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WHITEFLAT SCHOOL, about 1910. Ex-students and friends of Whiteflat will meet Saturday at the Motley County Senior Citizens building in Matador for their 27th annual Homecoming. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Whiteflat exes will meet for 27th annual homecoming Saturday

Whiteflat exes will gather for their annual Homecoming Saturday, April 6, at the Senior Citizens building in Matador. This homecoming marks the 27th year for the reunion. Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, registration and visiting. A

covered-dish lunch will be served at noon, followed by a short business meeting with Jim Watson presiding.

All ex-students, ex-residents and friends are invited and urged to join in the fun for a special time for all.

Computer lessons to be given at the library

The Motley County Library received a grant of \$1,674.00 from the State of Texas, the Loan Star Libraries Fund. Part of this money will be used to give lessons on the library computer.

Patrons will have a choice of afternoon or morning lessons. Dumont Darsey and Suzanne Abbott will teach the afternoon sessions and D.A. McGuire and Suzanne Abbott will teach the morning sessions.

The afternoon lessons will begin Wednesday, April 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the library. There will be five lessons in the series, one each Wednesday. This first series will be for beginners and will include what a computer is, the Windows 98 desktop, how to use the mouse, how to access the

Internet and E-mail, and how to write a word processing document. Each lesson will last about one hour.

For the afternoon lessons there are four slots available and interested patrons must come to the library before April 10 to sign up on a first come, first serve basis.

The morning lessons will begin on Thursday, April 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the library. This series of classes will be for beginners also and will cover the same things as the afternoon lessons. There will be five lessons in this group, also. There will be six slots available for the morning lessons, again, interested patrons must sign up at the library before April 11. Sign up will be first come, first serve basis.

AROUND THE COUNTY

News briefs of area events

MCYO members plan upcoming Summer baseball season

by Kim Woolsey

Summer is almost here and that means time for Baseball! The Motley County Youth Organization held its first meeting for the year, Wednesday, March 27, with 26 members attending.

Officers were elected for the 2002 season as follows: President, Tina Brooks; Vice-President, Marvinna Mason; Reporter, Kim Woolsey; Secretary, Darla Gwinn; Concession Stand, Jeanette Klebon and Christine Martin; and Commissioners, Shawn Elliott, Frankie Ortiz and

Crawford Mason.

Eligibility for T-Ball requires the child to be 4 years of age by September 4, 2002. Children wishing to be a part of a minor league team must be going into the third grade, through sixth grade. Major league requires the child to be going into the seventh grade, through twelfth grade.

Sign-up for participation will be held April 2-9. All students will receive a form from school. Forms must be returned to the child's teacher no later than April 9.

For more information or to obtain a sign-up form please call Tina Brooks at 348-7208 or Marvinna Mason at 347-2051.

Men's Breakfast set for Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador, at 7:00 a.m.

All men in the county are invited to attend.

Windy conditions prevailed during March

by Earlyne Jameson

Windy conditions prevailed during the month of March and blew from every direction. After a light snow on March 2nd, rain on March 19th, tractors were going in fields with Treflan and fertilizer rigs and listing land all across Motley County. Rain March 30th stopped farming operations

temporarily, but no complaints, because as a rule moisture is always needed.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report total moisture for March: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.25; Kelly Meyer, Matador 1.38; Betty Simpson, Northfield 1.38; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 1.50; and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 1.32.

Matador City Council meets in special session

Matador City Council met in special session Thursday, March 28. Brenda Osborn, Motley County Tax Appraiser, met with Council members to explain the new state mandated tax on recreational pull trailers. After discussion, the Council approved tax exemption of these trailers.

The Council reviewed and approved the 2002-2003 budget.

The landfill scale upgrade was discussed and it was decided to make application for grant money for this purchase and not to use any of the City's money at this time on the project.

AUSTIN - Texans enjoy boasting that they are the biggest, the best and the first at so many things. Those bragging rights extend all the way to the highway, where the innovative Adopt a Highway volunteer program is another Texas "first." The program began in Tyler in 1985 and has since spread worldwide. The "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off celebrates this legacy annually.

More than 28,000 Adopt a Highway volunteers across the state will clean miles and miles of adopted highways on April 6. Another 47,000 Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers will launch community cleanups on the same day, making the Trash Off Texas' largest one-day litter pickup event.

Each year the department spends millions of dollars on litter pickup. TxDOT's Childress District spent 204,321 last year on litter control, funds that could otherwise be spent on maintaining and beautifying roads. "Currently Adopt a Highway volunteers clean approximately 10 percent of the state's roadways, and state tax dollars must be used to keep the remaining stretches clean," said Barbara Seal, Childress TxDOT Adopt a Highway Coordinator. "Adopt a Highway not only helps keep our state beautiful, it allows the local

maintenance forces to spend more time maintaining the 331 lane miles of roadway in Motley County."

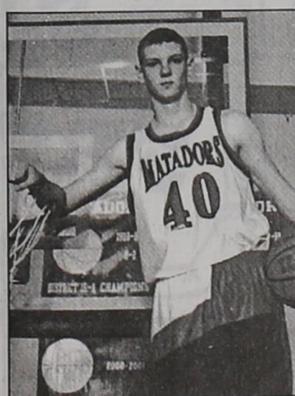
Adopt a Highway groups participating in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off include a variety of civic

organizations, school students, business owners and families.

Local volunteer groups participating in this year's Texas Trash Off include the Matador Lions Club.

The Trash Off is part of TxDOT's

litter prevention program, which includes Don't Mess With Texas, Adopt a Highway, and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. These programs work together to change the attitudes and behavior of would-be litterers.



CLINT COOPER
ALL-SOUTH PLAINS

Cooper named to AJ's All-South Plains team

Clint Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper of Matador and a Junior at Motley County High School was recently named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains Basketball team.

Cooper, who averaged 18.3 points and 10.1 rebounds per game for the Matadors this season was one of five players from the South Plains region

to be named to the Class I - Division II team.

Clint wishes to express his thanks to teammates for their unselfish play, Coach Elizondo for his hard work and guidance, and the fans for their support of the team. He stated, "Without the support of the team, coaches, fans, and my parents, I would not have had this honor."



My cousin sent this funny e-mail, which gives us something to think about. It's funny, but true.

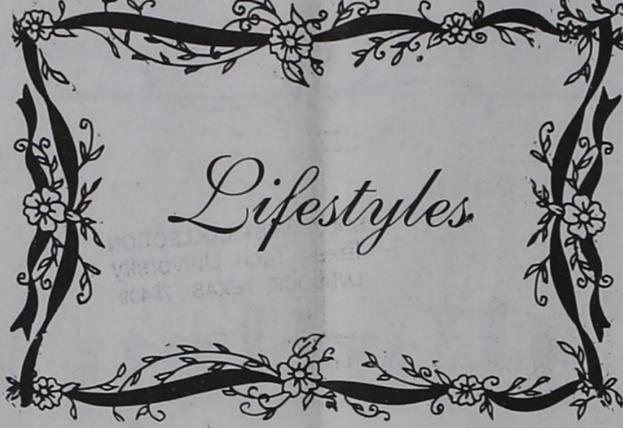
This is life in America as we know it.....

1. Only in America ... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America....are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America...do drug-stores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
5. Only in America...do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
6. Only in America...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
7. Only in America...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
8. Only in America...do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
9. Only in America...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
10. Only in America...do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille

lettering.

Ever Wonder....

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is that to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If con is the opposite of pro, is congress the opposite of progress?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



Dr. Burns featured speaker at El Progreso guest night

by Beverly Vinson

The annual El Progreso Club guest night was held March 21 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church of Matador. Tables had been decorated with Easter and Spring symbols making it a beautiful sight with electric lighted butterflies, eggs in grass, candies and favors nestled in the grass, too. It was so "springy!" Food had been prepared by members with a delicious ham prepared by the club president, Jeanne Adams. Members brought salads, rolls, desserts and vegetables. The crowd was good with many non-members enjoying the evening as much as the members.

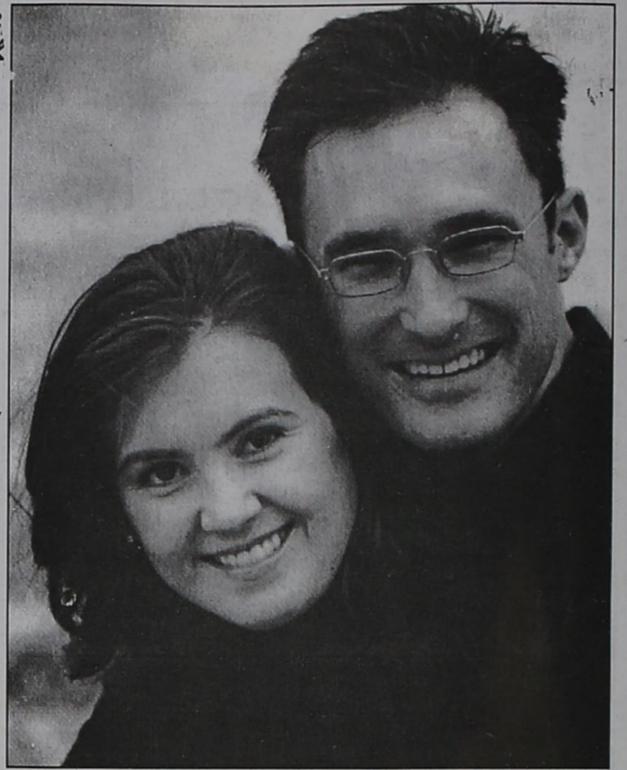
Mrs. Adams welcomed everyone in the fellowship hall and led the group in singing God Bless America. The invocation was given by guest, Alan Bingham. Guests were introduced as follows: June Keltz, Marihelen Wason, Alan and Kay Bingham, Marion Woodruff, Eugenia Barton, Jackie Smith, Dorothy Meador, E.A. Day, Harold Campbell, Clinton L. Burns, Rick Copp, Kayla Copp, Larry Allen, D.A. McGuire, Furman Vinson, and Tom Adams. JoAnn Dickson was introduced

as the incoming president of Santa Rosa District.

Mrs. Fredia Burns was asked to introduce her husband, Dr. Clinton Burns, son of the late Lee and Virginia Burns, former residents of Matador. She said it was a grand adventure married to him. She called him a renaissance man. He is a physician, has been a medical missionary and pursued many facets of life. While serving as missionaries, the Burns family lived in sub-Saharan Africa, Kenya, which sits astride the equator. The family crossed the equator twice a week to get supplies.

Mr. Burns told of the people in Kenya who are ethnically Africans. A small group on the coast have Muslim influence and believe you have to wear white to get to Heaven. He told of the many varied and interesting events they encountered. His presentation was very interesting.

Members attending were Dorothy Day, Grace Campbell, JoAnn Dickson, Freida Burns, Lana Copp, Sharon Allen, Ruby McGuire, Beverly Vinson, Lucretia (R.E.) Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Shirley Smith, Lou Walker, and Jeanne Adams.



Monti Pack & Dyron Clower

Engagement Announced

Jan and Leonard Pack of Fort Worth announce the engagement of their daughter, Monti Louise, to Dyron Lee Clower, also of Fort Worth. Clower is the son of Delores and Dahl Clower of Amarillo and the grandson of Virgie Clower Bannister of Plainview and the late Fred Clower. Monti is a graduate of Texas A&M and Dyron is a graduate of West Texas State A&M. The couple will wed April 13 in Fort Worth.

Look Who's New

Brazos Reagan Washington

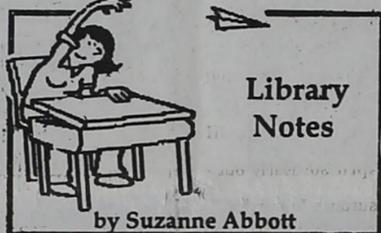
Matt and Ashley Washington of Roaring Springs would like to announce the arrival of their son, Brazos Reagan.

Brazos was born March 14, 2002, at 6:54 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents of the new arrival are Tim and Deana Washington of

Roaring Springs, Steve and Carol Henderson of Birmingham, AL, and

Tom and Kerry Morrison of Lorenzo. Great-grandparents are Bobby and the late Punk McWilliams of Quitaque, Bill and Erma Washington of Flomot, Emmett and Sue Broderson of Dimmitt, and Barbara Scott of St. Augustine, FL.



We had a rousing Kelton Extravaganza last week. We thank all those who came and we especially thank J.N. Fletcher, Ed. D. Smith, Ralph Powell, James Bearden and Jerry Green for reviewing some of the Kelton books. Those attending, other than the presenters, were Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Betty Moore, Joan Patton, Marion Woodruff, Winifred Darsey, Bill and Lea Peacock, PK Green, Norma Marrs, Joyce Campbell, Doris Moore, Dorothy Knight, Marisue Potts, Evelyn and C.D. Garrison, Pat Smith and Suzanne Abbott.

Our next book review will be "Mystery Lovers Night Out" on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. These are fun evenings even if you haven't read the books. If you are not necessarily a mystery fan but would like to read one, come by and I'll recommend a good book that I'm sure you would enjoy.

We appreciate the donation of a big box of new books by the Texas Federated Women's Clubs, the Caprock District. There are Oprah books, beautiful children's books, adult fiction and adult nonfiction books in this box. What a treasure for the library. There is even one called Why Cats Paint. A Theory of Feline Aesthetics. These books will be ready for check out soon. We also thank Wilda Dixon for bringing the books to the library.



KELTON DISCUSSION — The Motley County Library hosted a distinguished panel of Elmer Kelton readers, Tuesday, March 26. Pictured left to right are J.N. Fletcher, Ed D. Smith, Ralph Powell, James Bearden and Jerry Green. Kelton fans in attendance enjoyed a rousing discussion of the author's most popular books.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Taxes
What some people don't know about Texas taxes might surprise them.

Texas has no:

- State income tax
- Personal income tax
- Corporate income tax

Texas does have:

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- Property tax
- Franchise tax

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"Where Is Your Treasure?"

I recently read a little story about a young man who found a ten dollar bill alongside the roadway. It seems that from that moment on, he never raised his eyes from the ground when he walked. It is said of him that in the next thirty years he accumulated \$1.60 in silver, 22 cents in pennies, 11,318 pins, a hunch back, a miserable disposition and a rotten character.

This man lost the glory of the sunshine, the smiles of friends, the beauty of flowers, trees, blue skies, and all that there is that makes life worth living. That is a sad story. So preoccupied with things that might be on the ground that the beauty that surrounds us was lost to this man.

In Matthew 19 we find the story of "the rich young ruler." Here was a man seeking to find fulfillment of life in things. This young man ended up missing out on the blessings of God. Jesus taught, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to one and despise the other..." Our Lord was showing us the danger found in worldly values. The apostle Paul writes in Colossians 3: 1-2, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above....Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

As you and I seek His kingdom and righteousness our Lord promises us that it will be well with our bodies and our souls.

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Motley County School News



CLASS OF 2002 Senior Spotlight

Mavericks compete at district track meet

by Amanda Hurt

Motley County Jr. High track teams traveled to Jayton on Monday, March 25, to compete in the district track meet. Four other teams competed in the meet.

In the boys' division, those placing in the meet were Colton Russell who received first in the 200m dash with a time of 25.79, third place in the shot put, throwing 34 ft., third in the 100m dash, 13.91, and fourth in the discus with a throw of 77.2 ft. Chance Bingham placed second in the 100m dash with a time of 13.32, third in the 400m dash, 66.13, fourth in the long

jump, 14 ft., and fourth in the 110m hurdles, 21.87. L.C. Williams received fourth in the 100m dash with a time of 14.29, fifth in the long jump, 14' 5.5", and sixth in the 110 hurdles, 23.33. Matthew Martin placed fifth place in discus with a throw of 68' 3.5" and sixth in the 300 hurdles, 71.9.

In the girls division Griselda Flores took home first in the 100m dash, 14.41, second in the 200 dash, 33.17, and third in the 800m with a time of 3:11.96. Angelica Mendoza placed third in the 400m dash. Chicagra Brown received fourth in the 200m dash, 35.12. Congratulations to the teams on a great season!

What's Up?

Thursday, April 4: District Tennis at Jayton.

Friday, April 5: District Track at Spur.

Saturday, April 6: (Alt. Dist. Track)

Area FFA at TTU

Monday, April 8: Board meeting at 7:30.

District Golf at Roaring Springs.

Tuesday, April 9: District Golf at Roaring Springs.

Wednesday, April 10: Kindergarten - First Grade Field Trip to Lubbock.

Thursday, April 11: Spring Sports pictures.

Friday, April 12: End of fifth 6 weeks.

Area Track at Highland

Saturday, April 13: (Alt. Area Track)

Monday, April 15: PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Tuesday, April 16: TAAS, 3-8 - M

Wednesday, April 17: TAAS, 3-8, R

Thursday, April 18: TAAS, B-SS Student Council Officer Elections Seniors to TTU at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 19: TAAS, 8 - Sc. Regional Academic UIL at Abilene.

Saturday, April 20: Regional Academic UIL at Abilene.

Monday, April 22: Regional Golf at Abilene.

Book Fair.

Tuesday, April 23: Regional Golf at Abilene.

Book Fair.

Wednesday, April 24: Secretaries Day.

Regional Tennis at Abilene.

Book Fair.

Thursday, April 25: Regional Tennis at Abilene.

Book Fair.

Friday, April 26: Regional Track at Abilene.

Book Fair.

Saturday, April 27: Regional Track at Abilene.

TASP Test.

Monday, April 29: West Zone JH Tennis at Motley County.

Tuesday, April 30: Early out - 1:30.

Teacher Insurance In-service.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Red Jello, Mixed Fruit, Chips, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, French Fries, Corn, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corndog, Macaroni and Cheese, Spinach, Sugar Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Bean & Beef Burrito, Salad, Crackers, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Sliced Turkey, Gravy, Potatoes, California Blend, Texas Toast, Honey, Milk.

"If you are wise, your wisdom will help you.

If you mock, you alone will be held responsible."

— Proverbs 9:12

Kayla Copp named to US Achievement Academy

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Kayla Copp of Matador has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Kayla, who attends Motley County High School, was nominated for this national award by Kay Bingham.

Kayla's name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive rec-



KAYLA COPP

ommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Kayla is the daughter of Rick and Lana Copp of Matador. She is the granddaughter of Jackie and Edna Duke of Floydada, Sandra Copp of Lubbock, and Margie and Bill Womack of Floydada.

Class of 2002 staying busy

by Stachia Baxter

The 2002 Motley County Senior class is staying very busy. They recently chose invitations and "senior t-shirts." After thinking long and hard, they finally came to a decision and orders were placed.

The first semester this year, the class won the student council food drive and were rewarded with a pizza and bowling trip, set for May 2.

As graduation gets closer, the class gets more anxious for the big day. It's starting to sink in that this is their last year and the last days that they are going to be able to go to school everyday and hang out with friends all the time. The real world is waiting for them to explore. It's kinda scary if you think about it.

With only a short time left in this school year, the seniors still have a lot of planning to do before graduation. Applications and scholarships have to be completed, and they will start deciding what they want to do with their life after school.

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Matador Variety

Junior class anticipating end-of-year activities

by Stachia Baxter

Motley County Juniors are anticipating this year's graduation ceremonies. They just can't wait for the seniors to graduate so they can have the spotlight. They were excited to receive senior rings.

Juniors have been doing many fund-raisers to earn money for the prom. During Valentine's week they

sold the traditional suckers that are sold every year, and made a good profit. The Jr.'s are excited and ready for Prom time to arrive. Decorations are already coming in and everyone is just dying to see what the theme will be this year. Jr.'s are working hard to keep it a secret.

Juniors took the ASVAB test February 19. This test helps students choose the best career for them.

Happy 41st Birthday BOSS!!



from the Hitchin' Post



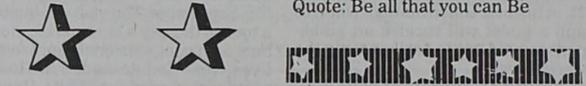
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South Plains Health Provider Organization (SPHPO) CEO, Steve DeWoody, (left) recently presented longtime board member, Charley Johnson, a plaque for his service to the organization. The plaque was presented at the Motley County Clinic. Also pictured are Clinic LVN Daphne Meredith and PA Gail Ream.

Motley County 4-H photography project winners announced

The Motley County 4-H Photography Contest was held March 20 at the Motley County Courthouse. All of the participants did a very good job. The Photography Project consists of attending project meetings, taking pictures and having them processed and entering them in the County Contest. Participating in the County contest were Cassie Campbell, Charli Ream, Mandi Ream, Sherri Thomas, Colton Russell, Shane'a Russell, Sarah Ferguson, Sam Fletcher, and Mylissa Gilmore.

The contest was divided into two divisions with 14 and older in the Senior Division and under 14 years of age were Juniors.

Junior Colored Picture Division

Jr. Animals:
1st. - Shane'a Russell
2nd. - Colton Russell
3rd. - Sarah Ferguson

Jr. People Division:
1st. - Colton Russell
2nd. - Sarah Ferguson
3rd. - Shane'a Russell

Jr. Humor:
1st. - Shane'a Russell

Jr. Landscape:
1st. - Colton Russell
2nd. - Shane'a Russell
3rd. - Shane'a Russell

Jr. Flora/Plants:
1st. - Sarah Ferguson

Jr. Career:
1st. - Colton Russell

Jr. Promote 4-H:
1st. - Shane'a Russell

Jr. Black & White Picture Division

Jr. Animals:
1st. - Colton Russell

Jr. People:
Colton Russell

Jr. Humor:
Shane'a Russell

Jr. Landscape:
1st. - Shane'a Russell

2nd. - Colton Russell

3rd. - Shane'a Russell

Jr. Digital:
1st. - Colton Russell

Jr. Career:
1st. - Colton Russell

Sr. Colored Pictures

Sr. Animals:
1st. - Cassie Campbell

2nd. - Sherri Thomas

3rd. - Charli Ream

Sr. People:
1st. - Cassie Campbell

2nd. - Cassie Campbell

3rd. - Charli Ream

Sr. Humor:
1st. - Cassie Campbell

2nd. - Sherri Thomas

3rd. - Cassie Campbell

Sr. Landscape:
1st. - Cassie Campbell

2nd. - Sherri Thomas

3rd. - Mandi Ream

Sr. Flora/Plants:
1st. - Charli Ream

2nd. - Cassie Campbell

3rd. - Sherri Thomas

Sr. Digital:
1st. - Charli Ream

2nd. - Charli Ream

3rd. - Charli Ream

Senior Black & White Pictures:

Sr. Digital:
1st. - Mandi Ream

2nd. - Charli Ream

The first place pictures in the Junior Division will compete at District and will be displayed at District 4-H Roundup April 20 in Vernon.

First place pictures in the Senior division will advance to State to be displayed during State 4-H Roundup in June.

Thanks to D'Anna Russell for her leadership in the Photography Project.

Experience Works searches for Texas' Most Outstanding Older Worker

Waco, TX — Experience Works Inc. (formerly Green Thumb) the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and equipment, is searching for Texas' most outstanding older worker. For the fifth year, outstanding older workers from every state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; America's Oldest Worker; and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C., and in their home states. Experience Works' Prime Time Awards Program was launched in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work. This year's Prime Time Awards activities culminate with a week-long series of events, capped by a gala awards banquet and ceremony on Saturday, September 21, at historic Union Station. Winners and a guest will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to participate in the week's events.

Texas is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a Texas resident, and currently working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The win-

ner must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C., in September for the Experience Works Prime Time Award Program events. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded through local, state or national government support programs are not eligible for this award.

Nominations must include a brief narrative that describes the older worker's overall contribution to the business, including longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job, and a description of his/her community involvement.

In addition to special activities and recognition within the state, the winner will attend the 2002 Prime Time Awards in Washington, D.C., this September. The visit will include a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events, a tour of the White House, and the Awards Banquet and Ceremony at Union Station.

Texas' 2001 outstanding older worker was 67-year-old Charlotte Gilmore of Terrell who proudly wears

the title 'Trash Lady'. As manager of the Kaufman County Solid Waste Management Cooperative, she is credited for single-handedly bringing environmental awareness to her north central Texas community. Mrs. Gilmore manages the office while keeping a high profile in the community and has introduced several innovative programs including a springtime countryside cleanup, a master composter program, and a summer program for school children called Trash Camp.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, P.O. Box 7898, Waco, TX 76714 or call 800-880-5292. Entries may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the above address. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2002. A statewide selection

committee comprised of business, civic, and community leaders will evaluate the nominations and the winner will be announced in mid June.

A search for America's Oldest Worker is also under way. Though Prime Time Awards Week was canceled last year, due to the September 11 tragedies, at a press conference held in December, 100-year-old architect Harold H. Fisher was named America's Oldest Worker. Mr. Fisher still works full time at his firm in Michigan where he designs religious architecture, his specialty for more than 50 years. Nominate via the Internet at www.experienceworks.org or contact the state office.

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My treasured corner of Whiteflat countryside

by Earlyne Jameson

I rounded the corner on the narrow dirt road and suddenly three deer sailed across the fence landing in the middle of the road. I braked and gave a sigh of relief I hadn't hit one or slid off into a ditch filled with water.

When my husband proposed years ago, he jokingly asked if I wanted to become a farmer's wife. Sure, I knew he had lived on a farm all of his life except when serving in the military in World War II. Our home is in the rural Whiteflat community along the Middle Pease River and when someone comes, they are either lost or coming to see us. I had many surprises awaiting me.

Today, more than five decades later, I can truthfully say farm life has had its moments.....humorous, frightening and anything but boring. Having field mice stashing litter

inside my car filter. Driving to the lumber yard in Matador and having a snake emerge from under the hood of my car waving across my windshield. Les Woosley was brave enough to catch and remove it.

Backing a trailer was cause for a panic attack. The trailer always insisted on turning the wrong way. I decided it had to be a left brain right brain thing and mine wasn't the adjustable kind. I do much better pulling a trailer, but I have been known to knock down a gate post or two when cornering. I have appreciated those at the cotton gins hitching and unhitching my trailer before days of the module.

We have a variety of wildlife in our area. Deer, turkey, quail, roadrunners, hawks, pheasants, coyotes, bobcats, wild hogs, and skunks leaving their "calling cards". The deer are also graceful to see, but my husband complains when a large herd of them

graze on our wheatland. The wild hogs we could do without even with those who butcher them with good results. They ruin baled feed, root up planted grass and pastureland. At night you can hear our dog barking at coyotes.

When going into town on occasion, I round a blind curve to find a driver coming straight at me in my lane, but I have been more fortunate than a friend who rounded such a turn to find a gigantic hog waiting to damage his pickup.

My family laughed at me when on horseback, because I needed one with six legs, mine down the middle. I'm glad no one captured me on tape as a cowgirl. When driving a tractor, I refused to plow or drive on the side of a steep terrace even with the assurance I would be fine.

Our two sons never said they wished they had something to do, because they knew they could plow land, work with livestock, ride horse-

back, fish in a pond and camp out along the river with friends. They climbed on the school bus at 7:30 a.m. and returned home at 4:30 p.m. One exceptionally wet year when hoeing weeds during the summer, we could hear, but not see out youngest singing, "Me and Jesus Got Our Own Thing Going."

As they matured, we saw them gain self esteem and confidence by attempting difficult tasks, making mistakes then succeeding. Through the years our family learned to work together; depend on one another and develop a close knit unit.

Wildflowers and plum bushes challenge me to stop and pick them. I know change will come in time, but not yet. Not while I can keep my own small corner of the countryside just as it is and hold close the beauty that surrounds me today and reminds me of yesterday. As a farmer's wife I am still learning.

Motley County Senior Citizens news

by Eva Barkley

The Motley County Senior Citizens Association has now been serving three meals per week at the Senior Center for six months.

We would like to thank everybody who has participated and supported this program. We still have three faithful volunteers from Roaring Springs who help with the delivery of meals to the home-bound and some that are waiting on the side lines to help you on a moment's notice. Mr. Dale Bumgardner recently donated time and material to make a spice rack for the kitchen; Mr. Gale Stafford donated some beef; the Womack family donated a gas stove and the Marshall Brothers volunteered their services to connect the stove.

We have received a cash donation in memory of Grace Shelton from Billy Paul and Betty Simpson.

We would like to thank all of these and our loyal meal participants for their donations and for patronizing the Senior Center.

As we would like to put the Senior Center at the disposal of our seniors, we would like to encourage everybody to think of ways how we can better utilize the Senior Center, (e.g.) by offering game nights, fitness programs, audio tape instructions, etc.

As most of you are aware, these senior citizens meal programs are supported in part by the South Plains Association of Governments and by the donations of meal participants. The local senior centers have to make up 10% of the allocated budget from other locally derived funds. Needless to say, each of these senior centers depend heavily on generous donations to make ends meet.

Every senior over 60 is eligible to eat at the Senior Center, or, if home bound, to have a meal delivered. If an eligible person has not been contacted yet, please let us know so that we can make arrangements to get that person signed up.

Thank you for supporting your Senior Center.

APRIL MENU
Friday, April 5: BBQ Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Macaroni Salad, Roll, Cherry Cobbler.
Monday, April 8: Beef Enchiladas,

Pintos, Fried Okra, Sliced Onions, Green Peppers, Fruit Salad.

Wednesday, April 10: Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potato, Leaf Spinach, Cornbread, Apple Cobbler.

Friday, April 12: Fish Nuggets, Baby Limas, Carrots, Wheat Roll, Banana, Orange, Cookies.

Monday, April 15: Baked Ham, Fries, Peas/Carrots, Sliced Tomato, Biscuit, Fruit Salad.

Wednesday, April 17: Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Birthday Cake.

Friday, April 19: Taco Salad with lettuce, tomato, onion, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Peach Cups.

Monday, April 22: Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza, Zucchini, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler.

Wednesday, April 24: Chicken Pot Pie with carrots and peas, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Plums, Cookies.

Friday, April 26: Hot Turkey Roll, Potato Salad, Chips, Tossed Salad, Applesauce Cake.

Monday, April 29: Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Raisin Bread, Applesauce.

Milk or beverage of choice is served with each meal.

BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTORS SURVEILLANCE SURVEY REPORT

The above mentioned report will be presented at the Motley County Senior Citizens' Center, Wednesday, April 10.

In the Summer of 2002, selected residents of Motley, Dickens, Crosby, Garza, Lynn, and Floyd Counties were surveyed by telephone as to behavioral risk factors they might have. The results of those surveys are now ready for presenting.

A team from the Texas Department of Health, public health region 1 will be at the Center at 12:30 p.m. to present those findings and to discuss health risk issues and prevention interventions.

The team will present findings from all six counties so citizens of Motley County can see how they compare with their neighboring counties.

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins of Plainview spent Saturday night with his mother, Odessa Mullins. They had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins.

Visiting with Vera Mitchell recently were Rev. and Mrs. Benny Goss of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell and Mrs. Seigler of Paducah.

Visiting Pearl Patten for the Easter holidays were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen, Jared and Darrin of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Erica and Tara of Boyd, JoAnn Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton, Florine Jones, Patsy, and Angie Burkes of Lubbock. Visiting the group that evening was Zella Palmer, local resident.

Enjoying Easter lunch and an egg hunt at the home of Joe and Joyce Meredith Sunday, were local residents Kenneth Ashley, Randy and Holly Meredith, Wylie and John, and Yancey, Daphne and Parker Meredith; Jim and Carla Meador, Jackie and Shirley Smith, Steve Smith, Tony Sherry, and Shea Rose, all of Matador; Jayson Cooper of Plainview; Sean Rose, Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones, of Lubbock.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker for Easter were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Thacker, Amanda, Isaiah and Emmalea from Lub-

bock; Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs, and children, Brad and Blair Thacker from Lubbock. Brad's wife, Weslyn went with her mother to see family in Colorado for the weekend. Joining the group for lunch Sunday was Dean McInroe of Roaring Springs.

Joyce Smith visited in Dallas with her daughter and husband, Michelle and Don Smith, and granddaughter and family, Julie and Brian Dipalo and daughter Ellie Marie, from Houston, and Chad Smith.

Those enjoying coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Church fellowship hall, Monday, April 1, were Rev. Paul Stearns, Larry Watson, Pat Smith, Joyce Smith, J.N. Fletcher, Dean McInroe, Reva Sweeney, Gale Stafford, Donna Kennedy, Cleo Watson, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Ruby Hipp and Lula Swim.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim drove to Vernon recently and took J.R. Swim out to lunch. After lunch the group drove out to Doon's Crossing, where the ranchers used to drive their cattle across the Red River as there wasn't quick sand in that location.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Letkeman and Lula Swim went to Littlefield to take Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike to lunch, and then on to Sudan for visiting.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

STARKEY EASTER FAMILY REUNION

The children and families of Mrs. C.W. Starkey held their annual reunion during the Easter holidays at the Starkey home. They enjoyed cookouts, Easter egg hunts and hiking.

Among the 140 attending were eight of her children, Margie Cypert of Lockney, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla., Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla., Lola Jewell Starkey of Clyde, Phylis Gladson of Austin, Johnnie Starkey and Jack Starkey of Flomot. Also attending were Mrs. Starkey's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Malone of Denver, Colorado and sisters, Jometa McLain of Hart and Nadene and Bill Weaver of Olton.

They traveled here from Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico and throughout Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Tuesday and Wednesday is Anson with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss and Mrs. LaRay Gilbert.

Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador visited Saturday with Mary Ellen Barton.

Easter day guests in the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were Talon and Roegan Cruse, Keane Cruse, Deidra, Larry and Skylar Clifton of Turkey; Chancey and Christy Cruse and Brand, Jodi and Branson Cruse of Clarendon; Regina, Chad, Allison, Quaid and Macy Seward of

Goldthwaite; Leah Cruse of Lubbock; Monica, Tanner and Cutter Smith of Floydada; Derinda, Mark, Thor, Tory, Teah and Tally Patten of Silverton; Darla, James, Fannin, and Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat; Tim Lane of Plainview; Dona Browning and Mary Ann Browning of Rising Star; Donnie and Judy Cruse, Derrell, Brenda and Derrick Cruse of Flomot.

Visitors during the Easter holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger, Mrs. Beatrice Skaggs, Catlin and Cayden of Matador.

Shae Lynn Reed and friend, Sarah Lee of Lubbock visited Friday and Saturday with the Doyle Calvert family. Visiting the family on Saturday night and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock.

Guests in the home of Tim and Deana Washington of Russellville Camp Easter Sunday and enjoying Easter egg hunts and flying kites were Conway, Lacy, Mickey and Caleb Clarey of Matador; Cary Franks and Sorrel Schmidt of Lubbock; Cara Franks of Canyon; Matt and Ashley Washington and new baby son, Brazos of Roaring Springs; Susan Gahr of McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks of Flomot.

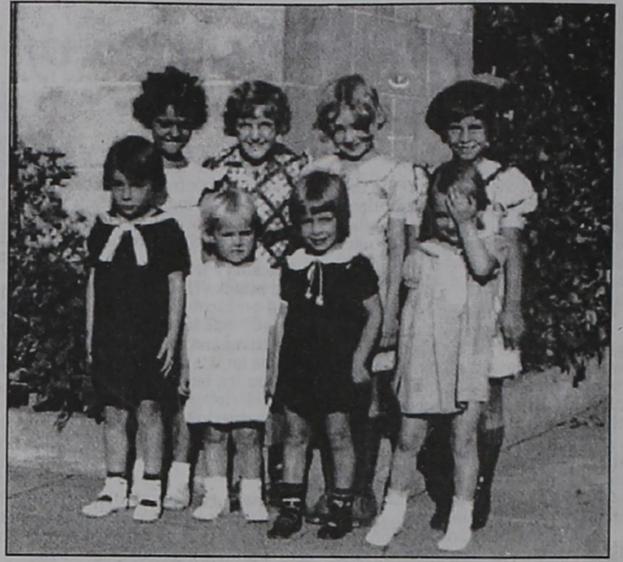
Visiting during the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington, Mrs. Edith Washington and in Quitaque with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Chadwick were Mrs. Todd (Stachia) Washington, Cam, Clay and Connor of Childress.

and Mr. and Mrs. Cobey Turner of Lubbock, Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton and Bill Crowell of Dallas.

Holiday Easter visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin were son, Ryan, and Jamie Pigg of Turkey.

Guests Easter day of Mrs. Frances Dixon was granddaughter, Kaci Risser, student at Wayland Baptist, and her parents, Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador.

Nathaniel Andrews of Liberty, Indiana, student at Cal Tech College in Richmond, Indiana, visited his Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.



LITTLE WHITEFLAT GIRLS pictured at the old Courthouse in Matador, left to right are Unidentified girl, Dorothy Jean Casey Risner, Peggy Jean Spray Martin, Jolene Bloodworth Higginbotham, in back, and Ernestine McWilliams Little, Mary Frances Casey Dixon, Rosemary Bloodworth Anderson and Annette McWilliams Wilkerson, in front. This picture was taken in June of 1938.



WHITEFLAT EXES — Pictured left to right are Vella Edwards, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. McWilliams, Frances Casey Dixon, Lorene Mitchell, Rosemary Bloodworth Anderson, Mrs. Carlisle, Melba Jameson, Verna Jameson, Georgia Smith, Lenna McWilliams, Lily Spray, and Dorothy Casey Risner. This picture was taken in April of 1948.

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Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

If you like the idea of gaining an hour to sleep, work or relax this weekend, credit Ben Franklin. He is the one who first suggested the idea of daylight saving time (DST).

You may commend or condemn Mr. Franklin. Either way, unless you synchronize all your timepieces before retiring Saturday night, it is an hour earlier than you think. Enjoy!

Visiting during the Easter holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blount and Skylar



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- Precinct #2 — Flomot Community Building
- Precinct #3 — Northfield Church
- Precinct #4 — Roaring Springs Community Building

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TEXAS STATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE APPROVES 2003 RESEARCH PROJECTS

Texas cotton producers get a number of benefits through the research and promotion efforts carried out by Cotton Incorporated and the Cotton Board.

One of the most successful programs carried out by Cotton Incorporated is the State Support program. The State Support program returns 5 percent of the total CI operating budget back to cotton producing states each year for the purpose of carrying out additional producer directed research and promotion activities.

Members of the Texas State Support Program Committee met in Austin on March 26, to review research proposals concerning projects that will be carried out in the 2003 calendar year. The committee approved funding for projects totaling some \$740,000 for 2003.

Within the Texas State Support program funds are allocated based on formula that includes specifying one-half of available funds for projects deemed relevant to the entire state. The remaining money is further divided among the nine growing regions in the state based on each region's percentage of statewide production averaged over the most recent three growing seasons.

Based on these allocation structure High Plains producer leaders

selected projects for 2003 funding totaling an estimated \$225,000. A final listing approved projects will be compiled and released, along with final funding levels, by Cotton Incorporated staff as soon as CI budget figures are approved later in the year.

Cotton states receive their share of the SSP funds based on the percentage of Research and Promotion Program money collected from producers in each state. Collectively cotton importers also receive SSP funds equivalent to their share of total collections.

TCP ELECTS 2002-2003 OFFICERS

Representatives from nine regional cotton producer organizations that make up Texas Cotton Producers, Inc. met on March 27, 2002 in Austin to discuss cotton related regulatory and legislative issues and to elect the organization's 2002-2003 officer's.

Ronnie Riddle, a cotton producer from Abilene, Texas was elected President for the 2002-2003 growing season. Riddle takes the reins from Petersburg, Texas cotton producer Ronnie Hopper who served as TCP President in 2002.

Elected Vice President was Larry Turnbough, of Balmorhea, Texas. Johnna Oman, Executive Vice President of the Rolling Plains Cotton Producers organization was selected to serve as the organization's Secretary for 2002-2003.

April 18, 2002, is a very important date for 2001 and 2002 NAP (Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program). If you wish to purchase 2002 NAP coverage on any crop or if you have a timely filed Notice of Loss for any 2001 crop and wish to purchase 2001 NAP coverage, the final date is April 18, 2002.

We are receiving yields and rates almost daily for 2001 crops, and are in the process of completing forms for your 2001 NAP payments such as Native and Improved Grass, Baled or Grazed Sudex, then we encourage you to do so as soon as possible, but no later than April 18th. We would appreciate you calling for an appointment, so we will have your file ready when you come in.

Motley County's final planting date for NAP coverage for Sudex is June 30th. The Texas State FSA committee has determined that NAP coverage for crops following small grains will be the same as Federal Crop Insurance Corporation rules and ineligible for NAP coverage; (1) if you graze small grains past the pull-off date (March 15); (2) if a crop is planted following small grain acreage that is non-irrigated and a hay crop was harvested (including baled

small grains) and (3) a crop is planted following small grains that have reached the headed stage, unless the acreage is irrigated or adequate measures are taken to terminate the small grain crop prior to heading and less than 50 percent (50%) of the small grain plants have reached the heading stage. Any other acreage would be eligible for NAP coverage for spring-seeded crops.

May 15th is another important date. All small grains and Native and Improved Grass must be certified by this date. FSA is now required to reconcile their records with Risk Management (FCIS). If you have already certified your small grains and grass, please come by the office to verify that we have your small grains certified correctly, whether grazed out, or grazed and pulled-off for harvest or simply certified for grain. It is very important that our records agree with the information turned into your insurance agent. We encourage you to review your crop certification thoroughly before you sign your certification.

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Standard performance analysis beef workshop slated on May 7th

VERNON - Cow-calf producers can learn how to gauge their operation's production and financial performance at a May 7 Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) workshop at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center here, said a Texas A&M University economist.

"The goal of this workshop is to help cow-calf operators determine their current financial and production benchmarks," said Stan Bevers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist. "This is a working workshop. We will help participants generate and complete their own performance analyses."

"This exercise, and the information it generates, will help producers sustain or improve their operation in today's diverse beef economy and environment."

The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration costs \$100 per ranch or operation, and includes education materials, software, meals and refreshments.

"SPA lets ranchers compare their operation's performance between years, to that of other producers or operations, by production region and across production systems," Bevers added. "This workshop will enable ranchers to complete a SPA for their 2001 calf crop."

"Those who register will receive all the forms they need to organize their production and financial data before the workshop. All of this data remains confidential. We will provide an assistant and a computer to help each participant generate their own SPA. We also will hold individual conferences with each participant to interpret the results of their SPA."

"It is important to register early, so we can advise you on how to organize the production and financial data necessary for your analysis," Bevers said.

To register, or to obtain more information on the workshop, contact Bevers at (940)552-9941.

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Every year in March we celebrate National Ag Week - a time for people across the country to take note of the essential role agriculture plays in their lives. This year, Ag Week is from March 17 to 23. Let's all give thanks to the farmers and ranchers - some 194,000 in Texas alone - who continue to produce what is expected of them, even as our nation's spirit is challenged by tough times at home and overseas.

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Customer Notice

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Cap Rock or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) seeking approval to implement minor rate changes to residential and business Monthly Local Exchange Access Line Service, Pay Telephone Access Service, Rotary Service, and PBX Trunk Service. In addition, Cap Rock proposes to bundle its residence and business Monthly Local Exchange Access Line Service rates and Tone Dialing charges. Residential customers who presently do not have Tone Dialing Service and who currently pay \$7.10 in Dickens, Matador, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges will pay \$7.80 until the customer(s) move or change service. Cap Rock also proposes to remove Outside Base Rate Area charges and Key System Service from its tariff. Current Key System Service customers will be moved to Rotary Service since these two services are technologically similar, and those Key System Service customers who are moving to Rotary Service will see a rate decrease. The proposed effective date for the proposed rate changes is July 1, 2002 for all exchanges served by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue decrease recognized by the Cooperative is \$41,193 for the first year of service, which is 1% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues.

Current and proposed rates are:

	Current Rates			Proposed Rates **		
	(1)	(2)	(3)**	(1)	(2)	(3)**
Residence	\$ 7.90	\$ 8.90	\$ 7.10	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.65
Tone Dialing	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Business	12.50	14.00	18.35	21.50	13.75	13.75
Tone Dialing	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
Rotary Access	17.50	19.00	-	-	19.00	19.00
PBX Trunk	26.10	27.60	29.40	34.55	27.60	27.60

(1) Afton and Flomot Exchanges
(2) Dry Lake, Girard, Hackmont, Jayton, Peacock, Spur, Verbena, and White River Exchanges
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(4) Paducah Exchange

* Proposed residence and business rates include Tone Dialing charges
** Current residence customers who presently do not have Tone Dialing will pay \$7.80

	Current Rate (1)	Proposed Rate (1)
Pay Telephone Service	\$22.15	\$22.10

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	Current Rate		Proposed Rate	
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Outside Base Rate Area	\$ 2.00	-	Remove	-
Key Access Service *	22.00	25.50	19.00	19.00

(1) Matador and Quitaque Exchanges
(2) Dickens, Roaring Springs, and Turkey Exchanges
(3) Paducah Exchange
* Existing Key Access Service customers will move to Rotary Service and will pay the lower Rotary Service rate of \$19.00.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact the Cooperative at P.O. Box 300, Spur, TX 79370-0300 or call (800) 692-4242 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the application is available for inspection at the address listed above. The Commission has assigned Tariff Control Number 25636 to this application. Persons who wish to formally participate in the Commission's proceedings concerning this application, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or reach the Commission's toll free number through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2988. Requests to participate in the proceedings and comments should reach the Commission no later than May 31, 2002. If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this application signed by the lesser of 5% or 1,500 of the affected local service customers to which this application applies by May 31, 2002, the application will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of the complaint(s).

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 Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about the quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided, may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission within thirty days from the time you read this notice, and must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:
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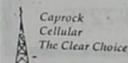
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