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DONATION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT — Monte Williams, left, Executive Vice President, First National Bank in Floydada, presents a check to Fire Chief Rodney Williams, as a donation to the Matador Volunteer Fire Department from the First National Bank in Floydada.

9-1-1 Celebrating Five Years In South Plains Region

This is the season for fellowship and sharing. What a wonderful time to come together to celebrate the holidays and five years of 9-1-1 service.

Thousands of calls have been answered and countless lives saved. Now we recognize the members of our 9-1-1 Team and the role they have played in the first five successful years of serving the South Plains Region.

A Holiday Open House was recently held in Lubbock with a commemorative 9-1-1 program held. During the program a brief history of the five year milestone was presented along with recognition to cities and counties throughout the South Plains for outstanding efforts and contributions to the ongoing success in all phases of 9-1-1 service. Local governments included in this recognition were from Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Hockley, Kent, King, Lamb, Lynn, Motley, Stone-wall, and Yoakum counties. Certificates were presented on behalf of SPAG and the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications. Entities in Hale, Lubbock, and Terry counties celebrated the five year milestone in 1995, and were mentioned for their continued efforts in the success of 9-1-1 service.

All cities, counties, and public safety agencies - law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service were named to the South Plains Five Year 9-1-1 Team Member Honor Roll for providing 9-1-1 service and responding to the 9-1-1 caller in an emergency situation. All telephone service providers are recognized for their expertise and guidance since the inception of the 9-1-1 program. And last but not least, let us not forget the public safety answering point (PSAP) telecommunicators that answer and handle 9-1-1 calls. These individuals are the unsung heroes that sit in the "hot seat" to ensure that the 9-1-1 caller receives the appropriate emergency response when seconds count.

Public awareness is a vital part of 9-1-1 services. This event featured a sneak preview of the 9-1-1 mascot in Texas. Red E. Fox is America's newest public safety spokescharacter and is the star of the 9-1-1 for Kids educational program. This program will be implemented throughout the school districts in 1997 for elementary-aged students. The theme utilized with the new mascot is "Emergency! Call 9-1-1" and "Be Ready!"

Each county throughout the South Plains has a designated 9-1-1 PSAP. With the development of the regional 9-1-1 plan in 1989-90, proposed 9-1-1 services to be implemented were automatic number identification (ANI), automatic location identification (ALI) and selective routing (SR) capabilities for all citizens with telephone service along with county officials providing

1997 Cotton Conference Set for January 14-15

Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1997 growing season by attending the Caprock Cotton Conference. National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology and regulations, national and international policy and marketing strategies.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be held January 14-15 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. The conference will address needs of cotton growers in Crosby, Floyd, and surrounding counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference is a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers. The

assigned physical address (city-style addressing) to all structures within unincorporated rural areas. To date, the regional 9-1-1 system as an approximate 93% completion rate of these system enhancements accomplished. This is a five year milestone. Emergency communications staff at SPAG expects the region to be 100% complete with present approved enhancements by March 1997-2000 which includes addressing maintenance and mapped automatic location identification.

Over the past five years the regional 9-1-1 themes have been When Seconds Count, 9-1-1 For Everyone, and Make the Right Call. We all know that "happy endings" are not always the end result in an emergency situation, but we truly believe that 9-1-1 has made a difference.

1997 Conference will serve a two-fold purpose. Tuesday, January 14, is designated as an "Issue Day" focusing on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture. Speakers from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and others will be present to discuss their role and its affect on the farm.

The sessions on Wednesday, January 15, will feature information on the latest production technology for dryland and irrigated acres, soil fertility, Seedling Disease Control, Precision Agriculture, weed control, and water management of cotton. Speakers from across the Cotton Belt and the South Plains area will present information on current research and applied production trials.

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1996 Headlines In Review

by Mary Meason

NOTE: The following headlines were compiled from each week's issue of 1996 papers.

January 11: Kevin Keltz Named To All State Team
January 18: Future of America's Food Policy Debated at Texas Farmer's Union.

January 25: High Winds Blaze Fire Over 2000 Acres of Ranchland.

February 1: Fire Races Over 3500 Acres of Ranchland.

February 8: Motley County Heart Association Launches 1996 Fundraising Campaign.

February 15: City Begins Clean Up

February 22: Third Annual Career Day A Motley County Success.

February 28: Remembering My Friends - Celebrating Black History Month.

March 7: Americans Shouldn't Take Farmers For Granted.

March 14: A Letter To Whiteflat Exes

March 21: Grass Fires Burn Thousands of Acres.

March 28: Matador Listed In State Travel Guide.

April 4: First Annual Kid's Camp June 24-28 In Roaring Springs

April 7: Matador Man Collapses At Tech Ballgame.

April 11: County Agent Clawson Will Transfer To Sherman County.

April 18: Lubbock Man Dies in Rollover Near Matador.

April 27: All Sports Banquet Set for May 16

May 2: Vandals Strike in Flomot and Roaring Springs.

May 9: Roaring Springs Cafe Gutted by Fire.

May 16: Youth Mini-Olympics To Be Held In Matador.

May 23: Will Durate's Art To Be Displayed in Lubbock Restaurant.

May 30: Finally Rain!

June 6: Local 4-Hers Top Winners in District Round-up.

June 13: Commissioners Raise County Agent Salary

June 20: Cody Timmons Named All-American Scholar.

June 27: Kids Camp Will Present Drama.

July 4: Visiting At Flomot Gin is Time of Laughter.

July 11: Hospital Board Awarded Second Grant for Ambulance.

July 18: Caprock Cowboy Camp Meeting July 25-28

July 25: Library Receives Book by Rosa Spray Describing Life In Whiteflat.

August 1: Vandals Strike 4-H Building.

August 8: Speed Restrictions For Towing Trailers.

August 14: 73rd Motley-Dickens Counties Reunion.

August 22: The Shannon Davidson Pony Express.

August 29: Over 160 Register for Third Annual Matador Cowboy Reunion.

September 5: Motley County Tribune Under New Ownership.

September 12: Commissioners Vote To Keep County Trapper.

September 19: Students and Adults Meet at the Pole for Prayer.

September 26: Matadors Begin District Play At Farwell.

October 3: Group Says Religious Persecution Growing.

October 10: Nine Businesses Bury Through Matador.

October 17: Class of 1946 Will Celebrate 50 Years.

October 24: Matador Order of Eastern Star Celebrates 96 Years.
November 7: One Vehicle Accident Claims Life of Local Man.
November 14: Motley County Library Receives Grant From Tocker Foundation.
November 21: Karen Elliott House Named 1996 Top Alumna To University of Texas.
James Timmons Named New County Trapper.
November 28: Community Chest Begins Fund Raising Drive.
December 3: Local Service Organizations Provide Toys and Food for Needy.
December 12: Fourth Generation Lawyer Joins Plainview Legal Firm.
Area Churches Will Present Christmas Programs
December 19: Merry Christmas!

Drivers Must Now Furnish Social Security Number To Process License Application

Lubbock -- The Texas Department of Public Safety will require drivers to furnish their Social Security number in order to process their driver license application or renewal beginning January 1, 1997, the DPS announced recently.

The Texas Transportation code requires the DPS to collect the Social Security number of any person who applies for a Driver License in this state. "The Law has been in effect since 1993 and we have been collecting the number on a volunteer basis," said Jimmy Taillinghast, Driver License Captain, Lubbock. "However, to be in compliance with state law, we will require this information after January 1, 1997."

Tillinghast also stated that proper documentation of the number will be necessary. Acceptable documentation would include your Social Security card, payroll or employment records, income tax documents and certain identification cards where the Social Security number is used and proper identification can be made. Facsimiles and employer lists will not suffice. "Without proper documentation of the number, no license will be issued", Tillinghast said.

While State and Federal Law allows for the use of Social Security numbers for Driver Licensing purposes, Driver License personnel will not require the number for department issued identification cards. They will continue to request the number on a voluntary basis in those instances.

"Hopefully, by getting this information out now, the public can avoid unnecessary delays by having the proper documentation in hand when

they walk through the door", Tillinghast said.

Another Motley County Neighbor



FRANCES TAYLOR

Frances Taylor is an employee at Pay-N-Save Grocery Store in downtown Matador.

She and her husband, David, have one daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Terry Simpson, and one granddaughter, Kyla Simpson.

Frances has lived in Motley County all of her life. In her spare time she enjoys playing with Kyla.

Thought for the week

"A righteous person lives on the basis of his integrity. Blessed are his children after he is gone."

Proverbs 20:7

Keeping an eye on Texas

Retirees: Headin' to Texas

Texas lures retirees with its relatively low cost of living, low taxes, and natural amenities. From 1985-90, the state posted a net gain of more than 8,000 retirees, most of whom settled in East Texas, the Hill Country, the Rio Grande Valley, and the Mountain West.

FROM: Top states of origin, 1985-90

TO: Favorite destinations

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Charles F. Longino, Jr., Retirement Migration in America.



1997! I can't believe it's here. It seems like yesterday that we were compiling a look back at 1995 for the 1996 New Year's paper. Wow! Time flies fast when your having fun!

1996 was a good year. I received many wonderful blessings throughout the year. I achieved my goal of owning the Motley County Tribune, which I am very proud of. We relocated the business to a great location, downtown Matador! I have a daughter-in-law, whom I am very proud of, and couldn't have asked for anyone more wonderful for my son. Jim was re-elected as Motley County Sheriff. We think we may have defeated our gopher problem in our yard, finally. We gained seven new cats, the mother, and a few short months later, six new kittens. They're just too many blessings to list. But I am so thankful for all

that God gives me.

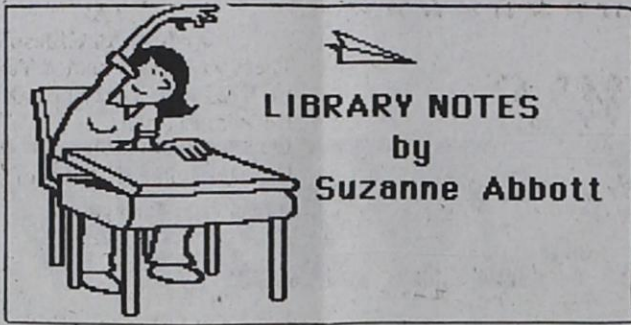
I guess the worst thing I can think of happening to us during 1996 was being robbed. That was a first, and a last, I hope.

1996 brought much happiness to many, and much heartache to others. My heart and prayers go out for those who have suffered loss, those who have experienced hurt and sadness. I hope that 1997 will be a much brighter year.

As we begin 1997 and my first full year, (the first of many years, I hope), as publisher and editor of the Motley County Tribune, I hope we can bring you a paper filled with good and interesting news. We strive to give you, our readers, the kind of paper you will look forward to receiving each week. Thank you for getting me off to a good start.

Friendship is almost always the union of a part of one mind with a part of another; people are friends in spots.

—George Santayana



Joyce Campbell's "Granny's Tea Party" was a great success! I appreciate the invitation to attend. The young ladies who had tea at Granny's that afternoon were dressed in proper fashion for such an event. Joyce and her two daughters-in-law, Lori and Janie, went all out and served high tea that was not only delicious but also pretty. And the best part for all concerned, many new children's books have been purchased for the Motley County Library from the proceeds of this tea party. Many thanks to Joyce, Lori, Janie and to all the young ladies who attended.

We received a new book of poetry from Cora Gunn Trent who lives in Childress. Mrs. Trent had sent us a previous book, *Down Country Roads*, and we appreciate getting her newest, *Caprock Vistas*. Mrs. Trent's poetry deals with subjects that we are all

familiar with. For instance, in one poem she tells about the importance of catalogues to the people who live on ranches and farms and mentions, particularly, the Sears and the "Monkey Ward" catalogues. These interesting and poignant works are available to be checked out from the Texas Collection in the Library.

New adult fiction in the Library include Sandra Brown's *Hawk O'Toole's Hostage*, *Storm at Daybreak* by B.J. Hoff, *The Fallen Man* by Tony Hillerman, Karen Robards' *Heartbreaker*, and *Silent Honor* by Danielle Steel.

Please note that on Monday, January 6, at 2:00 p.m., the Motley County Library and Cap Rock Telephone join together to bring you a session on the Internet. Everyone is welcome to come and explore with us this remarkable and exciting service.



GRADUATION CEREMONIES HELD — Rural Nurse Resource Certified Nurse Aide Training Program is proud to congratulate the following students on their December 7, 1996 graduation. Graduation ceremonies were held at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. The Reverend Ralph Jackson of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Floydada was the guest speaker. Students pictured are as follows: Standing back row left to right, Imogene Lefevre, Matador; Martha Rodriguez, Lockney; Aneatria Johnson, Lockney; standing middle row left to right, Juan Solis, Plainview; Debbie Young, Plainview; Tanya Parsons, Lockney; Brenda Springer, Silverton, Valedictorian; Dora Alvarez, Floydada; sitting left to right, Anita Flores, Hale Center, Salutatorian; Laura Smith, Lockney; Veronica Solis, Plainview, Clinical Excellence Award; and Patricia Garcia, Lockney.

El Progreso Club Celebrates Christmas

by Beverly Vinson

As El Progreso Club met December 12, 1996 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Joan) Keith, it truly brought to mind the holiday season as the rooms were beautifully and tastefully decorated for the Christmas season. From the attractive tree to various bows and ornaments throughout it was a lovely setting for the December meeting.

As the club president could not be there, Mrs. Loys Campbell presided. Minutes were dispensed with as the program was a little longer than usual. She, in turn, presented Mrs. Grace Campbell as leader for the afternoon. Mrs. Campbell told of trouble getting the video tape we were to see which as another holiday film but the one shown, "The Santa Claus" was most

appropriate as Tim Allen of Home Improvement was the star and a "good time was had by all."

Mrs. Winifred Darsey brought the ever-lovely story of the birth of the Christ Child from the book of Luke out of the Holy Bible.

The group then proceeded to fill their plates with finger foods brought by members for a time of visiting and hearing as Mrs. Lola Pohl played on the keyboard the carols of the season.

Letters were sent to Josephine Hamilton, Lila Meador, Una Simpson, and Judine McCaghen wishing them well for the holidays.

Those in attendance other than previously mentioned were Mrs. Irene Welling, a guest, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Jo Ann Dickson, Mrs. Patricia Green, and Mrs. Beverly Vinson.

Old Fashion Christmas Brunch Served In Style

by Winifred Darsey

Mrs. Joe (Buzz) Thacker was hostess to a Christmas Brunch at her home in Roaring Springs, Saturday, December 15.

An old fashioned Christmas was the chosen theme and was carried throughout the beautifully decorated home.

Guests arriving were impressed with an old fashioned scene displayed on the porch, an old stove with a doll backed up to warm, wearing a red flannel nightgown waiting the arrival of Santa Claus, greeted everyone.

The house was breathtaking, lovely with colorful decorations, old fashioned decorations on a huge Christmas tree adorned with glimmering trim and lights, also displaying a collection of antique dolls belonging to granddaughter, Blair.

The serving table was very attractive with old fashioned cloth of red and green plaid, centered with poinsettias and gold candles and greenery.

The finger food was delicious, abundant, and very attractive from sandwiches to assorted nuts and chocolates, coffee and hot spicy punch.

This is a highlight of the Holiday Season. Women throughout the community look forward to this festive occasion. Many out of county friends arrive each year and enjoy the decorations. Santa, asleep by the fireplace, the beautiful poinsettias, the lovely fireplace with burning logs, and stockings hung, awaiting the Eve of Christmas, and Dear 'ole Santa Claus. It was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Thacker was assisted by co-hostesses, Donna Hoyle, Pam Thacker, Anne Thacker, Joyce Smith, and Dorothy Lee.

This brunch was originated by Mrs. Lillian Thacker and is being carried on by LaVoe, Joyce and other relatives as a living memorial.






Time After Time

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1997 IS TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES



1997 has begun! It will take a few weeks before I am used to the new number. I will have some cross-outs in the check book and a few corrections to dates on letterheads. But still I look forward with anticipation for what 1997 brings. Hopefully it will bring me numerous opportunities to teach the Word of God. I am eager for that.

Teaching is like building a house. With each teaching activity we complete, we are adding to the foundation already laid, which is Christ Jesus. Teaching in some ways is like building a house. The building of a house takes careful planning, good equipment, good workers and the proper materials. In teaching, these same things are needed. The teacher needs to plan carefully, use good methods and the Word of God is the proper material.

In teaching an important thing to realize is that we must not get so caught up in the methods that we forget the message! Productive teaching proclaims a message. Our message is "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Bible speaks of Christians both teaching and living their faith. We read in I Timothy 4:16 these words, "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." In 1997 there is the promise of opportunities to teach Jesus. Why not purpose to do that very thing.

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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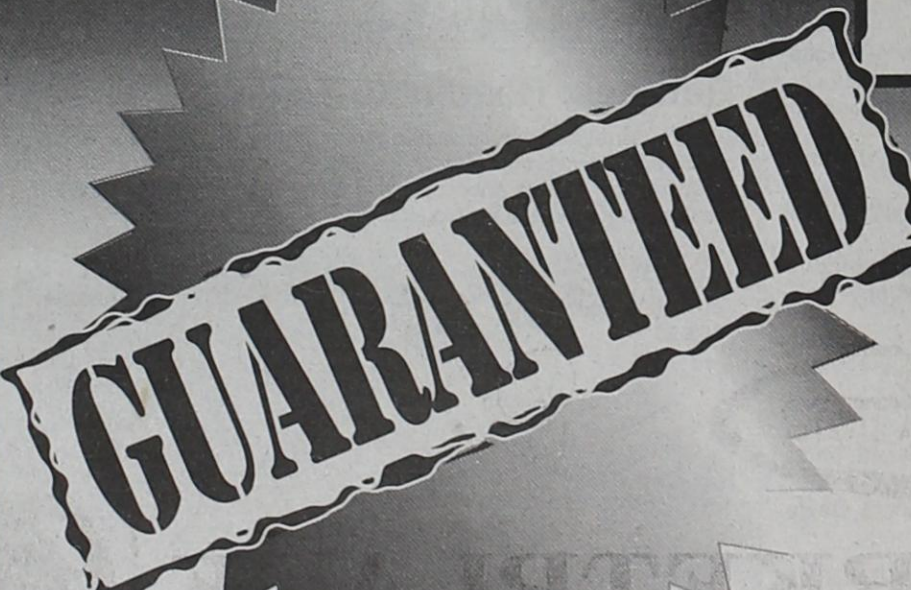
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MC hall news

6th Grade Students Write Poems

NOTE: The Motley County ISD 6th grade class recently wrote poems as a class assignment. Miss Price, their teacher, thought our readers might enjoy reading some of them.

EAGLE

by Chantry Meyer

Once, when my mind decided
took flight I did,
through the night.
Flying, soaring, gliding.
No one even dared riding,
on my back, scared were they.
Though it was the month of May,
I was cold,
and so was they prey.
Not even a coyote I saw,
when suddenly I gaped in awe.
A gruesome creature running fast,
jumping, leaping, soon to be the last,
for the species was long gone,
and I, the great eagle, made them,
quickly and surely, extinct.

TAZ

by Clint Cooper

Corky is my father,
Tammy is my mother.
I had a sister and a brother,
now I have neither one or the other.
They took me away
and gave me a home.

They call me Taz and now I
am free to roam.
I gave it lots of thought
and I like them a lot,
it's a good place for a puppy like me.
The only thing is
that accidents happen,
when you gotta go, you gotta go.
Sometimes they get mad,
and I feel bad,
but deep down inside,
I know they still love me.

by Tim

I am the wolf, a beautiful creature
of the day.
By night I am vicious creature,
that swares to tell my sight.
I fell that I should kill all men.
But not the man shall survive for
he is helpless he did not know.
Hunt and kill, I shall say
for I am angry at all men.
Spare their life one man shall say,
for they are hungry
they did not mean to kill and play.
I shall say we're all hungry,
so are you for all our sakes,
we are free, let's eat and play,
so have some fun,
we're here to stay for all the day.

by Lacy Carson

There once was a dog,
who barked in the fog,

one scary night.
Oh what a fright!
The dog turned into a frog.

by Marcelino

There once was a cat named Cuddle
It huddled in the puddle.
It got sick one day
and went home to stay
with it's master, Mrs. Ruddle.

by Bo Long

There once was a man named Jack.
He lived in a very rich shack.
One day he went out to play,
and he decided to stay.
They wondered why
he never came back.

JACK

by Josh

There once was a boy named Jack,
He lived in a very small shack.
He burnt it down,
he went to town.
Then he never came back.

by Amanda Sands

There once was a Raider
Whose name was Red Gator.
He acted real whaly
His skin was so awfully scaly.
That he became a Gator Raider.

by Brittany Moore

There once was a girl named Daisy.
She was oh so lazy.
All she ever did was eat.
And tried to stay off her feet.
All her friends called her crazy.

by Brittany Donaldson

There once was a mouse,
who moved in my house.
He had black, beady eyes.
He was so very wise,
that he got shipped to the courthouse.

Cotton Conference
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The conference will provide 7.5
continuing education units for Private,
and Commercial Applicator License
holders. These CEU's also qualify as
credit for Certified Crop Advisors.
Pre-registration (Prior to January 6,

TAZ

by Brenda Gillespie

There was a man named Taz.
He lived with lots of pizzaz.
He went to town.
On his way afrown.
He came home with lots of jazz.

by Brittany Perryman

There once was a cat.
That lived in a hat.
The cat got a mouse.
And burnt down the house.
And his roommate is now a bat.

by Derrick Cruse

There was a boy named Pete.
He liked to eat meat.
He never made a sound.
When he came around.
Because he had small feet.

by Ricardo

There once was a cat.
Who lived in a hat.
Who played with the yarn.
Who ate mice from a barn.
And he was a brat.

by Eric

There once was a cat.
He liked to eat rats.
He lived in a box.
His name was Fox.
He liked to play with hats.

Clarendon College to offer classes in Childress

Clarendon, Texas -- Clarendon College has announced that the following college courses will be offered in Childress for the Spring 1997 semester.

Courses to be offered includes:
Accounting II, Botany, Intro. to Computers, Preparatory English, English Comp/Rhetoric II, Texas Government, U.S. History to Present, Intro to Humanities, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Plane Trigonometry, Business Calculus, General Psychology, Effective Reading and Public Speaking.

All Classes will be held at Childress High School. Registration for all classes will be held at CHS, beginning at 6 p.m. on January 6, 1997.

For information about these classes,

1997) fees are \$35.00 for both days or \$20.00 for one day. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and access to exhibits.

For more information contact: Ron Graves, Floyd/Crosby IPM Agent, (806) 675-2426; Greg Jones, Crosby County Extension Agent, (806)-675-2347; J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, (806) 983-4912.

MOTLEY COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Junior High

Jan. 6	Valley	away	4:00
Jan. 13	Crowell	home	4:00
Jan. 18	Motley Co. JH Tourn.	home	TBA
Jan. 20	Lakeview	away	5:00
Jan. 27	Paducah	home	4:00
Feb. 1	Valley JH Tourn.	away	TBA

High School

Jan. 7	** Valley	away	4:00
Jan. 10	** Crowell	home	4:00
Jan. 11	Valley JV Tourn.	away	TBA
Jan. 14	** Chillicothe	away	4:00
Jan. 17	Silverton	away	4:00
Jan. 21	** Paducah	home	4:00
Jan. 24	** Valley	home	4:00
Jan. 28	** Crowell	away	4:00
Jan. 31	** Chillicothe	home	4:00
Feb. 4	OPEN		
Feb. 7	** Paducah	away	4:00

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ALLEN MASON - MANAGER

Farm & Ranch News

Javelinas In This Area?

by Dana Wright,
Wildlife Technician II
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Recently javelinas or peccary have been spotted in this area of the Rolling Plains. Last year Brad Simpson, Wildlife Biologist spotted a javelina on the Matador Wildlife Management Area, 7 miles North of Paducah in Cottle County, and was able to document it with a picture. I have since received several reports this year, from hunters, who have seen javelinas in Cottle and Foard Counties.

Javelinas or Collared Pecary (Tayassu tajacu) are similar to feral hogs in appearance, but are not even listed as a member of the swine family. Javelinas typically only reach a maximum weight of 55 pounds, are a greyish color with a white ring around the neck, only have four teats, have a musk gland on their rump, and only one claw on each of the back feet.

Javelinas are considered omnivorous, which means they will eat a wide variety of plant and animal material. However, they feed almost entirely on the pods of fruit of prickly pear, and will actually scoot a pear pad along the ground to break off the spines to make it easier to eat. Unlike domestic or wild hogs, javelina rarely root in the ground, but rather push around on the surface turning up chunks of wood, small rocks and cactus in search of food items.

Generally, a javelina litter, will usually consist of 2 young, but may be as large as 5. Breeding occurs at any time of the year and the young are born 5 months later. At birth the young are reddish or yellowish in color and weigh just over a pound. They are able to follow the mother within a few days, at which time the family rejoins the rest of the herd. They normally travel in groups that vary in size from a few individuals to a couple of dozen.

They can be aggressive when cornered or when protecting their young

and their sharp tusks can do considerable damage. Javelina have a sharp sense of smell, but very poor eyesight. Because of this poor eyesight they can become confused if surprised and run directly at you in an attempt to escape. This act is often considered to be a charge by many people, when they are actually just trying to run away from you. The best thing to do when you see some javelinas is to give them plenty of room.

Javelinas prefer brushy habitats over open country and are found primarily in Mexico, southern and western portions of Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. They cannot stand extremely cold weather and will retreat into caves or dense brush thickets during cold periods of weather. The javelina populations in the southern Panhandle are the result of stocking efforts by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department the 1950's. The animals were released on ranches in Wilbarger, Wichita, Archer, Jack, Baylor, Knox, Garza, Borden and Foard Counties.

This population represents the northern edge of the javelina's range in Texas and it is believed the cold temperature in our region will prevent them from moving any further north.

The increase in their distribution and numbers in local counties allowed for the opening of a hunting season in Baylor, Foard, Knox, Wichita and Wilbarger Counties. The season is from October 1, 1996 through February 23, 1997 and the bag limit is 2 javelinas per season. For more information on javelina hunting regulations, please check your annual Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Hunting Guide. Remember, that in areas where there is no hunting season on javelinas, they are a protected animal, which means you cannot hunt them or trap them to sell, unlike wild hogs.

For more information on javelinas and their management, please contact: Dana Wright, Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept., Route 1, Box 175, Paducah, Texas 79248, (806) 596-4678.

Gramm Announces Loans To Aid Family Farmers

Washington -- U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has announced that farmers in several Texas counties are eligible to apply for low-interest emergency loans to help recover from crop losses caused by drought, which occurred between Oct. 1, 1995 and July 10, 1996.

The counties included in a Secretarial disaster designation dated Dec. 17, 1996, are: Brewster, Dickens, Fort Bend, Grimes, Jeff Davis, Potter, presidio and Wharton.

For those who cannot obtain credit through normal channels, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency will make loans available at below-market interest rates to family-sized farm operators.

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FROM: Board of Trustees Crosbyton Clinic Hospital

SUBJECT: THANK YOU !!

Crosbyton Clinic Hospital Board of Trustees would like to publicly thank the citizens we serve, our employees, volunteers, and the medical staff for their support of Crosbyton Clinic Hospital over the past forty-nine years.

We have enjoyed excellent doctors, committed employees, dedicated volunteers, supportive communities, progressive Boards and strong management over the years.

With the Floydada, Post, Matador, and Paducah hospitals closed, Crosbyton Clinic Hospital is the only hospital located immediately east of Lubbock providing services to the people of this vast region. Very few doctors live in towns east of Lubbock. Rural hospitals are also located in Lockney, Snyder, and Seymour.

The healthcare industry is rapidly changing. Many rural hospitals will not survive over the next five years. When a rural hospital closes, healthcare services are dramatically curtailed, emergency care is hindered, consistent doctor coverage is often jeopardized, support of local nursing homes is diminished, and over 100 regional jobs are lost in that community.

Please be assured, the Board of Crosbyton Clinic Hospital is committed to continuing to provide high quality, service directed healthcare to the people of this region. We will be expanding our array of patient focused health care services in the near future.

We appreciate your use of our hospital and home health agency, your confidence in our employees, and your support of the local medical staff.

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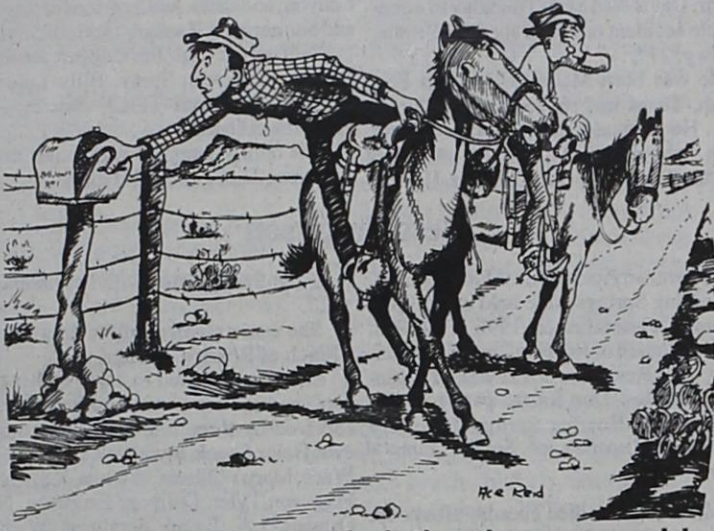
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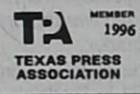
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Sincerely,
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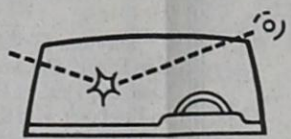
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