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# FLAT HOMECOMING



Whiteflat School in 1924 or 1925. Ex-students and friends will meet for their annual homecoming celebration Saturday at the Matador Senior Citizens Center. See related story below.

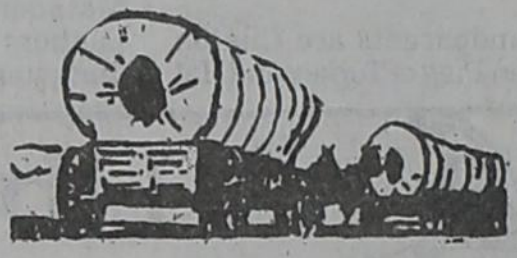
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### American Legion to host Panhandle District Convention

Local Legionnaires and Auxiliary Unit members will host the Department of Texas, District 18 American Legion Convention, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on April 5 at the Roaring

Springs Community Center. State Representative Rick Hardcastle of Vernon will brief delegates and guests. Mr. Hardcastle, who represents District 68 in the Texas House

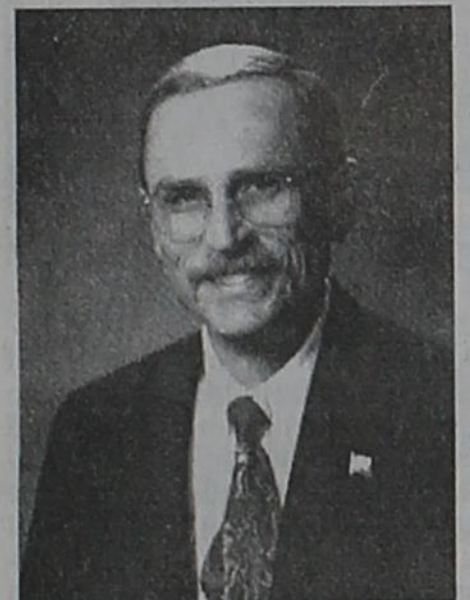
of Representatives, has been asked to emphasize issues of interest to Veterans and rural Texans.

Major General Robert Dempsey USAF (Ret.) of Amarillo will deliver the keynote address at 1:30 p.m. His topic is United States Air Force Capabilities, Missions, and Results to date in the War with Iraq.

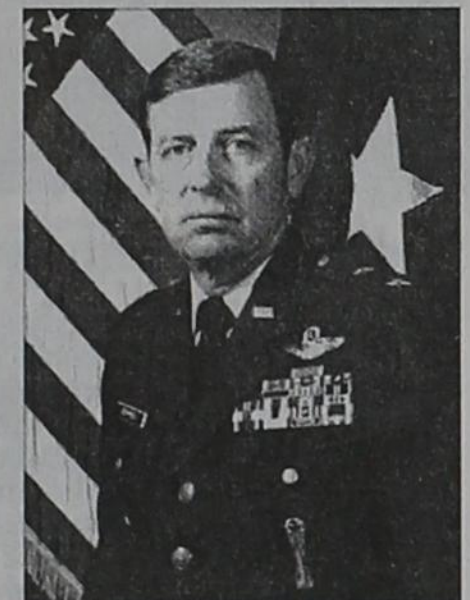
This is an all-hands event. Every Veteran and other patriotic citizen is invited. A Veteran does not have to be a member of the American Legion to participate.

Following the ceremony at 5:30 p.m., time will be set aside for visiting, then everybody can enjoy a Pancake Supper prepared by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

For more information call (806) 348-7953.



State Representative Rick Hardcastle



Major General (Ret.) Robert Dempsey

### Lifelong dream comes true for granddaughter of Scottish Cowboy

by Marisue Potts

For Christine Asker coming to Texas and seeing the ranches where her grandfather, Alec Ligertwood, worked as a cowboy is a dream come true. On Friday, March 28, "Cherry,"

as she is called, began an odyssey that will last two and a half weeks and take her to the Matador and JA ranches and across the American West to California.

Scottish by heritage, English by birth, and Swedish by choice, she lives near Stockholm with her husband, Claes Asker. They flew from Stockholm to Chicago to Dallas where they rented a car for the

drive to Matador. A hit on the Motley County Chamber of Commerce website put her in touch with Barbara Armstrong and led to a stay at Mott Creek Ranch and a visit to the Matador Cattle Co.

The Askers enjoyed a cordial afternoon at the Matador Cattle Company headquarters, guest of manager and wife, Bob and Wanda Kilmer. Mrs. Kilmer

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### Men's Breakfast is Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

All men of the county are invited to the breakfast, regardless of denomination.

### Daylight Savings Time begins

Daylight Savings time will begin at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, April 6. Readers are reminded to set their clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Don't forget — Spring Forward!



Christine Asker, granddaughter of Scottish cowboy, Alec Ligertwood, who once worked for the Matadors, shows her grandfather's scrapbook while visiting the Motley County Museum last week.



### TIE A YELLOW RIBBON

Christi Fisk and children, Brendan, 4, and Derek, 7 months, tie a yellow ribbon around the tree in front of their home in Matador. Christi's husband and the children's father, Robert, is scheduled to ship out to Kuwait next week. Robert, who first reported for active duty with the Army in February of 1995, was discharged in 2001. He was called back to active duty as a Reserve in January. After being stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina for four years, the couple moved to Matador in August of 2001. Robert and Christi are graduates of Motley County High School. Robert's brother, Chuck, who was also a former student of Motley County ISD, is in the same company with Robert and is also scheduled to ship out to Kuwait next week. Both men are expected to be there one year.

### Sen. Duncan urges West Texans to keep troops in prayers

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, has issued the following statement to encourage those who live in Senate District 28 to support President Bush and the troops in Iraq fighting for freedom and humanity:

"At this critical time in our

nation's history, we must arise and steadfastly support our president. We know George W. Bush to be a caring man with a family and a life he would not make vulnerable on a whim. While it may be easy for others to sit on the sidelines and criti-

cize our nation, our leader and our values, we may find some comfort in knowing the right thing to do is often not the easy thing to do.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said if he must choose

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### Whiteflat exes will meet for Annual Reunion

Whiteflat ex-students, former residents and local residents will meet this Saturday, April 5, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador for the 28th Annual Homecoming.

The building will be open by 9:00 a.m. and coffee will be ready for a morning of visiting before the covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon. A short business meeting will follow with this year's president, Doc Cross of Plainview presiding.

Friends are invited to join the fun for a special day of fellowship and reminiscing.

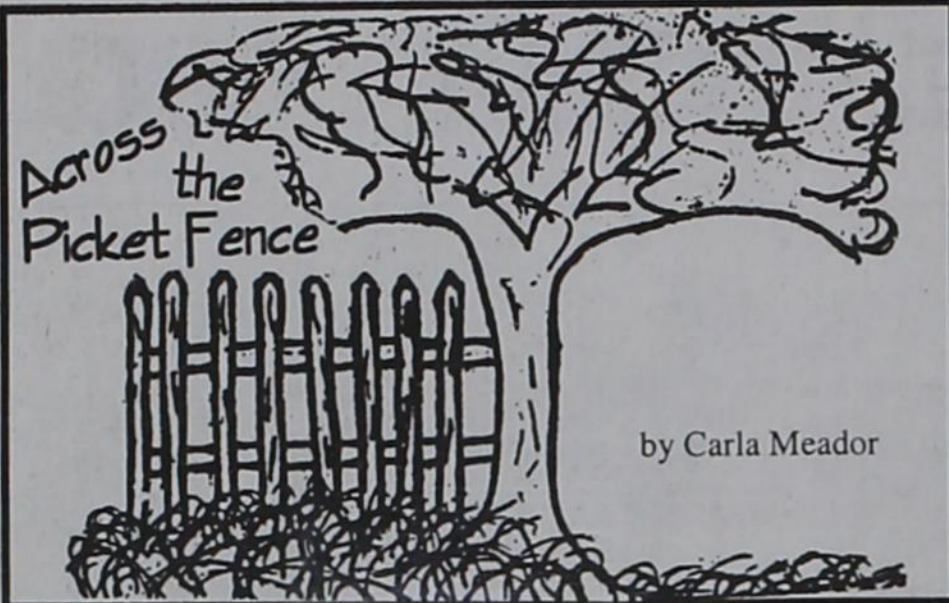
### TRIBUNE WILL HONOR SOLDIERS

The Motley County Tribune would like to pay tribute to those servicemen and women with Motley County ties.

If you have a loved one in the armed forces at this time, in the Persian Gulf, stateside or in other areas of the world, please bring or mail their service picture with information (i.e. name, rank, service branch, parents names, hometown, school, etc.) to the office. Those wishing to mail this information may do so to the following address:

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I don't know about the rest of you allergy sufferers, but if doesn't rain soon, my nose is going to fall off my face. The dry weather has been terrible on my sinuses. My poor flower beds and trees are really suffering, also. We sure need to remember to keep the request for rain in our prayers.

With that in mind, I remembered a book I have, *When the Catfish Had Ticks* by Rana Williamson. Here are a few quotes from her book.

"A West Texas farmer displayed an unconcerned attitude during a discussion of the drought and grasshopper infestation. When his friend asked him why he was being so nonchalant, he said, "Well, I gave my farm to the Lord years ago,

and if He wants to run grasshoppers on it, that's his business." — Jerry J. Hosek, DVM, Dallas

"After a five-year drought, a cowboy prayed for rain and sure enough, in about half an hour a shower came up. He turned to his buddy, very pleased with himself, and said, "If it don't rain in another five years, I'll pray again." — F.N. (Doc) Carter, San Angelo

"In the fifties a father lamented, "I wish it would rain — not for my sake because I've seen it rain, but on account of my seven-year-old boy." — From *Texas Wit and Wisdom*

With limited space this week, that's all I have room for, but I will print more of these funny quotes at another time.



## Family & Consumer News



By Jennifer Trufan, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

### SPOT THRIFTY BUYS WITH UNIT PRICING

Finding bargains at the grocery store can be a challenge. Planning meals, shopping from a list, and choosing store brands instead of national brands are just a few ways that a smart shopper can stretch limited food dollars.

Comparing prices is another great way of getting the most food and nutrition for your money. However, when faced with similar food products in different sized packages, it might seem hard to spot the most economical buy using only the selling price. Don't worry - help is available, thanks to unit pricing. The unit price of an item tells you the price of each "unit" for a particular item. A unit may be an ounce or pound, or even a single serving. Most stores provide unit prices as part of customer service. The price can usually be found on a special shelf tag below the product, although some foods, like meat, have the unit price found on the product itself.

Here is an example of how unit pricing works. Suppose a shopper wants to get the best buy on breakfast cereal. A 12-ounce box of corn flakes sells for \$1.89 while an 18-ounce box is priced at \$2.39. On the surface it may seem that the 12-ounce box is the better bargain because it costs less. However, when examining the price of

each cereal based on its unit, the unit being per ounce, the 12-ounce box sells for 16 cents per ounce while the large box costs more than 13 cents per ounce. Using this information, the most economical buy is the larger box of cereal.

Unit pricing won't tell shoppers anything about a product's nutritional value. For that information, consumers need to check the "Nutrition Facts" section on the food label. Also, unit pricing doesn't indicate the level of quality, taste or convenience.

Consumers have to try the product and decide for themselves. Finally, for unit pricing to work, you have to compare similar items. For example, a carton of 100% orange juice and a can of orange drink are "similar" items because both are liquid and ready-to-serve. Although they will most likely differ in their nutritional contents. On the other hand, using unit pricing to compare a can of ready-to-drink 100% orange juice and a can of powdered orange drink mix won't work because water has to be added to the powdered mix.

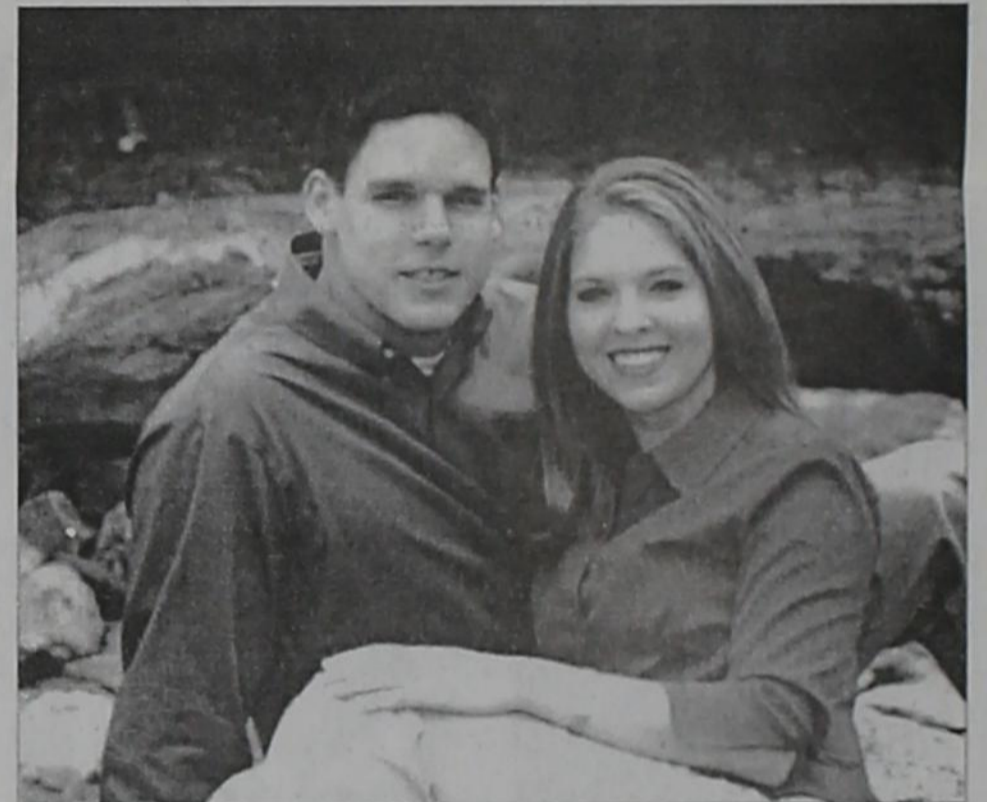
With unit pricing, you can leave your calculator at home. To learn more about unit pricing and other tips to help reduce your food cost contact Jennifer Trufan, County Extension Agent and ask about the Better Living for Texans Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program.



**COUPLE ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT** — Courtney Ann Hays of Matador and Blair Douglas Fowler of Midland announce their engagement. The couple will marry on July 5, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. The bride-elect is the daughter of Vaden and Carrol Hays of Matador. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Fowler of Midland.



**WEDDING PLANS ANNOUNCED** — Barbara Anne Tracy and Jayson Eric Cooper of Plainview announce their wedding plans. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Newell and Christa Tracy of Arlington. Her grandmother is Charlotte Jean Tracy of Hemet, Calif. The prospective groom is the son of Ronald and Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana. He is the grandson of Jackie and Shirley Smith of Matador and Elmer and Beth Koedam of Apache Junction, Arizona. The couple will exchange vows at the First United Methodist Church in Matador, Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jackie and Shirley Smith. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** — Jesse and Caron Perkins of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Danny White, son of Pam White of San Marcos and Darryl and Rhonda White, also of San Marcos. Jessica is the granddaughter of local residents, John and Dorothy Russell and the late Boyd and Eileen Perkins. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is currently employed as a Health Educator for Brazos County. The future bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of San Marcos High School and will graduate in May of 2003 from Texas A&M University. The couple will marry July 19 at Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder.

## Look Who's New

Colton Ryan Martin

Ryan and Jamie Martin of Matador are proud to announce the birth of their son, Colton Ryan, born February 17, 2003. Colton weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Clinton and Joan Pigg of Turkey and Hal

and Kellie Martin of Matador.

Great-grandparents are Jan and Joy Turner, Jack and Johnnie Pigg of Turkey, Art Green and Katheryn Martin of Matador. Great-great-grandmothers are Ora Lee King of Turkey and Josie Martin of Spur.



## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott

The library has three new Francine Rivers books ready for your enjoyment. This is a series, including *A Voice in the Wind*, *An Echo in the Darkness*, and *As Sure as the Dawn*. Fictions written in the style of Taylor Caldwell, these books have history, geography and an exceptional plot.

We would like to introduce an author new to the library, Lori Wick. Her books are also Christian fiction. We have five of Wick's books, including her newest, *The Visitor*. We thank Myrna Stephens for letting us know about this fine author.

Another new book in the library is *The Reluctant Suitor* by Kathleen Woodiwiss. Many of you enjoy Woodiwiss's books and her newest is ready to check out. We also have a book of short mysteries, each with a food theme. These short stories

are written by famous authors such as Ruth Rendell and P.D. James. The book is entitled *Murder on the Menu*.

A sequel to *Phantom of the Opera* is *The Phantom of Manhattan* by Frederick Forsyth. For those of you who have read Forsyth in the past, you will be surprised at this book - it's not a spy story. We also have a copy of *The Roosevelt Myth* by John T. Flynn.

The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan (TGTP) is offering Texas school children a chance to win a scholarship to a Texas college or university.

The contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary and middle/junior high schools. The library has entry forms if you or someone you know is interested. The entry deadline is Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

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## The Tank or Pond



When I moved to West Texas there was some new terminology I had to learn. For example, in the part of the world where I grew up we used the term "pond." This defined, in most instances, a small body of water enclosed by some type of earthen dam. This pond was normally located in someone's field or pasture. Here in West Texas such a body of water is known as a "tank." Let's talk about "tanks" or "ponds."

Tanks or ponds can become stagnant. If left alone long enough they become puddles and the water found in these puddles is unfit for man or beast. Rivers are ever changing, always moving and in a constant state of renewal. In rivers there is found fresh water that washes out the old and the diseased.

The apostle Paul gives us in Romans 12:2 a picture of change. Found in this verse is the concept that Christians are always changing, trying to become more and more like Jesus every day of their lives. Christians can never feel as if they have "arrived." As long as life continues in our mortal bodies we must ever be transformed to His likeness. Christians are to like rivers with fresh living water flowing in and through our lives. There is danger in becoming "tanks" or "ponds." Stagnation often results.

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## Motley County Chamber Board discusses projects

by Pennie Pipkin  
Chamber President

The Board of Directors of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 25. No minutes were available. The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Samples of promotional signs designed by a professional sign maker were reviewed, along with prices, sizes and colors. It was agreed by all that to get the "biggest bang for our buck", a versatile sign that could be changed to promote yearly events as they occur would be the most sensible. Sev-

eral Board members will meet with a professional sign maker this week to research the options available.

The "Motley County Bucks" program was discussed and generally approved. Details of the program, designed to encourage local shopping, will be available soon.

A copy of the membership renewal letter was reviewed and modified. Renewal membership packets are being sent out this week. Included will be a handy phone directory of local services and businesses. If you do not receive one and would like to be a Chamber member, please call the office at 347-2968.

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# Whiteflat Homecoming brings thoughts of Nostalgia channel and memorable commercials

by Earlyne Jameson

"Homecoming events are looking forward to looking backward."

Ever heard of the Nostalgia Channel? They feature those great movies from the 30's and 40's and all the commercials are aired between films.

In an age when advertising influences practically every decision we make, we thought it would be fun to take a look back at most memorable commercials in recent years.

Who can forget the sight of Mr. Whipple squeezing a roll of Charmin toilet tissue before a prime time viewing audience of millions? The advertisement was among the most successful, because of its remarkable simplicity and easy to remember slogan, "It's squeezable soft."

That message did for Charmin what Impish Clara Peller's "Where's the beef?" did for Wendy's hamburgers. Both products became best sellers.

Advertisers spend big bucks on ad campaigns designed by high powered agencies that hire marketing experts, artists and writers. After millions are spent, ad people come back with something incredibly simple like: A woman ringing a doorbell (Avon ad); a coffee that's "good to the last drop." (Maxwell House); a talking tuna named Charlie (Starkist); slow ketchup (Heinz); candy that "melts in your mouth, not in your hands" (M&M's); and hair color so natural "only her hairdresser knows for sure." (Clairol)

However, an ad had to be more than just simple and direct. Norman W. Boyle, director of advertising for Maytag said their ads were too much like the competitions. When getting letters from satisfied customers, they turned letters into a "de-

pendability campaign." "Married in 1932. Got Maytag in 1933. Marriage and Maytag still working after more than 20 years." Maytag was off and running. It was not until 1967 that the company debuted what has become one of the most famous pitches in television history, the Lonely Repairman ad, featuring comic actor Jesse White.

Among other companies and products which has successfully capitalized on single themes and repetition to create memorable ads are: Wheaties... "The breakfast of champions." United Airlines: "Fly the friendly skies." Timex: "It can take a lickin' and keep on tickin'!" Lays Potato Chips: "Eat you can't eat just one." Bounty Paper Towels: "The quicker picker upper." Sure deodorant: "Raise your hand if you're Sure." Morton Salt: "When it rains it pours."

Sometimes even the most effective ad needed the added appeal of a celebrity endorsement. Newsman John Cameron Swayze who promoted Timex watches, Arthur Godfrey Lipton Tea, Fess Parker's mini series "David Crockett" sold millions of raccoon caps and Ed McMahon Publishers Clearing House "You may have already won \$1 million." Thanks to Karl Malden, travelers won't leave home without their American Express Card.

One of the most memorable ads of all time...perhaps the most memorable to older Americans was in fact a humorless ad appearing on posters in every U.S. town and city in the 1940's. "I WANT YOU!" The recruiting poster enlisted millions of Americans in the war effort, because it appealed to that most basic of all natural instincts, patriotism. May God bless America!

# Whiteflat established in 1890

by Beverly Vinson  
Educational Roots Grow Deep

Whiteflat, the town, was established in 1890 when the post office was granted Mrs. E.B. Kimbell had this to say in her HISTORY OF WHITEFLAT: "My children had school at home until we were able to secure a public school. As a result they were ahead of the others when a school was organized. As soon as we had enough children for a school my husband, E.B. Kimbell, and Mrs. A.B. Newman went horseback to Estacado in Crosby county to secure a school for Whiteflat. This was a great distance and they were gone three days. Money for the teacher was se-

cured, but we had to build our school house with subscriptions. As usual, everyone, including the cowboys subscribed freely." Financing of the early schools was quite a difficult problem as they were responsible for teachers' salaries, the teachers, in most cases, having to accept vouchers or warrants instead of cash.

The building at Whiteflat was a small one-room structure built about 1/4 - 1/2 mile north of the site of the town of Whiteflat. It was erected in the summer of 1890 from materials hauled from Childress by citizens of the community. The school building was small, just one room, built of siding and without a ceiling. Furniture con-

sisted of an old stove in the middle of the room with homemade desks and benches. Water was a problem as there was no well or cistern; therefore, it was hauled in barrels from the river or creek by the parents of the children and set on the north side of the building. The school building was ready for the first session in Oct. 1890 with a Mr. W.B. Clark as the first teacher with his salary at \$40.00 a month.

Records of the Commissioners Court after organization of the county in 1891 show the first school election was held in the Whiteflat school house. The trustees were W.R. Tilson, E.B. Kimbell and A.B. Newman. As befitting the first school of the

county after organization, we would be remiss to omit the pupils of this school: Carrie Orr, Ella Orr, Della Kimbell, J.G. Kimbell, Walter Kimbell, Turner

Kimbell, Douglas Meador, Jim Orr, Etta Orr, Emma Lee, Molley Powers, Cete Powers, Lizzie Newman, Fannie Newman, Eunice Humphries and Ben Humphries.

The children walked or rode horseback, and during the winter months it seemed next to impossible to wrap up enough to keep from freezing to death. The girls especially had a hard time with the wind making balloons of their skirts - no jeans or insulated coats for them!

# Early Whiteflat Settlers achieve schooling

by Beverly Vinson  
Educational Roots Grow Deep

In 1901 S.A. Wilkinson arrived in Motley county. He had been a teacher at Salado College and was sure his children were going to have a good foundation before starting public school. They all attended Whiteflat school as far as it went, and four of the girls became teachers. Bessie Hamilton came to Motley County with her parents, the John Hamiltons, when just a young lady to teach at Ballard and Whiteflat while waiting for her fiance, Walter McWilliams, to complete his education at the University of Texas.

On August 28, 1908, an order by the Commissioners Court stated that the trustees of District #7, Whiteflat, be allowed to sell the old schoolhouse in said district and the money to used to build a new one in said district. In that year lumber was hauled from Childress to build the new structure. The site was ninety feet from the southeast corner of the building now standing. It had two stories with two rooms on the ground floor. In 1912 a partition of the south

room on the ground floor made a fifty room. In 1921 an addition to the west side of the room made six rooms. The present brick building of eight rooms was completed in 1922 at a cost of \$30,000.00. The district covered an area of 101 square miles.

Another of the men instrumental in securing a school building for Whiteflat and hauling much of the material from Childress was Alexander Dean. He and his family moved from Whiteflat to Matador so the girls could finish High School and follow in their mother's footsteps and become teachers. At the time of Mr. Dean's death in 1911 he was serving as a school trustee.

From Nora Bell Stephens Dunning reminiscing in the Matador Tribune of April 4, 1985: "Two of the early teachers were Mrs. Ada Wilkerson Eads and Mrs. Bessie Hamilton McWilliams. At one time in the late 1920s several hundred children attended school at Whiteflat. Many times there weren't enough desks and two pupils had to share one. Due to the Depression many families left Whiteflat and the parents voted to send the Junior and

Senior classes to Matador to school. The class of 1933 was the last to graduate from Whiteflat. The rest of the school transferred to Matador in the late 1940s. In the Depression, too, the school couldn't afford buses or drivers so the parents took turns in their area furnishing a wagon and team. When planting time came - all walked! There were always such a

"gang" they didn't mind too much. One of the early day janitors was Mr. Gaskins. He always paid attention to the children and was never too busy to answer their questions. Following him was Coleman Willingham. The last Superintendent was Grover Bennett - he moved to his farm in the Afton area when he retired in 1933.

# Granddaughter's Dream

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gave an informative tour of the historic ranch house, built in 1917-18 by the Scottish shareholders owners of the ranch for 69 years. Current owners, Koch Industries, purchased the headquarters and a sizable portion of the ranch in 1951 and will be celebrating their 50th anniversary soon.

Mr. Kilmer led a pickup excursion through the horse pasture to the small ranch cemetery on a windswept knoll where Cherry's second cousin, two-year-old James Stewart Ligertwood, was buried in 1906. A horsewoman of the English style, Cherry was delighted by her time with the Matador Ranch mare herd and fascinated by a tour of the tack shed of Western-type riding gear. To top off the afternoon for the guests, Mrs. Kilmer served tea, coffee and brownies in the ranch kitchen.

To aid in her search for clues about her grandfather, Mrs. Asker came armed with an inheritance received from her mother: a photograph album, an essay Alec wrote about his adventure with the American West, a hardback copy of Charles Goodnight, Cowman and Plainsman, a rare book entitled Old Ranches written by Minnie Harper in 1936. The majority of the photographs were taken at the JA Ranch where, according to Cherry, Ligertwood worked after being "sacked" by his brother, Arthur G. Ligertwood.

Arthur was superintendent of the Matador Land & Cattle Co., Ltd. from 1891 to 1909. After his tenure at the Matadors Arthur remained as a promoter of the Roaring Springs Townsite Company for a time, but later moved to British Columbia where he died in 1924. Her grandfather, Alec, left for England and made his home near York. Needless to say, the relationship between the brothers was strained after Alec moved on to work for Goodnight and the Adairs at the JA's. Eventually the families lost touch.

During their stay in Matador, the Askers were guests at Mott Creek Ranch where they embarked on a tour of the old line camp and visited historic sites of her grandfather's era, a sandstone dugout and a horse pictograph above a spring. Near the line camp, Mrs. Asker fulfilled another dream, riding on the range her grandfather once rode. The Askers, who live on a wooded estate in Sweden, were curious about the wildlife and birds. They enjoyed a morning of bird and deer watching before a lunch including sourdough biscuits and grilled steaks cooked over mesquite coals. A grandfather connection was discovered in exchanging family history. Host Marisue Potts' great-grandfather Al Barton worked for Charles Goodnight during the time that Cherry's grandfather Alec Ligertwood also worked for him.

While at Mott Creek they visited with neighbors up the hill, Vance and Betty Campbell, and exchanged stories and looks at old photographs taken

in the late 1890's and early 1900's. Another grandfather connection was made since Cherry's grandfather worked at the Matadors right after Vance's grandfather, H.H. Campbell, retired as ranch manager and became the first county judge.

The Askers visited the Motley County Museum and Chamber office, sharing the material they had brought with the museum and finding new information in the files. Barbara Armstrong took them on a tour of the Roaring Springs Ranch Resort and local historic sites, including the jail, which was built during Cherry's grandfather's time here. Mrs. Armstrong found them very interested in cotton and cotton farming, since Claes is himself a farmer.

To top off their Matador stay, the couple were wined, dined, and entertained by Gerald and Pennie Pipkin. Mrs. Pipkin, the Motley County Chamber president, is well-traveled in her capacity as a People to People ambassador and planner and was very familiar with Stockholm. "It was a delightful evening," Cherry commented.

The next leg of their journey began on Sunday when the Askers traveled up Texas Highway 70, the Texas Plains Trail that her grandfather likely took to Clarendon at the turn of the century. There at the JA Ranch they visited with the ranch owner, Nina Ritchey, the ranch manager, Billy Hollowell, and David Bowser, a reporter from *The Livestock Weekly*. In a short telephone conversation on Monday morning with Marisue Potts, Cherry said that they had a great visit at the JA. Everything looked the same as the photographs her grandfather had taken and the place names were easily identified. Compared to the JA's isolated ranch location, 30 miles from the nearest town of Clarendon, she said, "You (in Matador) live in civilization."

Cherry and Claes are headed west for California where they will meet her cousin, the granddaughter of Arthur Ligertwood. No doubt, they have gained a greater appreciation of the rugged trip Alec Ligertwood took when he joined the Matadors in taking a herd to the rail at Clarendon or up the trail to the Dakotas in 1893-94.

As Minnie Harper described in *Old Ranches*, the book that Cherry treasures from her grandfather, "It was in 1893 that the Matadors drove their last herd to the northern market, abandoning the old trails because of fences and settlements, but after three years of drought, and after the Texas range had blown out, the Matador manager very wisely started new trails. Longer trails...trails that led into Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming and Canada."

In his hand writing in the margins of the book, Alec Ligertwood penciled in, "I went with this herd - 1,000 miles - 2,100 of 2 yr old steers" and "John M. Smith was trail boss. I went up the trail with him in 1893 & 94." Perhaps he, like his grandfather, was fulfilling a dream of his own.

*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

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Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

#### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2003 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

#### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Austin, TX 78711-3528

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#### ¿Cual es la Fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2003. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

### PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Predicta Study Club met at their regular time in the home of Lula Swim on Thursday night, March 20. Miss Swim gave the devotional using two readings, "Awaken, It is Spring" by Garnett Schwartz, and "The Promises of Spring" by Shirley Hile Powell.

Mrs. Pam Thacker called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was in charge of the meeting. The program leader arrived late so there was no program, instead members spent the time working on projects for the year.

LaVoe Thacker read a cute article, "Puppies for Sale."

Miss Swim served homemade ice cream and cake. She used green to decorate.

Meeting time has been changed to 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:30, so more can attend. Those attending were Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. D.L. Damron, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Pam Thacker, Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, Miss Lula Swim.

The postal group had their birthday dinner at The Hitchin' Post Thursday, March 20, to celebrate the birthdays of William and Mary Jo Brown and Mrs. Vee Gordon. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, all of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. William

Brown of Dickens and Miss Lula Swim, local resident.

Representatives from San Angelo's House of Faith met here with Corky and Monta Marshall and other volunteers to help establish a group here. There were several teenagers and adults and about 45 kids attending. They will meet each Wednesday afternoon after school at the park, with games, crafts, and Bible stories. This is a non-denomination meeting with a goal of reaching children who are not attending church, but all kids are invited to attend.

The Roaring Springs First Baptist Church had a pot luck lunch at their Church Sunday and the Methodist Church members had an invitation to come. There was a good turnout from both churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Lubbock on Wednesday for her to keep a doctor appointment. On Thursday morning the Letkeman's and Paul Stearns met Lula Swim at Billie Dean's for breakfast. The Letkeman's left for their home in Canada and plan to be back in October.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim visited Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hunter in Floydada on Friday.

Don and Lu Largent went to Crosbyton Saturday to pick up his mother, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, as she had been in the hospital there with pneumonia.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning, Chasity, Malcolm and Jessica during the spring holidays were Whitney and Jason Browning of Canadian, Mrs. Virgie O'Daniel and Diane O' Daniel of Childress.

Mary Ellen Barton had lunch with Mrs. Lou Burleson in Floydada, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited in Midland from Friday until Sunday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Conner and Chancey.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Donnie Rogers and daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Monterey, California visited in Kalgary, Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan.

Dustin Reed of Lubbock is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her medical appointment. They visited Mrs. Bessie Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Saturday were Matt Washington and son, Brazos of Roaring Springs and Ty Barclay of Matador.

Lindsay Martin of Panhandle, student of Texas Tech in Lubbock, visited Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Friday and Saturday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and brother, Johnnie Starkey. They are completing a building with conveniences to accommodate the Starkey family members during the reunions.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke to the Amarillo Airport, Sunday for their return flight home to Monterey, California after visiting here during their school spring holidays.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited from Friday until Sunday in Carrollton with Cindy and Chad Calvert.

Mrs. Tom Ross had emergency treatment for a nose bleed Friday in the Mangold Clinic in Lockney.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson was on the sick list this weekend with a sinus infection.

Wayne Hunter had pace maker heart surgery at Covenant Medical Center last week. He is back home at Sister's Loving Arms Care Center, 4713 22nd St., Lubbock, and doing well. Mrs. Hunter is progressing well with therapy from a fractured back. She is now out of the back brace and hopes to be back at her apartment at the Carillon by the end of the week.

## Obituaries

### Carroll W. Cooper

Graveside rites for Carroll Wayne Cooper, 65, of Las Vegas, Nevada were held at 12:00 noon Thursday, March 28, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, with Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor of First Baptist Church of Matador, officiating.

Interment was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Cooper died Thursday, March 20, 2003, in Las Vegas. He was born February 2, 1938, at Matador. He graduated from Matador High School in 1957. He

had been a resident of Las Vegas for the past 36 years, and was a retired heavy equipment operator.

Survivors include his wife, Nora; two daughters, Denise Cooper of Carlsbad, N.M. and Regina Ramirez of Las Vegas; one son, Jesse Ramirez III, of Las Vegas; three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Clay Jameson, Garland Cartwright, Roy Grundy, Charlie Renfro, Ronald Bailey, Alvin Martin, Spencer Dixon, Leon Hughes.

## Senior Notes

by Tommie Keith, Director

There are going to be a couple of things happening at the Center in the near future. Would sure like for you to get the dates on your calendars and come out. On May 25, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Spaghetti Appreciation Supper for the home delivery volunteers. Home Delivered meals have to be delivered come rain, snow, ice, fog or 110 degree temperatures, the volunteers are out delivering. They are a great help to the Center and appreciated so much. The only compensation they receive is a "thank you," so come join us at the Center to help show our appreciation to our volunteers. This Supper will also be a fund-raiser and we will be taking donations at the door, so y'all please come out and support the Center and the volunteers.

On May 17, at 8:00 p.m., it's kind of like going to the movies on Saturday night, only at the

Center. We will be showing "McIntosh and T.J." with popcorn and cokes furnished. This will also be a fund-raiser and we'll have a jug set up for donations. A lot of local people became movie stars during this movie and it will be a lot of fun to see it again. Please get this one on your calendar and plan on coming.

The Center has received a memorial donation from Dorothy and E.A. Day in memory of Gale Stafford and from Butch and Judy Renfro, a memorial in memory of Joni Porter, thank you very much.

Ruth Stone donated games to the Center, thanks Ruthy.

The Center has been having great attendance. We are open five days a week from 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. and would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come out and enjoy your Center.

## Matador News

Visiting Mrs. Juanita Cooper last week and attending graveside services for Carroll Wayne Cooper of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Matador and Whiteflat, were his wife, Nora and son Jesse Ramirez III of Las Vegas; Pat and Lynn

Minton, of Granbury; Ann and Bill Smith and Bill Cartwright, Paducah; Winona Welch, Roylyn Reid and Cherrise Rainey, Coahoma; Linda Oliver, Dumont, and Frances and Buddy Davis of Irving.

## Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

People who work the land rarely need a digital alarm or a change to Daylight Savings Time to get their day started. The ever moving sun is a constant companion and a marker for the work day.

When good friends gather to celebrate, any time can turn out great! REMEMBER THE WHITEFLAT HOMECOMING SATURDAY, APRIL 5th!

### QUALIFIED FOR STATE MEET

Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle attended the Gymnastics Qualifying Meet in Lubbock, Saturday held at the Talent Place. Danielle qualified for the State Meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle visited overnight Saturday in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn.

ATTEND FUNERAL Spencer and Wilda Dixon at

tended the graveside services Thursday noon for his classmate, Carroll Wayne Cooper of Las Vegas, Nevada held at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Following services, they joined others who had attended the graveside rites at the home of Mr. Cooper's classmate, Clay Jameson and wife, Melinda for a brisket luncheon.

Other classmates attending were Mrs. Barbara West of Amarillo; Mrs. Betty Rudder of Hereford; Mrs. Alice Fay McDonough of Plainview; Leon Hughes of Van; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Cartwright and Mrs. Doris Moore of Matador. Also attending was the wife of Carroll Wayne, Nora and son, Jeffie of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Tim (Gina) Shannon and daughter, Nellie Bly visited recently in Carrollton with her sister and family, Mrs. Rhonda Cowgill, Kacey and Allyson.

## Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

### FOR OLD FOLKS AND DRUNKS - MOSTLY

I'm up - didn't think I could make it, but as my good old doctor told me, "Rise slowly. Take your time. If sitting up straight, you can adjust to the change from lying prone, push yourself to a standing position. Always have a cane handy. If the blood goes to your brain and gets flowing, then taking off slowly may not produce any dizziness. Don't take anything for granted. Steady now. Raise one shoulder at a time.

Twist the neck to make sure your head is going to stay on. Waking up on the floor, scratching the pale green carpet, can mean that's where you landed if you had not given the blood time to start circulating through your old arteries and veins. This jumping out of bed to greet the day is "for the birds."

When you gently open the front door and turn on the light to look at the thermometer, take into consideration that it is on a northeast porch. If you hear a bird twitter softly in a tree close by, close the door gently, after taking in the pure intoxicatingly fresh morning air - just about three-quarters of your lungs full. After all, they have been gently throttled down for five or six hours.

If it's at least 5 a.m., leave the porch light on for the "paper boy." Go slowly to the kitchen, and get started on something hot to drink -

time to wake up. Today, tea would be better, sweetened with a couple of drops of honey. Set the cup in the microwave as you go by, and measure down to the beverage setting. You can find it because a night light stays on all night. Listen for it to start, and cross carefully that quarter inch threshold as you head back toward your bed to pull up the covers lest a yellowjacket is enticed by the bathroom light to drop out of a ceiling vent and head for the light via the bed. Don't be tempted to crawl back in your nest! I haven't been stung by a wasp since 1997, but my memory, small as it is, makes me wary.

Back to the tea. You barely missed the warning "bing." With cup in one hand and cane in the other, I make it to the haven of "big chair", remembering to adjust the thermostat up a little. I haven't fallen, in several years, and can walk all through my small house where I can reach something to catch to all the way. But keeping a cane at each end of your trail, is a good idea. And don't be ashamed to use it. Set your cup down carefully where you keep your Bible. Elevate your feet. You don't want your ankles swollen. Do your daily devotionals. Whatever you do, don't reach for that remote control unless you don't know what day it is. Talk to the Lord for awhile, before you face another day. Wait until you hear the Swat of the paper hitting the porch. It doesn't matter if someone comes and finds you with your feet on a pillow! One year, back when Dean ran the grocery store my father, A.B. Nichols, delivered the papers. My mother said, "When he gets home, he looks at the obituaries, then lies down on the couch, turns his back to the world, and waits until I get the bacon and eggs with hot biscuits on the table.

My visitors today, who brought their own hamburgers and fries from The Hitchin' Post, were Ruby Nichols and daughter Virginia Martin. Meals on Wheels had already delivered my good lunch to share with them. Their big news is the upcoming wedding in May of Krista Watt, Vada Beth's daughter.

## Pray for Troops

from page 1

between righteousness and peace, he would choose righteousness.

Today, Americans are fighting a righteous war to make a place for peace. These brave soldiers are not nameless faces; many of them are our neighbors. People such as Clay Lyle, a U.S. Army Captain from Pampa who is leading a charge in Iraq, have

not only touched the lives of those in our rural towns, but now they are also protecting us all from fear and terror.

Seven of the young soldiers captured by the Iraqi military were based at Fort Bliss four additional soldiers based there have been killed in battle, and others are missing in action. These brave people have been poised to offer the ultimate sacrifices so that peace and prosperity may flourish. As they perform their duties, we should perform ours: please keep these noble soldiers in your thoughts and prayers."

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## SPRING CONVENTION



April 5, 2003

**Roaring Springs Community Center**  
Hosted by American Legion Post and Auxiliary  
Unit 337 of Matador

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30 AM	VA Health Fair, UBS Blood Drive, Administrative Tasks, Community Reconnaissance
12:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
12:30 PM	SOUP-R-SATURDAY Lunch
1:30 PM	Keynote Address by Major General Robert Dempsey USAF (Ret)
About 2:00 PM	Legislative Briefing by State Representative Rick Hardcastle
About 2:30 PM	Business Meetings and Delegate Forums
5:00 PM	Memorial Service led by District Chaplains Dr. Clint and Fredia Burns
5:30 PM	Closing Ceremony
About 6:30 PM	Pancake Supper prepared by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers

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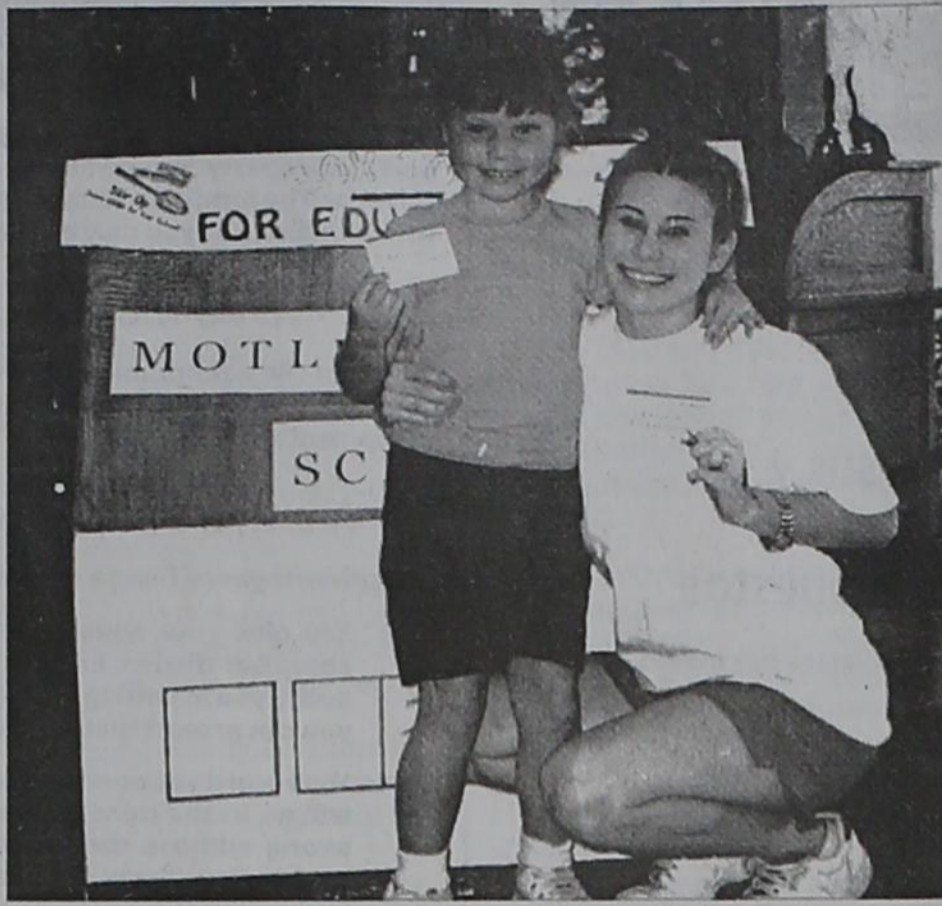
## Class of 2003 Senior Spotlight

## PTO announces label winners

by Mary Ann Potts

And yes, the PTO has sponsored a few contests this year. The first two contests consisted of group winners. Mrs. Parks' pre-k class won the first contest, followed by the Juniors and Seniors snagging first place in the second contest. Each group won popcorn and a movie showing of their choice. The last contest was "luck of the draw." The more labels you saved the ore chances you had to win. Cassidy Turner (Kindergarten) and Brenda Gillespie (Senior) won the final contest, each walking away with a \$20 movie card and a \$20 gift certificate to a local restaurant of their choice. They both chose the Snow Cone Stand in Matador.

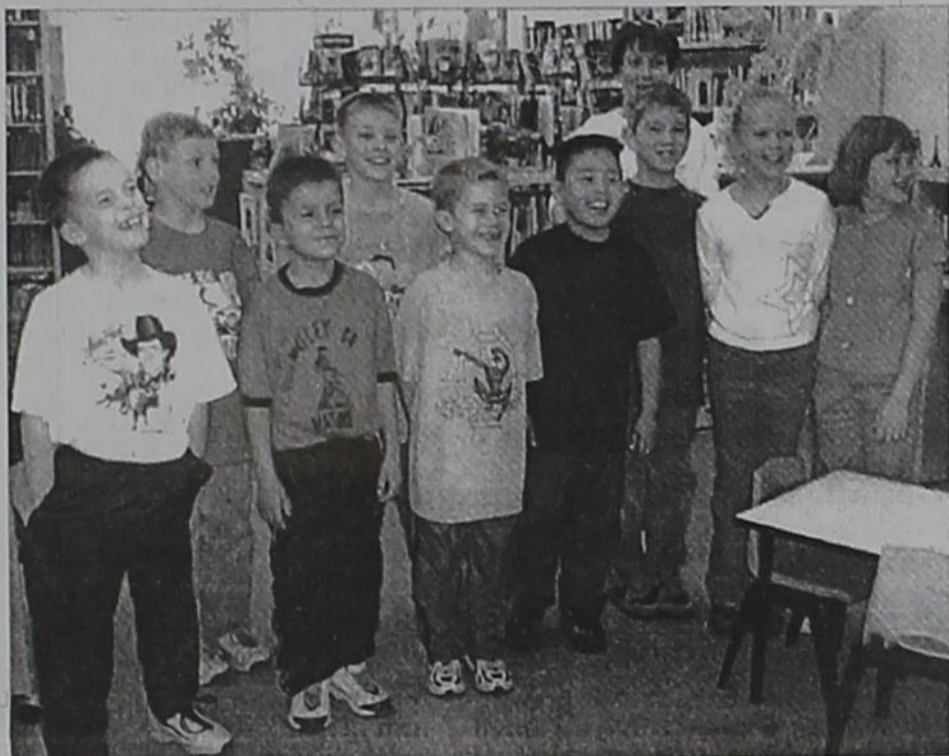
In case you're wondering what Box Tops are, they're the little label highlighted on the top, and sometimes bottom, of a General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Old El Paso and Yoplait food product. The label is worth 10¢. Motley County School began saving Box Tops in 2000 collecting only 820 labels that year. That translates into \$82.00 to help fund field trips. The following school year, 2001-2002, MCS collected over 1400 labels, that's about \$140.00 towards school field trips. And this



Cassidy Turner, left, and Brenda Gillespie were declared the winners in the final contest for the PTO sponsored label collecting fund-raising project.

year our goal was 2500 labels. Motley County School collected 2390 labels, not quite reaching our goal but surpassing and almost tripling our initial collection total! Way to go MCS!!

That's \$239.00 towards field trips! Please continue to save Box Tops for MCS. Every little bit helps. Even a small label worth 10¢ can add up to hundreds of dollars for our school.



MC Second Graders at the Library — Pictured left to right, Hayden Scott, Britt Simpson, Juan Flores, Austin Taylor, Hance Davey, Dominique Quilimaco, Neal Potts, Stormy Guerrero, Christina Moering with their teacher, Mrs. Pam Thacker.

## Second graders visit Library

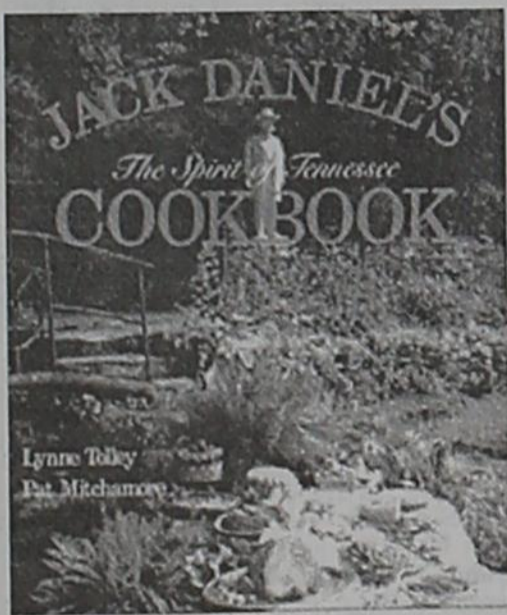
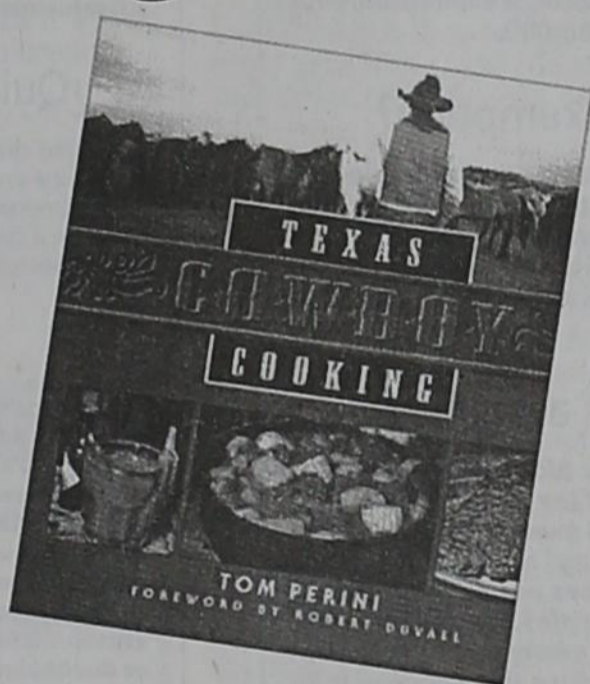
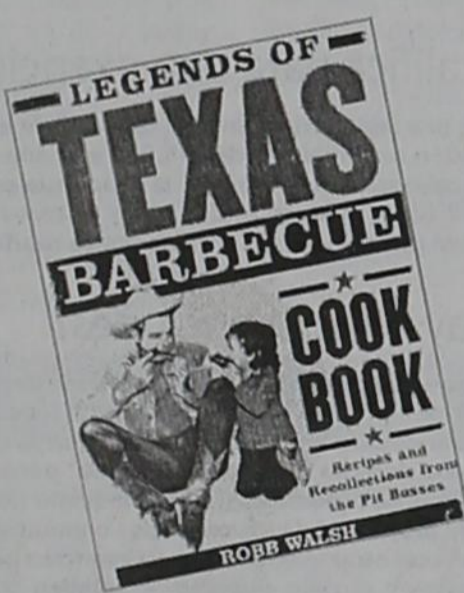
Mrs. Pam Thacker's Second Grade class visited the Motley County Library last Wednesday. The children listened to an explanation by Mrs. Abbott, Librarian, about the Motley County History Mural that hangs in the library. They asked questions and shared information about the history of this area.

The children viewed the "Stories from Many Lands" display in the children's section of the library and checked out books about butterflies. The kids hope to have a Painted Lady butterfly emerge from a cocoon spun by some caterpillars and they are reading everything they can find about butterflies.

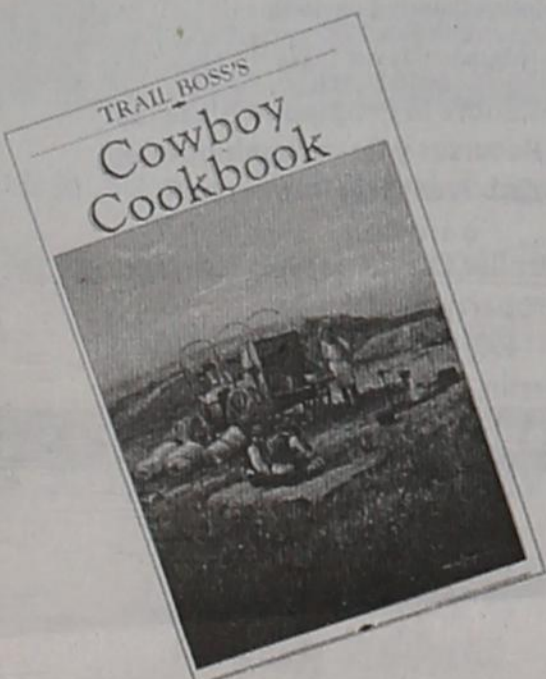
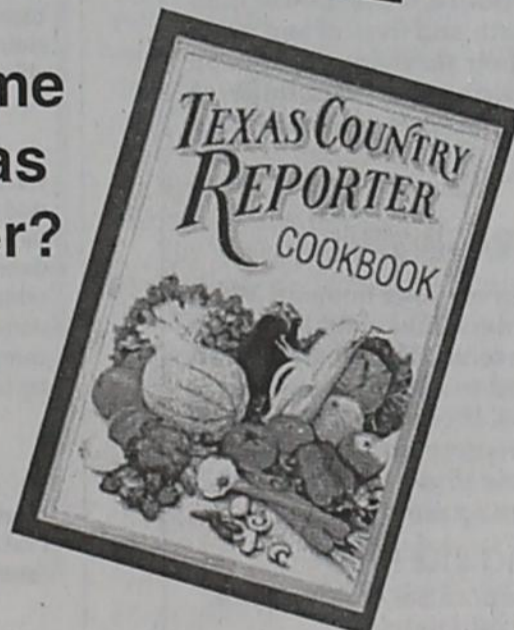
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MONDAY, APRIL 7

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**Lunch:** Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Cowboy Cookies, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Muffin, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Vegetable-Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Veggie Sticks, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Corn Dog, Nacho Chips, Salad, Jello & Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**Breakfast:** Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Brownie, Milk.

## Storyteller will speak to MC Elementary students

On Wednesday, April 9, Motley County elementary students will have the opportunity to meet and hear Ozark Publishing's author, Arkansan David M. Sargent, Jr.

Now speaking to students all over America, David shares his experience of being a responsible dog lover and of how he became an author. His highly interesting and informative talks are sure to teach the importance of being able to read and how to use that ability to receive the highest education possible.

David's storytelling presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Motley County ISD Gymnasium.

Children from PK through 7th Grade will be given the chance to meet and speak with David and to meet his two miniature dachshunds, Mary and Vera, and their friend, Buffy. David's books will be on display, and David will autograph books purchased by the students. Parents are also encouraged to attend.

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Ephesians 6:1

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SARA RANEA FUSTON

Age: 19 Date of Birth: 10-25-84.

Parents: Cindi Fuston and Hal Fuston

Who do you most admire and why: Well, I have two. First, my mom because she is so smart and so caring. The other is Shawn because he is so strong and determined. He's the best friend I could ever ask for. I love you Shawn!

Favorite high school memory: Meeting Shawn and having him propose to me.

Extracurricular activities: Cheerleading, track, One-Act Play, Speech and Drama Club, FFA, TAFE, Children's Hero Program, Nurturing Program, Band.

Special Honors: Who's Who Among High School Students, Most Beautiful, Best Supporting Actress, OAP Zone Best Actress.

Words of Wisdom for the underclassmen: Be happy and have as much fun as you can, it doesn't last very long!

Plans after graduation: Marry Shawn and go to college.

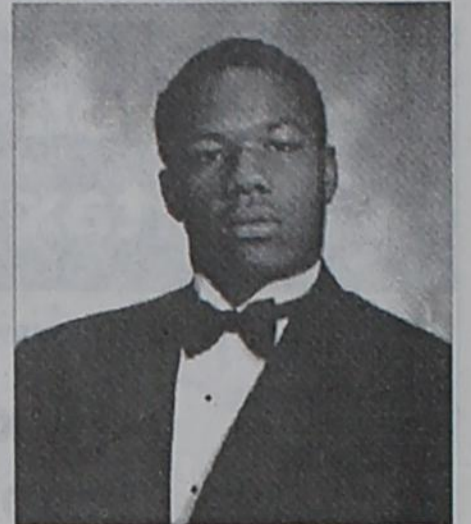
**Favorites:**  
Food: Cheese and Pasta  
Hangout: Anywhere with Shawn.

Movie: Dirty Dancing  
Musical Group: Eminem  
Color: Red and Pink

Past time: Beating up Shawn.  
Soft Drink: Orange Soda  
Book: It by Stephen King

Song: "Love Bites" by Def Leppard  
Teacher: Mrs. Kautz  
Sport: Track, I guess

Quote: Those who have a loving heart, can mend the things that fall apart.



TIMOTHY EARL MANGRAM

Age: 18 Date of Birth: 9-12-84.

Parents: George and Clara Mangram.

Siblings: Joe, Margaret, Matt, Kathy, Gina, Melba, Donna and Debbie.

Who do you most admire and why? My Dad and Mom for raising so many children.

Favorite high school memory: Eye burning people and the leg and arm locks.

Extracurricular activities: FFA, Basketball, ULL, Baseball.

Special honors: Who's Who Among High School Students, Most Courteous, Best Arms, Best Mouth.

Words of wisdom for the underclassmen: Cause as much trouble as possible, but don't get caught.

Plans after graduation: Go to College and become a mechanic.

**Favorites:**  
Food: Hamburger Helper  
Hangout: Everywhere  
Movie: Don't Be A Menace

Musical Group: Busta Rhymes and the Flip Mode Squad.  
Color: Blue  
Past time: Having fun.

Soft Drink: Mountain Dew  
Book: Beowulf  
Song: Truck Volume

Teacher: Coach Stewart  
Sport: Basketball  
Quote: Unh, unh.

## MC Cheerleaders will sell pizzas for fund-raiser

Jr. High and Varsity cheerleaders will begin selling Little Ceaser's Pizza Kits on April 1st-14th. See Shane'a Russell, Courtney Alexander, Mylissa Gilmore, Christy Smith, Crystal Saenz, Mandi Ream, Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Amanda Hurt, Sabrina Osborn, Kattie Campbell or Emily Hurt for all your pizza needs. The fundraiser will help pay for all their cheerleading expenses.

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## Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☑ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☑ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☑ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2002. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2003.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2003 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

### Where do you file?

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## ¡Proteja sus derechos! "Presente" su propiedad antes del 15 de abril.

Una "rendición" es un reporte para el distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. alista toda la propiedad que poseyó o controló el día 1º de enero. El formulario para la rendición se puede obtener en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones...o puede improvisar una forma parecida.

### ¿Quién debe hacer una rendición?

Debe hacer una rendición si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio.

### ¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

- ☑ Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es mas grande, debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
- ☑ Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- ☑ También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2002. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en el 2003.

### ¿Cual es la Fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para mandar sus rendiciones para el 2003. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su rendición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la Fecha límite.

### ¿Dónde hago mi rendición?

Haga su rendición con su distrito local de valoraciones en:  
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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're *disabled*—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an *additional \$10,000 school tax exemption* on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2002, you won't need to reapply for 2003 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2003. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2002, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office.  
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## ¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares...y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos tambien pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, tambien tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo de los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio anterior.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2002, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2003—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2003. Si Ud. cumpliera los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en el 2002, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su aplicación en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by Debbie Shaw, CED



### VENEMAN ANNOUNCES KEY SIGN-UP DATES FOR CROP AND OTHER DISASTER PROGRAMS

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced key sign-up dates for programs including the crop disaster assistance program. Veneman said that sign-up for the crop program, which will reimburse producers for qualifying crop losses in either 2001 or 2002, will begin June 6, with payments to begin shortly thereafter.

"The Department is committed to getting assistance into the hands of affected producers as soon as possible," Veneman said during a briefing with reporters from the USDA radio studios. "Our timetable is several weeks ahead of previous disaster aid packages, even though this is a more complicated bill to implement."

To expedite the process, Veneman said the department is working to cut regulatory red tape by going directly to final rules where possible and implementing many regulations through a single, expedited "mega regulation."

Crop disaster payments must be calculated using the same formula used for the 2000 crop year. This means crop losses for 2001 and 2002 will be valued using the price election for Actual Production History crop insurance policies, or if that price is not available, a 5-year average.

Crop disaster payments are also subject to a formula which states the sum of (1) the value of the crop not lost, (2) the disaster payment, and (3) the crop insurance indemnity cannot exceed 95 percent of what the crop's value would have been, if there has been no loss. Crop disaster payments will be reduced if the 95 percent limitation is exceeded. The value of the crop not lost and the 95 percent limitation will be valued at either the Actual Production History price election or the NASS season-average price, whichever is higher. Specific details will be

available from local Farm Service Agency offices, USDA Service Centers and on the web at <http://www.usda.gov>

Other key assistance program details include:

- \* \$60 million in hurricane loss assistance for sugarcane growers and cooperatives will be provided in May;

- \* sign-up for the \$50 million cottonseed program will begin after completion of the 2002 crop ginning season, which occurs around May 1;

- \* \$60 million is disaster related assistance for the sugar beet industry, with sign-up beginning in June;

- \* \$250 million Livestock Assistance Program that will reimburse producers for grazing losses will begin in July.

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and the Tobacco Payment Program (TOPP) already are in place, with sign-up for the TOPP underway and the LCP sign-up slated to begin April 1.

USDA also is issuing refunds to eligible producers who were assessed payment reductions last year for haying or grazing on lands enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program. These refunds will total \$16.4 million to producers in 28 states.

"This is one more way to assist affected producers," Veneman said. "The refunds will go to farmers and ranchers who were hardest hit by last year's drought."

Veneman also reminded producers of next week's April 1 deadline to update acreage bases and yields under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program. Nationwide, USDA expects that about 5 percent of eligible producers still need to visit their county offices to either make the update or make appointments to do so.

Two other important dates include the March 31 deadline to designate peanut acreage and yields to a farm and the June 2 closing date to sign completed contracts for the 2002 and 2003 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

stroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

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



### PCG TO HOLD 46TH ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 3

The Plains Cotton Growers 46th Annual Meeting is right around the corner and producers and cotton support industry representatives are encouraged to attend.

PCG activities are being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Convention & Trade Show, April 3-4, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center (LMCC).

The PCG meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the LMCC Banquet Hall.

PCG is excited about the speakers scheduled for this year's meeting. The PCG lineup includes: Ross J. Davidson, Administrator of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA); John Maguire, Vice President of Washington Operations for the National Cotton Council from Washington, DC; and Dr. Mechel S. Paggi, Director of the Center for Agricultural Business at California State University - Fresno of Fresno, California.

The PCG agenda will include remarks from PCG President Mark Williams of Farwell. There will also be reports from PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verrett and Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn of Tulia.

## Lubbock will host Cotton Marketing Course

Lubbock -- Do you need help developing a cotton marketing plan? How about some advice on updating/refining an existing marketing plan? If you answered yes to either question, make plans now to attend Texas A&M's April 10-11 Advanced Topic Series course for "Developing This Year's Cotton Marketing Plan."

The course will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. To reach the center, drive north on Interstate Highway 27 past Lubbock International Airport - take Exit 11 (Shallowater) and drive 1/2 mile east on FM 1294.

"We will focus on market fundamentals; technical signals; seasonal trends in cash; basis, and contracts for cotton. We will also discuss different marketing strategies and how to apply them in pre- and post-harvest marketing situations," said Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension economist-management based at Lubbock. "We want you to leave here with a written marketing plan for your operation for the coming year."

Smith and Carl Anderson, Extension cotton marketing economist, will teach this course at a highly applied level, using a combination of lectures, small group work, and simulation exercises - much like Extension's popular Master Marketer training.

Smith focuses his Extension programs on farm and ranch management and production economics, with emphasis on cotton marketing and budgeting. Anderson has developed numerous educational programs and materials on cotton marketing and policy. He served on the board of managers of the New York Cotton Exchange from 1986 to 1993.

Registration for this course costs \$150 per person, and includes the cost of materials, breaks and lunches. Pre-registrations required. The deadline is April 3rd. Registration forms are available at county Extension offices, or from Smith. His number at the Lubbock center is (806) 746-6101.

### FEMA/NASA ENCOURAGES FARMERS & RANCHERS TO REPORT POTENTIAL COLUMBIA SHUTTLE DEBRIS

With the coming of spring, trees, bushes, vines and grasses are beginning to grow. Eventually, this growth could cover unfound shuttle material and make it difficult or impossible to find.

Several critical parts that will become less valuable if they are not found soon remain unaccounted for.

The Columbia Shuttle Recovery Team is deeply appreciative of those who have helped discover and retrieve shuttle material to date and encourages farmers and landowners to stay alert for potential shuttle debris, especially as they go about the process of preparing land for the 2003 growing season.

To date, the farthest west that Columbia debris has been located and recovered in Texas is in Lamb County, near Littlefield.

Any piece of shuttle material could prove to be an essential piece for investigators trying to understand what happened on February 1, 2003.

If you find something you believe may be shuttle material, please report it immediately to the Columbia Shuttle Recovery Center using this toll-free hotline: 1-866-466-6603. If you have had problems getting through on the toll-free telephone line, if you have not been called back about a previous report, or if the material has not been picked up, you are encouraged to please call again.

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