-405	-330	75	-235	-200	35
-450	-375	75	-290	-260	30
-535	-465	70	-445	-415	30
-670	-580	90	-635	-580	55
-845	-740	105	-810	-740	70

## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke  
Motley County Extension Agent



### WITH THE WAR IN IRAQ, MORE GARDENS ARE BEING PLANTED

A recent survey found more Americans are planting their own fruits and vegetables than in previous years. It determined that 40 percent of Americans are planning on spending more money on vegetable and fruit plants. The current trend contradicts the decline in home gardens over the past 20 years. One explanation may be nostalgia for the "Victory Gardens" of World War II. During that time an estimated 20 million Americans planted gardens helping grow 40 percent of all produce consumed during the war.

### ORGANIC FIRE ANT BAITS AVAILABLE, AND EFFECTIVE

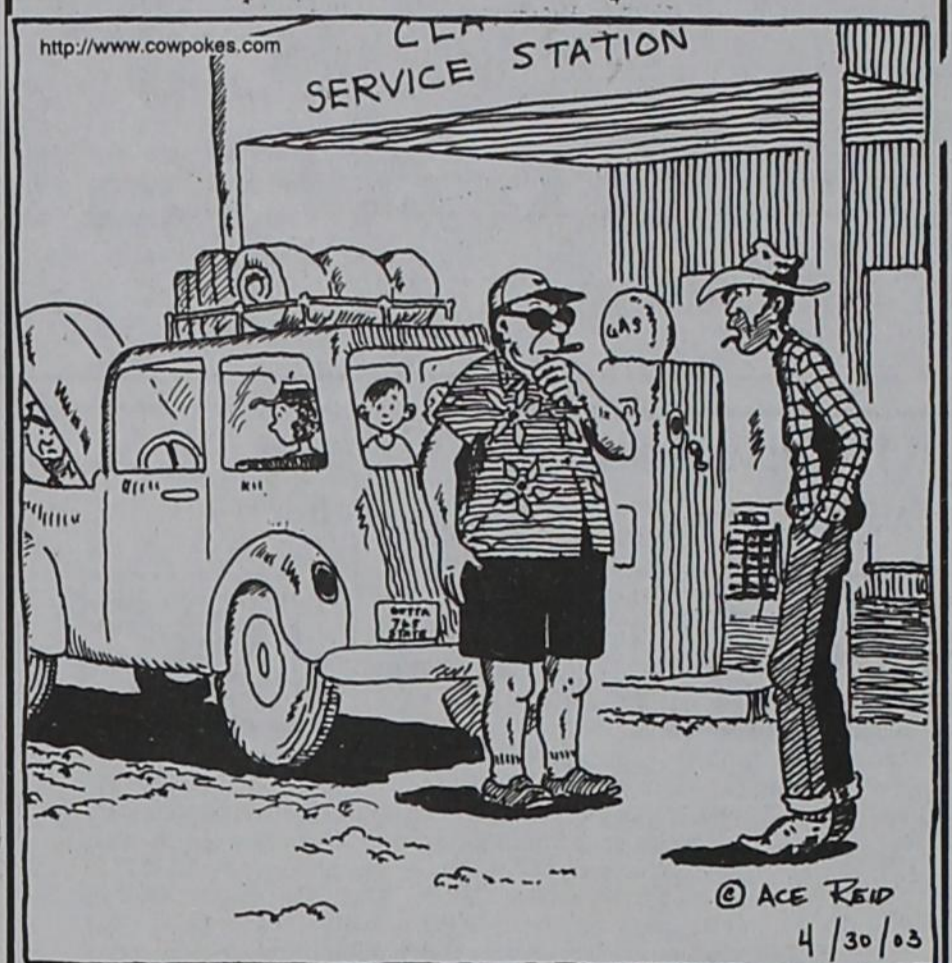
There is now an organic alternative in combating fire ants. New organic fire ant baits are available this spring, and they are reportedly as effective as conventional baits. Spinosaad (Spin-O-sad) is the only active ingredient in the new baits, and

it is considered organic because it's produced from a bacterial fermentation process. The organic baits are said to be fast-acting, and effects the nervous system of an ant. They cost about the same as conventional baits and can be purchased at local lawn and garden outlets.

### ALGICIDE OFFERS NEW WAY TO FIGHT OFF-FLAVOR IN CATFISH

USDA researchers have found a new way to combat bad flavors in farm-raised catfish. The solution is a new earth-friendly algicide Blue-green algae is known to give catfish a "muddy" flavor. Each year, catfish farmers spend almost 50 million dollars treating for algae. The new algicide is made from a compound found in ryegrass. Tests proved it is effective and less harmful to beneficial green algae. The algicide should be available to consumers in 2 to 3 years. CONTACT: Luis pons, (301) 504-1628, [lpns@ars.usda.gov](mailto:lpns@ars.usda.gov)

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