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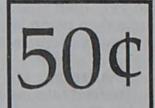


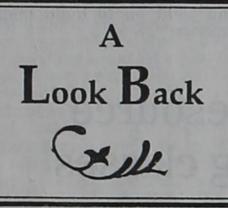
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MARCH 2, 1950

Iron Horse Hitched For Final Run Over Quanah & Pacific at Floydada Depot

This article featured a picture, made in Floydada, before the crew started on their last run. Pictured were Marvin Estes, Conductor; brakeman, J.W. Reynolds; fireman, Horton Murphy, and Engineer E.B. Marsalis.

MARCH 2, 1950

"Empty for the first time in several months, Motley County jail, Tuesday morning, was receiving a routine inspection by Sheriff and Deputy Jinks Wilson. Pressing against the bars of a north window, the officers discovered one bar broken, and set back in place, and that another bar was in the process of being removed. The near break had been achieved through the aid of an iron pipe removed from the plumb-

MARCH 2, 1950

Trail Dust by Douglas Meador

"Suds are often white above dirty water like snow white clouds above an unclean world."

Around Town News Briefs of area events

# MC School to dismiss for Spring Break

Spring Break for Motley County Students will begin at 3:38 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

Teachers and Staff will be at the School, Friday, March 12, for a work-

Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 22.

## Talent Show, Cake Auction set for March 4

The Annual Talent Show and Cake Auction has been set for Thursday, March 4. The event is sponsored by the Jr. Class.

All students in PK-12th grade, and anyone else, are invited to participate.

To be in the show, sign up with Mrs. Kelli Jackson at school

# Matadors end basketball season as Bi-District Champs

by Rickey Lawrence

ended their 1998-99 Basketball Season as Bi-District Champs, when they lost their bid to become Area Champions last Friday, February 26, when they met the O'Donnell Eagles. The final score of the game, held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, as 44-57. Most everyone in Motley County showed up in Plainview to see if the Matadors could continue their season, and although they lost there isn't any reagrabbed 8, and Dayton pulled down son for this team to hang their heads. 5. They have played hard all year long and have accomplished a lot.

also led in rebounds with 10, followed The Motley County Matadors by Brad with 8 and Dayton with 5.

> To get to this area championship game the Matadors had to work hard. After winning the District title in a 3 team playoff, they played a practice game in Childress against Chilicothe on February 19. The Matadors won this game by the score of 67-42. Brad Marvel had 15 points for the night, followed by Brant Donaldson with 11 and Sean Rose with 8. Keane was leading rebounder with 10. Brad

The Matadors went up against The Matadors were led in scor- day, February 24 at Idalou. This was look forward to next year and more ing by Keane Cruse with 17; Brad a very good game and it came down success!

Marvel, 7; Dayton Grundy, 6. Keane to the last few seconds. Wilson had one shot and missed at the buzzer, and Motley County held on to win 53-51. Keane had 19 points for the night, followed by Brad with 10 and Sean with 7. Keane led in rebounds with 10, followed by Dayton and Jermaine with 4 each.

These guys did a great job all year and were a lot of fun to watch. The Seniors did a good job in leading this team and will be missed next year. To Keane Cruse, Brad Marvel, Dayton Grundy, Jason Barton, and Jason Clauser, we say thank you for your hard work. "You guys done

To Coach Ridgley and the rest of Wilson for the Bi-District title, Tues- the team we say thank you and we

# Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held next Saturday

The 59th Annual Motley County one planning to show a pen of heif-Junior Livestock Show will be held ers must notify the Junior Livestock next Saturday, March 13,1999 at the Show Association by Friday, March Motley County Livestock Show Barn. 5th. Heifers must be 12 to 18 months The Livestock Show is sponsored each year by local volunteers to provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their livestock projects. By caring for and feeding

their livestock throughout the feeding period, youth have the opportunity to learn responsibilities and increase their knowledge of the livestock industry. During this year's Show, there

will be 16 steers, 52 hogs, 16 lambs and 27 rabbits exhibited. In addition, a Pee Wee Swine Showmanship Show will be held for youth under the age of 9 years and not in the third

owning land in Motley County, or stock Show may show heifers. Any- Junior Livestock Show

ers must notify the Junior Livestock open throughout the Stock Show. of age at show time. Heifers will be shown in a pen of three (3) format. Animals will be identified by number and placed in a pen. They will not be shown at halter or weighed. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee per pen of heifers. All heifers must be in place by 10:00 a.m. Heifer classes will include English, Exotic, and Cross-

Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador will be serving breakfast to exhibitors, donors, and local residents from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Show Barn. The breakfast will be prepared by local volunteers.

Thank you to Lowe's Pay-N-Save Anyone living in Motley County, in Matador, all the volunteers and donors for their continued support youth eligible for the Junior Live- and dedication to the Motley County There will be a concession stand

Donations of \$1.00 are being accepted for a drawing of \$500.00 gift certificate from Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs. The proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the Premium Auction. Anyone interested in the gift certificates may contact a Motley County 4-H or FFA member and/or a director of the Motley County Junior Livestock Show Association. Anyone interested in making donations to the Motley County Jun-ior Livestock Show Association should contact one of the directors or the Motley County Extension office by calling (806) 347-2733. Directors for this year's show are Craig Turner, Bruce Lefevre, Tommy Gleghorn, J.D. Russell, Mark Seigler, and David Stafford.

Everyone is invited to attend the Show and Youth Premium Auction to help support the youth of Motley

UP FOR THE JUMP — Motley County Matador, Brad Marvel, #34, tips the jump ball for the opening of the Area playoff game against O'Donnell at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview last Friday night. The Matadors lost the game, 44-57.

photo by Mary Renfro

# February Sales Tax Rebates total \$318.2 million to Texas Cities and Counties

Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$318.2 million in monthly sales tax cember, and returns from annual filpayments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, Friday, February 12, a 9.5 percent increase over the \$290.5 million allocated to cities-and counties in February, 1998.

"February sales tax rebates reflect holiday season sales by Texas retailers. It appears that retailers had a very good Christmas, an indication of Texas' strong economy and high consumer confidence," Rylander said.

This month's payments to cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in

sales in October, November, and Deers for the entire year of 1998.

sales tax rebates totaling \$293.6 mil- for 1999, a 6.41% change. lion to Texas cities, 9.9 percent higher than last February's payments of rate of 1.000%, received \$2,471.74, \$267.1 million. Rebates of \$24.5 million to Texas counties were up 9.5 percent compared to those paid in date are \$2,956.58, compared to February, 1998. Another \$9.7 million \$2,755.63 in 1998, a 7.29% change. went to 37 special purpose districts around the state.

In Motley County, Matador, with ered on Friday, March 12, 1999.

(Austin) -- State Comptroller January, plus quarterly returns for a current rate of 1.00%, received a net payment this period of \$4,280.87, compared to \$3,694.40 last year, a change of 15.87%. 1999 payments to date have Rylander delivered monthly been \$5,311.90, compared to \$4,991.66

> Roaring Springs, with a current compared to \$1,629.69 last year, a 51.66% change. 1999 payments to

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be deliv-

# Cotton Council predicts no major changes in '99 Farm Legislation

legislation until 2000, the year of the chairs the ag committee." next presidential election, said John Maguire, the National Cotton disaster relief beyond 1998 levels at Council's chief Washington lobbyist, a time when budget matters will at the Beltwide Cotton Conference dominate legislative debates on Capihere this week.

"Still, we could see some slight revisions of Freedom to Farm in 1999. Crop insurance will be high on that list, along with additional supplemental farm program payments," Maguire said. "Most people will only remember 1998 as the 'year of Lewinsky,' but it also was a year of Congressional realignment that

could benefit agriculture. "Moderates now control the balance of power in Congress, and that's good for agriculture. The Republicans hold only a six-vote margin in the House of Representatives. Larry Combest, a Republican from Lubbock, will head the House Ag Com- tive in today's global marketplace mittee and Charles Stenholm, a and to help ensure reasonable do-Democrat from Stamford, is the mestic prices for American cotton ranking minority member of the growers.'

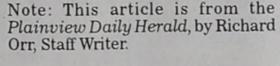
Farmers aren't likely to see any House. And in the Senate, Richard substantial changes in existing farm Lugar, a strong ag advocate, still Congress is likely to boost ad hoc

> tol Hill, he added. National Cotton Council president Jack Hamilton noted that NCC will compare ag policy recommendations from cotton industry leaders during

its annual meeting in Memphis, Tenn., next month. "Keeping a cotton marketing loan in place, restoration of full-year Step 2 export enhancement funds and revision of Step 3 cotton import regulations will be high on our list of farm policy recommendations in any farm bill debate," he said. "These points

of policy need to be addressed and revised to keep our cotton competi-

# Briscoe County Jurors indict Garner in Quitaque shooting



John "Corky" Garner has been indicted in last year's shooting of the prominent Quitaque resident Roye

A spokeswoman for the Briscoe County district attorney's office said the grand jury returned the indictment early Wednesday afternoon.

Garner, 64, is an ex-pilot for Southwest Airlines and a former Briscoe County rancher and farmer. He remains free on \$150,000 bond.

Pigg was president of the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce and owned the Sportsman Cafe and

He was found shot to death in the kitchen of Garner's house after clos-

Note: This article is from the ing the club in the early-morning hours of June 4, 1998, and apparently giving Garner a ride home.

Floyd County District Attorney Becky McPherson - whose jurisdiction includes Briscoe county - said earlier that the delay in getting the case to the grandjury stemmed from the time it takes to run DNA and other tests on evidence sent to Austin for analysis.

Pampa DA John Mann was named special prosecutor in the case after McPherson recused herself upon learning in January that her father-in-law is negotiating with the defendant to buy some of his prop-

Mann presented the case to the grand jury and is expected to prosecute Garner when he goes on trial. A trial date is pending.

# NWS report shows region with below average rainfall

Based on data from the National 1998 precipitation is as follows: Weather Service's network of Cooperative Weather Observers, 1998 pre- Spring, 14.14; Brownfield, 14.66; cipitation was well below average Crosbyton, 12.98; Dimmitt, 17.85; across most of the South Plains re- Floydada, 12.82; Friona, 15.51; Here-

treme southern Panhandle, where 16.34; Lubbock, 13.06; Matador, 13.91; precipitation was close to the annual Morton, 12.60; Muleshoe, 14.74; average. The driest location in the Muleshoe Refuge, 9.82; Olton, 15.78; South Plains was Seminole, which Paducah, 14.59; Plainview, 14.68; received only 7.85 inches of precipi- Seminole, 7.85; Silverton, 22.11; tation last year. In contrast, Silverton Snyder, 10.56; Spur, 10.07; Tahoka, received the most rain in the area - a 11.98; Tulia, 21.10.

whopping 22.11 inches. A list of area towns with their total 12.75 inches fell.

Abernathy, 16.48 inches; Big ford, 16.59; Jayton, 10.51; Lamesa, One exception was in the ex- 10.57; Levelland, 13.19; Littlefield,

According to the NWS the 13.06 The average South Plains town inches recorded in Lubbock made received 13.89 inches of precipitation. 1998 the driest year since 1993 when



CHEERING FOR THE MATADORS — Motley County Cheerleaders cheer for the Matadors during last Friday night's game in Plainview. Pictured above, left to right, are Kandi Keltz, Lisa Taylor, Brooke Club in Quitaque. Decker, Ashley Stevens, Blair Thacker, and ShaVonne Taylor.

one of our readers who brought this This is particularly hard to deal with article by the office the other day. She had received it from a friend. I laughed so much when I read it, I knew my readers would enjoy it, too.

#### A strange old lady moved into my house

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly didn't invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was.

to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her there; and, when I look into a mirror directly to check my appearance, suddenly she's hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and

screaming at her to leave, but she just screams back, grimacing horribly. She's really rather frightening.

If she's going to hang around, the least she could do is offer to pay rent. But no. Every once in a while I do find a couple dollar bills on the kitchen counter, or some loose change on my bureau or on the floor, but that certainly isn't enough. In fact, though I don't like to jump to conclusions, I think she steals from me quite regularly; I go to the ATM and withdraw a hundred dollars, and a few days later, it's gone.

old lady pilfers it. You'd think she'd spend some of it on wrinkle creamsgoodness knows she needs it.

And money isn't the only thing she's taking. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate. Especially the good stuff, ice cream, cookies, candy - I just can't seem to keep them in the house - she really has a sweet tooth. She should watch it, she's putting on the pounds. I think she realizes that and to make herself feel better, I know she's tampering with my scale, so I'll think I'm gaining weight, too.

For an old lady, she's quite childish. She also gets into my clothes closets when I'm not home and alters all my clothes. They're getting tighter every day.

messing with my files and papers on claim her as a dependent.

My column this week comes from my desk. I can't find a thing anymore because I'm extremely neat and organized, but she manages to jumble everything so nothing is where it is supposed to be. Furthermore, when I program the VCR to tape something important, she fiddles with it after I leave the room so it records the wrong channel or shuts off completely.

Carla Meador

She finds innumerable, imaginative ways to irritate me. She gets to my newspapers, magazines and mail before me and blurs all the print; and she's done something sinister with She's very clever. She manages the volume controls on my TV, radio and phone. Now all I hear are mumbles and whispers. She's also made my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier, and all my knobs and faucets hard to turn, and my bed higher and a real challenge to climb into and out of.

Furthermore, she gets to my gro-It's very disconcerting. I've tried ceries as soon as I shelve them and applies super glue to the tops of every jar and bottle so they're just about impossible to open. Is this anyway to repay my hospitality?

> As if all this isn't bad enough, she is no longer confining her malevolence to the house. She's now found a way to sneak into my car with me, and follow me wherever I go. I see her reflection in store windows as I pass, and she's taken all the fun out of clothes shopping because her pen- last name 'Smith', and the photos chant for monopolizing mirrors has extended to dressing rooms.

I certainly don't go through it that fast, so I can only conclude that the fast, so I can only conclude that the ridiculous on her. Then she stands When I try something on she directly in front of me so I can't see how great it looks on me.

> I thought she couldn't get any meaner than that, but yesterday she proved me wrong. She had the nerve to come with me when I went to have some passport pictures taken, and she actually stepped in front of the camera just as the shutter clicked. Disaster! I have never seen such a terrible picture. How can I go abroad now? No customs official is ever going to believe that crone scowling from the passport is me.

She's walking on very thin ice. If she keeps this up, I swear I'll put her in a home. On second thought, I shouldn't be too hasty. First, I think Another thing. I wish she'd stop I'll check with the IRS and see if I can

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# Search is on to find World's Greatest Granny

The search is on to find the sent to us, like our Granny Smith ap-

The Washington Apple Commission announced the official beginning of its annual Search for Granny Smith - a nationwide hunt to find the perfect grandmother to promote the

"We're looking for on-the-go grannies," said Jim Thomas, search coordinator for the commission. "Someone who personifies the healthful at-

Thomas said a successful candidate should meet the following guidelines: Be sweet to the core and have good moral fiber. Be handpicked by children, grandchildren, spouse or friends, have beauty that's more than skin deep, and just the right amount of maturity. Have "a-peel."

Those wishing to nominate a noteworthy grandma should write, in 100 words or less, why the nominee should be considered and enclose a nonreturnable photo. Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith, P.O. Box 18, Wenatchee, WA 98807, and received no later than April 2, 1999.

"Nominees don't need to have the

# Available

(Austin) -- Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways will soon have

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will operate a wildflower hotline beginning Feb. 25. The toll-free hotline, 800-452-9292, will provide callers with automated information on the best locations for wildflowers along the 77,000-mile Texas highway system.

ers is as easy as picking up the phone, it is too early to predict the overall quality of this year's wildflowers, according to one wildflower ex-

"Wildflower plants are developing roots now," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT's director of landscape design. "We really need some rain soon across much of the state, or the flowers we get will be smaller than usual. We still have time, but the sooner the

Nature gets a helping hand each year from TxDOT maintenance em-

ployees, according to Neimann. "Some of the hardest working landscapers you will ever find are TxDOT maintenance employees. They sow 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways each year," Neimann said.

Where it doesn't impact motorist safety, TxDOT also delays mowing highway right of way in many locations to allow for the growth and reseeding of wildflowers.

year, but we need some rain."

# Someone once referred to miss-



ionaries (in a complimentary way) as "a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody." That kind of describes all faithful Christians, doesn't it? But, as another fellow said, don't mistake anonymous' for 'unnecessary'. These 'nobodies' are helping keep the Body of Christ from being crippled, diseased and discouraged. Isn't it amazing how the Master chooses whom He uses and how He uses them?

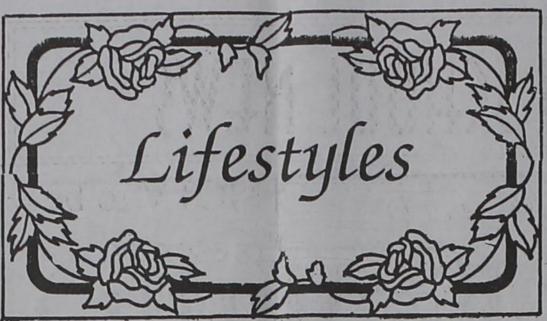
Men and women who teach bible classes year after year expecting no payment. The person who meets someone and speaks to that person about Christ. Those who go along while others minister and provide only "assistance". The wife who sees that her family's needs are cared for and seeks no spotlight. The elderly who get to where they can only pray faithfully each day for others. Those who haven't much but lovingly help to finance ministry's in other places. Those who are good at refreshing others, like Onesimum did for Paul.

The Lord has placed you and I in the Church. We're "somebodies" in Christ, selected for the role we have. He doesn't consider us as "nobodies."

## **Roaring Springs Church of Christ**

Michael G. Crowley, Sr. Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Radio Programs K-96 FM Daily - 10:15-10:30 and Sunday 10:30 a.m.



plies, should be in good taste," Tho-

old Joan Phillips of Plano, Texas, an

avid community volunteer, fitness en-

thusiast and grandmother of three.

Phillips was selected out of thou-

sands of entries from across the

United States and Canada to be the

"It's been a great year," Phillips

said. "I've traveled quite a bit mak-

ing TV and public appearances. Get-

ting to meet so many people and see-

ing so much of the country has been

person who nominated each of them,

will be chosen to participate in the

"Granny Finale," held in May at the

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee, Wash.

grocery store posters and will make

are a special part of their lives.

nis shoes.

"From the nominatons we've re-

ceived, it seems many grannies have

traded in their rocking chairs for ten-

reseseseses

Don't say: Someday I'll begin

When my lucky ship comes in.

Right now is the answer then.

You must launch your ship to win;

— Adaptation of a quote by

Ferdinand Vollender

The winner will be featured on

Twenty grandmothers, and the

official "spokesgranny"

Washington's apple growers.

a tremendous experience.'

She's been busy.

Last year's winner was 58-year-

world's best grandma.

state's famous green fruit

tributes of our applies."

#### promotional appearances in the upcoming year. 'We have another crop of high quality Granny Smiths this year, so we need an even bigger crop of granny nominees," Thomas said. "The search has really turned into something special. We give people a chance to tell us why grandmothers

help at their fingertips.

The hotline information comes from TxDOT's maintenance employees around the state and includes wildflower information from cities, chambers of commerce and parks

While finding the best wildflow-

better.'

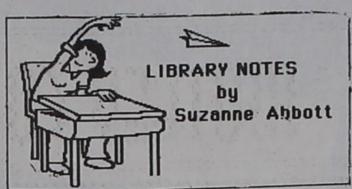
"We want the wildflowers to grow and be enjoyed," Neimann said. "Taking a drive to view spring wildflowers is pretty much a Texas tradition. Hopefully, it will be a good show this





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Read Texas! Tuesday was Texas Independence Day so we would like to take this opportunity to call attention to the library's excellent Texas Collection. In this outstanding collection you can find a book on almost anything you want to know about Texas - history, geography, travel, and biography all about the Lone Star State. We have books on Texas quilts and quilters. You can find out about the Historic Inns of Texas. There are Texas books to match any taste, so come on in and read Texas!

We appreciate the donation to the library in memory of Karlene Cross by Ruth and Orville Lee. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

Last week we received a shipment of new large print romances. We have the <u>Brightwood Expedition</u> and went on to build modern by K.L. McDonald. This story is America.

based on a true account of an expedition along the Oregon trail. The other new large print books include Grace Livingston Hill's Cloudy Jewel, Lady in Waiting by Denise Domming, and Sign of the Moon by Kay Stephens. Our large print selec-tion includes Westerns, Mysteries, and Romances.

The library now has John Grisham's newest, The Testament. Also available now at the library is Tom Brokaw's The Greatest Generation. In this book, Tom Brokaw goes out into America, to tell through the stories of individual men and women the story of a generation, America's citizen heroes and heroines who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second world War

## Rural Nurse Resource to offer training classes

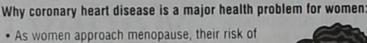
(RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have two Certified Nurse Aide 5 weeks long and is enrollment lim- Everyone is welcome. To receive an March 22, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Night class mation call RNR's office at (806) 983-Day class starts at 8:30 a.m., Monday, at (806) 652-3373.

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. March 29. To receive an application packet or for more information call RNR's office at (806) 983-8096.

RNR will also sponsor Preparing (CNA) Classes. The classes will train for Childbirth classes in conjunction individuals to care for patients in the with Mangold Memorial Hospital of Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Lockney. This six week series begins Health, and private care setting. It is Monday, March 22 from 6 - 9 p.m. ited. Enrollment starts Monday, application packet or for more inforstarts at 6 p.m, Monday, March 29. 8096 or Mangold Memorial Hospital

Association

#### **Women and Heart Disease**



heart disease increases and continues to rise

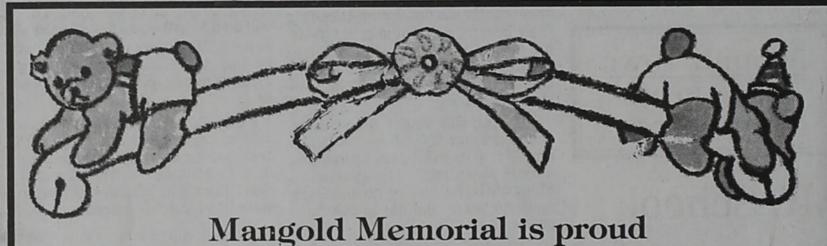
. Women with diabetes have 3 to 7 times the risk of heart disease as men

· Fewer women than men are quitting smoking

. About 44% of women 55 to 64 have high blood pressure.

@1999. American Heart Associatio





JOSE JAVIER RODRIGUEZ, son of Michael and Maria Rodriguez of Lockney, was born February 4, 1999 at 12:43 a.m. He weighed 5 lbs. and 9 ozs. Grandparents are Jose and Matilde Banda and Javier and Lupe Rodriguez all of Lockney.

to announce their new arrivals!!

MARIAH DANIELLE RANGEL, daughter of Mark Rangel and Elida Landeros of Plainview, was born February 6, 1999 at 10:55 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. and 7 ozs. Grandparents are Adolfo and Betty Rangel and Raul and Antonia Landeros all of Plainview.

JOSE MANUEL LEAL, son of Manuel and Ysenia Leal of Lockney, was born February 6, 1999 at 6:55 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. and 7 ozs. Grandparents are Margarita Leal and Luis Saucedo of Lockney, and Augustin Leal Cordana and Olivia Ceja Cruz of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

ISAIAS COLUNGA, son of Manuel and Isabel Colunga of Silverton, was born February 15, 1999 at 10:20 a.m. He weighed 5 lbs and 9 ozs. Grandparents are Flavio and Connie Patino of Silverton and Francisca Flores and Heraclio Colunga of Santa Rita, SLP, Mexico

JASMINE NICOLE MARTINEZ, daughter of Peter and Dina Martinez of Plainview, was born February 15, 1999 at 1:34 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs and 5 1/2 ozs. Lucy Martinez of Plainview is grandmother.

DONNIE GRIP and KEITH TRIPPER FORTENBERRY, twin sons of Sam and Becky Fortenberry of Lockney, was born February 17, 1999. Donnie Grip was born at 6:21 a.m. He weighed 4 lbs and 12 ozs. Keith Tripper was born at 6:53 a.m. He weighed 4 lbs. and 15 ozs. Grandparents are Ted and Mary Porter of Sadler, Eddie and Amelia Fortenberry of Abernathy and Boyd and Gayle Reay of Lockney.

CALVIN O'BRIEN BORUNDA, son of Anna Lisa Jimenez and Monce A Borunda of Lockney, was born February 20, 1999 at 8:24 a.m. He weighed 5 lbs and 10 ozs. Grandparents are Sylvia and Raynol Jimenez of Lockney and Emidia and Francisco Borunda of Hale Center.

KIMBER GALE ROBERTSON, daughter of Robin and Bridgette Robertson of Crosbyton, was born February 24, 1999 at 6:05 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. and 2 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Robertson of Mission and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheehan of Amarillo.

GISELLE YVONNE CHAVEZ, daughter of Marta Chavez of Plainview, was born February 25, 1999 at 8:39 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. and 4 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Jesus and Esperanza Chavez of Plainview.

IVAN ANDREAS ESPINOSA, son of Guadalupe Luna and Juan Jose Espinosa of Plainview, was born February 25, 1999 at 12:53 a.m. He weighed 7lbs. and 1 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are George and Herminia Luna and Jose and Lelaina Espinose all of Plainview.



# MOTLEY (OUNTY S(41001 HEWS

# Students of the Month

January Students of the Month for Motley County ISD are T.J. Christopher and Mandi Ream in Jr. High, and Nesa McFall Palmer and Keane Cruse for High School.

T.J. is the 15-year-old son of John and Mitzi Christopher of Roaring Springs. He is an eighth grader. He has one sister, Crystal, 19, and one brother, Ky, 6.

His favorite color is blue and his favorite song is Space Lord. His favorite movies are Austin Powers and Happy Gillmore.

T.J. enjoys participating in foot-ball. His hobbies include playing pool, hunting, and chasing girls.

He admires his cousin, Jeremy Jones, "because he's always been good to me and he has set a good example for me. I want to be good in sports like he was."

Mandi is the 12-year-old daughter of Charles and Gail Ream of Matador. She is a seventh grader. She has two sisters, her twin-sister, Charli, 12, and Callie Hodgson, 22, and one brother, Gabo Ohlson, 19. Her favorite color is baby blue

Mine. Her favorite movies are She's All That and Titanic.

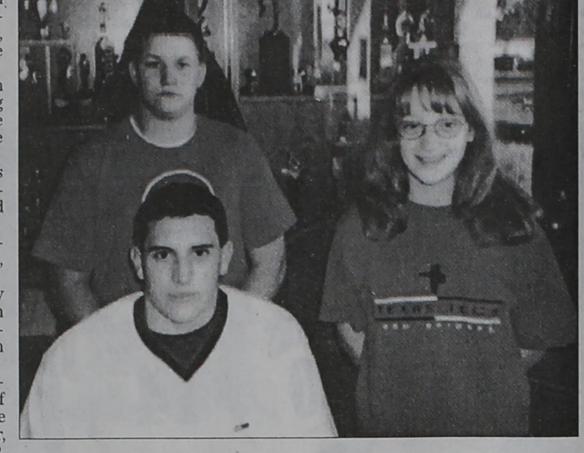
joyed dance class. She also enjoys rollerblading and going to the Mall.

she has gone through so much to get ture. where she is now.'

the 18-year-old daughter of Bruce named to Who's Who. and Ann McFall of Matador. She has one sister, Becky Renfro, 21.

favorite song is Lullabye by Shawn Mullins. Her favorite movie is Armageddon and her favorite food is en- year-old son of Brenda and Darrel chiladas.

All My Downs Have Been Ups The Horrible Homemade Halloween Costume The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm **Guidelines for Freelancers** by Nancy Robinson Masters available at the Motley County Tribune



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — T.J. Christopher (back) and Mandi Ream, Jr. High; and Keane Cruse, High School. Not pictured is Nesa and her favorite song is Angel of Palmer, also a High School Student of the Month.

Nesa enjoys riding horses, read-When she lived in Iowa, she en- ing books, and working cattle with one brother, Derrick, 14. her dad and the crew.

She plans to attend WT A&M and She admires her Mom, "because major in Animal Science in the fu-

She is involved in FFA, NHS, Nesa Palmer is a Senior. She is Gifted and Talented and has been

Nesa admires her parents "for their strength, patience, faith, and Her favorite color is green. Her love for one another that gets them graduation. through each day."

Keane is also a Senior, and the 17-Cruse of Flomot.

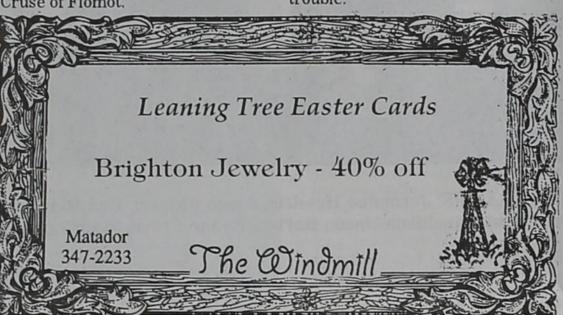
He has one sister, Leah, 19, and

His favorite color is blue. His favorite movie is Waterboy and his favorite food is enchiladas.

Keane enjoys playing basketball and football, hunting, fishing, and golfing. He is also involved in the National Honor Society.

He plans to attend college after

Keane admires his parents "because they are always watching out WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 for me and keeping me out of trouble."



## MCTV to be presented March 4

The Jr. Class will present its annual Talent Show and Cake Auction by Kathy Gillespie in the format of MCTV, not to be confused with MTV. This special event will be Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Each adult paying admission will be given a voting ballot for all divisions. You decide which talent is tops! Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

For your enjoyment this year, special "commercials" will be presented throughout the show. Also, word is... look for some "unique" performers. Little surprises every-



#### **MONDAY, MARCH 8**

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito,

Lunch: Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple, Cookie, Milk.

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, California Blend Veggies, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

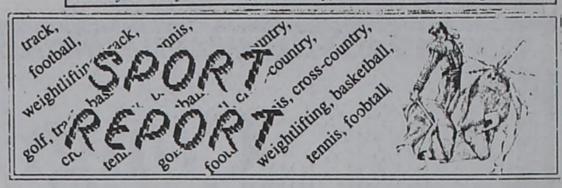
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon,

Eggs, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Peaches, Milk.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

NO SCHOOL! IN-SERVICE DAY.



# Powerlifters to compete in Regional meets

The Motley County Powerlifters Team competed in their last regular season meet Saturday, February 27 at Floydada. This was the last day that a competitor could qualify for the regional meet. Each of the six powerlifters gave a 100% effort at each of the three lifts (squat - bench - dead lift), and each one improved personal bests.

All of the girls at the meet were placed in one division. Rabecca Morris placed first with a total of 530 pounds (210 - 105 - 215). This was an improvement of 80 pounds over her the saying goes as far as making it to

Ashley Stevens placed third with a total of 480 pounds (200 - 80 - 200) which was an improvement of 30 pounds for her. Kember Everett placed fifth with a total of 450 pounds (165 - 85 - 200) for an improvement of 50 pounds.

Coach Copeland feels that each girl has made significant improvements. He feels that each of them may have qualified for regionals but is awaiting official word from the Regional Director at Cisco where the Girls' Regional Powerlifting meet will be held Saturday, March 6.

Each of the three boys remained in his same weight class. Each boy also attained a personal best total. Casey Lawrence, in the 132 class, lifted a total of 680 pounds (300 - 140 -240) for an improvement of 25

class, placed second with a total of 1010 pounds (400 - 225 - 385) which was an improvement of 20 pounds. Robert still appears to be in second place in the region in his weight class. The Boys' Regional Powerlifting Meet will be held in Colorado City on March 13.

pounds. Casey placed 7th in his

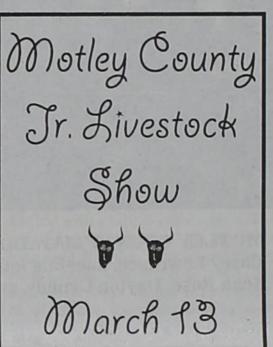
Robert Gillespie, in the 148 pound

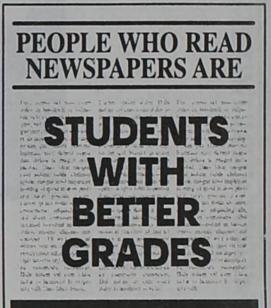
Chooch Meyer was again in the 181 pound class. He placed 7th in this class with a total of 960 pounds (400 -185 - 375), an improvement of 25 pounds. Chooch is "on the bubble" as the regional meet.

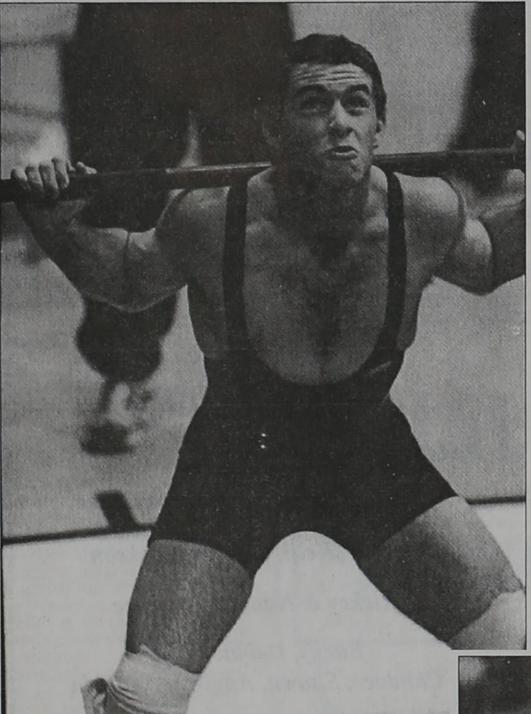
Coach Copeland feels that each boy has also made significant improvements throughout the season. He feels that each boy should qualify for regionals based simply on effort but knows the official listing will determine who gets to go.

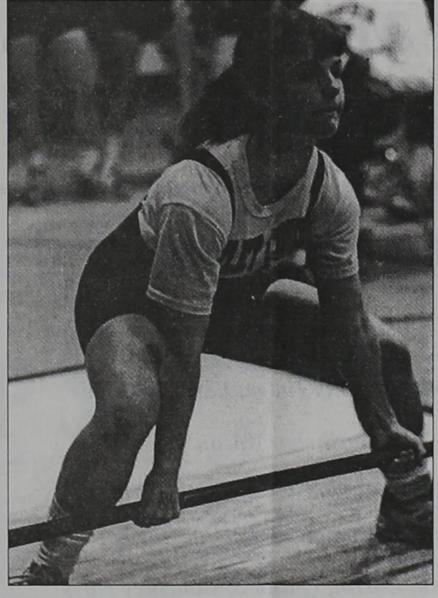
All six of the members of the Powerlifting team once again exhibited tremendous support for each other. They worked hard to inspire each other to new personal bests and concentrated equally as hard when it was their turn to lift.

The community should be proud of each lifter for representing the county so well. Each of the lifters should be praised for a job well done. The lifters who are continuing on to the regional competition should be encouraged to do their best.

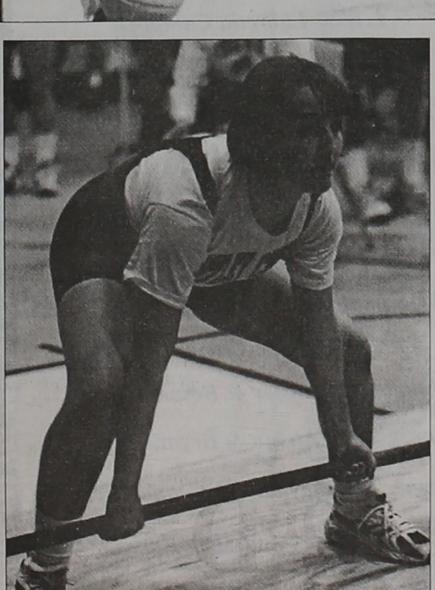


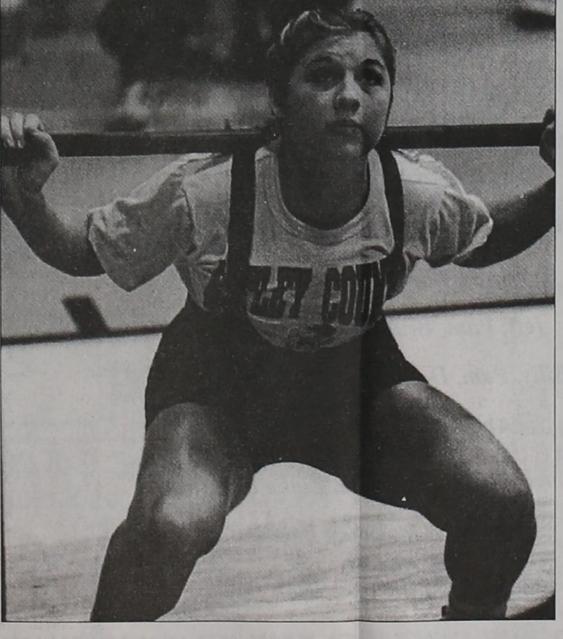






photos by James Gillespie





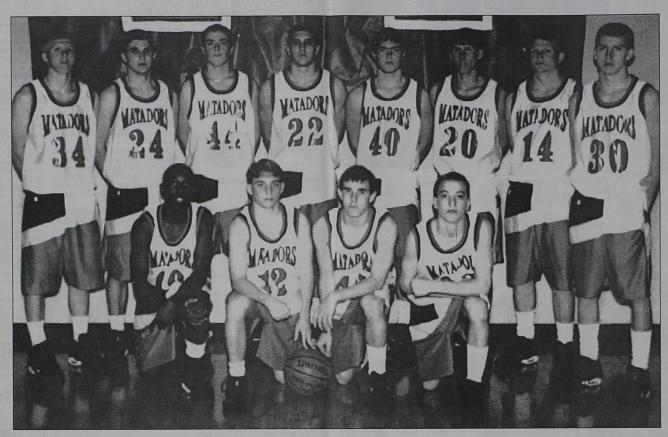
# Good Luck at Regional! **Motley County Powerlifters!**

REGIONAL POWERLIFTING MEETS Girls - Saturday, March 6, at Cisco Boys - Saturday, March 13, at Colorado City

Cap Rock Telephone Caprock Cellular **Matador Variety** Flomot Gin Rose Garden Floral & Gifts Tony, Sherry, Sean & Shea Rose Alexander Fuel **Motley County Tribune** Jim & Carla Meador Vickie's Floral & Country Crafts **Production Credit Association** Higginbotham-Bartlett Motley County Judge, Laverna Price First State Bank Thacker Supply Thacker Jewelry **Matador Implement CSR PolyPipe** The Windmill James, Kathy, & Brenda Gillespie Kelly, Pennie, Kevin & Kandi Keltz Jeremy, Whitney & Morgan Jones Alan, Kay, & Chance Bingham Donnie, Kelli & Dusty Jackson Dr. Pat & Mary Lou Williams Rickey & Naomi Lawrence Jeff, Pam, Brad & Blair Thacker

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# Congratulations, Matadors on your winning season!



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — DISTRICT AND BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS! Jermaine Hendrix, Jason Clauser, Ben Ridgley, Casey Lawrence, kneeling left to right. Standing are Brad Marvel, Brant Donaldson, Jason Barton, Keane Cruse, Matt Easter, Sean Rose, Dayton Grundy, and Chase Carson.

# And a BIG 'Pat on the Back' to Coach Ridgley and the MC Coaching Staff for your fine job with our kids!

#### We're proud of you!

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Randy, Bonita & Lanie Barton

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Ronny, Mikki, Ryan & Leah Payne

Dr. Pat & Mary Lou Williams

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Larry, Deidra, Monica & Skylar Clifton

Butch, Judy & Rachelle Renfro

Johnny, Tammy & Miranda Palmer

Billy, Brenda, Samantha, Sabrina, & Lexie Osborn

Tommie Cruse

Stephen, Jennifer & Bryce Brady

Shane, Wendi, Austin & Bryant Taylor

Jeremy, Whitney and Morgan Jones

Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose

# An Alaskan adventure



Mary Meason and Patti Hamilton on a cold and snowy day during an have breakfast! outing in Alaska.



Snow and ice weigh the tree branches to form an ice sculptor.

He who has conquered doubt and

fear has conquered failure.

# AFBF Monsanto provide scholarships

More students from farming families will have an opportunity to go to college with the help of scholarships provided by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture and the Monsanto Company.

The joint program will allow eligible agriculture students from 28 major farming states to receive the scholarships, which will be awarded this spring to be used during the fall 1999 semester.

There are a total of 50 Monsanto and American Farm Bureau Commitment to Agriculture Scholarships, each totaling \$2,500. To receive them, a student's family must be actively involved in farming. Applicants should be preparing to enter the first year of college in the fall of 1999 and

plan to major in agriculture. Royalty payments from farmers who unlawfully saved and replanted, or sold for replanting, seed containing Monsanto's patented technology will be used to fund the scholarships.

"It has always been Monsanto's desire to use the money collected from seed piracy actions to benefit the agricultural community," said Lisa Safarian, Monsanto's business development manager for intellectual property. "We're very pleased to be able to work with American Farm Bureau to make this money available to help a lot of young people pay for their education in agriculture.

Monsanto is investigating more than 525 reported seed piracy cases. Royalty money has been generated from payments made to Monsanto based on the claims.

The scholarships will be awarded through the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Applications are now available at the state office, county Farm Bureau offices, and agricultural chemical re-

tailer locations. The deadline for application is

April 15, 1999.

by Mary Meason

Alaska! What a beautiful state! I have been fortunate in having had two trips to Alaska - one in the summer and one at Christmas time this year. I haven't really decided which season is the most beautiful time to visit that state.

First of all, I'm so very thankful for my nephew and niece, Richard "Duck" and Patti Hamilton, who have lived in Alaska for many years. They both taught school, she until retirement, and he taught for a number of years, then worked in the oil business in Prudo Bay until he re-

My nephew has his own plane and when I was there in the summer time I saw much of the beauty of Alaska from the air - the beautiful mountains, glaciers, forests and riv-

On my Christmas trip, Alaska had on its winter coat and it was more than gorgeous! Everything was covered in snow, but those people pay no attention to it! They have snow tires, the highway department keeps the highway and streets open and my nephew pays \$30 a month to keep his driveway free of snow from his house to the highway!

Christmas Day the outside temperature stood at 30° below zero, all day, but we were warm and everyone was looking forward to Christmas tree time! The sun came up around 12 noon and that is when we would

Their Christmas tree, of course, was a native evergreen and it was beautiful and loaded with gifts. Patti and Duck's two sons and their wives and their children and a friend were

The sun was setting a little after three o'clock in the afternoon and was dark by 4:00 or a little after. Patti put together a Christmas dinner fit for a king and we all gorged on that delicious Christmas dinner.

After I got home someone asked me if we had a turkey for Christmas dinner. I suppose they thought we had elk, bear, reindeer or fish for our Christmas dinner. That would have been all right, too, but that huge tur-

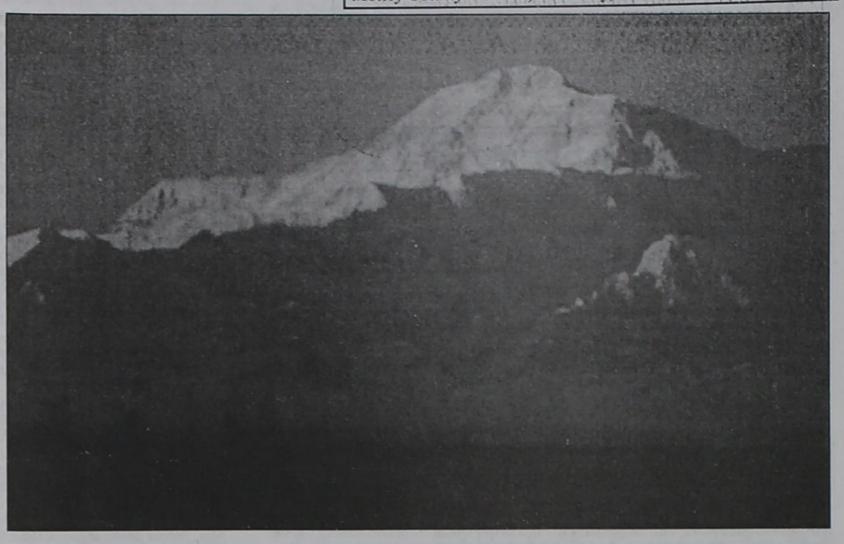
removed from the tree, wrapped and stored away, Patti and I made several trips into Anchorage, ate out as all women love to do, and went to the Museum. That Museum was so interesting. It displayed the handiwork of the Indians and Eskimos from the early days of Alaska.

because those people make their there than I ever was in Alaska. "houses" out of animal skins. Their pottery was made from grasses, and different designs were added for decorations. Their dresses were made of animal skins and decorated with beautiful beadwork.

One item that especially inter- back to old dry, sunbaked Texas. ested me was a large pot, almost as skins as decorations for the outside ton.

of the pot. Seeing all these things made me realize how we "civilized" people have wasted our natural resources.

One thing I especially enjoyed



Mt. McKinley in Alaska. The Indians call the mountain Denali.

taxidermist who prepared the body of the Husky dog that pulled the sled carrying diptheria vaccine into northern Alaska that was suffering from an epidemic of diptheria. The dog didn't die from that arduous trip, but died a natural death. He is standing erect in a big glass cage. He saved many lives.

On this last trip only one person reminded me that Alaska is bigger than Texas. I think there are so many Texans living there now, the Alaskans have quit reminding them of Alaska's size.

Quite a few people have asked me how I went. They surely don't think that I drove up there in my eleven year old car at my advanced age! I told them I went by plane and wheelchair. I can get along at Lubbock airport, but not in DFW, Salt Lake City, Anchorage or Seattle. Patti had reserved a wheelchair for me at each airport and an attendant was at each airport to get me to every plane connection.

These two trips to Alaska were given to me by my niece and nephew. These two trips were the most wonderful gifts I have ever received.

In our trips from Anchorage to key was cooked to perfection. Willow, it was not out of the ordinary
After all the decorations were to see Elk or Moose grazing by the side of the road. These two trips to Alaska are something that happened during my lifetime that I'll never for-

On my trip home I spent 10 days with my niece and family, Jean and Dean Straub, on Marristone Island, just across the sound from Seattle. Those people were artists! Sev- It rained all day everyday and night eral things were so interesting to me that I was there. I was much colder

I talked to my niece, Jean, last week and they have had 89 days of rain. The sun was out that day but according the weather man it was to start raining again the next day! I hate to admit it but I was glad to get

But I'll have to admit that I am large as a wash pot, that was made ready for another trip to Alaska, and of fish skin. The fins were left on the in dryer weather, a trip to Washing-

> Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

# WTPA Scholarship applications being accepted

cepted from high school seniors and based on the theme "My Future and junior and senior college students for Career Plans in Community Journaltwo \$1,000 college scholarships, according to Carla Meador, publisher of the Motley County Tribune. The sented to a graduating high school amount of the scholarships were increased by West Texas Press Association at the 1998 Summer Conven- a college or university as a print jourtion held in Midland.

The Motley County Tribune is a member of the West Texas Press Association, the world's largest press organization because of the vast geographic area it encompasses. The Association will be presenting scholarships to two future journalists in print media from the area served by the membership of WTPA whose career goals include working with a community newspaper.

Through the Bob Craig Memorials Scholarship program, a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior will each be presented with a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of longtime Hamlin Herald publisher Bob Craig, who died in 1981. He served 18 years on the WTPA board in all offices, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from

The scholarship will be divided into payments of \$500 per semester for two semesters for each of the two scholarship winners. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the Annual Summer Convention, July 22scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an Abilene, Texas.

Applications are now being ac- application form and write an essay

One scholarship will be presenior and the other will be presented to a student who is already attending nalism or advertising major.

There were no entries for the college scholarship last year and the board voted to award two scholarships to graduating seniors. Winners were Aimee M. Moreland of Fort Worth, Texas, and Laura Barkowsky, a graduate of Greenwood High School at Midland.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers and high schools in the area of West Texas Press Association members and to college journalism departments. Prospective applicants may secure a form from the high school journalism department or counselor or the local newspaper office. Applicants must be from the area served by the WTPA membership.

Applications and essays must be sent to M. Gene Dow, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Drawer 1200, Seminole, TX 79360, and be postmarked on or before June 15, 1999.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the directors of the West Texas Press Association and will be announced at the Association's 69th 24, 1999, at the Clarion Hotel in

Send a letter from home to your College Student each week with a subscription to the **Motley County Tribune** 9 month rate - Only \$18



# News around the County

## **Roaring Springs News**

by Odessa Mullins

Joe and Joyce Meredith attended the last Friday. Motley County vs. O'Donnell basketball game in Plainview Friday night. Their night with her son in Lubbock and kept a grandson, Sean, is a member of the Mot-doctor's appointment Thursday morning. ley County Matadors team.

Citizens center and visited with friends team.

Mary Lumsden spent Wednesday

Kenneth and Barbara Marvel attended the basketball game in Plainview Zella Palmer and Odessa Mullins Friday night, Motley County vs O'Donnell. drove to Dickens for lunch at the Senior Their grandson, Brad, is a member of the

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

HATS OFF TO THE MOTLEY MATADORS

At breakfast this morning in our cafe, the news was that there isn't any news. No news is good news. The cattlemen sat and discussed their problems at a separate table from the coffee drinkers; others discussed the weather and our various ailments, then separated to go to the Post Office. It is downright surprising how an advertiser van frighten ordinary folks. One official envelope was from a lawyer! Advertising for a magazine. One personal note, a retirement magazine, a sales pitch from a retirement center, and other hefty information that went into file "13", brought us to the telephone bill - fortheight and one half inches long.

It is unsettling to see how many 'long distance' calls we have to Matador. The doctor, the Court House, the bank - no one can be reached except by long distance. Think of the time and effort to dial an eleven digit number when you want to call the Clinic - One tiny error gets that recording: "I'm sorry the number you are calling cannot be reached, please check your directory or call your operator!" This is hard on the elderly.

At the library are posters urging us to read! May I share with you the six days of devotionals from my Daily Guideposts. The writer reviewed the 'six days and then one of rest' as they were lived as she grew up with her mother and father during the Depression dust-bowl days. Monday was Wash day. Her mother raced every other mother in the neighborhood getting some of the wash on the line before the kids went off to school. She heard so often that "cleanliness is next to godliness" that she thought it came from the

Tuesday was Ironing Day. She mentioned the plague of grasshoppers that came across and ate every "snippet of growth the drought hadn't gotten" - even I remember wearing rubber boots to hang out the daily line of diapers on the line before pampers. It was also before dozens of other luxuries we now have.

Wednesday was baking day - they got to have a slice of bread hot and crusty from the oven with strawberry jam. Twenty-four cups of flour were used, and

the "Lord's loaf" went to prayer meeting with the whole family that night. One loaf was for the "needy" during Depression

days. Thursday was Cleaning Day. When

the writer would complain about a chore,

she was told, "Getting you to do anything

is like pulling teeth," but her opinion didn't

"hold water" with her folks. Friday was Mending and Sewing Day. Early in her life her mother put a cuptowel with needle and embroidery thread in her daughter's lap and began her training in embroidery. Many 'groans and pricks later', she finally finished the word Monday, with a cat sitting beneath doing laundry. When she protested, Mom merely quoted, "Satan finds mischief for idle hands," and found something else for her

Saturday was the day to go to town. They spent the day visiting with neighbors, window shopping, laying in supplies, and returned at night with only the staples they had needed, and a "50# chunk of ice tied to a bumper". Sunday was the Day of Rest. Except for gathering the eggs and milking the cow, no work was done. Once as they returned home from church they saw a man plowing in the field. Her father remarked after a few moments of stunned silence, "He must have forgotten it is Sunday!" I remember it all, and it's been upwards of 60 years since those dust bowl days!

Another thing you must read is in the March Reader's Digest. On page 97 is the story of "Rudy Rules" about New York City's Mayor Giuliani who is accomplishing wonders in a City that had lost its hopes. If he runs for President, he will get my vote. He gives hope, especially after just having sent a large hunk of income to Uncle Sam only to learn in this morning's A.J. that the IRS doesn't know how to keep books.

Other recommended reading is the series of articles appearing in the Lubbock Morning Avalanche as part of the "Early Days on the Plains". These stores are from the Southwest Collection.

We're happy to hear that Ruth Stafford is home from her second trip to the hospital. The number of folks who need to go back the second time, causes concern that early discharges may be for reasons other than health care. 101

Come to

### Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Herb and Geneva Martin, Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay and grandchildren, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah Clay joined family members in Tulia, Saturday for a luncheon. Others attending were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador; Mrs. Joely Beam and Jacy of Earth; Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart; Mrs. Keri Sehon of Wolfforth; Mrs. Christi Milam of Petersburg and Charles Tanner, Robert Tanner and Tyson of Tulia.

Local residents attending the wedding ceremony of Ashley Morrison and Matt Washington held at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Baker Building in Lubbock were Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty, Cara Franks, Cody Barclay, and Mrs. Edith Washington.

Mrs. Teresa Smith of Atoka, Okla. visited from Wednesday until Sunday with daughter and family, Amanda and Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton. Other visitors during the weekend were Chase and Lacy Carson of Matador.

Louis Shorter of Mansfield, Everett Shorter, Herb Martin and Clois Shorter enjoyed striped fishing at Lake Texhoma, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Jometa McClain of Hart arrived Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Bessie Starkey

to business in Matador, Tuesday and visited Mrs. Earline Vaughn and Mrs. Myra Spears Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, Mrs. B. Rogers

and Mrs. Leona Degan enjoyed entertainment in Tulia and Plainview, Saturday. Art Green was in Lockney, Monday for a medical check-up.

Plainview with her sister, Mrs. Mildred Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Speer of Floydada visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Fri-

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Oklahoma City from Thursday until Saturday attending a Friends of the Libook selections.

#### HAS SURGERY

#### Mrs. Nada Starkey is a patient in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo following surgery, Monday, March 1. With her during surgery and hospitalization are her husband, Jack, and children and

families, Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Michael Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch. DAUGHTER IS HONORED AS A FORMER LADY RAIDER Barbara and M.C. Jones were in Lub-

bock, Saturday to attend the Texas Tech

Lady Raiders final regular season basket-

ball game against longtime rivals University of Texas at Municipal Coliseum. It was "Turn Out The Lights" night at the

Barbara's daughter, Mrs. Sue Kingsberry Porter of Austin was one of the former Lady Raiders introduced at the halftime. She was a noted player on the 1971-1972 Lady Raider teams. They also enjoyed the celebration following the 1999 game when the Lady Raiders were presented the Big 12 Conference Championship Trophy.

#### CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Ashton Barclay, son of Mr. and Mrs Cody Barclay, celebrated his birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter attended Thursday, Feb. 25 with a party in his home. He knew he was the center of attraction when blowing out his one candle on a decorated cake and opening his gifts.

Those attending the happy celebration were grandmothers, Mrs. Teresa Smith of Atoka, OK and Mrs. Sandra Barclay of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Connie and Cara Franks, Mrs. Leona Degan has visited in Josh Lee, Ty Barclay, and his brother, Lane, of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Elliott, Reagan and Shelby and Lacy and Chase Carson of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter enjoyed the New York Touring Company Produc-Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock and tion of Les Miserables in Amarillo, Saturday held at the Civic Center.

Bengie Hughes of Nevada, Texas visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and brary Metropolitan Book Sale held at the Mrs. Butch Hughes. He also visited broth-Fair Grounds. There were over 250,000 ers and families in Lubbock, Lockney and

Mrs. Wilda Dixon was in Lubbock,

Friday where she met her mother, Mrs.

Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. and aunt

and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Steele of

Denver City. They visited in the home of

Jack Martin of Matador visited in Roar-

ing Springs, Sunday with their mother,

Matador

News

Mrs. Bettye Stevens returned home from Lubbock, Saturday, following back

Of interest to Motley County resi-

dents. Mrs. Gary Laughlin, nee Rene

Posey of Midland, former resident of

Roaring Springs and Matador, returned

home Saturday from Dallas following sur-

gery, Monday, Feb. 22 at Baylor Hospital.

erererere "Judge not, that ye be not judged.

For with what judgement ye judge, ye

shall be judged: and with what meas-

ure ye critisize, it shall be measured to

Matthew 7: 1-2

She is reported to be doing fine.

you again."

Mrs. Katheryn Martin and brother,

Mrs. Lela Faye Jones.

Mrs. Josie Martin.

### Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Mark Twain: "There are three kind of untruths: lies, damn lies and statistics." How many non voters and made-up people does it take to make an opinion poll? It would probably take a team of statisticians to figure that one out!

WEATHER REPORT

February weather in northwest Motley County has been incredibly warm and dry. 0.15 of rain Feb. 5 was all that was reported for the month. We need a good West Texas rain!

#### **Burndowns Offer Superior Weed** Control in a Wide Variety of Crops

Weeds are the last things you need to wait on during spring, the busiest time of the year. A



burndown makes perfect economical sense, but with

so many weed control options available, making the right choice is difficult. Here's two burndown

herbicides that offer fast, reliable weed desiccation for a variety of crops, including cotton, corn and

soybeans. TOUCHDOWN® herbicide delivers better early preplant performance than ever on tough annual and perennial grasses and broadleaf weeds. Touchdown herbicide translocates through plants from leaves and stem all the way down to the roots for a faster burndown. You'll see leaves turning yellow in just four to seven days, significantly faster than herbicides with the active ingredient glyphosate.

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## **Obituaries**

## Fred G. Simpson

Fred G. Simpson, 78, died Monday, March 1, 1999 in Ft. Dodge, Kansas. He was born April 8, 1920 in Matador, Texas to Fred G. and May Simpson. He attended school and graduated from Matador High School in 1938.

He was a Captain in the Air Force and served for four years during WWII in the Pacific War Zone. He received his Law Degree at the University of Texas in Aus-

Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 4, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ft. Dodge, Kansas Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Kenneth Simpson, who was killed in WWII.

He is survived by three sisters, Ruth Cooper of Irving, Texas, Helen Sanders of Goodland, KS, and Betty Martin of Hereford; and several nieces and neph-

#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am very proud of our Basketball team. This year they played with great heart and gave me 100%. I wanted to thank all of the parents and fans that supported us through the season and the playoff games. Matador is a very giving community and my family and I are very blessed to be a part of it. I'd like to send a very special thanks to Coach Copeland, Coach O'Pry, Coach Payne, Mr. Hand, Mr. Copp, Mrs. Gillespie, Robert Gillespie, Brenda Gillespie, and all those teachers that took the gate during the season. Also, I'd like to thank Bettye Stevens, Carolyn Ewing, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Woolsey for their patience with me during this season. I would also like to send a very special thanks to Mrs. Bearden, Rosalee Davis, Clara Mangram, Vivian Johnson, Mellane Parson, and Susan Thomas for the wonderful sack lunches they provided on our away games.

And as always, thanks to Papa Joe for driving Big Red. May God bless you all.

Coach Ridgley

Dear Editor,

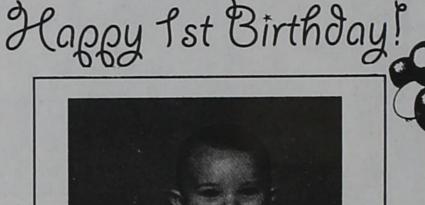
We are all witnesses in one way or another. Witnesses for our church or our town or community, school, but we are a witness. Last Friday night the Motley County fans were a great witness to our basketball team and all others that were present when the Motley County fans stood and cheered our team until they left the floor. That is what I call faithful and supportive fans.

Coaches, you did a great job with a team of fine young men. Young people, take note that you are growing up in a community where family, friends, and community mean something and you mean something to them. The way you pay back the support is to support your children when they are your age.

Thanks for a great season.

Pastor Royce Jennings First Baptist Church, Matador

God Poless You!:





## **Mason MacKenzie Martin**

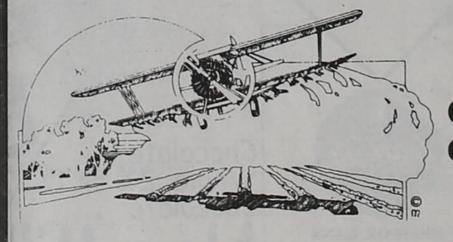
Son of Heather & Matt (Mama & Dada) Martin of Knox City Grandson of Lamar & Brenda Tilson of Boyd, Debbie Kay and Jerry Curd (Gran-Gran and Pop) of Knox City Ron Martin and Sharyn Gorman of Las Vegas, NV Great-grandparents are Stella Curd of Knox City,

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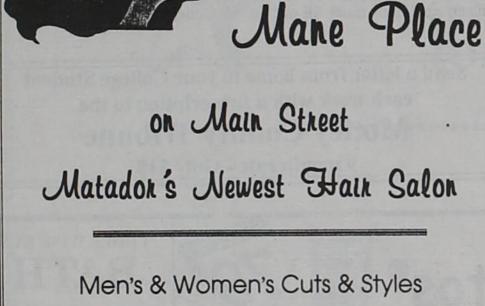


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# Farm & Ranch News



# EQIP Cost Share Funding offered by NRCS

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Incentive payments and cost share payments are available for virtually any farming or ranching practice that is considered environmentally friendly and is planned as a part of a complete conservation plan. The EQIP is a contract program and the

minimum of five years to a maximum

of ten years. The maximum contract limitation is \$50,000 and cost share' rates up to 75%. The cost share rate funded on an equal basis of cropland

into the program by bidding at a lesser cost share rate.

On a national basis EQIP is

The Natural Resources Conserterm of the contracts range from a crease their chance of acceptance ducers will compete for a cost share pool against other counties in Texas. To obtain more information contact the Motley County NRCS office or the Farm Services Agency (FSA) office. The main telephone number for both is variable and the applicant can in- and rangeland. Motley County pro- offices is (806) 347-2263.

# Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program available through FSA

currently accepting applications for ceive payments under either the Single year provisions cover insured the Crop Loss Disaster Assistance singer-year or multi-year provisions, Program. The program provides as- and USDA will make payments at the surable crops. sistance to eligible producers who higher of the two levels. suffered losses for 1998 crops (singleyear) or losses on crops in three of qualifying losses in excess of 35 perthe last five years (multi-year) from cent of the expected production are

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Under the multi-year disaster. insured crops will be compensated with an additional payment of 25 percent of the indemnities received during the period. For non-insurable crops the compensation will be an additional payment of 25 percent of the NAP payments received during the period.

The payments for the single-year and multi-year disasters will be prorated if the amount allocated for each is exceeded. The payment limitation for 1998 single-year and multi-year benefits is \$80,000 per person will be applied before any national payment factors. Also, producers receiving benefits that did not insure all 1998 insurable crops will be required to purchase crop insurance for ALL crops in 1999 and 2000. The sign-up deadline is March 12, 1999. Please call the office at (806) 347-2671 for an appointment.

## Southwest Crops Conference March 11

The Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo is right around the corner. Scheduled for March 11 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, the daylong event is free to those attending and will be held in the Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

Attendees are being asked to preregister by calling Southwest Farm Press at 1-800-253-3160 or PCG at 306-792-4904. Attendees can also register by sending in the registration card included in recent editions of the Southwest Farm Press. Tickets for an on-site barbecue lunch will be sold for \$7 each.

Education credits for private pesticide applicators and for Texas Certified Crop Advisors will be available as well.

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I Peter 3:4

# By Ace Reid **COW POKES** "The boss said I had to be a good cowboy to

stay here, but I ain't had a chance to prove myself and now I'm not sure whether I am or not!

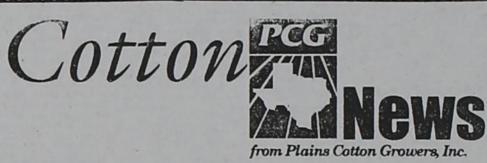
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#### FIRST STEP 3 IMPORT QUOTA OPENS MARCH 4

With the announcement of the first, of what will no doubt be many, Step 3 import quotas by the United States Department of Agriculture many producers are probably wondering what to expect in terms of foreign cotton making its way into U.S. textile mills.

The quota announced yesterday will be established March 4 and allow the importation of 93,806,582 pounds of raw cotton. That equates to 195,430 480-pound bales of cotton. The quota will be open for 180 days beginning March 4. This the maximum amount of cotton that could be brought in under a single quota and approximates the amount of cotton consumed by U.S. mills in one week.

The reality of the quota situation is that several important considerations are probably going to keep the flow of imports in check. The high cost of shipping cotton from foreign ports to U.S. destinations, the ability to obtain acceptable qualities of cotton for desired end-products and fact that many mills are geared to receive just-in-time shipments of raw cotton will all figure into mill decisions of when and if to buy foreign cotton.

Importing cotton is also a buyer beware proposition since the sales are not automatically subject to Southern Mill rules that allow a buyer to turn back damaged or otherwise unacceptable bales. Unless the buyer and importer specifically agree to use the Southern Mill rules then buyers run the risk of being delivered bales which would normally be turned back as unacceptable.

Mills may also find it difficult to

manage larger shipments of cotton since most have gotten away from the inventory control procedures involved with storing cotton prior to

On the quality side of the issue imported cotton is also generally sold on type and will not have an independent quality grade like U.S. cotton. The preference for most mills will be to continue to purchase available U.S. cotton unless they need cotton in qualities, specifically high-grade longer staple qualities, that are currently unavailable from U.S. sources.

USDA estimates only about 350,000 bales to be landed under Step 3 quotas during the remainder of the marketing year which ends July 31, 1999.

#### NEW ACREAGE RESERVE PROGRAM PROPOSED

Reports from USDA indicate Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman intends to support new legislation.

The bill is expected to be presented in the next three weeks and will propose the creation of a new conservation program that pays farmers to leave cropland idle.

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