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A Look
Back
Call

MARCH 16, 1950

FFA Team to Enter State Competition

"Matador chapter farm demonstration team, composed of Kenneth Dunning, Jerry Edwards and Bobby Johnson, recently won second place in FFA area competition, and this weekend will go to Sam Houston State Teachers' College, Huntsville, where they will enter the state contests as representatives of this section."

Crowell to Invade Roaring Springs Baseball Diamond

"Trying their teeth on the tough ones, Roaring Springs Yellowjackets will open the baseball season Friday (March 17, 3 p.m.) when they meet the Crowell class A Wildcats on the Roaring Springs diamond. Altho the yellowjackets will field a team composed mostly of last year's district championship players, tough-sliding is expected against the Wildcats."

Around Town

News Briefs of Area Events

First Baptist Church will host Youth Banquet March 26th

First Baptist Church of Matador will host a Youth Banquet in the fellowship hall of the church on Sunday, March 26. All local students, grades 7-12, are invited to the informal event, which will honor all 2000 Motley County seniors. A simple meal will be served, followed by a program to be presented by "The Way," a youth drama troupe from First Baptist Church, Crosbyton.

Students wishing to attend the banquet should contact Mrs. Ewing at school as soon as possible. "The Way" will also share a short presentation in the 11:00 a.m. worship service that morning.

4-H Style Show set for March 21

The Motley County 4-H Style Show will be held Tuesday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room at the School.

Door prizes will be given and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chamber Board to meet March 16

The Motley County Chamber Board will meet Thursday, March 16 for their monthly meeting. They will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Boardroom. The meeting announced for March 9 was postponed.

Anyone having any business to bring to the Chamber, please attend this meeting. We welcome any suggestions to help promote and improve the economy of Motley County.

Commissioners adopt ban on burning

The Motley County Commissioners' Court adopted a ban on outdoor burning when they met in regular session, Monday, March 13. The court was unanimous in prohibition of outdoor burning for all unincorporated areas of Motley County for the duration of the outdoor burning ban.

The following Emergency Order was filed with the Office of the Motley County Clerk on Tuesday.

EMERGENCY ORDER

March 13, 2000

PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with provision of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Motley County, Texas for the duration of the above mentioned declaration;

(1) Actions Prohibited:
A person violates this order if he burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

(2) Enforcement:
(a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and/or extinguish the fire.
(b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.

(c) If in the opinion of the officer at the scene and/or the Fire Chief, the goal of the order can be attained by informing the responsible party about the prohibitions established by this order, the officer may, at his own discretion, notify the party about the provisions of this order and request compliance with it. In such instances, an entry of the time, date and place of the warning, and the name of the person receiving the warning.

(3) At the discretion of the peace officer and/or Fire Chief, second or flagrant violations of this order may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be influenced by any duly-commissioned peace officer and that the venue for prosecution of this order will be County Court, Motley County, Texas.

In other business, the court approved the minutes of the February 14th meeting. All bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Reports were approved from the Treasurer, Tax Assessor/Collector, Justice of the Peace, County Agent and Library.

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School Board offers contracts to teachers and coaches

The Motley County ISD board of trustees met Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. for their regular meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Bob Hand, and Betty Stevens.

Local residents Douglas Campbell, Janie Campbell, Carolyn Ewing, Reneigh Burns, Judy Renfro, Yolanda Kautz, Francis Brandon, Donna Hoyle, Shelley Cox, and Chelsea Read were present for open forum. Carolyn Ewing explained to the board that Motley County ISD staff had met and decided that different staff members had volunteered to attend each board meeting, and report back to the entire staff, board actions. Judy Renfro and Douglas

Campbell both expressed concerns about the girls' basketball program.

Mr. Hand gave the Principal's informational report, which consisted of a report on the attendance problems and enrollment.

Mr. Copp gave the Superintendent's informational report, which consisted of information about the district football and basketball schedules. Also an update was given on the tax appeal process that Navarro and Associates are working on for the District.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The expenditure report and financial statements were approved. The board also approved election judges for the May 6 school board election. They are as follows:

Precincts 1, 5, 6 - Fay Slover; Precinct 2 - Wilburn Martin; Precinct 3 - Betty Simpson; and Precinct 4 - Lea Peacock.

The Board set March 23 at 9:00 a.m. as the time to draw for board trustee positions on the ballot.

An early-out day and Algebra I-IV waivers were approved. Textbook titles for adoption, beginning for the school year 2001, were approved.

The Board discussed possible track repairs and decided to advertise for bids to repair the track.

The tabled item from the February meeting concerning school auditor for the 1999-2000 school year was discussed. It was decided to leave

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STOCK SHOW FANS — Maegan Jameson, front, and Shelby Elliott, both 2, really enjoyed the Stock Show held last Saturday. They were climbing the fence for a better view when this picture was snapped. Maegan is the daughter of Brad and Mindy Jameson and Shelby is the daughter of Shawn and Shonda Elliott, all of Matador. For Stock Show pictures and results see pages 4 and 5.

Motley County students to present contest play

Motley County High School theater arts students will present this year's contest play, THE BEGGAR'S OPERA, Monday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. The play is the story of beggars in 18th century England who are putting on a play to earn a little money. This "play within a play" is comic and is well played by our Motley County students.

The play features 15 cast members:
Dusty Jackson as Peachum; Llan

Barkley as Mrs. Peachum; Leigha Burns as Polly Peachum; Brandon Lee as Filch; Jerod Rieger as Lockit; Charity Bartlett as Lucy Lockit; Benjamin Ridgley as MacHeath; Shawn Marvel as Jem; Brant Donaldson as Ned; Skylar Clifton as Matt; LeAnnra Wallace as Dolly; Kember Everett as Jenny; Candace Rieger as Ms. Coaxer; Courtney Hays as Ms. Slammekin; and Chooch Meyer as Ben.

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Matador City Council hires secretary

The Matador City Council hired Linda Perryman of Roaring Springs as the new City Secretary when they met for their regular meeting, Thursday, March 9. Although Mrs. Perryman now resides in Roaring Springs, she has agreed to move to Matador as soon as housing is available.

All council members were

present for the meeting. Also attending were City Secretary Seven Alexander and City Water Manager Steve Barton.

In other business, Council approved the minutes from the previous meeting and all bills were approved.

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Local firefighters respond to Floydada fire

Historical Church heavily damaged

County firefighters were called to assist the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, March 12, when flames and smoke engulfed the Floydada First Baptist Church.

Reportedly the fire broke out about 4:30. Flames leaped as high as 50 or 60 feet said Mayor Bobby Gilliland. A crowd of about 500 people watched helplessly as the 1928 landmark burned. Smoke was visible from as far as 15 miles from Floydada.

An automobile dealership nearby was forced to remove about 75 cars as the flaming debris from a possible explosion ignited two cars and the roof of Oden's Chevrolet. Debris fell

in front of the courthouse, two blocks north of the fire. Several Floydada firefighters were treated for smoke inhalation and one for a heart ailment.

Although Motley County volunteer firemen in full gear rushed equipment and help to their fellow firefighters, an estimated two-thirds of the block-long, three-story church was a total loss, with only the brick walls left standing. The newer sanctuary portion was saved, all be it smoke and water damaged.

The ruins were still smoldering Monday evening, and investigators were unable to pinpoint the exact

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Motley County voter turnout good

Precinct I elects new commissioner

Democratic Results:

Presidential nominee:	Votes:
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	31
Bill Bradley	104
Al Gore	105

United States Senator:	Votes:
Gene Kelly	68
H. Gerald Bintliff	16
Don Clark	44
Charles Gandy	28
Bobby Wightman	23

United States Representative, Dist. 13:	Votes:
Curtis Clinesmith	172

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals:

Bill Vance	180
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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2:

William R. Barr	174
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State Representative, District 85:

James E. "Pete" Laney	274
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District Attorney, 110th Judicial District:

Becky Bybee McPherson	233
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County Attorney:

Tempie Hutton	256
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Sheriff:

James "Jim" Meador	316
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County Tax Assessor/Collector:

Jo Elaine Hart	339
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County Chairman:

Ruth Lee	284
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Precinct Chairman, Precinct No. 3:

Betty Simpson	172
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Precinct Chairman, Precinct No. 4:

Lea Peacock	112
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Motley County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

Ronnie Davis	111
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Motley County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:

John M. "Sonny" Russell	58
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Motley County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:

Carter Luckett	39
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Motley County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:

Franklin Jameson	90
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TOTAL VOTERS:

REPUBLICAN - 56
DEMOCRATIC - 384

Republican Results

Presidential Nominee:	Votes:
George W. Bush	53
Steve Forbes	0
Charles Bass Urban	0
Orrin G. Hatch	0
Gary Bauer	0
Alan Keyes	2
John McCain	1

United States Senator:	Votes:
Kay Bailey Hutchinson	51

United States Representative, Dist. 13:	Votes:
Mac Thornberry	52
David G. Morris	2

Railroad Commissioner:

Charles R. Matthews	35
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Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term:

Michael L. Williams	34
Andy Draughn	7

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1:

Nathan Hecht	25
Valorie W. Davenport	16

Justice Supreme Court, Place 2:

Priscilla Owen	34
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Justice Supreme Court, Place 3:

Rod E. Gorman	27
Al Gonzales	15

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals:

Sharon Keller	16
Connie J. Kelley	0
Tom Price	15
J. Gary Trichter	5

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1:

Guy Williams	10
John Boston	2
Tom Greenwell	10
Alan Curry	6
Charles Holcomb	6

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2:

Sally L. Ray	7
Barbara Parker Hervey	11
Jim Wallace	9
W.B. "Bennie" House	5
Pat Barber	4

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals Dist., Pl. 1

Deborah Smith McClure	17
Brian Quinn	22

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals Dist., Pl. 2

Unexpired:	
Don H. Reavis	25

Proposition 1:

Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?	
Yes	48
No	2



My heart and prayers go out this week to the citizens of Floydada, especially the members and friends of the First Baptist Church. What a devastating loss. I, as probably some of you, have memories of that church. As a teen, I attended many youth programs at the church, piano recitals, and other church activities. The church was beautiful, a historical part of Floydada, Floyd County and this area. I know the loss has been such a heartache.

You've heard of a 'wild goose chase'. Well, Jim and I went on a 'wild turkey chase' on Monday afternoon. Jim, knowing how I am always looking for a great picture for the paper, called to say that there was a big flock of wild turkeys crossing the street just down from the fire hall. He came by, picked me up, and we began our chase. By the time I grabbed my camera and ran out the door to begin the chase, the dogs had spotted the birds. They had already ran the big flock down the creek and into the woods. There was only one left, a lost turkey, running around like a 'chicken with his head cut off,' looking for his fellow birds.

So, I missed the great photo opportunity, but did snap one shot of the lost turkey.

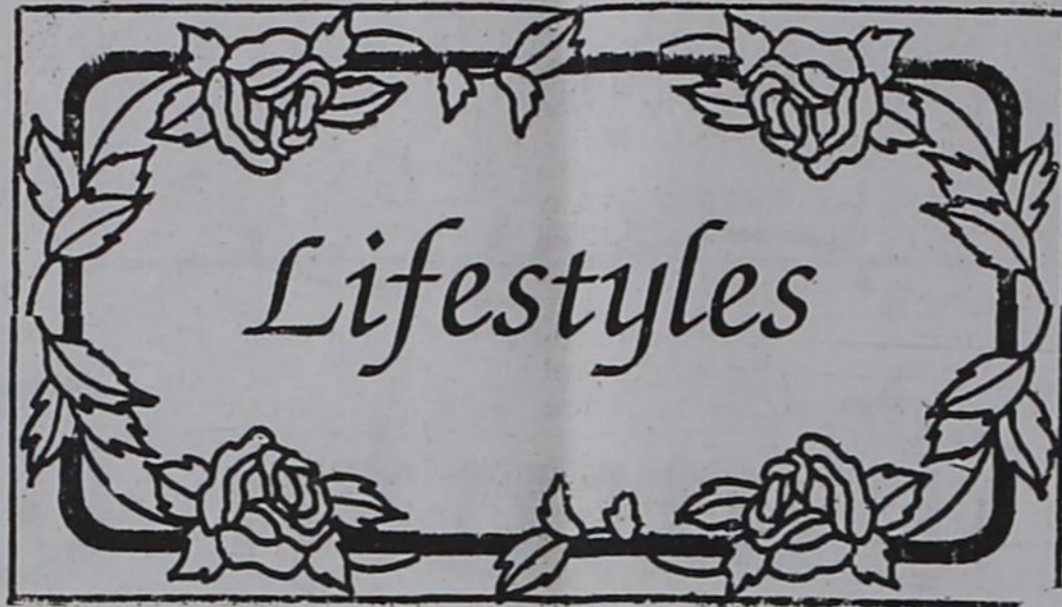
The Stock Show seemed to be a success. And the best thing was that the day was absolutely beautiful! I don't think I remember more pleasant weather for the Stock Show. It's usually freezing, raining, snowing or all of the above. I most enjoy watching the little kids in the PeeWee Show. They're so cute! Some of them are smaller than the pigs they're chasing, and I do mean chasing. I think the pigs are more frightened of them than the kids are of the pigs. Anyway

it's real cute!
Congratulations to all the winners! They all showed their animals well. And there were really some good looking animals.

Can you believe it's already Spring Break! It just seems like school started! The class of 2000 will be graduating soon. My nephew is a member of that class. My little 6'2" nephew! It just seems like yesterday that he was a white-haired little runt running around picking on everybody. They grow up so fast!

Speaking of school, my little 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter already goes to school two days a week. She just loves it, and it amazes me how smart she is. She counts to 20 without blinking an eye and says her ABC's like she's always known them. She sings several songs all the way through. The cutest part is when she tells you about 'her manners.' It's really astonishing what a child can learn at such an early age. Makes me think that my age group must have been a dumb group of kids when we started first grade. There wasn't kindergarten when I started school. The mind of a child is like a magnet. They attract knowledge so easily. It makes you wonder what our future will be like. With the technology we have now, and the rate of speed that it is being developed, and with our children being so smart, there's no telling what we will have in the next 20 years.

But there's nothing to replace the wonderful excitement on the look of a small child when they learn something new or to hear my little granddaughter when she says, "Meme, I learned my manners." And especially when she says, "Meme, you sing Jesus Loves Me with me?"



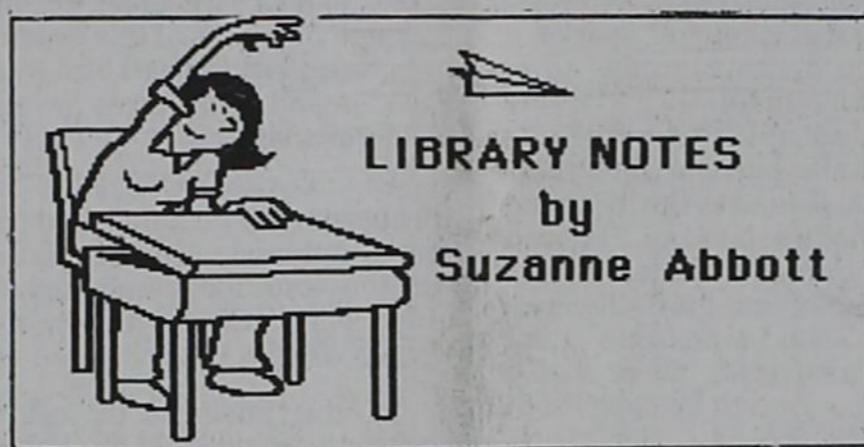
Library to host special presentation

Grace Campbell and Beverly Vinson will present a program entitled "Why the DAR, the DRT, and the UDC?" This presentation will be at the Motley County Library, Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. The program will be first in a series that will deal with the three organizations: The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Vinson will address the purpose that these organizations serve in the nation, state, and community. At future programs, membership requirements

will be explained and help in filling out the application forms will be available.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Vinson are both members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Campbell is also a member of the Colonial Dames and Mrs. Vinson is a Daughter of the Republic of Texas. They are active in the organizations and are quite capable of helping others become members. This series of programs is sponsored by the Motley County Genealogical and Historical Society, and anyone with an interest in these organizations is cordially invited to attend this program.



Today, Thursday, Georgia Witcher, Lea Peacock and I have gone to an Advanced Genealogy Workshop for librarians in Lubbock. We thank Ruby McGuire and Patricia Green for keeping the Library open today.

We also appreciate the donation to the Library by Wilson Barton. Thank you, Mr. Barton, for your thoughtfulness.

The Molly Goodnight program was wonderful! A lot of people worked hard to make it happen. I want to thank D.A. McGuire, Kenneth Abbott, Charles Keith, Charley Johnson, Ruby McGuire and Patricia Green for setting up the Library and then for taking everything down again and hauling chairs. I also appreciate the hard work that Gerri Jones did to make the serving table pretty and to carry out the Texas theme. All the ladies (and one gentleman) who brought cookies - you are great cooks. We have never had such an offering of goodies at the Library. Thanks to Marihelen Wason, Jeanette Case, Betty Moore, and Deb

Spray for staying and cleaning up the dishes and the kitchen area. Thanks also to Beverly Vinson, Ruby McGuire and Marihelen Wason for helping me with registration.

I enjoyed seeing so many faces in the Library that Sunday. Come by and see the photographs that Patricia and I took. We caught most of you having fun! We also thank Carla Meador and the staff at the Motley County Tribune for the wonderful news coverage that the Goodnight event was given.

We have new books arriving at the Library every week. During these windy March days, the best thing to do is stay inside and read. Come by and get one of our new books.



Misty Smith & Bobby Fritzier

Wedding Plans Announced

LaNita Perryman of Roaring Springs would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her son, Bobby Wayne Fritzier, to Misty Dawn Smith of Spur. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Spur. Misty is the daughter of Kenneth and Karla Taylor of Spur. All friends of the couple are invited to attend. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Couple exchanges marriage vows in Las Vegas ceremony

Lori Whatley and Stephen Lynn Davis, both of Dalhart, were married Sunday, February 20, 2000 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple also spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas.

Lori is the daughter of Mrs. Paulette Carroll of Dalhart and Mr. Van Tom Whatley of Alice, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chance of Borger, Texas, and Mrs. Deidra Whatley and the late Tommy Whatley of Big Spring, Texas. Stephen is the son of Mrs.

Daphene Lynn-Edwards of Montgomery, Texas, and the late Jack Davis of Hale Center. He is the grandson of Mr. W.J. Davis and the late Oleta Davis of Hale Center, the late Lonzo and Elsie Lynn of Matador, and Jake and Marguerite Edwards of Matador.

The couple reside at 1906 Cherokee in Dalhart. Lori is employed with Coon Memorial Hospital and Stephen is employed by Fairchild Farm and Cattle Insurance Co.

Thank you for reading the

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Our Confidence



Someone has said that the Bible is like a Lion. A Lion does not need to be defended. All one has to do is to turn him loose and he will defend himself. And so it is with God's Word as we are told in Isaiah 55:11. God's Word is so powerful that it will do what God wants accomplished. It just needs to be turned loose.

Our confidence ought not to be in our own abilities but rather in the ability of God's Word. Yes, the Christian's confidence ought to soar every time he or she realizes the dynamic reality that a few words spoken from his or her mouth has the power to lead a person to salvation in Jesus Christ.

It does not matter if our education is basic, or that our speech patterns reflect our geographic birthplace. It does not matter even if the words come stammering out of our mouths. It is not an individual that convicts a person's heart. It is the Word of God that convicts the heart. God's Word is our confidence. We need to learn to "turn it loose." It will find root in the fertile, honest heart.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96 FM

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

Spring Break SPECIALS

SALES TO CELEBRATE SPRING



Infant & Children's Hanging Clothes
30% off
Wrangler Long-sleeve SHIRTS
30% off

Matador Variety

Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:30 a.m. March 20, 2000

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters
East U.S. Highway 70
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 27, 2000. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 2000. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2000

District 2	
Harold Bertrand RR 2 Box 65 Floydada, Texas 79235	Leslie Nixon RR 4 Box 165 Floydada, Texas 79235
District 5	
Randy Bennett RR 2 Plainview, Texas 79072	Charles Huffman RR 1 Box 145 Lockney, Texas 79241
District 8	
Milton Beasley RR 2 Box 124 Memphis, Texas 79245	Tom Cope 821 N. 17th Street Memphis, Texas 79245

All-District basketball teams announced

All-District honors have been announced for District 15A Basketball. Eight Motley County girls and six boys have received this prestigious honor.

Julie Shipman and Krissy Shipman of Guthrie were named Co-MVP's for the girls.
Named to the First Team were Denise Shannon and Rebecca Morris,

both Juniors at Motley County High School. Others in this district named to the first team were Sara Kirchoffer, Senior, Silvertown; Chelsey Cherry, Soph., Silvertown; Michelle Clark, Senior, Guthrie; Ashley Pettiet, Junior, Guthrie; and Emily Pierce, Soph., Patton Springs.

Anna Christy, Senior; Shandra Jones and Courtney Hays, Sophomores, were named to the Second Team. Others named to this team were Taylor Griffen, Jr., Silvertown; Lisa Comer, Sr., Silvertown; Angie Ferguson, Jr., Guthrie; and Amber Atkinson, Sr., Patton Springs.

Receiving Honorable Mention were Kember Everett and Miranda Palmer, Seniors, and Ashley Stevens, Junior, Motley County.

Seth Lee, a Senior at Guthrie High School, was named MVP for the boys' team.

Named to the First Team were Sean Rose and Brant Donaldson, Seniors, and Benjamin Ridgley, Junior, Motley County. Also named to this team were Nathan Francis, Sr., Silvertown; Isiah Ivory, Jr., Silvertown; and Carl Stiley, Sr., Patton Springs.

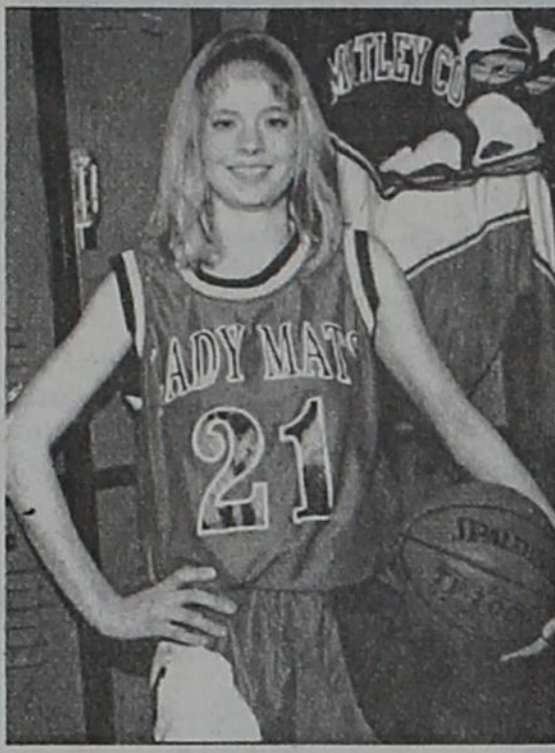
Receiving Honorable Mention were Ryan Moore, Senior, and Chris Paul, Junior, Motley County.



DENISE SHANNON



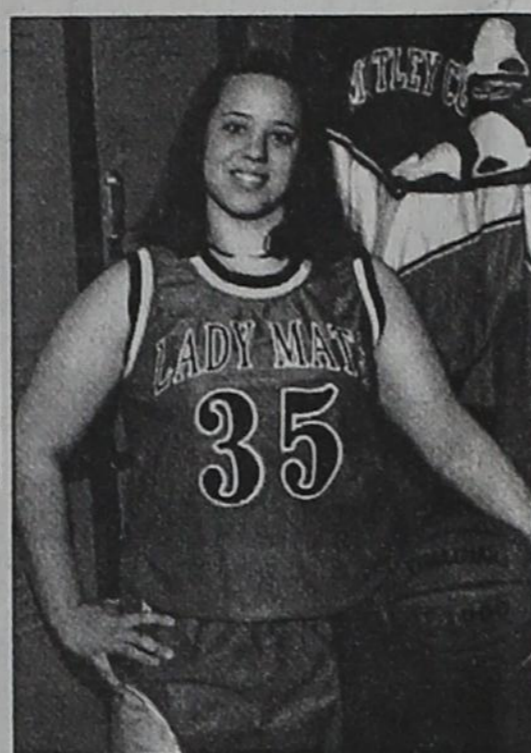
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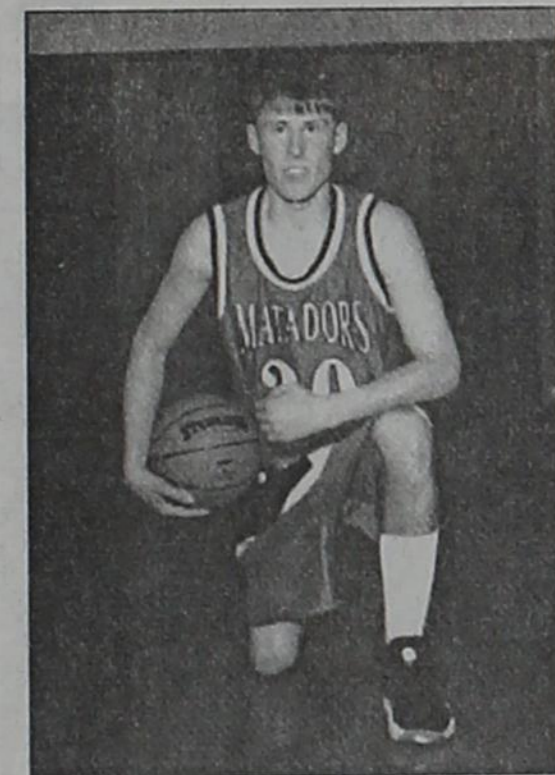
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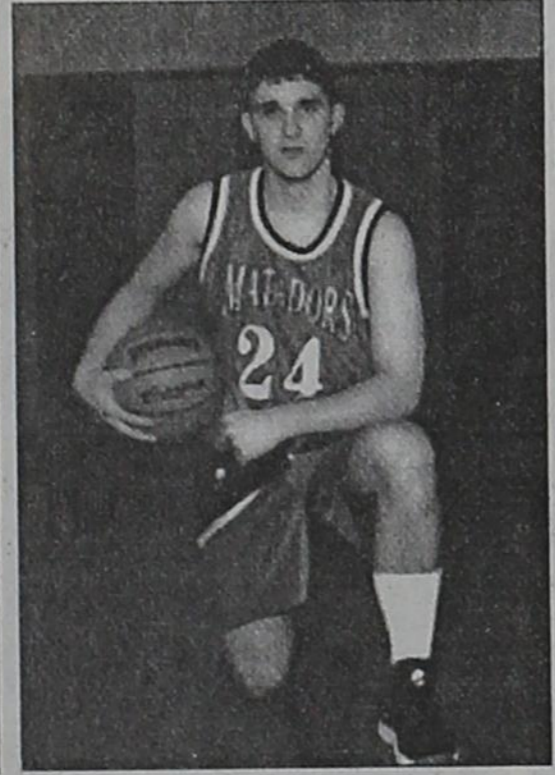
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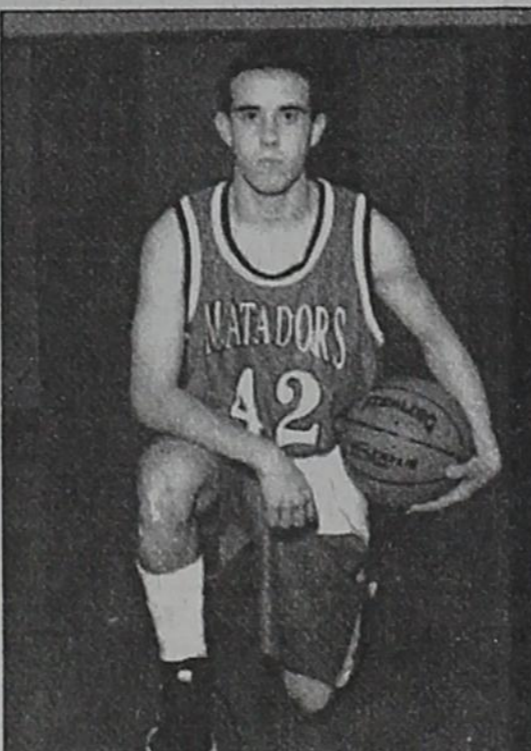
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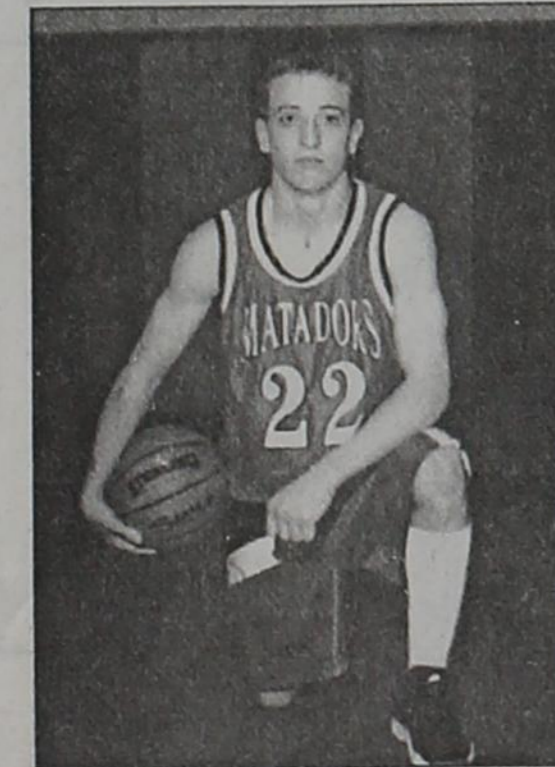
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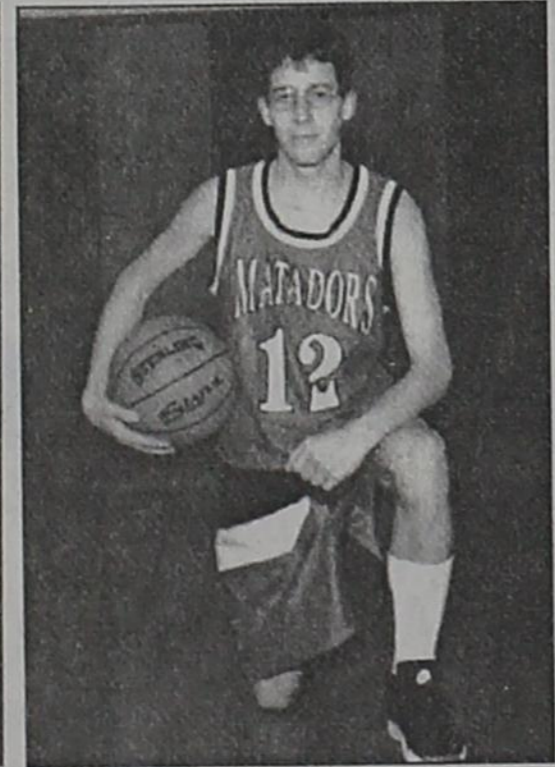
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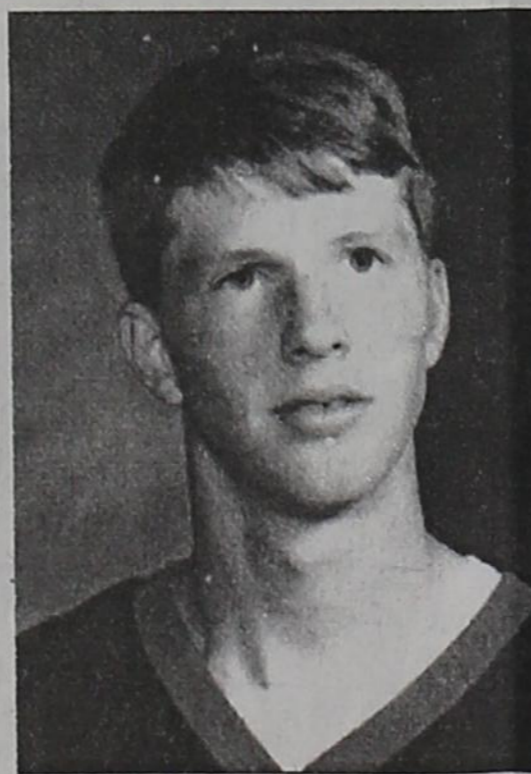
BENJAMIN RIDGLEY



CASEY LAWRENCE



RYAN MOORE



CHRIS PAUL

Elementary, Jr. High UIL competes at District Meet

JR. HIGH

Nineteen seventh and eighth graders went to Silvertown on March 9 to compete in the District UIL Academic Meet. The following students placed in the events listed.

8TH GRADE:

Dumont Darsey - 3rd Dictionary Skills; 5th Listening; 6th Maps, Graphs and Charts; 3rd Oral Reading; 3rd Ready Writing; 4th Science; 1st Spelling.

Angela Marvel - 5th Listening. Susana Mendoza - 4th Number Sense; 3rd Spelling.

Mandi Ream - 6th Ready Writing. Lorenzo Salazar - 5th Calculators; 5th Mathematics; 6th Number Sense.

7TH GRADE:

Kittie Campbell - 2nd Impromptu Speaking; 5th Ready Writing; 2nd Spelling.

Clay Cooper - 3rd Oral Reading; 2nd Science.

Cody Cooper - 1st Listening; 6th Science.

Annie Green - 2nd Dictionary Skills; 2nd Maps, Graphs and Charts;

3rd Ready Writing; 1st Spelling. Emily Hurt - 4th Calculators; 6th Ready Writing; 2nd Science.

Veronica Mendoza - 1st Mathematics; 1st Number Sense.

Brittany Moore - 5th Listening; 3rd Spelling.

John Stevens - 5th Calculators; 5th Maps, Graphs and Charts; 6th Mathematics.

Also attending the UIL contest were Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Sabrina Osborn, Charli Ream, Joel Rieger and Quinten Rose.

All of these students deserve the community's praise. They had to compete against their classmates to make the teams that went to Silvertown. At Silvertown they gave good effort and represented MCJH very well.

ELEMENTARY

After working very hard to qualify to participate in the elementary UIL contests, forty-one elementary students went to Silvertown for District competition. The following students placed in the events listed.

6TH GRADE

Chance Bingham - 3rd Calculators; 4th Oral Reading.

Cody Byrd - 6th Mathematics; 3rd Music Memory.

Lupe Gonzalez - 3rd Music Memory.

Ashley Green - 4th Maps, Graphs & Charts; 2nd Ready Writing; 2nd Spelling.

Matthew Martin - 4th Listening; 6th Number Sense.

Jose Martinez - 6th Dictionary Skills.

Sonya Martinez - 4th Calculators; 5th Listening.

Colton Russell - 3rd Music Memory.

5TH GRADE

Rachael Bartlett - 5th Listening.

Chicagra Brown - 6th Listening; 6th Oral Reading.

Kasha Denny - 3rd Art.

Fannin Gwinn - 3rd Art; 3rd Number Sense; 3rd Ready Writing.

Marc Henzler - 3rd Music Memory.

John Martin - 6th Listening.

Angelica Mendoza - 3rd Art; 6th Ready Writing.

Gene Salazar - 3rd Art; 3rd Music Memory.

4TH GRADE

Isiah Archer - 3rd Art.

Danielle Ho-Gland - 3rd Art; 3rd Music Memory.

Malcomb O'Daniel - 3rd Music Memory.

Stacy Perryman - 3rd Art; 3rd Music Memory.

Savannah Rose - 3rd Art; 2nd Number Sense.

Christy Smith - 3rd Oral Reading; 5th Spelling.

3RD GRADE

Andrew Davila - 5th Storytelling.

Cade Luckett - 3rd Music Memory; 6th Storytelling.

Laura Martinez - 3rd Music Memory.

Justin Todd - 4th Storytelling.

2ND GRADE

Gavin Luckett - 6th Oral Reading.

Eric Simpson - 1st Oral Reading; 6th Storytelling.

Also attending the UIL contest were Tamra Ashley, Bradley Brown, Michael Brown, Samantha Davila, Griselda Flores, Irene Flores, Mylissa Gilmore, Kayla Hollinsworth, Annie Hurt, John Martin, Chris McCarty, Shane'a Russell, Crystal Saenz and Hunter Smith.

All of these students deserve the community's praise. At Silvertown they gave good effort and represented Motley County Elementary School very well.

Brandon Lee competes at Regional Powerlifting Meet

Brandon Lee competed in the Regional Powerlifting Meet held in Sundown Saturday, March 11. Brandon tried very hard to successfully get to the State Powerlifting Meet. Only the top two individuals in each weight class qualify for State in Boy's Powerlifting.

Brandon placed fourth at Regionals with a total of 630 pounds. He squatted 225, benched 155, and deadlifted 250.

Brandon did not give up and tried to lift more than his maximums on his third lifts in order to improve his totals. The community should be proud of the effort Brandon gave and should congratulate him for a very successful season.

Motley County tracksters compete in Spur meet

When the front passed through on Friday, March 10, ten Motley County High School students were at the Spur Track Meet. Despite the wind, the cold, and the large number of competitors at the meet, our students did very well for their first track meet of the year.

In the Varsity Girls' division, Anna Christy placed second in the Shot Put with a put of 34'9" and placed third in the discus with a throw of 68'3 1/4".

Brenda Gillespie was fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 15:35.14 and ninth in the 1600 meter run. She was also a member of the seventh place 800 meter relay team and participated in the long jump.

Chasity Holman was a member of the seventh place 800 meter relay team, ran the 400 meter dash in 1:18, and participated in the shot put and discus.

Shandra Jones cleared 4'4" in the high jump, was a member of the seventh place 800 meter relay team, placed third in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 56.52 and ran the 110 meter hurdles in 20.18.

Denise Shannon ran the 100 meter dash in 14.79, was a member

of the seventh place 800 meter relay, placed fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 30.88, and jumped 12' 7 1/2" in the long jump.

Kelsi Wallace participated in the shot put and the discus.

In the JV Boys' division, Clint Cooper ran the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, threw the discus, jumped 14'3" in the long jump, and placed fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 32' 7".

Bo Long participated in the pole vault, long-jumped 13' 4", placed second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.29, and placed sixth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.38.

In the Varsity Boys' division, Scott Jones was fourth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:14.26, ran the 100 meter dash in 12.33, ran the 200 meter dash, and triple-jumped 32' 9 1/2".

Ben Ridgley was fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.13 and participated in the 200 meter dash.

Coach Bowles and Coach Steward were proud of the effort given by these ten athletes. They feel that these students will get better as the track season progresses.

Monday's performance, but donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Theater Arts Department hosts the Motley County Miss South Plains Pageant each fall and also presents a Christmas program in order to raise money for costumes and supplies. Costuming and accessorizing 15 students, however, is quite costly, so your generosity helps our department to function better. Mark your calendars for Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of fun and enjoyment.

*** Always try to look like a winner, even if you are behind. —Arthur Ashe ***

What's to Eat?

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pigs in Blankets, Potato Rounds, Veggie Sticks, Mandarin Orange, Milk, Jello.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Meat & Bean Chalupas, Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Tomato, Peach Cup, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Barbecue on a Bun, Pickle Spears, Corn Cobette, Apple, Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Cake, Milk.

Students to present play

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Crew members for this production include Vanessa Easter, Ashley Stevens, Ryan Moore and Kelsi Wallace. The director is Carroll Hays, assisted by Kelli Jackson.

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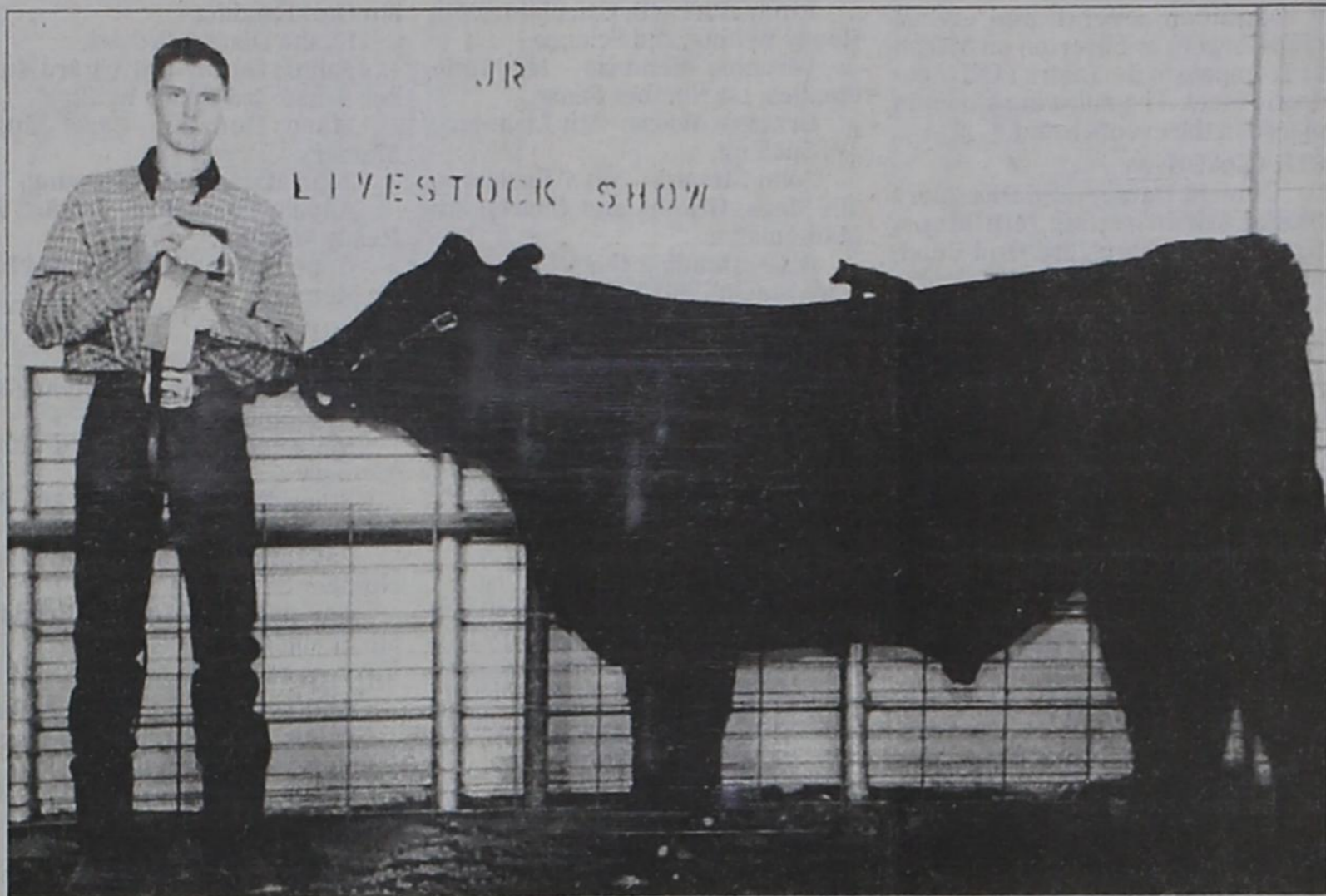
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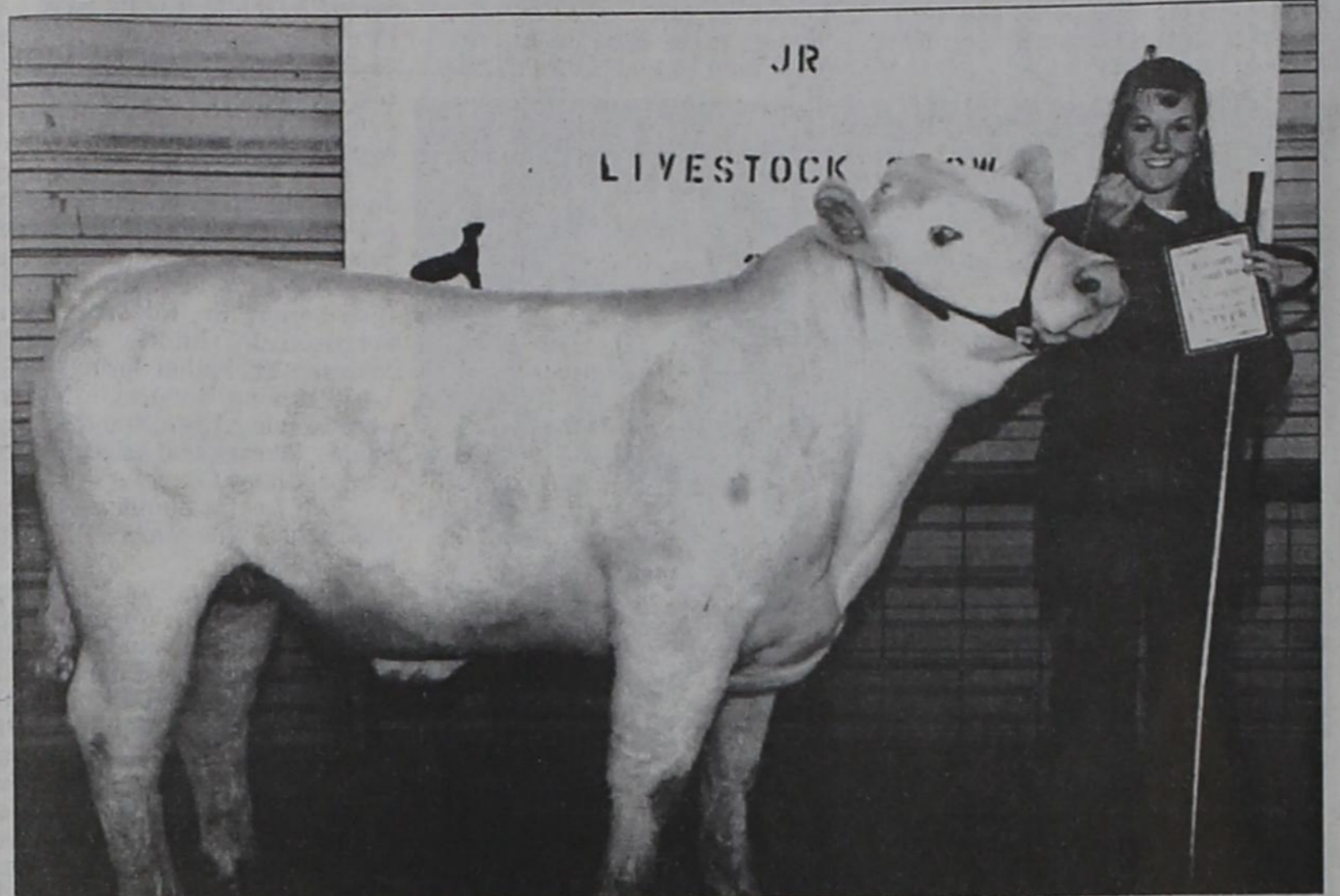
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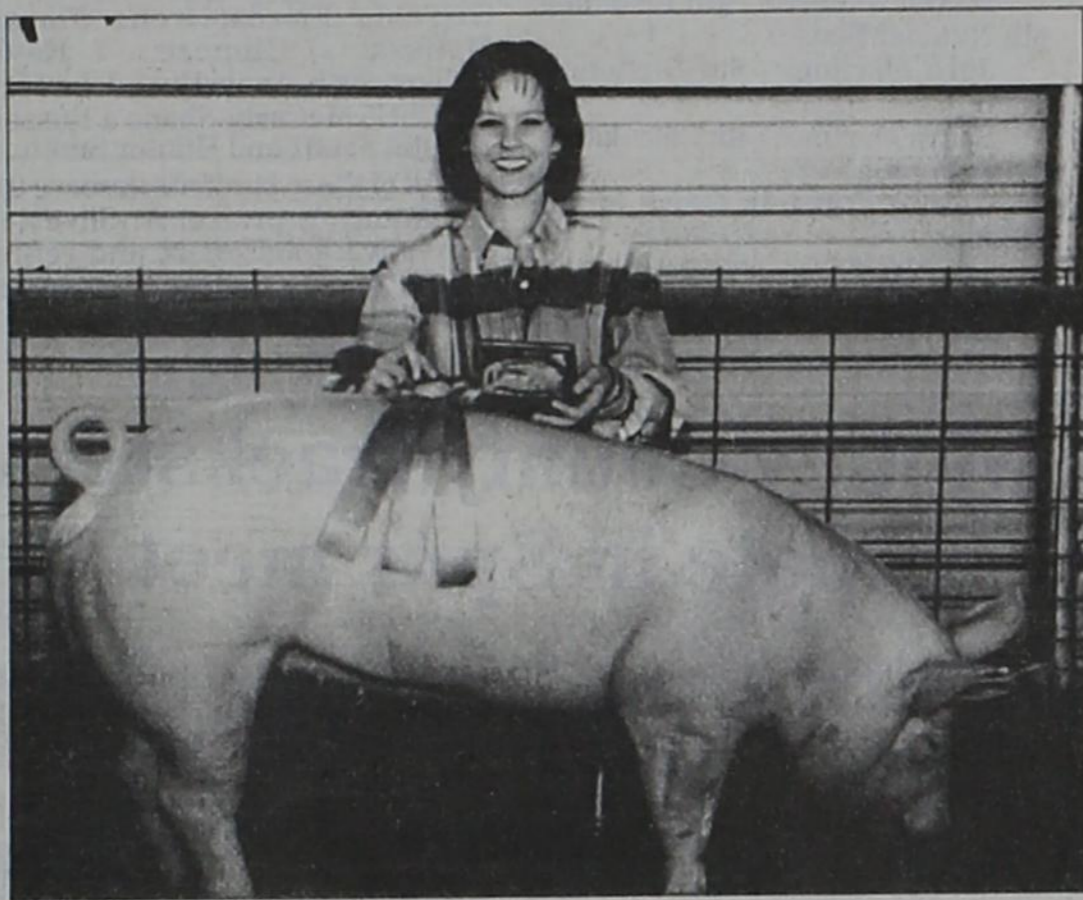
60th Annual Motley County Stock Show Winners



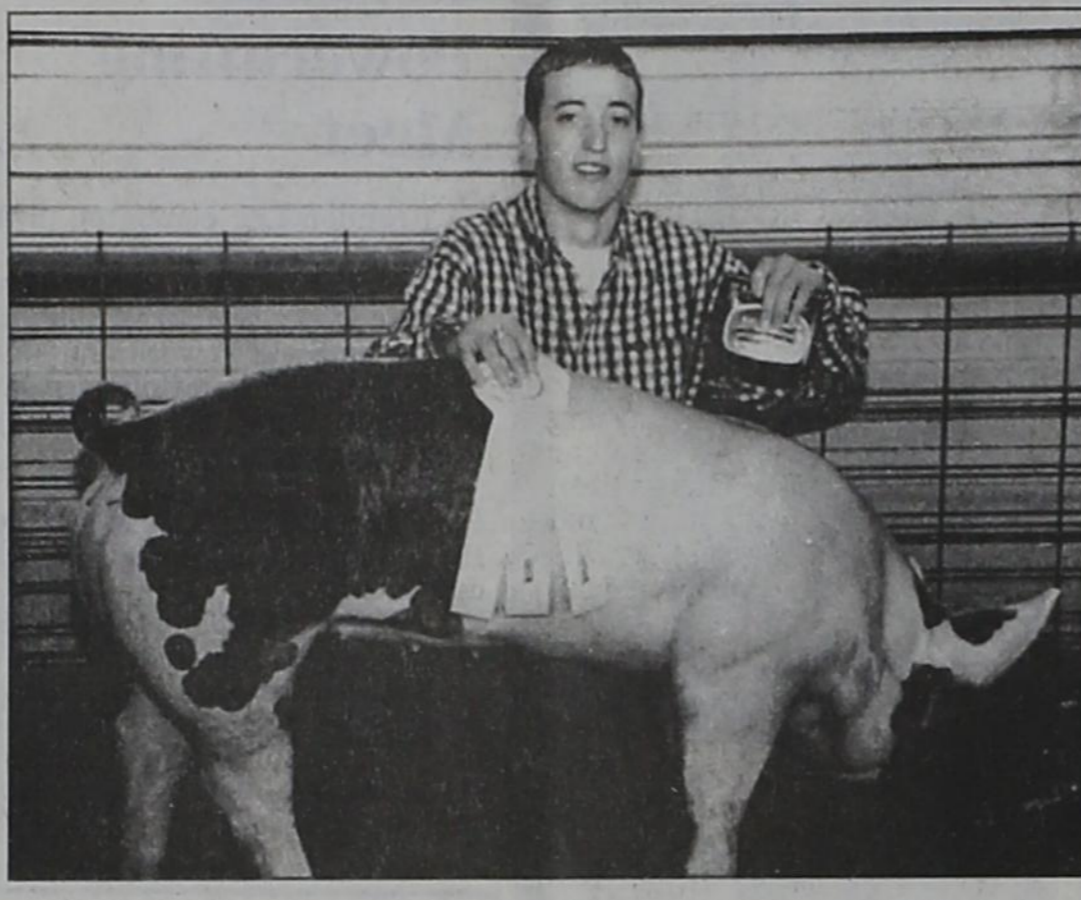
GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Todd Thomas took home the prize for showing the Grand Champion Steer at last Saturday's 60th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. Todd also received the Showmanship award in the Steer Division. Todd is the son of Richard and Darlene Thomas of Matador.



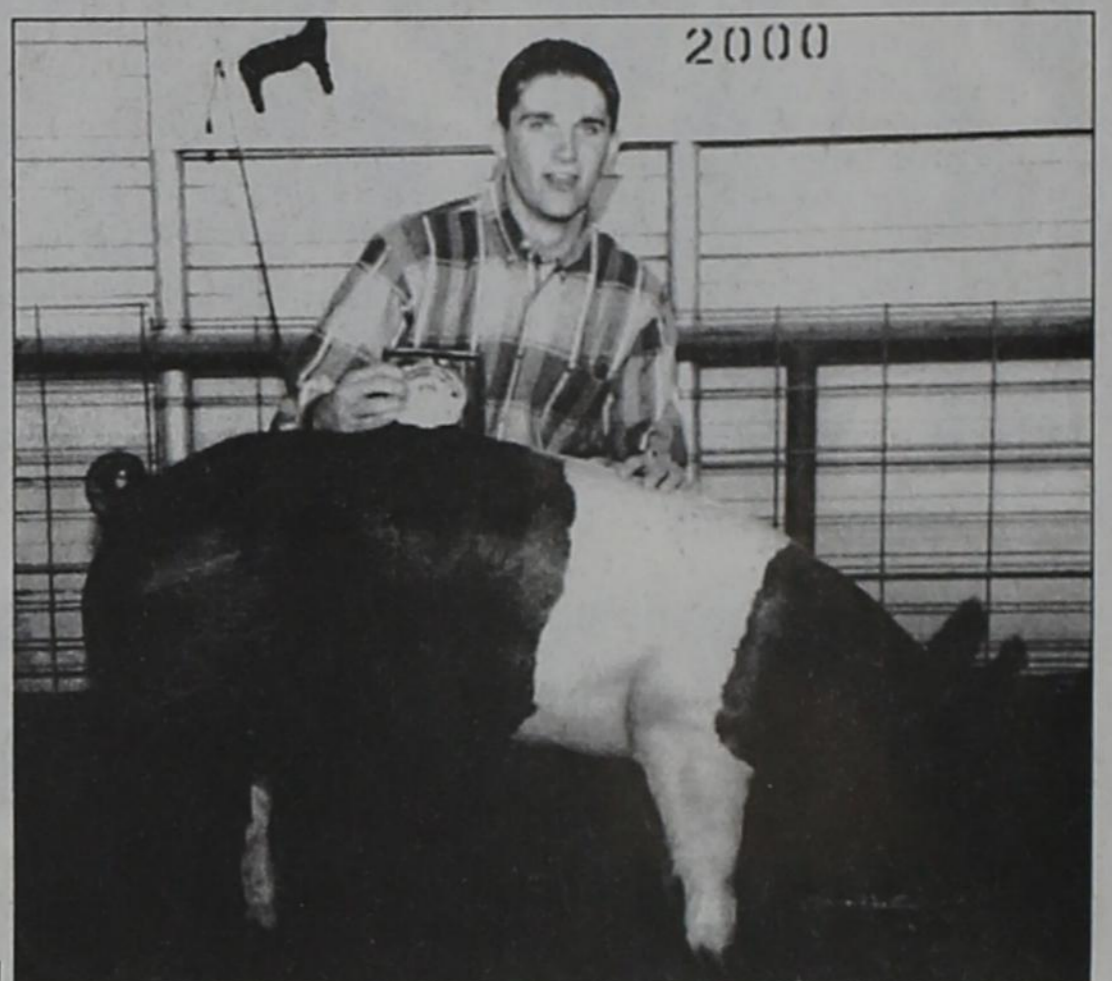
RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Janell Kilmer received the award for showing the Reserve Champion Steer at the Stock Show. She also received the Rate-of-Gain award. Janell is the daughter of Bob and Wanda Kilmer of Matador.



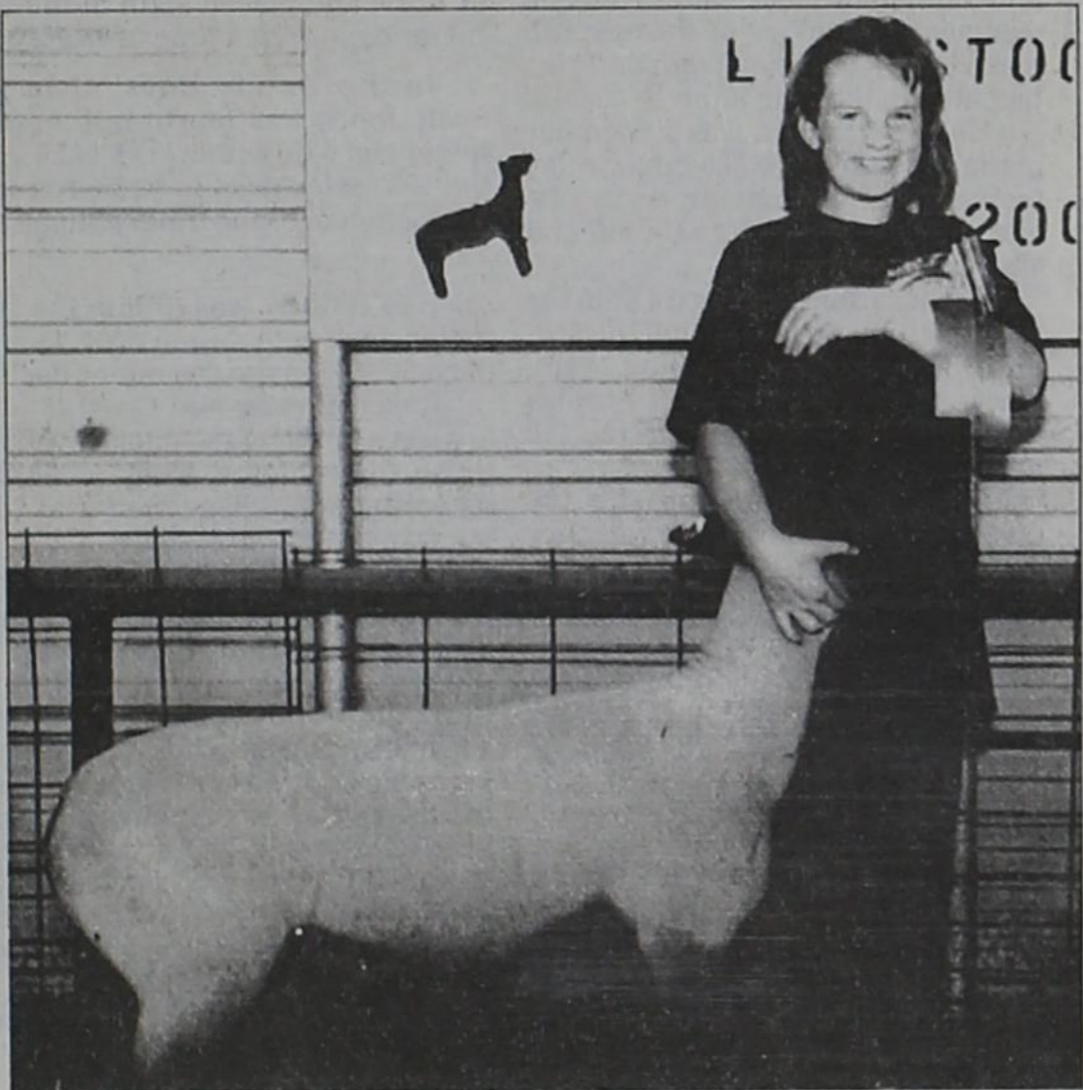
GRAND CHAMPION SWINE — Kayla Copp, daughter of Rick and Lana Copp of Matador, received the Grand Champion award for her pig.



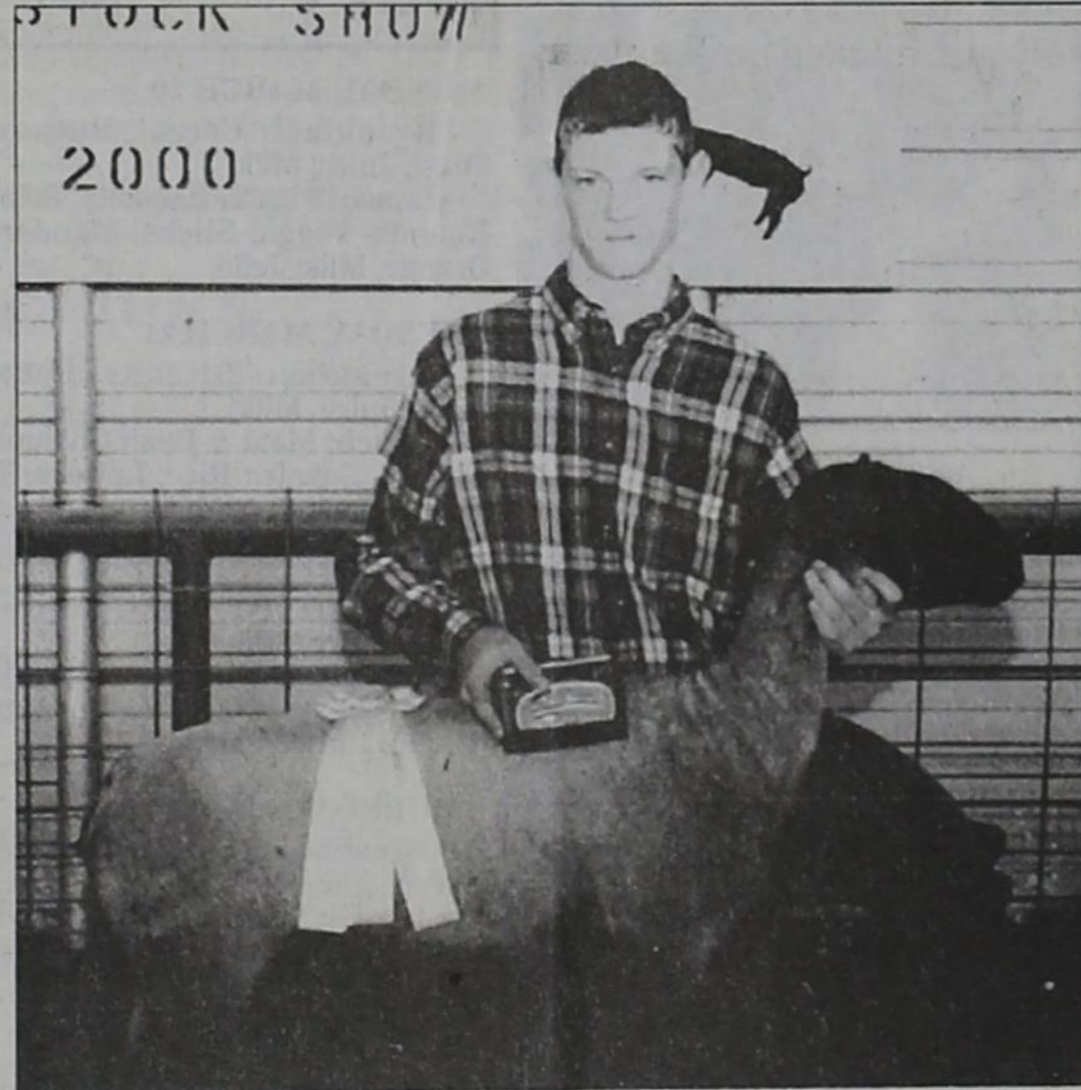
RESERVE CHAMPION SWINE — Casey Lawrence, son of Rickey and Naomi Lawrence of Matador, received the Reserve Champion award.



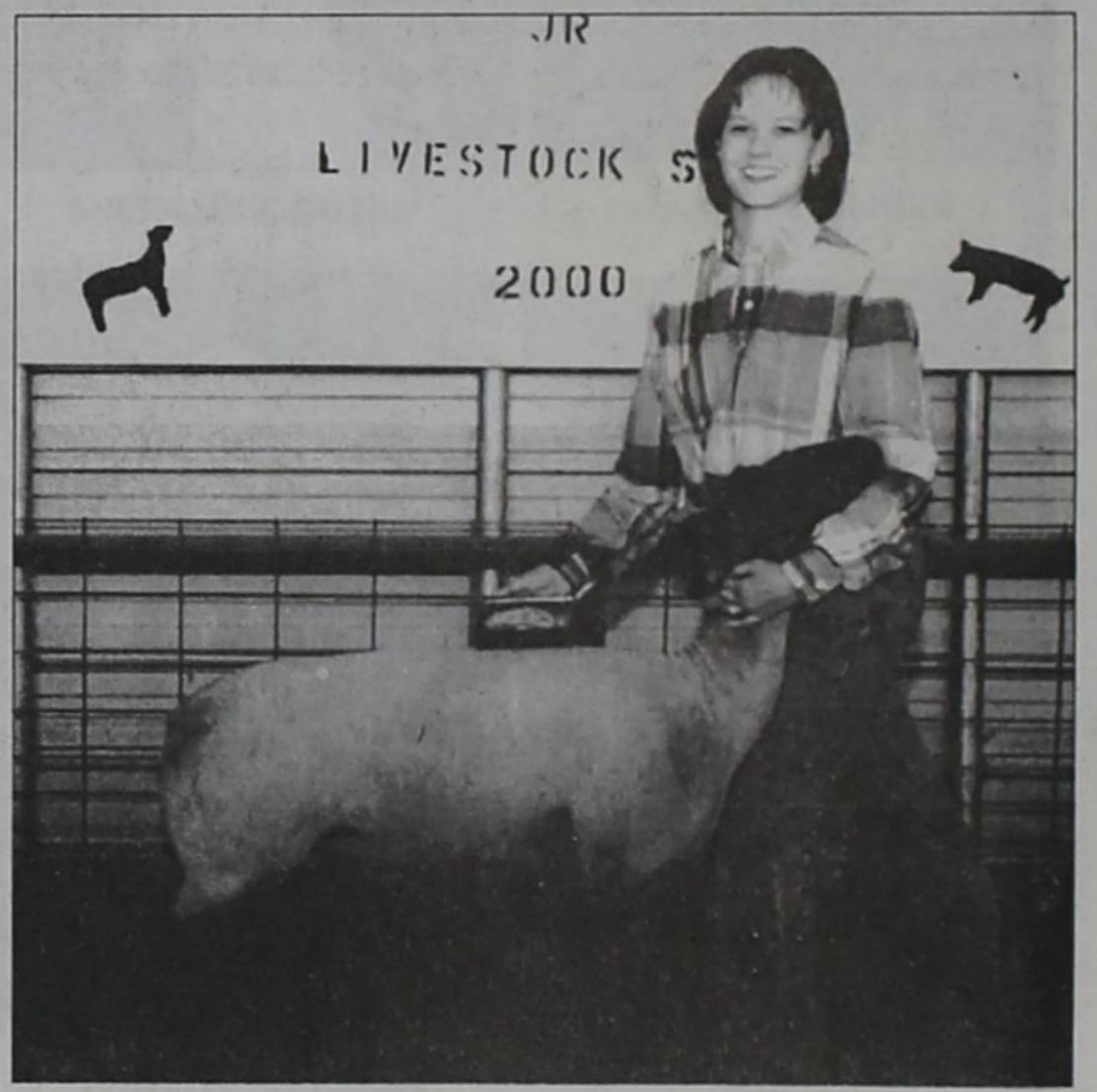
SHOWMANSHIP — Brant Donaldson, son of Billy and Terree Donaldson of Matador, received the Showmanship award in the Swine division.



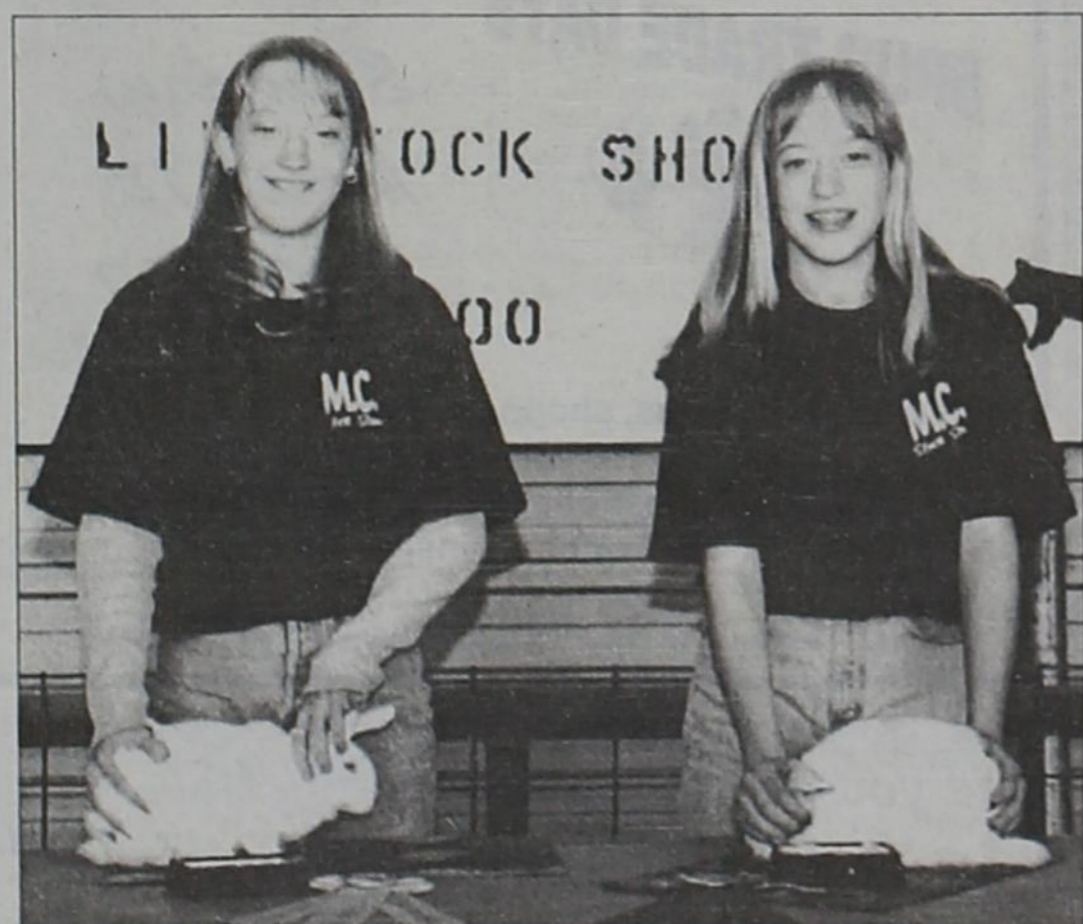
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Rachael Bartlett, daughter of Pat and Cindy Smith of Matador, showed the winning lamb for her sister, Christy Smith.



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB — Clint Cooper, son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador, received the Reserve Champion award for his lamb.



SHOWMANSHIP — Kayla Copp received the Showmanship award in the Lamb division.



GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT — Charli Ream, left, showed the Grand Champion rabbit, while her sister, Mandi, showed the Reserve Champion. The girls are the daughters of Chuck and Gail Ream of Matador.



PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP — This group of little ones participated in the Pee Wee Swine Showmanship division at last Saturday's Stock Show. Each participant received a ribbon and a one dollar bill.

Livestock Show Results Announced

The Motley County Junior Livestock Show had a nice, warm, sunny day to celebrate its 60th Annual show. The morning began very early with a breakfast sponsored by Lowe's Pay-N-Save, cooked and served by local volunteers, and served to show participants.

FFA and 4-H Club members exhibited 9 steers, 50 hogs, 11 lambs and 2 rabbits. Motley County landowners were eligible to exhibit their prize heifers. Harold Campbell took the prize in the category as the Breeder of the Grand Champion Heifer.

A Pee Wee Swine Showmanship Show was held for youth under the age of nine. Several local children participated in this event.

In the Hog Show, Kayla Copp's animal took the Grand Champion prize; Casey Lawrence received the Reserve Grand Champion award, and Brant Donaldson received the Showmanship award.

Other results are as follows: Light Weight Class: first, Casey Lawrence; second, Fannin Gwinn; third, Ryan Moore; fourth, Kelsi Wallace; fifth, Ryan Moore; sixth, Bradley Baxter.

Medium Weight Class: first, Kayla Copp; second, LeAnnra Wallace; third, LeAnnra Wallace; fourth, Brant Donaldson; fifth, Andy Jones; sixth, Bradley Baxter.

Medium-Heavy Weight Class: first, Kayla Copp; second, Brooke Decker; third, Clint Cooper; fourth, T.J. Christopher; fifth, Cody Cooper; sixth, Justin Jameson.

Heavy Weight Class: first, Brandon Moore; second, Kelsi Wallace; third, Shawn Marvel; fourth, Ben Ridgley; fifth, Andy Jones; sixth, Skylar Clifton.

In the Lamb Show, Christy Smith received the Grand Champion prize. Clint Cooper received Reserve Grand Champion and Kayla Copp received Showmanship.

Light Weight Lambs: first, Clint Cooper; second, Mylissa Gilmore; third, Kayla Copp; fourth, Kayla Copp; fifth, Rachael Bartlett.

Heavy Weight Lambs: first, Christy Smith; second, Cassie Campbell; third, William Ho-Gland; fourth, Clint Cooper; fifth, Cassie Campbell; sixth, Mylinda Gilmore.

Todd Thomas received Grand Champion in the Steer Show. Janell Kilmer received Reserve Grand

Champion and Rate-of-Gain. Todd Thomas also received the Showmanship award.

Light Weight Steers: first, Janell Kilmer; second, Colton Russell; third, Janell Kilmer.

Heavy Weight Steers: first, Todd Thomas; second, Todd Thomas; third, Kayla Copp.

Charli Ream took home the Grand Champion prize in the Rabbit Show. Her sister, Mandi Ream, received the Reserve Grand Champion honor.

Does: first, Dumont Darsey; second, Justin Todd; third, Tiffany Mann; fourth, Mandi Ream; fifth, Stachia Baxter; sixth, Stachia Baxter.

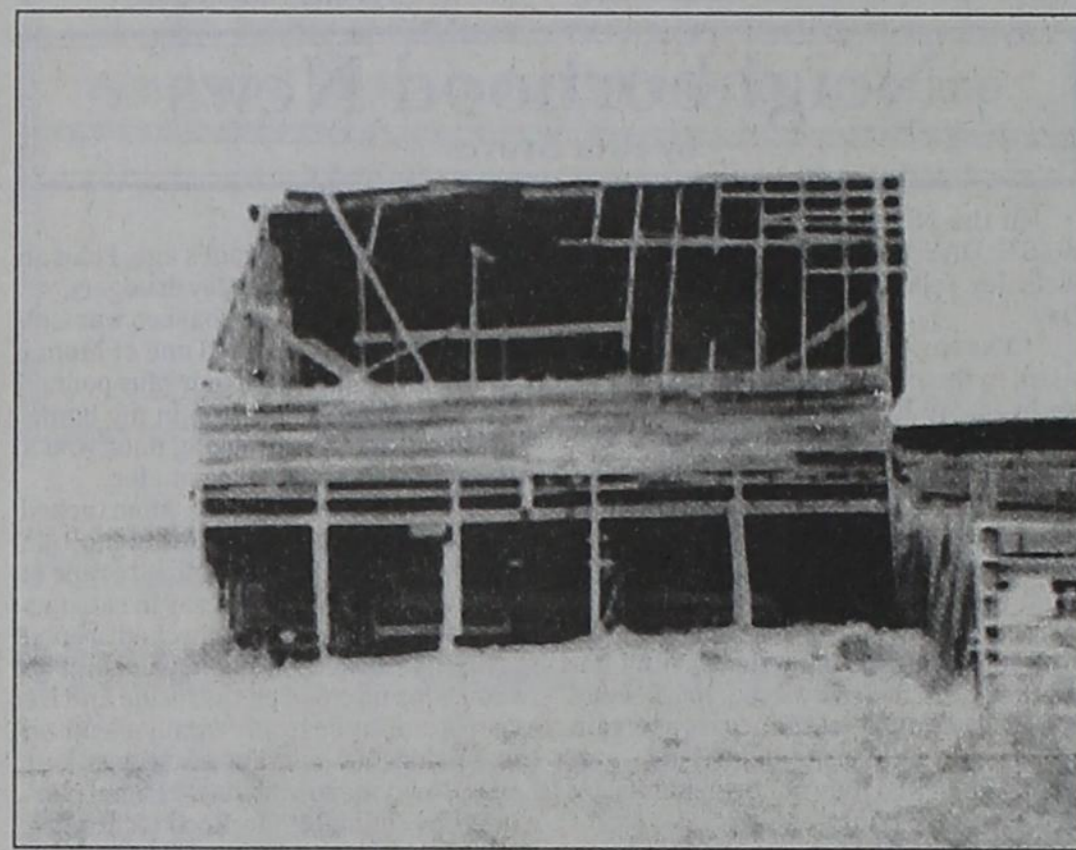
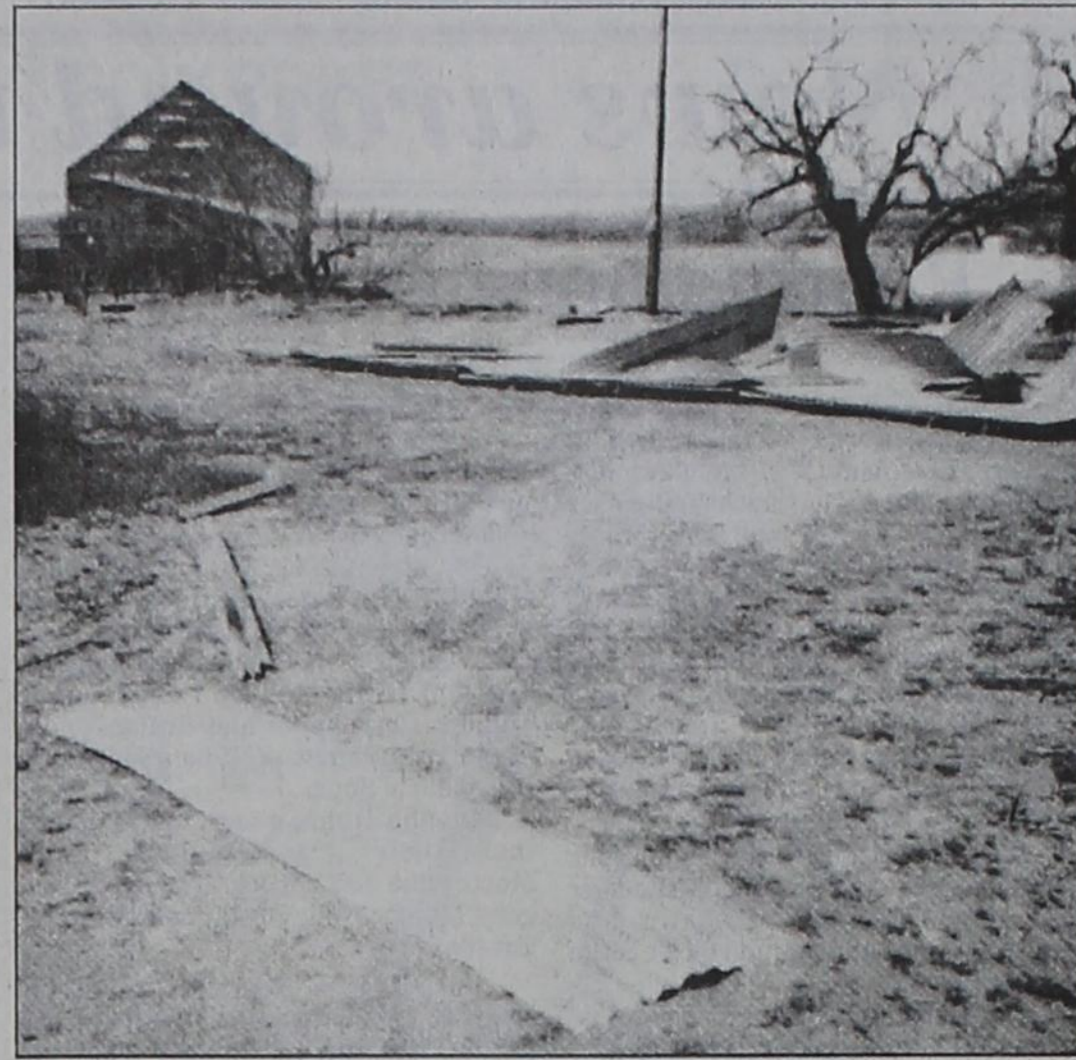
Bucks: first, Charli Ream; sec-

ond, Mandi Ream; third, Justin Todd; fourth, Dumont Darsey; fifth, Charli Ream; sixth, Fernando Martinez.

Pee Wee Showmanship participants were Gavin Luckett, Gunner Luckett, Ky Christopher, Christopher Saenz, Danielle Gwinn, Fritzie Francis, Cassidy Turner, Garrett Jenschke, Robert Francis, Tyler Logan, Dry Lust, Tanner Fischer, Blythe Lust, Christian Brooks, Hannah Alexander, Dylan Adams.

Judge in the Market Class was Vance Christie of Howard Junior College. Showmanship judge was Daniel Jenkins, Ag Science Instructor, Silverton High School.

Mrs. Anna Smith was the lucky winner of the \$500 gift certificate from Thacker Jewelry.



WIND STORM DAMAGE — High winds damaged farm buildings at the old Ferguson place, now owned by R.C. Giesecke, southwest of Roaring Springs. The top picture shows debris ripped from an old barn. The bottom picture shows how half of the roof of this barn was completely ripped off. The roof was laying in the field nearby. Winds were reported to be as high as 65 m.p.h. in some areas last Tuesday night.

Granddaughter awarded research scholarship

Amber Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana, granddaughter of Jack and Shirley Smith of Matador, has been awarded the Louisiana Scholar's College Research Scholarship award from Northwestern State University.

Research scholarships are awarded to top ranked members of the sophomore, junior and senior class, whose study in the Louisiana Scholar's College has been recognized by the faculty as especially meritorious and whose cumulative grade point averages are 3.8 or above. Amber's GPA is 4.0. The award is intended to help students develop their academic plans in the

college and complete their senior thesis projects.

Cooper is a sophomore and is on the president's list at Northwestern State University.

She is active in the Kiwanis Circle K organization, the Scholars College Forum and is president of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Clubs. She is a 1998 graduate of Louisiana School of Math, Science and the Arts in Natchitoches.

She is the daughter of Ron and Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana. She is also the granddaughter of Bethel Gaut of Apache Junction, Arizona.

MCYO elects officers

The Motley County Youth Organization (MCYO) held their first meeting of the year Monday, March 6.

Dvonna Grundy opened the meeting by submitting her resignation as President. New officers were elected. Jennifer Adams was elected as President; Tina Brooks, Vice-President; and Brenda Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer. Commissioners were not elected, and will be discussed further at the April 10th meeting.

Fund raiser ideas were dis-

cussed. It was agreed to sell enchilada plates. A tentative date was set for June 2.

Sign-up dates and age limits were also discussed. Sign-up will begin April 17 and end May 19. Anyone age 4 or older by May 19 is eligible to play.

Clean-up day was set for May 27 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone's help is needed to get the field ready.

The next meeting will be held April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Anyone willing to help with MCYO is urged to attend.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Recently, when I was traveling through a construction site near Matador, I had an incident happen that the construction company did follow through on. Because of this incident, I met some very nice, helpful business people in your community.

Thank you goes to Sheriff Jim Meador, Elaine Hart, Terree Donaldson, and Larry Markham. They were professional in helping me, as well as being thoughtful. In fact, they went out of their way to see that my problem was solved.

Thanks also to Bobby G. Williams, Texas Department of Transportation projects manager, and Mary Marshall. Their immediate response to my need and their follow through on it made me know that there are people who do their jobs

well and then go beyond what they have to do.

I was impressed with the quality of people that I met in your community. Every time that I go through Matador, I will think of it as a place with efficient, professional people who care about others and demonstrated it. Bottle that and sell it, and you could make a fortune. Thanks again for your help. I am glad that I had to stop in Matador

Gratefully,
Sylvia Mahoney
Vernon, Texas



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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Miss Lula Swim hosted a birthday coffee for Rev. Monte Wike Monday morning, Feb. 13. Those enjoying birthday cake and coffee were Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, R.C. and Callie Giesecke, Jeff Thacker, Mary Lumsden, Venita Sedgwick, Pearl Patten, Jacob, Lana and Laynie Kidd of Odessa, Jo Crowder, Grace Zabielski and the hostess Lula Swim.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Peacock attended the 15th Square Dance Jamboree in Pottsboro over the weekend.

Billie Clifton and Jeannie Adams took a trip last week together. Billie visited her aunt, Ruth Edwards in Austin, and Jeannie visited her daughter, Vickie Swan in Killen.

Visiting Zella Palmer over the weekend were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer of Eureka, Kansas. They

were joined Sunday at LaNita's Cafe by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Miranda of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. James Adams and boys, local residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Odell, Kevin and David, of Lubbock, visited his aunt, Odessa Mullins, from Saturday until Monday. Visiting them Sunday was a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins, Christopher and Brandy and a friend, Ryan James, of Midland, and Katie Binvidle of Spur.

Dianna Holman and Joe Martinez took their granddaughter, Anna Moctezuma, to Lubbock to have eye surgery Monday. They returned home on Tuesday.

Susie Osborn Henry and grandson, Michael of Austin visited with Odessa Mullins Tuesday in Matador. They enjoyed lunch at Main Street Cafe.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

LEE FAMILY PRESENTED AWARDS

Ruth and Orville Lee were each presented a watch and pin at the Germania Insurance meeting held at the Radison Inn in Amarillo, Wednesday, March 8th. They were recognized for 25 years of commendable performance with the agency. Orville is president and Ruth, secretary of the company's Local Chapter 285.

Also attending the meeting were Brenda and Joey Lee of Clarendon and Ernie Lee of Turkey. Brenda received a pin for her five years as an agent of the Germania Insurance Co.

SISTER HAS ACCIDENT

Mary Ellen Barton has been in Lockney this week with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson of Floydada, a patient in Mangold Hospital. Mrs. Burleson suffered a broken collar bone and a hairline fracture of her pelvis following an accidental fall in her home, Tuesday, March 7th.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers honored their granddaughter, Brooke Rogers of Middletown, Tenn., on her 10th birthday with a supper and party in their home on Saturday night, March 11. Brooke blew out her candles on a beautifully decorated flower garden cake as they sang Happy Birthday.

Those attending were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary; Jimmy and Shay McDaniel, Dane Degan and Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock; Shawna Degan of Anton; Natalie Rogers of Middletown, Tenn.; Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Brooke's father, Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Mrs. Lori Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton and Julie Clay of Lubbock. Kyler and Karlee remained to visit their grandparents.

Donnie Rogers met his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Middletown, Tenn., at the Dallas Airport Friday night and accompanied them here to visit during the spring holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Susana Mendoza visited overnight Friday in Castroville with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Megan and Cheyenne. They accompanied their granddaughter, Aleda Elaine Ross, a student at Medina Valley Middle School, here to visit during her spring holidays. En route home Saturday, they visited in Brownwood with Odis Ross.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd had a medical appointment in Lockney, Friday and continued to Plainview on business.

Guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were granddaughter Lindsay Martin of Panhandle and Mrs. Ruth Ann Scrivner and daughter Khaki of Turkey. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have visited during the week in Lockney with Mrs. Mollie Burleson, a patient in Mangold Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. They visited in Matador, Sunday with Ty Barclay.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Jay Kennedy of Wellington, who accompanied home Jackie Lee Starkey who visited here the past week.

Leah and Keane Cruse, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, are visiting during spring holidays with their family. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick. The family members were guests at a supper Sunday night in Matador of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason. Others enjoying the visit were Mrs. Charla Maricle and Shahala of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason and Dalton of Matador.

Obituaries

John A. Stokes

Graveside rites for John A. Stokes, 91, of Afton were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at the Afton Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. C.L. Atkinson, pastor of Afton Baptist Church. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Stokes died Friday, March 3, at a nursing home in Clyde, Texas.

He was born November 9, 1908 at Paducah. He moved to Dickens County in 1910 with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A.P. Stokes, and had been a resident of the Afton Community since 1913.

He was married to the former Estelle Dawson June 30, 1935, at Spur. Mrs. Stokes died in July of 1992. He was a retired farmer and carpenter and school bus driver. He was a member of the Afton Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, and a member of the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies.

He is survived by one son Ronnie Stokes of Abilene; one daughter, Katherine Wilson of Fairfield; one brother, Rob Stokes of Weatherford; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Horace Hunter

Services for Horace G. Hunter, 97, of Quitaque were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church at Flomot with the Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Quitaque. He died Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at Floydada.

He was born June 14, 1902, at Howard County, Ark. He married Adeline Young on Nov. 2, 1919, in Howard County, Ark. They moved to the Turkey area in 1923.

He owned and operated a cotton gin in Flomot from 1961 to 1971. He managed

the Quitaque Co-op Gin for 11 years. During that time he built a new gin and delinting plant.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Flomot and was a member of the Quitaque Masonic Lodge for 51 years. He was preceded in death by a grandson on Jan. 3, 1995.

Survivors include his son, Wayne, of Flomot; three grand-children; four great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and a step-great-great-grandchild.

Beatrice Martin Haughn

Funeral services for Beatrice Martin Haughn, 81, were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 13 at the Geo. C. Price Chapel in Levelland. Elgin Conner, minister, officiated.

Burial was at 2:00 p.m. at the Flomot Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors. She died Friday, March 10, 2000, at Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

Mrs. Haughn was born October 21,

1918, in Flomot and was the daughter of the late Bron and Pearl Merrell Martin. She was a retired bookkeeper and member of the Church of Christ. She moved to Levelland from Quitaque in 1981.

Survivors include two sons, Eddie Garland Roach of Anchorage, Alaska, and C. W. Smith III of Renton, Washington; a daughter, Kitty Janet Caporale of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and a sister, Irene Irby of Floydada.

Matador News

Mrs. Irene Welling received news, Monday morning, of the death of her sister, Mrs. Alice Jane Rentfrow of Clayton, New Mexico.

Mrs. Robert Darsey attended the funeral service on March 12 at Flomot, for H.G. Hunter.

Mrs. Clay (Melinda) Jameson had surgery Tuesday, March 14, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Visiting Mrs. Elsie Thacker last Wednesday until Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hussey of Kerrville.

Note of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to each of you for advocating your affirmation of love and life by your contribution to the Motley County Heart Fund Drive, Jump Rope for Heart and giving AHA Memorials. May it be a benefit to you and your loved ones.

Odessa Mullins Judy Cooper
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Motley County Heart Association

We have been so blessed and so encouraged - and so well fed by your kindness during our illness, that we want you to know how very much we appreciate it. We also thank you for each prayer, card, letter, phone call, and visit on our behalf.

Thanks,
Billy & Pauline Hand

I want to do a little bragging about how good our Motley County Ambulance service is. You never know how good these people are at their job until you have to use them. I received a thousand percent better service on the Motley County Ambulance than I did in the emergency room at Covenant in Lubbock. Thank you to all the Motley County Ambulance crew.

Billy Hand

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

In the NEWS for March 9, we had WASH DAY is Monday. Today, Isabel Wolsley tells about Tuesday - Ironing Day!

"The early 1930's were the Dust Bowl years in the country's midsection where we lived. We had no rain for months on end. Then a plague of grasshoppers - worse, we thought, than old Pharaoh ever had to face - swarmed into the Plains states. After devouring every snippet of growth the drought hadn't claimed, they lined themselves on the north sides of telephone poles and fence posts for shade. With no foliage blocking the way the hot south winds - fueled by a red, Frisbeelike sun - rolled tumbleweeds across a terrain so flat we could have seen Tulsa and points south had they not been hidden by rust-colored clouds.

Even though dust, fine as face powder, sifted beneath closed windows and left mini-drifts on sills, whenever the second day of the week came around, my mother ironed. It was Tuesday, after all.

Each Tuesday Mom ran to heat the irons on the kerosene stove, which covered them with black smudge. She ran to wipe them clean. She ran the now - cooled iron back to the stove. She ran back with a hot replacement. She ran in a circle with the stove, the sink, and dad's white shirts

on its circumference.

When I got to be Mom's age, I had an electric iron to end Tuesday drudgery, yet my overfilling ironing basket was seldom empty. But I rescued one of Mom's venerable sad irons - all four-plus pounds of it. It's a quaint doorstop in my home. Nothing beats it for cracking nuts. And it continues as a spiritual reminder...

At each Tuesday's close, Mom tucked a damp strand of hair back into her bun and wiped her forehead with a corner of her apron. "There!" she'd say in satisfaction, patting the rows of starched, ironed garments hooked on chair backs. "The Lord keeps us clean on the inside and He expects me to keep my family clean on the outside. He has to work twenty-four hours. I'm done for the day!" Isabel concluded by thanking the Lord for ironing out the "wrinkles" that creep into our lives each day.

On March 23, we'll see what happens on Wednesday.

I'm either too old or too young - last week I stated, and never doubted, that Estelle, the wife of John Stokes, was the daughter of Fred Dawson. Thanks to the three readers who reminded me that she was the daughter of Matt Dawson. Now I remember!

Whiteflat News

OVERHEARD

Sure and don't you know that St. Patrick's Day is tomorrow and what a better time than the present to lift your spirits with an Irish blessing:

May there always be work
For your hands to do,
May your purse always hold
A coin or two.

May the sun always show
On your windowpane,
May a rainbow be certain
To follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend
Always be near you,
May God fill your heart
With gladness to cheer you.

May joy and peace surround you,
Contentment latch your door,
And happiness be with you now,
And bless you evermore.

REMINDER OF WHITEFLAT HOMECOMING

Mrs. Frances Dixon, secretary of Whiteflat Homecoming Assn., reminds ex-students and residents of Whiteflat that the annual Homecoming will be held

Saturday, April 1st, 2000.

The doors will be opened at 9:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizens building in Matador. There will be the usual covered dish luncheon at noon, followed by a business meeting.

Everyone is urged to attend this reunion to renew memories and friendships.

Cobey Turner, student at Tarleton University in Stephenville, arrived home Thursday to spend the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner. Other guests during the weekend who attended the Methodist Church morning services Sunday in Matador were their daughter and husband, Heather and Scott Blount of Abernathy.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin visited in Roaring Springs, Monday with her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson visited in Matador Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green and their guests, daughter and husband, Elwanda and Gordon Simmons of Big Spring.

Visiting with Mrs. Frances Dixon, Friday was granddaughter Kaci Risser and friend, Melissa Hahn of Oregon, students at Wayland University in Plainview. Joining them for supper Friday night were Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador.

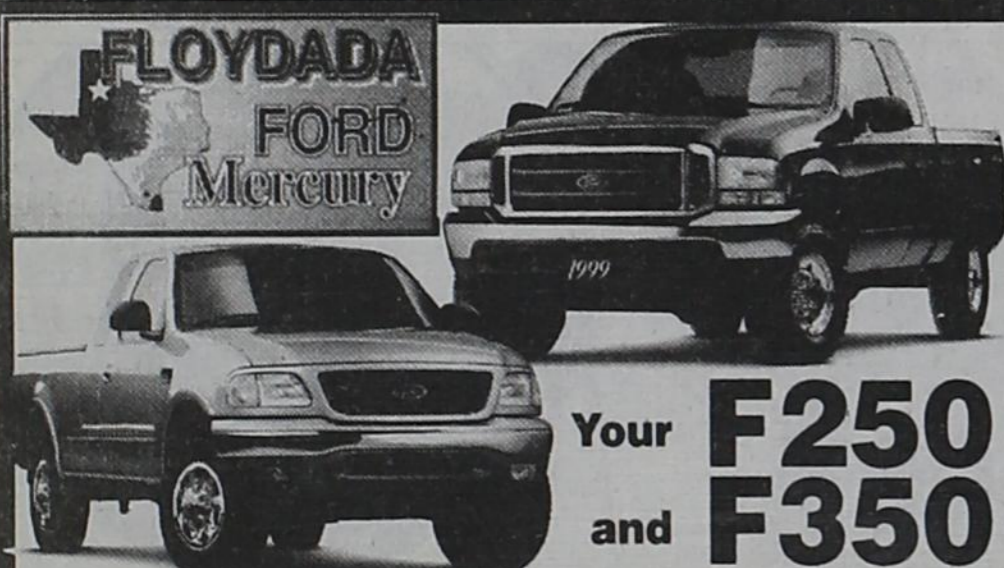
Ms. Lula Swim of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Lockney, Thursday for medical appointments. Jack Samford of Afton visited Mrs. Cooper, Saturday.

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The City Council of Roaring Springs

Would like all interested citizens of Roaring Springs to attend an informational meeting on a possible 1/2 cent Sales Tax Election. This meeting is an open forum to learn the details about the benefits as well as any concerns regarding this sales tax.

When: Monday, March 20, 2000
6:30 PM

Where: Roaring Springs Community Center

- A Free Barbecue supper - sponsored by West Texas Utilities will follow!
All meeting attendees are welcome!



Farm and Ranch news



Farmers air their Farm Policy preferences at first of ten nationwide public hearings

LUBBOCK -- American farm policy desperately needs an overhaul if producers are to remain in the business of supplying U.S. and world consumers with an abundant, secure, and safe supply of food, according to farmers and ranchers testifying here March 6 during the first of ten nationwide public hearings on federal farm policy.

The hearing by the House of Representative's Agriculture Committee drew a crowd of more than 700 to hear 18 grain, cotton, rice, sugar, oilseed, cattle, and sheep producers, and one banker, air their views on farm policy before a delegation of nine congressmen.

The delegation included: Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, committee chair; Bill Barrett, R-Neb., vice chair; Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, ranking minority member; John Boehner, R-Ohio; Benny Thompson, D-Miss.; Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa; Mike Simpson, R-Idaho; and Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo.

The current farm bill, known to producers as "Freedom to Farm," was written in 1996 and is due to expire in two years. It gives farmers more planting, production and marketing flexibility in return for smaller cash subsidies and improved risk

management tools (including crop insurance) from the government. But plummeting prices, burdensome world commodity supplies, and weather disasters that spurred \$15 billion in emergency disaster relief to U.S. producers during the past two years have undercut the bill's effectiveness, farmers and policymakers say.

"We support the cheap food policy that benefits American consumers, but farmers must be compensated for their management, capital, labor and risk," said corn producer Coby Gilbreath, Dimmitt, Texas. "Those of us who depend entirely on production agriculture for a living are finding it increasingly difficult to provide that abundant supply of cheap food and stay in business."

The producers testifying here said there are good provisions in the current farm bill — such as planting flexibility, marketing certificates, and export enhancement programs. Even so, they recommend implementation of a supplemental farm income program that accurately reflects production costs and commodity prices, which would be triggered by low prices and burdensome world commodity surpluses.

Their other farm policy recommendations include:

- revising crop insurance to ensure a producer's coverage and payments are based on accurate, actual crop yields.
- raising commodity loan rates to levels realistically in line with production costs.
- exempting agriculture from death, inheritance and capital gains taxes.
- fast-track approval of permanent, normalized trade relations with China and U.S. support for elimination of unilateral trade barriers and embargoes worldwide
- fewer federal regulations that drive up production costs.
- research and education based on sound science to underscore the safety of genetically-modified agricultural and industrial products.
- revising farm program payment limitations to accurately reflect the size and scope of most agricultural operations.
- strengthening landowners' basic property rights.
- implementing new conservation programs and maximizing allowable acreage in the current Conservation Reserve Program.
- retaining the Farm Service Agency's loan authority for producers who cannot secure credit elsewhere.

The House panel assured producers their views would be weighed carefully when Congress sits down to patch or revise current farm legislation — a process that could begin sometime during the next year, Combest said. The congressional panel will host its next public hearing on farm policy March 17 in Memphis, Tenn.

Economic studies using representative farms as 'models' indicate U.S. farmers could remain in dire economic straits through 2004, according to Texas A&M's Agriculture and Food Policy Center.

"Many crop farms simply won't survive. Our economic outlook for crop farms is the worst it has ever been — not just for small farms, but across the board," said Ed Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist in marketing and policy. "Our models show relatively low crop prices through 2004, higher prices for beef cattle and hogs, and stable conditions for the dairy sector — due to cheap feed grains."

"The past success of our policy of cheap, abundant food keyed on moving surplus commodities and food to other countries through the export market. Under current conditions, ag production subsidies and export enhancement efforts are necessary if we are to maintain a successful, dispersed agriculture."

Smith said acreage set-asides or expanded conservation programs are two options farmers and policymakers should consider when reviewing their options to curtail price-depressing surplus production.

"Our current situation won't change much in 2000-2001 without some immediate adjustments in farm policy. At the same time, ad-hoc emergency assistance programs will likely continue, and we may see a revised crop insurance program," Smith added. "Policymakers will write another farm program after the current farm bill expires — government is never going to get totally 'out' of agriculture. It's simply too important to our national security."

Emergency CRP Grazing

Motley County has been approved for the emergency grazing of CRP acreage until April 30, 2000. Producers intending on grazing their CRP should sign-up in the county office before any grazing begins. The following provisions apply:

- No haying is allowed.
- The cost to graze the requested acreage will be 10% of the annual rental payment rate times the number of acres grazed. This payment reduction may be prepaid or may be reduced from the October 1, 2000 annual payment.
- Temporary cover and dead litter cannot be grazed.

• Grazing privileges can only be leased to producers located within the approved county.

• 25% of each field or contiguous field must be left ungrazed or all of the acreage may be grazed at no more than 75% of the stocking rate, as determined by NRCS.

• Livestock must be removed by May 1, 2000.

• Producers must re-establish CRP cover at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of the grazing.

Commissioners adopt burn ban

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The Court approved a second phone line for the Department of Public Safety. The vote was unanimous.

Several Senior Citizens of Motley County met with the Court concerning the Board members and use of the Senior Citizens Building. The Senior Citizens group does not have an official board at this time. The group agreed to hold a meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. to elect board members as required by the by-laws. All senior citizens are invited to attend the meeting.

City Council

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Council discussed the Economic Development Sales Tax. It was decided to contact West Texas Utilities to request that a representative attend the next council meeting.

Also discussed was the Interlocal Agreement between Roaring Springs, Matador and Motley County concerning the Enterprise Zone.

Council voted to purchase a group of lots adjoining some City property, from an out of town owner.

Firefighters respond to fire

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cause of the fire which supposedly started in a janitor's closet.

By Tuesday the remaining walls had been knocked down by a crane, but church members vowed to rebuild. Debbie Dean said, "We've lost a building, but this is not the church. We're still standing."

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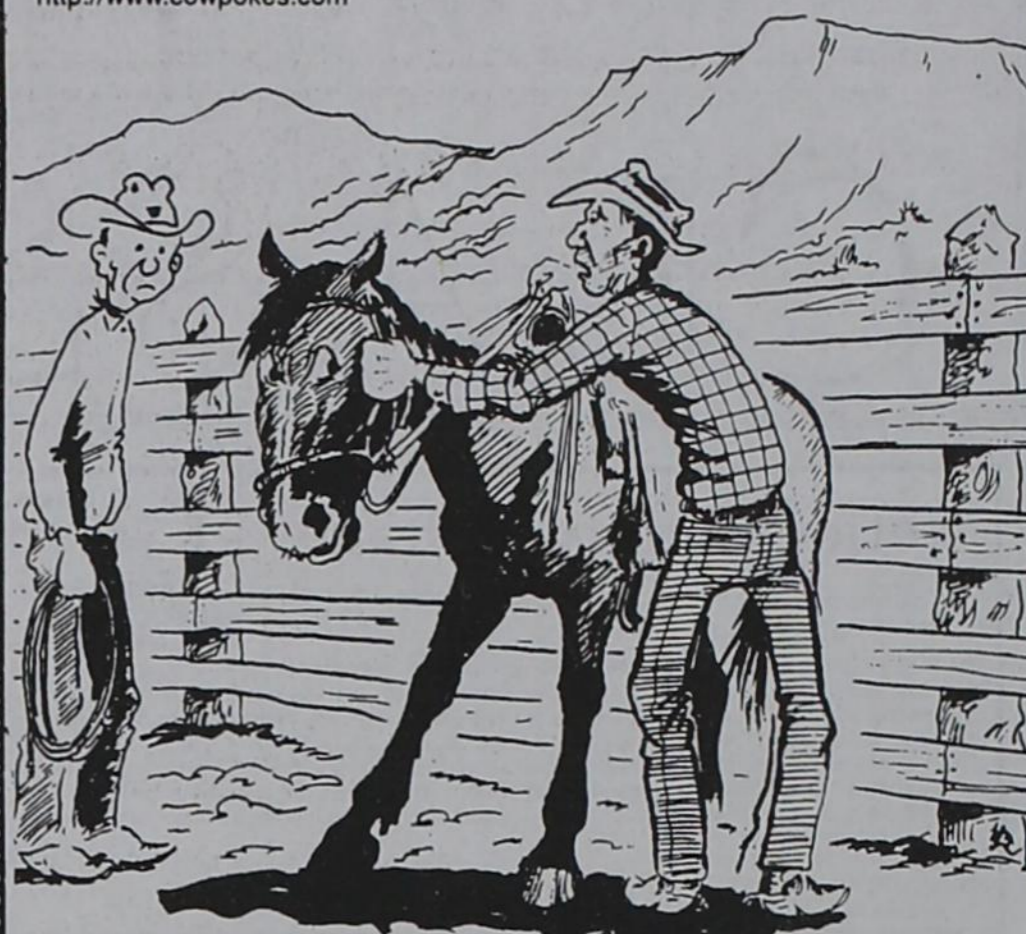


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Midland will host West Texas Historical Association meeting

Come to Midland on March 31 and April 1 for the 77th annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association. Subjects for this year's panels include short research papers on many fascinating historical events, places, and people. Several papers

will be of local interest, including the Panhandle Bison by Danny Swepton, formerly of Floydada, and Don Tomas Barksdale, Border Trader by Marisue Potts. A wide variety of subjects will be covered in concurrent session and will include the JA, the Pitchfork, and the

Terlingua Ranches, East Texas idioms, oil history, African-American heritage, and the Big Bend region.

Darlene Johnson Bellinghausen of Knox City will deliver the president's address and introduce banquet speaker Robert Flynn. Flynn is best known for his trail drive novel, *North to Yesterday* and his humorous tales of growing up in Chillicothe.

All sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Midland (915 697-318). Registration will begin at 12:30 on Friday. For more information call WTHA, Southwest Collection, Lubbock (806) 742-9076.

Coronado Expedition in Blanco Canyon is subject of Seminar

"A Contemporary Vantage on the Coronado Expedition Through Documents and Artifacts" will be the focus of a seminar starting April 14 in Las Vegas, NM, and traveling to the Baptist Encampment near Floydada, and concluding on April 18 with a field trip in Blanco Canyon, Floyd County.

The seminar is sponsored by New Mexico Highlands University, the Floyd County Museum, the First National Bank of Floydada, the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities, and the Texas Humanities Council. It will feature papers on various aspects of scholarly research of the

1541 Expedition which went from Mexico to Pecos, NM, to the lower Panhandle of Texas and, possibly, Floyd County.

At the conclusion of the two state meeting, archeologist Don Blakeslee of Wichita State University will lead a field trip to the Owens site in Blanco Canyon where definitive cross bow tips were unearthed and a tour to the Floyd County Museum where the Spanish artifacts are showcased.

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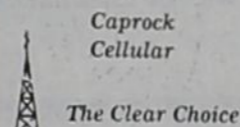
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