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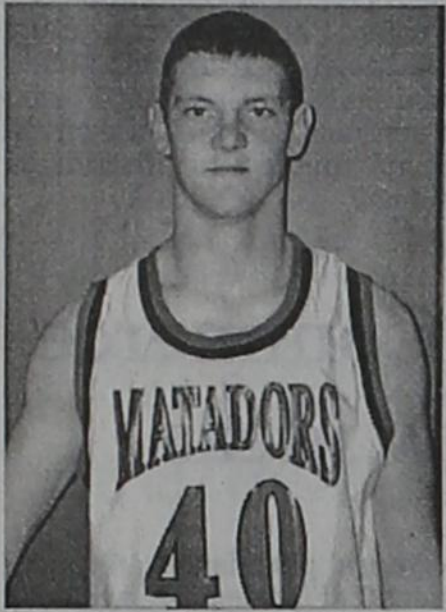
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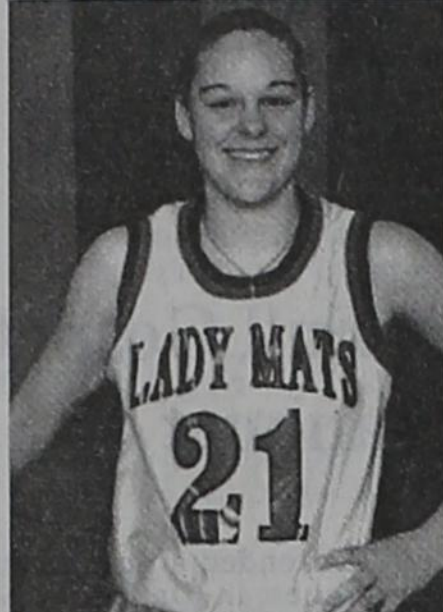
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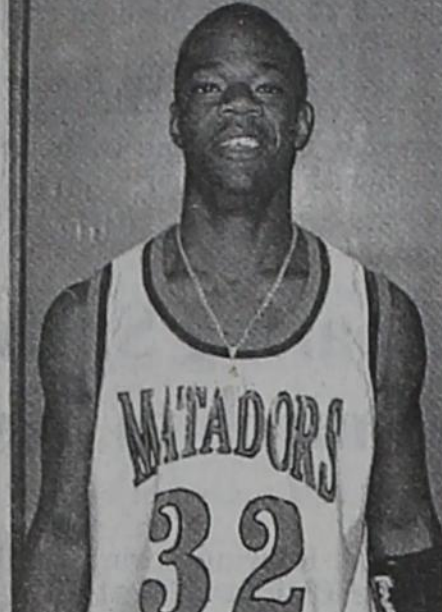
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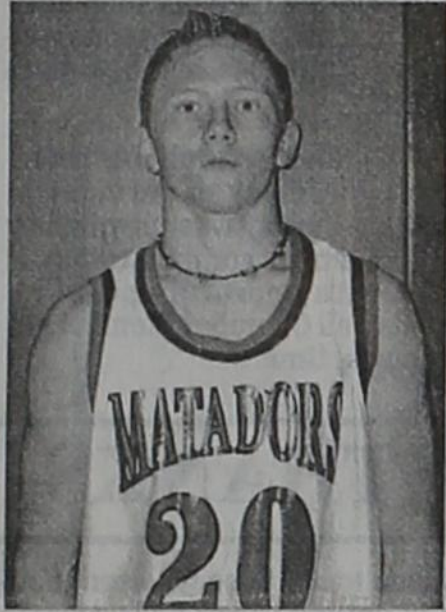
All District team announced

Clint Cooper named MVP

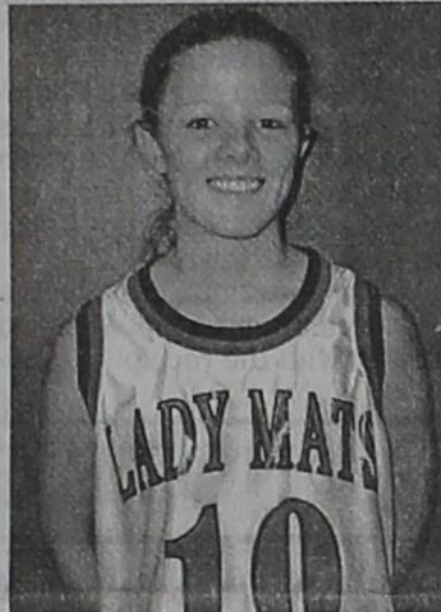
All District selections have been announced for District 6-A basketball. Clint Cooper, a Motley County Senior, was named Most Valuable Player and was also named an All-Star selection. Chasity Holman, a Senior, was named an alternate to the All-Star Selection. Seagram Sims and Brittany

Moore, Sophomores were also named to the All-District list.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Lorenzo Salazar, Quinten Rose, Sabrina Osborn, Charli Ream, Stachia Baxter, Mandi Ream, Brittany Moore (Sr.), Cassie Campbell, and Brittany Donaldson.



QUINTEN ROSE
Honorable Mention



SABRINA OSBORN
Honorable Mention



BRITTANY MOORE
Honorable Mention



CASSIE CAMPBELL
Honorable Mention

Candidates sign up for place on May ballot

Candidates are throwing their hats in the ring when they file for a place on the May 3rd ballot for local elections.

In Roaring Springs there are three places up for election for City Council. The positions are currently held by Timmy Brooks, Amy Perryman and Alex Crowder. No one has filed for one of these positions at newstime.

In Matador, with three places up for election, Incumbents Bert Darsey and Doyle Rose have filed for reelection. Also filing are Randy Martin and Terry Simpson. In addition to the places currently held by Mr. Darsey and Mr. Rose, the seat held by Jim Watson will be open.

There are also three places available on the Motley County

There are also three places available on the Motley County School Board, currently held by Marisue Potts, Douglas Campbell and Coy Franks. At newstime, only one candidate, Marvina Mason, has filed.

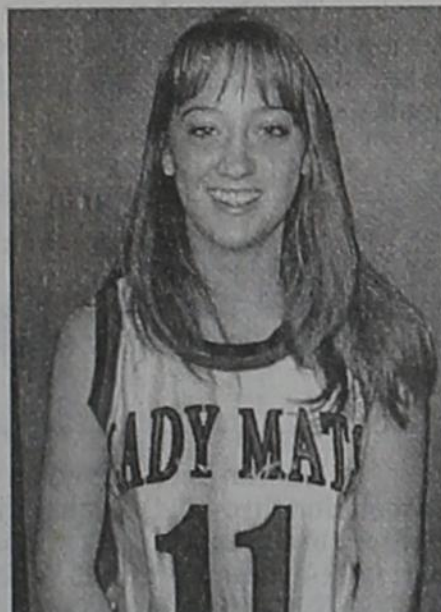
The Motley County Hospital Board will have two places up for election, those currently held by Charlie Johnson and Cynthia Stafford. Mr. Johnson has filed for reelection.

Candidates may file until March 17. Ballots may be picked up at the Roaring Springs or Matador City Hall for a council position, at the School for School Board, or at the office of Dianne Washington, CPA, for Hospital Board.

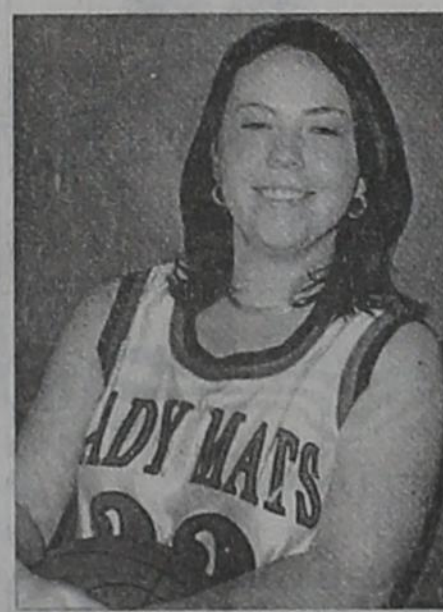
Early voting will be held April 16-29.



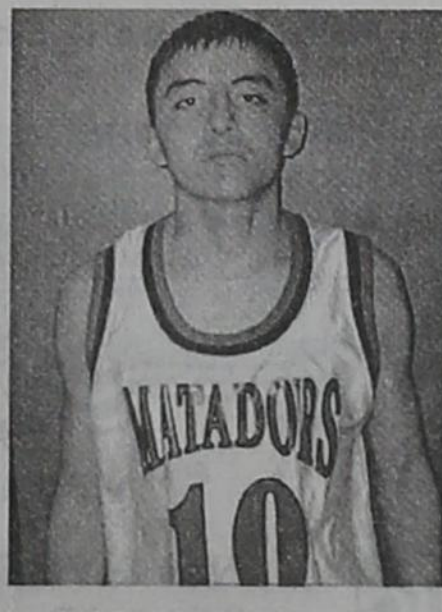
BRITTANY DONALDSON
Honorable Mention



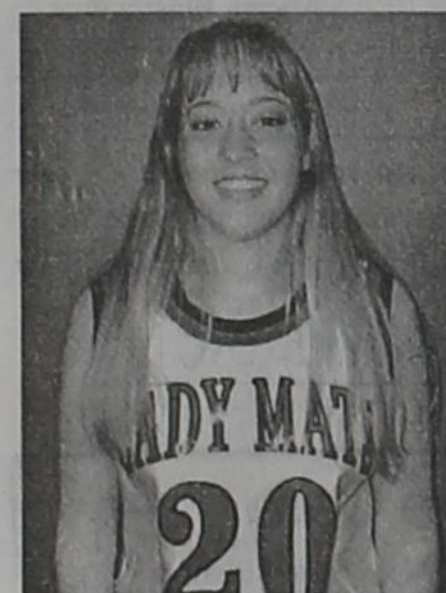
MANDI REAM
Honorable Mention



STACHIA BAXTER
Honorable Mention



LORENZO SALAZAR
Honorable Mention



CHARLI REAM
Honorable Mention

Motley County listed among Texas counties where Shuttle material may be found

Motley County was among the Texas counties listed along the flight path before the actual shuttle break up in a news release from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continue seeking the assistance of individuals, forest-

ers, farmers and landowners from California to New Mexico and parts of west Texas in reporting suspected shuttle material finds.

"We are attempting to inform the public in the states and counties that potentially contain Space Shuttle Columbia debris of the extreme importance of reporting suspected finds to the toll-free 866-446-6603 number,"

said Federal Coordinating Officer Scott Wells.

The possibility exists that there may be material in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico and in 28 West Texas counties. The counties may contain material that came off the shuttle before the breakup occurred, which could be important to the accident investigation.

February Sales Tax payments show decrease from last year

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered \$446.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 4.6 percent decrease compared to February 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates are down 3.2 percent compared to the first two months of 2002.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January by businesses that file monthly sales tax reports, along with sales taxes collected in October, November and December by businesses that report quarterly and sales taxes col-

lected throughout 2002 by annual sales tax filers. The state's share of sales tax reported in January was \$1.2 billion, down 3.1 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent February sales tax rebates of \$302.3 million to Texas cities, down 3.5 percent compared to February 2002. Texas counties received February sales tax rebates of \$24.8 million, down 2.6 percent compared to one year ago.

Another \$12.5 million went to 75 special purpose taxing districts around the state. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$106.7 million in sales tax rebates.

Matador, with a current rate of 1.00%, received a net payment of \$3,154.93, compared to \$3,576.62 last year at this time, a -11.79% change. 2003 payments total \$4,770.74, compared to \$4,968.43 at this time last year, a -3.97% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.00%, received a net payment of \$4,227.61, compared to \$3,726.18 at this time last year, a 13.45% change. 2003 payments total \$6,032.36, compared to \$5,350.30 last year, a 12.74% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 14.

Brenda Gillespie will compete at Regional Powerlifting Meet

Brenda Gillespie, a Motley County High School Senior, will compete at the Regional Powerlifting Meet, to be held in Plainview, Friday, March 7.

Brenda qualified for Regional competition in the 114 weight class with a lift total of 545 pounds. She participated in three meets to qualify. In her weight class she was second at Childress, first at Levelland, and first at Roosevelt.

Brenda has been very successful in Powerlifting competition in years past. Brenda says she has worked hard to improve both her form and totals in the squat, bench press, and deadlift. Good luck, Brenda!

see picture on page 3

"NASA is particularly interested in Columbia material that may have fallen from the craft prior to the break-up over East Texas. We are hoping that some of the possible early material may reveal important information about what happened to Columbia and her crew," said Astronaut Dom Gorie.

In Texas the following counties are listed along the flight path before the actual break up:

Archer, Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Callahan, Castro, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Eastland, Erath, Fisher,

Floyd, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Palo Pinto, Dickens, Foard, Garza, Hale, Haskell, Hockley, Jack Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Parmer, Shackelford, Stonewall, Stephens, Swisher, Throckmorton, and Young.

Other states listed along the flight path are California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

People finding suspected material are asked not to handle the items. Call the toll free number with all reports, 866-446-6603.

February was another dry month in Motley County

by Earlyne Jameson

low of seven degrees.

The light snow flurry and fog we had in February was not enough moisture to clean our dirty rain gauges in Motley County. This wide span between rains is not helping our depleted moisture. We had our share of cold winds with a temperature

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers reported the total moisture for February 2003: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, .17; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, .02; Betty Simpson, Northfield, .14; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, .00; and Kelly Meyer, Matador, .11.



My Aunt Audrey is celebrating a very special birthday this week. I won't say her exact age, but I will say you wouldn't believe it if I told you. This great lady is young at heart and so much fun.

Audrey came back to Texas to live with my great grandmother Underwood when my son, Jeremy, was a baby. She had lived in California for many years, raised her children there, and didn't come home very often. So, I never really had the chance to get to know her until she came back to Roaring Springs.

We lived just across the street from Grandma and Audrey at the time. Audrey and I still laugh about a time, when Jeremy was very little, that she came across to watch him so I could run to the store. He was asleep when she arrived and when he woke up, he looked up at her and said calmly and matter-of-factly, "You're not supposed to be here."

When my Granny (her sister), and Granddaddy Ashley were alive, they with Audrey

and Grandma had so many good times together. I would join them as often as I could. They were my favorite people to be with. They would play the board game, Sorry, for hours. And taught Jeremy how to play when he was very small. In fact, when Granny and Granddaddy were gone, Jeremy received the Sorry game. Needless to say it's very special to us.

We girls love to gather at Audrey's house for coffee and visiting. Friday's were lunch day for sometime. We rarely have the chance to all get-together on Friday's now, with work and other obligations. But when we do, it's hard to leave. We laugh, joke, reminiscence, and sometimes share tears.

I can't imagine how we would all survive if Audrey ever decided to move.

My life has been enriched by Aunt Audrey. I'm so glad she decided all those years ago to come home to Roaring Springs.

Happy Birthday, Audrey! You are loved by so many.



Church honors longtime member with luncheon

The First Assembly of God Church of Matador honored Cora Hall on Sunday, March 2, for her many years of faithful service. Mrs. Hall was presented a beautiful plaque at the worship service. Following the service Cora was honored at a fellowship dinner.

Cora is recovering from a bout of pneumonia from which she was hospitalized twice in the month of February.

She will be leaving Matador soon for Washington State. Her son Albert will accompany her to Albuquerque where she will fly directly to Seattle after a brief visit with her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hall. Albert and his wife will be driving, pulling their home behind them.

Cora plans to keep in touch with all who mean so much to her in Matador.

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church to host banquet

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will host a Men and Women's Banquet March 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Anyone, single or married, is welcome.

Speakers and entertainers for the occasion are Ted and Jody Wilson, pastors of the First United Methodist Church of Petersburg. There will be music, ministry and a lot of fun. The Wilsons are currently involved in the Emmaus Walk, having traveled to Sweden and Denmark as ministers. They re-

cently attended a prophetic Conference in Dallas with Dutch Sheets, Cindy Jacobs and Barbara Yoder as speakers.

The Church asks those planning to attend to bring their favorite salad. Brisket and hot rolls will be provided.

Those planning to attend must notify Joyce Hunter at 348-7212 or June Keltz, 347-2324, no later than Wednesday, March 12.

There will be no charge, only a love offering for the Wilsons.

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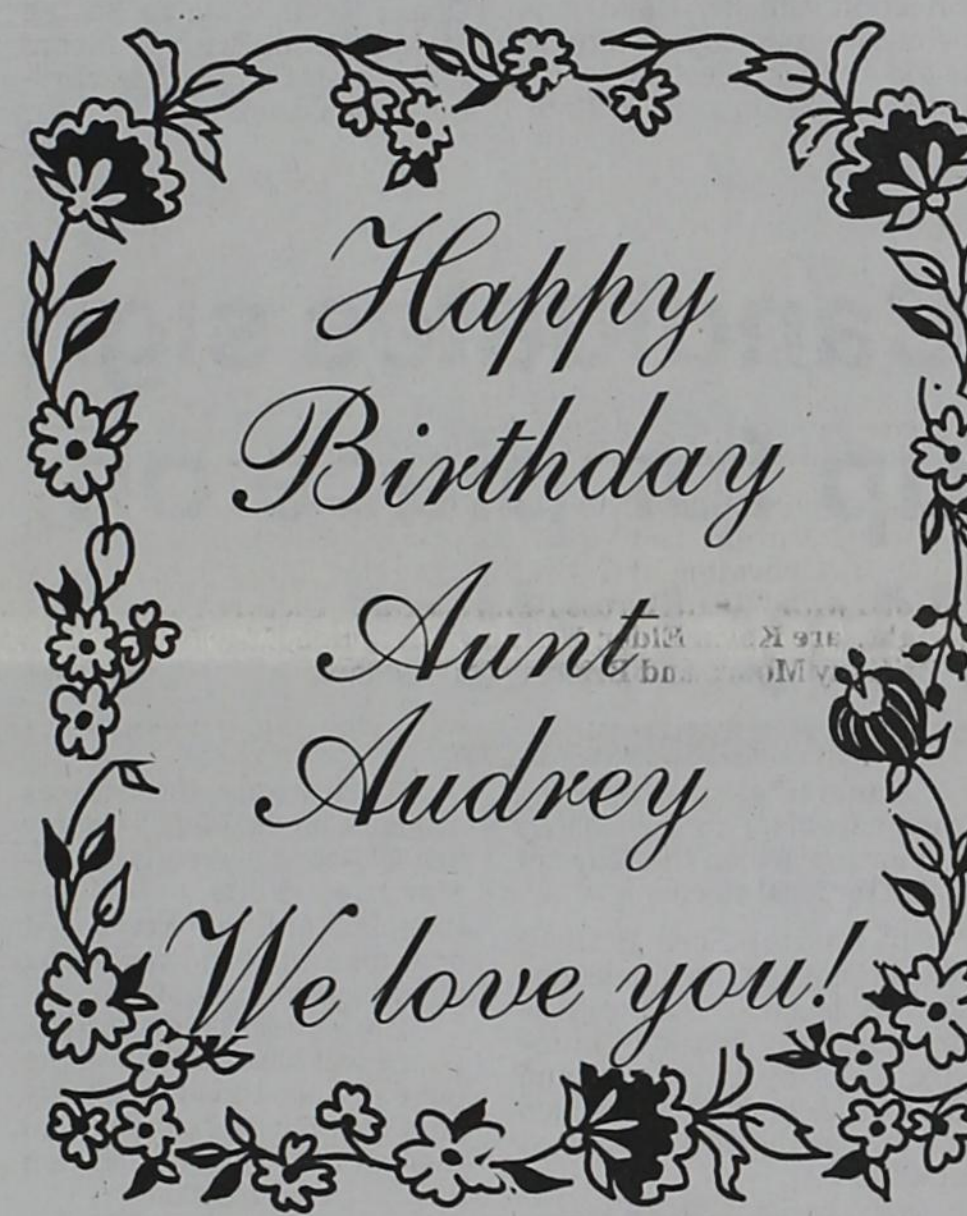
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- Sunday, 6:00 p.m. - "The Challenge of Total Commitment"

Continuing evening Messages

- Monday, 7:30 p.m. - "The Church Seen Thru The Eyes of the Prophets"
- Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - "Five Views of MK 16:16"
- Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., "Personal Impact of the Gospel"
- Thursday, 7:30 p.m., "Are YOU Really Interested in Going to Heaven"

The MATADOR CHURCH OF CHRIST would like to invite everyone to be strengthened in their faith as Carroll F. Sites of Higdon, Arkansas shares these messages.

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Library Notes
by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the donation sent to the library by Virgie Bannister. She sends memorials for Frances Finch and for Odessa Mullins. Virgie also sent a donation in honor of Lucretia Campbell on her retirement. We thank Rusty Birchfield for his donation to the library in memory of Odessa Mullins.

We also thank Ruby and D.A. McGuire for their donations to the library in memory of Gale Stafford and Odessa Mullins. We appreciate the donations from Charley and Opal Johnson and from Mike and Cindy Riggins in memory of Gale Stafford.

New books in the library include Nevada Barr's latest *Flashback*. Not only does this novel present an intriguing mystery but also it gives us a glimpse of history. The story is set at Fort Jefferson in the Florida Keys. Fort Jefferson was a Federal prison at the end of the Civil War. It housed the "Lincoln conspirators," such as

Dr. Mudd. The fort and its history as seen in this book are fascinating.

Another new book is *The Last Cowboy* by Davis L. Ford. This book is a biography of Leroy Webb, a man who cowboied on the Matadors, the Pitchfork and several ranches in New Mexico. The book tells quite a bit about the Matador Ranch and mentions Johnny Stevens, Bill Hemphill, Rosie Deaton and others.

Come to the library and look at our "Stories from Other Lands" displays. You might like to check out some of the books about the people, culture and literature of other lands.

We thank the PTO for asking the Friends of the Library to provide readers for the Dr. Seuss Birthday celebration last Friday. Patricia Green, Ruby McGuire, Jo Trammell, Monta Marshall, Jo Crowder, Fredia Burns and D.A. McGuire all enjoyed reading to the kids at school.

Chamber of Commerce discusses new ideas

by Penny Pipkin

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, February 18, to present the first "Welcome Basket" to the family of Jerry and Jeanetta Kohl, whose picture appeared in last week's Tribune.

The business of the Chamber meeting centered on ideas to encourage local residents to shop in Motley County businesses before spending their money out of town.

The erection of welcome signs came one step closer to reality with the receipt of land-

owners' permission. Applications for State approval will soon be submitted to TxDOT and then we must wait for State's decision.

The Chamber will get bids for printing membership stickers that can be displayed in windows of 2003-04 Chamber members.

A handy telephone reference directory of services in Motley County was unveiled by the Chamber administration. It met with approval and will be sent to all Chamber members at renewal time.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to say thank you to all those who sent flowers or cards, and to those who attended the funeral services for E.A.'s sister. We appreciate your kindness. God bless you all.

E.A. & Dorothy Day

Thank you to everyone for your concern and your prayers during Jacob's illness. We appreciate every act of kindness shown to us. May God bless you with the same kindness in your time of need.

The Brooks family

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, telephone calls and visits. A special thanks to Bob Davis and the Matador hands who fixed our water leak while we were gone. We feel so fortunate to live in Motley county where people truly care.

Dale & JoEtta Bumgardner

We who have served on the Motley County American Heart Association through the years thank you for the Memorials given in memory of Odessa Mullins of Roaring Springs who served as a dedicated AHA volunteer for 20 years.

We appreciate your donations to the annual AHA fund drives and memorials as Motley County has been recognized with Achievement Awards, Research Grants, plaques and certificates for the good response of Motley County citizens. May it be a benefit to you and your loved ones.

Mary Jo Calvert Judy Cooper Myrna Blasingame Earlyne Jameson

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John 13: 34, 35

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Fourth Grade: Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker.
Fifth Grade: Xavier Elizondo.
Sixth Grade: Courtney Alexander, Nikki Sims.
Seventh Grade: Savannah Rose.
Eighth Grade: None.
Ninth Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green.

Tenth Grade: Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper.
Eleventh Grade: Susana Mendoza.
Twelfth Grade: Clint Cooper, Sara Fuston, Brenda Gillespie.

HONOR ROLL
(all grades 80 or above)
Kindergarten: Duncan Aumiller, Tanner Bearden, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Sam Hulsey, Michael Martin, Hannah Mason, Luis Mendosa, Gabby Silva, Allison McCoy, Victoria Hernandez.
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Second Grade: Juan Flores, Stormy Guerrero.
Third Grade: Alexis Osborn, Reagan Elliott, Marti Walker, Brett Fletcher, Cody Martin, Mari Simmons, Jonathan Osborn, Nayo Santos.
Fourth Grade: Leslie

Alvarado, Jacob Dilworth, Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Dillon Walker.
Fifth Grade: Kaleigh Kerns.
Sixth Grade: Kayla Hollinsworth, Shane'a Russell.
Seventh Grade: Magdiel Alvarado, Bradley Brown, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Christy Smith.
Eighth Grade: Chicagra Brown, Cameron Jeffcoat, Kristin Lane, Angelica Mendoza, Jerry Whitaker.
Ninth Grade: Colton Russell.
Tenth Grade: Kittie Campbell, Annie Green.
Eleventh Grade: Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Angie Marvel, Charli Ream, Mandi Ream.
Twelfth Grade: Chasity Holman, Bo Long, Chantry Meyer, Brittany Perryman.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Macho/Nacho, Green Salad, Corn on the Cob, Cake & Strawberries, Milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Beef Tips on Rice with Gravy, Green Peas, Veggie Sticks, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

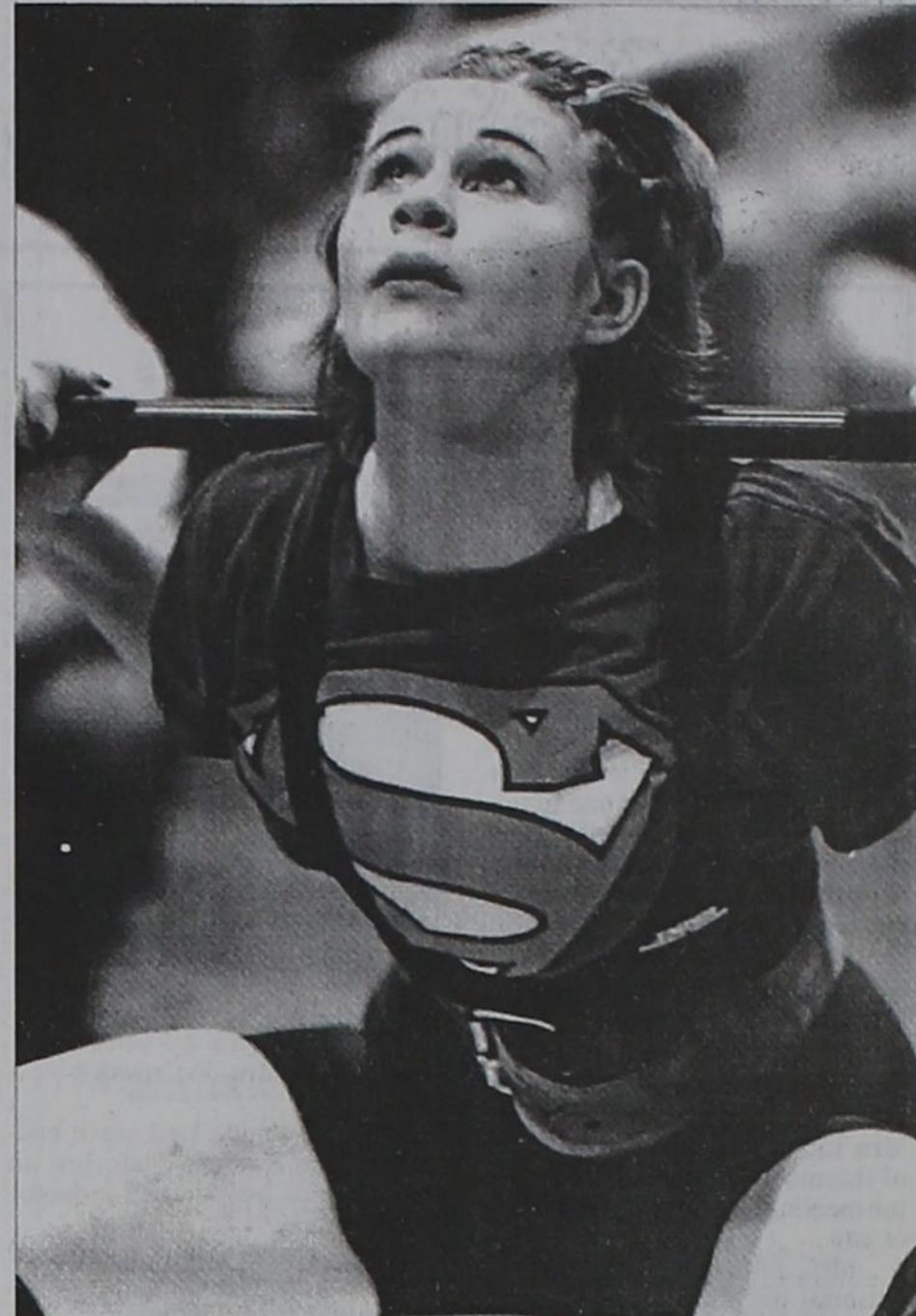
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Green Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafer, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Apple Cobblers, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: BBQ Polish Sausage, Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Pickle Spear, Onion, Garlic-Cheese Biscuit, Jello, Milk.



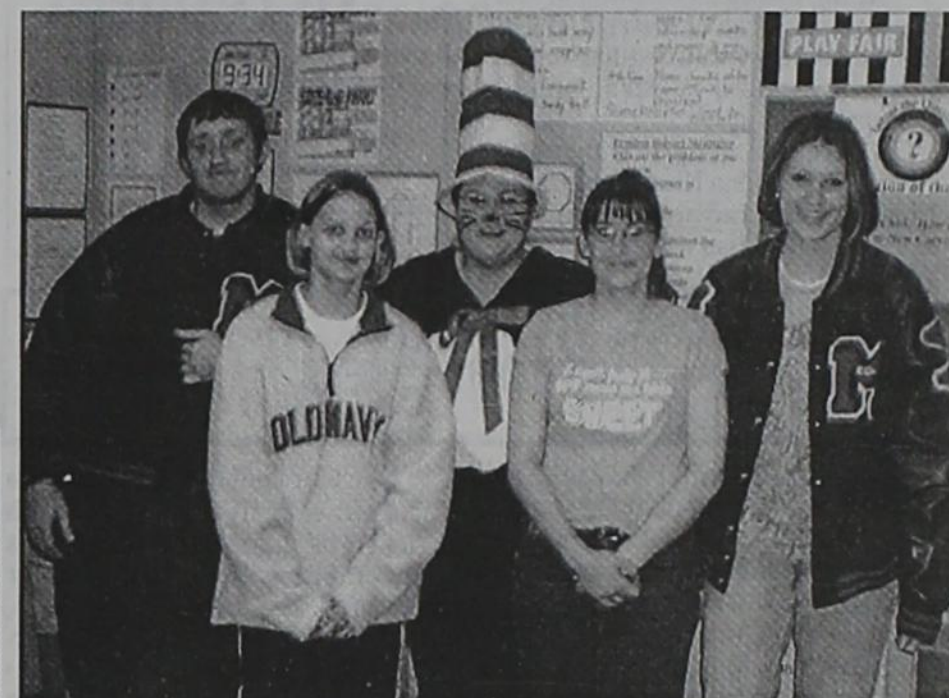
TO COMPETE AT REGIONAL — Brenda Gillespie will compete at the Regional Powerlifting meet in Plainview, Friday, March 7. *see related story on page 1*

MC Elementary students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday

Motley County elementary students celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss in honor of Read Across America, February 28. The event was sponsored by the Motley County PTO. Events included crafts, with the help of "the Cat in the Hat," and PTO members Brooke Barton, Mary Ann Potts and several FCS students.

Special guest readers included Monta Marshall, P.K. Green, Freida Burns, Jo Trammell, Jo Crowder, D.A. McGuire, Ruby McGuire and Chantry Meyer. Dr. Seuss videos were also distributed among the classes for viewing. Judge Ed D. Smith made a special appearance and administered the Dr. Seuss Reader's Oath, and read *Oh the Places You'll Go* to Pre-K through sixth grade.

It was a very busy day and a great time was enjoyed by all. Dr. Seuss brew and snack mix was prepared by Cathey Turner, Brooke Barton and Mary Ann Potts and served to the children.



Motley County Family & Consumer Science Students pose with "The Cat in the Hat" (D'Anna Russell) during the PTO sponsored celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The celebration coincided with "Read Across America Day." Pictured above, left to right, are Kevin Elder, Brittany Perryman, The Cat in the Hat, Brittany Moore and Brittany Donaldson.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

LULA SWIM IS NEW ROARING SPRINGS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Motley County Tribune is proud to announce that Lula Swim will now be the Roaring Springs news correspondent. Although it has been many years, this job is not new to Lula, as she reported the Roaring Springs news for the Douglas and Lila Meador at one time.

Those wishing to report their news may do so by calling Lula at her home, 348-7926 before Monday morning.

PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Jo Crowder was hostess to the Predicta Study Club meeting at her home, Thursday, February 27. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was in charge of the meeting. The club changed the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:30.

Mrs. Jo Crowder gave the devotional on What Goes Around, Comes Around. It was about the man that discovered penicillin.

Her program was about the seven bitter herbs, from Bible times, lettuce, dandelion, chickory, water cress, peppermint and garlic. She told how each herb is beneficial to health. She also had samples of the herbs.

At the business meeting it was decided not to have Men's night in March, although the regular meeting will be held at Mrs. LaVoe Thacker's home.

Those attending this meeting were Mrs. Rabena King, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. LaVoe Thacker, Mrs. L.V. Damron, Miss Lula Swim, and



LULA SWIM

the hostess, Mrs. Jo Crowder.

Mrs. Donald Letkeman conveyed Lula Swim to Plainview on Tuesday for her to keep a doctor appointment.

Mrs. Pearl Patten was in Boyd to keep her granddaughter while the Parker's were in Austin.

Mr. J.N. Fletcher celebrated his birthday on Friday.

Mr. Dennis Letkeman was on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Margaret Shaw is home for a few days.

To report news call Lula Swim 348-7926

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Brenda and Darrell Cruse and daughter, Leah Cruse and friends, Carol Ann and Johnney Turner of Lubbock attended the Silverton and Nazareth basketball game Friday night held at the Texas Dome in Levelland. Mr. and Mrs. Cruse visited overnight Friday with Leah and returned home Saturday.

Mary Ellen Barton joined Dr. and Mrs. Rickey Nall of Childress and Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador for lunch in Matador, Friday.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Wednesday for her a medical appointment and tests. They visited in Canyon with Mrs. Vickie Hay and mother, Mrs. Velma Moon of Fritch.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were in Plainview, Friday for her an optical

appointment. They enjoyed lunch in Childress, Sunday. Tom was in Amarillo, Monday for a medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital.

Mrs. Kevin (Keri) Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville visited Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter. Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Sunday were the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Friday. He accompanied his sister, Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve to her home in Dougherty. Mrs. VanCleeve had been with her mother, who was recuperating from an illness the past two weeks.

Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Sunday dinners were always lively for my parents, Adah and Fred, and my three siblings.

One particular Sunday, we kids were all in a silly mood and began requesting items on the table in rhyme:

"Please pass the meat, Pete."
"May I have a potato, Adah?" "I'd give the moon for a spoon."

After several minutes of this, Mother had had enough. "Stop this nonsense right now!" she insisted. "I would like to enjoy my dinner with some good conversation, not this silly chatter."

Still in a huff, she turned to Father and snapped, "Pass me the bread, Fred."

Spencer and Wilda Dixon were in Lubbock, Saturday and Wilda attended the Caprock District Scholarship Fund board meeting. It was

held at the Garden and Arts Center in Lubbock.

Hal Martin accompanied his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin of Matador to the Wound Care Center in Lubbock, Wednesday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle and her mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin of Midland visited Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. They were en route home from Amarillo where they visited her mother, Mrs. Susie Sain, a patient at the Baptist - St. Anthony Hospital. Mrs. Sain will have surgery, Wednesday on her jaw she injured in a recent car accident. They also visited Mrs. Laughlin's sister and husband, Rhonda and Mike Webb of Amarillo.



RECEIVE SERVICE AWARDS — Janie Campbell and J.D. Russell received service awards recently at the annual Matador Ranch Service and Safety Awards Dinner. Mrs. Campbell, office manager, received a 5-year service award, and Mr. Russell, assistant manager, received a 15-year award.

Senior Notes

by Tommie Keith, Director



Hope everyone is doing okay and the ones that have been sick are feeling a lot better.

The Center has received memorial donations in memory of Frances Finch, Evelyn Jones and Gale Stafford from Rodney and Glenda Williams; from Jerry and Jim Watson, memorials were made for Frances Finch, Charlie Keith, Kenny Abbott and Gale Stafford; Ray and Don Baxter gave a memorial in memory of Gale Stafford.

Thank you all very much. SPAG furnished the Center with computer desks and I would like to thank Ray Martin for getting out of his death bed and coming on down to put them together. That's what you call a true trooper. Thanks, Ray.

The cooks are better off now. Lorene Lancaster made some hot mats for them that they are really proud of.

The Center is open five days a week, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Y'all come see us.

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Matador News

John M. (Sonny) Russell, at news time, is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following colon surgery Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Pete Williams returned home Saturday from Mangold Hospital in Lockney where he was under treatment for pneumonia.

Chelsea Read attended the Texas Independence Day celebration Saturday, March 1, at the Frazier Pavilion on the Texas Tech campus, Lubbock. The program was hosted by the Gen. James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The highlight of the day was the recognition of Georgia Mae Smith Ericson as a special South Plains pioneer. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Smith, original settlers of Crosby County. Georgia Mae has been a visitor to Matador many times. She is a longtime friend of the Truitt Read family. She and Vic currently have a small long-horn operation on some of the Hank Smith land.

The celebration also included historical and educational displays and several entertainment and musical events.

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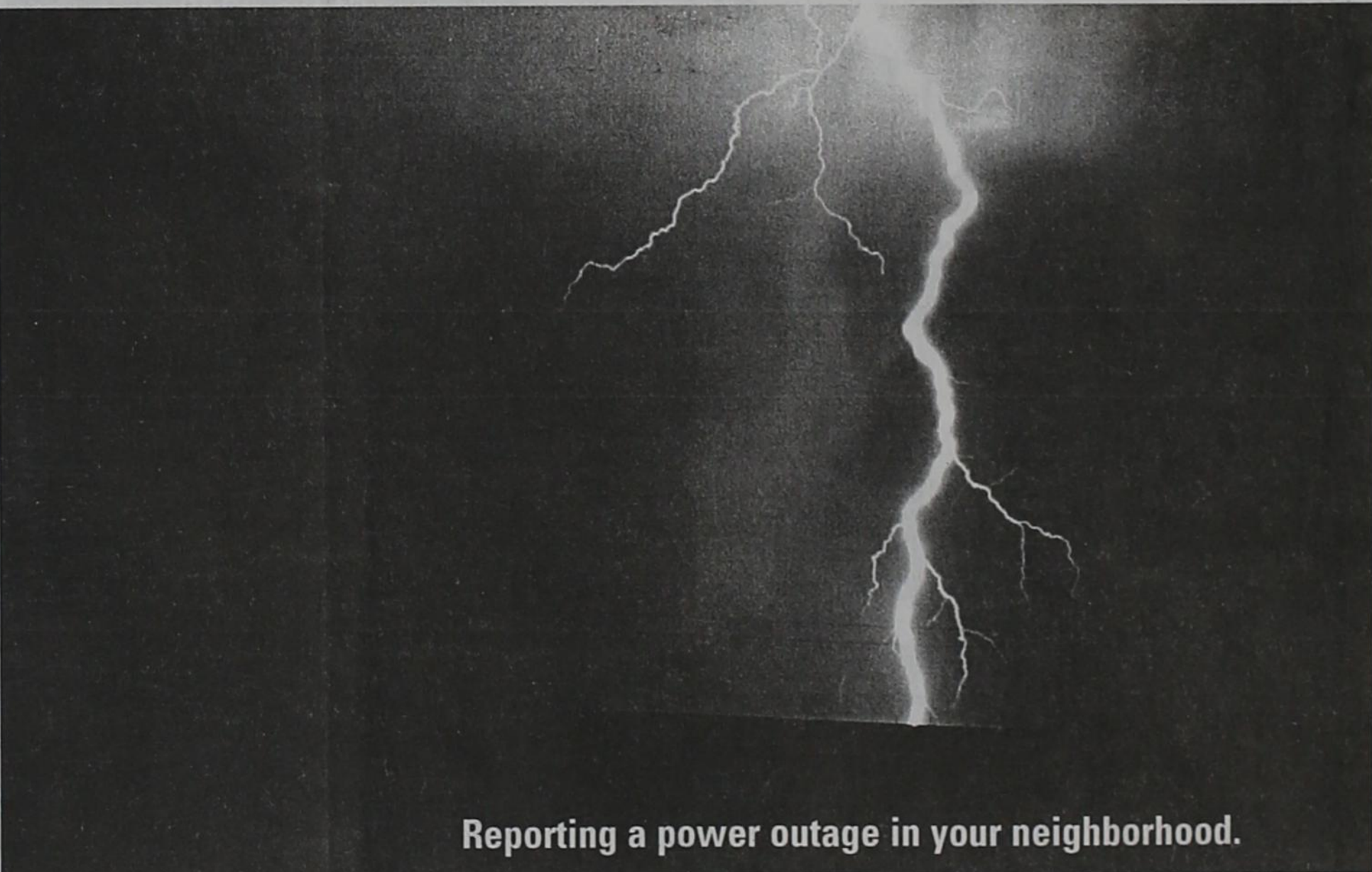
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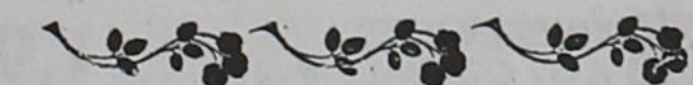


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FARM & RANCH NEWS



FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS



by Debbie Shaw, CED

"COTTON DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2003" MARCH 5

The Texas cotton industry is ready to renew old acquaintances and make new friends as it prepares for its biennial trek to the State Capitol to highlight the important role cotton plays in the Texas economy.

Highlighting "Cotton Day at the Capitol 2003" activities will be the reading of resolutions in the House of Representatives and the Senate honoring the event.

"Cotton Day" provides an opportunity for cotton industry representatives to sit down with each legislator to discuss cotton's importance to the State economy.

One of the goals of "Cotton Day" is to prepare the groundwork for strong communication and to begin the search for solutions to the problems and challenges that lie ahead for the State and industry.

"Cotton Day" participants include cotton producers, ginners and allied industry representatives from across the State.

Participants will visit the offices of each Representative and Senator and sit down to discuss the issues affecting the cotton industry.

The event also serves as an educational opportunity to acquaint those unfamiliar with cotton about its many uses.

With cotton playing such a significant role in the Texas economy, it is only fitting that we take a day in Austin to reflect on the importance of the popular fiber and make legislators aware of the challenges facing the industry.

"Cotton Day at the Capitol" is sponsored by Texas Cotton Producers, a statewide producer organization composed of

the nine regional cotton grower organizations actively representing growers in different production regions.

2002 DCP SIGN-UP DEADLINES GETTING NEAR; PRODUCERS ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE PROCESS

Sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) continues to lag and the USDA Farm Service Agency personnel are reminding growers that intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign-up is getting close.

The deadline for owners or their appointed representative to make initial base and yield option selections for the DCP program is April 1, 2003. The deadline for program participants to sign-up for the 2002 and 2003 DCP program is June 2, 2003.

Both the initial base and yield option selection and the decisions to participate in the 2002 and 2003 DCP program can be completed at the same time.

2002 and 2003 DCP payments for the balance of the 2002 direct payment, 2002 counter-cyclical advance payments, and the advance for the 2003 direct payment will be processed as soon as sign-up is completed.

Producers are encouraged to contact their county FSA office and schedule an appointment.

DON'T FORGET:
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
 Annual Meeting
 Thursday, April 3, 2003
 8:30 a.m. - Registration
 9:00 a.m. - Program
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall

You will be receiving the February Newsletter sometime this week or early next week. A computer glitch in preparing for publication caused the delay.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

Please continue to make appointments and obtain signatures to make base and yield selections and contracts for the new farm program by April 1, 2003. All Peanut Base and yields must be permanently assigned to a farm by March 31, 2003. Please don't let these deadlines pass without you completing this process. There will be no extension of time for Base and Yield elections. If a producer does not select a specific farm to permanently assign his peanut base and yield history, then the base will go to the most recent farm associated with such base and yield, as determined by FSA records.

Veneman Announces First Phase of Sign-Up Dates For Agriculture Assistance ACT Program Benefits

In the first phase of agricultural assistance implementation authorized under the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced earlier this week that sign-up for the expanded Livestock Compensation Program would begin April 1, 2003. Veneman said the implementation team is working on details regarding other program benefits and said information about these other sign-up dates will be announced in the near future.

USDA has also launched a web site, located at www.usda.gov, that provides producers one location for details on these programs, questions and answers, allows for comments and suggestions on program implementation, as well as other information on USDA agriculture assistance.

USDA is committed to providing these disaster program benefits to producers as quickly as possible and today's announcement is the first step in meeting those expectations," said Veneman. "Our implementation team is examining ways to cut the red tape and expedite the process where possible and the new web site provides the ability for producers to make suggestions on how we might work more efficiently in meeting that goal."

The LCP program can begin quickly because program systems are in place and the programs are relatively easy to administer.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

LCP sign-up will begin on April 1 and is scheduled to end early June 2003. The Act expands LCP by including additional counties that were approved under a Secretarial disaster designation or Presidential disaster declaration for damages and losses due to any natural disaster. The Act also includes catfish as an eligible commodity. Previously under LCP a county must have been named as a primary county under a Secretarial disaster designation between Jan. 1, 2001, and Sept. 19, 2002, only for drought. The Act expands LCP

to make eligible any counties that were requested as primary disaster areas under a Presidential or Secretarial declaration by Feb. 20, 2003, and that were subsequently approved.

To be eligible for LCP assistance, a producer's livestock operation headquarters must be physically located in a county with a qualifying disaster designation. Eligible livestock are cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo, as well as catfish. Counties named as contiguous counties are not eligible for the program. LCP payments will be based on losses per head or number of eligible livestock and catfish.

To sign up for LCP assistance, eligible producers should visit their local FSA offices on April 1. USDA anticipates more than 700 additional counties will be made eligible for LCP under the Act. LCP was originally administered in 2,149 counties.

The Act, signed into law on Feb. 20, 2003, authorizes total disaster aid estimated at \$3.1 billion for producers suffering from natural disasters and related conditions. USDA will announce sign-up as quickly as possible for other assistance provided by the Act, including the crop disaster program that reimburses producers for qualifying crop losses in either 2001 or 2002 due to damaging weather or related conditions; \$250 million for the Livestock Assistance Program to reimburse producers for grazing losses; \$60 million for sugarcane producers; \$60 million for sugar beet producers; and \$50 million for the cottonseed industry. The Secretary said information about these other sign-up dates will be announced in the coming weeks. Interest parties will also want to consult the program regulations when issued.

USDA's Farm Service Agency has developed a Web site that provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing FSA disaster assistance. The Web site can be accessed at <http://www.usda.gov> or at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

"The new web site gives farmers and ranchers immediate access to information on programs authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003," said Jim Little, FSA Administrator. "Producers who have suffered from disaster conditions can turn to this site for timely details on these important issues."

The web site will be updated frequently and will feature current news on programs contained in the Act, plus details on sign-up, program requirements, as well as a comments and suggestions section. The site will also have links to online program application forms, Federal Register notices, information about regulations, as well as a list of the counties eligible for certain disaster assistance. The web site also provides pertinent details on existing FSA disaster programs, including emergency low-cost loans for producers in designated disaster areas, the Emergency Conservation Program and the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

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the issues surrounding bio-engineered crops and animals, the future of energy options facing agriculture in the 21st century, American farmers' options in implementing environmental practices while ensuring agricultural viability, and the agricultural economy's role in national security and defense.

This Discussion Meet is designed to help develop the ability of agriculture's future leaders to effectively solve problems through group discussions, while emphasizing the need to acquire accurate and current information," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of Texas Farm Bureau. "This is not a debate, but rather an exercise in cooperative problem solving with an open floor." Students from 23 Texas colleges and universities have been invited to participate.

A \$1000 cash award and plaque will be presented to the winner of the contest. The three other finalists will receive cash awards of \$200 each. A \$500 cash award and a traveling trophy will be presented to the school of the winning contestant. Texas Farm Bureau will pay travel expenses for the winner to attend Texas Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Waco in December of 2003. Participation gifts will be provided to all contestants.

Dierschke also said, "The students will discuss the Farm Bureau's developing role in contemporary farming issues. These young people will learn the importance of discussing these issues from all sides, while gaining self-confidence about their public speaking abilities."

Eligible contestants include college students who are 18 to 35 years of age as of January 31, 2004, and are currently pursuing a degree in agriculture or are studying an agricultural curriculum. Members of the TFB State YF&R Advisory Committee are not eligible to participate. Professional speakers or those who have received a fee or honorarium for public speaking are not eligible to participate. The deadline for entry is Friday, March 28, 2003. Information and entry forms can be obtained by calling 254-751-2286.

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