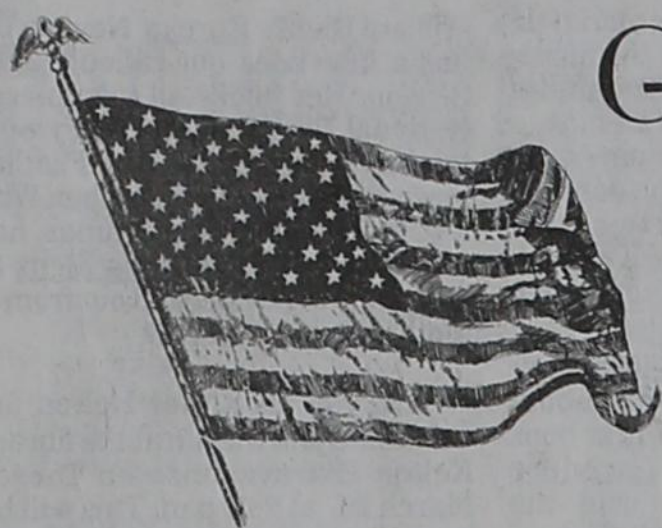




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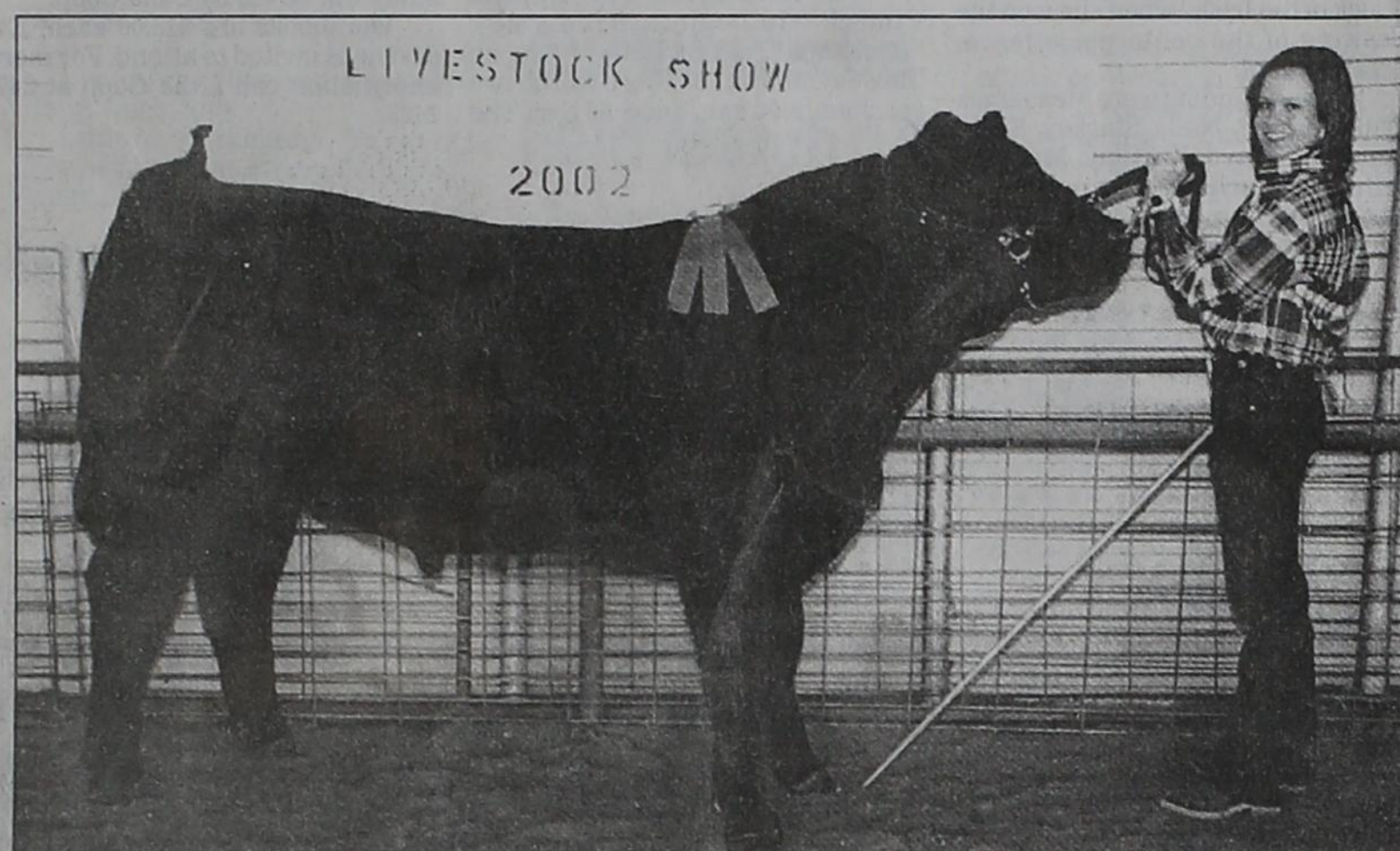


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GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Kayla Copp received the award for showing the Grand Champion Steer at last Saturday's 63rd Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show.

Motley County teachers' contracts approved

Motley County School Board members approved teachers contracts when they met for their regular meeting Monday, March 11. Contracts were approved for Marci Bateman, Kay Bingham, Jim Cooper, Judy Cooper (1/2 day), Ronnie Cox, Shelley Cox, Beverly Darsey, Karen Davis, Kathy Gillespie, Ginger Gilmore, Tommy Gleghorn, Carrol Hays, Donna Hoyle, Jan Jones, Yolanda Kautz, Patricia Moore, Barbara Parks, Lacey Rankin, Chelsea Read, Walter Taylor, Pam Thacker, Cathey Turner (1/2 day), and Carol Ann Turner.

Mr. Copp reported in his Superintendent's report that the following students had received All District honors in basketball: Chasity Holman, Brittany Moore (Fr.), Courtney Hays, Clint Cooper, and Tony Salazar. Honorable mention were Lisa Perryman, Brittany Moore (Jr.), Brittany Donaldson, Brad Baxter, Frank Martinez, and Brandon Moore.

He also reported that Kayla Copp placed 11th with her steer at the San Antonio Stock Show and had a 4th place Chester White barrow at Houston. Clint, Cody, and Clay Cooper along with Jim and Judy attended the Houston Show and exhibited their commercial steers. Cassie Campbell and Clint Cooper were the only two Juniors to apply for the Girls and Boys State and will be attending this year. The enrollment at the present is 184 and the average daily attendance is 96.23%.

Other items for board action included the following:

— Approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

— Approved the expenditure report and reviewed the financial statements.

— Approved election judges for the board election to be held May 4: Precinct 1, 5, 6 - Faye Slover; Precinct 2 - Fannie (Susie) Shannon; Precinct 3 - Betty Simpson; Precinct 4 - D.A. McGuire.

— Approved March 21 at 9:00 a.m. to draw for positions on the ballot in the administration office.

— Since there were only two positions open on the Region 17 board and no none opposed the incumbents there was no need to vote.

— Approved the list of textbooks for adoption.

— Approved the local plan for Educational Aide Exemption Program as per HB 1130.

— Approved the transfer application of Sara Fuston.

The board entered executive session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's appraisal and contract. The board exited at 9:11 p.m.

All board members were present with the exception of Marisue Potts and Coy Franks. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Betty Stevens and Sonya Herrell. Representing the Motley County staff were Ginger Gilmore and Cathey Turner. Also present was D'Anna Russell.

Stock Show winners announced



GRAND CHAMPION GOAT — Shane'a Russell received the award for showing the Grand Champion Goat at last Saturday's annual stock show. This was the first year goats were a part of the stock show.

The 62nd annual Motley County Junior Livestock show was held Saturday, March 9, at the Motley County Livestock Show Barn. The day started off early with breakfast, cooked by local volunteers, and sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save Grocery of Matador.

The pee-wee showmanship show kicked off events, with several local children participating.

The swine show featured 25 hogs, with the Grand Champion award going to Kayla Copp. Brandon Martin's hog, shown by Amanda Hurt, received Reserve Champion. The Showmanship award went to Brad Baxter. There were also 6 steers, 12 lambs, 12 rabbits, 17 goats and pens of heifers exhibited.

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Blood Drive to benefit former resident

A blood drive will be held Friday, March 15, at the Lubbock Blood Bank to benefit former Roaring Springs resident, Ty Adams.

Ty is the four year old son of James and Jennifer Adams, now of Lubbock. Little Ty will undergo surgery on Tuesday, March 26, to reconstruct a hole in his skull. Doctors plan to graft bone to the skull from another part of the skull, the hip or both. Ty's first surgery was performed when he was only five days old, after suffering a brain hemorrhage. He has undergone two surgeries since that time, in which bone was used from the Bone Bank. Ty's little body rejected the bone and neither surgery was successful.

Doctors expect the surgery to last from 6 to 8 hours. It will be performed at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Ty is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams of Dickens and Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer, former Motley County residents, now of Eureka, Kansas, and Debbie Maines of Haskell. He is the great grandson of Mrs. Zella Palmer of Roaring Springs.

Anyone planning to donate blood must specify that the blood is to benefit Ty Adams. Donations will be accepted until Friday, March 22.

March 20 is cut-off date to file for May elections

Wednesday, March 20, will be the last day candidates may file for a place for the May 4th election.

Matador will have two (2-year) Council positions open, those currently held by Fred Parson and Shane Jones. Also up for election will be the Mayor's position, currently held by Rodney Williams.

Fred Parson and Rodney Williams have filed for re-election.

The Mayor's position will also be up for election in Roaring Springs. The position is currently held by Joey Thacker. Also up for election will be two council positions, currently held

by Gary Simpson and Corky Marshall. Mr. Marshall has filed for the Mayor's position.

The Motley County School Board will have three (3-year) terms open, those currently held by James Gillespie and Vaden Hays. At newtime no one had filed for election.

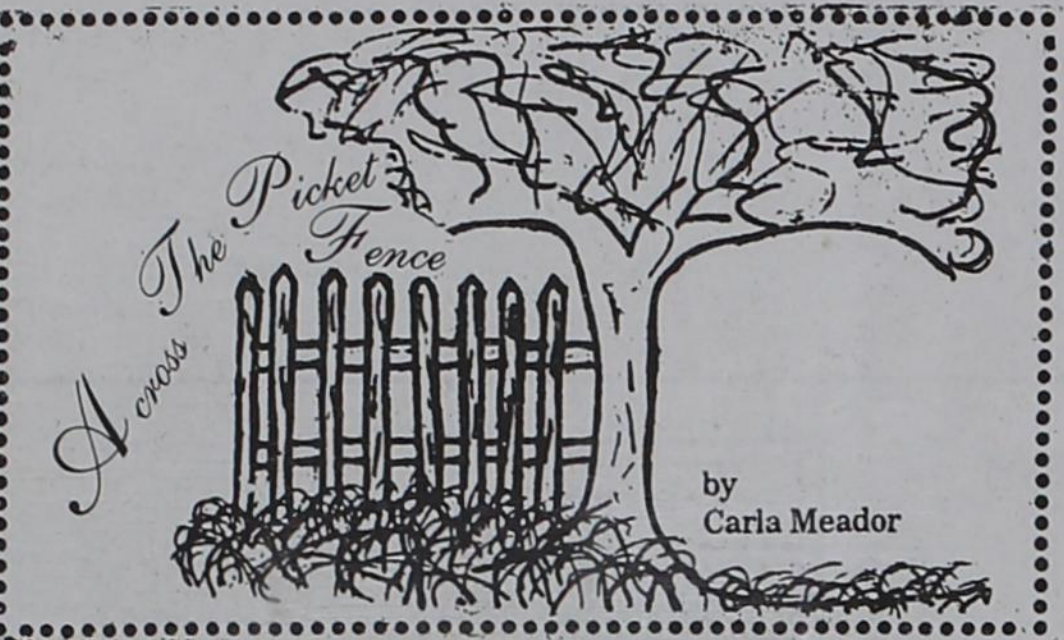
The Motley County Hospital will have three (2-year) terms open, currently held by C.W. Moore, Dianne Washington, and D.A. McGuire. C.W. Moore has filed for re-election.

Early voting will be held April 17 through April 30.

Motley County Election Results

REPUBLICAN								
	Early	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	Total
U.S. Senator								
John Cornyn	35	30	9	3	7	6	5	95
Lawrence Cranberg	3	5	0	0	1	2	1	12
Douglas G. Deffenbaugh	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	8
Bruce Rusty Lang	14	17	0	0	5	4	3	43
Dudley F. Mooney	2	6	0	0	3	3	0	14
Governor								
Rick Perry	86	71	13	8	20	23	13	234
Lieutenant Governor								
David Dewhurst	34	32	8	4	13	12	3	106
Tom Kelly	36	28	2	3	6	8	7	90
Attorney General								
Greg Abbott	61	59	11	4	19	19	9	182
Comptroller of Public Accounts								
Carole Keeton Rylander	73	68	13	6	19	20	8	207
Commissioner of the General Land Office								
Kenn George	29	41	5	2	8	7	5	97
Jerry Patterson	36	20	4	1	10	13	6	90
Commissioner of Agriculture								
Susan Combs	69	69	13	6	20	21	9	207
Railroad Commissioner								
Michael L. Williams	61	61	12	4	19	17	8	182
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2								
John Cayce	15	17	3	0	6	2	4	47
Elizabeth Ray	20	28	4	1	6	11	5	75
Dale Wainwright	23	16	2	1	6	5	2	55
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 - Unexpired Term								
Wallace B. Jefferson	40	42	5	0	9	11	4	111
Sam Lee	18	17	1	2	9	5	5	57
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, Unexpired Term								
Xavier Rodriguez	12	21	4	1	6	3	3	50
Steven Wayne Smith	51	42	5	3	12	14	9	136
Justice, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1								
Carolyn Denero	5	10	1	1	6	2	1	26
Tom Price	31	30	3	2	10	14	6	96
Tim Taft	21	20	3	0	2	1	2	49
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2								
Steve Mansfield	20	16	0	2	5	4	6	53
David Richards	12	11	2	1	4	4	1	35
Paul Womack	21	32	4	0	9	7	2	75
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3								
Cathy Cochran	15	21	5	1	7	8	3	60
Blair Davis	3	10	0	1	0	2	1	17
Connie J. Kelley	4	5	0	0	0	0	2	11
Guy Williams	33	22	2	0	10	5	4	76
Member, State Board of Education, District 15								
Bob Craig	38	43	5	1	10	8	7	112
Joyce Herron	24	17	2	2	8	9	4	66
Prop. 1, Protection for Public Religious Speech								
Yes	40			4	13			57
No	25			0	6			31

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Here is some inspirational wisdom on how to live a happy and fulfilled life from the little book, God's Little Instruction Book.

"Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling when you feel like stripping your gears."

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Proverbs 16:32

"He who is waiting for something to turn up might start with his own shirt sleeves."

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." Proverbs 14:23

"No' is one of the few words that can never be misunderstood."

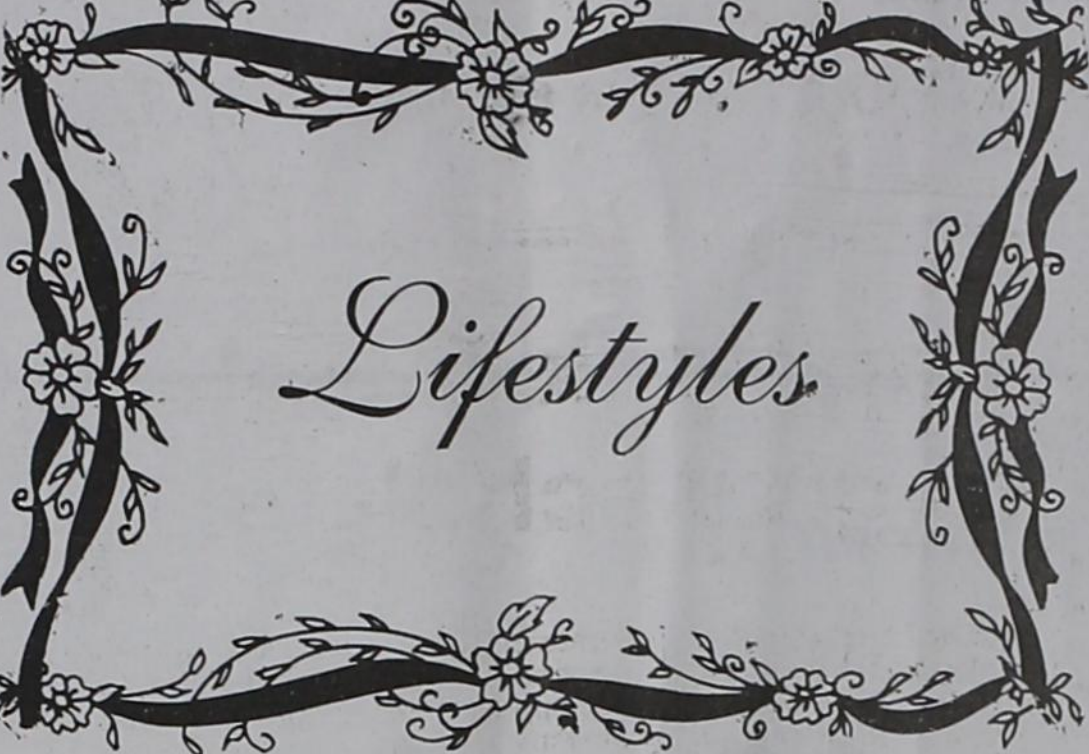
"But let your statement be 'yes, yes' or 'no, no'....." Matthew 5:37

"Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8

"Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings."

"I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings." Psalm 77:11, 12



Do Gooders Club observes St. Patrick's Day at recent meeting

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot met Tuesday afternoon, March 5th at the Community Center and were greeted with the "Green of Ireland" in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

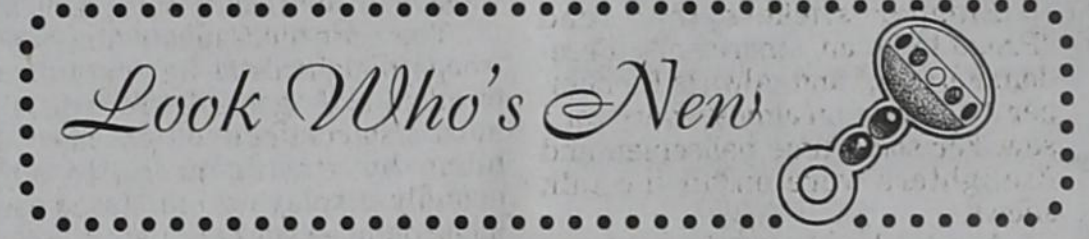
Hostesses were Mesdames Alma Shorter and Kathy Shorter. A shamrock designed service complemented the table laid with a green runner over a white cloth. The centerpiece was a basket of blossoms and a butterfly. A leprechaun was in front of the basket flanked by a green candle. Refreshments of fresh vegetables, crackers, assorted dips, cookies with green and white icing were served with Shamrock punch and coffee.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay presided at

the business meeting. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved. They made plans to meet at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 18th at the Community Center for an all day project to cut out blocks for the Ragtime quilt. They discussed the club's arrangements for the Tri Annual Flomot Homecoming.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert had the "Luck of the Irish" when she won the drawing of the centerpiece flower arrangement.

Those attending were Mesdames Trula Martin, Nada Starkey, Suzie Shannon, Waydetta Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Barbara Payne, Alma Shorter, Anna Beth Clay, Kathy Shorter and Geneva Martin.



Joshua Bryan Cammack

Charles and Kay Lynn Cammack of San Antonio would like to announce the arrival of their son, Joshua Bryan.

Joshua was born March 1, 2002.

He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Zona Ruth Cammack of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Platt of San Antonio.

COOKING CORNER

Cinnamon Cocoa Breakfast Rolls
Makes 12 rolls

3 1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 envelope Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast

1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup milk
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup cooked, mashed potato
2 large eggs
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
Powdered sugar

Cinnamon Cocoa Filling:
1/4 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Chocolate Glaze (optional):
1 square (1 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine

In a large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups flour, sugar, undissolved

yeast and salt. Heat water, milk, butter and mashed potato until very warm (120° to 130°F). Gradually add to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add eggs and 1 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine Cinnamon Cocoa Filling ingredients. Stir to blend.

Roll dough to 18 x 12-inch rectangle; brush with 1 Tbsp. melted butter. Sprinkle with Cinnamon Cocoa Filling. Beginning at long end, roll up tightly as for jelly roll. Pinch seam to seal; cut into 12 equal pieces. Place, cut sides up, into 12 (2 1/2-inch) muffin cups. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Bake at 375°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until done. Remove from cups; cool on wire racks. Lightly sift powdered sugar over tops or, if desired, melt Chocolate Glaze ingredients, stir until smooth and drizzle over the top.

ORANGE BUTTER

1 pound butter
1 orange, finely zested*
4 ounces frozen orange juice concentrate

Soften butter in mixing bowl. Blend in orange zest. Blend in orange juice concentrate.

* Other fruits may be substituted for oranges, such as mangos, raspberries, grapes and tangerines.

BASIL BUTTER

1 pound butter
1 bunch basil*
salt and ground pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
3 tablespoons of lemon juice
2 tablespoons calamata olives, finely chopped

Soften butter in mixing bowl. Mix in chopped basil. Blend in lemon juice, Parmesan cheese, olives and add salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature.

*Other herbs such as thyme, cilantro and rosemary may be substituted for basil.



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Matador Variety



We appreciate the memorial donations that were sent to the library this week. We thank Marihelen Wason for her donation in memory of Mollie Burleson and Ronnie Christian. We also appreciate the donation by the K.D. Abbotts in memory of Mollie Burleson. We thank Opal and Charley Johnson for their donation in memory of Ronnie Christian.

Two new books in the library are by Edmund Morris and are about Theodore Roosevelt. The first book is called The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt and Morris won the Pulitzer Prize for this book. The sequel to it is Theodore Rex, which has been on the best-seller list for quite some time.

Other new books include Danielle Steel's latest, Cottage and

William Diehl's Eureka. Nevada Barr has a new book out called Hunting Season. Her books all take place in National Parks and are very entertaining. We also have Jane Feather's newest, To Kiss a Spy. Stephen White, a writer of courtroom dramas, has a new book called Warning Signs and it is ready to be checked out from the Motley County Library.

Are you an Elmer Kelton fan? Come and join the fun at the library's Kelton Extravaganza on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a book discussion and we hope many of you will want to talk about your favorite Kelton book. We thank Jerry Green for our Kelton display case. Be sure to put this date on your calendar.

Matador First Baptist Church to begin Bible Study

The Matador First Baptist Church will begin a Bible study, "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore, on Tuesday, March 19. There will be two sessions, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The study will be led by Lana Copp. Workbooks are \$13.00 each. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call Lana Copp at 347-2425.

Leigha Burns named to Dean's List

Leigha Burns was named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University for the Fall Semester. This recognition is awarded to those students who have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the semester.

Leigha is a 2001 graduate of Motley County High School. She is the daughter of Steve and Reneigh Burns.

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In reading the New Testament accounts of our Lord's agony in the garden of Gethsemane, we see Jesus' determination. The Bible tells us that Jesus' face was set toward Jerusalem. The purpose of His coming was before Him. He understood redemption and its price. The Son knew His Father's love for mankind for it matched His own.

In all of the scriptures there is never a hint of a lack of harmony in the will of the Godhead for the salvation of fallen mankind. It would only take one cry from the suffering Son and the response of heaven would have been terrible indeed. But no cry came, only "not my will but thine be done." Then following that dreadful night, the Cross became history. Thank God.

For the apostle Paul tells us, "the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but unto us who are being saved it is the power of God." Calvin Miller, in his book, "Once upon a Tree," explains the cross as "...the tangible, historical evidence that God loves us. It does not say why God loves us, but it does answer 'How much?' It was the strongest way he could say, 'I love you.'"

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SCHOOL MENU



MONDAY, MARCH 18

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecue Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli and Cheese, Biscuit, Orange Slices, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Baked Ham, Fried Okra, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Peach Crisp, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Turkey Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Crackers, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Roll, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

What's Up?

Wednesday, March 21: Jr. High Track at Knox City FFA at Tarleton Paducah Little Dribblers
Friday, March 22: WT Judging Jayton Track Meet Paducah Little Dribblers
Saturday, March 23: Clarendon Judging High School UIL at Jayton Boys' State Powerlifting at Killeen Paducah Little Dribblers
Monday, March 25: West Zone Jr. High Track at Jayton.
Tuesday, March 26: District One Act Play at Guthrie
Thursday, March 28: High School Silverton Track Meet
Friday, March 29: Easter Holiday Good Friday

Jr. Class Cake Auction to be held March 18

The Junior Class will hold their cake auction on Monday, March 18. The cake auction will be in conjunction with the public performance of the One Act Play and the Lions Club Queen Contest.

Everyone is invited to attend the festivities.

Cap Rock Telephone to give scholarship

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative is pleased to announce applications are available for the 2002 Scholarship Program. In order to qualify, the Parents or Guardian of a 2002 high school graduating senior must be a member of Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative and live within Cap Rock's service area. Applications must be in Cap Rock's business office by April 12, 2002. The winners of these scholarships will be notified at their respective school graduation.

Since the inception of the scholarship award program, Cap Rock has

provided \$32,000.00 for area youth to continue their education. Last year's recipients represented the following area schools: Valley High School, Motley County High School, Spur High School, Aspermont High School, Jayton High School, Post High School and Patton Springs High School.

If you know an interested, qualifying student and would like a scholarship application contact your school counselor or call Cap Rock Telephone at 800-692-4242 or 806-271-3336.

What happened to American fever?

by Amanda Hurt

It has been six months since the attack on America. Hard to believe isn't it? It seems like yesterday that I was watching the events unfold on TV. Everywhere there were American flags in cars, on houses, and in store windows. Red, white and blue ribbons flew proudly from car antennas.

Bumper stickers that read "Proud to be an American," "Freedom Forever," and "Always Remember 9-11" were on almost every car I saw. For some time policemen and firefighters were on all the talk shows.

At school we forgot the rule concerning public prayer, and prayed for the victims of our country. At football games we all stood together and prayed. For a couple of months our nation stood as one.

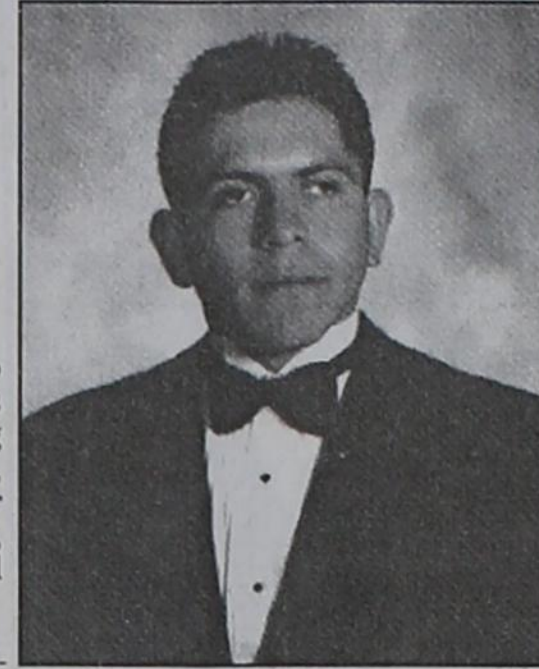
Don't get me wrong. We still care about what happened and still love our country, but in a way our patriotism has fizzled out as time passed.

I seldom see flags in windows of stores and on cars. God Bless the USA doesn't play on the radio anymore. Yes, I still see some people wearing patriotic shirts, and displaying their pride proudly, and I feel that we need to learn from these people.

There are thousands of American troops in Afghanistan fighting for our freedom and against terrorism. We must also continue to fight here at home by staying patriotic and proudly displaying our American flags, bumper stickers, patriotic tee shirts and anything else for many years to come.

Everyone must realize that without pride and freedom, we have nothing.

CLASS OF 2002 Senior Spotlight



ARTURO FLORES PACHECO

Age: 18
Date of Birth: March 3, 1983
Parents: Antonio and Alejandra Flores
Siblings: Jose, Sergio, Melissa, Griselda, Juan and Abel
Who do you most admire and why? My parents, because they support me in everything I do.
Favorite high school memory: Playing pool in Justin's barn.
Extracurricular activities: football and basketball
Special honors: Science award
Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Work hard and have fun.
Plans after graduation: Go to the White House and work for President Bush.
Favorites:
Food: Mexican
Hangout: Matador
Movie: Blood out blood in
Musical Group: Paulina Rubio
Color: Grey
Past time: Being with friends and family
Soft drink: Dr. Pepper
Book: Cruel Justice
Song: Las Chicas Fresas
Teacher: Mrs. Cox
Sport: Football
Quote: Simon



MYLINDA CHARICE GILMORE

Age: 17
Date of Birth: September 11, 1984
Parents: Felton and Ginger Gilmore
Siblings: Mylissa
Who do you admire most and why? My dad because he has always been there for me no matter what I have been through.
Favorite high school memory: When a bunch of my classmates and I went Spanish dancing in Plainview.
Extracurricular activities: Pep club, 4-H, One Act Play, and UIL
Special honors: Web Mastery Award and Mother and Daughter of the Year.
Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Just live everyday to its fullest, because it will go by fast.
Plans after graduation: To attend college at Weatherford Junior College.
Favorites:
Food: Chinese
Hangout: Justin's Barn
Movie: American Pie 2
Musical Group: Linkin Park
Color: Turquoise green
Past time: Sleeping and riding around
Soft drink: Coke
Book: The Crucible
Song: In the End
Teacher: Coach Ridgley
Sport: golf
Quote: Don't let the past hold you back, your missing the good stuff.

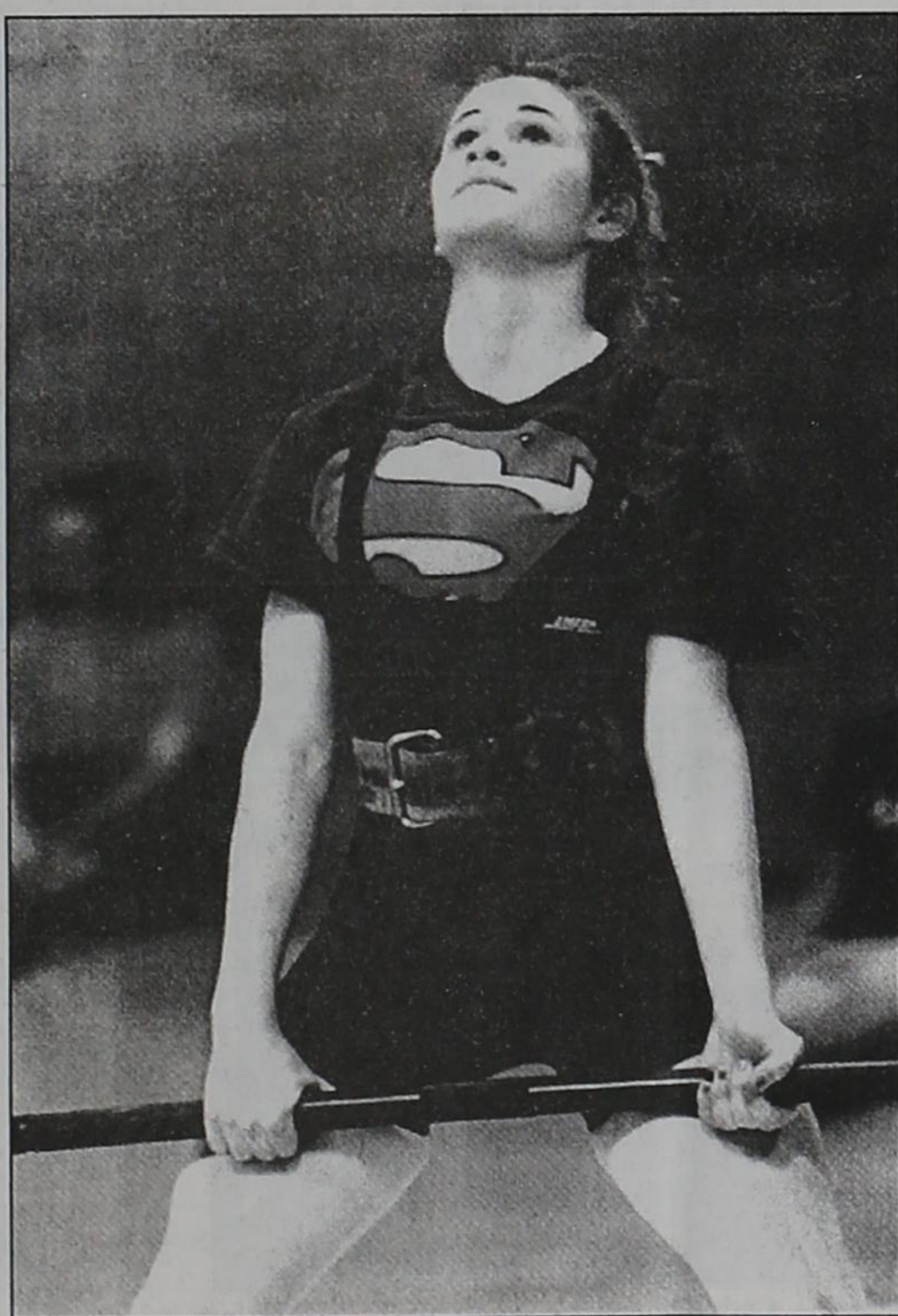
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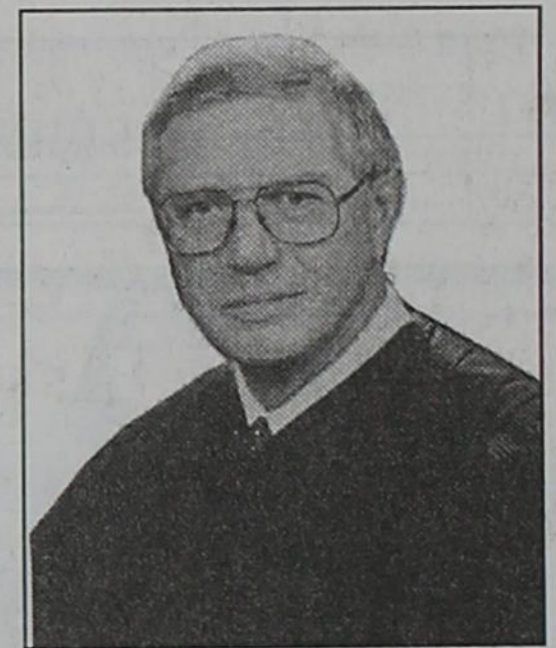
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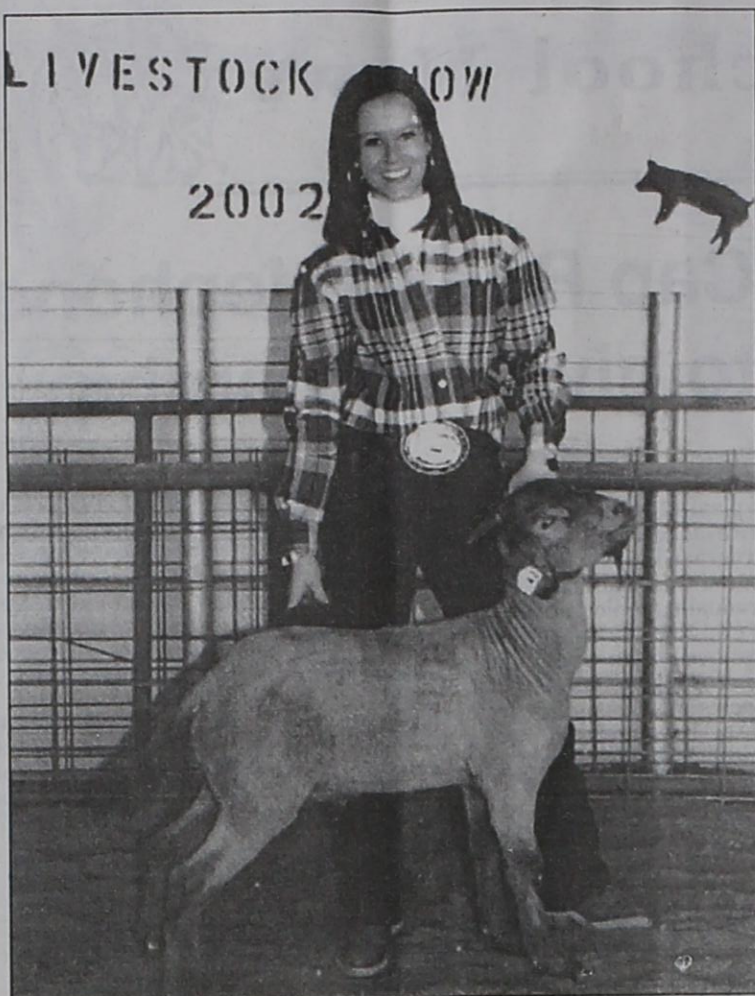
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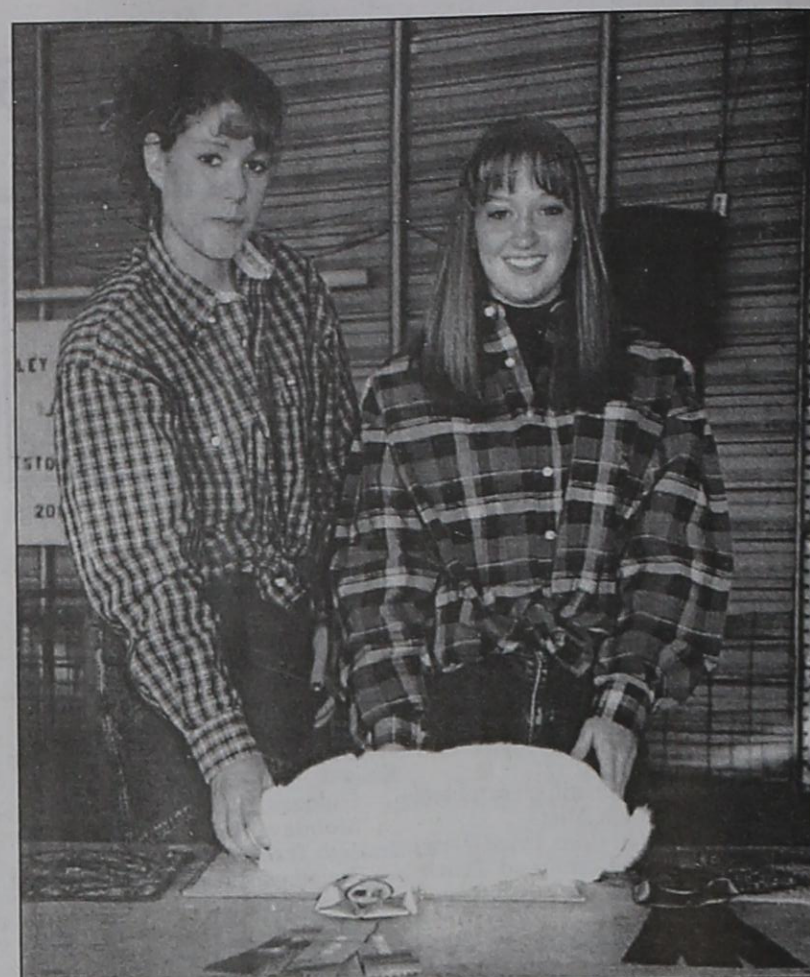
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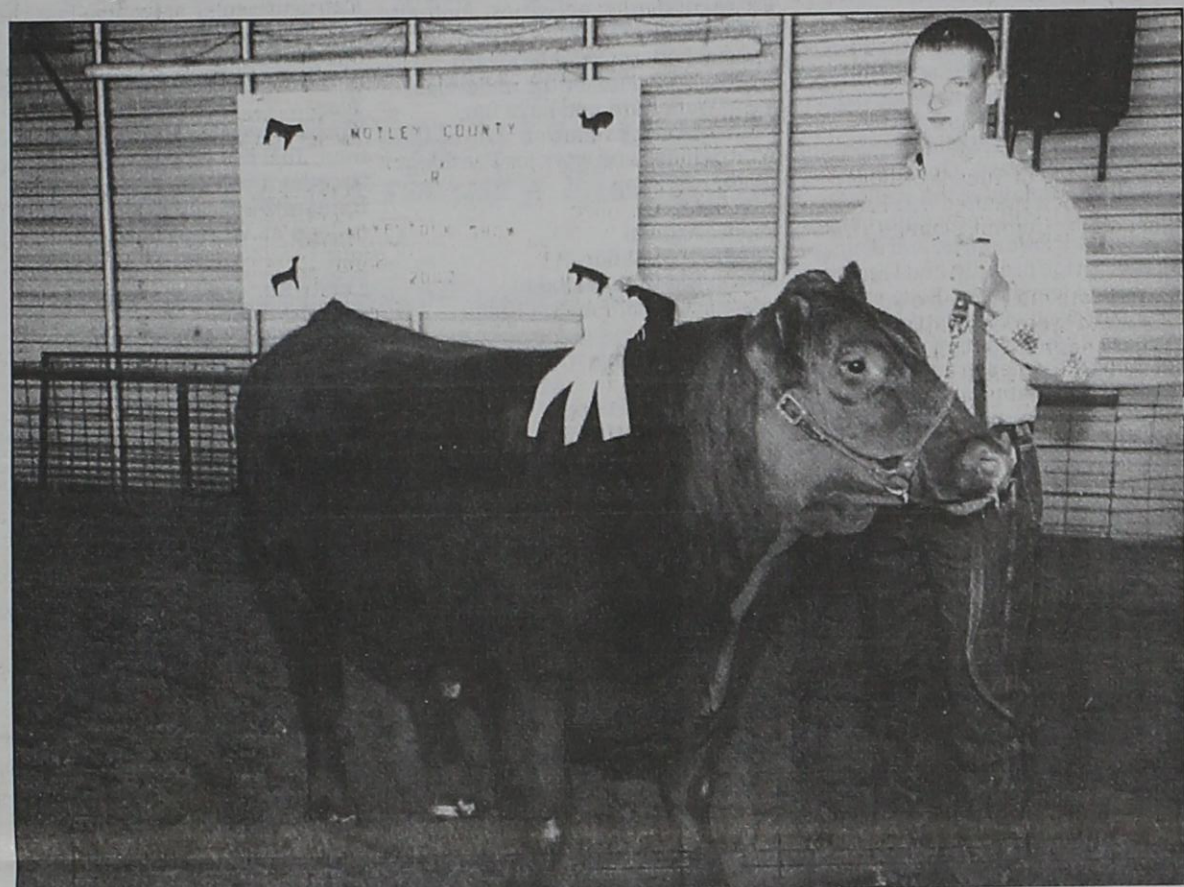
RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT — Kortney Williams received the award for showing the Reserve Champion Goat.



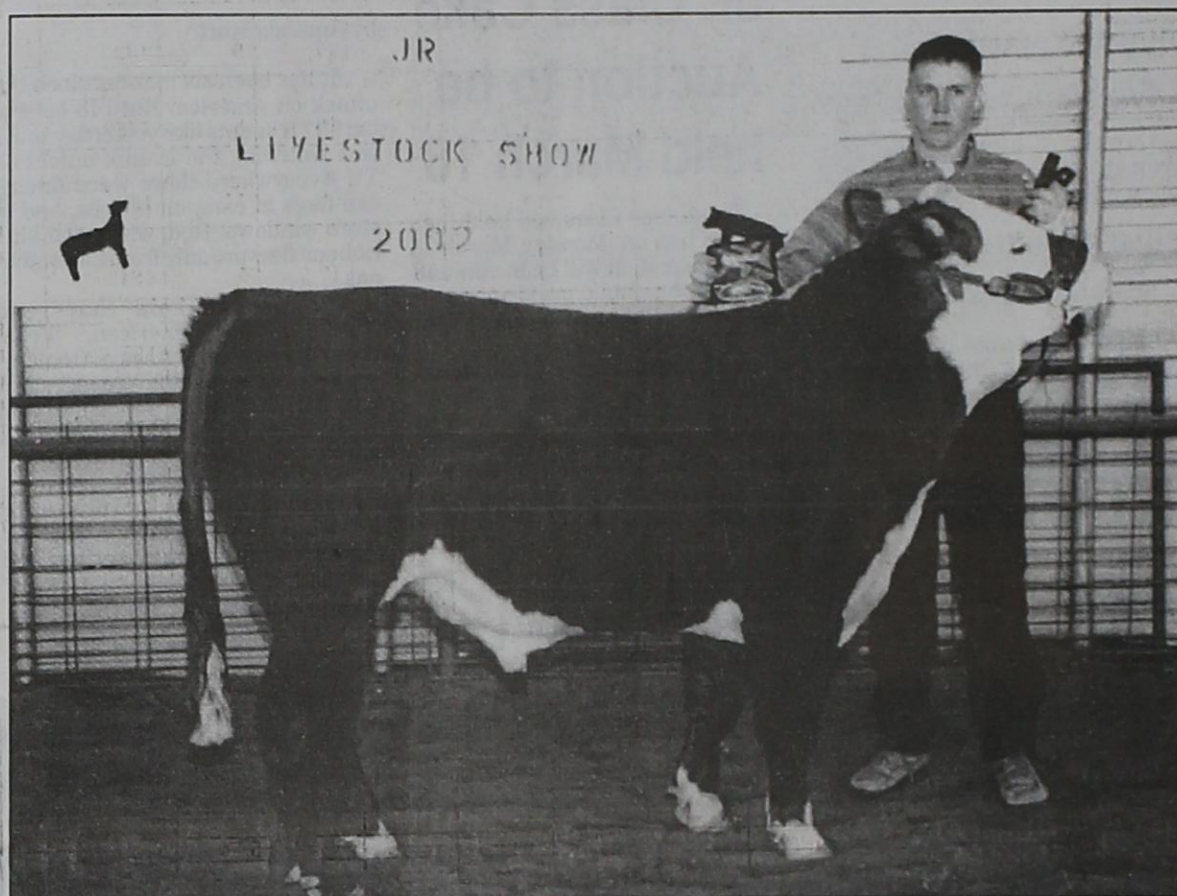
SHOWMANSHIP GOAT — Kayla Copp received a belt buckle as the Showmanship award in the Goat show.



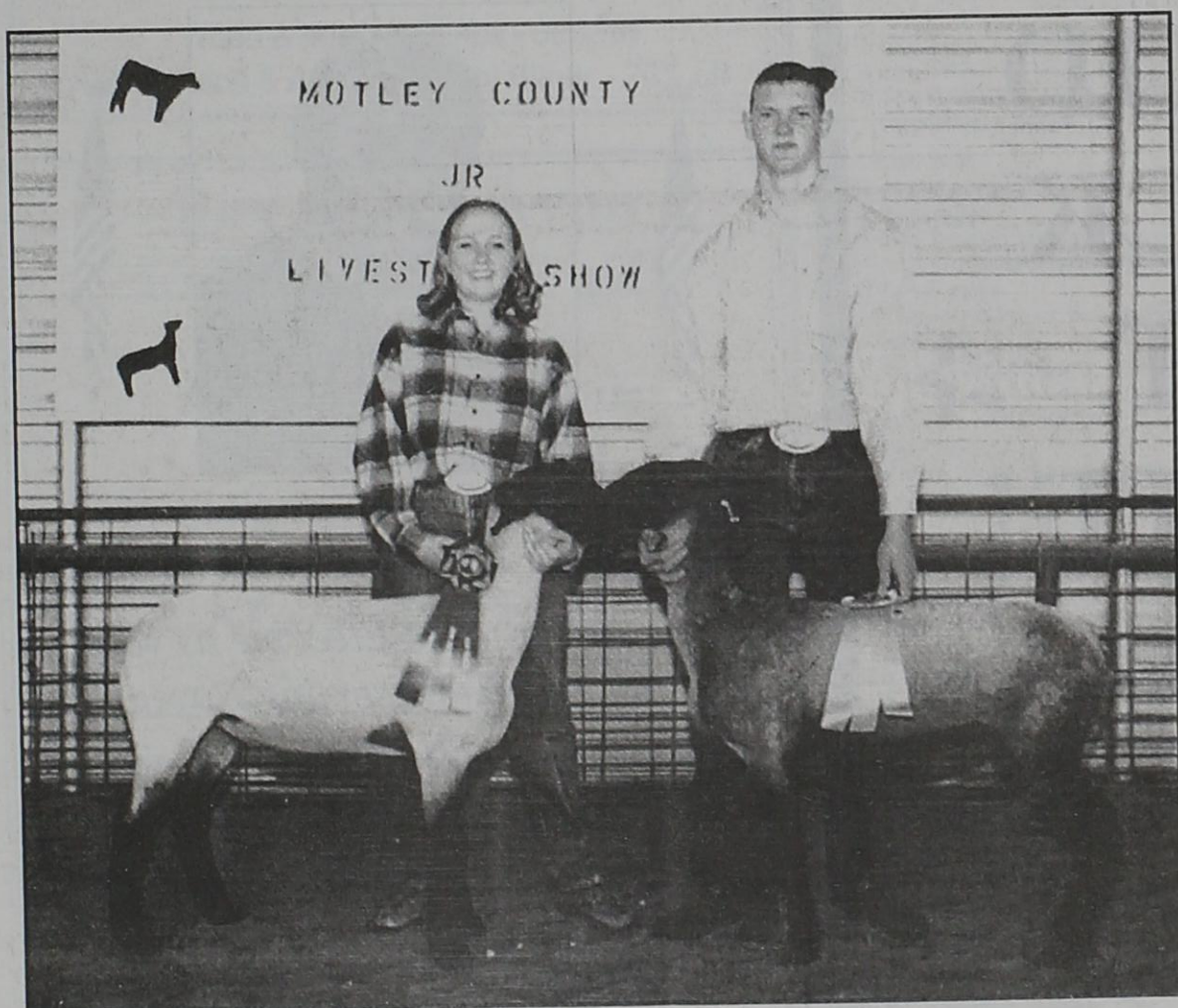
GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT — Mandi Ream, right, received the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion prize in the Rabbit Show. Chasity Holman, left, showed Mandi's Reserve Champion rabbit.



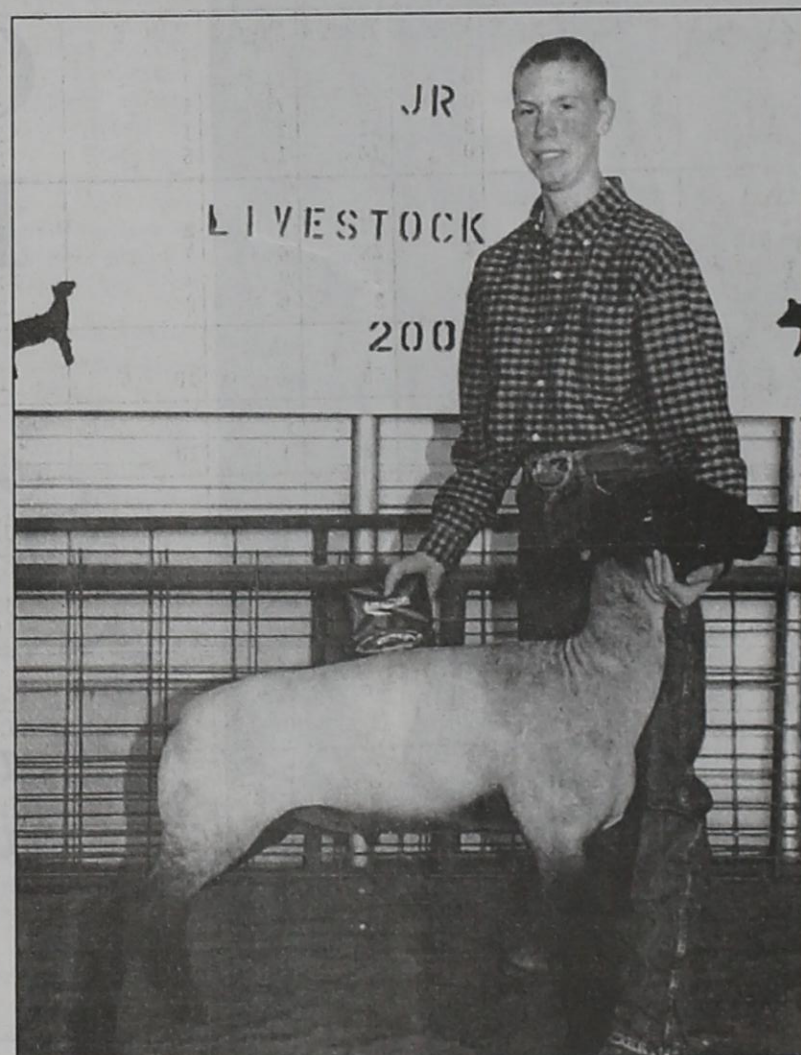
RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Clint Cooper received the award for showing the Reserve Champion Steer at last Saturday's show.



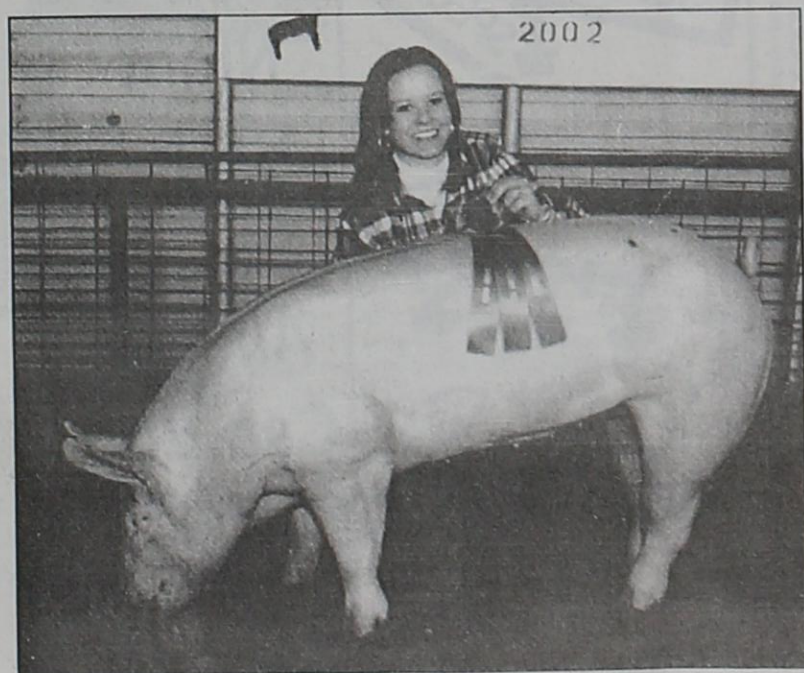
DUSTY BURLESON MEMORIAL HEREFORD AWARD — Colton Russell received this special award at the 63rd Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Cassie Campbell's lambs were named Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Showing the Reserve Champion for Cassie was Clint Cooper.



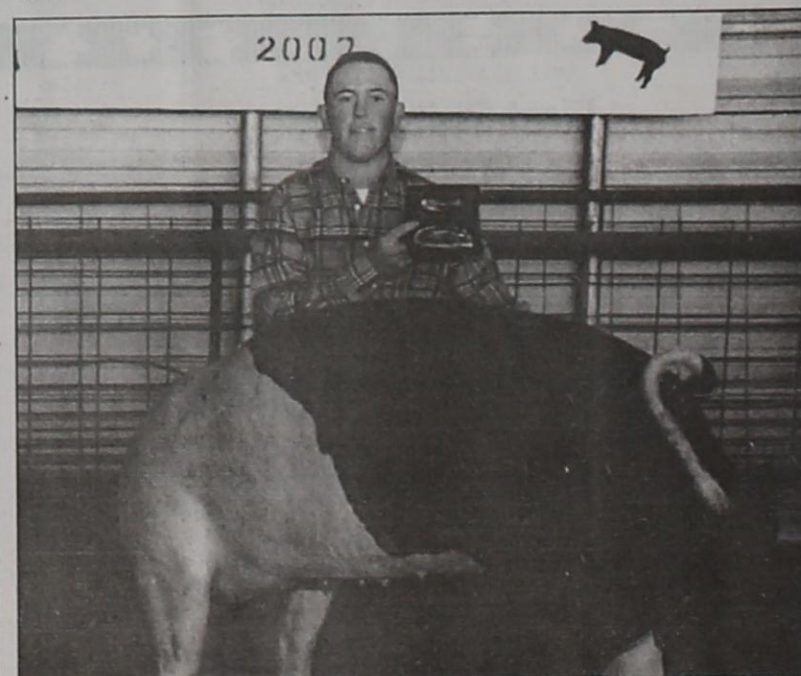
SHOWMANSHIP LAMB — Cody Cooper received the Showmanship Award in the Lamb Show.



GRAND CHAMPION HOG — Kayla Copp received the Grand Champion award in the Hog Show.



RESERVE CHAMPION HOG — Amanda Hurt showed the Reserve Champion Hog. The hog is owned by Brandon Martin.



SHOWMANSHIP HOG — Brad Baxter received the Showmanship buckle in the Hog Show.



PEE WEE SHOW — This group of kids participated in the Pee Wee Swine Showmanship at last Saturday's Motley County Stock Show.

Primary Election Results

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U.S. Representative, District 13	Early	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	Total
Mac Thornberry	74	66	10	6	16	23	9	204
Chief Justice Supreme Court								
Tom Phillips	61	60	12	5	19	17	9	183
Justice Supreme Court, Place 1								
Mike Schneider	59	62	11	3	19	16	8	178
State Senator, District 28								
Robert Duncan	67	64	11	4	20	16	11	193
State Representative, District 68								
Rick Hardcastle	62	62	10	6	18	17	9	184
Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals								
Phil Johnson	53	57	9	3	19	16	8	165
110th District Judge								
Tempie T. Francis	49	56	7	4	20	15	12	163
Motley County Judge								
Gale Stafford	44	35	4	6	6	13	7	115
Ed. D. Smith	59	43	10	2	16	17	14	161
County Treasurer								
Eva Barkley	31	70	12	5	20	20	15	173
Commissioner, Precinct 2								
Bobby Fletcher	12		2			16		30
Precinct Chairman								
D.A. McGuire					4			4
Jerry Green					1			1
Tommie Cruse			2					2
L. Green		8						8
B. Luckett							5	5
Mark Seigler				2				2

DEMOCRATIC								
U.S. Senator	Early	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	Total
Ken Bentsen	6	7	6	1	28	1	5	54
Ed Cunningham	7	1	1	0	3	1	1	14
Gene Kelly	13	1	7	0	15	1	1	38
Ron Kirk	6	2	2	3	11	2	1	27
Victor Morales	9	3	3	0	14	1	5	35
Governor								
Bill Lyon	6	2	4	1	17	3	2	35
Dan Morales	18	11	10	3	28	4	7	81
Tony Sanchez	24	12	5	0	27	0	4	72
John Worldpeace	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Lieutenant Governor								
John Sharp	42	12	17	3	59	4	10	147
Attorney General								
Kirk Watson	35	9	15	4	54	4	10	131
Comptroller of Public Accounts								
Marty Akins	34	9	15	3	54	4	10	129
Commissioner of the General Land Office								
David Bernsen	31	9	14	3	58	4	9	128
Ray Madrigal	3	2	3	0	7	1	3	19
Commissioner of Agriculture								
Ernesto DeLeon	5	2	2	0	7	1	4	21
Tom Ramsay	31	11	16	3	54	4	8	127
Railroad Commissioner								
Sherry Boyles	15	5	11	3	35	2	5	76
Paul C. Looney	20	9	6	0	37	2	5	79
U.S. Representative, District 13								
Zane Reese	17	9	11	3	30	3	4	77
Chief Justice Supreme Court								
Richard Baker	35	9	13	3	52	3	10	125
Justice Supreme Court, Place 1								
Linda Yanez	30	9	12	3	49	3	11	117
Justice Supreme Court, Place 2								
Jim Parsons	33	9	14	4	50	3	10	123
Justice Supreme Court, Place 3								
William E. Moody	32	8	13	3	52	3	9	120
Justice Supreme Court, Place 4								
Margaret Mirabel	31	8	11	3	50	3	10	116
Judge Court of Appeals, Place 1								
John W. Bull	33	8	13	3	49	3	9	118
Judge Court of Appeals, Place 2								
Pat Montgomery	26	7	13	3	48	2	7	106
Julius Whittier	5	11	2	1	15	1	2	37
Judge Court of Appeals, Place 3								
J.R. Molina	32	9	12	3	48	2	9	115
Member State Board of Education, District 15								
David Schaeffer	35	9	12	3	51	3	10	123
State Representative, District 68								
David Counts	34	9	14	3	56	3	10	129
Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals								
Floyd Holder	37	9	14	3	52	3	9	127
District Judge, 110th Judicial District								
Randy Hollums	45	10	13	3	59	6	12	148

Stock Show results

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Other placings in the Swine division are as follows:

LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1st - Brandon Moore
- 2nd - Clay Cooper
- 3rd - Cody Cooper
- 4th - Cody Cooper
- 5th - Chance Bingham

MEDIUM WEIGHT

- 1st - Kayla Copp
- 2nd - Cody Cooper
- 3rd - Clay Cooper
- 4th - Brad Baxter
- 5th - John Stevens

MEDIUM-HEAVY WEIGHT

- 1st - Justin Jameson
- 2nd - Justin Jameson
- 3rd - Amanda Hurt
- 4th - Chance Bingham
- 5th - Clint Cooper
- 6th - Brad Baxter

HEAVY-WEIGHT

- 1st - Kayla Copp
- 2nd - Shane'a Russell
- 3rd - Clint Cooper
- 4th - Sam Fletcher
- 5th - Casey Fletcher

LAMB SHOW

- Grand Champion - Cassie Campbell
- Reserve Champion - Cassie Campbell
- Showmanship - Cody Cooper

LIGHT WEIGHT

- 1st - Cody Cooper
- 2nd - Kevin Elder
- 3rd - Kenny Johannes
- 4th - Mylissa Gilmore
- 5th - Kayla Copp
- 6th - Savannah Rose

HEAVY-WEIGHT

- 1st - Cassie Campbell
- 2nd - Cassie Campbell
- 3rd - Emily Hurt
- 4th - Kayla Copp
- 5th - Christy Smith

GOAT SHOW

- Grand Champion - Shane'a Russell
- Reserve Champion - Kortney Williams

Showmanship - Kayla Copp

LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1st - Kayla Copp
- 2nd - Chasity Holman
- 3rd - Christy Smith
- 4th - Brad Baxter
- 5th - Shane'a Russell
- 6th - Alyx Smith

MEDIUM WEIGHT

- 1st - Shane'a Russell
- 2nd - Stachia Baxter
- 3rd - Charli Ream
- 4th - Colton Russell
- 5th - Kortney Williams

HEAVY-WEIGHT

- 1st - Kortney Williams
- 2nd - Colton Russell
- 3rd - Shane'a Russell
- 4th - Mandi Ream
- 5th - Kyla Simpson

RABBIT SHOW

- Grand Champion - Mandi Ream
- Reserve Champion - Mandi Ream

BUCKS

- 1st - Dumont Darsey
- 2nd - Charli Ream
- 3rd - Savannah Rose
- 4th - Savannah Rose
- 5th - Dumont Darsey

DOES

- 1st - Mandi Ream
- 2nd - Mandi Ream
- 3rd - Mandi Ream
- 4th - Dumont Darsey
- 5th - Charli Ream
- 6th - Savannah Rose

STEER SHOW

- Grand Champion - Kayla Copp
- Reserve Champion - Clint Cooper

Rate-of-Gain - Kayla Copp

- Showmanship - Clint Cooper
- Best Steer Bred in Motley County - Sonny Russell

Dusty Burleson Memorial Hereford Show (sponsored by Molly Burleson estate) - Colton Russell

Class placing:

- 1st - Kayla Copp
- 2nd - Clint Cooper
- 3rd - Clay Cooper
- 4th - Colton Russell
- 5th - Kayla Copp
- 6th - Colton Russell

Commissioners Run-off Election to be held April 9th

The outcome of Tuesday night's Primary Election resulted in a Run-Off Election for Commissioner, Precinct 4.

A candidate must receive 51% of the total votes to be declared the winner. Incumbent J.N. Fletcher received 58 votes. Russell Alexander received 55 votes. Timmy Brooks received 17 votes.

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Alexander will face off for the Precinct 4 Commissioner position April 9.

Motley County and District Clerk								
Kate Hurt	61	15	19	3	78	7	14	197
Motley County Justice of the Peace								
Cora M. Smallwood	51	15	18	3	80	7	12	186
Democratic Chairman								
C.W. Moore	46	10	15	2	66	4	12	155
Commissioner, Precinct 2								
Donnie Turner	9		20			6		35
Commissioner, Precinct 4								
Timmy Brooks	2				15			17
J.N. Fletcher	15				43			58
Russell Alexander	18				37			55

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Larry Watson and his mother, Cleo Watson, had lunch in Plainview Tuesday with her sisters, Billie George Roller and Pete Ozborn.

Having lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long Wednesday was Palma Smiley of Lubbock, and daughter Debby Ausmus of Ralls, and a friend Elwanda Godfrey Suchie, who had lived here at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell and her mother, Mrs. Seigler of Paducah, were guests of his mother, Vera Mitchell at the Senior Citizens Thursday and visited with her in the afternoon. Billy Ray Webb of Lubbock also visited in the afternoon.

Harry Patten was moved from Crosbyton Hospital to the Floydada Care Center Wednesday. His wife, Pearl has been visiting him there.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton kept doctor appointments in Lubbock and Levelland last week and visited family.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Burton of Memphis and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burton of Levelland.

Enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Monday morning were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Bill and Lea

Peacock, Joyce Smith, Dean McInroe, Ruby Hipp, Corky Marshall, Gale Stafford, David Stafford, Albert and Norma Hall, Lula Swim, Rev. Paul Stearns, and Linda Hotchoo of Dickens.

Bill and Lea Peacock visited in Crosbyton Hospital Sunday with Mrs. Lucille Fox and Mrs. Janie Carouthers.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mary Lumsden was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met in her home on Wednesday night, March 6. Pearl Patten gave the opening prayer and blessed the food. Callie Giesecke read the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved. It was announced that the Bi-District Guild meeting would meet at Ceta Canyon on April 5 and 6.

Jo Crowder gave the devotional, "What Is In A Name." Chelsea Read presented the Bible lesson on the Courageous Women of Jesus' time, focusing on Paul's missionary journey. She used scripture from Genesis and Exodus.

Those attending, other than those already mentioned, were JoEtta Bumgardner, Pearl Patten, Lea Peacock, Kay James, Donald Letkeman and Lula Swim.

Chelsea Read closed the meeting with prayer.

Roaring Springs Sr. Citizens News

by Lula Swim

The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens met for their regular pot-luck luncheon, Thursday, March 7. Kim Woolsey was there to take blood pressures. Singing was enjoyed and the birthday song was sung to those celebrating birthdays in February and March. Walter Trammell blessed the food.

Larry Watson, Margie Payne, Jo Trammel and Kim Woolsey washed the

dishes and cleaned up the kitchen.

Those enjoying the delicious lunch, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton, Lula Swim, Mary Lumsden, Odessa Mullins, Dorothy Lee, Vera Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Dumont Bridge of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Wayburn (Pug) Mitchell and Mrs. Alameda Seigler of Paducah, Zella Palmer, and Bill Bowley.

A Note of Thanks

My sincere thanks to all citizens who braved the cold weather on March 2, and showed up at the Rally to enjoy Pat's stew and participate in my politics.

Ed D. Smith

It is with grateful hearts that we wish to thank the many caring residents of Matador who extended their love and kindness to us during our recent time of loss. Our deepest appreciation goes to Seigler Funeral Home, Matador Floral Designs by Vickie, Billie Dean's Restaurant, Mrs. R.E. Campbell, Jr., Brother Boggs, the First Baptist Church kitchen committee, and the entire First Baptist Church family. At times like these, the generosity of a caring community means more than words can ever express.

The family of Ronnie Christian

THANK YOU to my wonderful Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church family and Motley County's EMTs, Pat Smith, Mindy Jameson and Seven Alexander, who took such good care of me Sunday, March 3, after I passed out at Church. Also thank you to Kathy Blanco for taking care of Leanne and Jamie. I would not have wanted to be anywhere else to get sick.

I also THANK all of you who have called or asked about me. Especially THANK YOU for all your prayers - because by the time I got through in the UMC Emergency they found nothing wrong. PTL!

God's blessings to each of you, Barbara Armstrong

The family of Oleta Watson wants to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards, and donations to the Roaring Springs Cemetery Association. We have a special thanks to the Brother Henry Russell for the comforting words spoken for the services, Brother Jack Boggs who had comforting words for us and opened the church up to us, all ladies who worked so hard preparing such a great lunch and Devonne Dillard and Penny Keltz for the beautiful music.

Terry and Oma Sue (Watson) Helms
Jamie and Billie Patterson and family
Cynthia and Ben Kautz and family
All the Watson families
and the Hughes families

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

HAS SURGERY

Howard Rogers had eye surgery for a detached retina Monday, March 11 at Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. With him during surgery and hospitalization were his wife, B. and son Donnie Rogers.

Bill D. Washington had laser eye surgery in Lubbock, Thursday. His wife, Erma and daughter, Mrs. Connie Franks were with him.

Alfred Seay of Truth or Consequences, N.M. visited from Monday until Thursday of last week with his brother, Wilson Barton. They attended the funeral and graveside services of Mrs. Mollie Burleson, Monday.

Mrs. Edith Washington returned home, Tuesday from the Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was hospitalized the past ten days with pneumonia. She is reported to be doing fine.

Mrs. Geneva Martin and her sister, Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart attended the 50th wedding anniversary honoring their cousin, Betty Morris Quillen and husband, Ray Quillen held at 7:00 p.m., Friday at the First Baptist Church in Hereford. It was a surprise celebration for the couple hosted by their children, Mrs. Amy Lee of Lubbock, Billy and Gary Quillen of Dallas. Parents of Betty were the late Naomi Bynum Morris and Audric Morris, former Flomot residents.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay are daughter and children, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton.

Marisue Potts and Ralph Powell of Bott Creek Ranch visited Mary Ellen Barton, Sunday.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley

of Petersburg visited overnight Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended a Germania Insurance Spring Meeting, Saturday held at the Raddison Hotel in Amarillo. Other family members attending were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon and Ernie Lee of Turkey.

Mrs. Geneva Martin visited overnight Friday in Hart with her sister, Mrs. Joy Barham. They attended the bridal shower honoring their niece, Julie Clay of Lubbock. Also attending were Mrs. Kathy Mulder of South Plains, Mrs. Alma Shorter and Mrs. Kathy Shorter of Flomot.

Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Tyler arrived Saturday to visit their school spring holidays with their father, Donnie Rogers and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers. Other guests in the Howard Rogers home, Sunday and celebrating the birthday of Brook were Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary, Dane Degan and Kyler of Crosbyton, Billy Hand of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Kim Alexander and Hanna of Lubbock, Mrs. Merl Nall, Mrs. Roseta Blackwell, Jill and Skylar of Amarillo, Trent and Wanda McKay of Quitaque, Brandon Cruse of Clarendon, Shawna and Jeff Abernathy of Abilene and Judy and Donnie Cruse and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited in Castroville Saturday and Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Aleda Elaine, Megan, Cheyenne and Ciara. Aleda Elaine and Megan returned home with them to visit during their school spring break.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I have learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it may seem today, life goes on, and it will be better tomorrow.

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. visited last Thursday with daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon. They accompanied Mrs. Hester to Fort Worth, Friday to visit Mrs. Janice Whitaker and continued to Garland and visited Mr. and Mrs. David Dixon and son, Chance. En route home Monday, they visited in Graham with Mr. and Mrs. Walt Marshall. Mrs. Hester returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Matador Saturday night in the Bradford home with Gordon and Freddie Harmon of Mansfield, Lee and Van Bradford of Gruver, Jack Samford, Vee and Harold Gordon of Matador.

Mrs. Elaine Risser of Matador and her mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon attended the funeral services of Robert Haliburton, Tuesday, held at the Orient Church of Christ in Stamford. Also attending the services were Mrs. Dixon's nephews and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Acker and Mr.

and Mrs. Stanley Acker of Mineral Wells, sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Grady Acker. Spencer Dixon is having physical therapy treatments, following recent surgery on his injured arm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Rehabilitation Center in Crosbyton.

Visiting Mrs. Juanita Cooper from Sunday until Tuesday were daughter and husband, Pat and Lynn Minton of Granbury. Other guests in her home, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver, Jack Samford and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador.

Arriving Saturday to visit until Thursday with Gina and Tim Shazoon were her parents, Lee and J.W. Eubank of Farwell, sisters and children, Mrs. Ronda Cowgill and Kacey of Carrollton and Mrs. D'Lynn Hale and Alyson of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin of Midland attended the funeral services of her aunt, Mrs. Oleta Watson held in Roaring Springs, Friday. They visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson and in Matador with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Watson before returning home.

WHITEFLAT HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH!

Matador News

Mrs. Nathan (Carol) Gilbreth and daughter, Susan of Sundown visited the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Russell was daughter Mrs. Jessie Boyd (Karen) Perkins of Snyder.

Obituaries

Oleta Watson

Floydada- Services for Oleta Watson, 88, of Lubbock were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs with Rev. Henry Russell, of Floydada, officiating. Burial was in the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada, Tx.

Mrs. Watson died Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at Lubbock Health Care Center.

She was born on January 20, 1914 in Archer City, Tx to the late Mr. Arthur Valentine and Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson Valentine. She moved to Roaring Springs as a child and went to school at Darden Canyon. She

married Omar Watson December 21, 1929. She lived in Roaring Springs until 1961 when she and her husband moved to Floydada. She was preceded in death by her husband in July, 1974 and a son, William "Son" Watson in February, 1992. She was a homemaker and a baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Oma Sue Helms and husband Terry of Lubbock; one sister, Annie Beth Hughes and husband Junior of Lubbock; eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Roaring Springs Cemetery c/o LaVoe Thacker, Roaring Springs, TX 79256.

Too much of a good thing can be bad

Editor's Note: This article is being printed with permission from Virgil Van Camp and the *Amarillo Globe News*.

Virgil Van Camp attended school in Whiteflat, Matador and graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1943. He served in the military service in World War II. He is the son of the late Vera and Earl Van Camp and is a cousin of Lula and J.T. Swim of Roaring Springs.

When I came home from the war, I was more interested in cars, girls, and partying than politics. Of course, even if I had been interested, I wasn't old enough to vote.

Marriage, mortgage, career and my first child changed my priorities.

America had entered a tumultuous era. The Soviet Union began to flex its muscles around the globe. China turned communist. Korea looked like the beginning of World War III. I even corresponded with my best Navy friend and suggested that we should rejoin, together, and maybe get a head start toward a better rating.

It seemed to me that we had won the war and frittered away the peace.

Like many Texans, I blamed the Democrats for this turn of events. Accusations of incompetence and near treason were directed at our State Department and President Truman. I searched for ways to turn the rascals out.

It wasn't easy to find the Republican Party in Amarillo. I even visited a "Democrats for Eisenhower" group.

I eventually attended a Republican precinct meeting. It was in a neighbor's living room. You could tell that the party faithful were not prepared for the large turnout. They scurried about to find seats for all the newcomers.

They nominated one of the old guard to be chairman, without opposition. After some routine business, Sen. Taft was presented as our choice for presidential nominee. All in favor say "aye"; motion carried. We — the neophyte, wannabe

Republicans — rebelled. Hey, we came here to vote for Eisenhower. We undid all previous actions, elected a new chairman and chose Ike.

The old guard moved out into the yard, helped a rump precinct meeting, declared themselves to be the real Republicans and sent a competing slate of delegates to the county convention. This happened all across Texas with duplicate sets of delegates arriving at the state convention. Eisenhower's supporters won, and he carried Texas in the general election.

Aspiring Texas office seekers, out of necessity, had to be Democratic. Winning their primary meant winning the coveted office. Texas was a one-party state. Republicans fielded candidates for federal office, really not expecting to win. Only presidential races were true contests.

The tide has turned.

We have a Republican governor. There is a good chance that we will control the Legislature after the next elections. Were it not for our large and growing immigrant population, Democrats would be a decided minority.

In the Panhandle, the change is even more pronounced.

Winning the Republican primary is tantamount to taking office. Popular Democratic officeholders often switch parties, which simplifies getting re-elected.

I have a confession to make. I once actively supported a Democrat, Phil Gramm. He ran for and lost his first bid for the U.S. Senate against Lloyd Bentsen in 1976. Even though Gramm eventually won an office on the Democratic ticket, he wasn't a true believer. He saw the light and switched parties.

Is one-party dominance a good thing? My Republican heart says yes, as long as we are the top dog.

Yet, I suspect that a more evenly divided electorate and an occasional changing of the guard is good for democracy.

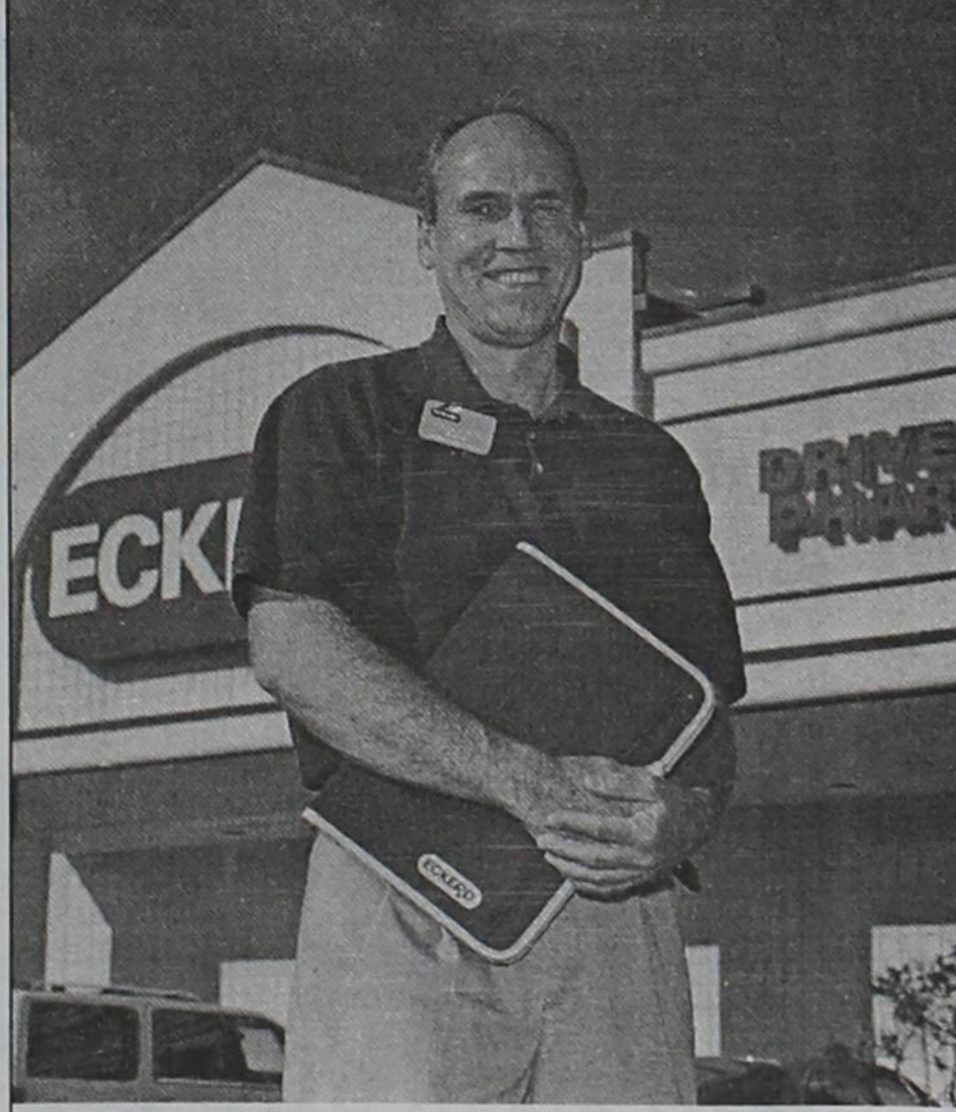
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FARM AND RANCH NEWS



Eradication a huge success

COTTON INC. RESEARCH PROJECTS / STATE SUPPORT PROGRAM BENEFIT PRODUCERS

Breaking down the areas of work done by Cotton Incorporated that benefit U.S. cotton producers is no small task, but one which opens the eyes of many who underestimate the amount of work that is being done on behalf of U.S. cotton producers by CI.

CI activities reach far beyond promoting the use of U.S. cotton domestically and abroad. In fact, CI research and industry support activities touch on virtually all aspects of cotton production as well as textile processing and marketing. The cotton Research and Promotion Program, which supports CI on a contract basis, is one of the longest running and most successful industry research and promotion programs of all time.

Some quick examples of the types of activities being spearheaded by CI include research into new fiber quality evaluation and testing technologies and textile product quality testing technologies; insect and weed management studies, development and refinement of production and environmental systems, and plant breeding; cotton seed improvement systems for textile mills.

CI research projects are funded either through direct support out of CI's budget research funds or through the State Support Program.

The State Support Program returns five percent of the Cotton Incorporated budget is returned to

each cotton producing state based on the state's assessment collections. State Support program monies are then allocated by producer committee's to fund research within the state.

In 2002 Texas State Support Program is funding research totaling \$802,000. Operating a year in advance, members of the Texas State Support Committee will meet at the end of March to consider funding requests of the 2003 calendar year.

Within the Texas State Support Program available funds are allocated along the following guidelines. First the total money projected for the year is divided with 50 percent being reserved for research projects with statewide implications.

The other half of the money is divided among the different growing regions in the state based on each region's proportionate share of cotton production.

Each individual growing region is then able to specify funding for projects that provide direct benefits to growers in their area.

Area researchers from Texas Tech University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and International Textile Center, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension and the USDA Agricultural Research Service have received research grants through the Texas State Support Program.

To learn more about the programs carried out by Cotton Incorporated visit their website at: www.cottoninc.com

(Abilene) - On February 19, 2002, Ag Commissioner Susan Combs formally declared the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone to be functionally eradicated.

Functional eradication means that on average no more than 1 weevil was caught for every thousand traps inspected during the growing season and that no evidence of reproduction was found in the zone.

Eradication has been a huge success Combs said to producers who attended the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association annual meeting where the declaration was made.

RPC becomes the second eradication zone in the state of Texas to achieve this status. The Southern Rolling Plains was declared functionally eradicated in September of 2000.

Combs credited the producers in the zone for the program's success. "It is because of you," she said. "These programs are producer programs."

Woody Anderson, chairman of the board for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation thanked producers for their determination.

"We've come a long way since we started the program," Anderson said. "I want to thank all of you in this room. Without you, the growers of the Rolling Plains, and this organization, this day wouldn't have been possible."

Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, also present for the celebration, paid tribute to everyone involved in this accomplishment.

"This is a unified effort," Duncan said, "a unified spirit, so to speak, of production agriculture, communities and everybody involved. It takes a lot to vote to support a program like this where it's going to cost you a lot of money. And you have to trust people who are involved in this, and then you have to do your part, and you have done your part. You stuck with it..."

Producers in the Rolling Plains began eradication in the fall of 1996. After a brief shutdown in early 1997, growers reaffirmed their desire to eradicate the boll weevil when 86 percent of the growers voted to continue the program.

Combs stressed the importance of eradication by noting the economic impact of cotton production in the state.

"The issue of how much cotton brings in, in cash," Combs said, "It is a billion and half dollars every year. Were we not to be fighting the boll weevil to a standstill, you run the risk of losing 30 percent of that money, which is \$500 million, more or less."

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

ASSESSMENT DATES, RATES SET

(Abilene) - The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2002 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

The assessment for 2002 in the SHP is \$6 per dryland acre and \$12 per irrigated land acre.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 21, and payment is due September 25. Growers who pay by September 10 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

one act play, cake auction, and lions queen presentation to be held on Monday, March 18

Motley County High School's 2002 One Act Play will be presented on Monday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Motley County Gym, in conjunction with the junior class cake auction and the presentation of the 2002-03 Lions Club Queen.

The play, which consists of three scenes from The Crucible by Arthur Miller, is presented with special permission of Dramatists Play Service. The plot revolves around the witch trials in Salem Village in 1692. Players and their roles are: John Proctor-Chantry Meyer; Elizabeth Proctor-Courtney Hays; Mr. Hale-Dumont Darsey; Francis Nurse-Bradley Baxter; Giles Corey-Yusef Alvarado; Ezekiel Cheever-Justin Jameson; Mary Warren-Stachia Baxter; Mr. Parris-Quinten Rose; Deputy Gov. Danforth-Brandon Moore; Justice Hathorne-John Stevens; Abigail Williams-Kittie Campbell; Mercy Lewis-Mylinda Gilmore; Rebecca Nurse-Mandi Ream. Crew members include Charli Ream, Amanda Hurt and Lorenzo Salazar.

Kicking off the evening's festivities will be the Class of 2003 with the cake auction. These delicious delights will be sold to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom to be held in May. Following the cake sale, the One Act Play will be presented. Several more cakes will be auctioned after the play. To close the evening, the Lions Club will announce their 2002-2003 Queen.

Although no admission will be charged, the Motley County ISD Theater Department will gladly accept your donations to its program. Proceeds from each Theater Department event are put into a special account used only for costumes, props and other supplies needed for its activities.

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Matador VFD hosts third annual Fire School

by Bobby Barton

The third annual Matador Wildland Fire School was held March 2. Sixty-four students attend, some from as far away as Canadian. The classes were taught by members of the Texas Forest Service who were assisted by the Matador VFD training officers.

Classes consisted of Suppression, Incident Command, Maps and GPS and Foam operations.

A live burn was held during the afternoon and attended by all. The Fire Department would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's fire school a success.

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Tenth Farm Credit District announces 2001 financial results

AUSTIN - The Tenth Farm Credit District today announced solid financial results for the year that ended December 31, 2001.

The district is composed of the Austin-headquartered Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and 22 local credit cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. It is the largest rural financing organization serving the five state region.

Gross loan volume totaled \$6.009 billion at December 31, 2001, a 14.8 percent increase from the \$5.236 billion in loan volume reported a year earlier. This loan volume growth came from the district's mortgage loan portfolio, which totaled \$5.041 billion at year-end 2001, up 19.1 percent from the \$4.233 billion reported at year-end 2000.

"Declining interest rates kept the district in a very competitive position throughout the year and contributed to a stable rural estate market in spite of a downturn in the general economy. These factors, combined with increased marketing and customer service efforts, contributed to a 45 percent increase in new mortgage business last year," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer.

The short and intermediate term agricultural loan portfolio totaled \$968.2 million at December 31, 2001, down 3.5 percent from \$1.003 billion at December 31, 2000. This decrease resulted largely from newly formed Agricultural Credit Associations transferring loans qualifying as long-term mortgages from their Production Credit Association subsidiaries to their Federal Land Credit Association subsidiaries.

The quality of the district's loan portfolio remained extremely high last year, declining only slightly to 97.5 percent classified as acceptable at December 31, 2001, from 97.6 percent acceptable at year-end 2000.

The district's net income totaled \$112.1 million for the year ending December 31, 2001. The compares with \$80.2 million in net income the previous year. Net interest income totaled \$208.4 million in 2001, an increase from the \$192 million reported in 2000. The district's return on average assets are increased to 1.83

percent for the year ending December 31, 2001, from 1.48 percent from the prior year.

Farm Credit lenders follow the cooperative principle of sharing a portion of their earnings with their borrower-stockholders. For the year that ended December 31, 2001, approximately \$25.2 million in cash dividends and patronage distributions have been paid or declared for payment to Tenth District stockholders.

Pointing out that many producers relied on federal support payments to help meet their debt obligations in 2001, Henson said the lack of a new Farm Bill is creating uncertainty for a majority of farmers. "As the 2002 planting season gets underway, we also remain concerned about ongoing large supplies of commodities and weak export markets," he added. "It is encouraging, at least, to know that pasture and planting conditions in most parts of our district are the best they have been in the last several years."

The Tenth District's 22 local lending cooperatives include 12 Agricultural Credit Associations, which make both short, intermediate, and long term loans, and 10 Federal Land Credit Associations, which provide long term mortgage financing. Together, these lenders have nearly 60,000 loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness operators, and rural homeowners and landowners.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$1.785 billion for the year ending December 31, 2001, as compared with combined net income of \$1.422 billion for the prior year.

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