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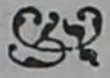
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1998

ISSUE NO. 8



A Look back in Time



FEBRUARY 11, 1937

— This is part of a grocery special for Campbell's Food Market
Qt. of Maple Syrup - 29¢
Flat Rib Roast - 11¢ lb.
Chuck Steak - 17 1/2¢ lb.
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FEBRUARY 18, 1937

Dry Fog Lays Dust Blanket

"A dry fog of dust sweeping out of the north covered the Panhandle yesterday with a yellowish blanket which is bringing disgust to housewives and fear of damage to wheat growers. The fine, penetrating dust which some housekeepers declare is capable of finding its way into a sealed fruit jar, began falling from a high altitude about ten and continued on into the night, visibility was reduced to a few hundred yards. There was very little wind."

FEBRUARY 18, 1937

Burglars Take \$25.00
At FFF Chevrolet

"Burglars entering the FFF Chevrolet agency here sometime Friday night removed \$25.00 in cash and departed without molesting any merchandise. No arrests have been reported in connection with this case."

Matador City Council Meets City Equipment to be used by City Employees Only

The Matador City Council met Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, with all Council members present.

Councilman Rodney Williams gave the invocation and meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Lancaster.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the bills were read and approved.

The Council discussed placing additional stop signs in various places around town. It was decided not to at this time.

Council discussed who may drive

the city dump truck. Only City employees may use any city equipment.

Landfill expansion was discussed. The Council is still working on the finalization of the deed with the landowner. They are also working with OJD Engineering of Wellington. Meeting adjourned.



LAB FUN — Kimber Everett, a MC sophomore, and Jason Clauser, a Junior, work on a lab experiment in Mrs. Gilleppe's Chemistry class. Kimber and her brother, Jarron, a Junior, recently transferred to Motley County from Floydada.

Motley County Debaters Place Third In District



Motley County Debate team members, Vanessa Easter and Llan Barclay placed third at District.

This past Saturday, February 14, Establish a Policy to Substantially Motley County Sophomores, Llan Increase Renewable Energy Use in Barkley and Vanessa Easter debated the United States.

for the very first time against teams from Munday and Knox City. Though they are true novices, Vanessa and Llan held their own debating a subject that was difficult to handle: "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Increase participation as junior and senior debaters. They will receive ULL medals at the Awards Ceremony in May. Congratulations, Llan and Vanessa!"

Matador plans underway for 1998 Shannon Davidson Day

The Matador area planning committee for the 1998 Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days held its first meeting last Thursday evening, February 12. New events discussed for Matador were: a parade, a classic car and an antique tractor show, and a wild hog cook-off. Travis and Lou Ann Jameson volunteered to organize the Classic Car and Antique Tractor Shows and Ronnie Vandiver volunteered to start the parade planning. If you have other ideas or suggestions, please contact Charles Keith or Rodney Williams. The next meeting of the committee will be on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Library.

New Legislation Gets Tough On Graffiti Artists

(Austin, Texas) -- You've seen their work - on stop signs, on billboards, under bridges, on building walls. To graffiti artists any surface is a canvas. Despite the fact that graffiti is seen practically everywhere, it is against the law, unsightly and unsafe. Legislators have gotten tougher on people who practice the craft, and according to the Texas Department of Transportation, whose signs are often graffiti targets, it couldn't come at a better time.

A new law, passed this last legislative session, increases criminal penalties for graffiti offenders. Under the law, offenses range from a Class B misdemeanor to a first-degree felony, depending on the cost to repair the property that is vandalized. For example, vandalizing property that costs from \$1,500 to \$20,000 to repair and remove graffiti is a state jail felony carrying a sentence of up to two years in jail. In addition to imprisonment, state jail felons can also be fined up to \$10,000.

"If you vandalize most any type of TxDOT property, you run the risk of committing a state felony because most of our property costs at least \$1,500 to fix the damage from the graffiti," said Richard Kirby, construction and maintenance engineer for TxDOT's Construction and Maintenance Division. And while most TxDOT street signs cost in the hundreds, graffiti offenders still won't be able to skirt the heavier penalties.

"If you vandalized several signs, the law allows us to combine the costs of all vandalized signs, meaning you could face a stiffer penalty," Kirby said.

Kirby added that the penalties under the new law doesn't just stop at fines or incarceration. Persons convicted under the law also face driver's license suspension.

According to TxDOT, over the past three years, the department has spent on average of over \$500,000 a year to remove graffiti. Although the street sign is often a favorite mark of graffiti writers, it isn't uncommon to find graffiti messages on retaining walls, concrete traffic barriers, bridge components, culverts and concrete-lined channels.

According to Gary Mizer, TxDOT's Munday Area Engineer, "removal of graffiti cost the state not only a lot of money, but also cost maintenance forces a lot of time away from their normal duties," Mizer said.

Department crews and contractors often must use high pressure water hoses, and sometimes sandblast to remove graffiti.

There's also another cost that can't be measured in dollars and cents, said Mizer.

"Whenever someone defaces state property, particularly our signs, they destroy the message on that sign whether it's stop, or yield or lane closed ahead. The message is there for a reason: to warn drivers about a traffic

condition. If a regulatory sign is damaged, it can create a hazardous condition for motorists," Mizer said. "If drivers can't read the sign, they won't know about the traffic condition, and they won't know to take precautionary measures."

"Graffiti may seem innocent enough, but it's not. It puts people's lives at risk, and that's not innocent. That's dangerous."

Keith Attends Risk Management Workshop

Charles Keith, President of the Motley County Hospital District Board of Directors, attended a Risk Management Workshop at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview last Thursday, February 12. The workshop was sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the Public Risk Management Association, West Texas Region, and the Texas Municipal League (TML) Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Key presentations were: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act: It's Implications and Impacts Present and Future; Current Trends in Public Risk Management; and a roundtable discussion of current public sector insurance and risk management concerns in West Texas.

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church Planning 100th Anniversary

Plans are underway for a big celebration for the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, which will celebrate their 100th Anniversary, October 25, 1998.

Current mailing addresses of all former members and friends of the Church are being requested.

Those interested in obtaining detailed information about the celebration, should send names and current mailing addresses to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 246, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256.

Early Voting will begin February 23

Early voting for the March Primary Election will begin February 23 and continue through March 6 at the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse.

Local candidates seeking election are Incumbent Laverna M. Price, Democrat, and Jerry Green, Republican, for County Judge. Donald "Butch" Hughes, Incumbent, and Donnie Turner, Commissioner Precinct 2; J.N. Fletcher, Incumbent, Commissioner Precinct 4; Joe Campbell, Incumbent, and Charles Keith, County Treasurer; Lucretia E. Campbell, Incumbent, District and County Clerk; and Cora Smallwood, Incumbent, Justice of the Peace.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the following polling places.

- Precinct 1 - American Legion Building.
- Precinct 2 - Flomot Community Center.
- Precinct 3 - Northfield Church.
- Precinct 4 - Roaring Springs Depot.
- Precinct 5 - VFW Memorial 4-H Building.
- Precinct 6 - Courthouse.

CHAMBER BOARD MEETING TONIGHT

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet tonight, (Thursday), at 7 p.m. at the Library. The agenda will center around 1998 Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days planning. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Call Jeff Thacker, President, 348-7216 or Charles Keith, Secretary, 347-2283 if you have questions concerning the meeting.

Polling Places Set For Republican Primary Election

Wilburn Z. Martin, Chairman of the Motley County Republican Party, announced Monday that polling places for the Republican Primary Election have been established in Flomot and Roaring Springs.

Mr. Martin stated, "Our goal is to afford each registered voter the opportunity to cast a ballot close to home."

Early voting during the period February 23 through March 6 may be done at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse. Voters may ask for the

Republican Primary Election ballot there. Republican Primary Election polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following locations on election day, March 10:

Precincts 1, 3, 5, and 6: Luther Green residence in Matador.

Precinct 2: Flomot Gin Office.

Precinct 4: Roaring Springs Depot.

This polling will occupy a room separate from the Democratic Party primary election and will have a separate entrance.

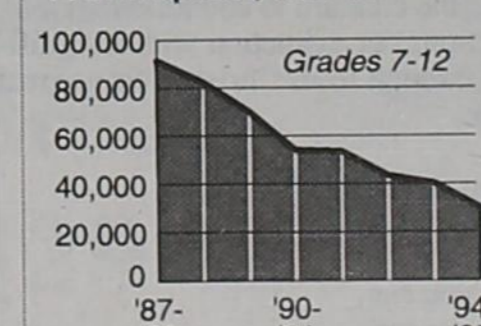
Keeping an eye on Texas

The good news is...

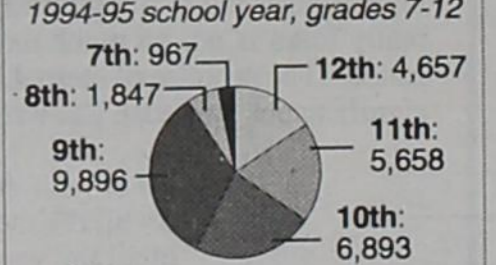
Kids are staying in school!

The number of students in grades 7-12 who dropped out in the 1994-95 school year declined. Still, Texas lost nearly 30,000 students in those grades during the 1994-95 school year.

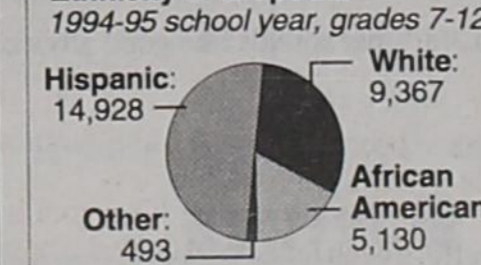
Total dropouts, 1987-95*



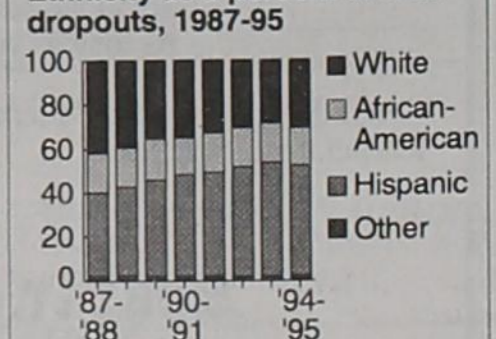
Grade level of dropouts
1994-95 school year, grades 7-12



Ethnicity of dropouts
1994-95 school year, grades 7-12



Ethnicity as a percent of total
dropouts, 1987-95



*TEA attributes part of the decline in rates to a change in the definition of what constitutes a dropout.
SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Education Agency.



The following lighthearted look at a country newspaper is from *The Paducah Post*, which was re-printed from *The Publisher's Auxiliary* by Rick Swart of Enterprise, Ore.

"I have a confession to make. I love weekly newspapers. Specifically, I love country weekly newspapers like the one my family publishes and like the scores of others published by my colleagues around the state.

But let me tell you why I love country weeklies.

A country weekly newspaper is not your run-of-the-mill institution. By nature, we survive only in sparsely settled, out-of-the-way pockets of humanity. Generally speaking, we represent the only written history of the community we serve. And what a story we have to tell—essentially the story of real people in communities unfragmented by fear, apathy and sheer size.

Everybody still knows everybody else in places like (this). And the dynamics of these communities are a lot like the dynamics of a family. When we fight - look out! - we fight ... yet, when there is a tragedy or someone in need, the people in our towns have a way of putting their differences aside

while the whole community rallies around the person needing help.

Country weeklies are the glue that bonds the people of these communities. We define the issues, develop a common language, and create a sense of community identity. We accentuate the accomplishments of our people by putting them on the front page. We let them vent at length in letters to the editor. We empathize with their grief by eulogizing loved ones.....

Country editors are perhaps a little bit old-fashioned, not nearly as "so phisticated" as our city cousins. We not only write stories and editorials, take pictures, lay out pages..... and put mailing labels on the papers, we also sweep and vacuum the floors, and change the toilet paper in the bathroom. When we write an editorial criticizing someone, we are likely to meet that someone the next day at the grocery store or the local hardware store. There is no shroud of anonymity for a country editor.

I'm not sure which paper coined the credo, but I remember the gist of it very well. Located right under the flag on the front page were the words: "The only paper in the whole wide world that gives a d---about (name of town)."

~ FEBRUARY ~ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Mary Meason

Black History month has taken its place in our history and I have written about it each February and I suppose there are many celebrations of that event in many larger places.

My memory goes back to the June- th celebration that our black people use to have - and it was a big celebration. The black people would go to the "white" people houses and get donations of food and money. I think nearly everyone in town would give to that celebration. Of course, there were a few people who were so bias prone that they would refuse to help with their celebration of freedom from slavery. There would always be a baseball game after their big dinner. A visiting black team would challenge the local black team and nearly everyone in town would go to that ballgame - even those who were so biased, they wouldn't give anything for their "freedom day" celebration. The ballgame was great.

I don't remember when it was that the black people quit asking for help to celebrate their most important day. In time it seems that everything changes.

My mother and dad had many black people to work for them and I became very fond of them.

One black lady who worked for us could make the best sweet potato pie. I have ever tasted. My dad and I loved those pies! That black family finally moved to my uncle's place but when my father died, that dear black lady brought a sweet potato pie to my house. My husband said he didn't care about sweet potato pie, so I hid it for fear he would change his mind, and I ate every bit of that pie myself.

Last week I had the nicest surprise. Jessie Mae Brown came to my door and said she had brought someone to see me. It was Bobbie Lou Thompson. She had worked for me for a number of years and I had lost track of her. I was so glad to see her and she looked wonderfully well. We had a real good visit.

So many of my black friends have died or moved away. Those whom I have written about who still live here are still good friends, but so many of my friends have moved away or died and some I cannot find out anything about where they are. I did find out that Mabel Barrett is now living in Fort Worth.

I have many fond memories and some very funny memories of so many black people who use to live in Matador and Roaring Springs. They were good friends.



ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry* *Mac*

Do We Really Have "the Smallest Government in 35 Years" as the President Suggests?

Is the era of big government really over?

President Clinton made that claim last week, when he said in his State of the Union Address that "we have the smallest government in 35 years." But is this really true? Is big government really a thing of the past? After looking at the President's budget proposal for next year, I'd have to say it is not.

If we look at how much of our national output the federal government consumes, it is now at the highest level since 1945, and the third highest ever.

If we look at the tax burden being placed on the American people, it is now at the highest level it's ever been, with nearly 40 percent of the typical family's income going to pay taxes.

If we look at how much the government will spend, it is now at the highest level ever, and will grow even more if the President's

proposal to create 89 new federal programs at a cost of \$150 billion dollars goes through.

The truth is, the only part of the federal government that's getting any smaller is our national defense. Defense spending has been going down for 13 straight years and -- when measured as part of our Gross National Product -- is at its lowest level since before World War II.

Now, what does all this mean for you and me? In a nutshell, it means we're less free and less secure, because the federal government is too big and exercising too much control over our lives.

It also means that the era of big government is far from over, and that we've got to keep working for a smaller and smarter government that trusts the American people more than federal bureaucrats to solve the problems which face us as a Nation.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Jody Copp is member of A&M LaCross team



Jody Copp

Jody Copp, son of Rick and Lana Copp and brother of Kayla is a member of the Texas A&M LaCross Team. The team competed in Louisiana this past weekend. The A&M LaCross team will play Texas Tech in Lubbock on Saturday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. Jody is an Ag-business major at Texas A&M University at College Station.

"In contrast to revenge, which is the natural, automatic reaction to transgression and which, because of the irreversibility of action process, can be expected and even calculated, the act of forgiving can never be predicted; it is the only reaction that acts in an unexpected way and thus retains, though being a reaction, something of the original character of action."

—Hanna Arendt

Maynard "Fish" Wilson to be honored

Fish Wilson will be celebrating his 90th birthday on February 21, 1998. The Senior Citizens of Quitaque would like to honor him on this day by having his friends come by and wish him a happy birthday at the Senior Citizens Building in Quitaque from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson was born in Boone County, Arkansas at Valley Springs on February 21, 1908 to Otis and Ruth Bradshaw Wilson.

They traveled to Texas by covered wagon when he was seven years old in 1915. By this time there were three children in the family, a sister, Mildred and a brother Morris had joined the Wilson family.

The first year they farmed on the section where the Valley School is located. The following year they purchased land north of Gasoline to farm.

Fish enjoyed playing basketball and volleyball as a young man. Now he likes to watch the young people of Valley School play basketball. He also enjoys steer ropings and rodeos. It is seldom that a Caprock Jamboree is performed without his presence there. He is also a member of the J.A. Reunion Association. He was also a Texas and Southwestern Cattle Brand Inspector for five years.

Fish would be quite honored to have you at his celebration to share your memories with him.



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IN SEARCH OF LIFE ETERNAL

There is evidence all around us that the things of this earth are passing. The longing for that which is eternal begins as a tiny spark somewhere deep within us. The Bible tells us in Ecclesiastes 3:11 that God has "eternity in our hearts." Since we understand that the things of this earth are passing away and since there are things which shall endure forever, shouldn't we be searching for the eternal?

Ernest Brecker stated: "Man transcends death by finding meaning in his life...It is the burning desire for the creature to count...What man really fears is not so much extinction, but extinction with insignificance." The promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ offers us great significance! Someone has written:

Do all you the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can.

For those in search of "Eternal Life," that sounds like good advice, lets put it into practice.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Michael G. Crowley, Sr. Worship 9:00 a.m.

Motley County Matadors' School News

Senior Spotlight "Class of 1998"



Kareema Shirelle Johnson



Rebecca Carlene Long

Nickname: Blue & Puff
Age: 18
Birthdate: 1-11-80
Place of Birth: Lubbock
Parents names: Vivian & Marion Thompson
Brothers & Sisters: 2 sisters and four brothers.
Best advice ever received: Keep God first and foremost in my life. Keep my head up!

If you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be and why: I would have taken high school a little bit more serious.

Most valuable possession: Life/family/boyfriend.
Unforgettable memory: May 30, 1997 and high school in Motley County.

Favorite color: Blue
Favorite song: "Me and You" (T.T.T.)

Favorite movie: A Thin Line between Love & Hate

Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: I lost track of time or Crystal's car wouldn't start.

Favorite hangout: Anywhere my friends are.

What I like best about myself: My height and personality.

Favorite style of clothes: What's comfortable.

What I like most about high school: Being with friends and chillen' (Becca, Crystal), and being with Joe.

Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: Getting swats everyday of elementary.

Most embarrassing moment: (Park Hill)

Advice to the underclassmen: Shut your mouth and play it cool - always remember - Senior's rule.

Favorite saying or quote: "Oh my" and "see what had happened was ... Basically."

Plans after high school: Attend SPC of Lubbock and have my own Day Care Center. (I love kids!)

Nickname: Becca-Boo, PFD, Becca
Age: 18
Birthdate: 11-14-79
Place of Birth: Lubbock
Parent's names: Rodney and Nona Long
Brothers & Sisters: Robin and Rhonda

Best advice ever received: Don't worry just pray. Put your trust in God. If you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be and why: I would've told Nina that I loved her before she went into surgery.

Most valuable possession: My family and friends.

Unforgettable memory: April 12, 1997, Aug. 25, 1993, anytime with Crystal and/or Kareema.

Favorite color: Black
Favorite song: "Then What" by Clay Walker, and "Not Tonight" by Lil Kim

Favorite Movie: My Best Friend's Wedding, Clueless, 8 Seconds

Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: I was watching movies at my friend's house and fell asleep.

Favorite hangout: Anywhere but Matador

What I like best about myself: My eyes.

Favorite style of clothes: Anything comfortable.

What I like most about high school: Being with my friends.

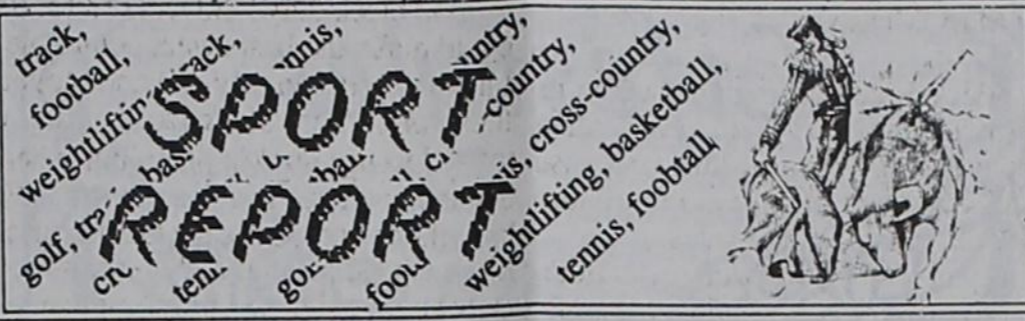
Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: When Crystal was leaning back in her chair and fell on Mrs. Hoyle's foot and thought she broke it.

Most embarrassing moment: Park Hill and the trailer.

Advice to the underclassmen: Listen to the upperclassmen, they're always right. Have fun, it goes by faster than you think. Always remember Senior's rule.

Favorite saying or quote: "Oh My!"

Plans after high school: Go to college and become an elementary teacher.



The Matadors lost to Chillicothe, from the 2 point range. Jeremaine was February 3, 73-44. Keane Cruse led in scoring with 18 points. Aaron Green added 9; Scott Smith, 9; Benji Rodriguez, 5; Brad Marvel, 2; and Aaron Binder, 1.

Keane also led in rebounding with 11. Ryan Martin and Datyon Grundy each had 2; Aaron Green, 5; Benji, Jason Barton, and Scott each had 1.

Keane and Brad had two steals. Ryan Martin had 3 steals. Keane was 9 for 15 from the 2 FG range. Aaron Green was 2 for 2 from 3 point range.

The MCJV boys had a big win over Chillicothe, with a final score of 60-41. Brant Donaldson led in scoring with 22. Jermaine Hendrix added 15; Chase Carson and Sean Rose each put in 6; Casey Lawrence and Todd Thomas, 4; Ryan Moore and Matt Easter, 2; and Chris Paul, 1.

Brant led in rebounds with 9. Sean Rose grabbed 8; Todd Thomas, 5; Chase Carson, 4; Ryan Moore and Matt Easter, 2; and Jermaine Hendrix, 1.

Chase Carson was 4 for 4, 100% FT. Jermaine led the team with 3 assists. Brant Donaldson shot 11 for 16.

The Motley County Lady Matadors lost to Paducah, February 10, with a final score of 61-78. This game was the last game of the season, with a final overall record of 8 wins and 19 losses, and an overall District record of 3 wins and 5 losses.

Kristi Williams led in scoring with 16 points. Tonie Bowden added 15; Kandi Keltz, 13; Blair Thacker, 6; Ashley Stevens, 4; Margaret Mangram, 4; Kim Ashley, 2; and Jill Stanley, 1.

Tonie Bowden led in rebounds with 7. Kandi had 3. Blair made 4 of 6 from the line for 67%. Three Ladies were 100% from the 2 point field goal range. They were Kristi (5 of 5); Blair (1 of 1); Kim (1 of 1). Ashley was 100% from the 3 point range (1 of 1). Blair assisted her teammates six times. Margaret and Tonie each had 3 steals and Tonie added 3 FTO's.

Coach Kim stated, "Paducah was the undefeated district champion. Although the season ended sooner than we wanted, the girls still finished in 3rd place."



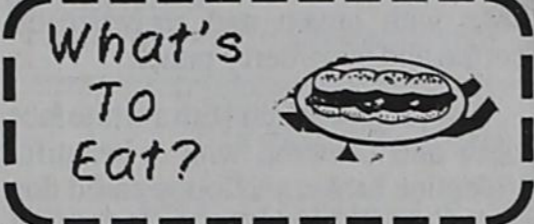
FRESHMAN FAVORITES — Matt Easter (top); Casey Lawrence, Brooke Decker, and Chase Carson, pictured left to right were chosen as favorites for the Freshman Class this year.



Aaron Green, Ramiro Martinez, Ryan Martin, Nathan Shannon.
Staff: Shannon O'Pry, Trisha Ridgley.

**One-Act Play
"CINDERELLA"
March 10
7:30 p.m. at school**

Students: Colby Ashley, Stacy Perryman, Aaron Binder, Scotty Palmer, Lorenzo Salazar, Brady O'Pry, Derrick Cruse, David Baxter, Richardo Luna, Ashley Stevens, Brittany Moore, Shandra Jones, Danissa Rodriguez,



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Burritos, Corn on the Cob, Crisp Salad, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

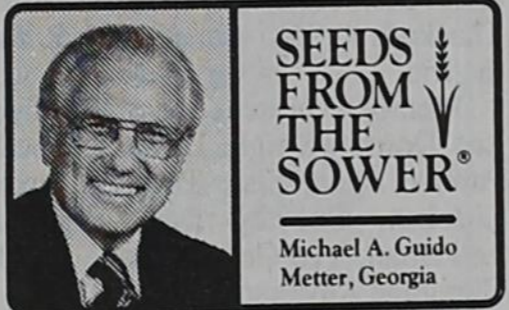
Lunch: Country Steak, New Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dogs, Ranch Beans, Tater Tots, Pickle, Juice Bar, Milk.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Cheese Sauce, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.



Thornton Wilder, a famous author, had a productive career. He had many successes, but some failures.

One day he was asked, "What's your secret?" "I erase as I go along," he answered.

It's a good thing to forget the things you have done and remember only the things you must do.

That's what St. Paul did. He said, "Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize."

Yes, erase as you go along. Don't look back and despair. Instead, look ahead and prepare.

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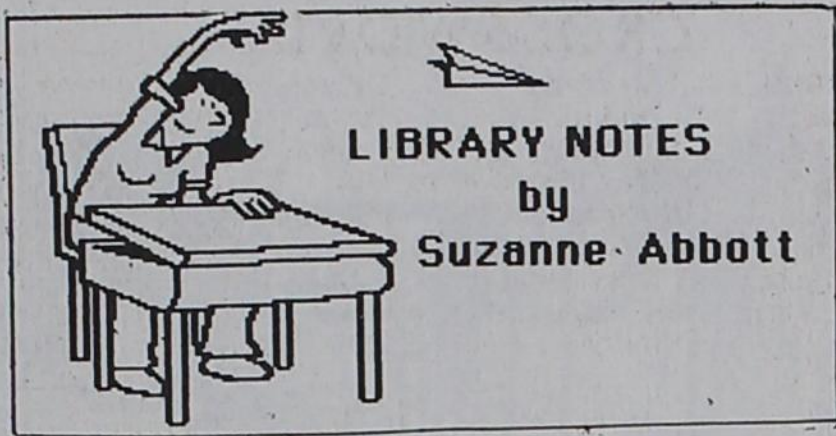
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by
Suzanne Abbott

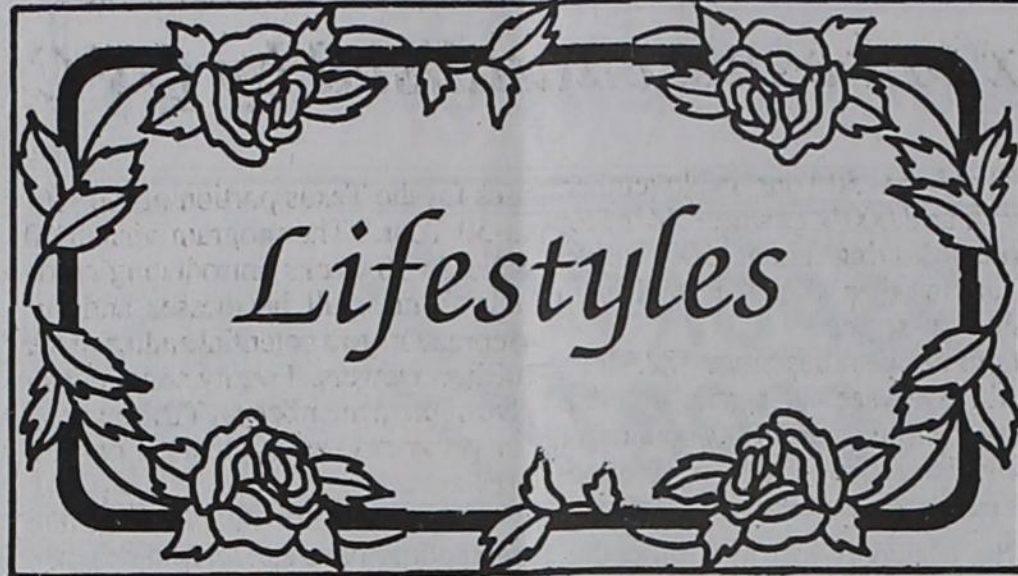
We appreciate the memorial donation to the Library in memory of Ozie Ferguson, mother of Jo Ann Durham. Thank you to Grace Campbell for this donation.

One of the most popular series of books in the Library is the "Cat Who..." books by Lilian Jackson Braun. For all you "Cat Who..." fans, we have the newest book, The Cat Who Sang for the Birds. If you have not read any of these delightful mysteries, come in and pick out one. The Library has several of them and all are enjoyable. These books feature two very intelligent Siamese cats who help solve the mysteries.

The United States Postal Service sent the Library a colorful folder en-

titled "Take a Field Trip through the 1950s." This is a teaching unit that may be used in classrooms. It contains activities that deal with the culture and events of the 1950s. Teachers, this unit may be checked out for your use at school.

The new John Grisham book arrived sooner than I expected. It is here now and is ready to be checked out. Also, thanks to Sondra Francis we now have some computer books that might be helpful. We have Microsoft Works 3 for Windows for Dummies, DOS for Dummies, Windows 3.1 for Dummies, and several more. These are ready to be checked out by anyone needing help with a computer.



**Churches to host
Women's Luncheon**

All women and girls of the community are invited to a luncheon at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Saturday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will be co-hosted by women of First Baptist and Macedonia Baptist churches. Following a short music presentation, Brenda Clark, Southern Baptist missionary to South Africa, will present an entertaining, informative, and inspirational speech, "Come,

Go With Me!"

Following Mrs. Clark's presentation, lunch will be served. During lunch, all girls, grades K-12, are invited to visit with Mrs. Clark's daughters, 16-year-old Haley and 12-year-old Carley, about life in Africa and as children of missionaries. Women will have lunch with Mrs. Clark, who will be available to answer questions at that time.

**Do Gooder's Club Has
Heartwarming Valentine Party**

Members of the Do Gooders' Club were greeted with heartwarming messages, decorations and laughter at the Valentine party held at the Community Center in Flomot, Tuesday afternoon, February 3.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, president, began the business meeting with laughter when she surprised Mrs. Trula Martin by presenting her a bowl of pennies for the members for payment on postage due on a box of greeting cards her Secret Pal sent to her recently.

It was announced an all day Health Fair will be held at the Flomot Community Center, Tuesday, March 3. Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Trula Martin were elected chairpersons for the Shannon Davidson quilt project.

Mrs. Calvert gave each member a crocheted heart intermingled with red.

Members bought chances for a large Valentine decorative heart she crocheted and Mrs. Leona Degan was the lucky winner.

Hostesses, Mrs. Degan and Mrs. Jimmie Hunter presided at a Valentine motif service. They served angel food cake with cream and strawberries, coffee and strawberry punch.

The table was laid with a white lace cloth and centered with a beautiful Valentine basket. A floppy eared dog with a red ribbon collar sat in front of the basket that was holding Secret Pal cards and gifts that were distributed.

Those attending were Mesdames Sylvia Lee Martin, Edith Washington, Tommie Cruse, Alma Shorter, Annie B. Cloyd, Wadetta Clay, B. Rogers and those mentioned above. Charles Keith of Matador was a guest.



**Family and Consumer
Sciences News**

by **Arla Felts,**
Extension Agent

**GET THAT FAT
OUT OF YOUR DIET**

Everyone agrees that too much fat in the diet is not a good idea. In the first place, fat is high in calories. Thus, it is easy to gain excess body weight by eating foods rich in fat. Secondly, eating fatty foods may leave little room for nutritious foods like whole grains, vegetables and fruits. Fat intake is also linked to both cancer and heart disease.

How to Cut Down on Fat

Meat can be a source of fat, but you can still eat lean meat and avoid much of the fat. Excess fat can be trimmed away, and you can limit your intake of bacon, sausage and luncheon meats (cold cuts), all of which are high in fat. Lean beef and pork, and poultry without skin are good choices. Also, fish contains a more healthful type of fat than red meat. This is the reason why people are eating more fish today. Other

foods that are high in fat include pastries like pie, doughnuts, cake and cookies.

Snack foods such as potato and corn chips are also rich in fat. On the other hand, fruit, vegetables, bread and breakfast cereals made from grain all tend to be low in fat. The way you prepare food affects fat content as well. Baking, broiling or boiling are methods to avoid adding fat, while frying can add a great deal. Sauces and gravies can also add a lot of fat to foods.

Potatoes: A Low Fat Food

Potatoes are good for us, and they are low in fat. At least they are until we add fat to them in the form of cooking oil, butter, margarine, sour cream or gravy. The table shows just how much fat we usually add. Next time, try eating your dinner potato baked, boiled or mashed with just a little added butter or margarine

AMOUNT OF FAT IN POTATOES

One boiled/baked potato, medium
One cup of mashed, milk added
One cup fried (fried/hash brown)
6 oz. bag of potato chips

GRAMS OF FAT

0.1
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67.0

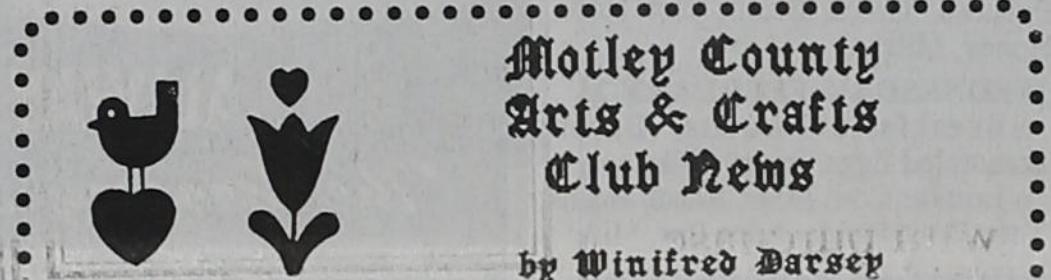
A Final Word About Fat

While we want to avoid fat, we should not try to omit all fat from our diet. Some fat is needed and fats contain some important vitamins. Another important quality of fats is that they add flavor and texture to foods.

Don't try to omit all meat, eggs and dairy products from your diet just because they contain some fat. The

best course is to eat a wide variety of nutritious foods and limit your intake of fat. Variety and moderation are good rules to follow in nutrition.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or natural origin.



**Motley County
Arts & Crafts
Club News**

by **Winifred Darsey**

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met February 2 at the Senior Citizens Center for a day of oil painting, a covered dish luncheon, and business of the day.

Mrs. Betty Bostick was instructor for the day, teaching how to paint, with oil, on canvas paper, a new and unique art form. The subject was a branch of pink dogwood on a blue background. The results were very rewarding, each member had a lovely picture to keep and frame. Betty is a local artist and a member of Arts and Crafts. She shares her talents each year with the other members of the club.

The cuisine at the covered dish luncheon was superb and delicious, and a delightful hour of food and fun for all.

Mrs. Lana Copp, club president,

had a brief business meeting. A trip was planned for the March meeting. A day of visiting the various points of interest in the Turkey and Quitaque area. Members will meet at Elsie Thacker's at 9:30 a.m., March 2, for the trip.

Members present were Winifred Lee, Dorothy Knight, Loys Campbell, Pauline Hand, Elsie Thacker, Dixie Litteken, Dorothy Day, Donaldal Letkeman, Vee Gordon, Lana Copp, Geraldine Key, and Betty Bostick.

Thanks to Betty for a wonderful day, even if the groundhog did see his shadow. See you at Elsie's.

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by local author
ELEANOR TRAWEEK
at the
**Motley County
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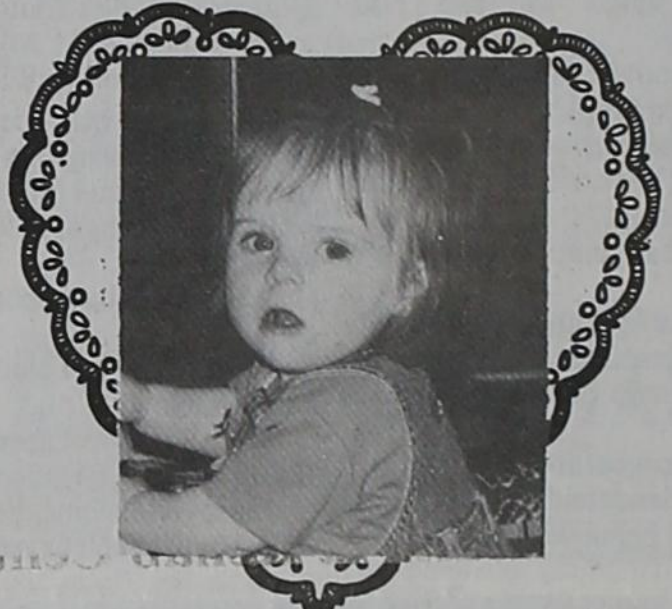


Wedding Plans Announced



Nita Ann Sanders & William Dax Rattan

Nita Ann Sanders and William Dax Rattan would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple plan to be married May 30, 1998. Nita is the daughter of Ms. Sue Sanders of Amarillo and Mr. Billy Sanders of Plainview. Dax is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rattan of Amarillo, and the late Sharlene Berryman Rattan. He is the grandson of Mrs. Laverna Price and Mr. Wade Berryman, both of Matador. Nita attended Texas Tech University and she is currently employed as a dental assistant for Dr. Ken Comer D.D.S. in Amarillo. Dax graduated from Texas Tech University in 1993 with a management and marketing degree. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is currently employed by Wright Medical Technology. The wedding will take place at the home of the groom's parents, 70 Stonebridge Gate, in Amarillo.



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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

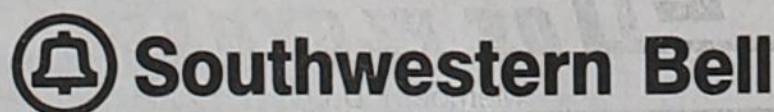
El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.



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Jane's Sweet Potato Pancake Mix to be merchandised by QVC

NOTE: This article is from The Valley Tribune. Scott and Jane Johnson are the parents of Matador resident, Jana Marshall.

A Texas sweet potato pancake mix named "Best of Show" in a QVC broadcast from San Antonio last fall will be sold on the air for a year by the national cablevision retailer starting at 7 a.m. Thursday, January 1.

QVC plans to market at least 50,000 three-bag packs of "Jane's Sweet Potato Pancake Mix," made by Heritage

Tymes Inc. of Lubbock. The Mix, which contains Texas sweet potatoes and wheat, will be merchandised as a nutritious, low-fat breakfast item. Each two-pancake serving provides 16 percent of the Recommended Daily Allowance for vitamin A. Heritage Tymes President Scott Johnson said potential exists for sales of 1 million packs.

The pancake mix received the "Best of Show" title by outselling 19 other products during the Texas broadcast of "The '97 Quest for America's Best-

QVC's 50-in-50 Tour" in November. More than 8,000 bags were sold in four minutes leaving about 500 callers waiting to order when the "sold" sign flashed on-screen.

Lammes Candies Since 1885 Inc., Austin, was second runner-up with sales of more than 4,000 pounds of Chewy Pecan Pralines. The Pralines will also be featured on QVC during 1998.

Both companies belong to the Taste of Texas, a Texas Department of Agriculture marketing program that has more than 800 members.

"The success of these two companies with a national audience proves that Taste of Texas sells throughout the country," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

TDA helped QVC recruit compa-

nies for the Texas portion of the "50-in-50 Tour." The program visited 50 states in 50 weeks, introducing products from small businesses and entrepreneurs to a potential audience of a million viewers. Twenty companies - five of them members of TDA marketing programs - were selected from 600 applicants.

Johnson's wife, Jane, created the sweet potato pancake mix in her kitchen at the Johnson's Turkey Hotel in Turkey. Jason Johnson, the couple's son, introduced the pancakes at the family's Pancake House Restaurant in Lubbock.

Heritage Tymes has participated with TDA in trade shows that resulted in sales to Sweden and Canada. The mix is available in supermarket chains throughout Texas.

Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center provides many nursing services

Lockney Health & Rehabilitation Center, previously Lockney Care Center, is beginning the new year with one goal in mind -- to provide services that continually meet the needs of the senior population. "Lockney Health & Rehabilitation Center has changed its name in the effort to better represent the services we offer to the seniors", says Steve Hurst, administrator of the facility located in Lockney, Texas.

For many years nursing homes have been known more so as a "resting place or convalescent center" for the elderly. "Certainly, long-term care nursing remains the primary service for the majority of individuals who enter our facility", says Mr. Hurst. "We continue to provide a 'home-like' atmosphere for those residents who plan to stay long term, and we encourage them to "personalize" their rooms."

According to Hurst, the ability to provide rehabilitation therapy services has prompted the name change. Many patients entering the facility are considered short-term because their average length of stay is approximately

two months. An individual may need Physical therapy to recover from a bone fracture or Respiratory therapy to cure a case of pneumonia. Occupational therapy can assist a stroke patient with learning to use a non-dominant hand, or Speech therapy might help with language and eating difficulties. IV therapy is often used as a quick vehicle for delivering antibiotics to overcome severe infections. Hurst says all residents can benefit from the services, regardless of whether the patient requires short or long-term care.

"Our goal at Lockney Health & Rehabilitation Center is to help each individual who enters the facility achieve personal independence, dignity, and a strong sense of accomplishment", says Hurst. "We want long-term residents to 'feel at home', while assisting short-term patients in their effort to return home." If you have any questions regarding this article please call (806) 652-3375 or speak to one of our therapists at 401 N. Main Street, Lockney.

Floydada's First National Bank Earns Superior 5 Star Rating

First National Bank of Floydada again has earned the coveted Superior 5-star rating from Bauer Financial Reports Inc. which rates the financial health of the nation's banks quarterly.

Tom Farris, Chairman and President of First National Bank announced receipt of the prestigious top rating award indicating safe and financially sound operations.

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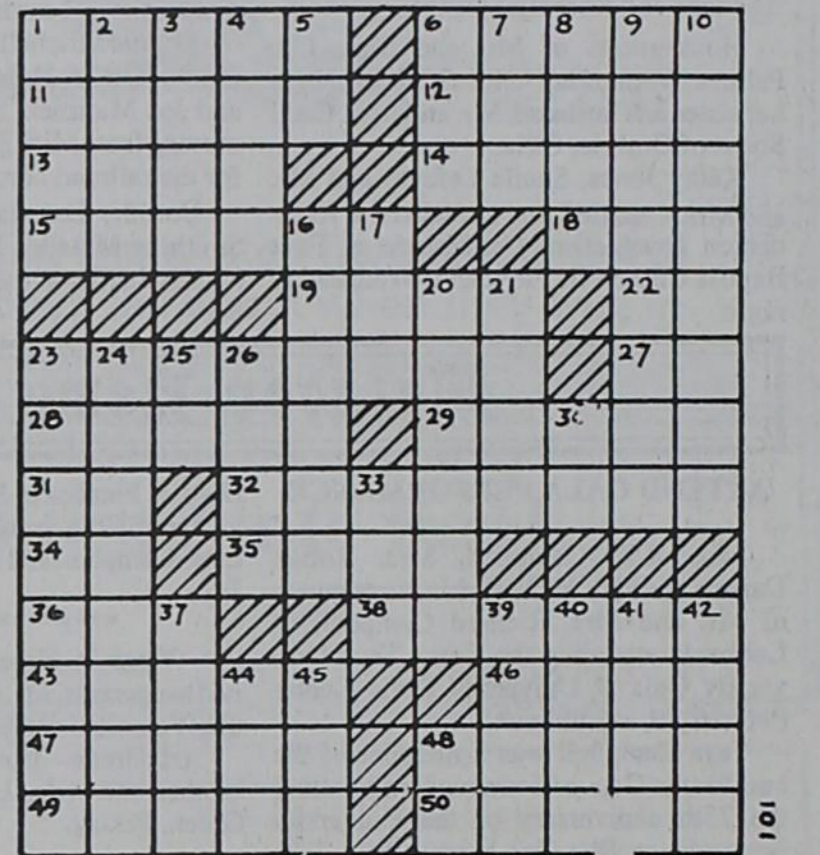
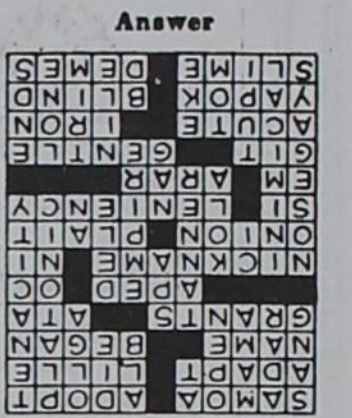
Matador Variety

NEW COOKBOOK 'COWBOY COOKING' full of Chuckwagon recipes and pictures of the Matador Ranch and surrounding ranches. Motley County Tribune

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Farm & Ranch News



Cotton News



From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Producers with cotton in the Commodity Credit Corporation Loan program are approaching the point where CCC will start covering some of the interest and storage charges accrued on the cotton put forth as collateral for the loan.

With the Adjusted World Price (AWP) continuing to drift downward, U.S. growers will soon be able to redeem their cotton at the AWP, provided it is below the amount of the loan principal+interest+storage. Cotton put into the loan in October is approaching this level.

If the AWP continues to drop growers with cotton in the loan will get a break. This scenario will change on a daily basis as cotton under loan accrues storage and interest charges. It will also be different for each producer since cotton is typically given a value above or below the Base Loan rate based in its unique combination of quality characteristics.

This will not affect Loan Deficiency Payments, however, LDP's are not triggered until the AWP drops below the Base Loan rate of 51.92 cents per pound. If this were to occur growers could then apply for the LDP in exchange for a promise not to put their cotton into the CCC loan program.

Winter weevil watchers have some worrying news for High Plains cotton growers as we approach the end of January. Those in the know say they are finding plenty of boll weevils and practically no winter weather.

This forecast means the 1998 cotton crop could see some of the worst boll weevil infestations year, at least initially.

With current survival figures around the 70 percent mark Lubbock County Integrated Pest management agent Brant Baugh says producers who had weevil problems in 1997 will see them again and producers who really did not have much trouble in 1997 will also have plenty in 1998.

In order to help producers get a handle on the issue before it becomes a problem the Texas Ag Extension Service, Texas Tech University, PCG and the High Plains Association of Crop Consultants have begun the process of putting together a workshop titled "Adjusting Cotton Production Systems for Boll Weevil Management."

The program, which will offer pesticide applicator continuing education credit for producers, will focus on integrating boll weevil management techniques with traditional High Plains crop production systems.

The workshop is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 1998, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The workshop will be held in Room 107 of the Civic Center.

Additional information will be put forth in the days leading up to the Texas Cotton Ginners' Convention and

Trade Show.

Improvement in dryland cotton production systems continues to command a significant level of interest among High Plains cotton growers.

With about one-half of all cotton fields in the area considered dryland even the smallest improvement in overall profitability can mean a significant boost on-farm incomes. Research conducted at Texas Tech University and the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock is focusing in on the issue of profitability and how it can be improved through adoption of different tillage and production systems.

Most of the dryland cotton grown on the High Plains has been subject to a monocultural-type tillage system. This system, which is tillage intensive, is both expensive and dangerous since it leaves the soil vulnerable to both wind and water erosion.

Research from TTU and TAES at the AG-CARES research farm in Lamesa indicates that growers who switch to a conservation tillage system can significantly increase both yields and profitability.

A good example is the effect from the use of a minimum-tillage production system. Under this system cotton yields were increased 50 percent and increased net returns above variable cost were increased 100 percent as compared to conventional tillage systems.

The study also found that adoption of the conservation-tillage and minimum-tillage systems did not increase risk compared to conventional production systems.

Lawmakers debate liability in cow-car collisions

by Scott Bauer
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — In Nebraska, cattle outnumber people by almost six to one, and there are more than 350 collisions between cows and motor vehicles every year.

A 1995 Nebraska Supreme Court ruling required cattle owners to prove they are not negligent in cattle collisions with vehicles. That is just plain wrong, Sen. Roger Wehrbein told a legislative committee.

Before the court's decision, lawsuits usually were not filed when a motorist struck a cow that had wandered onto the road, retired farmer Cy Miller told the Judiciary Committee. "The farmer lost a critter and... (the driver) lost a pickup," Miller said.

Now farmers are well-advised to keep up to \$3 million in liability insurance, Kansas State University law professor Roger McEowen testified.

The high court three years ago ruled that a Saline County farmer was liable for damages sustained by a truck driver who collided with a cow that had escaped from a pen.

In that case, the court found that the legal doctrine called "res ipsa loquitur" is applicable in instances of motor vehicle collisions with escaped livestock.

The doctrine, which means "the thing speaks for itself," placed the burden of proof on the livestock owner to prove he or she was not negligent in maintaining fences and taking other reasonable steps to keep cattle con-

fined.

Nebraska is the only leading livestock-producing state that uses the doctrine to place the burden of proof on the owners of the cattle, McEowen said.

For cattle owners to prove they were not negligent is very difficult, if not impossible, in cow-car crashes, Wehrbein said.

His bill would require a motorist who strikes a stray cow to prove that a rancher was negligent in allowing the animal to escape. There would be no presumption in inference that the collision was due to negligence on behalf of the owner of the livestock or the person in possession of the livestock.

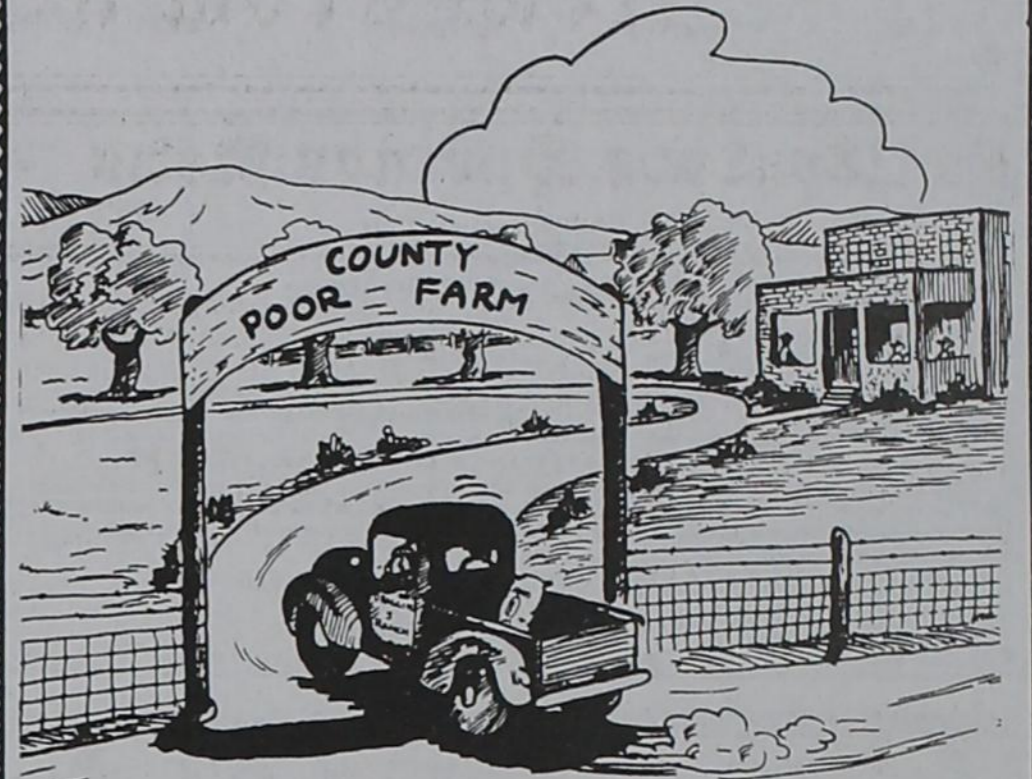
"Cattle, and other livestock, are not inanimate objects; they are not machines that you can program," Wehrbein said. "They, as large domesticated animals, do have minds of their own and can, when provoked by factors outside the control of livestock owner, escape the most formidable and well-cared-for fences."

Wehrbein's proposal does not clear farmers of liability for their herds, McEowen said. Instead, it would specify that an ordinary standard of care and ordinary negligence rules apply in livestock trespass cases, he said.

Attorney Bob Chaloupka of Scottsbluff argued against the measure, saying it would give cattle owners an unfair advantage. He recently persuaded a Nebraska jury to require a livestock owner to pay damages after an accident.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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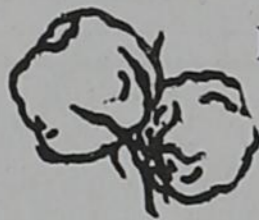
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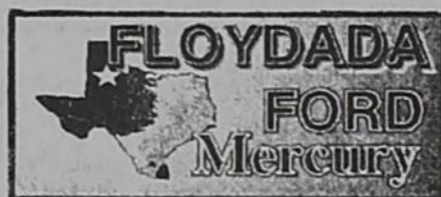
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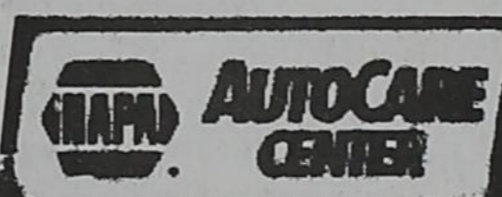


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