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## Motley County School participates in Distance Learning Grant

Motley County School is one of nineteen school districts in Region 17 to participate in a \$291,918 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. The award was announced on Tuesday (January 24) to superintendents and technologists at the Education Service Center in Lubbock.

Motley County School will receive a portable interactive television system for the elementary school and will participate in a series of virtual field trips focused on identified Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) developed by the Science Spectrum in Lubbock. Motley County teachers will also work with the Science Spectrum to develop curriculum to support the virtual field trips.

With six other area school districts in the Rolling Plains Educational Technology Consortium (Guthrie, Jayton-

Girard, Paducah, Patton Springs, Spur, and Turkey-Quitaque), Motley County School already has an active distance learning program. Three years of Spanish, including a dual credit college course, are taught each semester from the Consortium's classroom at Reese Technology Center in Lubbock. Students also participate in a Music Appreciation class taught daily from Jayton-Girard.

Randy Brown, Motley County Superintendent, and district technologist Shelley Cox attended the announcement press conference in Lubbock on Tuesday. Brown said, "This grant is an opportunity to extend distance learning to the elementary school and will increase our capability within the Rolling Plains Consortium to ensure that our students have exceptional learning experiences."

Deputy Agriculture Secretary Chuck Conner announced in December the award of 79 Distance Learning and Telemedicine grants, which will provide improved educational and medical services to residents of 36 states. Six awards were made in Texas. Nationally, the grants total more than \$29.4 million.

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program is designed to enhance educational and health care services in rural America. This year 227 grant applications were received and 162 were found to meet program eligibility requirements. The 79 successful applicants were selected from that list. During the past five years, USDA's Rural Development has invested over \$4.6 billion in telecommunications programs across America.

## Wildflower slide show will highlight annual Ladies Luncheon

Virginia Taylor of South Plains will share a slide presentation on wildflowers of Texas at a ladies' luncheon at First Baptist Church, Matador, at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 4.

Mrs. Taylor and her husband, Joe, live on and manage the Circle Dot Ranch, where she was raised, and they attend South Plains Baptist Church.

Virginia and her husband do tours and meals on the ranch, and she helps entertain with poetry. She has also performed at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock, as well as other venues.

She also presents programs on history, hats, and various other subjects. She enjoys history, genealogy, books, antiques

and gardening.

Mrs. Taylor, who calls herself a professional volunteer, serves in many capacities, ranging from Board of Directors of the Floyd County Historical Museum to founding Queen Mother of the Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society of Floyd County.

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## Voters should question Legislative candidates on children's textbook fund

by James B. Cardle,  
Pres. & CEO  
Texas Citizen Action Network

Last fall, Texans witnessed the spectacle of our children being forced to share worn out and out-dated textbooks while the legislature attempted to raid the children's textbook fund to pay for other, and never passed, education "reforms".

After parents and educators expressed their outrage and focused public attention on this issue, a disaster was averted when Gov. Rick Perry stepped in to ensure that new books were delivered to our schools.

But some members of the legislature already are laying plans for their next assault on the children's textbook fund - apply named the "Permanent School Fund", or PSF. Their efforts, if successful, will have the effect of preventing students from having a new set of badly needed math textbooks for the 2007 school year. It will also divert textbook money to pay for legislator's pet projects and expand state government unnecessarily.

Texas voters can prevent a repeat of last year's textbook debacle by insisting that legislative candidates pledge to protect the children's textbook fund and our state textbook process, which is commonly known across the country to be the envy of every other states be-

cause of its tried and true effectiveness.

Back in 1874, our state's forefathers had the wisdom to create the Permanent School Fund. The Texas Constitution requires that the proceeds from the PSF be used "in perpetuity" to provide textbooks & curriculum for every child in every public school in our state.

This fund, managed by the State Board of Education, has grown from its original \$2 million investment to become one of the largest endowments in the country, some \$22 billion. It now provides more than enough revenue for the children's textbook fund, with money left over to pay for other educational needs.

Instead of seeing the textbook fund as one of our state's greatest education assets, some view it as a huge slush fund just waiting to be tapped for other purposes.

If funds for instructional materials are sent to school districts with a mandate that some of the money be spent on computers with no requirement to spend any of it on instructional content, the entire accountability system will begin to unravel.

The 15 members of the State Board of Education (SBOE) have had many differences on other issues, but they unanimously agree on protecting the children's textbook fund, the

PSF.

Another textbook crisis is now brewing over new math materials. The time to act is now.

Voters should question every one of their legislative candidates in this year's elections to find out whether they will defend the children's textbook fund and vote against so-called "local controls" that will raid the fund and undo the real education reforms we have worked so hard to implement.

Several years ago, a group of companies came together to form an effort that they not so subtly labeled "no vendor left behind." Their scheme was simple: get the legislature to define computer hardware and network equipment as "instructional materials" so it could be paid for - at the expense of textbooks - out of the PSF.

And, instead of having the state buy textbooks for all the schools, money from the trust fund would be sent directly to school districts with a requirement that districts spend hundreds of millions of dollars on computer equipment - regardless of whether the schools wanted or needed the equipment. Many have already equipped their school from monies provided by Texas taxpayers through the TIF, the Technology Infrastructure Fund that Texans regularly see at the bot-



Martha Farris presents a check for the Motley County Library building fund to Marihelen Wason. In the background, is a painting of the late Kinder Farris on his horse.

## Farris Foundation donates to Library building fund

The Thomas Kinder and Martha W. Farris Charitable Foundation, Inc. presented a check for \$20,000 to Marihelen Wason for the Motley County Library Annex building fund. Marihelen Wason, secretary of the Library Board, Patricia

Green, Library Board Member, and Suzanne Abbott, Librarian, traveled to Floydada Wednesday to accept the donation from Mrs. Martha Farris. The presentation took place in the First National Bank of Floydada with bank President, Tom Farris,

looking on. This donation will make it possible to begin work at the Library Annex much sooner than planned and the Library Board and its patrons are extremely grateful for this grant from the Farris Foundation.

## Chamber of Commerce meeting set for Tuesday at the Library

Anyone wishing to find out more about the Boondocker Motorcycle race is encouraged to attend the Motley County Chamber of Commerce meeting set for next Tuesday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Library.

The race is scheduled to be held March 5 in Matador. Chamber members are encouraging individuals and organizations to take advantage of this opportunity to hold a fund-raiser. For more information contact Chamber president, Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388.

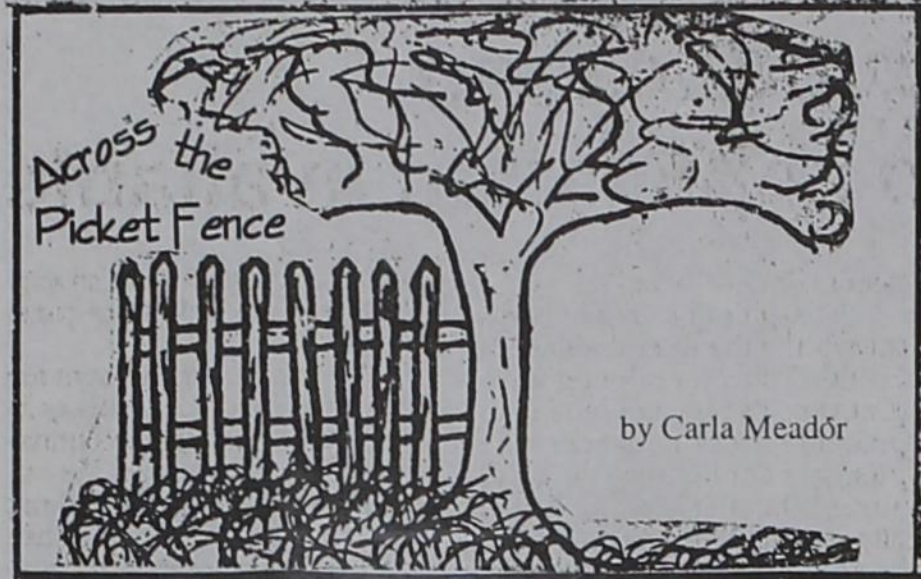
*Valentine Brag  
pages will be  
printed next week*

Readers are reminded that Valentine Brag pages will be featured in next week's paper. This holiday feature is favored by readers everywhere. Everyone enjoys seeing who belongs to who. Don't miss your chance to show off your special Valentine. For only \$12 you may place your sweetheart in a single heart, or a double heart is available for \$20. But you must hurry! The deadline is Friday, Feb. 3.

So, find your favorite picture and don't wait! Let everyone see how special your Valentine is.

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The weather man says that the groundhog will see his shadow tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 2, Groundhog Day, which should indicate that we will have six more weeks of winter. But we haven't had the first six weeks of winter yet! The weather is unbelievable. The mild temperatures are calling me outside. My forsythia bushes are blooming with little yellow flowers and I noticed some daffodils getting ready to bloom. My rose bushes are leafing out; everything pointing to signs of Spring.

In this area, we should know that it's not unusual to have our Winter in February and March. I don't like to see the budding plants freeze, but we need some moisture so desperately in some form, I think we would all make the sacrifice if we could get some sort of wet stuff - rain or snow.

Jim and I have seen so much wildlife lately. We were looking for an old stiff cow the other day and we walked and walked before we found her. Poor thing, she was just tired

and stiff. Anyway, while on our nature walk, we saw several deer, one big and stately 12 point buck, several coveys of big, fat quail, a beautiful pheasant, hawks, and rabbits. It seems to me there is an abundance of wildlife this year.

We're really lucky here to have access to the beauty of wildlife right at our back doors. Literally at our doors - we have had a lot of quail and dove at our house, and deer just behind our house in the pasture. The birds don't even seem too frightened when we get closer.

I know there are probably a lot of city folks that would just love to spend a few days here, taking nature walks and seeing the wildlife. I know the idea has been presented before, but some of you with a lot of land should maybe take advantage of that opportunity. It would bring more people to this area and give you a little extra money or maybe a lot of extra money.

If you have the time and need a little exercise, take a walk and enjoy a Motley County wildlife adventure.

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



Today, Thursday, February 2, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. We invite everyone to attend.

We had a lively book discussion of Sena Jeter Naslund's book *Ahab's Wife* last week. Eighteen ladies took part in the discussion led by Marisue Powell and Patricia Green. The consensus was that those who read the book either loved it or hated it. These two diverse opinions made for a rollicking discussion among these attendees: Ruby McGuire, Marihelen Wason, Lindy Stafford, Winifred Darsey, Betty Moore, Joanie

Stephens, Betty Henry, Dorothy Knight, Billie Koon, Jeanette Case, Janie Campbell, Joyce Campbell, Dartha Westbrook, Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort, Deb Spray, Sue Seigler, Jo Crowder and Suzanne Abbott.

We appreciate the memorial donations that we received last week. We thank Charley and Opal Johnson for their donation in memory of Lola Pohl and we thank W.C. Pallmeyer for his donation in memory of Lola Pohl and Susanna Woodruff.

Please don't forget to come to the Friends of the Library meeting.

## Heritage Tourism Grant recipients announced by Texas Historical Commission

Austin - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has awarded \$30,000 in Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant funds to seven organizations for the promotion of the Texas Plains Trail Region, a 52-county area located throughout the Panhandle of Texas.

The grants are part of the THC's award-winning heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. The partnership grant program helps communities fund projects that enhance the visitor experience to cultural and historic sites and events in the Texas Plains Trail Region.

Recipients include: Lamb County Historical Commission; Muleshoe Heritage Foundation; Northwest Texas Museum Association in Panhandle; Historic Scurry County, Inc.; Wolf Creek Heritage Museum in Lipscomb; Childress County Heritage Museum and Hutchinson County Museum.

"Congratulations to these communities, heritage organizations and tourism associations that will now be better equipped to promote this region as a heritage tourism destination," said Larry Oaks, THC executive director. "Up to \$5,000 in matching grants will go toward projects such as interpretive exhibits, signage and promotions that highlight historic sites and events."

The funded projects include: a heritage tourism pamphlet; a series of historic publications;

establishment of a brochure-sharing, cross-promotional network; production of a historic home video; directional signage; interpretive exhibits; web site upgrades; and the re-organization of a museum's promotional efforts. All projects will promote the Texas Plains Trail Region - a requirement to obtain the funding.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program increases tourism at cultural and heritage sites in regions across Texas and revitalizes local economies through regional tourism development and marketing. The program also stresses the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local tourism leadership.

For more information about the THC's partnership grant program, contact Allison Thompson, program specialist for the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program at 512/463-2630 or [allison.thompson@the.state.tx.us](mailto:allison.thompson@the.state.tx.us). For more information about the Texas Heritage Trails Program visit [www.the.state.tx.us](http://www.the.state.tx.us). For additional information on Texas travel events and destinations, visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com) or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 800/8888-TEX.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archaeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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## Ladies Luncheon

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All women of the area are invited to attend this event and to bring their friends. The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attended as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

For more information, call Doris Moore at 347-2875.

## God is never wrong

He never rendered a wrong decision, experienced the wrong attitude, taken the wrong path, said the wrong thing, or acted the wrong way.

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— Max Lucado



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It seems a man in the fish business hung out a sign that read, "Fresh Fish For Sale Today." He then invited all his friends to the grand opening.

They all congratulated him on his enterprise, but one suggested that his sign might be improved. Said he, "Why the 'Today'?" Of course it's today, not yesterday or tomorrow." So the fishmonger removed the word "Today." Another said, "Why the 'For Sale'?" Everyone knows that, else why the store?" And off came the words "For Sale." Another complained, "Why the word 'Fresh'?" Doesn't your integrity guarantee every fish to be 'Fresh'? Finally only the word "fish" remained on the sign. But another objector said, "Why the sign at all?" I can smell your fish two blocks away!"

It has been said: "You can please some of the people all of the time - and all the people some of the time - but you can't please all of the people all of the time." I believe that is true. So why don't we just try to please God? The Church that tries to satisfy everybody ends up by pleasing nobody. So the point in this: Put up your sign and stand by it!

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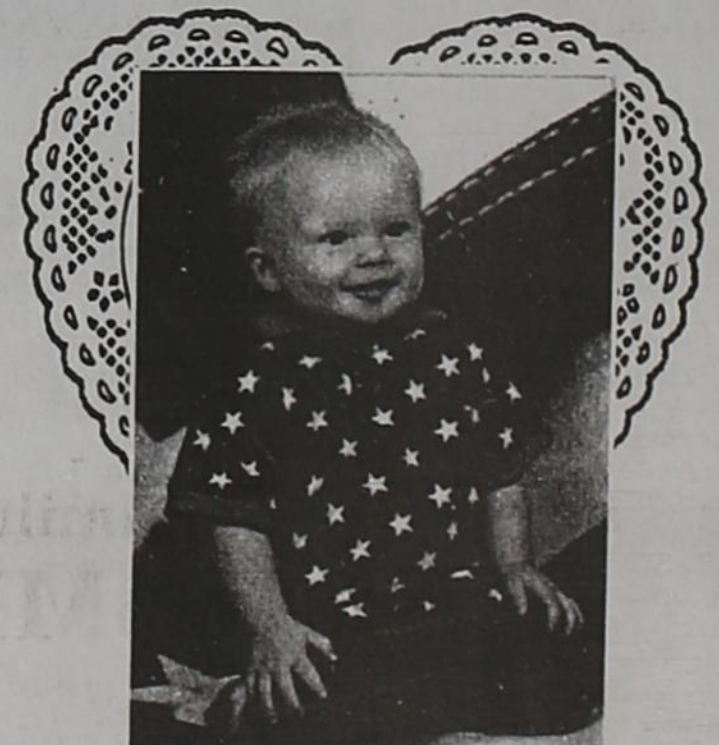
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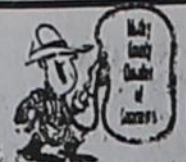
14-month-old son of Jayson and Barbara Cooper of Dallas; Grandson of Ron & Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, LA, and Newell & Christa Tracy of Arlington; Great-grandson of Jackie & Shirley Smith of Matador, Charlotte Tracy of Junction, CA, and Elmer & Bethel Koedam of Apache Heights, AZ

Valentine's Day, February 14th



# Motley County Chamber News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider: Perception is reality with a time lag. -- BT CEO Ben Verwaayen

Hopefully, reality won't catch you with a time lag this time.

It may seem early, but time moves really fast, so you, your club or organization does need to get moving if you want to take advantage of the opportunity coming up on March 5th.

The Boondockers are coming to Matador. They are planning a motorcycle race for March 5th, in the afternoon after church.

When you hear, "Motorcycle Race," you may think of Hell's Angels or some such group, but nothing could be further from the reality of this group. They are families, mothers, fathers, and children, who do things to-

gether on the weekends to have a good time. They don't sit in front of the TV or segregate into age-group defined clusters. They travel together, get to know different places and different people, and are out to have a good time without bothering anyone.

And they want you to join in and have a good time, too.

This event can benefit the whole county in many ways. It can benefit the communities directly in that the riders are charged an entry fee, and if the income exceeds the costs of staging the event, the surplus will be donated to the Chamber, to be divided among the groups and clubs that come out and help make the event a success.

And of course it can benefit the clubs and groups directly, when they participate by offering food and drinks for the

Boondockers to purchase. If we have anything like the 150 riders who participated in Spur, there will be a lot of family members, in addition to the riders, and they will be grateful for anything you or your group can offer.

Since the Chamber of Commerce wants to help by coordinating the projects or concessions planned in connection with the event, we ask that you come or send a representative

next Tuesday, February 7th, for the Chamber meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Library. You can talk to Dianne Washington at 347-2636 or Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388 if you have any questions.

So plan early, and prevent the time lag. See you on Thursday at the Chamber meeting.

## Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

### THE AGE OF THE EARTH AND UNIVERSE?

Before launching into this and before anybody gets their nose out of joint or their knickers in a knot, let me say again, this is NOT essential orthodox (right belief) doctrine. There are good nature Christians on both sides of the issue, some believing in an old earth and universe ("old earthers") millions or billions of year old, while others believe in a young earth and universe ("young earthers") sixteen thousand years old, and some are "flip-flopers." The point is, this is still an open question! But, it is an important question, one we can vigorously debate, but not divide over. Besides, it's interesting.

An old maxim that some attribute to St. Augustine, goes this way: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity (love)." The

"age" question clearly is within "non-essential liberty," but is still a profound question for a number of reasons. A "young earth" more neatly fits a plain reading of Genesis 1-11 as statements of historical fact, rather than allegory, whereas a very "old earth" is an absolute necessity to support the theory of Darwinian evolution, which is decidedly anti-God and anti-Christian.

Yours truly has always been a bit of a "shade-tree" geologist, astronomer, and theoretical physicist, and came to this study a committed "old-earthier," because that is what he was taught as truth and he assumed it was proven. Not so now! After a deep study of both the Bible and emerging scientific-evidence, he is a committed young-earthier, and can prove its high probability! Nor has he gone "nuts."

You may be asking, "How can this be? We were all taught 'old earth' in school and college." That's true, but there's been a "cover-up" and brain-washing. What we will cover in coming articles is intentionally not taught our students, as it would upset the entire "apple cart." The science curriculum is dictatorially controlled by the National Center for Science Education, the National Education Association, and the National Science Foundation, and they are committed to the protection and preservation of Darwinian Evolutionary theory at all costs.

Why? To teach or allow scientific evidence of a "young earth" in the classroom would absolutely destroy evolutionary theory and leave them facing the only remaining alternative-God and they know it! Next week: Scriptorture

## PRAY FOR RAIN!

## Cody Cooper named to Dean's List

Cody Cooper, a freshman Agriculture/Animal Science student at West Texas AMU in Canyon has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester. Students named to this list must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Cody is the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador and a graduate of Motley County High School.

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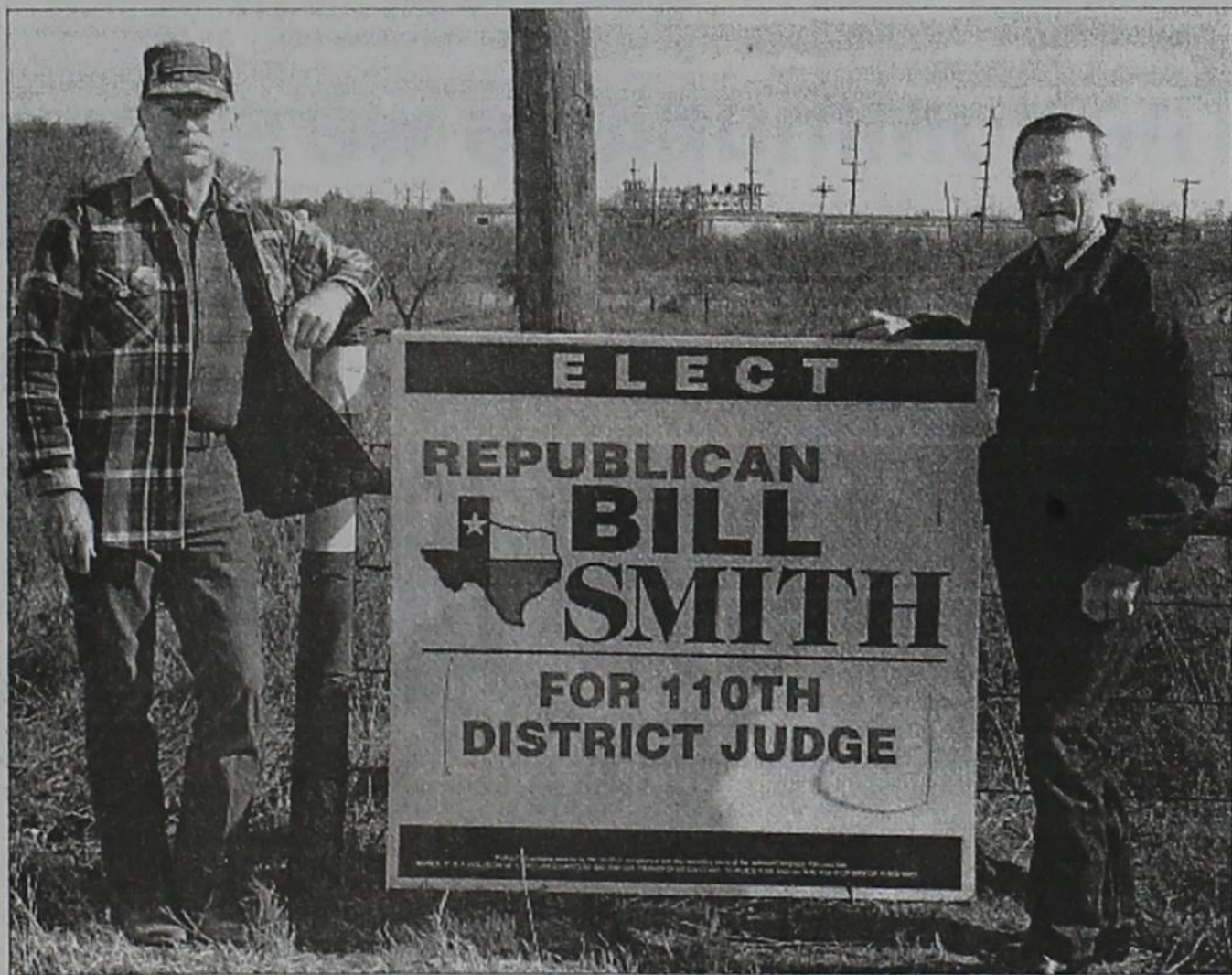
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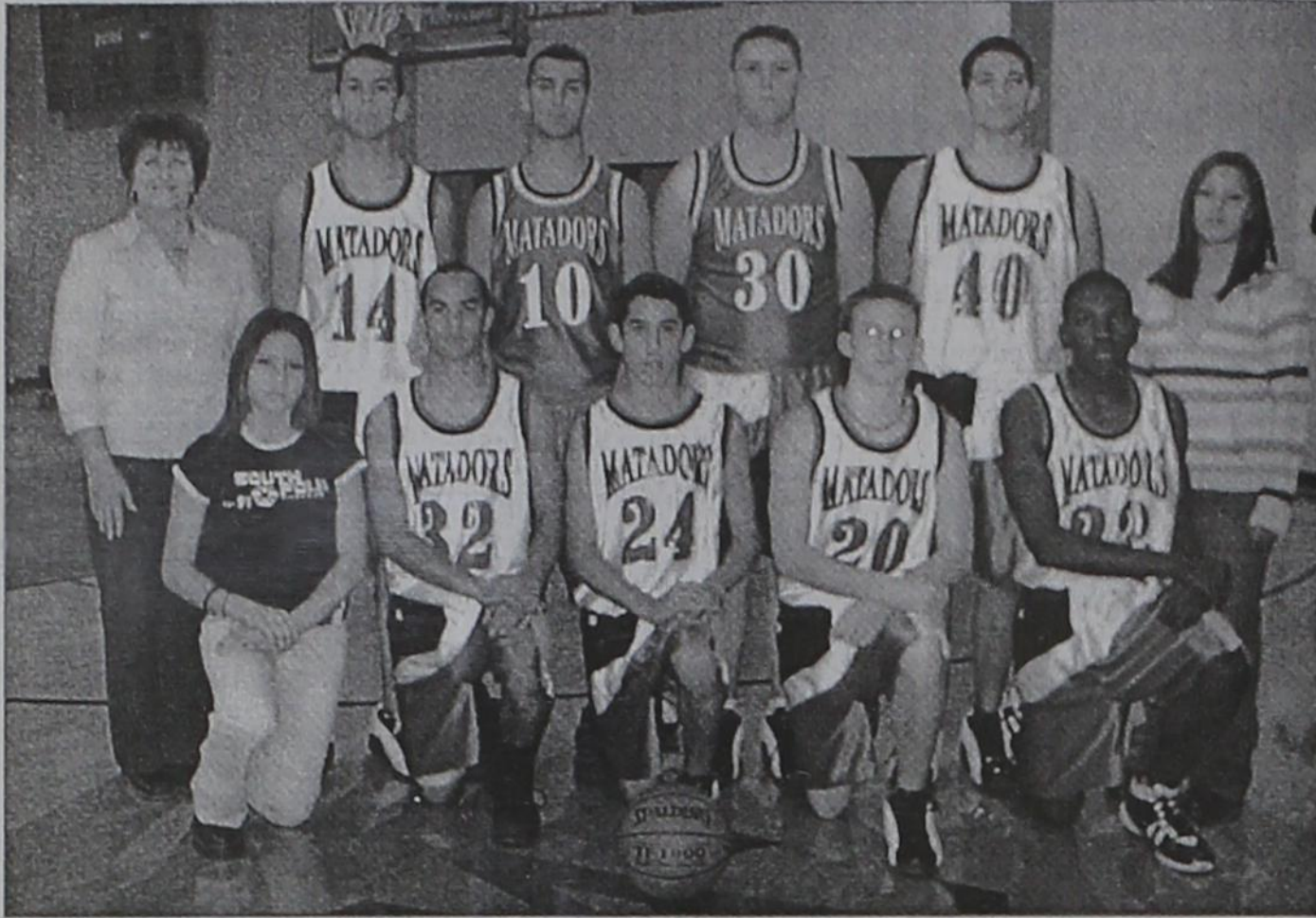
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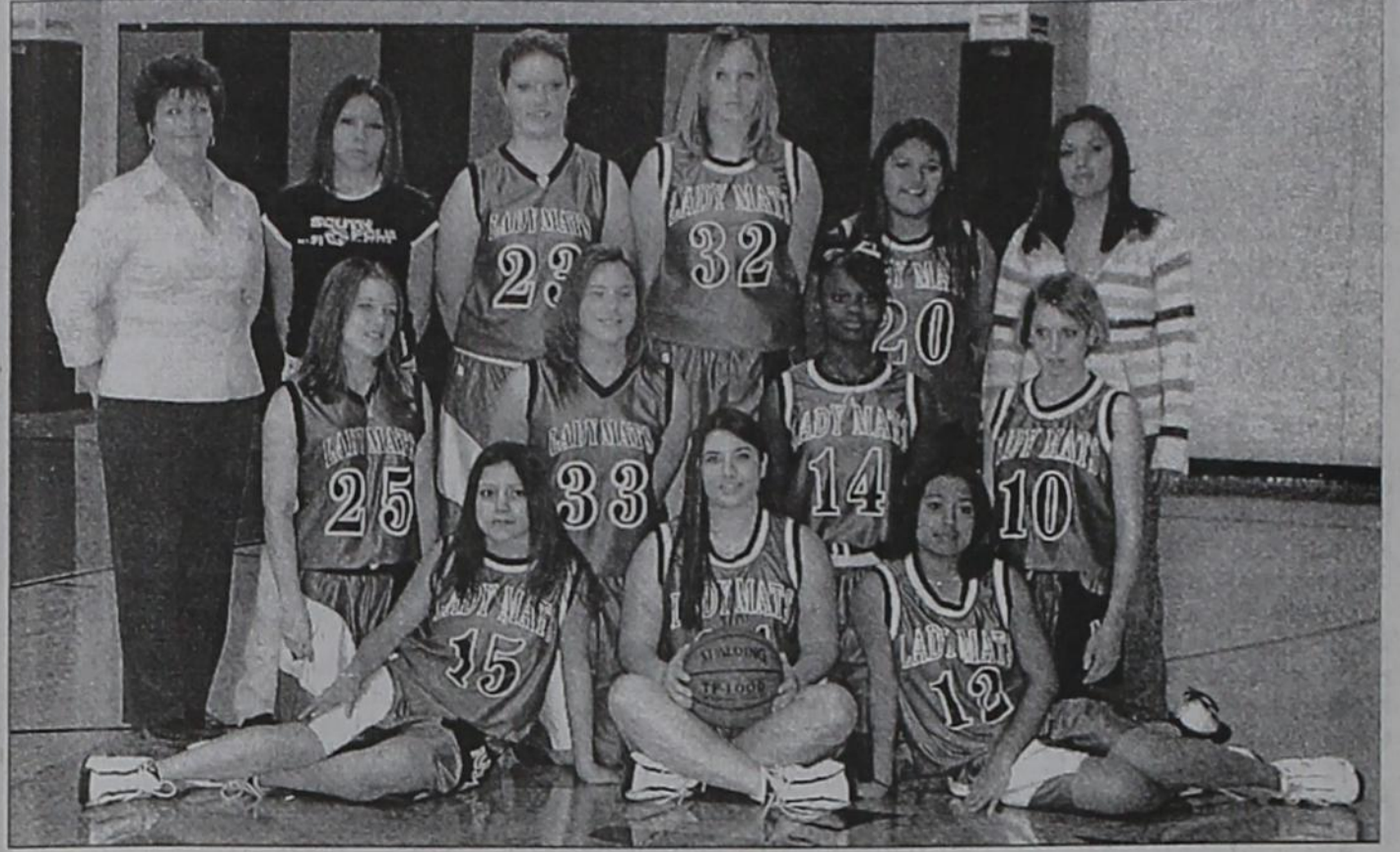
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MC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM - MATADORS, pictured left to right (back) Coach Kay Bingham, Marc Henzler, Junior, Chance Bingham, Senior, Colton Russell, Senior, Casey Carnes, Sophomore, Monica Huddleston, Senior, Manager; (front) Manager Melissa Flores, Sophomore, Isiah Archer, Sophomore, Jacob Blanco, Sophomore, Stacy Perryman, Sophomore, Bradley Brown, Sophomore.



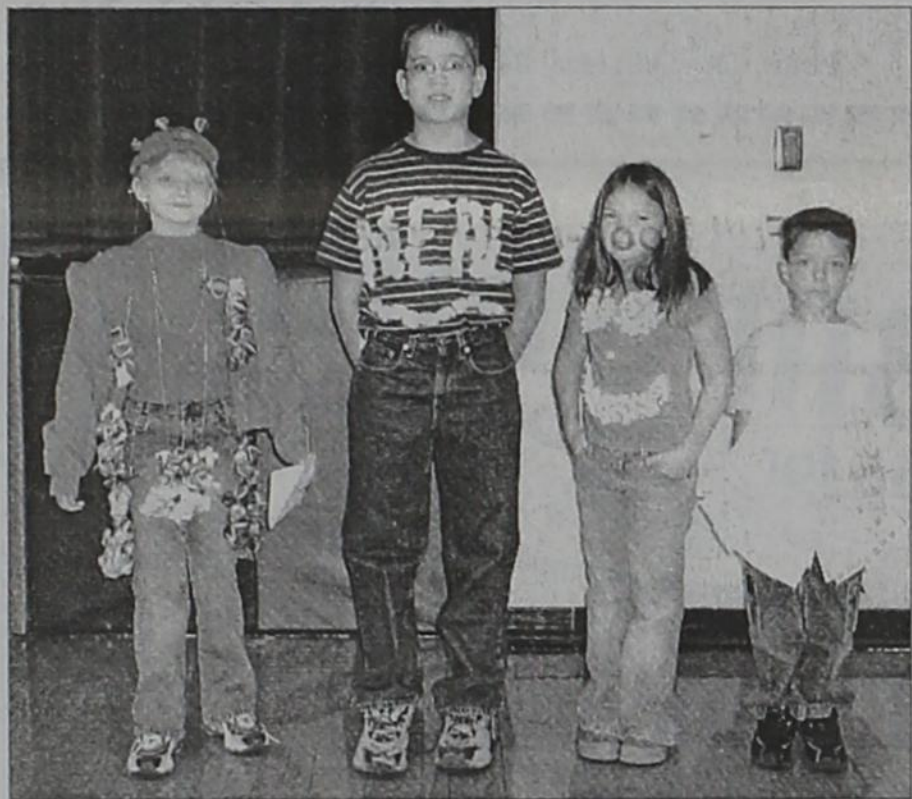
MC HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM - THE LADY MATADORS, pictured left to right (back) Coach Kay Bingham, Melissa Flores, Mgr., Brittney Watson, Sophomore, Savannah Rose, Sophomore, Karrie Valdez, Sophomore, Monica Huddleston, Senior, Manager, (middle) Courtney Alexander, Freshman, Christy Smith, Sophomore, Chicagra Brown, Junior, Shane'a Russell, Freshman; (front) Gresilda Flores, Junior, Ashlee Green, Senior, Angelica Mendoza, Junior.



MC JR. HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM - MAVERICKS, pictured left to right (back) Coach Kay Bingham, Christian Brooks, Nayo Santos, Cody Watson, Cody Martin, Augustine Chavez, Ky Christopher, Keyan Kautz; (front) Colby McCleskey, Mark Quintero, Sam Fletcher, Braden Mason, Jonathon Osborn and Reagan Elliott. After playing with a team comprised mainly of sixth grade students, who played against teams of mostly eighth graders, the MC junior high boys team ended the year with a victory. The boys and girls played well and steadily improved all year.



MC JR. HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM - THE LADY MAVERICKS, pictured left to right (back) Coach Judy Cooper, Alyx Smith, Melissa Flores, Hailey Blanco, Coach Kay Bingham, (middle) Sarah Ferguson, Alexis Guerrero, Brett Fletcher, Rebecca Torres, (front) Alexis Osborn, Courtney Montezuma, Leanne Jameson.



Motley County School celebrated the 100th day of class in the morning assembly on January 26th. Students practiced creativity and number awareness by devising and wearing 100 objects. Some used cotton balls and cotton bolls while others used pins and stickers and beads. During the assembly all students who participated held a parade around the gym, and the winner of the contest was given \$10 for her effort. Pictured left to right are Natalie Jameson, second grade, first place; and Honorable Mention, Neal Potts, fifth grade, Sage Guerrero, first grade, and J.T. Cooper, first grade.

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# Hunter Education Course fee increase approved

Austin, Texas -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a fee increase for attending a hunter education class from \$10 to \$15. The increase will take effect June 1, 2006.

According to Steve Hall, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Education Director, the increase is a needed incentive to increase volunteer instructor recruitment efforts.

Under current rule, an instructor is authorized to retain \$5, which has been in effect since 1995. The department has determined that economic factors have affected the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by volunteer instructors over the last 10 years, and that it is appropriate to increase the amount retained by volunteer instructors.

"Volunteer instructors are

the backbone of the hunter education program," said Hall. "Last year, approximately 2,500 volunteers provided hunter education training to 32,000 persons in Texas."

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course to hunt in Texas.

There are some exceptions for youngsters. Youth younger than 12 can hunt but must be accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who has completed a hunter education course, or is exempt by age. Youth ages 12-16 can hunt on their own if they have completed hunter education, but adult supervision is recommended.

Currently, there are three ways to take hunter education, traditional classroom instruction, home study and skills trail testing and an online course with skills trail testing. Home study and online course participants must come to a testing site to complete their training.

TPWD is looking at additional innovative alternatives to provide effective and convenient hunter education training,

including the potential use of new technology using simulated live fire exercises through computer technology. The department also offers a deferral program that allows hunters to purchase a \$10 "waiver" good for up to one year under certain provisions.

A complete listing of hunter education courses is on the TPWD Web site.

Since 1972, over 713,000 Texans have completed the hunter education course, which is mandatory in 50 states and 10 Canadian provinces. Hunter education became a legal requirement in 1988. Partly as a result of hunter education, Texas hunting accident rates have steadily decreased from a high of more than 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters in 1966 to below five accidents per 100,000 hunters in recent years.

Volunteer instructors must be at least 21 years old, have taken the hunter education course, filled out an application, and been through a game warden interview and an instructor course. Anyone interested can contact TPWD at (800) 792-1112, Ext. 4999 or see the TPWD Web site.



Motley County TxDOT employees work to prepare roads for winter weather.

# State approves project supporting military operations

Austin -- The state is fulfilling its commitment to build new roads and other infrastructure to support expanding military operations throughout Texas. The Texas Transportation Commission authorized a \$13 million construction project, Thursday, January 26, that will improve roads around the Red River Army Depot in Bowie County.

"This action by the Texas Transportation Commission completes Texas' pledge to make needed improvements to roads in and around the Red River Army Depot," said Governor Rick Perry. "Once completed, these projects will relieve congestion and take the strain off existing local roadways and improve the Depot's access to I-30 so that employees can respond more effectively to repair and maintenance demands in support of expanded missions it has received to support the Global War on Terrorism."

The Transportation Commission also authorized TxDOT to seek from private companies competing proposals to design and build the Inner Loop in El Paso County from U.S. 54 to Loop 375 under a pass-through financing agree-

ment.

Last December, TxDOT received a proposal submitted by J.D. Abrams, L.P. proposing to expedite construction of the Inner Loop highway. The project calls for construction of a 7-mile roadway connection between Biggs Field and the El Paso International Airport.

In other action, the commission approved granting up to \$12.25 million in toll equity to the Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority. The money would fund the design, engineering, traffic and revenue, legal and financial services to develop the Loop 49 project in Smith County. Financing the project in such a manner could expedite its construction by more than 20 years.

During the meeting, the commission and TxDOT staff held a discussion to begin outlining the department's state and federal legislative priorities for the near future.

TxDOT is working to accomplish five goals: reduce congestion, eliminate unsafe conditions, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality, and increase the value of transportation assets.

# TxDOT working for the safety of the traveling public

Childress -- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Motley County Maintenance section, has been busy preparing our roadways for winter weather.

"We are working to re-establish our waterways," said Ben Kautz, Motley County Maintenance Supervisor. "This work includes cleaning out the ditches and culverts to allow the water to flow," continued Kautz.

"This type of work is necessary to keep the water flowing in the ditches, culverts and wa-

terways, instead of on the roadway where it would be hazardous to the traveling public," said Kautz.

TxDOT maintenance forces perform these types of operations as preventive maintenance of our roadways and for the safety of the traveling public.

Anyone with questions about this, or any other TxDOT project should call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7145.

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## Tech Regent makes Endorsement

Dr. Bobby Stafford is a respected orthopedic physician who was raised in Motley County, practiced medicine in Amarillo and returned to Roaring Springs. Dr. Stafford has been recognized for many achievements including his recent appointment by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Tech University Board of Regents.

Dr. Stafford has known Tempie for many years and has submitted the following letter as his endorsement.

"Dear Fellow Voter,

*Tempie T. Francis is a candidate for District Judge. She was the recipient of numerous academic honors in both undergraduate and law school. Tempie has been a hard working attorney and would apply her tremendous energy as well as no nonsense West Texas values to carrying out her duties as a judge.*

*I wholeheartedly recommend this outstanding lady for the position she is seeking. I urge you to join me in supporting her.*

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

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Lula Swim had an appointment with Dr. Headrick on January 26. After ex-rays, a cast was put on her right leg. She had pain in her right knee also, and after ex-rays it was discovered a bone was broken. She will wear a brace and cannot walk for at least six weeks.

Those visiting Lula in Garrison House recently have been Alex and Jo Crowder, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Bill, Lea and Pat Peacock from Roaring Springs; her pastor from Methodist Church, Rev. Winfield Davenport; Sammie Phillips and Dennis and Donalda Letkeman from Matador; Donnie and Birdie Howell from Plainview; Hughes and Ola Fay Fish from Lubbock; J.R. and Stella Swim from Abilene; and J.T. and Imogene Swim from Roaring Springs saw her Sunday.

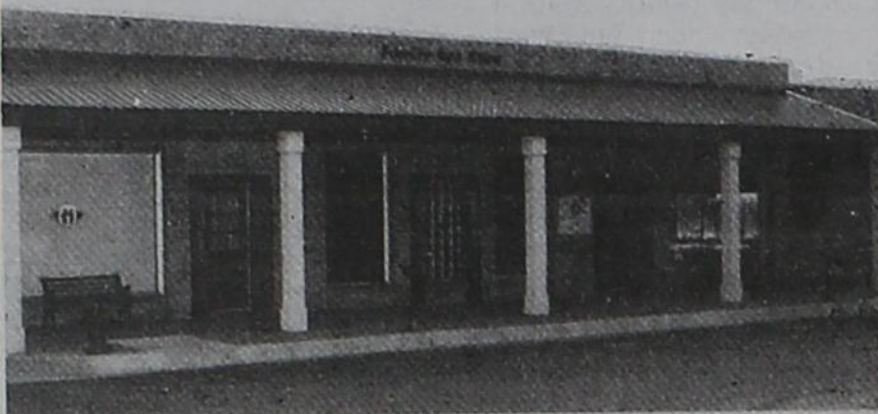
## Matador News

Jack Samford was admitted to the VA Hospital in Amarillo, Wednesday, January 25 with chest pains. He was in ICU until Friday, January 27, when he was trans-

ferred by plane to Albuquerque, NM for further diagnosis and treatment. Word was received Monday that Mr. Samford will undergo heart by-pass surgery later this week.

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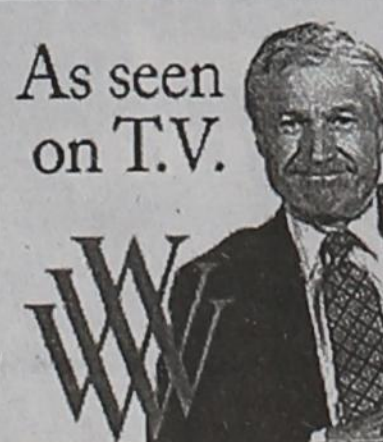
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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

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### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert was truly surprised when she was honored on her birthday Saturday night, January 28 with a party at the Community Center in Flomot. Hosting the courtesy were children and families, Sherrilyn and Dan Foster, Gwen and Tim Mandrell of Lubbock, Alvie Jo Calvert of Dumas and Glen Calvert of Flomot.

She received gifts and cards. Following the buffet supper, a chorus of Happy Birthday was sung before serving the pink floral decorated cake with the inscription, "Happy 75th Birthday." An arrangement of pink roses complimented the table laid with white cloth.

Those attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lyles, Peyton Mandrell, Dustin Reed and Elise Pace of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lyles of Childress; Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Hatley of Clarendon; Ashley Calvert and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Calvert of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Price, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Merrell, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Price, Mr. and Mrs. George Price and Donnie of Quitaque; Mrs. Wanda Calvert of Turkey; Teah and Tally Patton of Silverton and Mrs. Earlyne Jameson of Whiteflat.

Those from Flomot attending was her husband, Doyle Calvert, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning and Jessica.

Others were Donnie Rogers, Wilburn Martin, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Donnie Turner, Mesdames Ruth Lee, Dianne Washington, Leona Degan, Tommie Jo Cruse, B. Rogers, Judy Cruse and Geneva Martin.

### SON HELPED SAVE HOME

Thanks to John Kempf, son of Michael Starkey of Canyon, the Wilhite family of Canyon have a home to return to.

John, who was collecting trash for Starkey's Trash Service on the Wilhite's block in the Deer Ridge neighborhood northeast of Canyon, helped extinguish a fire and cleared smoke at the home.

Mrs. Stephanie Wilhite and toddler son coming out of bedroom saw

their Christmas tree was a "great big fireball." She flagged down Kempf in his truck and they went into the house. He crawled in a few feet and saw flames through the dense smoke. He grabbed a garden hose and had to get ice chunks out before the water would flow forcefully. Kempf turned into a firefighter. The next thing Mrs. Wilhite knew was the fire was out and all the windows opened.

Kempf quietly departed after the firefighters arrived. "They could have lost their house without his help" said a fire department spokesman. The estimated damage was \$25,000.

"To me Kempf is a hometown hero," said Mrs. Wilhite. "He was so levelheaded and I was an emotional wreck. It could have been much worse! I am really thankful he was there!"

John Kempf is a 1992 Randall High graduate and a six year Starkey employee. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot.

Donnie Turner suffered face and eye injury when unloading a bull at Floydada Livestock Sales in Floydada Tuesday, Jan. 24. The stock trailer iron gate swung back hitting his face when the bull decided to get back in the trailer. His wife, Linda said he looked like a raccoon he had such bad bruises.

Wilburn Martin visited Thursday and Friday in Borger with his daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Joining him there Thursday night for supper was his granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Amarillo. They enjoyed the men's basketball game Thursday night at Frank Phillips College.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo last week for medical treatments and will be the next three weeks. Jack is having radiation treatments at the Harrington Cancer Center on his face and ear. Nada is having therapy for her back. They are staying nights in Canyon with their son, Michael Starkey and returning home for the weekend.

Visiting Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert were her sisters, Iona Lane and Leota Johnson and niece, Cecilia Johnson of Turkey.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were grandchildren, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Wilburn Martin and sister, Mrs. Waydette Clay attended the funeral services of Jack McGann held at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 at the First United Methodist Church in Vernon.

## OBITUARIES

### Joseph W. Hough

Services for Joseph W. Hough, 86, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at Highland Baptist Church. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

He died on Jan. 28, 2006. Joseph Hough was born Oct. 3, 1919, in Ada, Oklahoma to Virgil C. and Fannie Young. He grew up in Matador, TX and graduated from Matador High School. He served in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant from 1941-45; he was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines and was a prisoner of war for three years. He married Jimmie Range on June 11, 1945, in Lubbock. He was a fireman for the City of Lubbock for twenty years retiring in 1972.

He was a member and deacon at Highland Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Jimmie; daughters, Brenda Hough-Macha and husband Kerwin and Janice Byrne and husband, Mark; a brother, Bobby R. Hough; five grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Lubbock.

### Bill Knight

Bill Byron Knight, 81, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2006, at his home in Mesilla Park, N.M. Bill was born and raised in Matador, Texas and attended West Texas State College, receiving his Masters Degree in 1956. During this time, he also served in the U.S. Navy and worked for the U.S. Air Force. Following his military service, he worked for Raytheon from 1958 until his retirement in 1990.

He is survived by his wife, Mitsuko to whom he was married for 44 years; two daughters, Susan and husband, Matt Cunningham of Collierville, TN and Judy and husband Mark Kahn of San Francisco, CA; four grandchildren, Kelsey, Kendall, Tyler and Jared; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with military honors, under the direction of Martin Funeral Home West.

The family suggests contributions in Bill's memory to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation (AMDF), P.O. Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-515.

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**FALSE:** You may have heard that I would move the district office from Floydada to Silverton.

**TRUTH:** No way. My plan is to travel the district, holding court wherever the cases arise. The majority of my time would therefore be spent in the Floyd County Courthouse. The office will remain where it is.

**FALSE:** You may have heard I have a lack of experience.

**TRUTH:** We don't live in a high-crime metropolitan area, so I don't have the weekly trial experience of a TV lawyer - Hallelujah! Isn't that one of the many reasons we choose to live here? As judge, I will continue to do my part to protect our quality of life by upholding the law and protecting the rights of families and individuals in our district.

Since elected in 1996, I have assisted the District Attorney in EVERY felony criminal trial before a jury in Briscoe County. These trials have included felony injuries to children, attempted capital murder, and murder. EVERY felon has been found guilty by the jury in each of these trials. I have tried four criminal cases before a jury in the Briscoe County Court. I have also presented cases before the grand jury on my behalf, as well as for the District Attorney when she has been unable to attend.

It's important to note that I have brought before the court in excess of 200 criminals who have pled guilty rather than face trial in Briscoe County Court. I consider this a win/win situation, prosecuting crime while saving taxpayers the expense of costly trials, not to mention hours and hours of jurors' time.

I have also represented child protective services when they have had to remove children from abusive parents. I have experience in family law matters such as divorces and adoptions. As an arbitrator, I have filled the shoes of a judge. I have decided cases after hearing witness testimony and reviewing documented evidence. My decisions as an arbitrator are based on the same knowledge and skills a judge would use.

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# Birds, rodents can cause significant damage to animal feeding operations

Amarillo -- Thousands of starlings perched on a high wire may be an impressive sight for some, but for livestock operation owners, they are a picture of money flying off the property. Birds and rodents both cost feed yards, dairies and grain elevators thousands of dollars every day, said Joe Zotter, biologist for the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop here.

Texas Wildlife Services professionals resolve conflicts resulting from wildlife, Zotter said. The agency is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas A&M University System.

"The European starling is nothing more than a rat with wings," Zotter said. "Thousands can accumulate on a single feedlot or dairy. We helped one feed yard that had an estimated 1 million birds every day from November to February."

If each bird consumes 2 to 3 ounces of grain per day, that means two semi-truckloads of grain are flying off daily, he said. and, because the birds only select certain gains from the rations being fed to the animals, it throws the whole nutritional balance off, Zotter said.

"It has been reported by some confined animal facilities to have endured economic losses as high as \$5,000 per day due to feed loss and disease in livestock caused by starlings and blackbirds," he said.

Droppings from multitudes of birds, whether they are starlings, pigeons or sparrows, can cause disease, he said.

Avicides, pesticides for birds, are one method of control, Zotter said. DRC 1339 has been the most effective product he has used. The government-restricted powder can be used on corn to bait areas where birds habitually feed. The avicide may take one to three days to effect the birds," he said.

"It is an attractive avicide because there is no secondary poisoning to other animals that come in contact with the poisoned birds," he said.

Pigeon numbers may not be as concentrated as starlings, but they can carry serious pathogens that can cause bacterial and fungal diseases. These can be transmitted to workers who walk through or

come in contact with the droppings.

Histoplasmosis, which has pneumonia-type symptoms, can lead to serious problems in humans if not properly diagnosed, Zotter said. Other zoonotic diseases transmitted by pigeons include encephalitis, cryptococcosis and salmonella, he said.

Feral pigeons, European starlings and house sparrows rely on human's habits to live, he said. Grain storage facilities or anything in ill repair can serve as a nesting or resting area.

Eliminating and modifying their preferred perches can be done by adding cat-claw wire on the surface or using a slick material such as metal flashing or plastic at a 45 degree angle, Zotter said

Pigeons, which often avoid laced bait, might need to be controlled with direct shooting, he said. The wildlife services can utilize red lights, night vision equipment, hollow point ammunition and pellets to help provide control, Zotter said.

"We're not out to destroy anything other than pigeons when we do the indoor shoots," he said. "It's a selective method of shooting birds and can be a good alternative to using toxicants where there is a concern for non-target exposure. It's easy, effective and quick."

"Sometimes shooting is the only solution," Zotter said.

Rodents also cause destruction. Rats and mice can chew holes in grain sacks and gnaw on everything from pipe insulation to electric wires. They also spread disease, he said.

Mouse and rat droppings carry a number of pathogens and parasites, as well as viruses. Anyone who walks through a contaminated area may be exposed, Zotter said.

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Traps and toxicants are available to help control this kind of pest. Exclusionary methods, such as keeping plastic pipe on wires, screening off vents and placing a slick surface where rodents climb can be ef-

fective in controlling their movement, he said. Traps must be set strategically up against a wall or in confined areas to be most effective.

Whether the pest is the rat on the ground or what Zotter calls "flying rats," he advised to use a mixed bag of methods for control and not rely on just one.

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

### Low Interest Emergency Loans

The Secretary of Agriculture designated Hall County a primary natural disaster area due to damage caused by excessive rain, hail, and high winds that occurred on October 10, 2005. Motley County was named as a contiguous disaster county.

This designation makes farm operations in primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the FSA. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

These applications will be received through September 18, 2006. For more information, contact Larry Goetze at the Donley County office or Debbie Roberts at the Hall County office.

### Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Applicants

The Farm Service Agency can make direct and guaranteed loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA Direct loans can be used for both farm operating and farm ownership expenses. Guaranteed farm loans also

may be made for ownership or operating purposes, and may be made by any lending institution subject to federal or state supervision (e.g., banks and units of the Farm Credit System). FSA typically guarantees 90 to 95 percent of a loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails.

Persons who are primarily and directly engaged in farming and ranching of family size operations may apply.

Socially disadvantaged loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individual applicants under this program must meet all requirements for FSA's regular farm loan program assistance. Contact the county office staff or USDA Service Center for more information.

### Youth Loans Through FSA

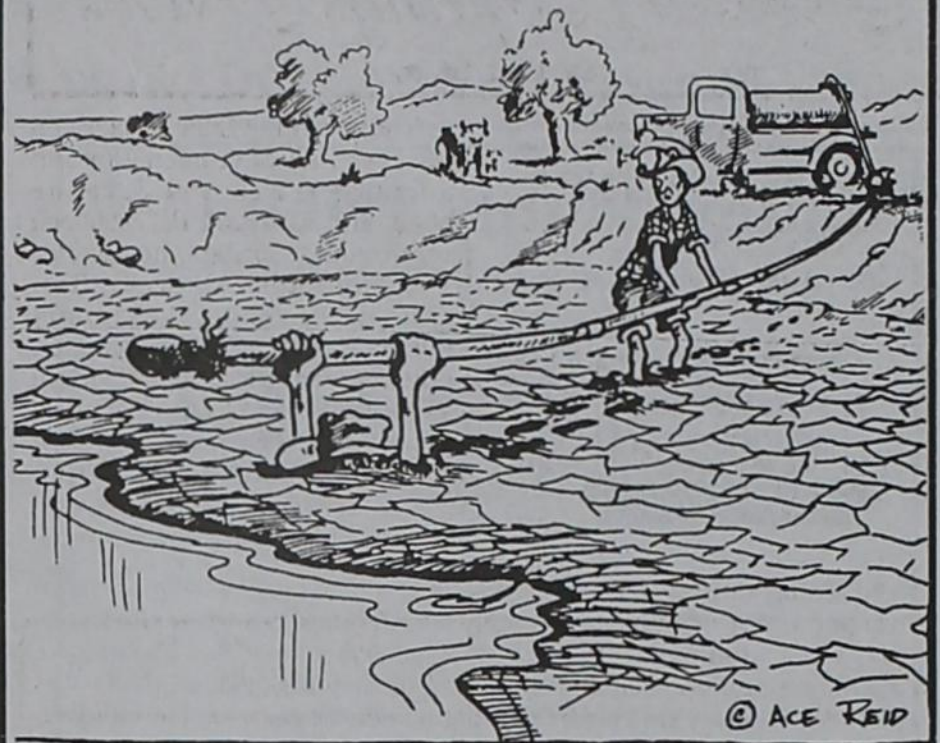
The Youth Loan program assists eligible rural youth with loans to establish and operate a money making project in conjunction with 4-H or FFA. These loans are a good way for youngsters to get a start in their own farming operation while learning financial management and responsibility. For more information contact the local FSA office.

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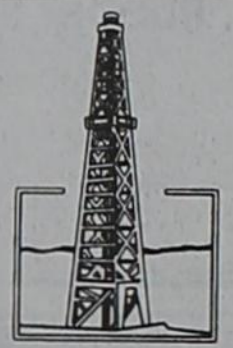


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By Tom Musser



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while work is in progress there has been a large number of visiting vehicles parked on the well locations. If folks wish to observe the Oil and Gas Lease Operations, please park off location. If folks wish to drive onto the Well location, the Palo Duro Basin Operators have asked that you request and receive prior approval before coming onto the Well location. This request is for safety.

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7-Day Forecast		In-Depth Forecast		Moon Phases				
	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 69 Low: 34	Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 69°, humidity of 32% and an overnight low of 34°. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1963. The record low is 4° set in 1985. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 63°.	First 2/5 Full 2/12 Last 2/21 New 2/27					
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 63 Low: 31							
	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny High: 61 Low: 33		<b>Last Week's Local Almanac</b>					
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 68 Low: 35		<b>Day</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Normals</b>	<b>Precip</b>	Precipitation . . . . .0.01"
	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 72 Low: 40		Sunday	52	36	52/27	0.00"	Normal precipitation . . . . .0.14"
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 71 Low: 38		Monday	60	27	52/27	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . .-0.13"
	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 36		Tuesday	66	30	53/27	0.00"	Average temperature . . . . .48.7°
		Wednesday	64	32	53/27	0.00"	Average normal temperature . . . . .40.1°	
		Thursday	66	46	53/28	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . .+8.6°	
		Friday	65	38	53/28	0.01"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas	
		Saturday	64	36	53/28	0.00"		
		<b>Weather History</b>		<b>Sun &amp; Moon Times</b>				
		Feb. 2, 1952 - The only tropical storm of record to hit the United States in February moved out of the Gulf of Mexico and across southern Florida. It produced 60 mph winds and two to four inches of rain.		Sunrise today . . . . .7:39 a.m. Sunset tonight . . . . .6:15 p.m. Moonrise today . . . . .10:19 a.m. Moonset today . . . . .11:18 p.m.				

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