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Issue No. 4

Residents voice concerns at School Board meeting

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met January 13 in a regular meeting. All board members were present except Coy Franks. Also present were Rick Copp, Sonya Herrell, and Denise Ford. Representing the staff was Marsha Dillard, Ginger Gilmore and Jim

During open forum several local residents were available to voice concerns to the school board. Patty Lane presented the board with a written document outlining steps she felt needed to be addressed before extending or renewing any professional contracts.

D'anna Russell expressed concerns about 6th grade students not participating during athletic period. She also discussed the Career and Technology Education program weights for funding students in the vocational classes. She urged the community to get involved with their legislatures and let them know these are areas that do not need to have funding cuts.

Carla Meador expressed concerns about the school allowing books to be sold in the teacher's lounge by an out of town business. Mrs. Meador felt this is in conflict with local businesses and that Motley County businesses should not have to compete with the school. She also stated that she is not opposed to the PTO Book Fair or fund raising activities in general at school.

Also attending the open forum were Tony Rose, Chelsea Read, Seven Alexander, Shirley Smith, Shane Jones, Vickie Pierce, Christi Fisk, Rodney Williams, Chesle Rains, Dianne Washington.

During Mr. Copp's Superintendent report, he recognized the Board of Trustees for the exceptional work they are doing for the students at Motley County ISD and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. He noted January is Board Appreciation month and how important each member is to the success of the District.

He informed the Board that the plumbing at the Superintendent's house is beginning to seep according to

Louis Drum, who had been called to work on a drainage problem over the Christmas holidays. Mr. Copp asked the Board about getting the plumb-ing replaced before a major problem occurred. The Board agreed to the work being done.

Mr. Copp announced that a bone marrow drive was to be held at the multi-purpose room on Saturday. The drive was sponsored by the El Progresso

Current school enrollment is 181 and the current atten-

dance is at 96.54%. Items for board action included the following:

 Motion was made by Douglas Campbell and seconded by Shonda Elliott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

 Motion by Tina Brooks, seconded by Pat Smith to approve the expenditure report and review the financial state-

- Motion by Douglas Campbell and seconded by Les

Woolsey to accept the 2001-2002 school audit report and the SCE Agreed Upon Procedures as presented by Diane Washing-

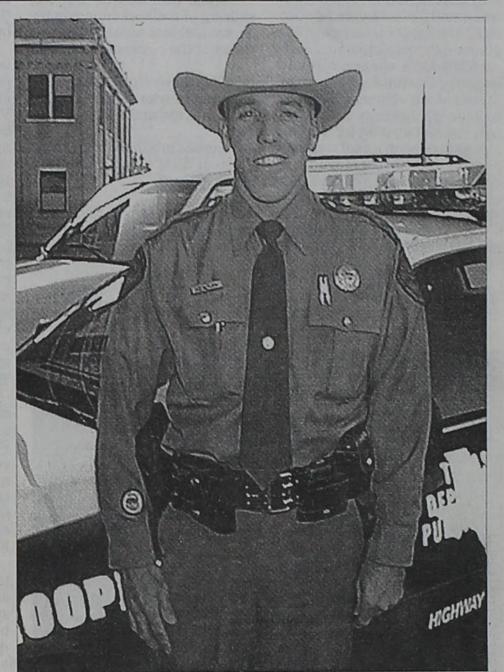
Discussion was conducted concerning school fundraisers that conflict with retail sales. It was decided that the policy of administrators approving fund-raisers would be followed and that the board would be kept informed of all fund-raisers. ers. Motion was made by Pat
Smith, seconded by Douglas
Campbell to leave fund raising
policy as it is written and to revsit the policy at a later date.

— Motion by Douglas
Campbell seconded by Lea

Campbell, seconded by Les Woolsey to approve the tax abatements for local lots as pre-sented by Rodney Williams.

The Board entered executive session at 10:30 p.m. and exited at 2:25 a.m.

 Motion by Douglas Campbell, seconded by Les Woolsey to extend the Superintendent's contract through 2006. Vote carried 4/2.



NEW DPS TROOPER IN MATADOR — Gregory Hendry is the new DPS Trooper in Matador. Mr. Hendry graduated from the DPS Academy December 13. He is from Lubbock where his wife, Connie works as an RN at Covenant Hospital. The couple has three daughters, Brandi, 12; Jordan, 10; and Amanda, 8.

State Director of Tourism to speak in Roaring **Springs**

Linda Campbell, State Di-rector of Tourism for Texas Parks and Wildlife of Austin, will speak to the Texas Highway 70 Association, Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Community Center. Cold cuts for sand-wiches will be served.

Everyone with an interest in this area is invited and urged to

MC ISD approved for **Rural School Program Grant**

Rick Copp, Motley County ISD Superintendent, received notice of approval of the Rural School Achievement Program Grant this past week. This federal grant, in the amount of \$15,345, will allow the district to employ an elementary aid to assist with the reading programs already established, for the remainder of the 2003 school year. These dollars, along with the Accelerated Reading Grant, will also allow stipends to be paid to teachers for after school tutoring, software and hard-ware, accelerated reading supplies and other materials to help prepare students for the new statewide TAKS test that will be administered this Spring.

January Sales Tax allocations distributed

(Austin) — Texas Comptrol-ler Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$283.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments last Friday. Sales tax allocations are down 1 percent compared to January 2002.

Strayhorn sent sales tax re-bates of \$190.7 million to Texas cities, down 0.1 percent compared to city sales tax rebates in January, 2002. Texas counties received \$16.4 million, down 2.7 percent compared to January 2002. Seventy-five special pur-pose taxing districts received \$7.9 million, up 3 percent compared to one year ago, and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city departments received \$68 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.4 perJanuary sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in November and reported to the Comptroller in December. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion, a decline of 1.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.000% received a net payment this period of \$1,615.81, compared to \$1,391.81 last year,

a 16.09% change.
Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$1,804.75, compared to \$1,624.12 last year, a 11.12% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 14.

Sen. Robert Duncan honored by committee assignments

Austin -- Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is pleased to accept committee assignments announced last week by Lt. Gov. elect David Dewhurst.

"I am honored by our new lieutenant governor's faith in my abilities, and I will work hard for the people of Senate District 28 and Texans statewide," Duncan said.

Duncan was named chairman of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence and the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture. Dewhurst also charged Duncan with memberships on the Senate committees on Finance, Natural Resources and State Affairs.

This will be the third session Duncan has served on finance. He has served as acting chairman of the committee on Natural Resources; and this will be his second time to be chairman for Agriculture.

Duncan has served in the Texas Senate since 1996, when he won a special election.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers plans upcoming events at recent meeting

munity Volunteers, Inc. met Tuesday, January 14, for their annual members meeting to elect new officers and discuss upcoming events.

Basketball action ??

Several events were scheduled that might be of interest to

The Roaring Springs Com- local residents. On February 6, at 6:30 p.m., the Texas Highway 70 Association will be hosting a visit from a representative of the Texas Parks and Wildlife to discuss ways to help promote the towns along Texas Highway

This donkey doesn't seem to be very amused at the basketball game taking place

while he and his rider, Chuck Ream, await under the goal for a chance to get the ball

and shoot. The Motley County Jr. Class sponsored this fun-filled and exciting Don-

key Basketball game at the gym last Thursday night. Although calmness is depicted

in this picture, the evening held some thrills and spills. Mr. Ream was only one of

several Motley County residents who participated in the fun.

6:00 p.m., the American Legion will host a Spring Convention of American Legion delegates from all over the Panhandle. Immediately following the convention, the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will host

On April 5, 10:30 a.m. until a Pancake Supper for the pub-

The July 4th Celebration was discussed and more details will be available later.

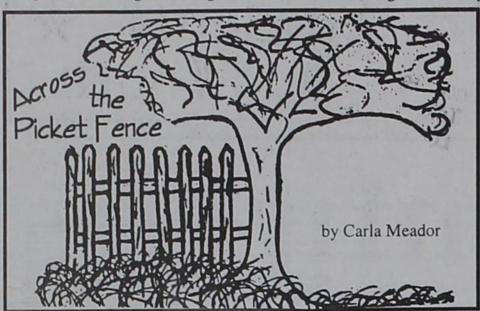
Kids Camp is set to be held July 28 - August 1. Please keep all these dates in mind.

VALENTINE BRAG PAGES

February 13th Issue DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Don't miss this chance to show off your Special Valentine!

See page 6 for more details



You have probably noticed that the paper pages are a little smaller this week. Actually they are about one inch more narrow. Our printer is making the change on the size to avoid having to increase printing prices. And that's good, because if they go up I would have to go up. So that's good for me and for you. I do try to avoid raising prices as long as I can. And really, the smaller size is not really that noticeable. In fact when the Plainview Daily Herald and the Lubbock Avalanche Journal when to this size I didn't notice until I read their articles explaining the size change.

Well here we are already nearing the end of the first month of the new year. Can you believe it? January has flown by! I'm still waiting for Winter. I've always been a cool weather person and have enjoyed the cooler temperatures the last couple of days, but I want some

Be sure to read the article about Steve Smith, newly elected Justice of the Supreme Court. Susan and I were classmates and graduated together in 1976. She's a great person and a real smart lady. I always knew Susan would be successful. She was one of those people who was so carefree, pleasant, always friendly to everyone. Congratulations to the Smith fam-

******* Here are few thoughts for the week ahead ...

When we discover that the sharing of feelings connects us all, we feel less alone and more a part of the circle of life.

Give thanks for those generous spirits who take ordinary moments and make them shine.

Heroes are those who strive through life's steep climb and never give up.

Life is what you think it is and gives you what you dare to dream it will.





Rev. B.L. and Renee Tilley

Assembly of God Church to hold Revival Services

The Assembly of God Church in Matador will hold Revival services beginning with the Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m., January 26. Services will continue through Wednesday evening, January 29. Evening services will be held at 7:00 p.m. each night except Sunday when the services are held at 6:00 p.m.

Ministers at the Revival will be Rev. B.L. and Renee Tilley, a husband and wife ministry team from Lubbock. The Tilleys have served as pastors of Cornerstone Family Church in Lubbock since 1991. Their lifechanging message of Faith and Victory is communicated through lively and spirited preaching as well as inspirational music and singing.

Since he was a fifteen year old boy, Rev. Tilley has been preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, whom he believes is the "same yesterday, today and always." "That simply means that Jesus is still able today to change lives, heal the sick, work miracles and help people enjoy a victorious life,"

Regarding those who attend their services where the Word of God is always exalted, and the Holy Spirit is always welcome, the Tilley's are in enthusiastic agreement when they say, "You will never be the same!"

Pastor Sandlin extends an invitation to everyone to attend these revival services.

THE FINISH LINE



Have you ever thought how many races are lost at the very end? As we watch different athletic races we might find our-selves wondering how anyone who had done so well and tried so hard at the beginning would slacken the pace just before breaking through the tape. Lost. Also ran. Words like these come to our minds.

There are times when weariness overcomes desire. One does not have to come to a complete stop to lose a race. The loss of determination and commitment will erode the dedication that gave us our good start. The apostle Paul often compares the running of a race to living the Christian life. He tells us that we need to run so as to be winners in I Corinthians 9:24. The Hebrew writer informs us that we need "to run with perseverance the race marked out for us" in

It is always such a keen disappointment to lose a race so near its end. For Christians we have the promise found in Romans 2:7 of glory, honor, immortality and eternal life. All these can be ours if we persevere and continue in well doing. Let's not lose the race by stopping and letting up in our commitment to Jesus just before the finish line.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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



El Progresso learns of butterfly and bird migration

by Beverly Vinson

El Progresso club members met in the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Clinton Burns on Thursday, January 9, to learn about the migratory paths of birds and butterflies.

The afternoon's program was called to order by the club president, Lana Copp. The invocation was given by Beverly Vinson after which the regular business of the club was transacted. Mrs. Copp asked the club's opinion of sponsoring a Bone Marrow donation project to be held in the multi-purpose room at Motley County school. This is something we all need to be aware of for it can help friends, family and the general public. The test is just by a blood sample which is sent to a laboratory for further analysis. The club voted to sponsor this project witht the announcement to appear in the Motley County Tribune.

Club members were reminded of the February meeting to be held the 13th for the annual Baked Potato - Bingo Party. If you are bringing a guest please notify JoEtta Bumgardmer, as the party will be held in her home. Bring those White Elephants for Bingo prizes. Fun,

Shirley Smith was called on to introduce the speaker for the afternoon, Jeanne Adams, who spoke on the migratory paths of birds and butterflies. She is quite an observer of both birds and butterflies so was very able to talk about which she spoke.

Mrs. Adams told of organiza-tions available to join in which to learn more about this subject - Audobon Society, Bird Watch-

ers, National Geographic. She is also told of the many books available in the local library, espically in the Jr. Division. She brought several of these books to show the group.

Mrs. Adams said there are three flyways with the Central one being over Matador and Roaring Springs. Those birds who migrate through this area are Hummingbirds, Yellow Headed Woodpeckers, Orioles, Robins, and many others. These birds have been seen by members of the club at one time or another. Migration trails have changed due to the environmentalists. It was noted the many Canadian Geese in the playa lakes in Lubbock.

Some members told of the variety of birds they have been privileged to see in our area. One member saw an estimated 1000 yellow-headed woodpeckers in her yard and then a week later the females came in, with hardly as much color on their feathers - the first ones being the males.

Mrs. Adams said that the Monarch butterflies migrate to Old Mexico, flying as much as 80 miles in a day. With the trip of 2000 miles, many never reach their destination. The Monarchs feed on milkweed plant so it was suggested, if you have a shel-tered spot, plant serveal for the butterflies to feed on.

Those attending the meeting were Grace Campbell, JoAnn Dickson, Jeanne Adams, Allen, JoEtta Sharon Bumgardner, Fredia Burns, Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, Winifred Darsey, Shirley Smith, Beverly Vinson, Lou Walker, and Jerry Watson.

Predicta Study Club meets

by Lula Swim

The Predicta Study club met on their scheduled time of Thursday, January 16, in the home of Mrs. Callie Giesecke in Matador. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was in charge of the meeting. For the program, members reviewed events from last year to help those making reports.

Mrs. Callie Giesecke gave

the devotional, This Thing Called Prayer.

Mrs. Rabena King was presented for membership.

Men's night, which will be held in March, was discussed. Those attending were Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, Lula Swim, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Rabena King and Mrs. Callie Giesecke.

"I lift my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in Heaven."

Psalm 121:1 NIV



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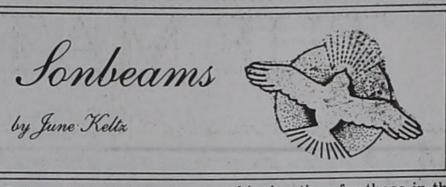
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God speaks to us in various and sundry ways of his own volition, often correlating words with our environment for the purpose of a clearer understanding. Since farming is my back ground, I comprehend more readily parables and analogics relating to animals, earth, seed time and harvest. Only this week an event of several years ago was projected on the screen of my ming as clearly as though it were today.

One of our cows gave birth to a little blind calf. A decision was reached by the family that he should not be done away with. Dad, having expert knowledge of cattle, signed himself on as a surrogate parent. He spoke softly to the babe as he hand-fed him week after week. He felt compassion for the poor animal as his head bumped into fences, barns and trees. Dad's tender loving care was evident as "Blindy" put on body weight with the best of the herd. By now he was fondly familiar with the voice of the one who nurtured him and came running with the first call of his name. Others called his name but got zero re-

I'm reminded here of a well known scripture in John 10:4-5. When Jesus said "and when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

The day came when a second decision was unavoidable. It was

shipping time for those in the herd who had gained weight on schedule and "Blindy" met that criterion. As drivers backed their trucks agianst the chutes to load the cattle, the cherished over grown pet rebelled, refusing to enter the unfamiliar surroundings.

After strangers exhausted every known loading persuasion, with no results, Dad exclaimed with a faint quiver in his voice and tear in his eyes, "Stand back, I'll do it." Standing just inside the chute he called out "Come on Blindy" and without a moment of hesitation the sightless animal followed the voice he had learned to trust from birth, up to the chute and into the truck. Guilt never left my Dad's heart and even at 84 he remembered, saying with remorse, "He trusted me and I led him to death."

Another place, another time. Now we look at a son being led by his father to his death on a cross. Surely there were tearts in this father's eyes also, as Jesus cried out "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Although this 30 year old God/Man called "Jesus" had 20/ 20 vision, as well as full knowledge of the pain, suffering and death that lay ahead, his inconceivable love for mankind drove him on. Once we hear him call our name, we must follow - not to death, but eternal life.

Phil. 2:8 "And being found in appearances as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross.'



Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the memorial donations that were sent to the library. We thank Susan and Franklin Jameson for their donation in memory of Irene Welling. We thank Jeff and Pam Thacker, O.J. Lawrence, Susan and Franklin Jameson, Lindy and Gale Stafford for their donations in memory of Francis Finch also thank Susan and Franklin Jameson, Lindy and Gale Stafford, Pam and Jeff Thacker, Fredia and Clint Burns for their donation in memory of Charlie Keith. We want to thank Susan and Franklin, Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Margaret and Donald Downing, Mary Lumsden, Jo Scott, Jeanette Case, Betty Henry, Lula Swim, Pam and Jeff Thacker, and

Marihelen Wason for their donation in memory of Kenny Abbott.

We have received several We have received several new books including: Light in Shadow by Krentz, Other Twins by Stone, Place Called Rainwater by Garlock, This Time Love by Lowell, Sweet Memories by Spencer, 15 Street by Cookson, Generals Notorious Widow by Bly, Into the Night by Brockmann, Murder at Ford Theatre by Truman New Day Theatre by Truman, New Day Rising by Snelling, Wild Thorn by Hoffman, and Will's War by Woods. Come in and check out these good books.

Suzanne is out for some time. We appreciate the volunteers who have been helping to keep the library open.





THE MATADOR

- SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS -

Matadors complete first round of District Play

by Amanda Hurt

The Lady Mats played Spur on January 14. The Lady Mats played a good game but lost to the Spurrettes, 67-36. Lead scorer was Chasity Holman with 15 points. Brittany Moore (Soph.) added 9; Mandi Ream put in 8; Brittany Moore (Sr.) and Brittany Donaldson each had 2.

The last game of District play in the first round was

against Patton Springs on January 17. The Lady Mats defeated the Lady Rangers, 65-26. Brittany Moore (Soph.) led in scoring with 19 points. Chasity Holman added 16; Cassie Campbell, 8; Brittany Moore (Sr.), 7; Mandi Ream, 4; Ashlee Green, 3; Stachia Baxter, Ashley Fonseca, Brittany Donaldson, and Charli Ream all had 2.

The Matadors also lost to Spur, 59-48. Clint Cooper led in scoring with 20 points. Seagram

Bingham, 8; Kenny Johannes, 5; and Colton Russell, 2. The Matadors were defeated by the Patton Springs Rangers, 62-52. Leading in scoring was Seagram Sims with 16 points. Clint Cooper and Lorenzo Salazar each put in 12; Quinten Rose and Clay Cooper, 3; Kenny Johannes, Brandon Martin and

Chance Bingham all put in 2.
Good luck in your next round of District play!

4th Grade: Leslie Alvarado,

5th Grade: Melissa Flores,

6th Grade: Courtney

Jacob Dilworth, Leanne

Kaleigh Kerns, Eric Simpson,

Alexander, Jasmine Porter,

Shane'a Russell, Kayla

Leatrice Gutierrez, Savannah

8th Grade: Angelica Mendoza, Perry Whitaker.

Sophomore: Clay Cooper, Annie Green, Veronica

Amanda Hurt, Brandon Martin,

Charli Ream, Mandi Ream,

Senior: Cassie Campbell, Brit-

tany Donaldson, Kevin Elder,

Chasity Holman, Brittany

Moore, Brittany Perryman.

Junior: Stachia Baxter,

Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn.

7th Grade: Mylissa Gilmore,

Jameson, Dillon Walker.

Cory Durham.

Hollingsworth.

Quinten Rose.

Rose, Christy Smith.

MENU

SCHOOL

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Fried Steak on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Spice Cake, Milk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Oreo Fluff, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Potatoes, California Blend, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Biscuit, Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Soft Taco, Lettuce,

Tomato, Cheese, Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

WHAT'S !HAPPENING?!

Thursday, January 25: Jr. Varsity Basketball Tournament

at Valley. Tuesday, January 28: Basketball at Wilson, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 31: Basketball vs. Spur, 5:00 p.m.

favorite teacher is Mrs. Gilmore. For fun, Dillon enjoys riding his three-wheeler. When he grows up, Dillon

Month are Dillon Ace Walker,

Kyla Simpson, Charles Flory

of Pam Perryman and Marty

Walker. He is a fourth grade stu-

dent at MC Elementary. His fa-

vorite subject is Math and his

Dillon is the 9-year-old son

and Cassie Campbell.

would like to be a racer. His favorite colors are blue

and red. His favorite food is cheeseburgers. His favorite music is old rock and roll and his favorite movie is The Fast and the Furious. The last book he read was Seven Candles. He admires his dad.

Kyla is the 9-year-old daughter of Terry and Tammy Simpson. She is a fourth grader. Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Kautz.

For fun she enjoys riding horses, riding bikes and playing with her dogs.

Kyla is an A Honor Roll student. She is a member of 4-H and enjoys Gymnastics.

After high school Kyla would like to attend college and then a Veterinarian School and plans to become a Veterinarian when she grows up.

Kyla's advice to fellow students is to "mind your teacher."

Her favorite color is red. Her favorite food is Shrimp. Her favorite musician is George Strait and her favorite movie is Monsters, Inc. The last book she read was Sarah Plain and Tall. She admires her cousin,

Kyla believes the qualities of a good citizen is being nice to ev-

of the Month

Students *

January Students of the Charles Flory is the 17-year-old son of Roger Flory. He is a Junior at MC High School.

His favorite subject is P.E. and his favorite teacher is

Isabella Cooper. He enjoys Computer games

and watching TV for fun. His favorite color is blue. His

favorite food is mashed potatoes with gravy. His favorite movie is

"Winnie the Pooh." He admires Kevin Elder. Cassie Campbell is the 17year-old daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell. She is a

Her favorite subject is Floral Design and her favorite teacher is Coach Cox.

She enjoys playing golf, talking on the phone, and hanging with friends for fun.

She is a member of FFA where she serves as Secretary; 4-H where she serves as president; FCA, National Honor Society, Student Council and was

chosen as Most Spirited. Cassie plans to attend college after high school and plans to go into a health related field.

Her advice to fellow students is to "live life to the full-

Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is Chinese. Her favorite music is by Everclear and she enjoys R&B, Rap and Country. Her favorite movie is Black Knight. The last book she read was I Kissed Dating Good-bye.

She admires her sister, Memori.

Cassie believes the qualities of a good citizen is to be helpful in the community and be willing to do whatever.

Consumers Science Class to offer applique classes

The Motley County Family and Consumers Sciences Department will be offering applique classes featuring the sewing machine satin stitch. The classes will meet in the Motley County High School, room 123, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Classes will

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be held on Wednesdays, January 29, February 5 and Febru-

For more information contact Jan Jones, Motley County Family and Consumer Science Instructor, at (806) 347-2676.

MC HONOR ROLL

A Honor-Roll (All grades 90 or above)

Kindergarden: Katie Barton, Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Hayden Davey, Meagan Ford, Allen Martin, Cassidy Turner.

Ist Grade: Gabby Silva, Korbyn Simpson, Hannah Hulsey, Conner Mason.

2nd Grade: Hance Davey, Stormy Guerrero, Chrisitina Moehringer, Neal Potts, Britt Siimpson, Austin Taylor.

3rd Grade: Clarissa Elizonda, Braden Mason, Keyan Kautz, Nayo Santos, Garrett Jenschke, Christian Brooks. 4th Grade: Sara Ferguson,

Colby McCleskey, Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker. 5th Grade: Xavier Elizondo.

Freshman: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green, Colton Russell.

PK: Mattie Brooks, Kaylee

Woolsey, Meagan Jameson,

Caitlynn Wright, Joey Horton. Kindergarden: Shelby

Elliot, Hannah Mason, Robert

Reyes, Virginia Gutierrez, Seth

Baxter, Sam Hulsey, Cassidy

Conner Mason, Dillon McCleskey, James Horton.

Juan Flores, Austin Taylor.

1st Grade: Noah Guerrero,

2nd Grade: Hayden Scott,

3rd Grade: Brett Fletcher, Cody Martin, Garrett Jenschke, Braden Mason, Christian

Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Mari

Sophomore: Kittie Campbell, Cody Cooper. Junior: Susana Mendoza.

Senior: Clint Cooper, Sara Fuston, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer.

AB Honor roll (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarden: Duncan Aumiller, Caleb Clary, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Sam Hulsey, Micheal Martin, Hannah Mason, Luis Mendoza,

Allison McCoy, Victoria Hernandez, Virginia Gutierrez. 1st Grade: Aaryn Brandon, Guerrero, Jamie Jameson, Gabby Santos.

2nd Grade: Dominique Quilimaco.

3rd Grade: Alexis Osborn, Reagan Elliott, Partick Harvey, Marti Walker, Brett Fletcher, Cody Martin.

Simmons.

Christy Smith.

★ Perfect Attendance ★

Bingham, Ashlee Green, Colton

4th Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Russell, Ashley Fonseca. Kyla Simpson, Paul Gutierrez, Sophomore: Kittie Campbell, Veronica Mendoza, Alyx Smith, Jay Potts. 5th Grade: Courtney Moctezuma, Sam Fletcher, Me-lissa Flores, Jessica Reyes. Natasha Ramirez, Cody Cooper, Sabrina Osborn, Matt Henzler, Seagram Sims.

6th Grade: Courtney Alexander, Kayla Hollingsworth. 7th Grade: Stacy Perryman, Junior: Stachia Baxter, Charli Ream, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Mandi Ream, Lorenzo Salazar, Susana 8th Grade: Leatrice Mendoza, Shea Rose. Gutierrez, Chicagra Brown,

Kristin Lane, Griselda Flores, Angelica Mendoza, Marc Senior: Clint Cooper, Tim Mangram, Brittany Donaldson, Henzler, Gene Salazar. Brittany Moore, Cassie Freshman: Chance Campbell, Brenda Gillespie.

Computer Class at MCISD will begin Thursday

will begin Thursday, January 30, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 102. This class will meet once a week until May from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The class will begin by covering the basics, how to operate Windows XP operating system, how to search on the Internet, how to use Microsoft Word and Excel.

The computer night class This class is free of charge to begin Thursday, January 30, anyone that would like to come and there is no registration nec-

This class is being made available through the CN3 grant which the school received this year. If you have any questions, please call the school at 347-

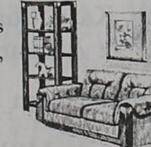
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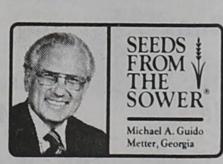
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Consumer Class makes pies for the holidays

"Pies for the Holidays" was the theme of a community service project that was sponsored by a Motley County Family and Consumer Science class. Students enrolled in the Nutrition and Food Science course prepared homemade pies which were distributed throughout the community during the holiday

Students participating in the project were Amanda Ashby, Sierra Atherton, Annie Green, Matt Henzler, Veronica Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Natasha Ramirez, Seagram Sims, Brittany A. Moore, and Kevin Elder.

Mrs. Bobbie Brown also helped to make the project a success.



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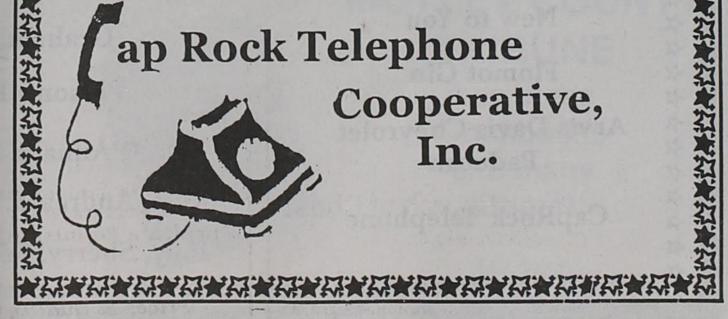


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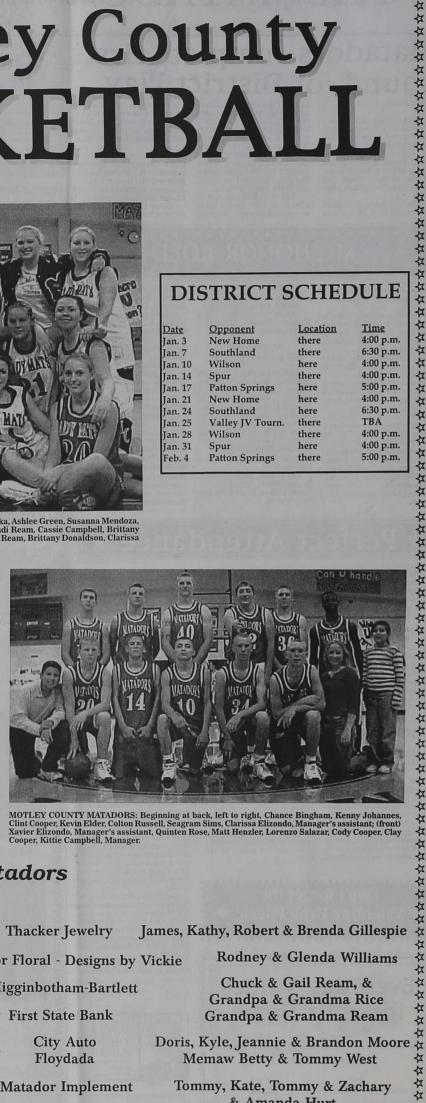
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LADY MATADORS: Standing left to right, Emily Hurt, Emily Fonseka, Ashlee Green, Susanna Mendoza, Sabrina Osborn, Angie Marvel, Sierra Atherton; (middle row) Mandi Ream, Cassie Campbell, Brittany Moore (Sr.), Brittany Moore (Soph.), Stachia Baxter; (front) Charli Ream, Brittany Donaldson, Clarissa Elizondo, Chasity Holman, and Amanda Ashby.

DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Jan. 3	New Home	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Southland	there	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Wilson	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	Spur	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Patton Springs	here	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	New Home	here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	Southland	here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Valley JV Tourn.	there	TBA
Jan. 28	Wilson	there	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Spur	here	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Patton Springs	there	5:00 p.m.



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS: Beginning at back, left to right, Chance Bingham, Kenny Johannes, Clint Cooper, Kevin Elder, Colton Russell, Seagram Sims, Clarissa Elizondo, Manager's assistant; (front) Xavier Elizondo, Manager's assistant, Quinten Rose, Matt Henzler, Lorenzo Salazar, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Kittie Campbell, Manager.

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Texas Highway 70 calls travelers with simplicity

Note: This article first appeared in the Sunday, January 12 edition of the Ft. Worth Star Telegram, by Art Chapman.

Way out in West Texas, on two-lane highways between towns like Matador and Turkey, there has always been an emptiness that was uninviting to urban travelers.

No fancy restaurants, no gas stations with fast-food franchises, no roadside parks with playgrounds or vending machines. Not much opportunity to run wide-open with the wind in your hair.

But now, an interstate highways become strangled with 10wheeled commercial traffic, no one is running wide-open anymore and the threat of being crushed by a semi is more unnerving than that of being broadsided by a wayward tumbleweed.

The changes in our motoring habits have given rise to a change in attitude along those simpler highways. Now, Roaring Springs and Flomot, Dickens and Spur have all joined Matador and Turkey to form the Texas Highway 70 As-

sociation.

Their guest is to lure tourists of the big Texas interstates and coax them to local bed and breakfasts, small-town museums and open-country history and beauty.

"About 10 miles north of Turkey on Highway 70 is some of the most beautiful country you can find in Texas," said Alex Crowder, a retired Texas Tech University education professor who helped start the association. "When we gave a presentation in Clarendon, many of the people there didn't even know that beautiful canyon country was there."

Texas 70 begins its long journey through the vastness of West Texas just south of Perryton, near the Oklahoma border in the Texas Panhandle. It drops straight down through the Canadian River country to Pampa, then across Interstate 40 to Clarendon and on down across Interstate 20 to its terminus some 40 miles south of Sweetwater.

It is guarded along much of its route by the jutting Caprock, a rocky, red demarcation line between the high plains and the

lower prairie.

Texas 70 never once crosses a major metropolitan area. It runs its entire route with the help of Dairy Queens, Allsup's convenience stores and the occasional new Sonic.

Crowder, who lives in Roaring Springs, and his associates in other small towns along the route now believe that travelers from Fort Worth and Dallas will seek the relative tranquility of Texas 70. With rising gas prices and escalating costs at most tourists destinations, the rural towns present an economic alternative.

"We really think we should do well with the Dallas-Fort Worth travelers," Crowder said. "We will draw from places like Lubbock and Amarillo too, but we are too much like them. We are completely different from the bigger metropolitan areas like Fort Worth and Houston. We are maybe a little like the Wild West to people there."

They aren't all that wild, but they are West. And they do have their attractions. In Turkey, an old railroad hotel awaits visitors in much the same adornment as it had when the railroad came

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There are springs in Roaring Springs, dugouts scratched in the rusty dirt around Spur that were homes for early cowboys, and in Matador a jail with a gallows.

The trap door has been welded shut to avoid any accidental hangings.

There is a quiet along Texas 70 that can't be found in the bigger cities. Crowder talks appreciatively of the coyotes he can hear at night. His neighbors down the highway throw feed out for the wild turkeys, and he can hear the birds coming to roost at night.

Not everyone will enjoy the sounds. But he believes that some people will. That's why the Texas Highway 70 Association has printed 50,000 brochures and placed them in several West Texas visitor centers. There is also a CD on the way, showing the pleasures of the area.

"We're six little old towns out here where the population is dwindling," Crowder said. "We're not trying to have a population explosion, but we are fighting to stay even."

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Letter to

the Editor



Former Flomot resident and Motley County High School graduate, Susan Hunter Smith, with United States Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, daughters, Allison and Emily, and husband Steve Smith. Newly elected Justice Steve Smith was administered the Oath of Office by Justice O'Connor to serve on the Texas Supreme Court.

New Texas Supreme Court Justice has Flomot ties

Steven Wayne Smith, husband of former Flomot resident, Susan Hunter Smith was elected to serve on the Texas Supreme Court, November 2002 elections. He was administered the Oath of Office by United States Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor during his Investiture on the Texas Supreme Court in Austin, January 6, 2003.

Susan and Steve have two daughters, Allison and Emily. Susan is employed by the Texas Education Agency. She is a 1976 Motley County High School graduate and was awarded her law degree from the University Hunter of Midland.

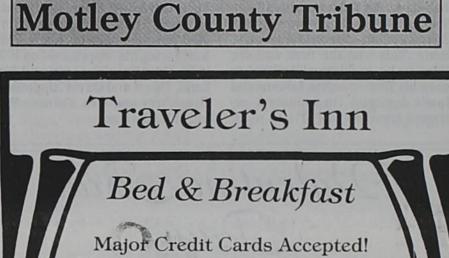
of Texas in Austin. She is the daughter of former Flomot residents, Wayne and Jimmie Hunter of Lubbock.

Justice Smith and wife, Susan were pleased to sit beside Justice O'Connor and visit with her during dinner that evening. They learned that like Flomot resident, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Justice O'Connor is also a member of the Cowgirl Hall of

Attending the ceremony were Justice Smith's parents, Kenneth and Barbara Smith of Fort Worth and Susan's brother and wife, David and Rhonda

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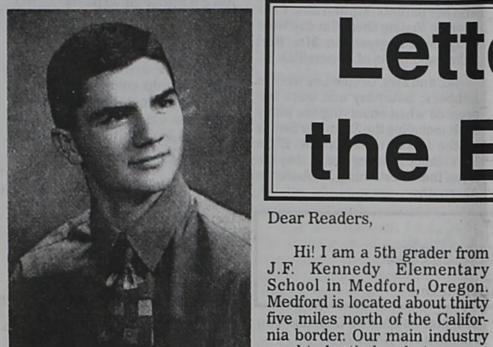
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Ryan Martin receives Bachelor's Degree

Ryan Martin graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, December 14, 2002. He received his Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Services and Development.

Attending the ceremony were his wife, Jamie, parents, Hal and Kelli Martin, all of Matador, and in-laws, Joanie Pigg, Erica Pigg and Madison Pigg, all of Turkey.



Ryan Martin

Austin Rally to be held in opposition of TAAS/TAKS Test

Texans for quality Assessment is planning a rally to be held on the south steps of the Capitol Building in Austin on Capitol Building in Austin on Saturday, January 25 at 3 p.m. The purpose of the rally is to show opposition to the current state mandated testing system (TAAS/TAKS) and to support the upcoming legislation (House Bill 2570 and House Bill 2118) calling for multiple crite-2118) calling for multiple criteria to be used in promotion and graduation decisions in Texas public schools.

Texans for Quality Assessment is a group from across the state who seek high quality public education and the correct way to evaluate and assess student learning, teacher and school quality. The group is made up of teachers, parents, professors, educational researchers, school board members and others who feel that a high-stakes standardized test is an inappropriate way to evaluate students, teachers and

Anyone concerned about the new TAKS test should voice their concerns with their legislators and attend the rally at the Capitol on January 25th.

For more information visit www.texastesting.org or contact you local Texans for Quality Assessment representative Kay Donna Wolfcale at 806-259-

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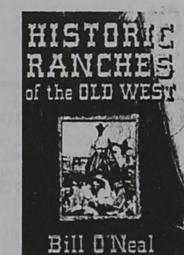
The Motley County Junior Class would like to thank everyone who participated and helped to make our Donkey Basketball game a success. We appreciate all the support that made it a success. Thanks again!

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Ronring Springs Aews By Odessa Mullins

Tommy and Virginia Largent of Lubbock spent Wednesday with his mother, Mary Lumsden.

Pearl Patten and daughter and grandson, Jo Ann and Bryce Reagan of Quitaque, drove to Lubbock Saturday and visited Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Sedgwick.

Linda Mullins returned home Monday afternoon after spending several days in Crosbyton Hospital for medical treatment.

WESLEYAN GUILD **OBSERVES WOMEN'S DAY**

The ladies of the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild observed Women's Day at the Roaring Springs and Matador Methodist churches on Sunday, January 19. Mrs. Pearl Patten, President,

Mrs. Chelsea Read was speaker for the services with a topic of Faith in Action.

was in charge of both services.

Those helping on the program, in addition to Mrs. Read and Mrs. Patten, were Mrs. Kay Jones, Mrs. Donalda Letkeman, Mrs. Grace Zabielski and Lula Swim.

Song leader and pianist at Roaring Springs services was Mrs. Callie Giesecke. Marion Woodruff was songleader and Mrs. Jeanne Adams was organist at Matador services.

Matador Aelus

Billie Ray and Faye Slover were in Wichita Falls, Thursday and celebrated the 92nd birthday of her mother, Mrs. Florence Angell, a resident at the Cedar Falls Home.

They continued to Cisco to visit daughter and family, Barbara and Jerry Luster and daughters, Lisha, who is taking graduate courses at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene and Amanda, a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The families attended Thursday night the Coronation of the King and Queen of the Cisco El Lobo football team held in the auditorium of Cisco Junior College. Amanda, honored as last year's El Lobo queen, placed a crown in the ceremony on the 2003 chosen queen. Following the coronation, an entertaining theatrical program portraying celebrities was presented by the Cisco Junior class. The Slovers returned home Friday.

Visiting Barbara and Bill Armstrong from January 4-8 were her cousins, Tom and Suzy Arnold, their daughter Ashley and son Tyler Noonan of Ohio. Ashley was a guest in her cousin, Jason Jameson's, home. This was the first visit for Tyler so he could meet and get to know his Texas cousins, Leanne and Jamie Jameson. On January 8, everyone traveled to Paris to meet

Tom's sister and family, Linda and Mike Cosgrove of Maryland. The Cosgrove's daughter, Charlotte was unable to come due to college classes. The family celebrated the 90th birthday of their Aunt, Frances Arnold Ellis, on Saturday. About 45 friends and relatives attended the party. The families stayed in a Bed & Breakfast, which was a special treat for Leanne because she has always loved the big two-story homes in East Texas. Everyone returned home on Sunday.

Mrs. W.N. Pipkin returned home January 12 from spending the Christmas holidays in the homes of her two sons and their wives in Arizona. In Scottsdale with Gerald and Penny and in Mesa with Neal and Carol and Scott Pipkin.

IN HOSPITAL

James "Tootie" Meador who was conveyed to the Crosbyton Hospital Saturday morning for treatment of pnuemonia, was conveyed to Lubbock Covenant Hospital Tuesday morning. He is being treated for a staff infection near his heart. With him during his hospitalization is his wife, Dorothy, daughter and husband, Tanya and David Rippletoe of Granburry and Mrs. Frances Welling of Midlothian.



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Ilomot Aews

By Earlyne Jameson

Brad Carter, husband of former Flomot resident, Anita Hunter and fellow musicians, Torrie Atchison, Kenny Maines and Andy Wilkinson performed in a benefit concert of the Catholic Family Services Sunday night held at the Amaranth Cultural Center in Lubbock. Brad works as Youth Counslor at the Catholic Family Services in Lubbock. Anita is a counselor at the Gateways Couseling in Lubbock.

Former residents, Wayne and Jimmie Hunter cuurently live in two separate facilities in Lubbock to meet different health care needs. They invite friends to write, call or drop in for a visit.

Wayne is at a senior foster home in a residental neighborhood of Sisters Lovnig Arms, 4173 22nd St. Lubbock 79407 and telephone no. is 806-799-1033.

Jimmie is at Belle Court South Unit of Carillon, 1717 Norfolk, Apartment 2124, Lubbock 79416, telephone: 806-281-6545.

CELEBRATES 9TH BIRTHDAY Carolyn and Arnold Johnson, daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey met daughter and sister Mrs.

Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon in Childress, Sunday. They celebrated the ninth birthday of Brittany with a luncheon and all the trimmings at K-Bob's restaurant and enjoyed entertainment that afternoon.

HAS OPTICAL SURGERY Mrs. Margie George was trans-ferred from Childress to Lubbock

where she had optical laser eye surgery, Thursday, January 16. With her during her recuperation are Mrs. Tina Bearden of Quitaque and Mrs. Barbara Payne of Flomot.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and children, Dustin, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers, Sunday.

Clois Shorter accompanied his mother, Mrs. Alma Shorter to Lubbock, Monday and they visited her aunt, Mrs. Myrtle McNeil.

Johnney and Carol Ann Turner of Lubbock and Mary Ellen Barton of Flomot visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Sunday.

Raymond March of Quitaque visited the week with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall.

Mrs. Christi Milam, daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg visited Tuesday night and Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Visting them Sunday were daughter and grandson, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brain of Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Saturday and were impressed when observing the many birds including the Trumpter Swans on the Lake at the 60th St. Elgin Park. Befor returing home, they enjoyed the entertaining Jamboree in Abernathy.

Mhiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A guy took his girlfriend to a football game for the first time. After the game he asked her how she liked the game. "Oh, I really liked it," she said, "but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other for 25 cents." "What on earth do you mean?" asked the boyfriend. "Well," the girlfriend said, "I saw them flip the coin and one team got it and then the rest of the game they kept screaming: "Get the quarter back! Get the quater back!"

Mrs. J.W. Eubank of Farwell visited Thursday and Friday with her

American Legion meeting scheduled for Jan. 27

Members of the American Legion Post 337 and Auxiliary Unit 337 will meet in joint session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, in the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. This meeting is a regular

covered dish supper affair.

daughter and family, Gina and Tim Shannon and Nellie Bly.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M were in Lubbock, Thursday for Wilda a medical check up on her injured arm. Wilda will begin therapy treatments in Crosbyton this week.

Danielle Gwinn and Jordan Espinoza of Quitaque attended a birthday slumber party Friday night for Natalie Mendoza of Turkey. They had fun in Plainview, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were in Lubbock, Wednesday for him a medical appointment

Obituaries

Lorene Calhoun

Lorene Friar Calhoun, 91, died January 21 in Lubbock. She was a former teacher in Matador. Services will be held Saturday, January 25 in Plainview with arrangements by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will be printed when available.



Lana Copp gives a sample of blood at the Bone Marrow Drive, sponsored by the El Progresso Club, held at the School Saturday. There are several residents in the Panhandle area in need

:Senior Notes

• by Tommie Keith, Director



Well, if you haven't been to the Center you need to come by and check out the TV. The ladies that exercise say its just like being in the room with the instructor. If we can get cable installed by Super Bowl, we might have a Super Bowl party! SPAG bought the TV with funds from the Care Giver Program and each Center has to match \$300.00. We are open for donations to help cover the \$300. If you are interested in helping out with this cause. Marion Woodruff and Keith and Joan Patton have made TV donations. Thanks!

The Center has received several memorial donations and would like to say thanks to these

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ews and nieces, in memory of Grant Carlson. Thank you all.

The Center is here for y'all to come and enjoy and hope to see you here. Pansy, you and Bertha need to come on down and play cards. Hi Brenda!

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COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke Motley County Extension Agent



REGIONAL RANGE RENOVATION PROGRAM **SET FOR FEBRUARY 26**

Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Texas Section - Society for Range Management are spon-soring a "Rangeland and Wild-life Habitat Restoration Field Day" Feb. 26, 2003 on the Tongue River Ranch here.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. Three CEU's will be awarded to field day participants holding Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator licenses.

Dr. Darrell Ueckert, TAES range researcher at San Angelo and one of the program coordi-nators, said northwest Texas ranchers now have another battle to fight along with a prolonged drought and question-able economic times.

"Termites have eaten the world up here," said Ueckert. "The drought and desert termites have resulted in a major die-off of desirable warm-season forage grasses. Huge parts of many of these ranches have little or no desirable vegetative cover. So, when it does rain, the soil seals over, resulting in little rainfall infiltration and a lot of runoff. Recovery of rangelands with an array of proven technology they can easily use to restore their degraded rangeland. We will be demonstrating this technology knowing full well that is will be adopted only if it can be done economically and won't hurt this area's very lucrative wildlife industry."

The day-long program starts with a welcome by Gary Antilley, King County Extension agent. He'll introduce Bill Reed, the

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April 15, 2003: DUE DATE FOR TAX RETURNS

Tongue River Ranch's manager. Reed will start the formal program with a profile and brief background of the ranch.

The remainder of the morning's speakers and their topic include: "Grazing Management and Monitoring," Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, San Angelo; "Weed and Brush Control Chemical Mechanical," Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist, Vernon; "Rangeland Ripping, Contour Furrowing, Re-seeding and Managing Desert Termites," Ueckert; "Cost Share Opportunities," Jon Weddle, Program Liaison for NRCS, Lubbock; and "Considerations for Quail," Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo.

Following a noon lunch break, the program will resume with "Considerations for Deer," Dr. Dean Ransom, Assistant Professor and extension wildlife specialist, Vernon and "Deer Nutrition Study at Tongue River Ranch," David Sikes, NRCS, Guthrie.

The formal session will conclude at 2 p.m. with closing remarks and distribution of CEU certificates before the day's activities reconvene on the ranch's demonstration site. The site will include demonstrations of equipment and procedures ranging from rangeland ripping, furrowing and seeding to boomless nozzles for weed

Registration is \$10 per person if received by Feb. 19, 2003 and \$15 per person if received after Feb. 19, 2003 or at the door. Mail registration to Gary Antilley, County Extension Agent - Ag., Box 125, Guthrie,

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Disaster Assistance Update; **Senate Action**

This week's effort to include crop loss disaster assistance fo U.S. farmers as part of a Senate FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Bill should be viewed as good news by producers adversely impacted by drought and other adverse weather conditions.

Unfortunately, the proposal, initially put forth by Senate Republican leaders, is getting less than stellar reviews from Senators on both sides of the aisle. If accepted "as is" the proposal would be added as an amendment to H.J. Resolution 2, the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Resolution.

On the plus side of the Republican proposal is the fact that it sets aside \$3.1 billion to pay for disaster assistance.

The disaster money would be part of a budget offset that creates savings through a 1.6 percent cut in sending levels for FY03 discretionaly spending

Primary criticisms, however, center on the fact that the assistance would be issued to all producers of program crops - regardless of their individual loss.

The mechanism to deliver the assistance is a supplemental payment based on a percentage of the 2003 Direct payment rate for that crop.

Plains Cotton Growers Board members, were briefed on the proposed plan Wednesday, January 15 and reaffirmed their position that an approach based on "traditional" disaster programs is still the best way to direct crop loss assistance to the growers that experienced those

At this time the proposal, originally developed by Senate Ag Committee Chairman Thad Cochran of Mississippi, is in the process of being revised in an effort to make it more palatable to other regions.

The Republican proposal is not the only one out there. Democrat leaders are also expected to reintroduce their own disaster assistance plan of consideration.

The bottom line on disaster assistance at this time is that there are several ideas being floated, with none being universally popular.

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Considerations such as the USDA Farm Service Agency's ability to administer a complicated disaster program simulta-neous to the signup for the Direct Countercyclical Program (DCP), how quickly the process can be completed, how the benefits are targeted, and Administration acceptance will signifi-cantly impact the entire debate.

A PCG contingent made up
of PCG President Mark Will-

iams, Vice President Rickey Bearden, Board member Kent Nix and Executive Vice President Steve Verett will be traveling to Washington, DC the week of January 20 to work on the is-sue and push for the best possible assistance package.

High Plains Cotton Conference Schedule

High Plains cotton producers can update their crop production, marketing, and management skills, and learn more about irrigation, fertility, pest management and farm legisla-tion at several regional Texas Cooperative Extension agricul-ture conferences slated in January and February.

Producers can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) for private and commercial applicator licenses at these regional conferences.

This years conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 20 - The Southern Mesa Ag Conference at the Dawson County Annex Building (609) North 1st), Lamesa, 8:00 a.m.

Jan. 21 - The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Coliseum, Muleshoe, 8:30 a.m.

Jan. 22 - The Caprock Cotton Conference, Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada, 8:00

Jan. 22 - The Terry County Ag Conference & Trade Show, Nikki Vinson Youth Center (110 East Hill Street), Brownfield, 8:30

Jan. 23 - Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview, 8:30 a.m.

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to Joe Rankin, a past President and Vice-President of T.F.U. and a lifelong agriculture leader from the Lubbock area. Also, there will be a presentation presented to the family at the Friday evening reception.

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by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

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intake in the new year is to make baby carrots a part of snacks and meals. Carrots are extremely high in vitamin A one medium carrot has 330 percent of the daily recommended allowance. Carrots are also low in sodium and are fat- and cholesterol-free. It's easy to pack them into lunches, stir them into soups or steam them with garlic or herbs for a satisfying side dish. Many people choose baby carrots

because they're snack-sized, quick and convenient. Americans now average nearly 11 pounds of fresh carrots per person annually, which is up more than 38 percent from a decade ago. The size and convenience of baby carrots has a lot to do with the increased popularity of carrots among consumers. Despite their popularity, some people don't know that baby carrots aren't actually "babies." The only difference between baby carrots and conventional carrots is that baby carrots are bred to be more cylindrical so they can be cut into uniform pieces.

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