

D'Lyn Lloyd and Teri Morgeson

## AWARDED TRIPS TO WASHINGTON D.C.

D'Lyn Lloyd and Teri Morgeson have been named winners of Midwest Electric Cooperative's Rural Electri Youth Tour to Washington D.C. D'Lyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lloyd of Fluvanna, and attends Borden County High School. Teri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Morgeson of Roby, and attends R oby High School. The contest
sponsored by Midwest Electric Cooperative, was held at the Roby High School Auditorium on January 8th. Terri and D'Lyn will be part of the "Texas Rural Electric Youth Tour' a group of 60 to 70 contest winners from across the state that will make the tour to Washington D.C. The Texas Tour will depart from Austin on June 10th.
"OPERATION BOOTSTRAP" TO EDUCATE

## In Gail Feb. 5

Lubbock--"Operation Bootsdtrap,' an association of attorneys and agricultural loan counselors attempting to educate farmers on FmHA lending regulations and how to increase their chances of obtaining FmHA financing this year, will meet with area farmers in Gail on February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the County Courthouse
Magness emphasized that the time had changed as 'Operation Bootstrap" switched to a 6:30 p.m. evening format from an earlier morning format.
In announcing the visit, Magness also announced the
tour would be in levelland, Plainview, Brownfield eariler in January, in Tahoka the 20th, Post the 21 st, Seminole the 22nd, Lamesa the 23rd, Matador the 26th, Big Spring the 27 th, Snyder the 28th, Dickens the 29th, Plains the 30th, Silverton Feb. 2, Crosbyton Feb. 3, Hale Center Feb. 4. Each visit will be at 6:30 p.m. and will be in the District Courtroom in the County Courthouse

Operation Bootstrap has emphasized the impact on Lubbock and the surrounding rural counties of the South Plains of cutbacks in FmHA farm financing of $\$ 91$ million
last year, even with the doubled amount of guaranteed loans.
"In 1985, direct loans (loans made directly by FmHA) were made at $\$ 332$ million, with guaranteed loans at $\$ 35$ million, for a total of $\$ 367$ million--in 1986, $\$ 206$ million in direct loans and $\$ 70$ million in guaranteed loans made a total of $\$ 267$ million-- and this year's allocation for direct loans will be below $\$ 100$ million, so it will be hard for guaranteed loans to make up the difference,'

Magness explained that guaranteed loan
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## Borden County Junior Livestock Show

The 1987 Borden County Livestock Show will be held January 29, 30 and 31. This year, the show will be dedicated to four individuals who have recently passed away. They were all close friends of the Borden County 4-H and FFA Programs These four individuals are Corkey Ogden, Ed Rinehart, Borden Gray, senior and David Holmes.
Animals will began weighing in Thursday, January 29th at 8:00 a.m and will finish at about 12 o'clock noon. Lambs will be classified as they are weighed by Kent Powell.

The pig show will be

## Cancer Dance <br> planned

The Borden County Cancer Society Board met on Wednesday, January 14 to plan the annual Barn Dance.
The date for the dance was set for April 10 at 9:00 p.m. Jody Nix and the West Texas
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Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and will be judged by John Puegh.
Friday the 30 th at 10 a.m., Jim Mazurkievez will began judging the lamb show.
Saturday the 31st at 9:00 a.m. the steer show will begin with the judge being Bob Benson.
member participating will be judged for showmanship awards by Rick Vestal.
Following the steer show, the first Borden County Goat Show will be held. The barbeque lunch will be at 12 o'clock noon and the sale will start at 1 o'clock with Monty Paxton auctioneer.
Every 4-H and FFA BEREADY, IT'S HERE.

## Low Income Households May Be Eligible For Assistance

## AUSTIN-Some

low-income Texans may be eligible for help in paying heating bills this winter through the Home Energy Assistance Program. according to Texas Department of Human Services Commissioner Marlin Johnston.
Johnston said the one-time payment is available to many low-income households. Applications for energy assistance were mailed to households that received food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or

Supplemental Security Income in December. Other low-income individuals may request an application from local DHS offices during the enrollment period of Jan. 15 through Feb. 18.
Eligibility is limited by gross income and resources. This year, because of budget cuts and participation rates, the benefits for the winter program may be lower than last year's. Aid is available for a one-person household having less than $\$ 555.49$ gross income per month.
The gross income limits are con't to pg 8

## Varsity Boys Fall To Klondike

The Klondike Cougars handed the Boys Varsity Basketball team a very disappointing loss in Tuesdays night cage action. The score was Klondike 48 and Borden 41
The Coyotes played a miserable first half. The offense could generate nothing. The Coyotes only

## Coyotes Loose a Tough One

The Borden County Boys fell to the O'D onnell Eagles in a hard fought battle on Friday night. The score was $0^{\prime}$ Donnell 60 and Borden 57.
The Coyotes played their best half of basketball this year, in the first half and lead at the break by a score of 31 to 21.
The second half featured intense pressure from O'Donnell, which eventually

## Lady Coyotes Sweep Two From Klondike

Even though it was somewhat of a lack luster performance, the bottom line reads, "A win is a win." In their lowest scoring output of the year, Borden had to rely on defense in winning their first district game of the year at Klondike last Tuesday 29-27. Still with the win they gained a share of the District 13A lead with O'Donnell.
Borden opened up an 11-4 first quarter lead and held a 8-10 point lead through the

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## Junior High Boys

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 MEETINGmanaged 2 points in the second quarter and were outscored by a score of 12 to 2.

The Coyotes must now re-group and prepare for the next game

Scoring was Shannon Bond -18, Brian Bond - 14 Will Phinizy -5, Brice Key - 2 and Mickey Burkett-2
turned the game around. Borden committed 27 turnovers, most of them in the fourth quarter. The Coyotes played an excellent game for three quarters. however, the game lasts four quarters.

Scoring: Shannon Bond 21, Brian Bond 18, Mickey Burkett 8, Brice Key 4, Will Phinizy 4, and Michael Murphy 2.

## Win A Thriller

The Borden Junior High Boys basketball team won a THRILLER over the Klondike Cougars. The score was Borden 42 and Klondike 38 , in 3 overtimes.
The victory moved the Coyotes record to 6 wins versas 1 loss for the season and gave them a 5-0 distric record. Borden has three games remaining on the season
Borden used good pressure defense to force 41 Klondike turnovers, a big factor in the win. The Coyotes were lead in scoring by Jimmy Rios who pumped in 19 points. Shane Kemper was second in scoring adding 10 points.
Scoring: Rios-19 Kemper, S. 10, Sturdivant-5 Vestal-4, Balague-4.
The "B" team got it's first win of the season in a 27-21 victory over Klondike.
'B" Scoring: Buchanan-8 Kemper C.-8, Greenwood-4, Hozmann-3, Anderson-2

The Board of Trustees me in regular session on January 19, 1987 at 8:00 p.m
Minutes were approved and bills paid in routine business.
The board extended the contract of Superintendent James McLeroy making it a three year contract for 1987-1988, 1988-1989 and 1989-1990 school years
A School Board Election was called for April 4, 1987 for the purpose of electing two members to the board. Terms of Jack McPhaul and Jon Monger expire on April

1987
The board was given a financial report by the superintendent and attendance was reported at 158 in elementary and 63 in high school for a total enrollment of 221 . No hanges were reported in the personnel report.
In other business, IRS regulation changes and oord policies were discussed. Board members took policy materials home to study
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

LADY COYOTES DROP
Tenth ranked O'Donnell defeated the fourteenth ranked Lady Coyotes Friday night by a close 44-38. Turnovers seemed to spell doom to Borden as they were hampered with 36 turnovers in what might have been a small upset. Borden

## Junior High Girls KO Klondike

The Borden Junior High girls basketball team continued their winning ways here Monday night as they defeated the Klondike Cougars 22-12. Klondike, which defeated the Missy which defeated the Missy Coyotes back earlier in the
year 26-19, was not ready for a much improved Borden team. Borden led coast to coast opening up a 7-2 first quarter lead and never looked back. Amanda Anderson was the top scorer with 11 points followed by Shayne Hess with 4. Shara Dee Woodward made 3 and Kelly Jo Ogden and Leslie Fryar each added 2 to the win. Also playing were Kristin Monger, playing were Kristin Monger,
Kristin Kilmer, Tammy Voss, Kristin Kilmer, Tammy Voss,
A'Lise Lloyd, and M'Lys Lloyd. Shara Dee Woodward made 3 and Kelly Jo Ogden
and Leslie Fryar each added 2 to the win. Also playing were Kristin Monger, Kristin Kilmer, Tammy Voss, A'Lise Lloyd, and M'Lys Lloyd. Shara Dee and Leslie.each hit 100 percent from the field followed by Amanda with 50 percent at 4 for 8 . Amanda also led in free throw percentage hitting 3 of 6 for 50 percent. Shayne led in steals with 7 and Amanda had 4. Shayne also led in rebounds with 5 and Kristin Monger had 4. Kristin and Shara Dee each had 2 assists

This raises the season record to 3-4 on the year and $1-0$ in the second half of district play. Next game for the Junior High girls will be at 0 'Donnell, January 26 , starting at 6:00.

GAME TO O'DONNELL
outscored O'Donnell the last wo yuarters but it was the first yuarter advantage of 10-4 that gave the Lady Coyotes their first district defeat.
Only three people scored for Borden led by Eoana Himes with 20 and Lisha Sternadel with 10 . Kelli Williams added 8. Elana led in field goal percentage with 47 percent and Lisha led in free throw percentage with 80 percent. Kate Phinizy led in assists with 5 and Kelli led in steals with 5 followed by Lisha with 4. Elana led in ebounds with 14 and Lynn Herridge had 5
The J.V. did not fare much better as they dropped a 17-29 decision to O'Donnell in their first loss of the year. Shelly Lewis led in scoring with 7 . followed by Kristi Adcock and Rachel Romero with 4. Felicia Romero added 2 for the total. A positive sign for the J.V.'s came at the free throw line where they hit 83 percent as a team, making 5 of 6 . Next game for the J.V. will be at Sands Friday night, January 23, starting at $5: 00$. They will be in the Sands J.V. tournament the next day, January 24, meeting Dawson at 9:00 Saturday.

The J.V. team remained undefeated on the year as they completely dominated Klondike by a score of 46-21. They held a 10-5 first quarter lead and opened up a 25-8 half-time advantage. Kristi Adcock led the attack with 14 points followed by Rachel Romero with 10. Felicia Romero and Amy Lewis each had 8 points and Rand Woodward added 6 to the total. The J.V.'s next game will be against $O^{\prime}$ Donnell Friday, January 16. They play Sands next Friday. January 23 and play in the Sands Tournament the nex day, January 24.


Austin--The Texas State Teachers Association has won a major victory that will save the jobs of a number of Texas Teachers who have not yet passed a college exit test required for certification.
The State Board of Education last week, acting on concerns brought to its attention by TSTA, granted an extension of time in which a small group of teachers must take and pass the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET) in order to retain their present teaching assignment.
The extension was recommended by Education Commissioner W. N. Kirby after meetings and correspondence with TSTA staff members in December.
'We are delighted that Commissioner Kirby and the members of the State Board of Education have recognized that a problem existed and have taken prompt action to ensdure that these dedicated teachers will remain in the classroom," TSTA President Charles N. Beard, Jr. said following the State Board's action.
The teachers impacted by the board's decision were at risk of losing their jobs this month because they had not been adequately informed by the Texas Education Agency. their supervisors or colleges that they needed to pass the ExCET by Octobrer 1986 to keep their present assignment. All have been teaching outside their areas of certification on either a temporary classroom assignment permit or special assignment permit while earning college credit toward certification in the fields to which they have been assigned.
In July, Kirby informed local school administrators and college deans of education that those teachers had to pass the ExCET and obtain their additional certification by October to remain in their present assignment. Many administrators and deans, however, did not inform the teachers who would be affected.
'Many of these dedicated teachers already had been informed by their districts that their services would no longer be needed if they could not continue in thei present assignments,'' Beard said. "It would have been almost criminal if these individuals, many of whom are serving in areas of critical need, had lost their jobs because of a simple breakdown communications."

The board's action extends through the end of the

## Teachers Assoc. Wins Major Victory

present school year the time in which these teachers have to complete their qualifications for additional certification and pass the ExCET.
'TSTA appreciates the quick resolution of this problem," Beard said.
'However, we believe several major problems with the ExCET still exist that must be corrected if those students now preparing to become teachers are to have an adequate opportunity to prepare for and pass the exam.'
Foremost among those problems is the fact that few instructors and professors at Texas state colleges and universities are aware of the job objectives and essential elements relating to the courses they teach that those of their students who are education majors need to know.

TSTA believes that all instructors and professors in all higher education institutes in the state need to be informed of these essential elements and need to take the responsibility of sharing that information with students who are education majors.

Other problems that TSTA has brought to the attention of TEA staff members include the fact that some students in specialized fields must take an excessive number of tests in one day in order to obtain full certification or face a delay;

## TOUR FORTS FOR GRADUATE CREDIT

the fact that a student must pass all tests required for his or her certification or face a delay of several months in receiving certification and employment eligibility; and the fact that the rising cost of earning a degree and teaching certificate. including recent State Board action to increase fees for taking the ExCET, is adding to the financial burden of prospective teachers and contributing to the state's teacher shortage.

A tour of Texas forts--from Spanish period forts up through the 20th century federal forts will be the focus of "Texas Restored," a University of Texas of the Permain Basin Spring class offering
Dr. J. Tillapaugh, the class instructor, is planning four weekend outings covering forts in different areas including San Antonia and EI

SCHOOL MENU

| Monday | Burritos <br> Ranch Style Beans Fruit <br> Milk |
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| Tuesday | Tacos with Cheese Pinto Beans Shredded Lettuce Mixed Fruit Milk |
| Wednesday | Green Enchilada Casserole Mexican Bean Salad Buttered Corn Cake <br> Hot Bread Milk |
| Thursday | Hamburgers <br> French Fries Lettuce \& Pickles Cookies <br> Milk |
| Friday | Holiday - no classes |

Paso. The forts chosen illustrate the different periods and types. The weekend outings may include one overnight stay each.
"Texas Restored" is offered as both a graduate and undergraduate course and is also available as a non-credit ENCORE offering.
For more information, contact the Ofdice of Admissions, 367-2210. From Midland call 563-2400, ext. 2210

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Michael Kelley of Long
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That anedote
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ing and Learning, P.O. Box


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## CHAIN LETTER PROMOTIONS

Have you ever been asked to participate in a chain letter which is guaranteed to earn you lots of money with one small investment? Don't waste your money - chain letters ara a form of lottery and may violate federal mail fraud laws. The same three elements that apply to lotteries (payment, prize, and chance) also make chain letter schemes illegal. The payment may be money or any other item of value. The prize is the large amount of money you are led to believe you will receive in the end if you participate. The chance is that the chain will break, and it must, because the chance that all participants in a chain letter will receive mail is mathematicaily impossible. For example, a typical chain letter may require participants to mail letters containing money to six new participants, each of whom must mail six letters to six more individuals and so on. By the eleventh level of mailing, the entire population of the United States (almost three-hundred million) will be exhausted. By the 13th level, the population of the world (over four billion) would be exhausted. And remember, even if the chain letter itself is not mailed, as long as the payment or prize is sent through the mail, the entire scheme is illegal.

Some chain letters masquerade as Multi-Level Marketing (MLM) Plans. These require an original promoter to sell a product and enlist several other people to become sellers, who in turn recruit others. Most Multi-Level Marketing Plans are schemes to sell the plan rather than the product and the fact that selling a product is involved, instead
of winning money, or statements saying the plan do not violate federal law, do not lensure legality.

Do not confuse regular chain letters or Multi-Level Marketing Plan chains with prayer chains that promise good luck but require no investment. These are not illegal - they're just a nuisance. You should not be intimidated by implied threats of bad luck, personal injury, or disaster for breaking the chain. Feel free breaking the chain. Feel free
to throw the chain letter to throw them
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## Cancer Dance

Playboys will play for the benefit.

There will be a steer raffle as usual and nkhances will be sold after the livestock show is over.

There will be a free jitterbug and waltz contest with certificates being presented
Prizes will be given for the 3 top salesmen as follows: 1 st prize $\$ 100.00$, 2 nd prize $\$ 75.00$ and 3rd prize $\$ 50.00$.
The concession wil be managed by Dorothy Browne, Lisa Ludecke will be in charge of raffle tickets. Anyone interested may held cleanup Saturday night and Sunday morning.
If you would like to help with the dance in any way-sell chances or whatever, please get in touch with Lisa Ludecke.
Alsso there will be a mobile breast cancer detection unit in Gail, February 11. The board urges all ladies to call for an appointment and have this check. A lump smaller than pea size can be detected by this machine. The charge for the screening is $\$ 50.00$ opposed to $\$ 140.00$ in the hospital.


## away.

Remember, you are under no obligation to participate if you receive a chain letter, and to do so may be a violation of federal law. Turn the letter in to the local post office or send it to the Postal Inspector in Charge, P.O. Box 162929, Fort Worth, Texas

## 76161-2929.



Lamesa Press Photo BIG ONE - Stanley Cox, formerly of Lamesa, bagged this large elk near Marathon recently. Cox, son of Arlene Cox and the late Wayland Cox is serving as minister of the Marathon Baptist Church.

## CHILDREN 0-4 BEING KILLED

The safest way for a child under the age of four to travel is in a child safety seat.
"Despite laws in all 50 states, observational surveys show that only 68 percent of children under the age of 1 year and 62 percent of the children between the ages of 1 and 2 years old are buckled into child safety seats. As children grow older, even fewer ride buckled up. Child safety seat usage rates drop to 51 percent for two-year-olds, 27 percent
for three-year-olds, and only 17 percent for four-year-olds.
The death rates confirm this trend. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Fatal Accident Reporting System, in 1985,569 children from the ages of 0 through 4 died in car crashes. Texas trailed only California in the number of these children killed on our roads and highways.
Protect the ones you love. Hug them at home, but belt them in the car.

## FIRST OFFENDERS OF DWI

A person arrested for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) could expect the following on a FIRST OFFENSE:
-Being videotaped as you perform different tests at the police station.
-Spending the night in jail with drunks, drug addicts, thieves, and the like.
-Posting a cash bond of $\$ 500$ or more, or paying a bonding fee to get out.
-Paying a towing fee to a wrecker for towing your car from the arrest scene.

Explaining what happened to your family or lemployer.
-Paying a legal fee to an attorney.
-Interrupting your life and
work to have to appear in court.
-Having your fingerprints recorded.

Undergoing an alcohol or drug dependency evaluation.

## THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for the anniversary cards and wishes. Also for the memory letters. A special thanks, to the ones that drove so far, to be with us on our anniversary.
May God watch over all of you.
With Love and Friendship, Garland and Eva Doyle

## Controlling One Of Nature's Worst Pests

## TEXAS GARDENER TIPS

## Although found everywhere, grasshoppers inflict the

 most damage in parts of the world where the annual rainfall is 25 inches or less. In Texas, we have many species of grasshoppers but, fortunately, most are not a real problem to agricultural crops or landscape plants. The most damaging species, which gardeners encounter, include the differential grasshopper, admirable grasshopper, twostriped grasshopper and meadow gras shopper.Most grasshoppers pass the winter in the egg stage, buried in the soil. Females lay eggs in batches of 20 to 120 eggs in holes $1 / 2$ to 2 inches below the soil surface. A single female may lay as many as 25 batches of eggs. The eggs of some species hatch as early as late March. Others, in cooler climates may not hatch until July. Young hop pers resemble the adults in shape but have no wings and may differ greatly in color. The immature hoppers pas

through six nymphyl stages before becoming adults. This requires 40 to 60 days, depending upon temperature,
food and species.
Grasshoppers feed on a wide range of plants. Some feed specifically on grasses but many will feed on almost any plant. Not only do hoppers eat leaves but they also can cause extensive damage to fruit and the bark of small limbs. When large numbers of hoppers are present, crops literally can be eaten to the ground and fruit trees be eaten to the ground and fruit
Grasshoppers may be controlled with poison baits, sprays or dusts. Numerous products containing Sevin or Malathion are available for grass-
hopper control. Although both chemicals are effective on grasshoppers, migration into an orchard or garden often results in rapid reinfestation. Dust formulations seem to be slightly better than sprays for controlling these pests. Bait formulations, spread on the ground in and around the garden, work well on immature grasshoppers which cannot fly. However, poor results usually occur if most of the grasshoppers are adults. When heavy populations occur, two or three applications of a pesticide at five to seven day intervals may be necessary
Before using a pesticide, read and understand the label. Use pesticides only as registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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## COUNTY AG-AGENT REPORT <br> DENNIS POOLE

## Cull, Open, Skipper Cows

Pregnancy testing and culling of open and skipper cows (those calving every two years) is one of the quickest ways to improve the reproductive performance of the beef herd.
This has been shown by field demonstrations conducted by the Extension Service in numerous counties.
One such demonstration in Central Texcas involved cow herds that were pregnancy tested for at least two consecutive years. In the first herd, no culling was done after pregnancy testing, while in the other herd all
importance of pregnancy testing and culling open and skipper cows. Obviously, replacements can be costly, but an economic analysis shows that these initially high costs can be recovered within two to three years and that total dollar income will be higher than without culling.
Also in addition to pregnancy testing and culling, other management factors also must be considered for a profitable beef herd. These include timely supplemental feeding. necessary reproductive vaccines and highly fertile bulls.
skipper and most open cows were removed. A few open heifers were kept in the latter herd to maintain cow numbers. Pregnancy rates before culling were 83.6 percent and 83 percent, respectively. The nutrition and health status and level of bull fertility were essentially unchanged during the two-year study.
In the second herd, pregnancy rates after culling went up to 95.3 percent in the second year, while pregnancy rates in the herd without culling remained near 84.5 percent.
This clearly shows the

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By: Kandy K. McWhorter,


## Cholesterol-Getting To The Heart of Problem

Are you afraid of things that do not go thump, thump in the night? Like your heart, for example. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, but it is probably the most misunderstood disease around.

The biggest misconception surrounding this disease center around the role of cholesterol. Many Americans have banished red meat from their diets because of cholesterol. If this is what you have done, take another look. The facts may pleasantly surprise you.
Coronary heart disease is caused by coronary atherosclerosis, an irregular thickening of the walls of the arteries that supply blood to the heart muscle. The primary cause or causes of artherosclerosis are not known.

Statistics have shown that persons with elevated serum cholesterol levels are more likely to develop atherosclerosis than those with normal levels. Because of this link, some scientists believe that dietary control may reduce the risk of
developing heart disease. Scientific experiments, however, have yet to prove this hypothesis.
Even when no cholesterol is consumed, the body manufactures between 800 to 1500 milligrams daily anyway. Cholesterol is an essential part of body chemistry and the body will fight to keep it around. Many scientists believe that high blood cholesterol is a sign, rather than a cause, of atherosclerosis.

Even though scientists disagree on all the causes, individuals can take certain steps to minimize risk factors generally associated with generally associated with
atherosclerosis. Cigarette smoking, lack of exercise, obesity, stress and high blood pressure contribute to heart disease and most scientists agree that they should be controlled.

As for cutting down on dietary cholesterol, the debate rages, but most experts agree that it cannot hurt. The American Heart Association recommends 100 grams of cholesterol per 1000 calories with a maximum of 300 milligrams
of cholesterol per day. At 65 milligrams of cholesterol per three-ounce serving, broiled top loin fits well with AHA's recommendation. So enjoy! At that low level, your heart can safely go thump, thump in the night without your tummy going grr, grr.

## Key Places at

## Sand Hills

Ralvnn Key, Borden County 4-H'er, placed her lightweight hereford steer seventh at the recent Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show in Odessa.
Ralynn is the daughter of Roland and Karen Key and attends Borden County High School.
Accompanying Ralynn to the Odessa show were her the Odessa show were her
parents; Dennis Poole, CEA-AG; and Sheri, Kaci and Tanner Poole.
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"OPERATION BOOTSTRAP"
according to Magness.
The new Chapter 12 Reorganization may be the last train at the station for farmers who couldn't get FmHA loans last year and are facing foreclosure this year, as well as for those who get caught in the squeeze between FmHA and the banks over loans for this year," Magness said.
The meeting will feature John Crunk, Levelland farmer, and Bennie Pope, Spade farmer, who have set up a non-profit corporation for counseling FmHA borrowers on obtaining new loans, both guaranteed and direct, under the name of "Agricultural Loan Agricultural Loan
Counseling, Inc." The corporation operates out of an office at 2229 34th Street, Lubbock, and accepts donations of $\$ 25$ per hour.

Videotapes on the new farm loan authority, Chapter 12, FmHA Regulations, and authorizations are increasing at 25 per cent per year, which means that FmHA can say that the "total available money" for farm lending will "Be about the same" as direct loan funds decrease and guaranteed loans funds increase proportionately.
"The problem is, the guaranteed loan program has been slow to take off," he said, "and we are trying to find out what can be done to increase guaranteed loans by talking with bankers and FmHA county supervisors as we travel.'

The new Chapter 12 Reorganization may be the only choice for some farmers who either cannot get direct loans or guaranteed loans this year, because of cutbacks in direct loan funding and bank reluctance to participate in the to participate in the
guaranteed loan program,

Land Banks and PCAs will be sold, with proceeds going to Agricultural Loan Counseling Inc.

Magness said the non-profit corporation received computer analysis material from the non-profit corporation in Memphis, Mo.--which gave the program for the October 1 "Operation Bootstrap" Seminar in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Law School -- and this information can allow a farmer to have a prepared "Cash Flow Analysis" showing whether or not he can "cash flow" under FmHA Regulations before the farmer goes to his loan meeting.

The meeting will also feature some timely advice for farmers contemplating signing up for the ASCS program this year but who may face possible Chapter 12 Reorganization later in the year.
"The most important thing is, we are stressing to farmers, get competent advice before you sign up for advice before you sign up for
anything this year, if there is any possibility that you might need to reorgainze to stay in business under Chapter 12,' Magness said.
"Once you get your debyt reduced to the fair market value of your collateral, you will need operating money for that first year, and you will want to have obtained it in a way it is not tied up, if you are in a Chapter 12,' he said.

Magness reminded that "Operation Bootstrap" has changed from a 6:30 in the morning format to a 6:30 p.m. evening format. "That 6:30 am.m was too early, and our thinking is, you can't get a farmer off that stripper anyway, if needs to be on it, anyway, if needs to be on it,
so let's go ahead and have it when the most people can attend."

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## The Search For Effective Controll

Fire ants- an aptly descriptive name for these horrid pests that have blandeted 260 million acres of the southland and are still spreading. No place, from patio to pasture, is safe from their invasions. It is not extreme to say that in many places fire ant densities are so great as to make any outdoor activity, whether work or recreation, next to intolerable. For years the south has waited for a scientific breakthrough that would eliminate the fire ant curse. The problem is complex - but new inroads are being made.

WHY ARE FIRE ANTS SO DIFFICULT TO CONTROL?
Fire ants are extremely agressive and are excellent predators. They have no natural enemies in the U.S. They compete for food, to the exclusion of other insects. Yet, in the end, it is their staggering reproductive power that makes the fire ant so difficult to control.
Periodically the queen lays eggs that develop into winged males and females which leave the nest and mate in the air. Mating flights of the new queens continue throughout the year in warm areas with peak mating activity taking place from late May through August.

After mating the males fall to the ground and die. The impregnated females travel on wind currents from a few hundred feet up to twelve miles. Upon alighting the new queen will dig into the ground and form a little cell. She remains in this cell for about a month raising the first sexless worker ants. Soon these workers start tending the queen, and then she, in effect, becomes an egg laying machine. Thus, a new colony arises which may eventually number up to a quarter of a million agressive, venomous workers. And, always at the heart of the colony is the queen. From a single impregnation the queen will produce 1500 to 2000 eggs a day for up to 6 years.

Researchers have recently discovered mounds which have multiple queens- with each queen producing eggs. Major monunds often have satellite mounds, each with its own queen.

As long as the queen lives and the colony is not othervise disrupted the workers remain in orbit around the queen. However, under stress conditions fire ants have a strong tendency to migrate.

Application of highly toxic chemicals to the surface of mounds can inflict heavy losses of worker ants but seldom reach and kill the queen. However, sudden heavy losses of workers may trigger migration of the remaining ants in the colony--queen and all.

Unlike honey bees, worker ants cannot rear replacement queens. Hence, on the surface, it would appear that any compound that killed the queen would eventually lead to the elimination of the entire colony. This may not be the case! Recent research indicates that if the queen dies the orphaned workers are inclined to adopt newly mated queens that land in the vicinity following nuptial flight.
In the last 30 years over 7000 chemicals have been screened as bait toxicants. Of these only about 50 have shown enough promise to be field tested, and fewer still have reached the marketplace. Many of these have been broad spectrum poisons such as Heptachlor land Mirex, which were removed from the market when their continued sue showed a buildup in the soil.

In recent years products designed to disrupt the reproductive cycle of the fire ant have reached the marketplace.
The newest entry in the field is AFFIRM, marketed by Rigo Company of Buckner, Kentucky in collaboration with the giant pharmaceutical firm of Merck \& Co., Inc.

Scientists working at the laboratories of Merck \& Company, Inc. discovered a new family of compounds.

One of these --Avermectin (the "active" ingredient in Affirm)-- is a natural product from the soil micro-organism streptomiacize
avermectalize. Avermectin has proven to be an ideal toxicant for controlling fire ants.

Avermectin mixes well with bait material that is attractive to fire ants, and it gives delayed toxicity so workers can carry it back into the nest where it is spread among the ants and to the queen. Avermectin stops egg production abruptly, but unlike other baits it does not kill the queen immediately. Avermectin is effective over a broad dose range and it is a broad dose range a
environmentally safe.
Stopping egg production
while keeping the queen alive is significant in preventing migration and in eliminating the entire colony. As long as the old queen is alive there's no need for adopting a new one. The workers behave as one. The workers behave as
if the colony is normal. No new workers hatch out... and the delayed toxicity of Avermectin slowly kills the existing workers over a period of several weeks. The period of several weeks
entire colony dies out.
Affirm is suitable for use around homes, farm houses, apartment complexes, parks, roadside right-of-ways, golf courses, and numerous other non-agricultural locations.
Ten ounces treats approximately a dozen mounds--or over a half acre by broadcast application (where no mounds are
apparent.)
Affirm
Affirm consists of pre-jelled, de-fatted corn grits impregnated with soy-bean oil and Avermectin and is packaged in child-resistant container. Affirm keeps well. The active ingredient retains its potency for several years in the unopened container. Particlly used containers may be reclosed and stored up to five months without becoming rancid.
A spokesman for the Rigo Company said that Affirm will be avaikable throughout the fire ant belt in the early spring of 1987 . Further information may be obtained by writing to the Rigo Company, P. O. Box 189, Buckner, Kentucky 40010 or call 1-800-626-3552.


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Texas' temporary five-cent increase in gasoline tax on January 1 puts the state on a par with the rest of the country in highway users fees, according to an economist with the Federal Highway Administration.
"Fifteen cents a gallon is just getting up to the threshold of what is needed in the leading states, as far as taxation of motor fuel," said Tom Cooper, an economist with FHWA in Washington, D.C. "The range is wide among the 50 states, from seven cents to more than 18 cents. At 10 cents a gallon, Texas was one of the lowest in the country.
Published reports listing Texas a high-gasoline-tax state differ from the highway department's official statistics, according to Bob Lanier, chairman of the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission.

There are two major discrepancies," said Lanier. "In reports ranking Texas thirteenth highest, states having the same tax are grouped as one. For example, the five states taxing 16 cents per gallon are ranked in one place. Carrying this logic out, there are only 26 rankings. On this basis, it is true that Texas is thirteenth.

But if ranking allocates one position to each state, Texas ranks number 20 or 50 states and the District of Columbia," Lanier said.
"Three other states are tied

## for that ranking

And the second discrepancy confuses the issue even further, Lanier said.
"Other computations have ignored the sales tax many states charge on gasoline," said Lanier. "In some states, this amounts to more than the direct gasoline tax.
Lanier said that an average of all state gasoline taxes must be considered to get the full picture.
"If you average the latest figures from the Highway Users Federation and add any state sales taxes, the national gasoline tax average is 13.76 cents a gallon, compared to 15 cents in Texas," he said. "But our state maintains some 40,000 miles of farm-to-market roads that in many states are maintained by the counties. Since further tax increases occur throughout the year in other states, we expect our ranking to drop.
Cooper supports Lanier's prediction of further increases.

The number of states taxing more than 15 cents a gallon is growing," he said.
But Lanier says the nickel increase eancted in 1986 has not resulted in an increase in highway funding for Texas.
'At 15 cents a gallon, our gasoline tax preserves the increase made in 1984," said Lanier. "And it removes us from the general revenue category by placing highway funding entirely on a user-fee basis.'

STATE MOTOR FUEL TAXES IN UNITED STATES AS OF $01 / 05 / 87$

The states are ranked in descending order from the highest total motor-fuel tax to the lowest. States with percentage or variable tax rates have been computed 8 a a cent-per-gallon basis for this chart. The total tax paid
reflects any sales taxes, franchise taxes or inspection fees that are paid on reflects any sales taxes, franchise taxes or inspection fees that are paid on
fuel by the consumer.


Source: Highway User Federation, data includes calculations of values for
Source: Highway user Federation,
sales tax and gross receipt taxes.

## ALL TEXANS ELIGIBLE TO BID ON LAND

AUSTIN---Information on 106 tracts of state land included in a February high bid sale of forfeited Veterans tracts is now available to both Texas Veterans and the general public, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced.
All tracts are open to bids from the general public as well as Texas Veterane. Bids may be placed on more than one tract.
Located in 56 Texas counties, the tracts range in size from 10 acre tracts in several counties to an 80 acre tract in Yoakum County.
A public reading of bids submitted to the Texas Veterans Land Board will be held on February 25, 1987 at 10 a.m. in Room 831 of the Stephen F. Austin BIdg. at 1700 N Congress in Austin.
"I want to urge all Texans that have been looking for good land to take advantage of this unusual high-bid sale. Everybody has an equal shot at winning under this arrangement," said Mauro, who serves as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Naturally, there's an enormous interest in a sale of this kind,' Mauro said, "so I urge you to get out as soon as possible, take a look at the tracts that interest you, and get your bids in.'
The sale will be by sealed bid only with a minimum bid set by the Veterans Land Board. All bids must be received by the board before February 25, 1987 at 10 a.m. at wict time the bidding will close. Any and all bids received after that time and date will be rejected. Bidders need not be present at the bid opening.
Texas Veterans submitting winning bids will pay an interest rate of 8.75 percent while winning bids from non-veterans will pay 11.47 percent. Both will carry a. 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan. A $\$ 25$ non-refundable fee on each tract bid has been set by the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Mauro emphasized that fewer than one percent of the more than 93,000 loans made through the Texas Veterans Land Program have
resulted in forfeiture because of delinquent payments.
A fair but aggressive policy toward delinquencies is necessary if we are to continue offering generous terms to our veterans through this excellent program," he said.

Details of the sale and a brochure describing each tract and its location can be obtained by calling toll-free 1-800-252-VETS at the 1-800-252-VETS at the
Texas Veterans Land Board Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The February 25 sale includes tracts in the following Texas counties:

Bexar, Bosque, Brazoria Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Cass, Chambers, Childress, Coleman Comanche, Cooke, Culberson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Edwards, Freestone, Grayson, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hockley, Hunt, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lamb, Leon, Llano, Madison, Matagorda, McCulloch, McLennan, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Potter, Rains, Randall, Robertson, Rusk, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Smith, Taylor, Terry, Upshur, Valverde, Victoria, Walker, Wood, Yoakum.

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## Farm Legislation Could Force Phase-Down In Subsidies

Dallas (Special)-Current farm legislation--by making U.S. cotton and some other commodities more price-competitive--could force a phase-down in agricultural subsidies worldwide, a State Department analyst said this week.

Dennis T. Avery, senior agricultural analyst for the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, told the 1987 Beltwide Cotton Conferences here that the U.S. should press for removal of costly subsidies in upcoming General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations in Trade (G
Geneva.

## Geneva

Dr. Carl Anderson, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station, said the farm program has allowed U.S. growers to show they can compete. By allowing the price of U.S. cotton to drop to world market levels while compensating producers for the loss in price, he said the legislation has forced competing nations to raise competing nations to raise
their own subsidies, and this their own subsidies, and this
has placed a strain on their has placed
treasuries.
Memphis cotton merchant William Dunavant, Jr.,
predicted that U.S production will escalate to 11.3 million bales for the 1987-88 marketing year because some Far West cotton will not be in the farm program and average yields across the Cotton Belt will be up.
Dunavant, who heads one of the largest cotton merchandising firms in the world, estimated the 1986 crop at about 9.6 million bales.

We think domestic consumption next season will reach 6.8 million bales and exports will be slightly on top of 6 million bales for an off take of 12.8 million in off take of 12.8 m
1987-88," he said.
'The U.S. carryover should be down to 3.4 million bales at the end of the 1987-88 marketing year -- a level as low as U.S. carryover can fall without jeopardizing the supply and quality distribution for our domestic land foreign customers.'
Dunavant projected world production to be 73.8 million bales next season compared with this year's of 68.7 million. He estimated world consumption at $\mathbf{7 7 . 7}$ million bales versus this year's $\mathbf{7 7 . 3}$ million bales.
That would leave a world carryover of 33.4 million
bales, without adjusting for China's true carryover
The merchant said China supposedly had a carryover of 18 million bales in August, 1986, but he believes its spinnable cotton will only be in the range of $7.5-8$ million bales.
If that is the case, Dunavant said the spinnable world carryover will really be 26.9 million bales rather than the 37.4 million that world cotton statistics now reflect.
Alan Tracy, special assistant to the President for agricultural trade and food assistance, said U.S. farmers would best benefit from a balanced federal budget. He noted that President Reagan's budget proposal falls within the Gramm-Rudman
deficit-cutting guidelines.
Economist Edward L. McClelland of the Republic

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Bank Corporation told catton producers they are "looking down the gun barrel" at proposed cuts in federal farm program benefits
He did predict long-term interest rates would continue downward, and said this could boost the farm economy.
The banker said the U.S. conomy, driven by consumer spending, should expand modestly, but legislation in Congress
affecting tax reform, trade and agriculture
threaten the forecast.
McClelland stated that a tough trade bill, with sanctions against foreign competitors, would be detrimental to the economy and could invite retaliation in the form of tariffs on U.S. farm exports.

Attendance at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences totaled about 1,300. Next year's conferences will be in New Orleans, Jan. 4-7

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