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Cassie Campbell

## Cassie Campbell named to All-State Academic Team

Motley County High School Senior, Cassie Campbell, has been named to the 6 Man All-State Academic Basketball team by the Texas 6-Man Coaches Association.

Cassie maintained a 90 grade point average while being active in sports to achieve this award.

Cassie was a member of the 2002-2003 Lady Matadors basketball team. She is also a member of the golf and track teams, and serves as the high school mascot.

She is the daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador.

## Local DPS Trooper helping with Shuttle Columbia debris recovery

Local DPS Trooper, Mark Gumaer, has been helping with the Shuttle Columbia recovery. The tragic incident causing the Shuttle to explode occurred on Saturday, February 1. Debris was scattered over four states, including California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The entire crew lost their lives. Two Texas natives were among those seven astronauts, Commander Rick Husband and Pilot William McCool both had ties to Lubbock. Other crew members were Mission Specialist Laurel Clark, Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla, Payload commander Michael Anderson, Mission Specialist David Brown, and Payload specialist Iian Ramon.

Mark is one of twenty-one members of the Texas State Dive Team. The team consists of commissioned law enforcement officers, including Texas Rangers, highway patrolmen and other law enforcement officers. When needed, the team is called out to assist other agencies in recovering evidence from water, such as vehicles, weapons, other types of evidence and bodies.

"We may have to dive in any type of water from the ocean to septic tanks," Mark explained. Divers wear Superlite helmets and dry suits to keep them from getting wet. "The only part of our body that gets wet is our

hands," he said. When diving in a sewer or an arsenic lake (which is a contaminated, poisonous lake), the divers use a special suit to protect them from any contamination.

Mr. Gumaer and other members of the dive team have been searching for Shuttle pieces in Lake Toledo Bend, near Hemphill, Texas, at the Louisiana-Texas border. He was first called to this site about a week after the incident. He just returned from a two-week recovery effort at the site, and may possibly be called back.

"At this point, we have not yet recovered any piece of the Shuttle from the lake," Mark said. "We will assist in this recovery operation as long as the Federal Government needs us."

Also assisting with the Shuttle recovery in the Lake Toledo area, are dive teams from the Navy, Coast Guard, Harris County, and Corpus Christi.

Mark has been a member of the State Dive Team for 1 1/2 years. Last year he participated in 10 dives. "When I'm called, I don't always know all the details," he said. Most dives are to recover evidence such as murder weapons. "Usually the suspect has lied about the location where the weapon was discarded," he explained. "I have recovered everything from match box cars to weights and

bicycles, in attempts to locate murder weapons."

One of the first dives Mark participated in was one he will always remember with sadness. He was called to Possum Kingdom to join other dive teams to search for a lost 5-year-old boy. "From what I understand the boy had wandered away from his family during a hike and was lost," Mark said. The boy was reported missing a few days before Christmas, 2001.

On December 6, 2001, not long after diving to search for the child, Mark recovered the boy's body. "The situation was very sad," he said. "Something like this gives you mixed feelings. On one hand I was glad to be able to give the family closure, but it was very sad to find the child's body. It's something I won't forget."

Mark is proud to be a part of the State Dive Team and finds the work to be rewarding. He applied for a position on the team after reading in a state newsletter about openings. The application consisted of a physical training test, a doctor's physical, practice dives and oral interviews.

"The process of shuttle recovery is a very tedious one," Mark explained. "According to reports, more than 12,000 shuttle pieces have been located, a fraction of the 2 million parts that made up Columbia.

The debris was taken to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where it is being organized," he continued. "I am glad to be a part of this very important recovery operation."

Mark and wife Mitzi moved to Matador in July, 1997. They were both raised in Quinlan and graduated from high school there. Mark joined the Army where he served four years as a Military Policeman. After returning to Quinlan he entered East Texas State University in

Commerce and soon after was accepted to the Quinlan Police Academy. He worked as a Quinlan Police officer for two years and was a member of that department's dive team.

Mark and Mitzi were married in November of 1996 and soon after he entered the DPS Academy. Upon his graduation the couple moved to Matador. He has worked in this area as a DPS officer for the past six years.



Mark Gumaer, center, joins NASA astronaut Jim Reilly (foreground) and a member of the Coast Guard dive rescue team, in a moment of silence near the site of Shuttle recovery operations. (Dallas Morning News photo by Michael Mulvey)



THE HITCHIN' POST owner, Lisa Simpson, left, and her mother, PeeWee Perryman.

## The Hitchin' Post provides one-stop shop and eat opportunity for customers

The Hitchin' Post in downtown Roaring Springs offers a little bit of everything to customers. If so desired, one might eat a delicious meal, wash their clothes, rent a movie, grocery shop and play the lottery all in the same location. That is specifically the idea that owners, Gary and Lisa Simpson, had in mind when they opened the business last year.

The Simpsons had been in the cafe business since October, 2001, when they took over LaNita's Cafe, from Mrs. Simpson's sister, LaNita Perryman. "LaNita decided to get married and move to Arlington, so she more or less dumped it in my lap," Lisa explained with a laugh. LaNita, who was visiting at the time of the interview, said, "I knew Lisa and Gary could take over and I wanted to keep it in the family."

Lisa didn't lack for experience. She had worked in the cafe from the time LaNita obtained ownership of the Cafe in 1998. "I started out washing dishes," Lisa said. "I was too shy to wait tables." Lisa has come a long way since then, although she still washes dishes from time to time.

The couple kept the name LaNita's Cafe until they moved to their present location, just across the street, to the former location of Feed Trough Steakhouse and Bar. "When the larger building became available, Gary and I prayed about it and everything just seemed to come together," Lisa said. "We wanted to help Roaring Springs, to keep a cafe open and make additions."

The couple immediately started working on their new building and opened the Cafe in its new location and new name in January, 2002. Gary and Lisa planned to convert the side of the building which formerly housed a bar into a convenience store. "Gary had always said that he just knew a Cafe and

Convenience Store combination would work," Lisa said. With a lot of work and elbow grease, the couple opened the Convenience store in August, 2002.

"We put in a lot of hours painting and getting everything ready," Lisa explained. "Gary made fun of me, saying that I would try to decorate one wall before we got another one painted." Their work paid off and they now offer groceries, a washeteria, rental movies, video games, a food bar with Gary's specialty barbecue brisket and other food items, and lottery ticket sales in the convenience store. In addition to all this, the store has a gift shop, offering unique gift items from Lisa's mother and aunt, PeeWee Perryman and Carolyn Fletcher. "Gary was right, Lisa said, "the Cafe and Convenience Store combination is working well."

"Our main goal was to have a grocery store in Roaring Springs and keep the Cafe open, while trying to help Roaring Springs," she explained.

The business is a family affair. Lisa's mother, PeeWee, cooks at the cafe and is known for her delicious cobblers. LaNita still helps out when she's in town and is actually planning to move back to Roaring Springs with her husband in a few months. Gary's mother, Von Simpson, works in the store in the afternoons, and Gary and Lisa's sons, Eric, 11, and Britt, 8, help out after school. Eric works at the store and Britt, according to Lisa, "mostly helps clean up the leftovers." But, she says with pride, "the boys do whatever they can to help, and we're trying to teach them the value of a dollar."

Although not raised in Roaring Springs, Lisa and LaNita said they always felt that Roaring Springs was home. They visited their grandparents, Milton and Modean Brooks every summer and vacations and knew al-

most everyone in town. "We all have moved to Roaring Springs," Lisa said. "This is our home." Their brother, Danny and family also live in Roaring Springs.

Lisa moved back to Roaring Springs, from Houston, in 1989.

Gary was born and raised in Matador. The couple were married 12 years ago. They have four children and one grandchild.

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## Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioner's Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, March 10. Members of the Court present for the meeting were Ed D. Smith, County Judge; Commissioners Precinct 1, Ronnie Davis; Precinct 2, Donnie Turner; Precinct 3, Franklin Jameson; and Precinct 4, Russell Alexander; and County Clerk, Kate Hurt.

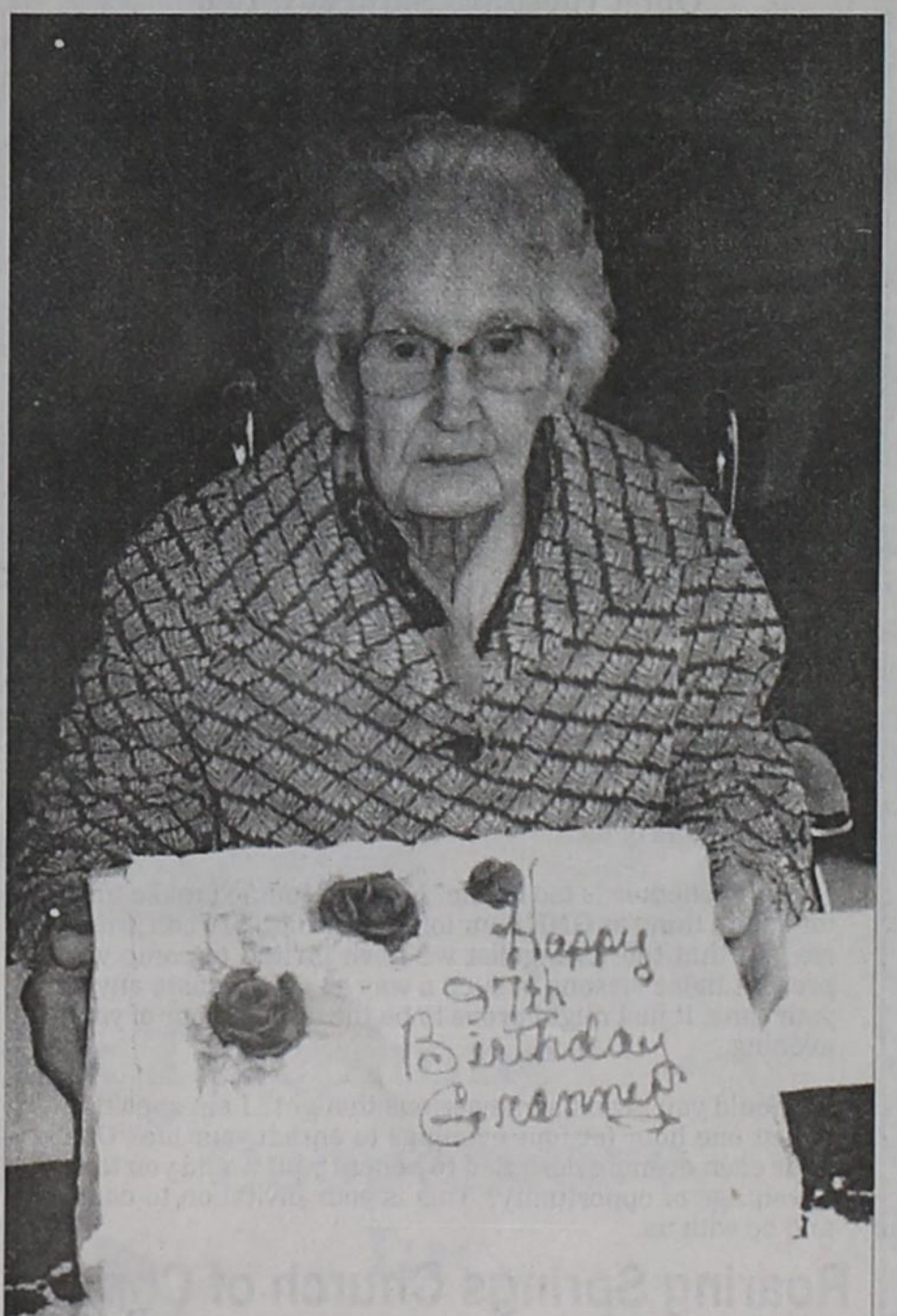
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Outstanding bills were reviewed and approved. Reports were reviewed from the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, County Agent, Justice of the Peace, and Library. Commissioners approved all reports.

The Court approved Commissioner Alexander's sworn affidavit that he submitted for

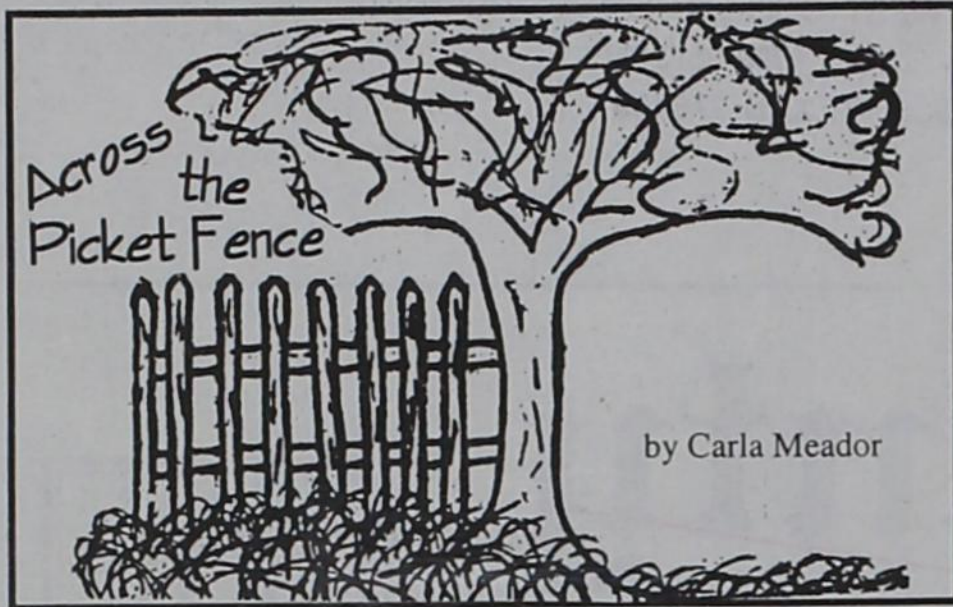
record that he personally owns Alexander's Fuel & Service and that he will abstain from voting on any motions that involve his business.

Roy Hobbs representing The First State Bank of Matador on the County Depository and Investment Account Policy, explained to the Court that the County could divide their CD into more than one, making one a longer term CD. Mr. Hobbs informed the Court that First State Bank waives all service fees and if needed, monies may be transferred without any penalty. The County has until April to make a decision on the depository contract. The Court decided to table its decision until that time.

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MOTLEY COUNTY RESIDENT CELEBRATES 97TH BIRTHDAY — Netta Jewell Landrum, longtime Matador resident, recently celebrated her 97th birthday with a family get-together. (see related story on page 4)



From my brother-in-law, Dan, comes the following. I think it's great. I need to cut it out and stick it somewhere so I can read it first thing every morning.

**THE HOLY ALPHABET**

Although things are not perfect,  
Because of trial or pain,  
Continue in thanksgiving,  
Do not begin to blame.  
Even when the times are hard,  
Fierce winds are bound to blow,  
God is forever able  
Hold on to what you know.  
Imagine life without His love.  
Joy would cease to be.  
Keep thanking Him for all the things  
Love imparts to thee.  
Move out of "Camp Complaining"  
No weapon that is known  
On earth can yield the power  
Praise can do alone.  
Quit looking at the future  
Redeem the time at hand  
Start every day with worship  
To "thank" is a command  
Until we see Him coming  
Victorious in the sky  
We'll run the race with gratitude  
Xalting God most high  
Yes, there'll be good times and  
yes some will be bad, but...  
Zion waits in glory...where none  
are ever sad!



**Program on recycled denim presented to Do Gooders**

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, March 4 at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert presented a program on Recycled Denim.

Mrs. Calvert was dressed for the occasion wearing a decorated denim vest and Levis. She gave each one attending a "no doze" mint though it proved not necessary for her informative and interesting subject.

Highlights of her presentation: Denim is a heavy coarse cotton, in 1908 blue denim was made into work clothes.

The denim was 6 oz to 9 oz weave. Pants were priced at 41 cents to 85 cents a pair, denim jackets were 50 cents to 65 cents depending on the style. Boys blue denim pants for ages 12 to 17 were 38 cents a pair.

Our denim today is still available in different weights, but the prices have increased from \$15.00 to \$100.00. Most farmers have Levi, Wrangler or Lee on that little leather tag on a hip pocket.

It is considered denim has always been recycled as years ago it was used in quilts for warm bed covering, bedding for pets and as rags. However, today denim is used when making decorative wearing apparel and household items. You can dress it up or cut it up as it is a sturdy fabric with countless uses. Blue jeans have become a standard

item of dress at every event. Don't throw away your "Old Blue Denim" if you have no use for it, someone else does.

Mrs. Calvert had on display denim vests, elephants, a blazer, place mats, a purse, collars, sweat shirt jacket, a rug and a pretty serviceable denim bedspread she had made for her son's bed.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay presided at the business meeting. They planned to meet Monday, March 10 to clean and prune plants outside the Community Center building. They tabled other projects discussed until later.

Mrs. Leona Degan and Mrs. Connie Franks, hostesses, featured the color of green with decorations and refreshments in observance of St. Patrick's Day. The table was laid with a lace cloth and centered with a cascading ivy plant. From a green service, they served decorated cookies with coffee, tea and fruit punch.

Mrs. Barbara Payne was the lucky winner of the raffle ticket drawing for the book with the denim cover.

Members attending in addition to those mentioned were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Tommie Jo Cruse, Geneva Martin, Judy Stark, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington and B. Rogers. Guest was Brazos Washington of Roaring Springs.

**Library Notes**  
by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donations that we received this past week. Thanks to Jeanette Case and Marisue Potts for donations in memory of Gale Stafford. Thanks also to Jeanette Case donating in memory of Suzy Rapp.

We have a couple of new nutrition books, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Total Nutrition* by Joy Bauer and *Atkins for Life*

by Robert C. Atkins, M.D.

The book discussion of Ellis Peters' books was a success. It ended with the showing of the video selected by those present. We have many of the Peters' videos about "Brother Cadfael" the 12th Century detective available to be checked out. They're a little over an hour long and excellent viewing.

**AEP employees recognized for outstanding safety record**

American Electric Power employees, Glenda Williams and Kenneth Marshall of Matador, are among the 135 members of the Abilene Distribution District to receive recognition for an outstanding safety record. Steve Baker, manager of distribution systems, accepted the Certificate of Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Accident Prevention for the district employees during a two-day Leadership Conference held in Corpus Christi. Harry Gordon, vice president of the Corpus Christi distribution region, presented the award on behalf of AEP executive management, along with his thanks and congratulations.

The award was given to the

Abilene distribution district employees for their safety milestone of working without an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable accident since Aug. 11, 2001. An OSHA recordable accident is any work-related injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid.

Baker said, "Dozens of opportunities for accidents arise every day and the entire team must be consistently committed to making safety a priority, not merely an option. I'm very proud of the men and women in our district and their consistent focus on working safely."

The employees certainly deserve this recognition for their safety performance.

**Matador student named to SPC Honor List**

Rachelle Renfro from Matador has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2002 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the President's Honor List maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work. Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a

minimum 3.25 GPA while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

"It's always a pleasure to recognize the students who have been named to our honor lists," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs. "They have worked hard and demonstrated excellent study habits in order to maintain high grades, and SPC is very proud of them."

**Look Who's New**

**John Morgan Jones**

Three-year-old Ashleigh Jones would like to tell everyone about her new baby brother, John Morgan.

John was born Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at 3:42 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds

6 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

Parents of the children are Jade and Erin Jones of Matador. Grandparents are Mary Jones of Matador and George and Ellen Wilson of Austin, Arkansas.

**Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church to host banquet**

Make plans to attend the banquet at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, Saturday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. The speakers, Jody and Ted Wilson of PETERSBURG, are well known and loved by many in this area. There is no fee. Please bring a salad of your choice and bris-

ket and rolls will be provided by the church.

A love offering will be taken for the Wilsons.

The fellowship hall entry is on the back south side of the east building. Come and be blessed.

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**A NOTE OF THANKS**

The NHS would like to thank all the people who donated blood on Feb. 28. Thanks to everyone for the all-time high in units collected. Motley County has proven once again what a caring community it is.

Again, thank you for the wonderful visits, phone calls and cards. I also want to thank the three couples who helped me with my moving sale, and everyone who came. May God really bless all of you.

Cora Hall

Thanks to all those who came to visit, called, sent cards, flowers and prayers during the time of recovery from surgery. I love you all and God does too.

Truitt Read

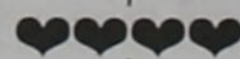
We wish to thank everyone for the calls, cards, prayers and visits during Sonny's recent illness and hospital stay. The concern of family and friends is always a great source of comfort.

Sonny and Dorothy Russell

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We are a busy people. Our time is something that is precious to us and we guard it jealously. That is to be respected. However there are times when we are asked to give of our time for the benefit of others and when we do it is very noble. How about setting aside some time for yourself? That also can be worthwhile.

I want to ask you for some of your time. That is right! Give up some of your time during the week of March 23rd through the 27th. Why? Well, we of the Matador Church of Christ would like to have you as our guest. Therefore, we have planned a time for a series of Bible based lessons which will benefit all of us.

Your schedule is too hectic? You just couldn't make time for such a thing as ONE hour for four evenings? I can promise you that the Evangelist we have invited to come will present these lessons in such a way as not to waste any of your time. It just might prove to be the richest hour of your evening.

Would you give it some serious thought? I am speaking of just one hour for four evenings to enrich your life? One hour each evening designed to benefit you. Would you take advantage of opportunity? This is your invitation to come and be with us.

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

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS**  
Mrs. Jo Crowder was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met in her home on Wednesday night, March 5, with Pearl Patten in charge.  
She gave the opening prayer and blessed the food. After a delicious meal, Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved. There was no old or new business. Mrs. Cheslea Read gave the devotional and study. She read several of Max Lucado's God's Road Map for a new Beginning on a Journey.  
Those attending were Mrs. Chelsea Read, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Margaret Shaw, Mrs. Rabena King, Lula Swim, Mrs. Kay Jones, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, and Mrs. Jo Crowder.

**SENIOR CITIZENS MEET**  
The Senior Citizens met Thursday, March 6, with a pot-luck lunch. The group sang "When We All Get Together" and the birthday song was sung to Rev. Paul Stearns, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Margaret Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell, Mr. Carl Barton, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Dorothy Lee and Mrs. Grace Zabielski.

In the business meeting Mrs. Pearl Patten was elected president. Mrs. Zella Palmer was elected Secretary and Treasurer.  
Those attending in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Shirley Barton, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mrs. Cleo Watson, Mr. Larry Watson, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mr. Ray Zabielski, and Lula Swim.

Mrs. Ruby Hipp was home this past week after she has been with her children, taking therapy for a broken shoulder.  
Mrs. Dorothy Lee was here the past week after she has been in Lubbock taking therapy after a car accident.  
R.J. Marshall of Hedley is here visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. Kay Jones.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings and Mrs. Donalita Hawkins of Bovina visited two days last week with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim.  
Mrs. Cleo Watson received word Saturday that her sister, Mrs. Sarah Sain of Amarillo, passed away. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Blackburn Funeral Chapel in Amarillo.

Mrs. Alex Crowder spent a few days in the home of their daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Rick Parker of Irran, Texas.  
Mr. Ken Abbott had surgery at Methodist Hospital last week. He is reported to be doing fine.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock went to Lubbock to see the program at the Science Spectrum. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock. They also visited Ken and Suzanne Abbott at the hospital.

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**To report news call Lula Swim 348-7926**

**OVERHEARD**  
A foursome of senior golfers hit the course with waning enthusiasm for the sport. "These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained.  
"These fairways seem to be getting longer, too," said one of the others.  
"The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them, too," said the third senior.  
After hearing enough from his senior buddies, the oldest and wisest of the four of them, at 87 years old, piped up and said, "Just be thankful were still on the right side of the grass!"

**DERRICK CRUSE NAMED TO ALL DISTRICT**  
Derrick Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot, was named to the All District Basketball team for the second consecutive year. Derrick, a senior at Valley Schools, led Valley in scoring during district games with 16 points per game and in rebounding.  
Derrick had been selected to play in the 6-Man All Star Football Game by the 6-Man Coaches Association. He will be representing the West squad July 19th in Lubbock. He will also play in the All American Bowl football game in Big Spring, July 26th. This Bowl game features a group of Texas All Stars against a World Team with players from other U.S. states, Canada and Australia.  
Derrick is the grandson of Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

**SUCCESSFUL FISHING TRIP**  
Everett Shorter and son, Clois Shorter enjoyed a fishing trip from Thursday until Saturday at Lake Tawakoni. Joining them there to fish and enjoy the beautiful weather were Louis Shorter of Mansfield and Wayne Barnes of Whitesboro. They caught 10 blue cat fish for a total of 150 pounds. The largest weighed 31 pounds.  
They visited overnight Thursday

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Elaine Hart of Matador and Mary Ellen Barton enjoyed the Glen Miller performance at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock Tuesday night.  
Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Saturday were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Robert Lee and Kylie Lee of Lubbock.  
Coy Franks had fun at the Drag Car Races in Meadow, Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock, Wednesday to be with son and brother, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock who had surgery at the Covenant Medical Center. Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary and Randy Rogers of Lubbock were also there.

Micheal Starkey of Canyon accompanied his parents, Nada and Jack Starkey of Amarillo, Tuesday for Nada's urologist and cardiac medical test results. She was pleased with the good reports. Before returning home, they took a tour of their niece, Vickie Hay's new home in Canyon.  
Mrs. Marisue Potts of Floydada, daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waller of Belville visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Sunday.  
Cara Franks of Canyon visited from Thursday night until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.  
Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mrs. Jackie Davis and son, Micheal of Fritch.  
Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton arrived Sunday to visit during the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Sara, Tanner, and Kelsey.

**The Hitchin' Post**  
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Two sealed bids were received on the 1984 Ford Pickup. Commissioners accepted the bid from George Mangram for \$127.51.  
County Clerk Kate Hurt requested that the County increase their filing fees to \$9.00 the first page and \$2.00 for every page thereafter. This fee is charged on Deeds, Deed of Trust, etc. This will bring Motley County in-line with other counties filing fees. Motley County has not had an increase to keep up with the increase in postage, etc. Commissioners

and Friday at the lakeside home of Wes and Darlene Hodges. Other visitors were Mrs. Elsie Beard of Mesquite and Mrs. Alene Barnes of Terrell.

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approved this request.

Lance Wells, representative from The Caterpillar Corp., met with the Court to discuss extended warranty insurance on its motor graders. The insurance will cover the engine and power train. The rate of the insurance is based on the hours that the grader has on it. Precinct 3 is the only precinct that has no warranty left on its motor grader.

After further discussion on a request for two cattle guards to be installed on the Teepee City roads, Commissioner Davis made the motion to not approve the request. Commissioner Turner made the second. Commissioner Davis, Turner, Jameson and County Judge Ed D. Smith voted for the motion and Commissioner Alexander voted against. The motion carried not to approve the cattle guards.

## Obituaries

### Monie Casey

Funeral services for Monie Casey, 91, of Tyler were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 11 at the Lloyd James Funeral Chapel in Tyler. Officiating was Rev. Darrell Brown and Rev. Jay Cooper. Burial will be held Saturday, March 15, in Causey Cemetery in Causey, New Mexico under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler.  
She died March 8, 2003, at Tyler. She was born March 18, 1911, at Whiteflat, Texas.

She was the oldest of four children. She married O.T. Casey on September 1, 1939. They lived in Whiteflat where their daughters were born. She worked alongside her husband to provide for her family as they struggled to make ends meet on the family farm. Despite their deep love for the Whiteflat area, in 1953 O.T. and Monie decided to move to Causey, New Mexico where they had purchased a small farm.

She will be remembered fondly through coming years because of her unique spirit of love and compassion. Those who had the gift of her presence for many years are the ones who are especially blessed.

Mrs. Casey was a member of the Causey Baptist Church, Causey, New Mexico. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Thelma Casey in 1973; sister, Carrie D. Burnam; and brother Boyd Perkins.

She is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Norma and James Cooper of Grants, NM, Barbara and Gerry Brown of Amarillo, Ramona and Joe Parker of Clovis, NM, Joy and David Nelson of Tyler; one brother, Troy Perkins of Amarillo; fifteen grandchildren, Sharon Thomas, Shirley Stout, Ray Cooper, Jay Cooper, Donna DeRight, Brenda Stephens, Darrell Brown, Linda Hite, Kim Bruce, Amy Duggan, Jana Kelly, Angela Wade, Casey Nelson, Paul Nelson, and Gina Nelson; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, Avery Elizabeth Herbert.

Pallbearers were Ray Cooper, Bob Stevens, Rod Hite, Paul Nelson, Robert Wade, Clay Thomas, Eugene Stout, Brad Duggan, Correy Bruce and Michael Kelly.

Memorials may be made to the Causey Community Center, Causey, NM.

### Sarah J. Sain

Sarah J. Sain, 80, of Amarillo died Saturday, March 8, 2003.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Amarillo, with the Rev. Robert Field, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Sain was born in Floydada and had lived in Amarillo for 59 years. She was a matron for the Amarillo Independent School District. She was a member of Assemblies of God Church and was a dedi-

cated mother and grandmother who was loved by many people including her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Cole and husband, David, of Lake Forest, Calif.; three sisters, Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs, Billie Roller and Pete Ozborn, both of Plainview; two grandchildren, John Cole and Terri Graham, both of Orange County, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Meals-on-Wheels, 219 W. Sev-enth Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

### Joni Lovell Porter

Services for Joni Lovell Porter, 88, of Dickens, Texas, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the First Baptist Church in Dickens. Officiating will be Rev. Larry Burton, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Spur. Interment will be in Dickens Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Porter died Monday, March 10, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born March 10, 1915, in Dickens County. She was a graduate of Texas Tech. She was married to Sam L. Porter on August 21, 1937, at Seminole, Texas. They made their home in the Afton Community for a

number of years prior to moving to Dickens in 1974. Mrs. Porter and her husband owned and operated Porter Oil Co. for a number of years. Mr. Porter died on June 2, 1984. Mrs. Porter was a member of the Dickens Methodist Church.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby & Shirley Porter of Mineral Wells; two daughters, Sammie Phillips of Matador, Sherry and Prentiss Fred of Levelland; five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Robin Fred, Jerry McNeely, Scott Fred, Kevin Keith, Robert Shannon, Chad Lawrence, and Nathan Shannon.

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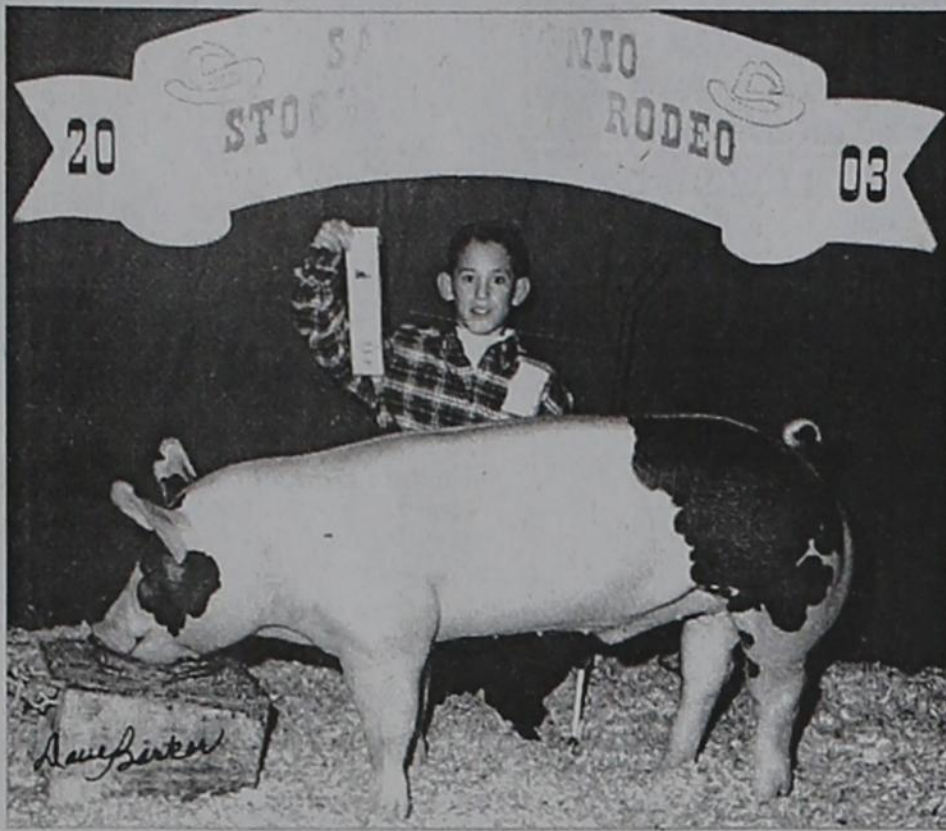
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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



**EXHIBITOR & SWINE HAVE CLOSE TIES TO MOTLEY COUNTY** — Tyler Logan of Ralls is pictured with his Crossbred Barrow "Rocky." Tyler is the 10-year-old son of Ed and Deanna Logan of Ralls, and the grandson of Bill and Jo Ann Durham of Matador. "Rocky" was purchased from local Motley County Show Pig Breeder, Mike Jones of Roaring Springs. Tyler exhibited "Rocky" at the San Antonio Livestock Show on February 14, 2003. He was awarded third place in his class of Crossbred Barrows. Tyler exhibited his swine projects through the Ralls Junior FFA Program.

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by Debbie Shaw, CED



Monday, March 17th is the final date to purchase sorghum forage (sudex) and watermelon NAP coverage. The application fee is \$100.00 for each crop. A producer is not required to pay over \$300.00 for NAP per county or \$900.00 for a producer who has multiple counties.

To be covered under NAP, watermelons must be planted by June 1, 2003, and the acreage reporting date is July 15, 2003.

Non-irrigated sudex intended for grazing must be planted by June 30, 2003, and irrigated sudex intended for forage (hay) must be planted by July 15, 2003.

The Texas State FSA Committee has determined policies established by the federal Crop Insurance Corporation would be applicable to eligible crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

Crops will be considered in-

eligible for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance in 2002 and the following crop years if any of the following apply.

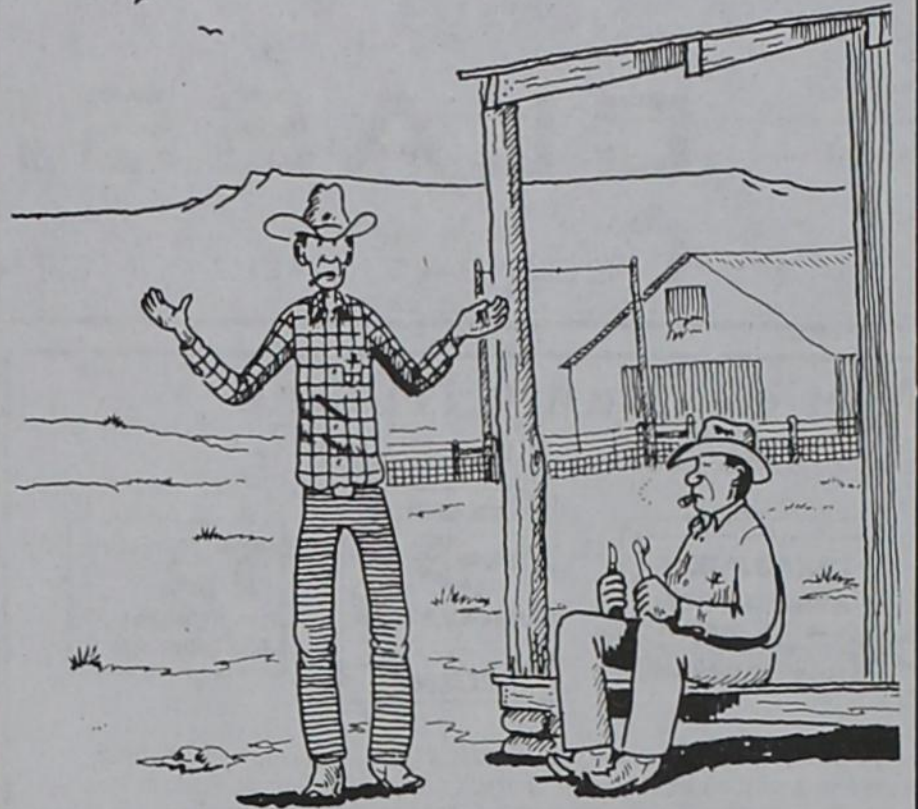
\* The crop is planted following small grains that have reached the heading stage in the same calendar year unless the acreage is irrigated or adequate measures are taken to terminate the small grain crop prior to heading and less than 50 percent (50%) of the small grain plants reach the heading stage.

\* The Crop is planted following small grain acreage that is nonirrigated and from which a hay crop was harvested (including a harvested small grain hay crop regardless of the percentage of small grain plants that reached the headed stage).

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## Local VFD holds fourth annual Wildland Fire School

by Matt Crawford

The Matador/Motley County Volunteer Fire Department held their fourth annual Wildland Fire School, Saturday, March 1. The cooperative efforts of the Panhandle Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association and the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas, made the school a success.

Forty-seven men and women from around the area braved the cold and fog to attend. Eight instructors from the Texas Forestry Service came and truck dealers with all their gadgets and equipment came to show off what they had to offer. Including the local members, wives, and everyone who came to help with the school, we ended up with about 100 people, for the largest attendance at the

school. The morning was used for class time. The eight instructors taught on fire suppression, fire behavior, maps, compasses, GPS, incident command, air tactics and many other topics. After an excellent meal, cooked and served by the wives of Matador Volunteer Fire Department members, we were ready to practice what we had learned on a controlled burn. After a

little delay due to dampness we were setting fire and practicing what was learned in the classroom.

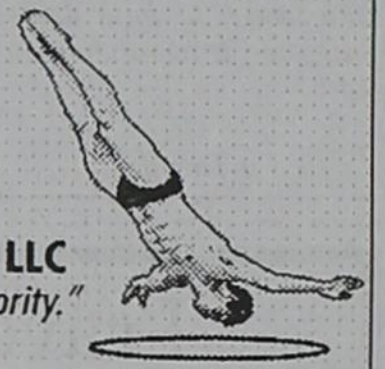
The day ended with a debriefing and planning meeting for another great fire school next year. A big thanks to our wives for all that they did, and thanks to everyone who attended and helped out.

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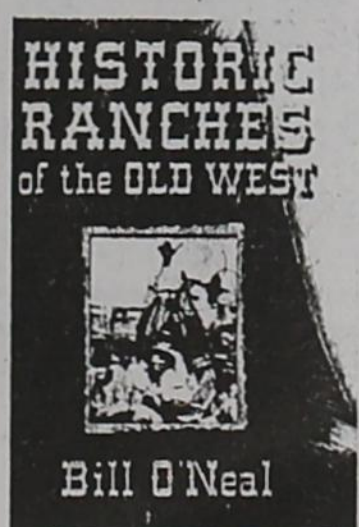
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