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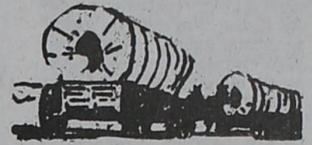
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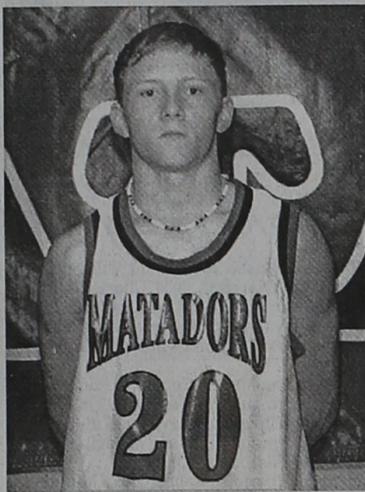
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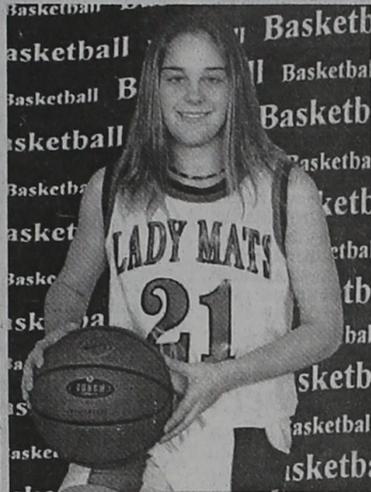
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QUINTEN ROSE  
SENIOR  
ALL-DISTRICT



BRITTANY MOORE  
JUNIOR  
ALL-DISTRICT



MANDI REAM  
SENIOR  
ALL-DISTRICT  
ALTERNATE ALL-STAR TEAM

## MC Matadors named to All-District team

Three Motley County Matadors were named to the 6-A All-District Basketball team when selections were made in Lubbock recently. Motley County, Patton Springs, Spur, Wilson, Southland and New Home make District 6-A.

Brittany Moore, Junior, and Mandi Ream, Senior, were named to the Girls All-District Team. Mandi was also named as an Alternate to the All Star game, which will be held during the annual Six-Man Coaches Association clinic in July. Quinten Rose, Senior was named to the Boys All-District Team.

The team is listed as follows:  
Girls 6-A, Division II All District Team —

**MVP:**  
Rachael Eubank, Spur, Senior

**All District Team:**

Lauren Wied, New Home, Senior  
Kandes Walker, Spur, Senior  
Brittany Keith, New Home, Senior  
Brittany Moore, Motley County, Junior  
Britny Robertson, Spur, Senior  
Brooke Keith, New Home, Senior  
Shelby Stokes, Patton Springs, Sophomore  
Kelsi Arnold, Spur, Junior  
Mandi Ream, Motley County, Senior  
Terry Brand, New Home, Senior

**All Star Game Selections:**

Rachael Eubank, Spur  
Lauren Wied, New Home

**Alternates:**

Kandes Walker, Spur  
Tana Bateman, Patton Springs  
Mandi Ream, Motley County

Boys 6-A Division II All District Team —

**MVP:**  
Mason Pierce, Patton Springs, Senior

**All District Team:**

Rich Toumberlin, Spur, Senior  
Cole Grundy, Patton Springs, Senior  
Nick Simmons, Wilson, Junior  
Mike Flores, Southland, Senior  
Monte Jolly, New Home, Junior  
Cody Keith, New Home, Junior  
Tanner Johnston, New Home, Senior  
Trent Day, Spur, Sophomore  
Brandon McBroom, Patton Springs, Senior  
Richard Valdez, Wilson, Senior  
Quinten Rose, Motley County, Senior

**All Star Game Selections:**

Tanner Johnston, New Home  
Cole Grundy, Patton Springs

**Alternates:**

Rich Toumberlin, Spur

## Finances main topic of recent school board meetings

by Tina Brooks,  
School Board reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met February 17 in a called meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Dianne Washington, D'anna Russell, Jan Jones, Kayla Guest, Judy Crowley, Lacy Rankin and Barbara Parks.

During open forum D'anna Russell discussed the cuts that are being considered. Mrs. Russell stated that she hates to see more cuts out of the secondary level, since students need to be well educated to go out in the world. Jan Jones spoke on behalf of the CATE program (Career and Technology Education). Mrs. Jones said this program provides an opportunity for life skills. The program also enables students to earn college credits through different classes offered at Motley County. Dianne Washington spoke on changes made to the 2003-2004 audit.

Mr. Copp and Mrs. Hicks presented the board with ideas for program cuts. Many different program cuts are being reviewed and many aspects are being considered.

The board voted to hold a called meeting March 2 to fur-

ther discuss budget cuts.

The Board met March 2 for a called meeting. All board members were present. Also attending were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Dianne Washington, Kayla Guest, Judy Crowley, Janie Campbell and Denise Ford.

No one was present for open forum.

Mr. Copp explained to the board that Richard Watson, a former employee of Region 17 with much experience in school finance, has been contacted to review cuts to the budget. Mr. Watson is creating a proposal to bring to the board.

President Douglas Campbell set up two called meetings to be held Thursday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members met for their regular scheduled meeting, Monday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Les Woolsey, Ted Davey, David Stafford, Douglas Campbell and Tina Brooks. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Kayla Guest, Kathy Gillespie, Annette Hollinsworth, D'anna Russell and Judy Crowley.

The board was honored to congratulate the students named to the All-District Basketball teams and the students excelling in this year's Stock Show. These students do an ex-

cellent job of representing our school.

Board members Pat Smith and Shonda Elliott joined the meeting at this time.

No one was present for open forum.

During the Superintendent's report Mr. Copp informed the board of the board training hours that are still needed. He also asked the board if the regular April meeting could be moved from April 12th to April 13th, because of the Easter vacation. The board approved.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The staff has done an excellent job of keeping the expenditures down and should be commended. The list of expenditures were read and approved.

A date was set for positions on the ballot for the May 15th board elections. This will be done Monday, March 15 at 5:15 p.m.

Board accepted the Legal Service Agreement, which is an agreement with a new law firm beginning next year.

The board agreed to the resale of property which was deemed to the taxing units.

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## Texas Ag Week will celebrate state's farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 14 to 20 is National Agriculture Week in Texas - a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy.

"From healthy food to fresh flowers to warm clothing, agriculture touches our lives every day. Agriculture provides us with generous amounts of nutrients to feed our bodies - iron from lean meat, calcium from milk, vitamin A from carrots, vitamin C from citrus, to name just a few of the ways Texas-raised foods make us healthier," Combs said. "This March, I urge all Texans to recognize the producers who add food, horticulture, fiber and good health to our lives."

Combs will kick off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation March 14. She will cap off the week by honoring more than 100 farming and ranching families during the 29th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony in Austin March 19.

"Whether your role involves growing food and fiber or just consuming it, you can take pride in Texas agriculture and the important role that it plays in our future. It is an industry that continues to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world," Combs said.

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$73 billion

annually throughout the state's economy, with one out of every five Texans working in an agriculture-related industry.

"Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways."

**Fast Facts: Texas Agriculture Packs a Punch.**

\* Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.

\* The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy.

\* Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

\* Ninety-two percent of agricultural producers were women in 2002; the number of women who were principal operators increased 7 percent from 1997.

\* Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

\* Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

\* Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 15 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone

Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

\* Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

\* Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people - 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

\* Texas' 1 million horses, representing approximately 15 percent of all horses nationwide, makes the state a leader in the United States. Texas also leads the nation in the number of registered American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosa horses and American Miniature Horses.

## Motley County located in special emphasis area for quail habitat improvement

Motley County is located in a special emphasis area that will provide cost share assistance to help improve quail habitat. This program is under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Funds have been allocated to a special program and won't affect the local funds that the local workgroup identified for cost share for Motley County. This is a statewide program that is designed specifically to promote the recovery of degraded grasslands and to restore habitat for grassland birds including quail. This is accomplished through the use of cost shared practices such as brush control, prescribed fire and range reseeding and incentive payments that encourage necessary grazing management.

Contracts for this program will be for 6 years. Prescribed grazing plans benefitting bobwhite quail and other grassland birds must be carried throughout the contract period. Producers will receive a \$5/acre incentive payment after completing each deferral called for in their grazing management plan. This payment is based on the actual acreage deferred and is limited to a maximum of 2,500 acres per year and a maximum of 2 grazing deferral payments per contract. Producers who are in compliance at the end of year 5 will receive a \$5/acre incentive payment at the end of that year. Contracts will also be required to have a Texas

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## Election Results

### Motley County has light voter turnout

Motley County had a very light voter turnout, Tuesday, March 9, for the 2004 Primary Elections. Only 30 residents cast their votes early in the Democratic election, while 20 Republican voters voted early. A total of 188 Motley County registered voters cast their votes in this primary election. The General Election will be held in November.

Tuesday's results are as follows:

#### DEMOCRATIC —

**President:** Wesley M. Clark, 2; Randy Crow, 2; Howard Dean, 7; John Edwards, 19; Dick Gephardt, 1; John F. Kerry, 54; Dennis J. Kucinich, 1; Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., 3; Joe Lieberman, 2; and Al Sharpton, 1.

**Railroad Commissioner:** Bob Scarborough, 81.

**Justice, Supreme Court:** Place 9: Dick Van Os, 70.

**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6:** J.R. Molina, 63.

**Prop. 1 - Privatize Social Security and Medicare Programs:** In Favor - 20; Against - 99.

**Prop. 2 - Prohibit State Mandates that Require Tax Increases:** In Favor - 81; Against - 39.

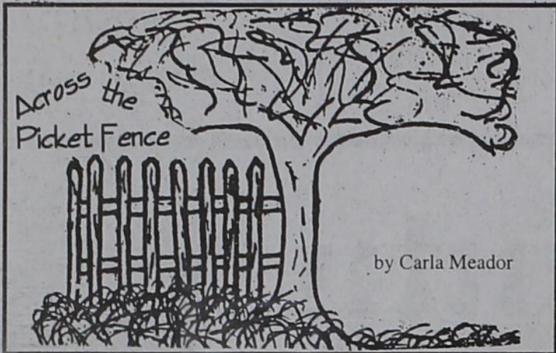
**Motley County Sheriff:** James B. "Jim" Meador, 105.

**Motley County Tax Assessor-Collector:** Elaine Hart, 108.

**Motley County Commissioner, Precinct 3:** Franklin Jameson, 30.

**Motley County Commissioner, Precinct 1:** Ronnie Davis, 38.

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Spring is approaching fast. Actually, next Saturday, March 20, will be the first day of the much anticipated season. As we all know, living in this area, that doesn't mean that everyday will be Spring weather. We have had snow and very cold weather into April. But, I'm getting Spring fever and itching to get in the yard. I was looking at seed packets the other day and wondering what Morgan and Judson would pick out to plant in their little backyard garden at my house. Last year they chose corn, green beans, peas, tomatoes, carrots, squash and peppers. We had so much fun with that little garden. They planted the seeds themselves and enjoyed watching the plants grow. With gardening time just around the corner, I was reminded of this verse I received from my cousin.

**THE GARDEN**  
Come to the garden alone,  
while the dew is still on the roses....  
For the garden of your daily living,  
**PLANT THREE ROWS OF**

- PEAS:**
1. Peace of mind.
  2. Peace of heart
  3. Peace of soul.
- PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:**
1. Squash gossip.
  2. Squash indifference.
  3. Squash grumbling.
  4. Squash selfishness.
- PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:**
1. Lettuce be faithful.
  2. Lettuce be kind.
  3. Lettuce be patient.
  4. Lettuce really love one another.
- NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:**
1. Turnip for meetings.
  2. Turnip for service.
  3. Turnip to help one another.
- TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:**
1. Thyme for each other.
  2. Thyme for family.
  3. Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden, because you reap what you sow.

### NOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank each and everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, food and phone calls during Harold's knee surgery and recovery. No one knows how much family and friends mean to you until a time of need arises. Thanks once again and God Bless each and everyone.

Harold and Barbara Parks

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### "RESPONSIBLE"



After the ascension of Jesus into heaven, His Apostles were left responsible for the spreading of the gospel. These men understood that responsibility after the coming of the Spirit as seen in Acts chapter 2.

Later in the book we read of Peter and John being arrested for preaching the gospel. No doubt, the experience made them somewhat nervous. They were placed into jail and held overnight. The next event in their lives was to be brought before the most powerful religious leaders of their time. Peter and John were not men who were educated in the Law. In fact, when called by Jesus, they both were simply fishermen.

There is something amazing to be read in Acts 4. When Peter and John were called before the great court they did not cower and they were not ashamed. Instead, they demonstrated such confidence before those powerful men that even they were amazed.

What made the difference in two simple fishermen's lives? The answer is Jesus Christ. Those powerful men of that great religious court understood that Peter and John had been in the company of Jesus. The reader understands from Acts 4 and 5, that it was because these two men understood their responsibility to Jesus. Faith in Jesus is what enabled them to be confident and to be responsible to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We of today can be responsible in our faith. We need not be afraid in the face of those who oppose Christianity. We too, find our strength in Jesus' name.

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



### The Green of Ireland featured at Do Gooders Club meeting

The Green of Ireland was featured at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 2 in observation of St. Patrick's Day at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted a short business session and encouraged members to exercise their freedom of voting March 9 at the Primary Election of their choice. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the Feb. 3 club meeting that were approved. They debated the type and color of fabric that would be used in their Bazaar quilt.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter opened the program by relating the historical date of St. Patrick's Day celebrated March 17. An entertaining time was enjoyed when they had crossword puzzles and Jumble word game solutions pertaining to Ireland and St.

Patrick's Day.

Hostesses, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Nada Starkey presided at a green motif service at a table laid with a green and white cloth. The centerpiece was a beautiful cascading ivy plant in a four leaf clover designed pot. They served refreshments of chips and dip, cookies, coffee and lime green punch.

Names drawn for the hostess gifts of green crocheted doilies and a duck patterned stuffed pillow were Mrs. Suzie Shannon and Mrs. Calvert.

Overcast skies and rain did not deter these members from attending. Mesdames Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Trula Martin, Alma Shorter, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Tommie Jo Cruse, Nada Starkey, Anna Beth Clay, Suzie Shannon and Geneva Martin.

### Arts & Crafts club members enjoy Canadian Surprise

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts club enjoyed a 'Canadian Surprise' at their March meeting held at the Senior Citizens Center March 1.

The surprise was two-fold: papier-mache eggs to decorate for Easter and a Windchime made from tin cans.

The members decorated the eggs with their choice of decor: fabric, paint, stamped motifs, etc. This is a new type of egg. The base was plastic, covered with papier-mache. The results were incredulous and very beautiful.

The windchime was made to resemble a man, with dangling arms and legs; using all sizes of cans. It was a perfect work of art. The club will work on these elsewhere, the noise would be too intense to be assembled at the Center.

Donalda was a great teacher. All materials were ready to be-

gin work, supplies were used to demonstrate the subject and help us plan our Easter Egg. The members were pleased by the results and expressed their appreciation.

Club President, Loys Campbell conducted a lengthy business meeting, a nominating committee was named to recommend the new officers for the next year. The committee appointed is Vee Gordon, Joy Archer and Nova Dale Turner.

Members present were Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Loys Campbell, Dorothy Day, Grace Garrison, Dorothy Knight, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Jo Trammel, Donalda Letkeman, and Winifred Darsey.

The club will hold its April meeting at Roaring Springs; it will tour the Ken Young Art Studio and dine at the historic Traveler's Inn for lunch. See you there!

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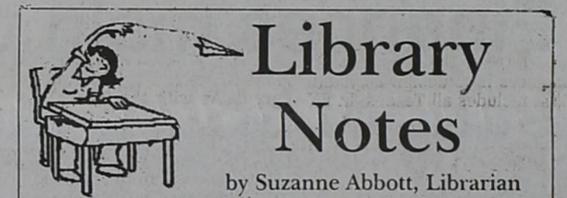
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson

### Couple to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Matador will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 12, 2004. Charles Johnson and Opal Lowe were married March 12, 1954, in Strafford, Texas, on a typical West Texas spring day in which the weather included a sandstorm, rain, and a touch of snow. They met while teaching school in Sunray, Texas.

Charlie is retired from the Motley County School system where he served as teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. Opal is a retired school teacher. The couple have lived in Matador for 40+ years and served the community in many capacities. They are members of the First United Methodist Church.

They are the parents of Charlotte Robertson of Maumelle, Arkansas, Grant Johnson of Canyon, Texas, Cindy Riggins and in-laws to Mike Riggins of Vernon, Texas. They have three grandchildren, Clay Robertson, Malinda Riggins and Bobby Don Riggins. Their children and grandchildren would like for you to join in wishing them a Happy Anniversary by giving them a call or sending a card.



We appreciate the memorial donations that the library received last week. We thank Donna and Larry Hoyle for their donation in memory of Jake Edwards. We also thank Pam and Jeff Thacker for their donation in memory of Jake Edwards.

The library has a copy of Danielle Steel's newest book, *Ransom*. I have not read it, but I have been told that it is a very good mystery.

For those of you who have DVD players, the library has some DVD's that can be checked out now. We have *Air Force One*, starring Harrison Ford, *Driving Miss Daisy*, star-

ring Jessica Tandy, Dan Aykroyd and Morgan Freeman, and *Space Cowboys* with Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, and James Garner.

Other DVD's that the library has ready for you to check out and enjoy are *Free Willy 2* and *Ghostbusters*. More for the kids, we have *Cinderella*, *The Second Jungle Book* and *Snow White*.

We've gone back to our regular hours at the library: 2-5 on Monday, 1-6 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 12 Noon to 5 on Friday. I listed it wrong for Friday in last week's paper.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
John 3:16

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## The direct way to School Finance Reform Six fundamental principles

By Representatives  
Linda Harper-Brown,  
Bill Keffer,  
and Larry Taylor  
Co-chairmen, TCCRI School  
Finance Task Force

The Texas Legislature is poised to take on one of the most significant policy changes in a decade. Not since 1993, when the Robin Hood system of recapture was created, has the Legislature been confronted with such an important constitutional matter.

This Legislature has already had to deal with daunting problems, such as \$10 billion budget shortfall, tort reform, and homeowners' insurance reform. But even they pale in comparison because school finance is such a fundamental constitutional obligation of our state government.

For that reason, we are co-chairing a task force created by the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute in order to review the various tax systems being proposed to the Legislature, develop principals fundamental to any tax reform, and promote debate about the end result - because no matter how much is spent on education or how money is raised, the bottom line must always be the successful education of our children. We believe the following six principles of tax reform should guide the debate.

— Direct connection. There must remain a direct connection between taxpayers and the public schools that serve their area. One of the most undesirable aspects of the federal income tax system is that there is no relation between the taxpayer and program outcomes. Money is taken from individuals, funneled through the IRS, and spent in a manner that has the highest degree of separation from the individual. As a consequence, the taxpayer has no direct or meaningful say in the program, and federal administration is indifferent to taxpayer views. Less separation, more participation.

— Inclusion. Any new tax system must be viewed as fair, and the best way to demonstrate fairness is to design a system that includes all Texans. In FY

2003, the value of all sales and use tax exemptions and exclusions was almost \$23 billion. The value of exemptions to the school property tax is estimated to be over \$4 billion. The state could scrap the Robin Hood system and provide substantial property tax relief just by ending exemptions and exclusions. Fairness through inclusion.

— Reality. The reality is that consumers almost always pay all the taxes. The Comptroller's Report, "Tax Exemptions & Tax Incidence," makes the very important point: "It should be recognized that any tax levied directly on a business will ultimately be paid by real, live people - if not consumers via higher prices, then business owners via reduced profits or employees via reduced wages... In any case, or in any combination where the tax burden is borne jointly, the old cliché is true: "Only people pay taxes."

Any proposals to impose new or higher business taxes are somewhat disingenuous because business taxes are generally paid by consumers and workers - and not from the gross income of the business, as some would argue. Make it real.

— Economic growth. The Legislature should avoid any tax system that will negatively affect economic development and the consumer. Consistent with Governor's commitment to bringing new business to the state and the Legislature's interest in maximizing the benefits of the Texas Enterprise Fund, any new tax system should move away from the current system, which penalizes capital-intensive industries. A growing, healthy economy is required to provide for the future funding needs of our educational system. Taxes unavoidably affect the economy, so affect it as little as possible.

— Compliance. One of the chief problems with the current property tax system is the burdensome and costly process of assessment and collection. Collectively across the state, the apparatus necessary to administer local property taxes is immense. The burden on homeowners and businesses when disputing the amount of the tax is equally great. As with the federal in-

come tax, only those with substantial resources are typically in position to avoid or dispute. Keep it simple.

— Transparent. Taxes should be transparent to taxpayers. The fact that homeowners are complaining about their property taxes in manifestly one of the best features of the current system - they know what they are paying and must write

a check each year to a Central Appraisal District. The most insidious taxes are those hidden from view. Transparency promotes accountability. There is no good tax; but there are those that are "less bad". A tax system that adheres to these six principles can provide a "Direct" path from the current school finance crisis to a long-term solution.

## Girl Scouts to host Dad-Daughter weekend

Enjoy a weekend with your daughter at Camp Rio Blanco in Crosbyton, Texas, June 3rd - 5th. Granddads, Uncles, or special males are invited to attend. This event is the perfect opportunity to share new heights and adventures with your special girl. Making a kite, team games, outdoor cooking and swimming will be a part of the fun.

Registration deadline for the

event is April 28th. The registration fee is \$25 per person. Full payment is due at time of registration. All adult and girl participants must be registered Girl Scout members. If you are not registered, there will be an additional \$10 membership fee.

For information, please contact Summer Littlejohn at (806) 754-2855, (800) 530-4957 or (806) 296-7925 in Plainview.

## School Board

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Mr. Copp presented a detailed explanation of the 2003 Property Value Study from the State Comptroller.

The textbook adoption list implementation for 2004-05 was reviewed and approved.

Board approved the 2004-05 school calendar.

Local Policy was discussed and reviewed which allows non-school use of the school building. (PTO, Lions Club, EMS, etc.) Board approved allowing the use of the building when it will not conflict with school activities.

The Rolling Plains Educational Consortium Agreement was approved. This is an agreement which allows the seven schools in the consortium to share funds in order to receive more technology services. Board also approved that the Rolling Plains Educational Con-

sortium Agreement open the consortium to more schools allowing more students and greater leverage applying for grants.

A Health Advisory Council has been formed consisting of three faculty members and seven parent members. Texas Agricultural Commissioner, Susan Combs, has set new regulations on food guidelines in schools. The Health Advisory Council will be working directly with Twila Albertson from Region 17 to learn what this committee will entail.



Keep our kids  
SAFE!  
Drive carefully  
in school  
zones!

## State GOP offers youth scholarship program for National Convention

Republican Party of Texas Chairman Tina Benkiser will award one outstanding high school or college student a scholarship to serve as a convention page at the 2004 Republican National Convention to be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City August 30 through September 2, 2004.

The State GOP is currently accepting applications from students aged 18-20.

"We hope to provide a positive learning experience for the outstanding young Texan who receives this scholarship," said Benkiser. "It will be an exciting opportunity to see the inner workings of a national convention, interact with national GOP

leaders, and, of course, be present as President George W. Bush is nominated for reelection."

Applicants will be judged on school achievements, extra-curricular activities and a 500 word essay on "The importance of young Texans being involved in the political process."

The Republican Party of Texas will pay for air fare and a six-day stay at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City for the selected applicant.

Complete details about the program and a downloadable application form are available online at [www.TexasGOP.org](http://www.TexasGOP.org). The deadline for application is Friday, March 5.

## Application deadline nears for Clarendon scholarship

The Clarendon College Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for academic scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year. Scholarships are available to incoming freshman or returning sophomores who are full-time degree-seeking students at Clarendon College. Completed applications along with the most recent aca-

demical transcript are due in the Financial Aid Office by April 1. Applications are available on-line at: [www.clarendoncollege.edu](http://www.clarendoncollege.edu) or from the Financial Aid Office on the Clarendon College and Pampa Center campuses. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (806) 874-3571.

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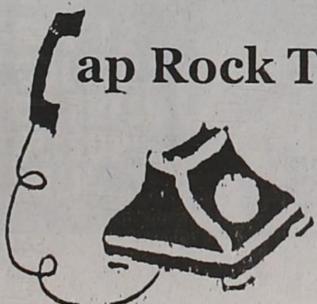
## March Student of the Month



Annie Green

Annie Maree Green is the daughter of Billy and Cindy Green of Matador. She is a Junior at MC High School, where she has served as Class Reporter for the past three years. She participates in basketball and tennis and is a member of FCCLA and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also participates in UIL and is on the A Honor Roll. Annie has received the Citizenship Award and has also been a Student Council representative. She also volunteers for community projects including collecting food for the holidays, collecting books for patients at UMC Hospital, volunteers at the Library for the Summer Reading Program, and helps with the Veterans Day Program.

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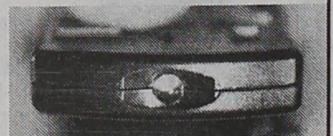
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# Severe weather season is here

## Residents urged to prepare ahead of time

Governor Rick Perry proclaimed the week of February 29 through March 6, 2004, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas.

In his message to Texans, Governor Perry noted that severe weather can strike anywhere in the state, often with little warning. Echoing the Governor's concern, Jack Colley, State Coordinator of the Division of Emergency Management, stated that this "is an excellent opportunity to explain what our citizens need to do when severe weather strikes."

The arrival of the spring season brings a transition from cool, stable air to warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico into Texas. The resulting heat in the atmosphere gives way to increased instability, a catalyst for severe weather. The peak climatic period for violent severe weather in Texas is late March through early June. This is also the time when outdoor activities increase significantly across the state. These threats include severe thunderstorms with damaging winds and large hail, as well as tornadoes, very heavy rain and flash floods. They damage homes and businesses, and in some cases, cause injury or loss of life. It is important to prepare for spring season severe weather by learning what to do in the event that severe weather threatens your area.

The main thing to remember is that no part of Texas is immune to severe weather. It can

form at any time and anywhere conditions are favorable. Texas is a unique state with a wide variety of climates and local effects. As a resident it is best to be prepared ahead of time, never underestimating the threat that exists in any given event.

This is an excellent time for schools, hospitals, churches, civic and business groups, and emergency managers to review safety and preparedness plans for the coming severe weather season. This should also be done by every family, insuring that each member knows how to be safe when severe weather threatens. The best way to insure that plans are adequate and can be activated is to test them with drills. It is helpful to set up a yearly schedule to analyze preparedness plans and practice drills, ensuring that safety measures will be proficient in the event that severe weather threatens your area.

### WATCHES AND WARNINGS

The Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma has responsibility for issuing severe thunderstorm and tornado watches across the Nation. Watches are closely coordinated with local NWS offices before issuance.

A Watch indicates atmospheric conditions are favorable for severe weather development.

During a Watch you should...

1. Remain alert to weather changes, severe weather often develops rapidly.

2. Monitor NOAA Weather Radio, Commercial Radio, Television, the Internet, or your personal electronic device for further information.

3. Plan ahead. Know what protective action you will take if severe weather develops or moves into your area. It would be beneficial to have a map handy with counties outlined because warnings are issued for counties. Be sure you know your location on the map.

If severe weather does develop or moves into your area, the National Weather Service office responsible for your area will issue either a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning.

Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm.

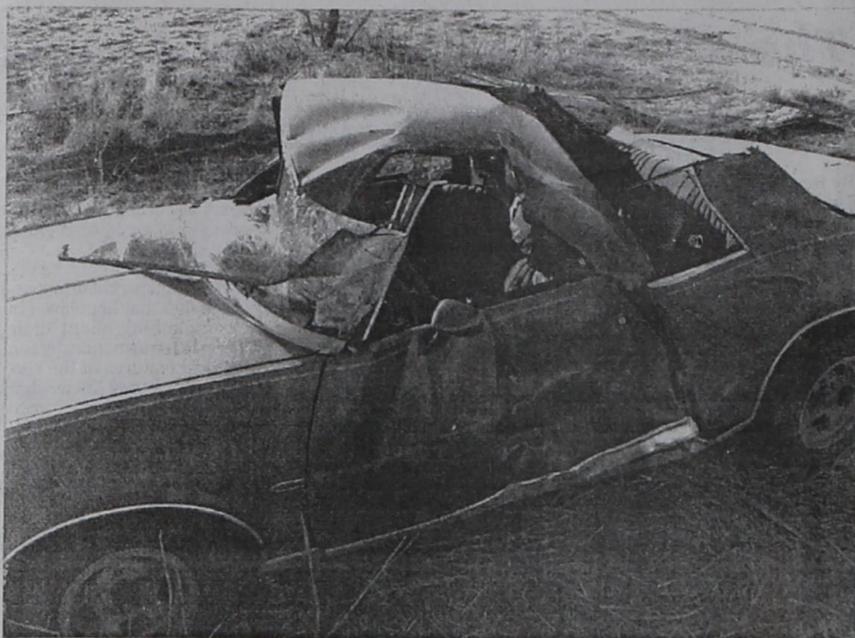
During a Warning...

1. Remain calm, but take protective action immediately.

2. Continue to monitor NOAA Weather Radio, Commercial Radio, Television, the Internet or your personal electronic device for further information and not details such as what is happening, where the severe weather is now, if it is moving toward you, and how long will it continue.

Remember, a Watch - watch the sky; a Warning - take action.

For more information on Watches or Warnings, contact your local National Weather Service Office or visit their website at [www.srh.weather.gov](http://www.srh.weather.gov).

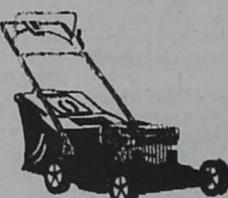


This vehicle, driven by Jermaine Hendrix, 20, of Matador, collided with a horse north of Roaring Springs on Texas 70 near the river bridge. Motley County EMS, Sheriff and Fire Departments received a call to respond to the accident at approximately 1:25 a.m., March 6. Mr. Hendrix was traveling south when he swerved to attempt to avoid hitting the horse which was standing in the roadway. The car struck the horse on the driver's side door, cutting the top completely off the car. Mr. Hendrix was transported by Motley County EMS to Crosbyton Hospital for head injuries and later transferred to UMC Hospital in Lubbock. After undergoing surgery on Tuesday of this week, he was expected to be released on Thursday. According to his mother, Mrs. Jimmie Childers, his condition is good. DPS Trooper Cobey Lomax of Memphis also responded and worked the accident.

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**MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data Control Codes	10		98	
	General Fund	Special Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 900,534	\$ 256,698	\$ 18,606	\$ 1,175,838
5800 State Program Revenues	512,130	--	253,571	765,701
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	--	413,092	413,092
5020 Total Revenues	1,412,664	256,698	685,269	2,354,631
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	1,055,594	74,665	591,172	1,721,431
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	30,232	--	26,952	57,184
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	469	--	3,699	4,168
0021 Instructional Leadership	--	133,113	2,653	135,766
0023 School Leadership	73,003	--	1,517	74,520
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	19,075	2,141	254	21,470
0034 Student Transportation	81,557	--	1,172	82,729
0035 Food Service	--	--	106,369	106,369
0036 Extracurricular Activities	45,695	--	92	45,787
0041 General Administration	159,460	--	7,008	166,468
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	157,343	8,664	2,028	168,035
0053 Data Processing Services	46,769	--	319	47,088
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	28,078	--	--	28,078
6030 Total Expenditures	1,697,275	218,583	743,235	2,659,093
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	(284,611)	38,115	(57,966)	(304,462)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7915 Operating Transfers In	56,685	--	66,860	123,545
8911 Operating Transfers Out	(76,536)	(38,115)	(8,894)	(123,545)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(19,851)	(38,115)	57,966	--
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(304,462)	--	--	(304,462)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	560,676	--	--	560,676
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 256,214	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 256,214

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Say "Yes" to Rural Texas

The Texas Department of Agriculture invites all Texans to say "Yes!" to rural Texas. The agency is launching a new program designed to spread the word loud and clear. "Texas Yes!" will be a broad-based membership and promotional program designed to spotlight the people and places that make rural Texas great.

For more information, go to <http://www.TexasYes.org> or call or write TDA at (866) 4-TEX-YES (483-9937), P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.



Texas Department of Agriculture

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

## Comptroller Strayhorn says \$1.6 billion in federal funds left on table for Medicaid and Chips as 107,000 children are dropped from program

Austin — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn told the Mental Health Association in Texas that due to state budget cuts in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance (CHIP), Texas is leaving an estimated \$1.6 billion on the table in federal funds. She made the announcement during a speech at the association's 2004 Honoring Dinner where she was the recipient of the Texas Champion award.

She said the federal money has been left on the table while, "107,000 children have been dropped from the CHIP rolls since last September 2003. That's 21 percent drop in five

months, and Texas was already dead last in the percent of children without health insurance. That's unconscionable."

In the last regular legislative session \$41.2 million in state and federal funds were cut from the 2004 mental health budget, Strayhorn said. And Medicaid coverage for adults who need counselors and psychologists was eliminated entirely — up to 200,000 adults will lose these services, she said.

"All of the severe health cuts put together totaled more than \$1 billion. We could have more than restored these cuts with a dollar tax increase on a pack of cigarettes — as I recommended

during the last session. We would have brought in \$1.5 billion this biennium with that tax increase. This administration is abdicating its responsibilities — and ignoring state challenges is creating local crises," Strayhorn said.

Strayhorn estimates that a total of almost \$583 million is available now to restore some severe cuts in health care and to fully restore all mental health services for children and fully restore Medicaid cuts for mental health services. Of that, there are \$469.3 million that could be distributed by budget execution and another \$113.4 million that could be appropriated in a special session.



Cole Grundy

## Grundy to play in All-Star Game

Patton Springs Senior Cole Grundy has been selected to represent PSISD in the upcoming Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star game. The Six-Man coaches clinic is held in mid-July, and the games are tentatively scheduled for July 16 and 17. Cole led the Rangers averaging 15.9 points per game and 14 rebounds per game.

Cole is the son of Ben and Dvonna Grundy of Matador and Mary Lou Grundy of Floydada.

## Election Results

from page 1

### REPUBLICAN —

**President:** George W. Bush, 50; Uncommitted, 3.  
**Railroad Commissioner:** Robert Butler, 21; Victor G. Carrillo, 14; Douglas G. Deffenbaugh, 6; K. Dale Henry, 8.  
**Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3:** Harriet O'Neill, 43.  
**Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5:** Paul Green, 19; Steven Wayne Smith, 28.  
**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2:** Guy James Gray, 25; Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, 20.  
**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5:** Cheryl Johnson, 30; Patricia Noble, 14.  
**Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6:** Michael E. Keasler, 29; Steven M. Porter, 18.  
**U.S. Representative, District 13:** Mac Thornberry, 49.  
**State Senator, District 28:** Robert Duncan, 49.  
**State Representative, District 68:** Rick Hardcastle, 48.  
**Justice of 7th Court of Appeals, Dist. 4:** Jim Campbell, 44.

## Quail habitat improvement

from page 1

Parks and Wildlife plan development to assist with the management of the grassland for wildlife.

Acres that are to be enrolled need to be ninety percent rangeland. This means that at least 90% of the offered acreage consists of native grassland or shrub land. Tame pasture or cropland can make up no more than 10% of the offered acres. It is permissible to enroll up to 10% existing cropland and use range seeding cost share to convert it to native rangeland that benefits quail.

Sign-ups for this program have already started and appli-

cations will be taken until April 16th. It will be helpful to make an appointment by calling the NRCS office. Please don't wait until the end of the sign-up period. The phone number is 806-347-2263 ext. 3. If you have questions about this program or the other EQIP program please don't hesitate to call.

Other counties that are eligible are: Childress, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, King, Knox, Stonewall, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Taylor, Runnels, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Shackelford, Callahan, Coleman, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Mills, Brown, Eastland, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Erath, Parker, Young, Jack, Clay, Wise, Montague, Archer, Wheeler, Donley, Armstrong, Collingsworth, Randall, Briscoe, Hall, Floyd, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Howard, Mitchell, Coke and Tom Green.

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# News Around the County

MOTLEY COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
NEWS & VIEWS  
by Penny Pipkin, President



The 2004 annual Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held again this year in August, 2004. The date has not yet been scheduled because the entertainment has not been selected. If you have any suggestions for entertainment,

please contact Penny Pipkin at 347-2747. We would also like to know if you have any menu preferences as the Caterer has not yet been chosen.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The Ladies Bible group met in the home of Mrs. Clint Burns Monday morning, March 8 with Mrs. P.K. Green in charge of the business. The group studied the fourth chapter of Acts.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper and Miss Lula Swim were in Floydada on Monday to keep a doctor appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman drove Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock, Tuesday where she kept a follow up check-up from her recent surgery. They met Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock spent the weekend with Bill and Lea Peacock. They attended church Sunday morning.

Kenneth Ashley and Joyce Meredith were in Lubbock Tuesday

where Kenneth kept a doctor appointment.

Joe and Sarah Martin of Wellington visited in Matador and Roaring Springs, Monday, with friends and family. While Mr. Martin drove to Floydada to visit his mother, Mrs. Julie Martin at the Floydada Care Center, Sarah visited at the home of her sister, Audrey Jones. Also enjoying visiting with Sarah were Tinsey Parr, Dora Hurt, Barbara Marvel, Joyce Meredith, Sarah Price, and Kenneth Ashley.

Pearl Patten and daughter JoAnn Reagan visited recently at the home of Pearl's grandson and JoAnn's son and family, Jeff and DeeAnn Burkes and children in Floresville. The group attended the San Antonio Stock Show.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
I'm dreaming of that never-never land where people over 50 go: Where dividends and energy are high and golf scores and cholesterol are low!

### GOOD RAINFALL A BONUS FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Rainfall of 2.20 inches in Whiteflat and 2.34 inches in Flomot the first week in March is declared a moisture bonus for farmers and ranchers. After the first three months in 2003 "bone dry" the 2004 surprising rain total of 6.45 inches in Whiteflat and 6.34 inches in Flomot is welcomed. Pea sized hail was reported Friday night, March 5.

Donnie Rogers met his daughter, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale at Amarillo Airport Sunday and accompanied them here to spend their spring break holidays.

Mrs. Margie Pinkerton of Turkey and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse attended a Hall County Historical Commission meeting in Memphis, Wednesday. Mrs. Cruse, chairman reported a good turn out and a very informative session.

Jack Starkey had medical treatment Tuesday in Lockney for a sinus infection. He and wife, Nada were in Amarillo, Monday for her a medical appointment. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid and in Canyon with son, Michael Starkey.

Mrs. Connie Franks has been in Lubbock the past two weeks with son and family, Amy and Cory Franks, daughter, Madison and new baby son, Hudson who was born Wednesday, March 3.

Guests of Barbara and E.G. Reed this week were his cousin and

husband, Nicki and Dwayne Padgett of Sequim, Washington. They attended the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night.

Johnnie Starkey has been in Kansas this week attending to business.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited the weekend in Lubbock with sister, Mrs. Marsha Black and son and family, Billy and Becky Hughes, Brennan and Baylee.

Mrs. Nola Long and son, Clifton of Winnewood, Okla. visited from Tuesday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Visiting Laverne and Glen D. Tiffin during the weekend and attending the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night were Mrs. Sue Tiffin of Plainview and Tony and Chrissy Court of Great Falls, Illinois. Tony who is in the U.S. Navy is leaving for overseas duty.

Kacee McGraw of Turkey visited the weekend with her grandparents, Ruth Orville Lee. They attended the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night. Others attending were Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert, Suzie and Billy Shannon and granddaughter, Emily.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited Tuesday and Wednesday with his grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Brian and his mother, Mrs. Keri Sehon met Mr. and Mrs. Shorter in Lubbock, Saturday and enjoyed entertainment.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin Friday afternoon was a former student, Mrs. Nola Mary Long of Winnewood, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Plainview, Wednesday for her an optical appointment.

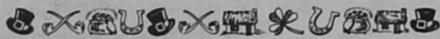
Mrs. Darla Gwinn and daughter, Danielle attended a Little Dribblers Basketball Game in Miami Friday night.

## Matador News

Jack Samford and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Lubbock Saturday, March 6 to watch her granddaughter, Kourtney Dunnam of Amarillo play in a volleyball tournament at Coronado High School gym and at LCU. They also visited with her parents, Ken and Kay Dunnam.

Carolyn Rose, who has been a patient in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after suffering a Stroke, was released from the hospital Tuesday, and is now at home.

Jackie and Shirley Smith were in Amarillo Monday and Tuesday, where Shirley kept doctor appointments. They visited Jackie's sister, Mrs. Peggy Krebs.



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## Art Crafts MONEY

An all-day seminar for artists & crafters  
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## WORD of GOD

Jesus said Repent!

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Revelation 3:3



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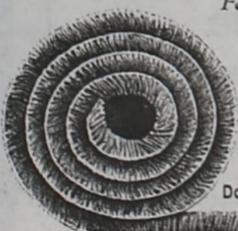
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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



## Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



**Cotton prices:** There will be a second advance payment on cotton counter-cyclical payments. The last word we received indicated that if cotton prices remain steady, producers may end up having to pay back the first advance that was made in October.

**NAP update:** March 15th will be the final date to purchase NAP insurance on hay crops, cantaloupes, watermelons, alfalfa, millet, and soybeans. All NAP notice of losses must be reported within 15 days from when the loss becomes appar-

ent. If you have loss on NAP crop, be sure to not destroy the crop until we can appraise it.

**DCP Signup:** Remember, you must sign up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program each year. Sign-up for the 2004 crop year began Oct. 1. Call for more information, or come by the office sign up.

**Reporting Changes:** Please let us know if you make any changes in your farming operation. We also need to be updated whenever you change your address or phone numbers.

## COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Extension Agent



### AVIAN INFLUENZA A MOVING TARGET

No birds with avian influenza have been found within a 10-mile quarantine radius in South Texas. Although all signs point to the outbreak being contained, the nature of Avian Flu makes that less than a certainty. The virus can live for weeks outside the host if conditions are favorable. Avian Flu is highly infectious and can be transmitted by air or feces. The virus can also survive for sometime on the hands of those handling birds, making live birds markets prime suspects in any outbreak.

selenium absorption in plants is affected by the way the water is delivered. If irrigation water is sprinkled rather than flooded, the plant can absorb nearly twice the selenium. Boosting plants' uptake of selenium creates a natural storage place for the element. Through an essential nutrient in small doses, large amounts of selenium can be toxic. Scientist hope increased plant storage of the nutrient will prevent leaching into the soil and groundwater.

### NEW APPROACH TO CONTROLLING E. COLI IN PIGS

A USDA scientist has come up with an alternative control for E. coli in swine. E. coli is the leading cause of sickness and death in newborn and weaned pigs. The new method involves adding beneficial bacteria to pig's intestinal tracks, which will increase microbial populations in the gut much quicker.

The good bacteria will then block the disease causing bad bacteria by taking over its needed nutrients. A growing resistance of E. coli to today's antibiotics makes developing a replacement extremely important.

### RAPID FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE DETECTION TESTING

A technology that can rapidly detect foot-and-mouth disease will be tested in Texas. The technology will also be tested with classical swine fever. Texas A&M scientists stress they are testing a test, not a disease. The U.S. is currently free of these diseases. Such technological advances will improve responses to any potential foreign animal disease crisis.

### WITH JUST A SPRINKLE, PLANTS SOAK UP MORE SELENIUM

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## EQIP funding increased for Motley County

EQIP funding has been allocated to Motley County and the amount is significantly greater than last year. The increased allocation means the NRCS and SWCD has more funds available to producers for conservation concerns that the local workgroup identified. As a reminder the resource concerns for this year are: Erosion control and Plant Health-Brush Encroachment.

The eligible practices for cost share are:  
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Plant Health - Brush En-

croachment (Brush Management);

Practices - mechanical brush control (power grubbing and chaining) raking, range seeding, pasture planting, and chemical brush control (aerial and IPT).

Sign-ups have already started for this year's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Applications will be taken until the close of business on April 16th. It would be helpful if you could make an appointment by calling the NRCS office and schedule an appointment. Applications can also be made at the FSA office. The phone number is 806-347-2263 ext. 3.

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### GRASSLEY OFFERS NEW PAYMENT LIMIT REFORMS

Iowa Senator Charles Grassley has cleared his first hurdle and gained Senate Budget Committee approval of an amendment that would make significant changes to current payment limitation rules included in the 2002 Farm Bill. The amendment was offered during the Committee's mark-up of the Senate's FY05 Budget Resolution.

Grassley's crusade against the current system continues even though the Senate failed to support similar proposals during and after debate of the 2002 Farm Bill. He has also continued to pursue the issue despite the fact that the Congressionally mandated USDA Payment Limit Commission, developed to investigate his concerns, decided not to suggest any changes to the system after an in-depth study of the issues involved.

Texas Senator John Cornyn, who sits on the Budget Committee, has been a staunch supporter of the provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill and voted against the Grassley amendment.

"I strongly believe that we must defend the 2002 Farm Bill authored by former House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest and signed by the President," said Cornyn after the Budget Committee vote. "Unfortunately, we were not able to defeat the payment limitations amendment today, but we will have other opportunities to block this effort to change

current payment limitation provisions. We just need to keep fighting for Texas agriculture."

The most recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) scoring of the Grassley amendment increased an astounding \$1 billion over last year and brought the projected five-year savings to just more than \$1.2 billion.

Grassley has indicated that he would use the savings from his amendment to provide \$25 million to additional funding for value-added programs, fully fund the conservation security program at \$185 million and then allocate the remainder to nutrition programs.

Inclusion of the amendment in the Budget Resolution does not mean it will be included in Congress' final FY05 Budget Resolution. The Senate's version must still be approved and then reconciled with the House of Representatives FY05 Budget Resolution.

Also, the blueprint provided by the FY05 Budget Resolution is not binding on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will eventually develop specific FY05 budget figures, or the Senate Agriculture Committee, which will also have to approve FY05 Agriculture Budget language.

### PCIP APPROVES 2004 PROJECT; CONTINUES TO SUPPORT PRODUCERS THROUGH RESEARCH

Representatives of the Plains Cotton Improvement Committee met March 3 to hear progress reports on 2003 Plains Cotton Improvement Program projects and to consider 2004 crop year project requests.

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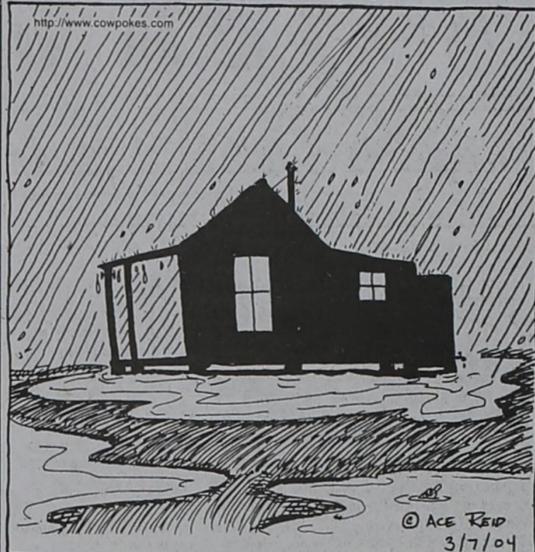
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"The work done by researchers such as John Gannaway, Randy Boman and Terry Wheeler is critically important to the cotton producer of the High Plains," says PCIC Chairman Dale Swineburn of Tulia.

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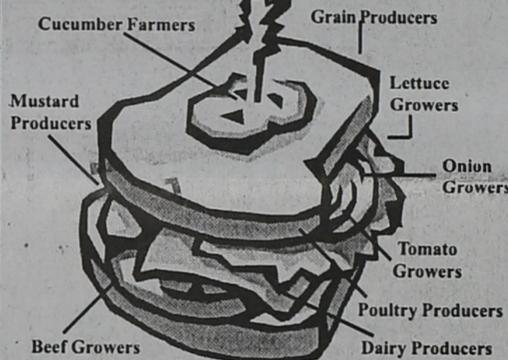
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City of Roaring Springs  
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