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115 Animals will show

59th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show

Show Schedule

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A Look Back

Call

State mobilizes to meet wildfire threat

(Abilene) - The Texas Forest Service has mobilized firefighters and aircraft to Childress and Amarillo to meet the extreme wildfire threat that exists in western Texas.

A fire suppression command team and a task force of engines and dozers is stationed in Childress. Four single-engine air tankers (called "SEATS") have also been ordered up. Two SEATS are now stationed in Amarillo and two more will be stationed in Childress.

Sixteen firefighters and overhead personnel were dispatched to the 2,000-acre Comal County wildfire near the community of Fisher. Tuesday, March 2, the wildfire made a significant run and threatened hundreds of homes in Fisher. Many persons were evacuated but were later allowed to return to their homes.

Firefighters from the Texas Forest Service, five volunteer fire departments, the Army National Guard (three Blackhawk helicopters), Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation had brought the wildfire to 90 percent containment late Wednesday. No homes or structures were lost.

Texas Forest Service firefighters and volunteer fire departments also controlled a 200-acre blaze in Hall County and a 500-acre wildfire in Gillespie County.

High Winds, unseasonably warm temperatures, low humidities and very dry fields has led to the declaration of an extreme wildfire danger alert for most of the western part of the state, according to Lou Sloat, information officer with the Texas Forest Service. No appreciable precipitation is forecast over the next ten days.

The extreme wildfire danger is expected to continue until significant rainfall has been received in the affected area. Significant rainfall would have to be two to four inches over a two to five day period in order to bring any relief to the state.

The Texas Forest Service indicated that there are 29 counties under a burning ban where no outside burning is allowed for any reason. Counties having enacted burn bans include Bandera, Blanco, Borden, Brewster, Burnet, Caldwell, Callahan, Childress, Clay, Comanche, Cottle, Cuberson, Eastland, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Hays, Hudspeth, Jones, Kent, Knox, Nolan, Presidio, Randall, Shackelford, Taylor, Tom Green, Upton and Val Verde.

Officials request all persons in the western part of the state to refrain from any outdoor burning, dispose of the smoking materials properly, use extreme care when using

outdoor power tools, and avoid driving vehicles into tall, dry grass where the catalytic converter could cause a wildfire.

Texas Forest Service wildfire prevention teams are in place in Abilene, Canyon and Fredericksburg to increase awareness of the dangerous wildfire conditions and help reduce man-caused wildfires. Current wildfire information is available via the Texas Forest Service's Internet website at <http://txforestservicetamu.edu>.

Commissioners meet in regular session

Motley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Monday, March 8, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Judge Laverna M. Price; Commissioners, John M. Russell, Donnie L. Turner, Franklin Jameson, J.N. Fletcher, and County/District Clerk, Lucretia Campbell.

The invocation was by Commissioner Russell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Reports of Treasurer, Tax Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent, Library, and Texas Animal Damage Control, were reviewed and approved.

Billings were reviewed and all approved for payment.

Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor with Texas Department of Transportation, reported the bridge under construction across Tongue/Pease river is near completion. The bridge southeast of Matador across McDonald Creek on Farm Road #417, will be finished when reflectors and guard rail are installed.

Judge Price discussed the courthouse repairs that have been done

during the past week. The Commissioner's Courtroom, office of the Treasurer, Special Prosecutor, Justice of the Peace and the west stairwell that leads to the second floor, walls and ceilings have been repaired and painted. Plans have been made to finish the remainder of the ground floor in the near future.

A division of Texas Department of Transportation has completed the initial inventory portion of the County Road Inventory Project. This project involved contacting officials and 911 coordinators for the location and names of county-maintained county roads. Each county-maintained road was inventoried for length and other

roadway attributes, using the global positioning system and a digital measuring instrument. A graphic map and a set of road logs were created for the county. Each commissioner has researched the data and found that some of the county roads are not on the inventory. The Court will submit the missing data for approval.

Court adjourned at 12:00 noon.

MARCH 9, 1950

State Clean-up Is Advised by State Health Department

"Dr. George W. Cox State Health Officer says that the season of the year when typhoid fever is prevalent will soon be here, and urges everyone to clean up their premises to eliminate flies and other insects. A town is only as clean as the individual citizens and public health should be everyone's concern."

MARCH 9, 1950

Heavy Duster Sweeps Over Most of State

"Kansas and Oklahoma real estate in transit, swept over the Texas Panhandle Monday and Tuesday with winds up to 40 miles per hour. Dust was still in the air last night, although colder weather yesterday had cleared the sky of most of the season's worst storm."

MARCH 16, 1950

County Is Seventh In State To Report Red Cross Quota

"With a purpose to accomplish 1950 Red Cross Fund, Chairman Ben Edwards and his associates set forth and in one day March 2, received sufficient contributions to over subscribe the counties \$1,200 quota."

Around Town News Briefs of area events

Whiteflat Reunion set for April 3

by Nora Bell Dunning

Okay, Whiteflat exes, get your thinking caps on, and begin to make plans for the first Saturday in April for our annual Reunion. The reunion will be held on April 3 at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

We hope you will be able to attend. We always look forward to seeing each of you. After all we're not getting any younger, so many have gone on to be with the good Lord. If you know anyone that has passed on, let me know. Our Whiteflat may be on the disappearing stage, but our love and memories are still there for all the wonderful times we had together. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

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 workday.

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



Kandi Keltz



Kristi Williams



Blair Thacker



Sam Osborn



Denise Shannon



Shandra Jones

The All District 15-A team has been announced for girls basketball. MVP for the team is Krissy Shipman, a sophomore of Guthrie.

Six Lady Matadors have been named to the team. Kandi Keltz, Senior, First Team; Denise Shannon, Sophomore, First Team; Kristi Williams, Senior, Second Team; Sam Osborn, Senior, Second Team; Shandra Jones, Freshman, Second Team; and Blair Thacker, Senior, Honorable Mention.

Also named to All District, First Team, were Joli Shipman, Freshman, Guthrie; Amanda Ferguson, Sophomore, Guthrie; Dara Ramsey, Senior, Silvertown; and Lindsey Weak, Senior, Silvertown. Named to the Second Team were Amber Atkinson, Junior, Patton Springs; Emily Pierce, Freshman, Patton Springs; Paloma Castillo, Junior, Lakeview; Sara Kirchoffner, Junior, Silvertown; Misty Wilkinson, Senior, Silvertown; Brandi Seago, Junior, Guthrie; and Ashley Pettit, Sophomore, Guthrie.

Junior Livestock Show Saturday

The 59th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held this Saturday, March 13, 1999 at the Motley County Livestock Show Barn. 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.

During this year's show, there will be 14 steers, 56 hogs, 18 lambs, 27 rabbits and pens of heifers exhibited. Anyone living in Motley County, owning land in Motley County, or youth eligible for the Junior Livestock Show may show heifers. In addition, a Pee Wee Swine Showmanship Show will be held for youth under the age of 9 years and not in the third grade.

This years judge for the market

classes will be Tim Trimble, County Extension Agent - Agriculture in Childress County and for the heifers and showmanship is Daniel Jenkins, Ag Science Instructor at Lakeview High School.

This years events start with breakfast being served to exhibitors, donors, and local residents at 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Show Barn. The breakfast will be prepared by local volunteers and is sponsored by Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador.

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 a.m. The pee-wee showmanship starts at 9:45 a.m. followed by the swine show at 10:00 a.m. The lamb show begins at 11:30 a.m. proceeded by the rabbits at 12:30 p.m. and heifers at 1:00 p.m. The steer

show begins at 2:00 p.m. followed by the premium auction at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the Show and Youth Premium Auction to help support the youth of Motley County. At this years auction we will also be auctioning items donated by business and supporters of the Motley County Junior Livestock Show. A few of the items included are hand made vest by Betty Parks; 100 gallons of propane donated by Marshall Brothers; 5 bags of Roundup Ready 2200, Technology fee and Roundup donated by Plainview Acid & Delinting, Monsanto and Paymaster; several other items have also been donated. If anyone is interested in making donations of items or money they 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.

There will be a concession stand open throughout the Stock Show.

Donations of \$1.00 are being accepted for a drawing of a \$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.

Show participants this year are

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YOU NEED A

VACATION



This has been one of those weeks! We have two cameras on the blink. And guess what, on Tuesday, deadline day, our other two cameras decided they didn't want to work right either! Of course if anything is ever going to decide it doesn't want to work, it's always on Tuesday, when we need it most.

I had good intentions of printing pictures of the 4-H group and FFA group, but as I said, the pictures were impossible to obtain this week. I thought they would be good to print this week to go along with the Stockshow paper, but we just couldn't do it. So I apologize to the 4-H'ers and FFA members. Hopefully we can take these pictures in the near future and print them in the paper.

Good luck to all the stock show participants. I know these kids have worked hard on their animal projects.

Speaking of animals, we were discussing the other day how sad it is for some pets to have to be fenced in or chained up all day. I know that's just something that has to be sometimes, but I always feel sorry for the animal.

Meme (Mary Meason) received this little poem from her niece in

Washington, and we thought it went right along with our conversation.

Alone Again

I wish someone would tell me
What it is that I've done wrong,
Why I have to stay chained up
And left alone so long.
They seemed so glad to have me
When I came here as a pup.
There were so many things we'd do
While I was growing up
They couldn't wait to train me
As companion and as friend.
They told me they would never fear
Being left alone again.
The children said they'd feed me.

Said they'd brush me every day,
They'd play with me and walk me,
If only I could stay.
But now the family hasn't time,
They often say I shed.
They won't allow me in the house,
Not even to be fed.
The children never walk me.
They always say, "Not now!"
I wish that I could please them.
Won't someone tell me how?
All I have is love, you see,
I wish they would explain,
Why they said they wanted me
Then left me on a chain.

"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

Romans 2:1

The Motley County Tribune is the place to shop for Books!

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Must See to Appreciate Our Selection!



Last week the library received two wonderful photographs thanks to Rita and Algie Groves. These pictures were taken in 1926 or 1927 and one shows all of the students and teachers of the entire Roaring Springs Grade School of that era, including Rita Nichols Groves. The other photograph is a picture of the students and teachers in Roaring Springs High School. We will have these photographs out soon for all to see. The high school photograph is identified. Mary Green Webb named all the people in that picture, but the grade school picture is lacking some names. Perhaps some of you can name some of these children. We appreciate very much the gift of these treasures.

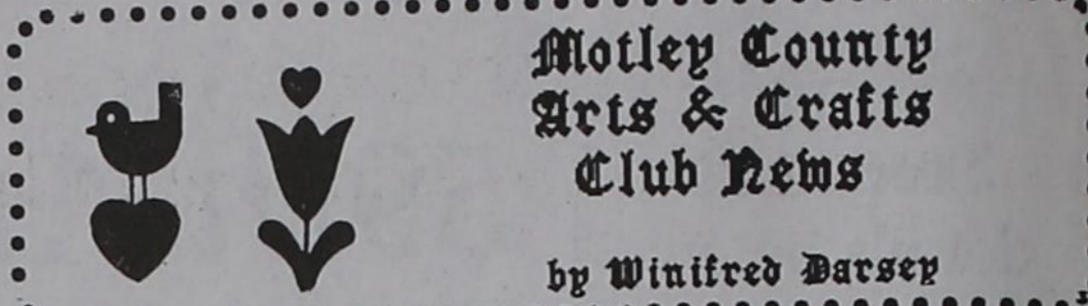
On Tuesday, March 16, the Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society will journey to Jayton to use the genealogical library there. If anyone is interested in this expedition, call the library at 347-2717 for more information.

A new book in the library is Da-

kota by Lauraine Shelling. This book is a collection of four inspirational love stories of the northern plains. Another book new to the library is Under the Blackjack Trees by Libby Wright Hames. In this book Mrs. Hames describes the early days in Oklahoma when "the City" was little more than a tent town and deer, coyotes, bobcats and an occasional panther roamed the area that is now a modern metropolis.

For the younger reader we have Seeing Lessons by Spring Hermann. This is a work of fiction based on a real-life story of America's first school for blind people - the Perkins School for the Blind that Annie Sullivan attended before she became Helen Keller's teacher. These and other new books are waiting for you at the library. Come in and check one out and enjoy.

Thanks to Rita and Algie Groves for filling in at the library for me today, while I attend a librarian's meeting in Lubbock.



by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met March 1, at the Senior Citizens Center for a workshop on Pen and Ink drawing.

Vee Gordon, vice-president, presided over a business meeting called at 10:00 a.m. Club business was discussed and plans were made for ensuing programs.

The club received a double dividend, by having two talented instructors to teach the class on drawing.

Mrs. Pauline Hand was Instructor for the day. She was unable to begin the class, and Betty Bostick, local artist, substituted for her. The class was exceptional with their instructions.

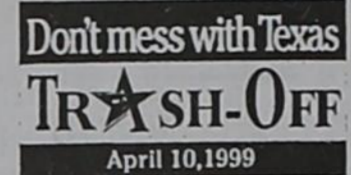
Pen and Ink is a very fascinating art form. Many very good drawings were the result of good instructions and talent among the students.

The members expressed their thank you to both instructors, to Betty for getting the work started and to Pauline for all the nice things she did; for great preparations, and the gift container she made for each member present.

The paper-bag luncheon was a nice interlude, with good food and fun.

Members present were Betty Bostick, Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Bonnie Edmondson, Vee Gordon, Gerri Jones, Dorothy Knight, Billie Koon, Lorene Lancaster, Dixie Littken, Winifred Lee, Elsie Thacker, Joyce Meredith, and Winifred Darsey. Loys Campbell was hostess pro-tem for the day.

April 5 is the date of the club's next meeting at Senior Citizens. Una Simpson with Crayola Painting, will be instructor, a covered dish luncheon is planned. See you there.



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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Monday evening through
Thursday evening - 7:30 p.m.

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invited to attend this series of
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Fowl Science



Scientists at NASA have developed a gun whose purpose is to launch dead chickens. It is used to shoot a dead chicken at the windshields of airline jets, military jets, and the space shuttle, at the vehicle's maximum traveling velocity.

At such, it simulates the frequent incident of collisions with airborne fowl, thereby determining if the windshields are strong enough.

British engineers, upon hearing of the gun, were eager to test it out on the windshield of their new high-speed trains. Upon firing it, the engineers watched in shock, as the chicken shattered the windshield, smashed through the control console, snapped the train engineer's backrest in two, and imbedded itself in the back wall of the cabin.

Horrified, the engineers sent NASA the results of the test, along with the design of the windshield, and asked the NASA engineers for suggestions.

The NASA scientists sent back a three word response:
"THAW THE CHICKEN"
(Anonymous)

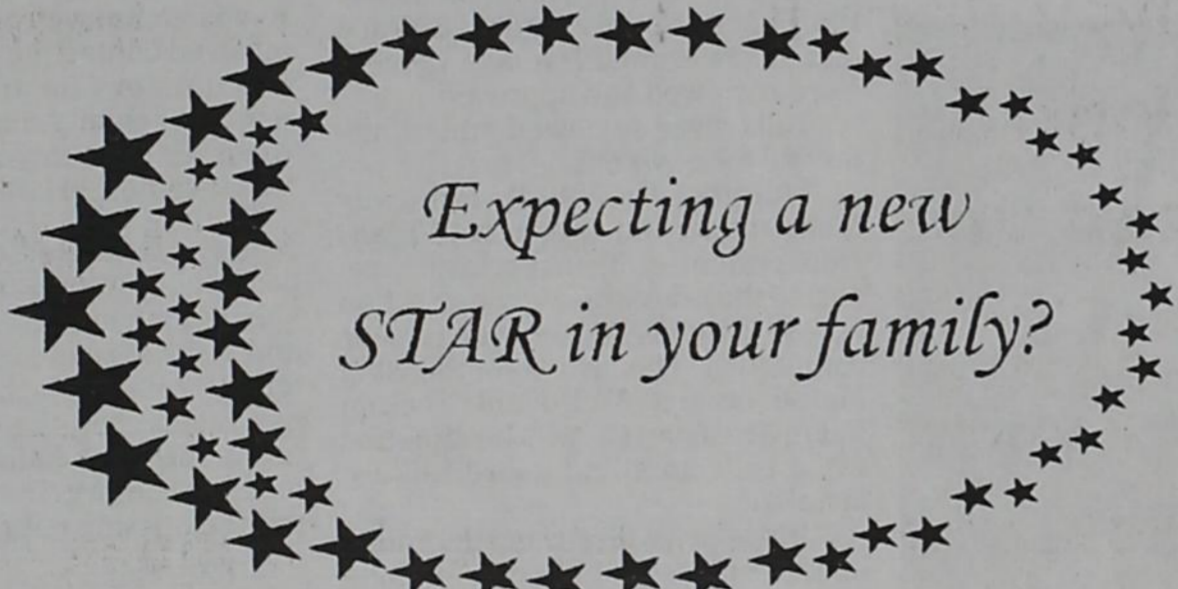
Note: When we study the Scriptures let's carefully examine the context before we make application. Let's should wind up with a frozen chicken through our spiritual windshields.

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Texas Forest Service says recent moisture not enough to provide relief from fire danger

Lufkin -- Texas Forest Service officials warn High Plains residents not to develop a false sense of security because some rainfall has been received from the passing front. The rain showers have generally not been enough to provide long term relief from fire danger, particularly if very windy weather follows as forecast. In fact, agency fire control leaders note that the scattered showers may actually contribute to an increase in

fires as a result of carelessness, due to the false sense of security that these showers may create.

Rains that occur while vegetation is dormant generally do little to lower fire danger over an extended period of time, says Les Rogers, regional fire coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Canyon. He noted that fire danger will quickly jump back to high levels if dry, windy weather fol-

lows closely behind the rains.

"Some people will think that because it has rained, they don't have to worry about wildfires any more," said Rogers. "If this false sense of security leads to an attitude of carelessness, a spurt in accidental wildfires may result."

Fire danger will be lowered while precipitation is falling, but dormant vegetation has to get its moisture from the air, Rogers said. If very dry, windy weather immediately follows a rain, the dead vegetation will dry quickly and may become fire-prone once again in only a matter of hours.

"Rains bring an immediate, short-term reduction in fire danger and eventually, as subfreezing temperatures end, a longer term reduction in danger with the growth of new, green vegetation," said Rogers. "In the interim between rain and the growth of new vegetation, said Rogers. "In the interim between rain and the growth of new vegetation, though, fire danger can be expected to rise quickly in areas where dormant fuels are present."

Continued attention to outdoor fire safety practices will be needed if senseless wildfires are to be avoided, Rogers declared.

Library Receives Grant

The Motley County Library received notice last week that the Catherine Dumraese Trust has awarded a grant to the library in the amount of \$1,128.95. This grant was applied for by librarian, Suzanne Abbott, for the purpose of increasing the library's holdings on Texas.

The Catherine Dumraese Trust is based in Houston and offers grant opportunities to small rural libraries. The Motley County Library was one of five in the West Texas Library System that received a grant from this trust. The books and microfilm covered by this grant will be purchased and will soon appear in the library for patrons' use.

Russell, Sherri Thomas.

SWINE: Robert Gillespie, Brant Donaldson, Casey Lawrence, Ben Ridgley, Brooke Decker, Rachelle Renfro, Ryan Moore, Ryan Payne, Will Ho-Gland, Blake Barton, Skylar Clifton, Clint Cooper, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Todd Thomas, Martin Walker, Rachael Bartlett, Justin Jameson, Brett Wallace, Kelsi Wallace, LeAnndra Wallace, Brad Baxter, Stachia Baxter, Cole Grundy, Brandon Moore, Fannin Gwinn, Andy Jones, Candace Marvel, Shawn Marvel, Brad Marvel, and Kayla Copp.

RABBITS: Mandi Ream, Charli Ream, Amanda Hurt, Shea Rose, Brady O'Pry, Tammy Nipp, Dumont Darsey, Shawn Marvel, Candace Marvel.

Stock Show

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listed below:

LAMBS: Mylissa Gilmore, Mylinda Gilmore, Christy Smith, Dusty Jackson, Tony Salazar, Courtney Hays, Quinn Hays, Cassie Campbell, Andy Jones, Todd Thomas, Kayla Copp, Miranda Palmer. STEERS: Kayla Copp, Clint Cooper, Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Todd Thomas, Andy Jones, Janell Kilmer, Scott Jones, Shandra Jones, Colton

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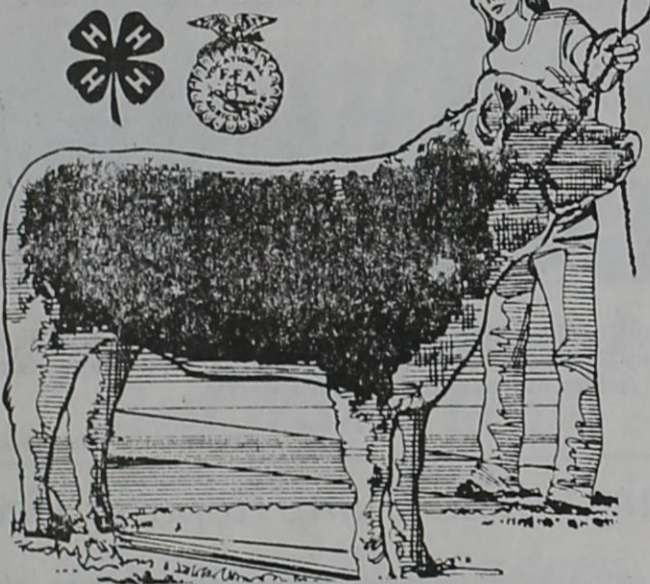
Note of Thanks

I want to thank Gale and Lindy for being with me when I had my heart attack, and the ambulance crew for being here and staying with me and transporting me to the hospital. And then when I had to return to the hospital, thank you to the ambulance crew and the ones who have taken care of me. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to thank everyone who sent cards and telephoned me and for your prayers. May God bless each one of you.

Ruth Stafford

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Your board of directors strongly recommends the proposal to combine resources with South Plains Electric Cooperative. After studying and analyzing this proposal and others, we have determined combining the resources of these two progressively and financially stable cooperatives is a sound economic move for both entities and the members. The most prominent advantages include:

- ▼ Lower, stable rates, better service with excellent member access for all cooperative members.
- ▼ an ideal mix of electric load with residential, agricultural, irrigation, oil production, commercial and industrial consumers.
- ▼ cooperative size, diversity of membership, multiple power suppliers, common financing and other organization similarities.
- ▼ cost savings from combining resources.

Your cooperative bylaws and Texas state law allow you—and only you—to make decisions concerning your cooperative. As a Dickens Electric Cooperative member, you have the right and privilege to vote to combine our resources with South Plains Electric Cooperative. Your directors have worked diligently to inform you about every detail through community informational meetings and a direct mail piece, plus—as always—being able to call or stop by your local office and talk face-to-face to your local employees.

Please exercise your voting privileges as a member-owner of Dickens Electric Cooperative. The vote will be handled in person or by proxy. For information about obtaining a proxy, call the Dickens Electric Cooperative headquarters at (806) 271-3311. The vote is Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m., in the Palace Theater in Spur, Texas.

MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

MC Track season begins

The Motley County Jr. High Track Team competed in their first meet on Friday, March 5, at Spur. They were very competitive and successful.

Participating in the track meet were Stachia Baxter, Derrick Cruse, Julio Davila, Brittany Donaldson, Brenda Gillespie, Amanda Hurt, Chantry Meyer, Ryan Payne, Charli Ream, and Joel Rieger. Though few in number, they acquitted themselves very well.

Derrick was fourth in the 110m high hurdles and third in the 300 m intermediate hurdles. Julio placed third in the shot put. Brittany was first in the long jump, fifth in the 100m low hurdles, and third in the 300m low hurdles. Brenda was first in the 2400m run and first in the 1600 m run. Joel was fifth in the 100m dash.

The coaches were very proud of the effort of each competitor. The success experienced at Spur should bode well for the future of these young men and women.

The High School Track team competed in the Crowell Wildcat Relays on Saturday, March 6. They were enthusiastic and competitive. Twelve young men and nine young women went to the first track meet of the season and gave great effort. They should continue to improve and do well throughout the year.

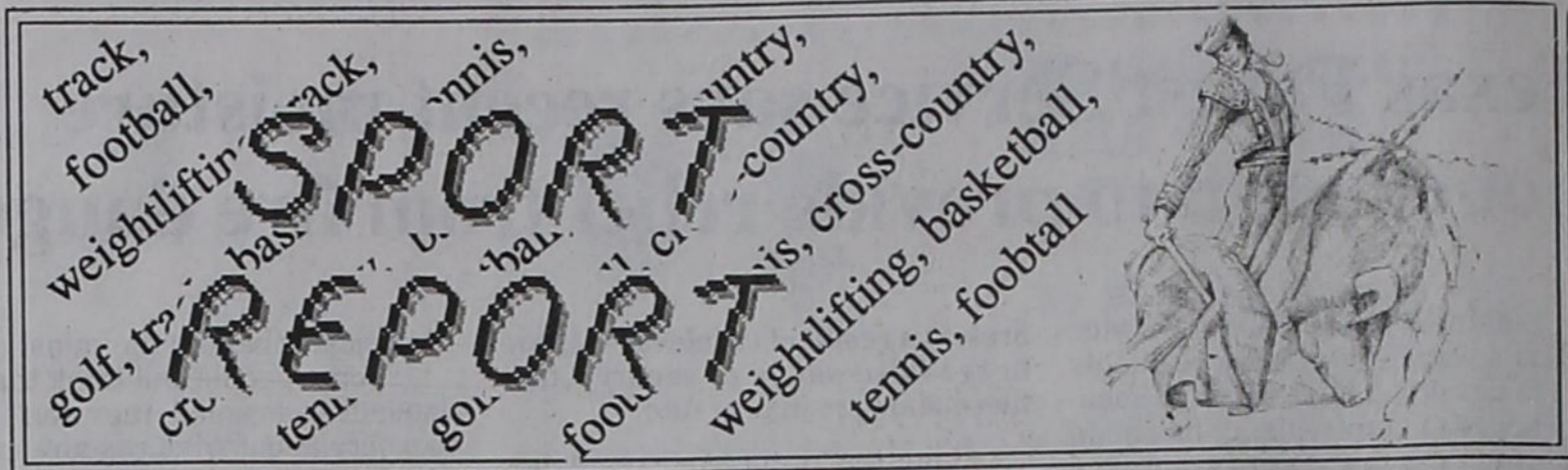
In the Girls Division, Kandi Keltz placed second in the high jump, Denise Shannon was sixth in the 100 m dash.

In the J.V. Boys Division, Tony Salazar was fourth in the triple jump Chase Carson was first in the 100m high hurdles and first in the 300m intermediate hurdles. The 400m re-

lay team whose members were Brandon Lee, Casey Lawrence, Shawn Marvel, and Tony Salazar placed third.

In the Varsity Boys Division, Jermaine Hendrix placed sixth in the high jump, Robert Gillespie was fifth in the shot put. Sean Rose placed first in the pole vault and Jerod Rieger placed fourth in this event. Scott Jones placed second in the 800m run and third in the 1600 m run. Brad Marvel was fourth in the 100m high hurdles. The 400m relay team whose members were Jerod Rieger, Ben Ridgley, Brad Marvel, and Jermaine Hendrix placed fourth. Ben Ridgley was fourth in the 400m run.

The coaches were proud of the effort put forth by each participant. They expect that these athletes should only get better as the season progresses.



Rabecca Morris qualifies for State Powerlifting meet

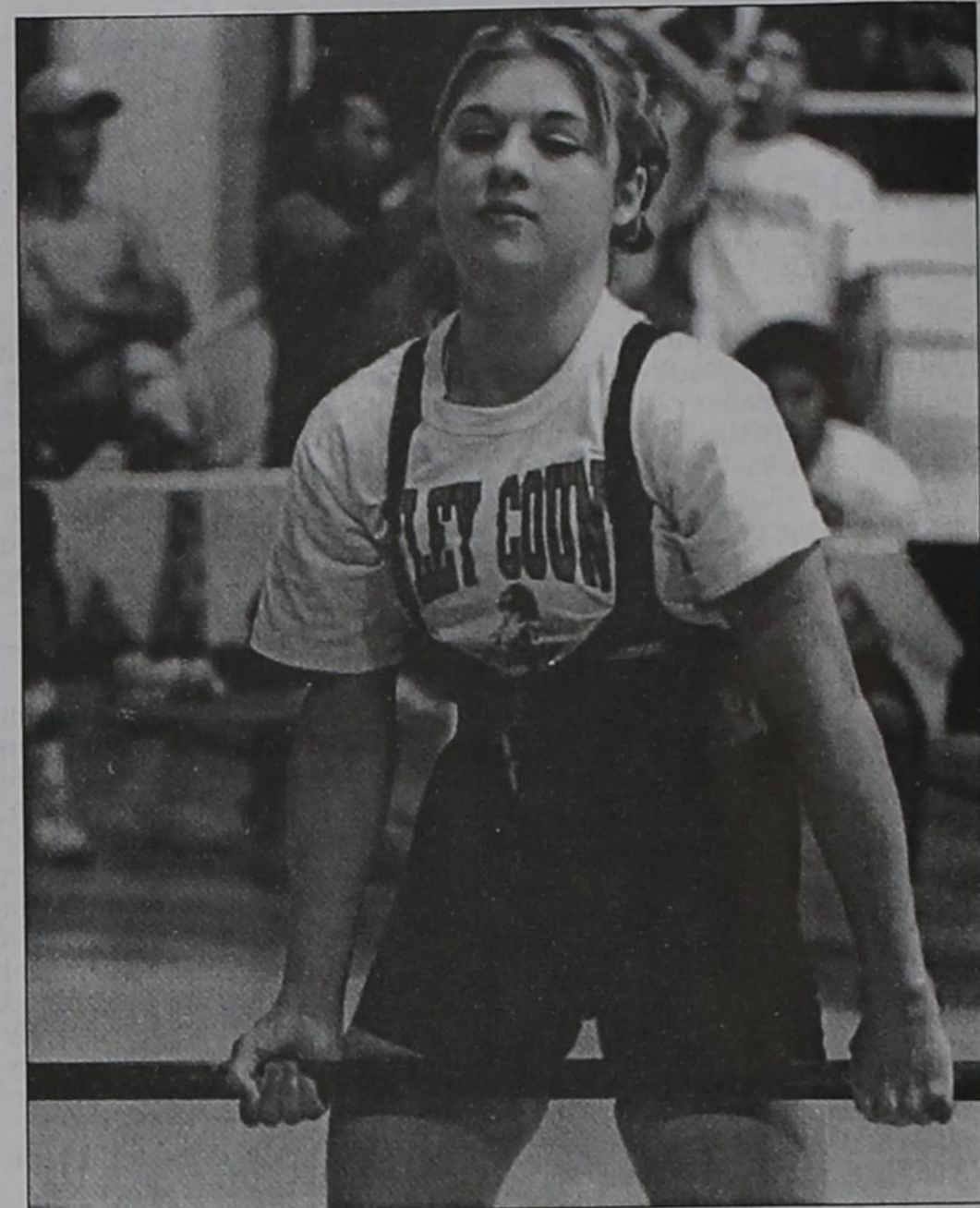
Rabecca Morris, Motley County Sophomore, qualified for the State Powerlifting meet by placing third in the Regional Powerlifting meet held at Cisco March 6. Rabecca competed in the 132 pound weight class and lifted a total of 620 pounds (255-115-250). The State Meet will be held in Killeen March 27.

All three young ladies competing at the Regional meet displayed great intensity and competitiveness. Kember Everett, Ashley Stevens, and Rabecca Morris represented Motley County very well.

The level of competition at this meet was fierce. All three girls tried to obtain new personal best in every lifting category. They attempted to lift weights far above what they had previously attempted in order to qualify for the State meet.

Girls powerlifting allows state qualification in three ways. The top three lifters in each weight class automatically go to the State Meet. Each weight class has a minimum weight accomplishment that allows qualification, and there must be one qualifier from each school classification.

All three of these young ladies showed great teamwork and spirit at Cisco. They are each to be commended for earning the right to compete at Regionals. Good luck to Rabecca at State.



Rabecca Morris competing at Regional competition. Rabecca will compete in the State Powerlifting meet to be held in Killeen, March 27.

Good Luck at Regional Robert G. !



Motley County track team member, Sean Rose, clears the bar in the Pole Vault event, to bring home a first place medal from the Crowell Track Meet held Saturday. Sean set a new Crowell record with this jump. *photo courtesy of Sherry Rose*



MC POWERLIFTING TEAM — Coach Danny Copeland, right, is pictured here with the Motley County Powerlifting team, Boys (left to right), Casey Lawrence, Chooch Meyer, and Robert Gillespie; Girls team, in front left to right, Kember Everett, Ashley Stevens, and Rabecca Morris. *photos courtesy of James Gillespie*

Motley County Elementary to hold "Jump Rope for Heart"

Motley County K-5th grades are gearing up to jump into the fight against Motley County's number one killer -- heart disease and stroke! We'll host our 1st annual Jump Rope

Prizes will be awarded to the students according to the amount of money raised.

Jump Rope For Heart is a comprehensive school-based fitness/education program that teaches students the value of cardiovascular health while they raise money for vi-

tal research. Jump Rope For Heart is sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

Please support our children as they Jump Rope For Heart! For more information, contact Judy Cooper, the event coordinator, at 347-2338.

For Heart event on Mon. March 29th at Motley County Gym from 12:00 to 3:00.

Congratulations Motley County 4-H & FFA on outstanding members & leaders!



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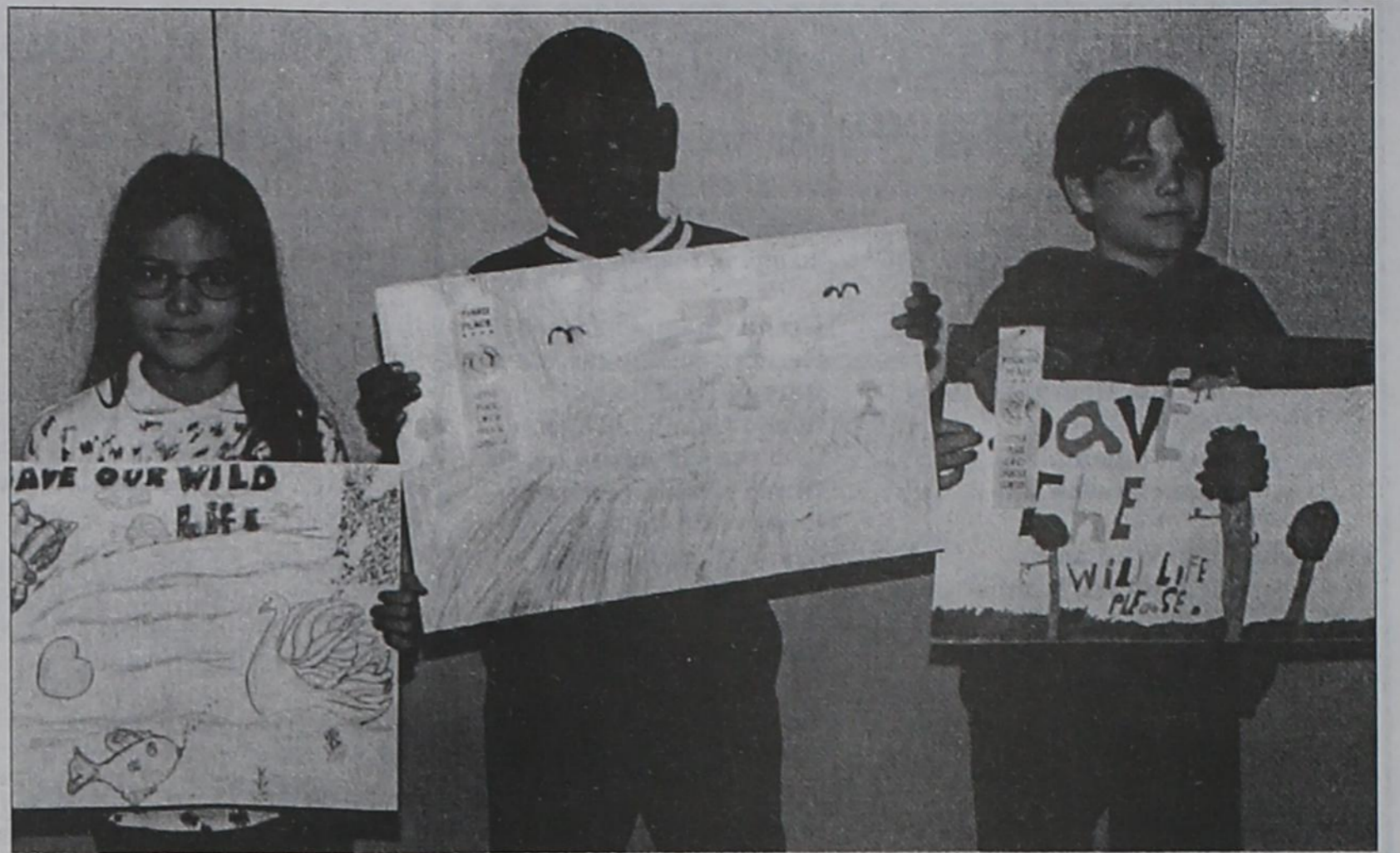
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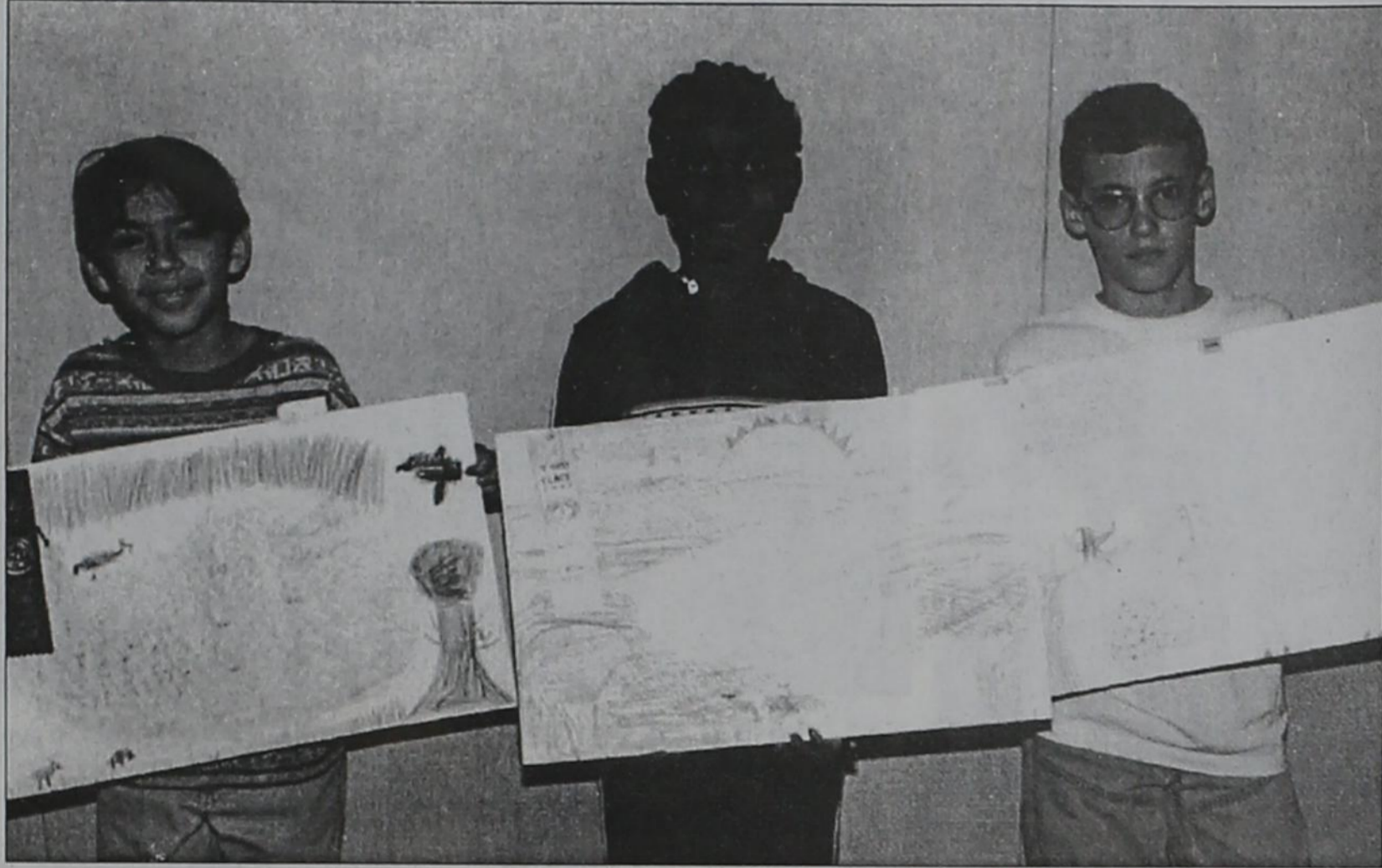
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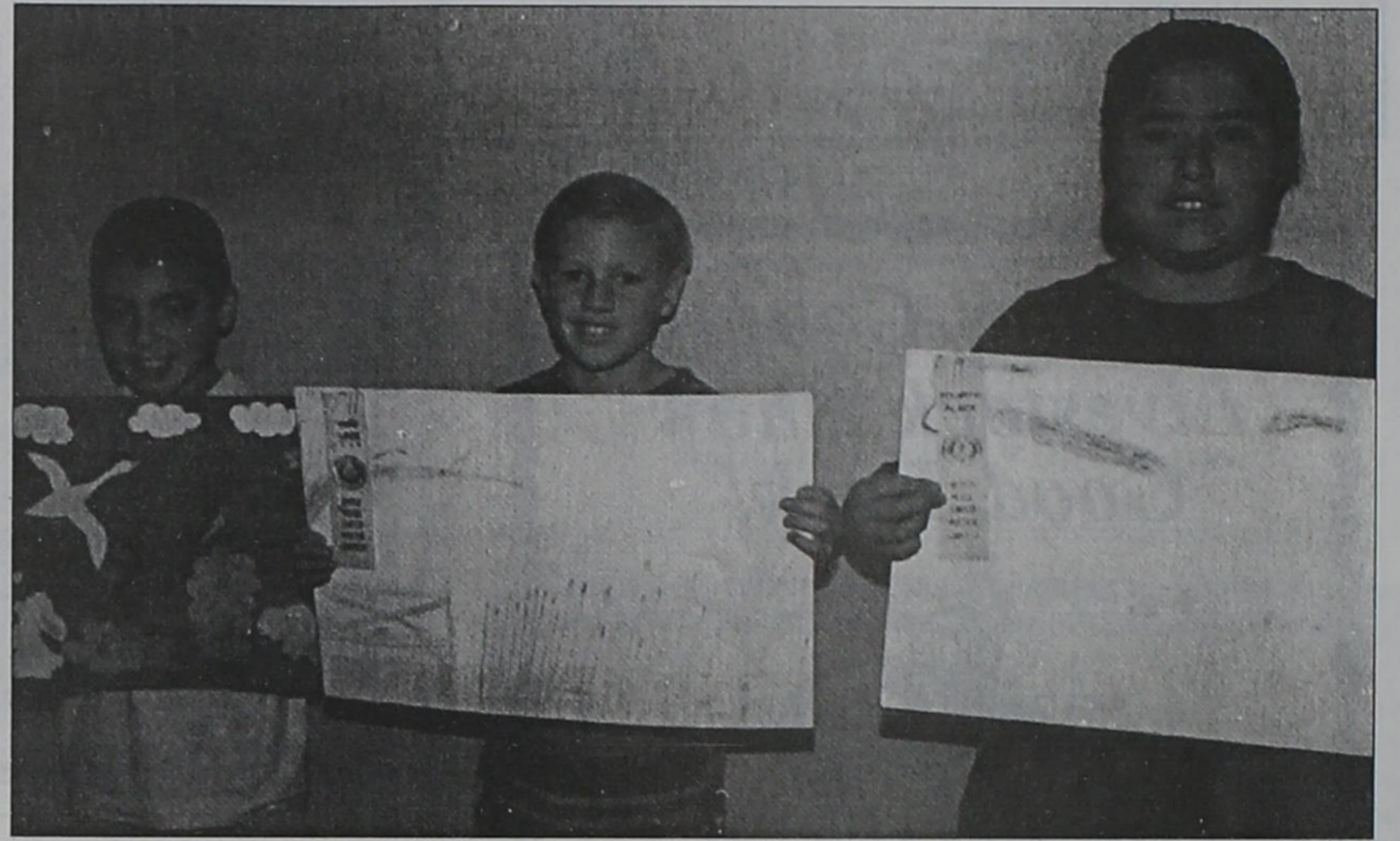
The Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Motley County would like to announce the winners of the 1999 Conservation Poster contest. The contest is open to grades 2 through 6 and this year's entries were very competitive and an outstanding job done by the students. Congratulations should go to all those students and their teachers. The NRCS and the Upper Pease SWCD says "great job!" Winners for Second Grade are First, Cade Lockett; Second, Justin Todd; Third, Laura Martinez; Fourth, Shane Marks.



THIRD GRADE WINNERS — First, Savannah Rose (not pictured); Second, Danielle Ho-Gland; Third, Bradley Brown; Fourth, Casey Fletcher.



FOURTH GRADE WINNERS — First, Hermon Garza; Second, Rachael Bartlett (not pictured); Third, Chicagra Brown; Fourth, Martin Walker.



FIFTH GRADE WINNERS — First, Colton Russell (not pictured); Second, Jose Martinez; Third, Jacob Johannes; Fourth, Ray Pecina.

4-H
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 In the
 Stock Show!
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WORD of GOD

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Psalms 16:10

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 Participants



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SIXTH GRADE WINNERS — First, Emily Hurt; Second, Kittie Campbell; Third, Amy Easter; Fourth, Brittany Moore.

WORD of GOD

Fulfillment
 [New Testament]

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:4

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to all 4-H & FFA Members & Leaders

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1999 Jr. Livestock Show Schedule

SHOW ORDER

9:45 a.m. Pee Wee Showmanship

10:00 a.m. Light Wt. Hogs
Medium Wt. Hogs
Medium Heavy Wt. Hogs
Heavy Wt. Hogs
Grand Champion
Market Swine

11:30 a.m. Light Wt. Lambs
Medium Wt. Lambs
Heavy Wt. Lambs
Grand Champion
Market Lamb

12:30 p.m. Doe Rabbits
Buck Rabbits
Grand Champion Rabbit

1:00 p.m. English Heifers
Exotic Heifers
Cross-bred Heifers
Grand Champion Heifer

2:00 p.m. Light Wt. Steers
Medium Wt. Steers
Heavy Wt. Steers
Grand Champion Steer

SALE ORDER

3:30 p.m. Premium Auction

Grand Champion Steer
Reserve Champion Steer
Rate-of-Gain Steer
Grand Champion Lamb
Reserve Champion Lamb
Grand Champion Hog
Reserve Champion Hog
Grand Champion Hog
Reserve Champion Hog
Other hogs eligible for sale
Other steers eligible for sale

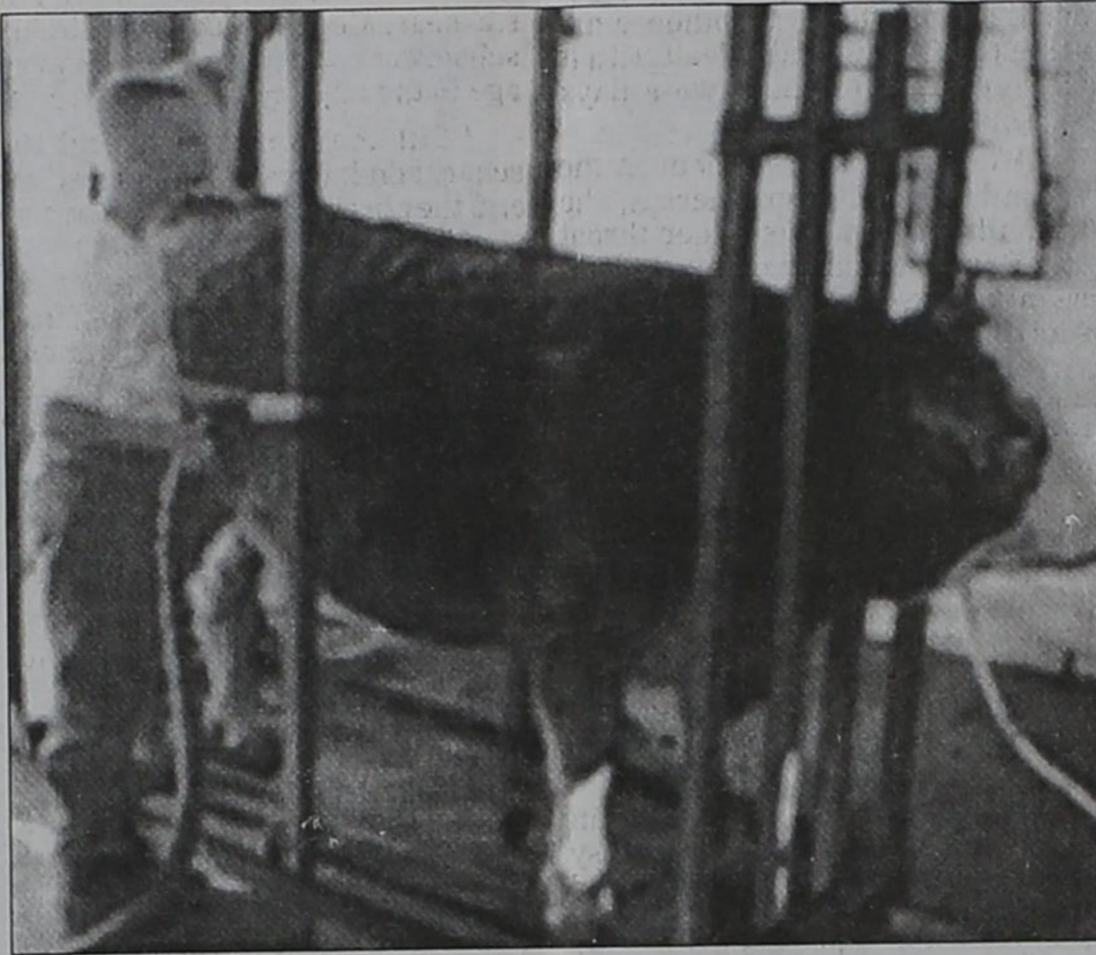
Floor bids auctioned before start of Premium Auction.

Getting ready for the show

Motley County 4-H and FFA members were preparing their animals for the 59th Annual Jr. Livestock show to be held Saturday at the show barn.

In the picture at right is FFA director Jim Cooper and Tony Salazar shearing a lamb, and pictured below is Cody Cooper getting his Steer ready for the show.

Pictured, far right, are Christy and Alyx Smith, with Mylissa Gilmore, sharing a laugh, while out for a stroll with their lambs.



Motley County Livestock Show Good Luck!



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Best of luck in the Stock Show!



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Roaring Springs



Roaring Springs City Council

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The Roaring Springs Depot was then discussed. As a Roaring Springs monument, the City needs to assure the Depot remains in sound condition. Mrs. Stafford will contact Marshall Brothers to install a light on the outside of the front door. The City will also be accepting bids for the Depot to be thoroughly cleaned.

Motion was made by Kelly Keltz, seconded by Lisa Simpson, and carried unanimously to approve the April 23, 1998, April 27, 1998 and May 19, 1998 City Council Meeting minutes as written by Cynthia Stafford from notes taken by Rhonda McCleskey.

The City Council began discussions on creating an Economic Development Tax to allow for City improvements. The Council discussed having a Town Meeting to discuss what the Citizens of Roaring Springs feel the City needs to accomplish to improve the Roaring Springs Community. This topic was tabled until the Public Meeting on March 15, 1999.

Motion by James Adams, seconded by Lisa Simpson, and carried unanimously that the bills, as presented, be approved for payment.

Motion by Kelly Keltz, seconded by Lisa Simpson, and carried unanimously to appoint James Adams as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion was made by James Adams, seconded by Lisa Simpson to accept the amendment to the 1998-99 Fiscal Year Budget as prepared by Cynthia Stafford. Mayor Thacker requested quarterly budget amendments.

Kelly Keltz began discussions on the City of Roaring Springs building a new Fire Station. The city will discuss this need with Grant Works to see if grant funds are available for construction costs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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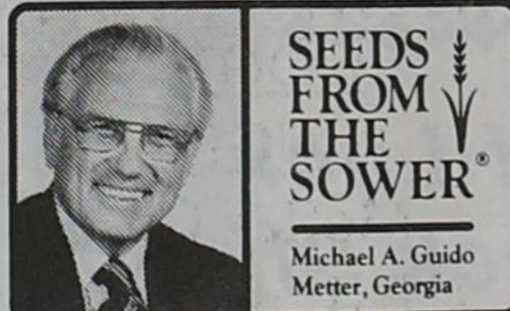


Good Luck! In The Stock Show



Thacker Jewelry

Roaring Springs



One day a father found it necessary to chastise his daughter. After the correction she climbed onto his lap and said, "Daddy, I love you."

"Why?" he asked. "Because," she answered, "you try to make me good."

That's why our heavenly Father chastens us - to make us good.

The Bible says, "God's correction is always right and for our best, that we may share His holiness."

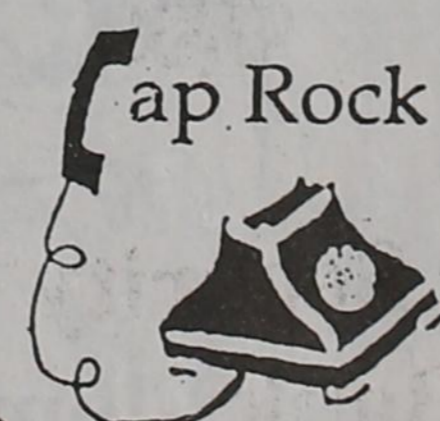
"Being punished isn't enjoyable while it's happening - it hurts. But afterward we see the result, a quiet growth in grace and character."

Corrected by God? Say like the little girl, "I love You, because You try to make me good."

Good Luck Stock Show Participants!

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A fight for life



Megan Clifton looks for a teammate on an inbound pass in practice. Clifton was diagnosed with cancer on Feb. 13 of 1997, but found out Nov. 6, 1998 that she was cancer-free.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the Abilene Reporter, by Bill Hart, Senior Staff Writer. Megan Clifton is the daughter of Ronnie and Mona Clifton of Comanche, and the granddaughter of Billie Clifton and the late Clyde Clifton of Roaring Springs. This article was submitted by Billie Clifton. Ronnie is a graduate of Roaring Springs High School.

Comanche — Megan Clifton hustles down the basketball court, takes a pass and then throws to a teammate who misses a shot. Megan is there to get the rebound.

She looks like the picture of health, but the cap she wears gives it away. As it falls to the court, she's almost as bald as Michael Jordan. But there's a reason — she's been battling cancer for almost a year.

But it hasn't gotten her down. During her 19 chemotherapy (10 in the first round and nine in the second) treatments and one four-day radiation treatment, the freshman at Comanche High School has continued her studies and involvement in sports on a limited basis.

Megan complained of a pain on Feb. 9 of last year. Two days later, it increased and her mother, a nurse, checked her and decided to take her to see the family gynecologist in Abilene on Feb. 13.

It was discovered that she had a visible tumor on the vaginal wall below the bladder. It was still growing. She was taken to Scott and White Hospital in Temple the following Monday. A surgeon examined her and said it had to be removed. It was, at 5:00 p.m. that day.

thought about not fighting it anymore, but I never really gave up."

When the Comanche High School girls basketball team went to Lubbock for the Region I-3A tournament the last week in February, she had hoped to be with them. But instead, she was in Temple getting a port inserted for the upcoming chemotherapy treatments.

She also received more bad news. Because the tumor was atop the bladder, the doctors couldn't get all of the tumor because they were afraid they might puncture the bladder.

When the team went to the state tournament in Austin the first week in March, Megan was in Temple for a treatment. But as soon as it was over, the family headed for the tournament.

The cancer wasn't the only thing to change the Clifton's life. About the time they learned of Megan's condition, the school board reassigned Clifton to the classroom and girls track coach.

"It upset all of us, but especially Megan," Ronnie said. "But the cancer was the most important thing in our life at the time. It bothered me some that spring, but I dealt with it all right until football two-a-days workouts started.

After the first treatment in the second round of chemotherapy, she began having spasms in her throat and Ronnie admits he almost lost it again because they didn't know what was causing the side effect.

About that time, someone touched Ronnie's shoulder and said there was someone outside who wanted to see him. It was Grady West, the head football coach at De Leon. Ronnie was his assistant in the 1970s. They have been close friends since.

"Grady had us laughing in stitches in a few minutes and that helped relieve the situation," Ronnie said. "He'll never know how much he helped me that day."

That was also when Megan started losing her hair. Girls are fussy about how their hair looks, and Megan worried when she started losing hers, but her friends helped her out a lot.

"When they found out, they threw a hat party for me and I got 50 hats," Megan said. "And I have worn all of them. Their kidding really helped me get through it. I couldn't have made it had it not been for my family, friends and the community.

Megan is a competitive person, and she didn't give up her sports. She played summer league basketball. Then when school started, she joined the cross country team for its 6 a.m. workouts, knowing that she would not be able to run in a meet. Then when basketball workouts started, she was out the first day, knowing that she would not be able to play until released by the doctors.

Megan now usually plays five or 10 minutes a game for the freshman team, depending on how she feels. She showed pigs at the Comanche County livestock show and Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

"The doctors could not comprehend that she was able to do all of this," Ronnie said. "They had told her to do what she could and later they told us that her energy level was

five times higher than it should have been."

In early November, Megan went back for a treatment. A biopsy was taken, but it took a few days to get the results. Then on Nov. 6, a day the family will remember always, word came that there were no more cancer cells and that she was cancer-free.

"They faxed the results to the school and those in the office gave me a big hug," Megan said. "Then I went to my classmates at workouts, and they all gave me a hug. We were overjoyed, but in my heart I knew I would be all right because of my faith in God."

Megan's first two rounds of chemotherapy and radiation treatments ended in December. Then she fulfilled her wish, a trip for the family to Disney World in Florida. "I had first thought about meeting Michael Jordan (the great Chicago Bulls basketball player), but I would have to wait two years, the list was that long," she said. "But we had a great time in Florida."

Despite missing about 30 days of school because of treatments and sickness, Megan caught up with her schoolwork and posted an A-B average in the all semester.

"But the community and the school administration supported me and they brought in a good coaching staff."

"I thought about looking for another coaching job, but I was afraid that if I took Megan out of her current environment and away from her friends that it would have a negative effect on her."

Today, Clifton is the assistant high school principal, teaches three classes and will coach the girls track team this spring. He's not sure about the future, whether he wants to coach again or go into administrative work.

"I was really hurt, but my dad was such an inspiration to me by the way he handled it," Megan said.

The Cliftons got another shock in May. After one of her treatments, a social worker told them that Megan qualified for the Make-A-Wish Foundation program. Ronnie almost lost it when he heard the news.

"I thought at the time that it was reserved for the terminally ill and we thought the doctors were keeping something from us," Ronnie said. "But then she explained that anyone who has one chemotherapy treatment, they were eligible."

There were still hectic days ahead. In June, a week after school was out and a chemotherapy treatment once a week for 10 weeks, the radiation implant was put in her side because the tumor seemed to be growing. She had to stay in the hospital four days and couldn't move, much less get up. That's tough on anyone, especially a 14-year-old.

"We were really distraught because after chemo treatments, usually about 85 percent of the time the cancer is cleared up, but it didn't for her," Ronnie said. "But the doctors had a lot of confidence that she would win the battle."

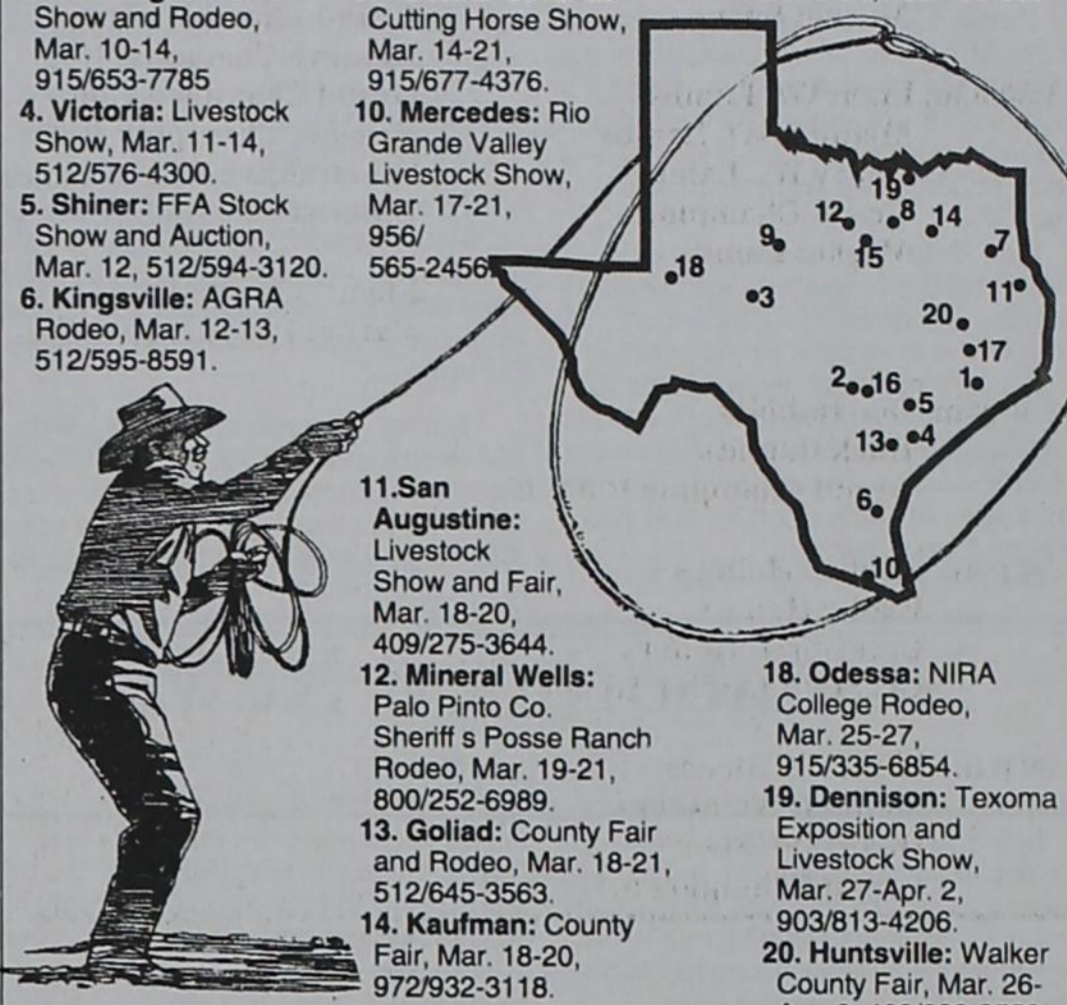
"She really felt bad after the fourth chemotherapy treatment, and this was the first time that she had cried — she felt so bad. But that was good for her to finally let out her emotions."

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans can lasso rodeo fun

Rodeos around the state abound in early spring. Following is a sampling:

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| 1. Houston: Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 19-Mar. 7, 713/791-9000. | 7. Henderson: UPPA Rotary Club Rodeo, Mar. 12-13, 903/657-2161. | 15. Granbury: Hood Co. Jr. Livestock Show and Fair, Mar. 18-20, 817/579-3280. |
| 2. New Braunfels: Comal County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale, Mar. 10-13, 830/629-2334. | 8. Ft. Worth: Tuff Hedeman Championship Challenge, Mar. 12-14, 817/871-8150. | 16. Seguin: Guadalupe Valley Quarter Horse Breeders Show, Mar. 19-21, 800/580-7322. |
| 3. San Angelo: Stock Show and Rodeo, Mar. 10-14, 915/653-7785. | 9. Abilene: Bonanza Cutting Horse Show, Mar. 14-21, 915/677-4376. | 17. Conroe: Montgomery Co. Fair and Rodeo, Mar. 19-28, 409/760-3631. |
| 4. Victoria: Livestock Show, Mar. 11-14, 512/576-4300. | 10. Mercedes: Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mar. 17-21, 956/565-2456. | |
| 5. Shiner: FFA Stock Show and Auction, Mar. 12, 512/594-3120. | | |
| 6. Kingsville: AGRA Rodeo, Mar. 12-13, 512/595-8591. | | |
| | 11. San Augustine: Livestock Show and Fair, Mar. 18-20, 409/275-3644. | |
| | 12. Mineral Wells: Palo Pinto Co. Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo, Mar. 19-21, 800/252-6989. | |
| | 13. Goliad: County Fair and Rodeo, Mar. 18-21, 512/645-3563. | |
| | 14. Kaufman: County Fair, Mar. 18-20, 972/932-3118. | |
| | 18. Odessa: NIRA College Rodeo, Mar. 25-27, 915/335-6854. | |
| | 19. Dennison: Texoma Exposition and Livestock Show, Mar. 27-Apr. 2, 903/813-4206. | |
| | 20. Huntsville: Walker County Fair, Mar. 26-Apr. 3, 409/293-2552. | |



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Department of Transportation.

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West Texas Utilities



U.S. Postal Service Announces Rural Carrier Associate Examination Opening

The Rural Carrier Associate examination for the Childress, TX Area Eligibility Register (AER) will be open to the general public for application beginning Monday, March 15, 1999 through Friday, March 19, 1999. Offices included in the Childress AER are: Childress, Chillicothe, Clarendon, Crowell, Lakeview, Memphis, Paducah, Quanah, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, and Silverton, Texas.

Rural Carrier Associates are Part-time, Non-career positions only, who relieve the regular rural carrier

on his/her day off and for vacation or illness. Salary begins at \$11.70 per hour. RCAs must provide and maintain at their own expense a vehicle suitable for the delivery of mail. Applicants must have a valid state drivers license and a safe driving record.

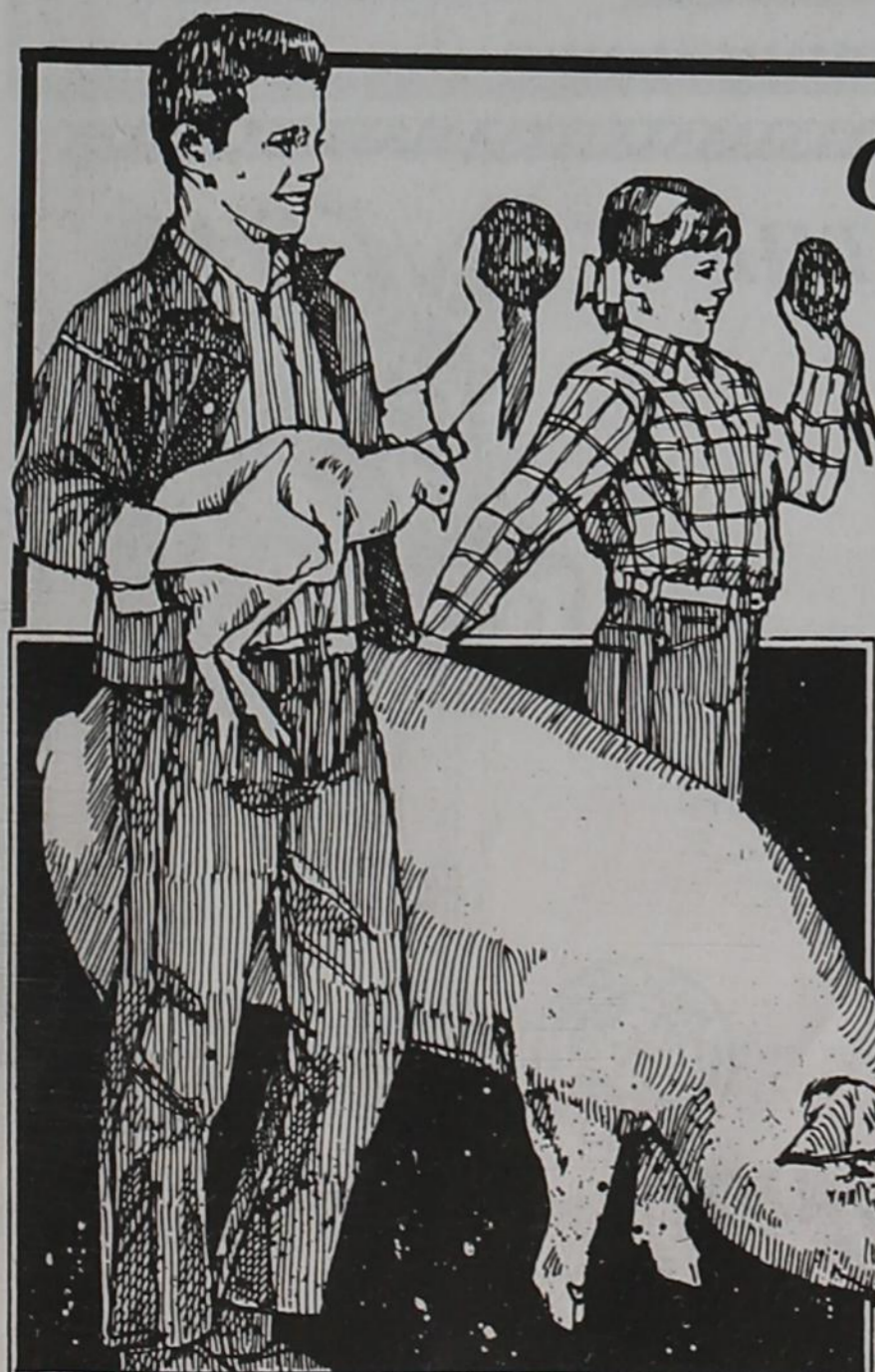
Interested persons may apply at one of the above offices during the open announcement. Applicants will be required to take a written examination at a later date.

No applications will be accepted before or after these dates.

Good Luck at the Motley County Livestock Show



Spur Security Bank



GOOD LUCK

Motley Co. FFA & 4-H Livestock Show Participants



Alexander Fuel Roaring Springs

Good Luck At The Stock Show



Higginbotham Bartlett

News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Pearl Patten drove to Boyd last Wednesday to stay with the children of her daughter and husband, Arnold and Linda Parker, while they attended the basketball tournament in Austin. She returned home Monday, March 8.

Harriett Marshall is at home here after spending several months at her home in Oklahoma City taking therapy. She is doing well. She returned Wednesday in time to have lunch at the Senior Citizens center on Thursday. We are glad she is at home.

Lula Swim kept a doctor's appointment Thursday in Lubbock with her cardiologist. She received a good report and doesn't have to go back for six months.

Zella Palmer was honored with dinner in Plainview Friday night by her granddaughter and husband, James and Jennifer Adams, Dylan and Ty, for the things she did while Jennifer was recuperating from surgery.

Omar Parks was conveyed to Cov-

enant Hospital in Lubbock by Motley County Ambulance after falling at his home. He will be there for several days. Family members are taking turns staying with him. Kasey Parks and Billy Lefevre are both recuperating from knee injuries from playing ball. Billy in Amarillo, and Kasey in Clarendon.

Algie and Rita Groves drove to Plainview Monday to tend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow of Guthrie, Oklahoma came Monday to visit her sister, Zella Palmer. They accompanied her to Lubbock on Tuesday for an appointment with her cardiologist. Her granddaughter, Jennifer Adams, accompanied her there.

Dudley Allen was home for a few days last week waiting to pick up his new truck. Brenda McKee and Harry Patten took him to Childress to go to Houston to get it. He called back home Sunday and was in North Carolina.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Lola Pohl and her daughter Carolyn Limmer, of Snyder, had lunch in R.S. and paid a short visit to Algie and Rita Groves Sunday afternoon. Carolyn came to help her mother get organized for a trip to New Orleans to see the younger Limmer, Jason, and his family, later this month. She attended the birthday celebration honoring long time friend Opal Pipkin, on her ninetieth. Congratulations, Opal. Carolyn left early Monday to attend a home economics meeting in Lubbock.

Ellis Britton and Martha Frances Galloway Goodwin - A note from Dolores Fox inspired me to share her history in the Dickens County History book. Her memories of Roaring Springs on a Saturday afternoon in 1927 are ours, too, when many residents shopped and visited, crowding the two block main street area. It was two blocks, then, ending just short of the Depot. She spent the first five years of her life with her grandparents, Aunt Matt and Uncle Brit Goodwin on the farm, part of which later became the airport and golf course, where a bunch of folks spent many happy hours golfing, or flying small planes in and out. She was the only child of Curtis Ernel Goodwin and Hortense Yeates. Curtis was the oldest of the Goodwin children at home at the time. Mentioning the golf course and airport - Roaring Springs still has the only golf course in the county. It may have the only "helpy-sely" laundry, too.

Happy childhood memories for Dolores recall Saturday "drawings". She remembers one Saturday on the corner at First State Bank when she held Grandfather Goodwin's winning \$20 ticket. He rewarded her with 75 cents. This was when a nickel sack of mixed candies satisfied the appetites of several. She could also spend a nickel for a cherry coke at Casey Jones' Drug Store. "My father enjoyed games of checkers at Vandell's Shoe Shop. Our trip to town, a distance of three miles, was in a buckboard wagon in the days when the Model A Ford, Baby Overland and Willis-knight were popular."

In the 1930's the ice man (who may have been Guy Braselton) was popular on the rural route. Without electricity or a refrigerator, we daily placed a cardboard sign in a front window to indicate the size block of ice to be delivered. She remembers the WPS (Works Progress Administration) designed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt to assist the unemployed. Also the notorious Pretty Boy Floyd during the gangster era.

One warm February day in 1932, they moved in the wagon fourteen miles south of Roaring Springs to land inherited from her maternal grandfather Frank Yeates, a pioneer of Dickens County who settled in what was known later as Duncan Flat and a beautiful Flat it was! This home located on Cotton Wood Creek in the Afton Community was home through her school years.

Then the pleasure trips to town on Saturday were to Spur. Her father enjoyed dominoes at the local "pool" hall. She went to the double feature "western" movies at the Palace Theater. On Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, as they traveled to a movie, the news of the Pearl Harbor bombing came over the car radio. She lived through the four terms of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and remembers his famous fireside chats, and how after 16 years of his strong leadership through the depression, we mourned his passing.

Dolores was valedictorian of her Patton Springs graduating class. She married Dumont Bridge and they were the parents of three children Beverly Anne, Nancy Jan and Gary Van. Beverly is now Mrs. Robin Darsey, the Motley county School Librarian. This is the won-

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Around 1 a.m. Monday morning, March 8 Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, NWSV of Flomot, registered 0.33 of rain accompanied by thunder and lightning. Jim Stockton of Whiteflat reported 0.25 of moisture. Monday afternoon, 50 mph north winds were causing a sandstorm and evaporation of the needed moisture!

Mrs. Nada Starkey returned home, Thursday from Amarillo following surgery on Monday, March 1. Her husband, Jack accompanied her to Amarillo Monday for a medical check up. Visiting them during the weekend were Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock visited the weekend with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty. Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd visited Wednesday in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. John Speer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited last Saturday night in Borger with daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They visited in Amarillo Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Leona Bell. They enjoyed the elaborate New York Touring Company Production of LES MISERABLES at the Amarillo Civic Center Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and houseguests, Mrs. Dona Browning and E.J. Browning of Rising Star attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mullin Sunday afternoon held at Church of Christ fellowship hall in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were luncheon guests of daughter and husband, Donna and Stanley Degan of

Kalgary, Sunday. Also visiting was their son, Dana Degan of Lubbock. Guests at a supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Saturday night were Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Leah, Keane and Derrick enjoyed the 3-A Regional basketball game, Seminole vs Waco LaVega at the coliseum in Lubbock Saturday afternoon. They were in Levelland Saturday night for the Paducah vs Fort, Elliott 1-A Regional basketball game. Seminole and Paducah teams won their regional championship and advanced to the State basketball tournament to be in Austin, March 12-14.

Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Plainview, Tuesday for dental appointments. Mr. Hunter attended a Masonic meeting in Quitaque Tuesday night.

Mary Ellen Barton and Viola Stinson were in Lockney, Wednesday for Viola's medical appointment and they visited in Floydada with Mrs. Mollie Burleson before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse and houseguest, granddaughter, Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chad Seward of Goldthwaite, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mullin in Turkey Sunday afternoon.

Art Green visited in Plainview, Saturday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alta Mae Rice.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

REMEMBER WHITEFLAT HOME-COMING APRIL 3 IN MATADOR, SENIOR CITIZEN BLDG!

DAUGHTER HONORED AT TEXAS TECH BANQUET

Mrs. Johnny (Carol Ann) Turner and her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton attended a College of Human Science banquet, Monday, March 1 at the Texas Tech Ball Room in Lubbock. Their daughter and granddaughter, Heather Turner Blount, student at Texas Tech, was one of the honorees recognized for scholastic achievements.

Monday afternoon, they attended the dedication of Glenna Goodacre's Park Place, a beautiful work of art with five lifesized sculptors on a Twisting Brick Bench. It is an added attraction at Talkington Plaza on the Tech Campus. They attended the reception for Ms. Goodacre following the dedication ceremony.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Those attending the funeral services of Mrs. Adrian Risner nee Dorothy Jean Casey held in Wheeler Thursday afternoon were his sister and family, Mrs. Frances Dixon and Elaine, Fred and Kaci Risser of Matador and Kobi Risser of Arlington. Also attending were Wilda and Spencer Dixon, local residents.

Frances visited from Tuesday until Saturday in Wheeler with Adrian Risner and family, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClusky and Hanna of Tuttle, Oklahoma and Wade Childress of Oklahoma City.

OVERHEARD


A woman placed the following ad in classified section: "Husband says either he or puppies must go. Puppies are playful and cute. Husband is grouchy and unsympathetic. Your choice, free."

***** Have a good week! *****

Good Luck Stock Show Participants

Ray & Grace Zabielski

Roaring Springs



PRAY FOR RAIN!

Obituaries

Gladys Perry

Funeral services for Gladys Inez Perry, 85, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Dickens Baptist Church in Dickens, Texas. Officiating was Rev. Carl Coffey, a retired minister from Idalou. Interment was in Crosbyton Cemetery at Crosbyton, Texas, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Perry died early Wednesday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. The former Gladys Wells was born May 6, 1913, at Spur, Texas. She was married to Cecil C. Perry on March 15, 1934, at McAdoo, Texas. They lived in the Afton Community for many years, and later

lived in Dickens, Texas. She moved to Lubbock in 1992. Mr. Perry died January 29, 1997.

Mrs. Perry had worked in the School lunch room at Patton Springs and later at Spur, before retiring. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Clayton W. Perry of Lubbock; three sisters, Katie Reagan of Crosbyton, Mozelle Chambers of Crosbyton, Zenobia Cornley of Houston; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cristol Swearingen, Mike Smith, Gary Bridge, William Brown, Kenneth Brendley and Bob Porter.

Dorothy Risner

Dorothy Risner, 71, died Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler with the pastor, Rev. Toby Henson officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery.

Mrs. Risner was born July 26, 1927 in Floydada, Texas to E.M. and Minnie Casey. She grew up in Whiteflat and graduated from Matador High School in 1944. She was a Wheeler resident since 1948. She married Adrian Risner June 13, 1954 in Wheeler. She was employed by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee Office for 33 years, retiring in 1982. She then served as secretary of the First Baptist Church in Wheeler for

8 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Wheeler, serving as a Youth Sunday School teacher for 40 years and a member of the choir.

Dorothy was loved and respected by the members of her church and the entire community.

Survivors include her husband, Adrian Risner; one daughter and son-in-law, Darla and Punk Childress of Tuttle, Oklahoma; one sister, Frances Dixon of Matador; 2 grandchildren, Wade Childress of Oklahoma City and Kari McClusky of Tuttle and a great-granddaughter, Hannah of Tuttle, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Wheeler or the American Cancer Society.

Jeanette Gates

Jeanette Louise Gates, age 81, passed away on March 4, 1999 at the Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consequences, N.M. Mrs. Gates was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 13, 1917 to John P. and Bertha C. (Konst) Fitzen. She was a resident of T or C since 1992, and she was a retired secretary/bookkeeper for a heating and cooling company. Mrs. Gates was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and a former member of the Compassionate Friends.

She is survived by her step-son, Gregory Lee Gates of Ft. Worth, Tx; a daughter-

in-law, Gale Leoffler of Englewood, Color; and her two grandchildren, Robin and Galen Loeffler. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orvil H. Gates in 1997.

Viewing was held on Monday, March 8 at French Mortuary Chapel and services were held Tuesday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of French Mortuary with Rev. Ann Madden officiating. Burial followed in the Vista Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements were by French Mortuary of T or C.

Ava C. Crump

Ava C. Crump, 79, of Matador, died early Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. No funeral services are planned. Cremation will be under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

She was born September 13, 1919 at Matador. She later lived in Brownwood, Crockett, Pyote, and Corsicana, before

returning to Matador in 1982. She was a retired Youth Supervisor for the Texas Department of Corrections.

She is survived by her companion, John W. Clower of Matador; one son, Gary Dale Whittle of Canyon; one sister, Jonita Freeman of Grand Prairie; two half-sisters; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Matador News

John Brisce had bypass heart surgery Wednesday March 3 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Billy Ray Slover returned home from Plainview, Thursday, March 4 following surgery at Covenant Medical Center.

Mrs. Calvin (Virginia) Nimmo was welcomed home Saturday following major surgery at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Mrs. Josie Raetz will be staying with her during her recuperation.

Jack Samford of Afton and Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited last Sunday and Monday in Canyon with his daughter and husband, Vickie and Ray King and in Amarillo with her daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnam. Mr. Samford and Mrs. Cooper were in Lubbock, Saturday where they met the Dunnam family and enjoyed the volleyball tournament at Irons Junior High School in which Kourtney played.

Mrs. Deidra Clifton of Matador and Mrs. Darla Gwinn attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mullin, Sunday afternoon held in Turkey at the Church of Christ fellowship hall.

Lance Jameson of Vernon visited Wednesday and Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

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Farm & Ranch News

Farmers have several tools to fight boll weevil on High Plains

Seven mild winters in a row and more overwintering habitat have helped push boll weevil numbers to unprecedented levels on the High Plains.

A 1997 economic impact study on weevil damage estimates that the Texas South Plains alone could lose \$500 million annually in lost production, processing and jobs if weevil numbers go unchecked.

"We haven't had a harsh, weevil-killing winter in the last seven years and our Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grasslands provide an additional habitat for migrating weevils to hide and survive the winter," said Dr. Don Rummel, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist in Lubbock and chairman of the Texas High Plains Boll Weevil Task Force. The task force is composed of 12 Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and agribusiness scientists and consultants.

Further aggravating the problem is the weevil's apparent adaptability to the High Plains climate.

"Their rapid spread during the past five years leads us to believe we now are dealing with cold-hardy weevils that can successfully overwinter just about as far north as cotton can be grown on the Texas High Plains," Rummel said.

Drought in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress signifi-

cantly, and High Plains producers are still deciding whether they want to participate in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's eradication effort now operating in three other Texas zones.

But farmers can fight back by cleaning up sites where weevils hibernate, by managing their cotton crop for early maturity and timely harvest, and by applying in-season chemical treatments when needed, task force scientists say.

"Destroying the brushy, leaf-litter habitat that harbors overwintering weevils is crucial. Prune tree branches on existing windbreaks and use wider tree spacings on new windbreaks so you can get in there with a tractor and disk the litter under," said Dr. Jeff Slosser, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research entomologist in Vernon. "Clean up leaf litter on old farmsteads and in fencerows.

"Consider a combination of burning and herbicide treatments (tebuthiuron) to remove native stands of sand shinnery oak. Shredding isn't enough to control native brush because it encourages resprouting and re-accumulation of leaf litter."

Farmers can also burn their CRP grasslands in winter, using a prescribed burn plan approved by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, to reduce overwin-

tering weevil numbers. Haying or grazing CRP land also will reduce weevil habitat, but requires special permission from Farm Service Agency officials, the task force noted.

"Any area near a cotton field that has accumulated plant debris is a potential harbor for weevils and should be cleaned up," Slosser said. "But treating these areas with insecticide is useless—there aren't any products labeled for this, and they aren't likely to reach sedentary weevils hiding in plant debris."

Producers can also suppress weevil numbers and crop damage by managing their crop to shorten the time between planting and harvest. Short-season management strategies that will help reduce the window of crop vulnerability include:

- preplant irrigation to provide 3 to 6 inches of stored soil moisture.
- planting when soil temperatures and weather favor good stand establishment.
- planting a moderate stand of 30,000 to 50,000 plants per acre.
- avoid full-season picker cottons,

lean toward well-adapted stripper varieties.

-- planting high quality, treated seed to ensure healthy seedlings.

-- scout for early-season insects and treat if necessary to avoid loss of early squares.

-- monitor the crop during the early squaring and bloom, keep up with crop progress.

-- ensure good fertility prior to the crop reaching cutout.

-- reduce irrigation after cutout to gradually dry the soil and hasten boll maturity and opening.

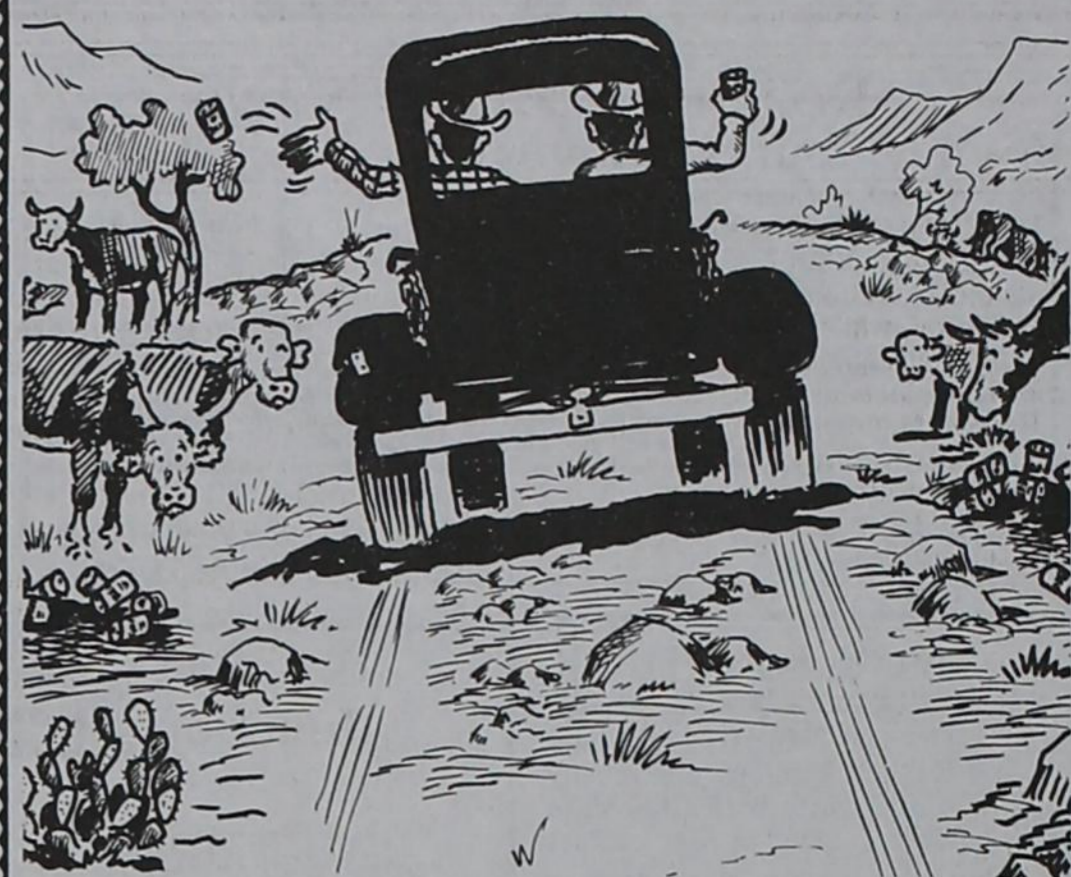
-- use harvest-aid chemicals to prepare plants for an early harvest.

-- destroy stalks as soon as possible after harvest, to prevent regrowth.

Farmers can learn more about managing and reducing boll weevil populations from Boll Weevil Management in the Texas High Plains—an entomology fact sheet currently available through county Extension offices. A guide to boll weevil management also is available on the Internet at <http://insects.tamu.edu>.

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Lubbock, TX -- Businesses in some Texas counties have until March 23, 1999 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from drought that occurred from June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing; and flooding, hail, and high winds that occurred on May 25 and May 26, 1998. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:
Drought: June 1, 1997 - July 8, 1998 and continuing:

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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

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Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

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In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 29, 1999. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3, and District 4, will be elected in 1999. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents: PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is in the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

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