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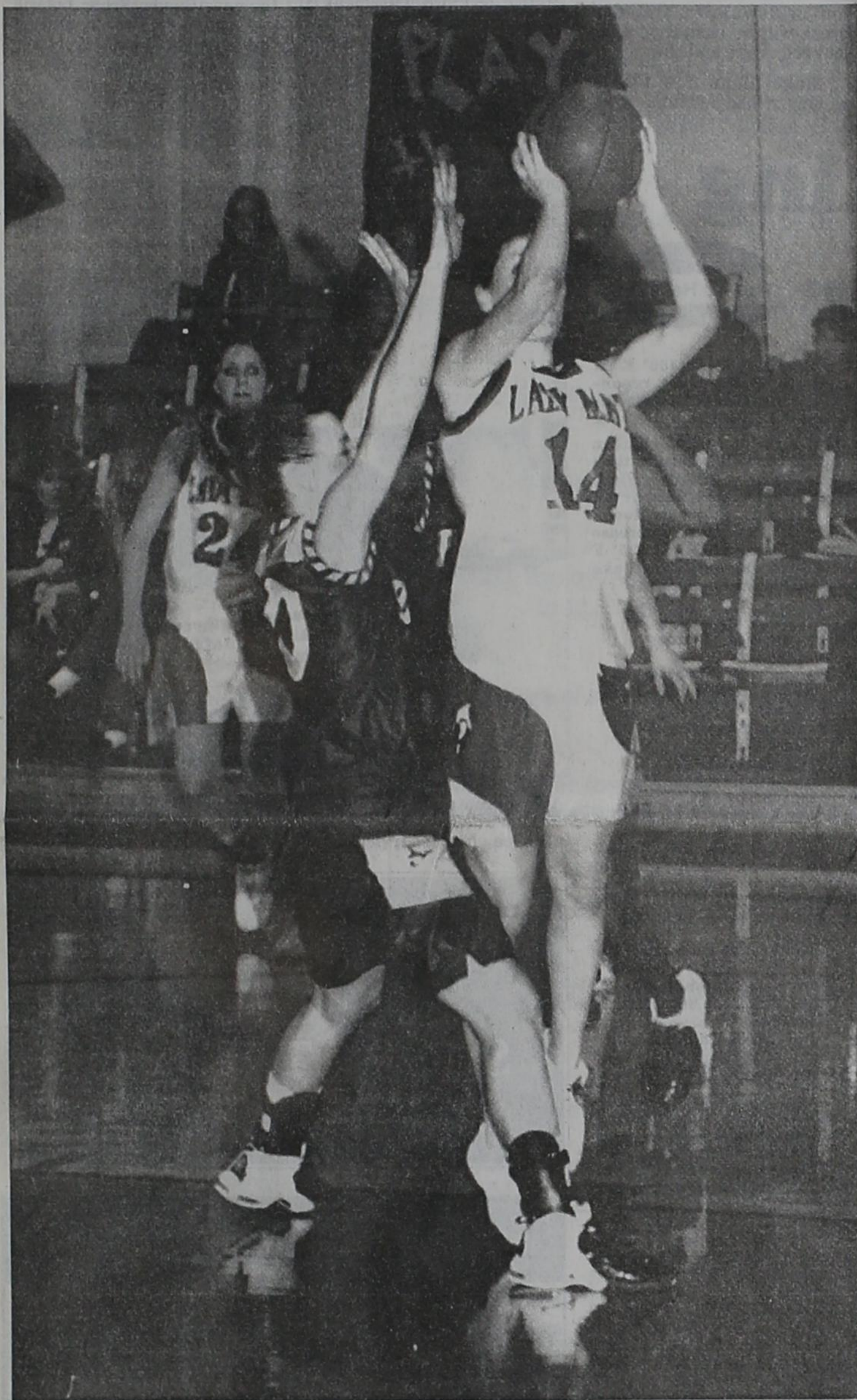
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UP FOR TWO — Motley County Lady Matador, Chasity Holman, #14, goes up for a shot during last Friday night's game against Spur. The Ladies put up a good fight but fell short with a final score of 42-35. Motley County basketball season came to an end Tuesday night when they played Patton Springs. Details of that game were not available at newstime. For more information about last week's games and more pictures see page 3.

63rd Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show to be held February 22

The 63rd Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at the Motley County Livestock 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. By caring 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 7 steers, 23 hogs, 7 lambs, 15 goats, and 8 rabbits exhibited.

In addition, a Pee Wee Swine Showmanship will be held for youth under the age of 9 years and not in the third grade.

Anyone living in Motley County, owning land in Motley County, or youth eligible for the Junior Livestock Show may

show heifers. Anyone planning to show a pen of heifers must notify the Junior Livestock Show Association by Monday, February 10, 2003. Heifers must be 12 to 18 months 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 placed by 10:00 a.m. Heifer classes will include English, Exotic, and Crossbred.

Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador will be serving breakfast to exhibitors, donors, and local residents from 6:30 a.m. 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 in Matador, all volunteers and donors for their continued support and dedication to the Motley County Junior Livestock

Show. 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. Anyone interested in making donations to the Motley County Junior Livestock Show Association should contact one of the directors of the Motley County Extension office by calling (806) 347-2733. Directors for this year's Show are Craig Turner, Bruce Lefevre, Gilbert Guerrero, J.D. Russell, Mark Seigler and David Stafford.

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

Children's Ministry to begin in Roaring Springs

The Roaring Springs First Baptist Church is making plans to begin a neighborhood street ministry for children ages 4-12. The ministry will be a Bible Club

for children. This program, which originated in San Angelo in 1994, has been very successful there and in other towns, and has reached over 3,000 children.

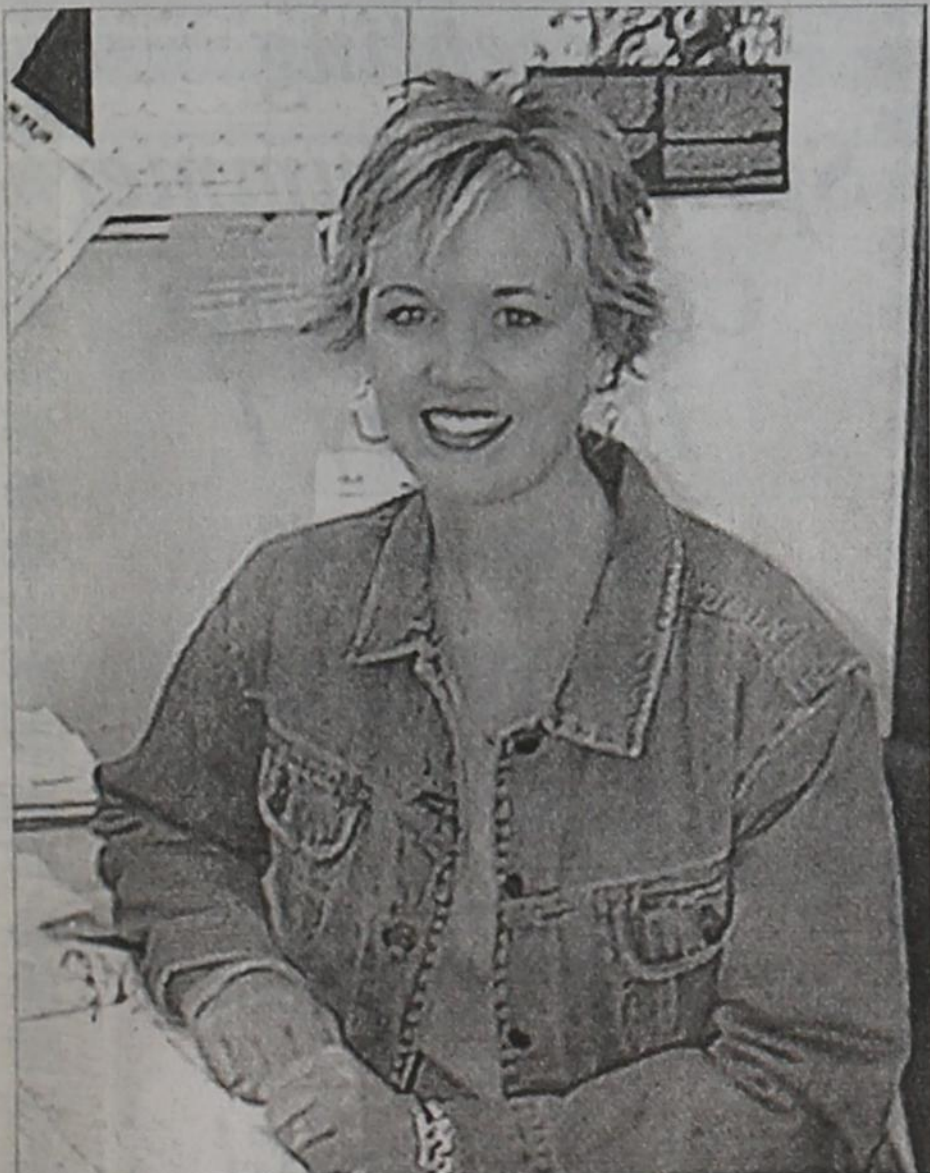
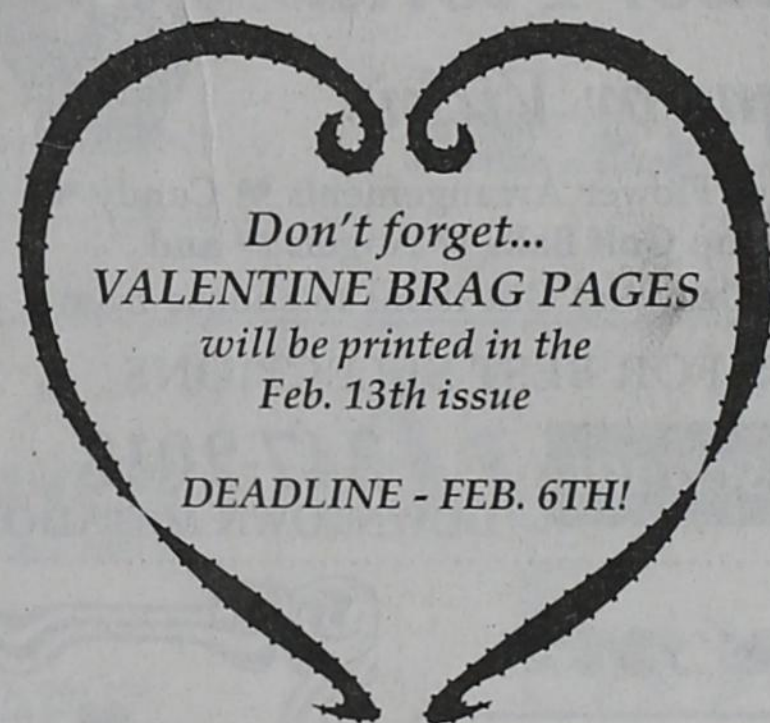
The program is especially designed to reach children who do not attend any Sunday School or Church and will be chartered with House of Faith Children's Ministry in San Angelo. It is a non-denominational organization.

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State Director of Tourism to speak in Roaring Springs

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

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



NEW CITY SECRETARY — Lara Davey has been hired as the new Matador City Secretary. She will be in the office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. There is a drop box available when no one is in the office. Lara and husband, Ted, the local Game Warden, live in Matador. They have three children, Hance, Hayden and Soraya.

Dry weather, contrasting temperatures make up January weather

by Earlyne Jameson

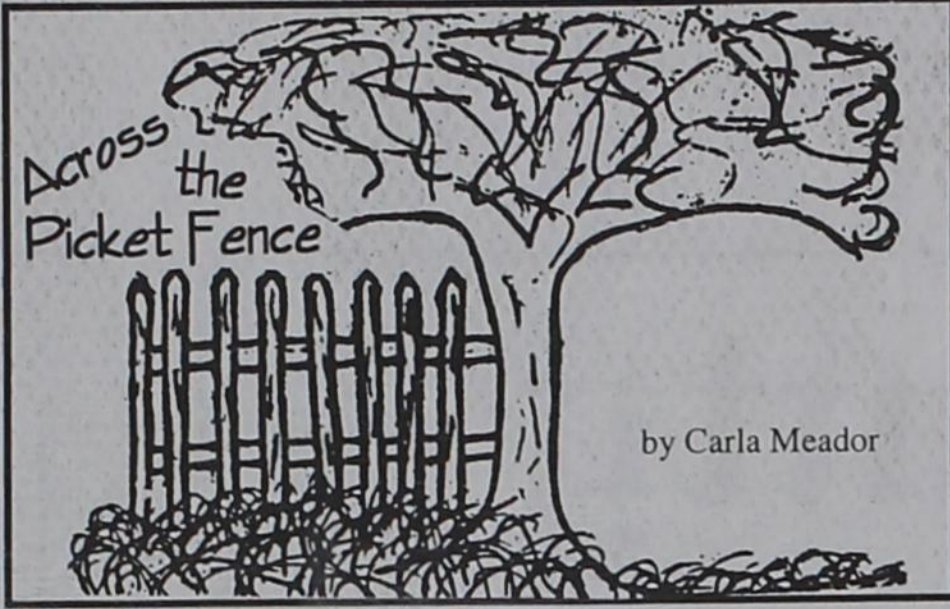
Dry weather and contrasting temperatures from 14 degrees to 80 degrees was experienced during the month of January in Motley County.

Cotton harvest was completed and some farmers are preparing land for 2003 crop. Pasture in fair condition and supplemental feeding continues. Wheat is considered in good condition for livestock grazing.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers, Buzz Thacker of Roaring Springs, Kelly Meyer of Matador, Betty Simpson of Northfield, Jim Stockton of Whiteflat and Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot did not have any measurable moisture to report for January 2003.



FINGER LICKIN' GOOD! Little Carley Turner thought the Lions Club pancakes were finger lickin' good. Matador Lions Club members served pancakes during last Friday night's basketball games for their Annual Pancake Supper fund-raiser. Carley is the daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner of Matador.



Why is it that if your computers are going to give you trouble, it's always on the days you need them most? That's the way it is around here, anyway. If there's going to be any trouble it's always on a Monday or Tuesday! My brother-in-law gave me the following story which relates to that problem. A neat comparison!

At a recent computer expo, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with the technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could con-

tinue. For some reason you would simply accept this.

4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.

5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.

6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.

7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.

8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine OFF!

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding, In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- Proverbs 3: 5, 6



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Getting a Good Start



How do we start our day? Do we start with self reliance, trying to determine just how we are going to accomplish everything, looking at an "impossible" task or schedule. Or do we start our day in prayer, giving it to God, to rely on Him to guide, strengthen and lead us through the day.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." (Phil. 4:6)

I read about a man who put his keys in one of his shoes at night when he went to bed. The next morning when he dressed to begin a new day, that shoe was the last thing he put on. He took out his keys, held them in his hand and said something like this:

"Lord, this day I will come to certain doors that are locked but I shall use these to open those doors. And may I remember this day that there is a key to every situation, a solution to every problem. May I never surrender to one of life's locked doors. Instead may I use the keys on the key ring of prayer until I find the right key and the door be opened."

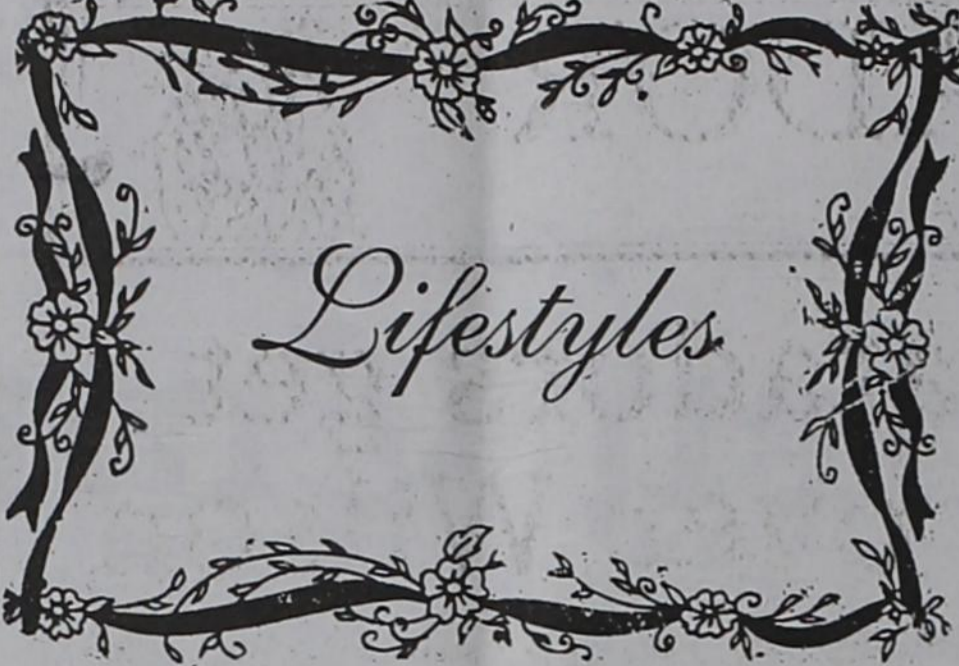
This brings to my mind a promise made to us as God's children.

"Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds." (Matt. 7: 7-8)

Let us become more and more a asking, seeking, prayerful people of God.

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Mother-Daughter Banquet set for February 17th

The Eternas Study Club will be hosting the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet Monday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Motley County School gym. All girls, K-12th grade, and their mothers are invited to attend.

Tickets are \$7.00 each and this includes a meal of BBQ brisket and all the trimmings and entertainment by Sherry's Flying Angels and the Motley County Gymnastics class.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, February 1 and continue through February 14. To purchase a ticket contact Denise Ford or Ginger Gilmore at the Motley County School or Annette Hollinsworth at New to You in downtown Matador. Dress will be casual or wear your red, white and blue.

Make plans now for an evening of food and fun.

Cooking Corner

Tips To Help You

Easy-Bake Buttermilk Chicken
White or dark meat, this juicy baked chicken sizzles with flavor.

- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup SACO Buttermilk Blend
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper (or to taste)
- 1 tsp. tarragon
- 1 clove garlic
- black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450° F. In medium mixing bowl, reconstitute Buttermilk Blend with water. In separate bowl, mix flour and spices. Dip chicken into buttermilk mixture, then roll into flour mixture. Place chicken in cake pan or on broiler pan, skin side down. Bake for 15 minutes. Decrease oven temperature to 325° F and turn chicken over. Bake an additional 45 minutes.

Dilly Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes

- 2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into pieces
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 cup SACO Buttermilk Blend
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 2 tsp. dill, finely chopped
 - 1 tsp. chives
 - black pepper to taste
- Cook potatoes until tender, drain, dry and add to a food mill, ricer or bowl for mashing. After mashing, stir in all of the ingredients. Serve immediately.

Hot French Onion Dip

- 1 envelope Lipton Recipe Secrets Onion Soup Mix
 - 1 container (16-oz.) sour cream
 - 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (8-oz.)
 - 1/4 cup mayonnaise
1. Preheat oven to 375° F. In 1-quart casserole, combine soup mix, sour cream, 1/4 cups Swiss cheese and mayonnaise.
 2. Bake uncovered 20 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese.
 3. Serve, if desired, with sliced French bread or your favorite dippers.

Makes 2 cups dip

For more delicious and easy-to-prepare recipes that are perfect for entertaining friends in your home entertainment center, visit www.recipesecrets.com.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the memorial donations that we received this past week. Thanks to Opal and Charlie Johnson for their donations in memory of Francis Finch.

New Mystery books in the library are: *Under the Skin* by James Blake and *Bone Vault* by Linda Fairstein. We also have a new video tape series *Band of Brothers* starring Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg. It is a his-

torical novel about a combat company during World War II. Come in and check the video collection out. It is getting bigger.

The Friends of the library will have their regular winter meeting Thursday, February 6, 4:00 P.M. at the library. With the new year here, we will be receiving 2003 dues. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Children's Ministry

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Teams from San Angelo's House of Faith will speak at three church services in Roaring on Sunday, February 9. Representatives will speak at the First United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. and at the Full Gospel Church at 10:45 a.m.

Anyone interested in the project is welcome to attend.

Plans are to begin weekly, after school meetings for children in the Roaring Springs

park with an alternate meeting place during bad weather. Games, Bible Stories, object lessons, snacks and prizes are some of the fun things awaiting children who attend. Leaders will not be trying to build up their own Sunday School but will encourage children to attend Sunday School and take their parents with them, wherever they like.

The program will not take the place of Sunday School nor will children be encouraged to attend a specific church.

For more information contact Walter and Jo Trammell at 348-7565 or Corky and Monta Marshall at 348-7000.



A representative of Children's House of Faith Ministry in San Angelo at a gathering in that town. Representatives will speak at three church services Sunday in Roaring Springs.

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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY Feb. 10

No school!

TUESDAY FEB. 11

Breakfast: hot cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, fries, chocolate pudding, milk.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 12

Breakfast: pancake, sausage, syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: steak fingers, cream potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls/honey, milk.

THURSDAY FEB. 13

Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: hamburger, lettuce tomato, pickle, cheese, nacho chips/cheese, peach cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY FEB. 14

Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, gravy, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: turkey chef salad, baked potato, crackers, sherbert, milk.



Jr. Class selling Valentine-Grams

by Amanda Hurt

The Junior Class is now selling Valentine-Grams. Send a sucker with a message to your friend, teacher or that special someone. The Valentine-Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Each Gram will cost \$1.00 each. Suckers are sold everyday, except Friday, in the morning and during lunch, and at basketball games.

Be sure to buy your Valentine-Gram soon!

School Holiday Monday

Monday, February 10, will be a holiday for Motley County students.

This is in order for teachers to have a day of in-service.

Classes will resume at the regular time, Tuesday, February 11.

Lady Matadors get big win over Wilson

by Amanda Hurt

The Lady Matadors played Wilson on January 28 and came up with a big win, 44-24. Brittany Moore (Soph.) led in scoring with 13 points; Chasity Holman wasn't far behind with 11; Sabrina Osborn put in 9; Brittany Donaldson, 4; Brittany Moore (Sr.) 3; Ashley Fonseca and Ashley Green each put in 2.

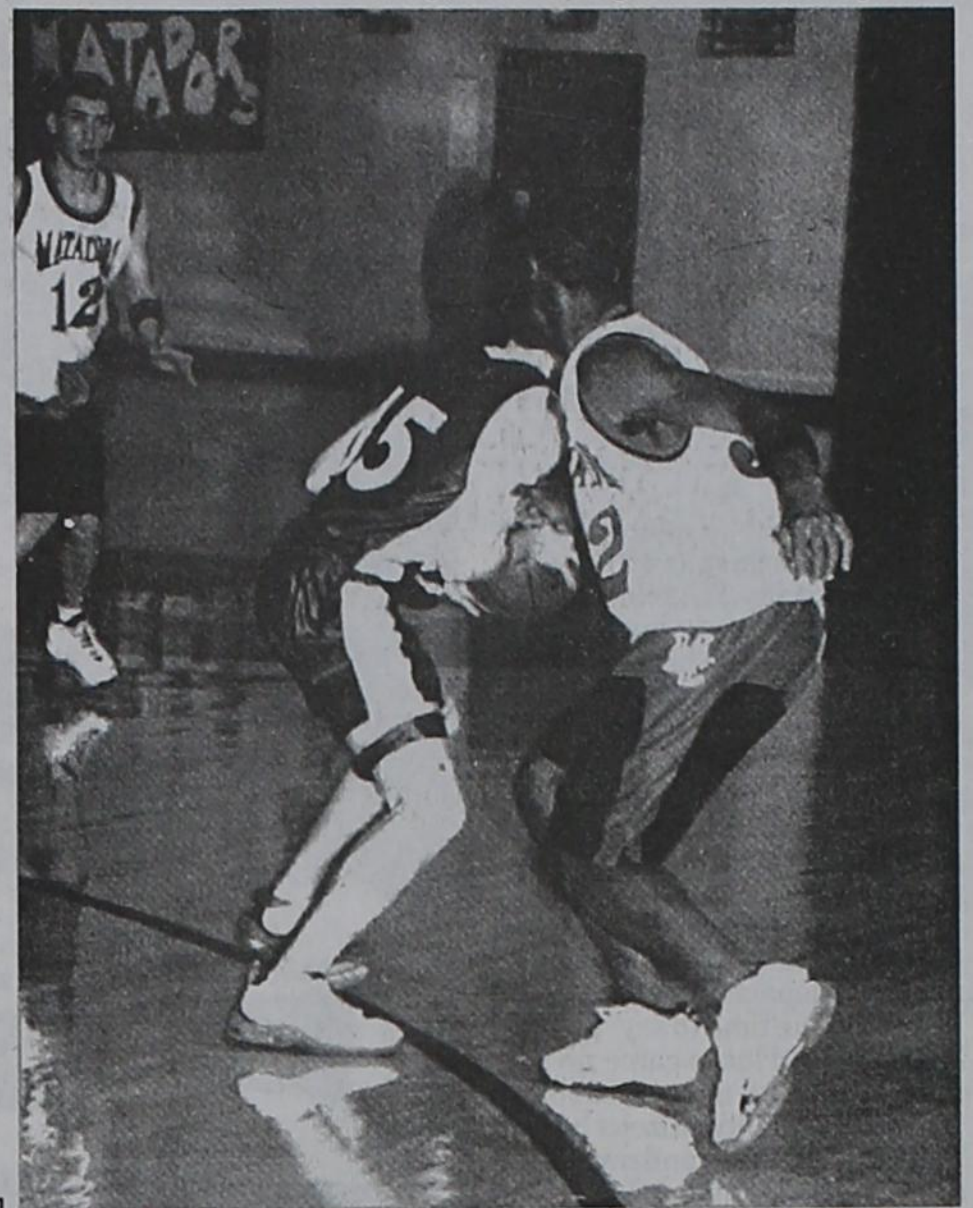
On Friday, January 31, the

Lady Mats faced the Spur Spurettes. Spur won 42-35 but the Lady Mats played a very good game. Brittany Moore (Sr.) was lead scorer with 10 points; Chasity Holman added 8; Mandi Ream and Brittany Moore (Soph.) put in 5 each; Sabrina Osborn, 3; Stachia Baxter and Brittany Donaldson had 2 each.

The Matadors put up a good fight but were defeated by Wilson, 71-57. Clint Cooper was lead

scorer with 27 points; Seagram Sims put in 8; Lorenzo Salazar, 7; Colton Russell, 6; Kenny Johannes, 5; Clay Cooper and Chance Bingham put in 2 each.

The Matadors had a big win over the Spur Bulldogs, 67-56. Clint Cooper led in scoring with 32 points; Seagram Sims, 12; Lorenzo Salazar, 7; Chance Bingham, 6; Clay Cooper, 4; Brandon Martin, Colton Russell and Kenny Johannes put in 2 each.



Motley County Matadors, Seagram Sims and Chance Bingham in action against the Spur Bulldogs last Friday night. The Matadors defeated the Bulldogs 67-56.

Drug Abuse Among Texas Teens: 10 Facts You Should Know

1
55% of students have used drugs in the last school year.

2
14% of students have used marijuana in the past month.

3
Average age of students using marijuana is 13.4 years.

4
9% of students have used cocaine.

5
Ecstasy use by teens has increased from 5% in 1995 to 12.5% in 2001, a jump of 150%.

6
71% of students have drunk alcohol.

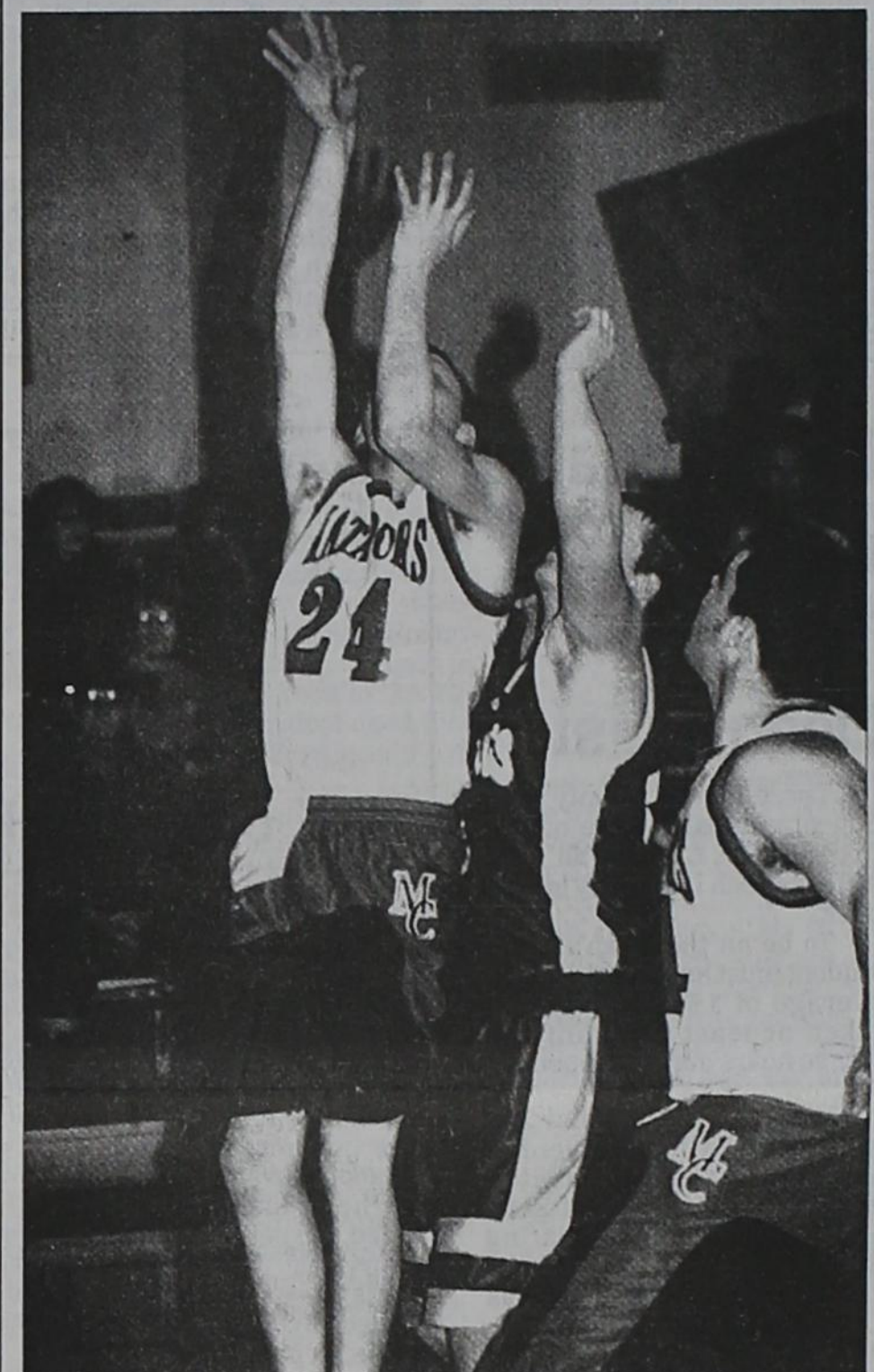
7
The average age for first drinking beer is reported at 12.4 years, wine and wine coolers at 12.7 years and liquor at 13.3 years.

8
17% of students reported drinking 5 or more beers at one time.

9
Illicit drug use at parties is on the rise.

10
If we can help our kids get through their teenage years without trying drugs, they are likely never to use drugs as an adult.

2000 Texas School Survey of Substance use Among Students: Grades 7-12
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE



Kenny Johannes, #24, goes up for two, while Brandon Martin keeps the Bulldogs away during last Friday night's basketball action against Spur.



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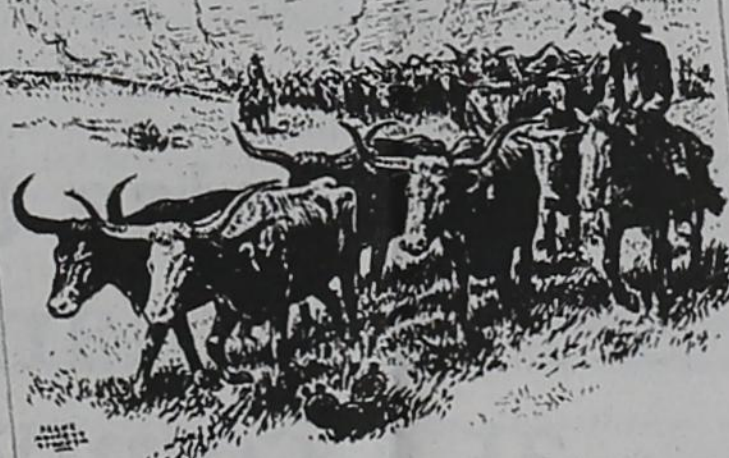
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I would like to address this letter to the people of Motley County and say "Thank You" to everyone who made my Retirement party such a big success.

A special thanks to the Courthouse Staff and Commissioners for all the pretty decorations, the Proclamation, the delicious and enticing entrees, and taking a time out of a work day to party.

The cards, presents and telephone calls from all of you made my departure a lot easier. When it came time to say "good-bye" a big old lump came up in my throat. I will miss all of you.

Motley County citizens have been so good to me and my family. The years have gone by in such a hurry and so much has happened, and you were always there for me, in my good times and stood by me in my sad times. I could not have made it all these years without your support. You have been a wonderful blessing to me.

Now the door has closed on my working career, hopefully another door will open on a new adventure.

May God continue to bless Motley County and all of you.

Lovingly,
Lucretia Estes Carapbell
(Retiree)



GYM ROCKERS — This group of kids, better known as the Gym Rockers, performed during halftime at Friday night's basketball games. They are pictured left to right, beginning with the front row: Austin Taylor, Christian Brooks, Dominique Quilimaco, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Ford, Shelby Elliott, Caleb Clary, Katie Barton, Michael Martin, Jacob Woolsey, Lexie Osborn; 2nd row, Kyla Simpson, Stormy Guerrero, Reagan Elliott, Noah Guerrero, Colby Williams, Hannah Hulsey, Corby Simpson, Sam Hulsey, Tanner Bearden, Logan Ferguson, Connor Mason; 3rd row, Alyx Smith, Sarah Ferguson, Britt Simpson, Jonathan Osborn, Brett Fletcher, Braden Mason, Garrett Jenschke, Andy Arocha, Seth Baxter, Keyan Kautz; back row, Cody Martin, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell, Courtney Williams, Cory Durham, Xavier Elizondo and Coach Lacey Rankin.

MC graduates named to Tech's Dean's List

Three Motley County High School graduates were named to the Dean's List for Fall, 2002, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

To be on the Dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

Included on this list are Kandi Keltz, a Junior Exercise and Sport Sciences major. Kandi is the daughter of Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs.

Also named to the list was Leigha Burns, a Sophomore Advertising major. Leigha is the daughter of Steve and Reneigh Burns of Casper, WY.

Kristi Williams, a Junior Political Science major was also named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador.

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February 13th Issue

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

PROTECTING AMERICA'S KIDS

Three hours or less - those few precious hours can mean life or death for an abducted child. According to the Department of Justice, 75 percent of child homicides occur within three hours of an abduction. The sooner we rescue a child after he or she has been kidnapped, the better their chance for survival.

It is those startling facts that spurred my colleagues in the Senate to pass the "National Amber Alert Network Act" in a 92-0 vote this January.

An AMBER Alert, which stands for "America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response," is activated by law enforcement to find a child by triggering electronic message boards and broadcast messages throughout the area in which the abduction occurred. An AMBER Alert has gone out as quickly as within 17 minutes of an abduction, giving law enforcement personnel a jump start on safely recovering a kidnapped child.

Thus far, AMBER Alerts have been credited with saving the lives of 43 children in America. That's 43 children who will live to see another birthday; 43 children who will have a chance to make a difference in our world; and 43 families who will be spared the agonizing loss of a child.

One little girl did not have those opportunities. Her life was cut short. Her name was Amber, and she was a Texan. But her legacy lives on through the alert system that now protects America's kids.

Last year more than 451 children were reported missing or abducted in Texas. We know that the sooner we find these children, the greater chance they have for survival, and that's why making the AMBER Alert system a national one is so critical. Currently, more than 80 cities, regions and states have AMBER Alert plans. By creating a national system, with a coordinator in the Justice Department, we can use the system across state lines to help recover abducted children. The legislation I introduced and the Senate passed does just that. Now the House of Representatives must act quickly to approve the program and ensure

the National AMBER Alert Network will become law to protect our children and grandchildren.

The alerts have proven so effective that one abductor who saw an AMBER Alert in California released the child on the side of the road because he knew it was only a matter of time before he would be caught.

One of the best ways to protect our children is to prevent them from becoming targets for kidnapers. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has compiled the following tips to help children and parents adopt preventative measures:

1. Teach your children to run away from danger.
2. Never let your children go places alone.
3. Know where and with whom your children are at all times.
4. Talk openly to your children about safety.
5. Practice what you teach.

6. Consider installing an alarm system in your home.

7. Have a list of family members who could be contacted in case of an emergency.

8. Be alert to and aware of your surroundings.

9. Know your employees and co-workers.

10. Consider varying your daily routines and habits.

11. Take steps to secure personal information about yourself.

12. Report any suspicious persons or activities to law enforcement.

13. Remember that you are your best resource for safeguarding your family.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has a host of additional on-line resources for children and families, which can be downloaded at www.missingkids.com.

Texas is home to some of the warmest, most kind-hearted people in the country. Most of our citizens would never dream of hurting a child. But for Amber's sake, and for every family that has lost a child, let us all take these safeguards to heart. We can help reduce the chance for our children to become victims, and redouble our efforts to protect our children from harm.

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Flomot woman featured in Amarillo news story

Note: The following article, by Rick Storm, first appeared in the Amarillo Globe-News, January 6, 2003.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton never could pick cotton worth a darn.

"I didn't like to hoe, either," Barton said at her ranch about a dozen miles west of Flomot in Motley County. "And I wouldn't cook, couldn't cook. I still don't cook. None of that kitchen stuff's for me."

However, running cattle or working with a good cutting horse always suited her style just fine. As Barton recalls, she started riding about the time she began walking.

"My daddy would tie me on a horse, and I went right behind him," said Barton of her dad, the late Wilburn Barton. "I'd go to sleep and somebody would wake me up, and I'd go to bawling. I ran cattle with my dad, and he was a pretty good teacher."

How in the world did she acquire the nickname "Dude"? Barton smiled.

"I don't know; I've asked and asked and nobody knows. That's just what it's always been," she said. "Of course, I've always been a tomboy."

Barton celebrated her 79th birthday January 14, and made a change or two. For one, this year was her last cotton crop.

"I retired on December 18," she said. "I'll be leasing the land."

Not that Barton intends to spend her time in a rocking chair.

"I'll be busy," she said. "I'm going to keep my cows; I've got 50 head of mother cows. I've had good health. I don't think work hurts you."

Barton also irrigates 50 acres of proved Bermuda grass.

"I've never seen pastures bad as they are the past two or three years," she said of the current drought.

With commodity prices in the dumps the past several years, the cattle have made a difference.

"The cattle are what got us by," she said.

Barton grew up on the Cross 6 Ranch, the youngest of Wilburn and Ella Barton's four boys and five girls.

She still lives a short walk from the house where she was raised.

"We milked 15 to 20 cows and separated the milk," she



Dude Barton

said. "My mother took the cream to Turkey."

That cream bought clothes and other necessities.

In her early years, the family used horses and mules to work the land.

"My daddy traded horses and mules for a Moline tractor," she said with a fond smile. "They don't make them anymore."

While the tractor was a big improvement, there were some hazards.

"There was a kick lift to raise the plow, and it would catch you right in the shin if you didn't move," Barton said. "I've still got knots on my legs from that old thing. You learned to move fast."

With 13 sections of land to farm and ranch, there was more than plenty of work to do.

"We farmed a lot of country," Barton said. "My dad employed help, but the kids worked right alongside the farm hands."

Electricity came to the Barton home sometime around 1939.

"The house had solid walls, so we couldn't run the wires inside the walls," she said. "But we didn't even care."

As a youngster, the cowgirl earned quite a rodeo reputation as a barrel and flag rider, a roper and in the cutting competition.

Her first competition was age 15 at a rodeo in honor of Shannon Davidson of Flomot, who was among the victors in a Pony Express contest sponsored by the Nocona Boot Co. from Nocona to San Francisco.

She captured prizes in various area competitions, and in 1947 she won a new saddle at the Cowgirl Sponsor Contest at the Tri-State All Girl Rodeo in Amarillo.

Later in 1947, at Midland she became the first contestant ever to take home both the \$1,500 saddle for the sponsor contest and the \$600 trailer in the Cowgirls Cutting Horse Contest.

"It was a two-horse trailer, and all I had was an old open-top trailer," Barton said with a grin. "I thought I'd sure gone uptown when I won that Hobbs horse trailer."

Barton went on to raise quarter horses and cover a wall with quarter horse show trophies before retiring from the horse business several years ago.

"My arthritis got to where I just can't do it anymore," she said.

Did she rodeo for the excitement?

"No, it was just entertainment. Most of the girls who rodeoed when I did worked doing about the same thing at home," Barton said. "If we could go do something for entertainment, we did. We had shows in all these little towns. Honestly, nobody really cared who won. We just had a good time."

Through the years, her main horses were a mare named Betty Barton for the barrels and roping and W. Lee

O'Daniel for cutting so-named after the man who owned Tender Crust Flour, sponsors of one of the area's favorite sons, Bob Wills and the Tender Crust Doughboys, later destined for immortality as Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys.

"My granddaddy used to go to dances where Bob Wills played," Barton said of the famous Turkey fiddler.

And while you could argue that World War II cut into her prime competitive years, Barton nevertheless was enshrined into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1984.

"I had about decided they were never going to put me in," she said. "My family is real close. All of them went, and that's what made it for me."

Barton never quite found the time between running cattle and raising cotton to get married, but this cowgirl brooks no regrets and harbors no plans to move to town anytime soon.

"I've got a lot of good friends, and I don't want to go anywhere else. I've always been happy doing what I do, but maybe I'm just too dumb to do anything else," she said. "I hope that someday they carry me off from here."



A1C Jason Clauser, a 1999 Motley County High School graduate has successfully completed his training with the 343rd Security Forces at Lackland, AFB Texas. He, his wife Candace and son Trevor are stationed at RAF Molesworth, England, where he will be assigned to the USAF Security Forces Squadron. Jason is the son of Becky and Mark Brannon of Aransas Pass, Texas (formerly of Roaring Springs) and Craig and Nancy Clauser of Dover, DE. Candace also attended Motley County High School and is the daughter of Carrie Buckner of Matador and Dennis Buckner of McAllen, Texas.

ORCA awards funds to Crosbyton Clinic Hospital

The Office of Rural Community Affairs today announced it has awarded a grant of up to \$10,000 to Crosbyton Clinic Hospital in Crosby County. The funds will be used by the hospital to perform a Financial and Operational Feasibility Study for a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) designation for the facility.

The study involves a review of the hospital's operations and an evaluation of the fiscal impact the CAH designation may have on the facility. "I am pleased to see Crosbyton Clinic Hospital's hard work on behalf of the people of Crosby County is being rewarded," said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock. "Access to quality medical care in our rural areas is a critical need that these fine professionals are striving to meet."

"I appreciate this help for Crosbyton," Representative James "Pete" Laney said. "Its good to know that ORCA is truly there for our rural communities, and its working to help our citizens."

"We are pleased to be able to assist Crosbyton Clinic Hospital in their efforts to qualify for the Critical Access Hospital designation," said Mike Easley, Director of ORCA's Rural Health Unit. "This is an important first step in enabling them to expand services and increase revenue."

Robt. J. "Sam" Tessen, MS, ORCA's Executive Director, echoed

Easley's comments, "The Office of Rural Community Affairs applauds the efforts of the rural hospital in exploring all opportunities to provide care to the community. The CAH program is designed to provide an alternative model to allow small rural hospitals to remain viable. Crosbyton Clinic Hospital's administration should be commended for their resourcefulness and dedication to providing care in Crosby County."

Hospitals that meet certain federal and state criteria may qualify for the CAH designation, which allows for increased service and staffing flexibility and increased reimbursement from Medicare.

The Medical Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) program funds the feasibility study for the CAH program. The Flex Program also works to bolster fragile rural health services through the development of a statewide rural health plan; conversion of small rural hospitals to CAH designation; development of rural health networks associated with CAHs; integration and strengthening of rural emergency medical systems; and improving the quality of healthcare services for rural populations.

As the State Office of Rural Health, ORCA administers the Critical Access Hospital (CAH) program and the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) grant in Texas.

Annual Social Security updates now in place

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security, Plainview

A new year always brings changes. Many of those changes are small. Most people change their calendars and others change their wardrobe. But I want to remind everyone of big Social Security changes that went into effect in January that touch the lives of almost every American. All the changes are brought about by automatic annual adjustments for inflation that are required by law.

Here's a rundown of the major changes.

The more than 50 million people who get Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments got a 1.4 percent raise in January. That means, for example, the monthly benefit paid to the average retiree went up from \$882 to \$895. And average benefits paid to a disabled worker with a spouse and child climbed by \$19 per month from \$1,376 to \$1,395. A widowed mother with two children whose husband had earned average wages will see her survivor benefits increase from \$1,812 to \$1,838 each month.

Working retirees who are under "full retirement age" can earn more money this year before losing any benefits. In 2003, anyone under age 65 and two months will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 earned over \$11,520. Last year, the penalties kicked in for anyone under age 65 earning more than \$11,280 annually. The reduction remains the same: \$1 dollar deducted from the Social Security check for each \$2 earned over the threshold.

People who want to work and get off of Social Security disability benefits also get a break. After a nine-month "trial work period" with unlimited earnings potential, disability benefits usually will be stopped if earnings exceed \$800 per month in 2003. Last year, the cutoff point was \$780.

Some people who are working might notice other Social Security changes. Those earning more than \$84,900 will pay more in Social Security taxes in 2003. That was the cutoff point for payroll deductions last year. But in 2003, employers will continue to withhold the 6.2 percent

Social Security tax up to an \$87,000 wage base. Self-employed people pay Social Security taxes on 12.4 percent of their net profit, up to the same \$87,000 limit this year. Medicare tax withholding remains the same. Employers pay 1.45 percent on all their earnings, and self-employed people pay 2.9 percent on their entire net profit.

Even fewer workers will notice one other inflationary change. Social Security gives people the maximum four "credits" that count towards future Social Security benefits after they earn \$3,560 in 2003. Last year, four credits were assigned after only \$3,480 in earnings. Most people need 40 credits, or 10 years of work, to be "vested" in the Social Security system.

For more information on these and other changes, I suggest you visit our website, www.socialsecurity.gov. A link on the homepage connects you to all the updates.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

Odessa Mullins suffered a heart attack Sunday morning. She is a patient at Covenant Hospital, room 888 S.
Cleo Watson, Larry Watson and Lula Swim visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Trammell in Childress re-

cently.
Cleo Watson and Larry Watson met Pete Osborn and Billie Roller in Plainview Saturday. The group drove to Amarillo where they visited Sara Sain a patient in a hospital in Amarillo.

Matador News

Kristy Davis of Fritch has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin on Tuesday nights and accompanying her to Lubbock on Wednesday for medical appointments and treatment.

Wanda (McMahan) Faulkner of Telephone, Texas, and her sister Dorothy Jones of Plainview visited Cora Hall Saturday. They also visited Jean Cooper.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper accompanied her brother, Arthur Harmon of Amarillo, and her sisters and hus-

bands, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver to Abilene, Saturday, February 1, and attended another brother's, Gordon Harmon, surprise 70th birthday party. Some 35 or more family members and longtime friends attended.

Saturday, Jan. 25, Mrs. Juanita Cooper accompanied Jack Samford and sister, Mrs. Nina Barton to Lubbock and attended the 90th birthday party for Mrs. Willie Dee King, held at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Gene King.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

HAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The birthday of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert was a happy celebration Tuesday afternoon, January 28th in the home of Mrs. Leona Degan. She received cards, gifts and telephone calls. Refreshments of cookies, brownies and popcorn were served with coffee. Friends enjoying the fun filled time were Mrs. Waydette Clay, Mrs. Ruth Lee and Mrs. B. Rogers.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. L.E. (Alma) Shorter returned home Monday, Feb. 3 from Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was hospitalized since Thursday for cardiac medical treatments. With her husband, son and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter.

CELEBRATES THIRD BIRTHDAY

Brain Sehon, son of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Ropesville, celebrated his birthday Saturday at the Lubbock Community Center. He blew out his three candles on decorated Sponge Bob cartoon character cake. Children attending had fun breaking open a huge Pinata filled with an assortment of goodies.

Among the many attending the happy occasion were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, great granddad, L.E. Shorter and great grandmother, Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot; Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Carrollton.

Donna Sue and Stanelly Degan of Kalgary visited last Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers. Visiting them Friday and Saturday was Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock.

The belated birthdays of Mrs. Marisue Potts of Floydada and Mary Ellen Barton were celebrated Fri-

day with a luncheon at Anna's Mexican Restaurant in Matador. It was hosted by P.K. Green and Dinah and Ken Young of Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and Tim Kendall visited in Midland, Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Conner.

L.T. Starkey of Rals visited Friday with mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Janice and Butch Hughes visited in Floydada, Thursday with son and wife, Rickey and Tasha Hughes and new baby daughter, Kendal Lynn who was born January 15 at the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Floydada, Wednesday with John and Joyce Speer.

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay are on the sick list.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse helped with the Jamboree Saturday night held at the Bob Wills Gymnasium in Turkey.

Joe Ike Clay visited from Wednesday until Sunday in Terrell with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay.

Chad and Cindy Calvert of Carrollton visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert Sunday were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lub-

Jimmie Hunter, former Flomot resident, suffered a fractured spine following an accident at the Carillon Retirement Center. She is a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The correct address and phone number for Wayne Hunter is 4713 22nd. St., Lubbock, TX 79407. 806-799-7944.

Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Years ago, I was riding on a train and smoking a strong smelling cigar. The lady sitting next to me asked, "Will you please put out that cigar?" I was wearing a new pair of shoes that were killing my feet, so I took off one shoe and began massaging my foot. The lady next to me said, "Will you please light that cigar?"

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M., daughter and husband, Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Thursday for Wilda a medical

check up on her arm. She was pleased with the good report. Mrs. Hester, who had been with them the past two months during Wilda's recuperation, returned home Friday.

Danielle Gwinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, was a guest at the birthday celebration for Katie Fuston of Quitaque held in Amarillo Friday night and Saturday. Katie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fuston of Quitaque. Others attending the fun and entertainment were Autumn Philips and Khaki Scriver of Quitaque.

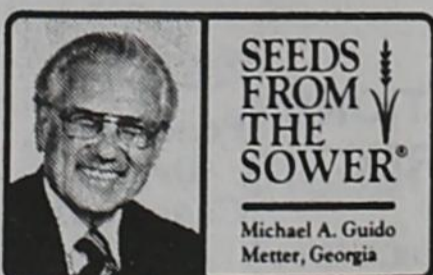
Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

The knowledge that my ninetieth birthday is approaching in the middle of 2003, causes shock waves somewhere in my being, but reading that there is agreement that Sunday is "the Lord's Day", is very refreshing as I read the local news.

The idea of REFURBISHING BOB'S OIL WELL seems more sensible than to risk going abroad for oil, if we must have more "oil." Once my father - God rest his soul - headed his old car around the corner at "Bob's" to head south toward Roaring Springs and home, and damaged several of the gas pumps in use at the time. He righted himself, and followed the yellow stripe right on south and home.

He missed the rattlesnake cage, and the cafe next door, said to be equipped with a stainless steel kitchen. I don't know that the cafe was ever used, or is even still there. The rattlesnakes are still wandering around the county, but hibernating during the present cold season. When attempting the long trip to Matador, my eyes seldom stray to examine the scenery.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A fellow died. Two friends walked by his casket. One of them snickered. "Why?" asked the other.

"Pat didn't believe in heaven or hell," he answered. "There he is all dressed up and no place to go."

But I have a place to go—heaven. There, no pain will be upon any body, no burden upon any back, no grave upon any hillside, no sin upon any soul, no want upon any heart, no worry upon any mind, and no tear upon any face.

The Lord said, "I am the way." Take Him, and make heaven your home.

Obituaries

Brady Thomas

Brownwood - Brady Thomas, 90, formerly of Odessa, a retired coach and teacher, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services were held January 16, 2003, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home with Jerry Leslie officiating. Arrangements were by Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

He was born in Holder. He was

a member of the Church of Christ. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Thomas was a coach at Matador School in 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes Thomas of Brownwood; a son, Tom Thomas of Dallas; four grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Evelyn Jones

Funeral services for Evelyn Marie Jones, 48, of Lubbock, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating will be Rev. J.H. Ford pastor of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas. Interment will be in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Evelyn passed away at her residence Saturday morning, February 1, 2003. She was born November 22, 1954, in Matador, Texas to Walter and Algaree Harris Jones. She graduated from Matador High School in 1972. After graduating Evelyn lived in Lubbock, working at Texas Instruments for over twenty years. She had been working as a teacher's assistance at Roscoe Wil-

son Elementary School until her death.

She was a member of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her father, Walter Jones, a brother George Dean, and by her sister Bobbie Cole.

She is survived by her mother Algaree Jones of Matador; one nephew, Mack Cole of Lubbock; one niece, LaFonda Cole of Lubbock; two great-nieces, Ashley Cole and RoShonda Petties of Lubbock.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Campbell, Jerry Pitts, James Thompson, Melvin Pitts, Lester Campbell and Carlton Sims.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jessie T. Sims, George Mangram, Gus Seaphus and Roscoe Smith.

Senior Notes

by Tommie Keith, Director

As usual I'm running an hour late and a dollar short, but I've got to tell you if you weren't at the Super Bowl party you missed a really good time. We had a good bunch here and we all had a great time. The big TV is just almost like being at the movies. Plan on it next year, we'll do it again.

We have met the \$300 match for the TV. Thanks to Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson, Leona and Ellis Terry, Frances Hobbs, Rita Groves, Jake Goodson and L.V. Damron. Thanks to all of you for helping us out, plus the ones that donated a couple of weeks ago.

Grace Campbell donated a can of M&M's - thank you Grace.

Thanks to Jim & Jerry Watson for the donation of the cabinet that holds the VCR and

DVD player.

Donalda Letkeman donated an exercise tape, Stretching for Seniors. This looks like a really good stretching tape that most everyone could do to some extent. Here I go on exercise. This could be done before the aerobics, or whenever. This woman says it will increase stamina and endurance and improve your circulation and its fun. Come try it!

February 19, at the Lubbock Senior Citizens Center, 2001 19th. St., 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., there will be a Senior Community Forum. This is a time you can express yourself on senior issues and help plan and improve services for older Texans - Now! This is sponsored by the Texas Department on Aging.

The Center is open 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Y'all come see us.

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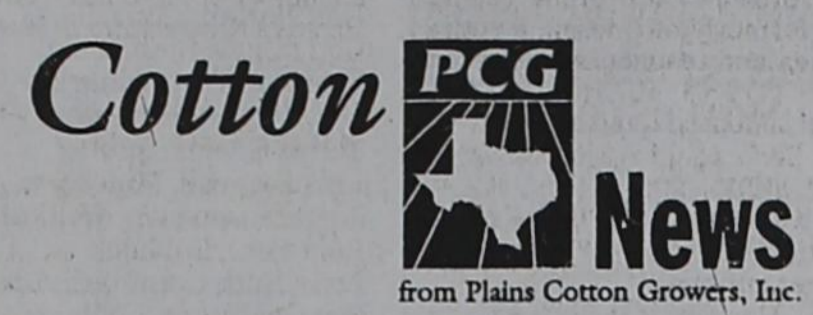
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FARM & RANCH NEWS



FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS



by Debbie Shaw, CEO

With disaster assistance set to work its way through a House/Senate Conference Committee a growing sentiment from the House of Representatives is that the Senate plan isn't adequately targeting benefits to those hardest hit by adverse conditions in 2001 and 2002.

What will ultimately result from this growing viewpoint is impossible to predict. The package could make it through relatively unchanged or be completely revamped to more closely resemble past Crop Loss Assistance programs.

Either way PCG representatives will continue to push for the best possible package that can deliver maximum benefits without potentially adverse effects.

One of the risks associated with a significant change in the delivery mechanism is that reductions in payment amounts would become necessary based on the potential for crop loss claims to significantly outstrip available funds.

Producers with partial losses on one or both years could potentially be as well off with a guaranteed payment amount based on their total direct payments rather than becoming eligible for a severely pro-rated payment under a traditional disaster program.

Conferees are expected to begin working on the F2003 Omnibus Budget Bill next week.

DCP SIGN-UP PROGRESS; USDA ANNOUNCES 2ND CC ADVANCE

Texas is staying slightly ahead of the national average as producers continue to complete the Direct and Counter cyclical Program (DCP) sign-up process.

One of the most significant factors creating headaches for Farm Service Agency offices

and producers alike is the sheer amount of information that must be gathered in order to make all the necessary decisions.

USDA continues to make administrative changes that should help smooth the process for producers that are having significant difficulty in obtaining production records on farms.

The latest effort to make it easier for the producer is the announcement of the option to let the County FSA committee assign an appropriate Counter Cyclical payment yield to a farm if actual production records are unavailable.

Producers who have precisely opted to use 75% of the County average yield in lieu of actual production records should be able to change to an assigned yield if they want to do so.

USDA also announced today the 2nd Advance Counter cyclical payment rate for cotton, rice and peanuts. Payments are scheduled to be made starting February 3, 2003.

Producers who received the first CC Advance payment will be eligible for the second payment.

The announced payment rate are \$0.096 cents for cotton; \$1.16 per hundredweight for rice and \$72.80 per short ton for peanuts. The announced payment rate will be reduced by any counter-cyclical payments already received in the first advance payment.

Producers who already received the first advance CC payment can expect a net payment rate of \$0.048 per pound for cotton; \$0.58 per underweight for rice and \$36.40 per short ton for peanuts in the second CC payment.

DCP program sign-up progress for the 25 county area are included in the table below.

High Plains DCP Sign-Up Progress through 1-31-2003

County	Total No. Elig. Farms	Farms W/ Base & Yield Election	Percent Complete
Bailey	764	472	61.78
Borden	85	71	83.52
Briscoe	436	192	44.03
Castro	896	338	37.72
Cochran	502	362	72.11
Crosby	893	765	85.66
Dawson	1,414	974	68.88
Deaf Smith	758	530	69.92
Dickens	616	319	51.78
Floyd	1,145	910	79.47
Gaines	1,008	681	67.55
Garza	359	282	78.55
Hale	1,762	1,370	77.75
Hockley	1,394	1,152	82.63
Howard	732	573	78.27
Lamb	1,638	1,043	63.67
Lubbock	2,283	1,478	64.73
Lynn	1,283	1,038	80.90
Martin	772	665	86.13
Midland	285	196	68.77
Motley	339	227	66.96
Parmer	1,141	435	38.12
Swisher	950	641	67.47
Terry	1,221	867	71.00
Yoakum	556	353	63.48
State Totals	120,674	52,789	43.74

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. But this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love one to another.

John 13: 34, 35

DCP DEADLINE NEARS

April 1 is the last date to update your crop bases and yields under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and is fast approaching. Landowner signatures are required to complete the sign-up process. If the initial base and yield selection requires forms to be mailed to owners and the DCP contract to be mailed also, the process is very slow. If you haven't been in and want to enroll in the new program, please give us a call for an appointment, so you won't miss the deadline.

Bases that are updated by April 1 will automatically revert to the PFC base if the farm participated in AMTA and had a Production Flexibility Contract.

If you were in the Production Flexibility Contract (PFC)

Program and you planted corn, oats, wheat, cotton, barley or any other covered commodity on that farm between 1998 and 2001, you have two options; use commodities planted.

If you did not plant a commodity crop on a PFC farm between 1998-2001, your DCP base is established using the farm's existing PFC base.

A farm that did not participate in PFC will have a base created using their historical plantings of covered commodities between 1998 and 2001.

Only farmers who have a risk in the crop are eligible for DCP payments.

Landowners cash leasing their entire farm are not eligible for the DCP payment. However, they must still approve the base and yield updates.

First Ag Credit awarded for exemplary efforts

First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services was recently awarded the "Chairman's Commendation" by Farm Credit Administration Chairman and CEO, Micheal Reyna, for exemplary efforts in the Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Program. The award was based on the association's success in committing to and supporting young, beginning and small farmers.

First Ag Credit was one of only three system associations out of 100 in the U.S. recognized for this award presented at the 20th Annual Farm Credit Council Meeting. The meeting was held Jan. 20 in San Francisco, CA.

The Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Program has and continues to be a vital part of our agricultural financing," said Terry Dane, CEO. "We strongly believe that the industry is highly dependent on attracting and retaining this sector of producers and we are pleased we are recognized for our efforts."

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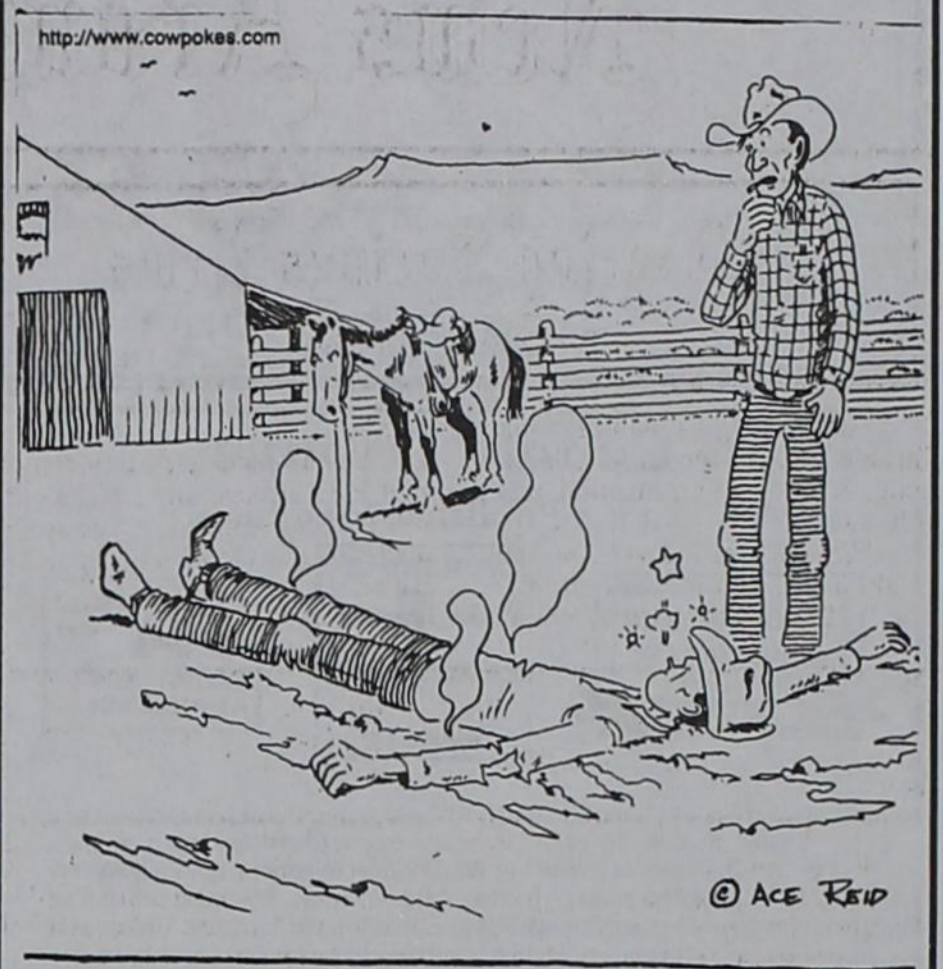
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And Levied Upon As The Property of JENNIFER ADAMS and JAMES ADAMS and that on the FIRST TUESDAY of MARCH, 2003, the same being the 4th DAY of SAID MONTH, at the COURTHOUSE DOOR, of MOTLEY COUNTY, in the CITY OF MATADOR, TEXAS, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by Virtue of Said Levy and Said EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE, I will offer FOR SALE and SELL AT PUBLIC VENDUE, FOR CASH, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, all the RIGHT, TITLE and INTEREST of the SAID PROPERTY.

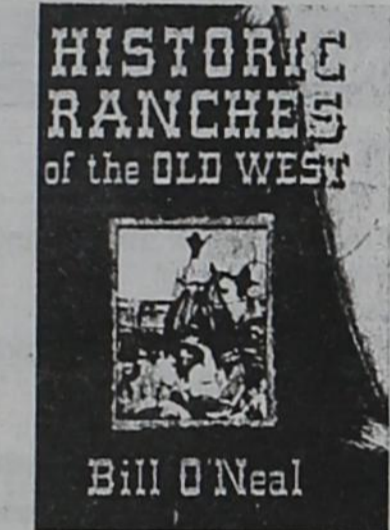
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