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## A Look Back



APRIL 11, 1934

### Matador Takes District Field-Track Crown

"Childress, Texas -- Two records fell as the Matador Bull Fighters ran off with honors in the District #4 Interscholastic League Track and Field meet here Saturday afternoon. Coach Harvey Stanford's thinly clad 27 1/2 points to 13 1/2 for Childress and 13 for Estelline and Samnorwood."

APRIL 11, 1935

### Ice Company Adds Vending Machine As Aid to Service

"In order to speed up service and avoid delay of customers during the summer months, Solon Lea, manager of the Lee Ice Company here has installed a vending machine which is now in operation. The new equipment is entirely of home construction and now involves considerable complication, yet by merely pulling a cord any of the three popular size of ice quickly slides to a stop at the platform, tied and ready for the customer to carry away."

## Around Town

### News Briefs of Area Events

## Award-Winning Photographer at Library tonight

Residents are reminded that tonight, Thursday, April 8, the Motley County Library will feature award-winning photographer, Wyman Meinzer. Mr. Meinzer will show slides and speak. Texas wildlife and landscapes are the themes of Mr. Meinzer's slide show. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation that is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Parent Visitation Thursday

### School to dismiss at 1:30

Motley County schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (today) April 8, in order for parents to visit with their children's teachers and pick up the 5th 6-weeks report cards. Busses will run at that time.

## Flomot Homecoming meeting

A Flomot Homecoming meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 12 at the Community Center in Flomot. Everyone is urged to attend to make plans.

## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



ONE ACT PLAY CAST — Motley County's One Act Play cast members are pictured above in costume, beginning at back, left to right, Jaron Everett, Benjamin Ridgley, Shawn Marvel, Skylar Clifton, Tony Salazar, Brandon Moore and Brant Donaldson; (middle) Charity Bartlett, Leigha Burns, Courtney Hays, Kaci Risser; (front) Candace Marvel, Dusty Jackson, Blair Thacker, and Kristi Williams.

## Motley County One Act Play competes in Zone contest

Motley County High School's One Act Play, GREENSLEEVES' MAGIC traveled to Paducah on March 25 to compete in the Zone Contest. The play was named alternate by Dr. E. Don Williams, Critic Judge. Blair Thacker, who was highly praised by Dr. Williams was named Best Actress. Leigha Burns placed on the All-Star Cast while Benjamin Ridgley and Charity Bartlett made Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Although

the play did not advance to the next level, each cast member did his or her personal best the night of the contest and should be commended for the countless hours spent in personal practice and at rehearsal.

Cast members included: Dusty Jackson, Kristi Williams, Blair Thacker, Charity Bartlett, Courtney Hays, Leigha Burns, Skylar Clifton, Benjamin Ridgley, Brant Donaldson, Jaron Everett, Brandon Moore, Tony

Salazar, Kaci Risser, Candace Marvel and Shawn Marvel. Crew members were Ashley Stevens, Vanessa

Easter, Llan Barkley, and Kember Everett. Technical assistance was provided by Janell Kilmer, Dumont

Darsey, and Shannon O'Pry. Alternates, who also assisted at the Zone Contest, were Brandon Lee, Ryan Moore, and Jerod Rieger. Directors were Carol Hays and Kelli Jackson.

## Storm rips through Northfield

Early morning winds damage residents' property



STORM DAMAGE — Big Cedar trees were completely uprooted and tossed everywhere at the home of David Boykin in Northfield, as seen in the picture above. Pictured below is a large stock trailer which was tossed and twisted by the storm. These pictures show only part of the damage caused by the storm early Monday morning at the Boykin place west of Northfield.



A storm being described as "horrendous" by residents, ripped through Northfield early Monday morning leaving uprooted trees, demolished barns and tossed fences and farm equipment. The storm cell appeared shortly before 1:00 a.m. Monday, according to Tim Tinsley, a weather service meteorologist. No injuries were reported.

Most of the damage was concentrated about a mile west of Northfield at the property of David and Missy Boykin. They were not in Northfield when the storm hit. They returned to discover three 40-foot cedar trees uprooted, roofs torn from outbuildings, farm equipment overturned and a door blown off an old boxcar.

The nearby Seigler ranch also received some damage. Two barns and some horse stalls were blown away and a radio tower fell on Mrs. Sue Seigler's house. Hail was reported in some areas of Motley County.

Rainfall totals for March in Matador were 2.29; Roaring Springs, 2.01; Flomot, 2.94; Whiteflat, 2.25; and Northfield, 1.50.

For April Matador has received .54; Roaring Springs, .45; Flomot, .31; Whiteflat, .61; and Northfield, .37.

## Annual Lions Show set for April 20

"Hee-Haw" theme to be featured

by Charles Keith

The Matador Lions Club will present its annual Lions Show at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday night, April 20, at the School Auditorium. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

The show this year will feature a comedy show based on the TV show "Hee-Haw", so there will be lots of fun to be had by all in attendance. There will also be the Annual Queen Contest to select the Lions Club Queen for next year, 1999-2000, and to give final honors to this year's Queen, Kristi Williams. The program will conclude with the candy sales to give away the many prizes that are

donated by Lions Club members and Matador businesses.

New this year at the show will be a ticket drawing for the following prizes: Grand (1st) prize - \$2,000; 2nd prize - \$1,000; 3rd prize - \$500; 4th prize - \$100; and 3 other prizes of \$50 each. Tickets are being sold by Lions

members at \$25 each and since only 300 tickets are being sold, the odds are fairly good to win "big money". You do not have to be present to win and the ticket is good for one person's entry to the show. A very few tickets are available for sale - contact Charles Keith at 347-2283 or Alan Bingham at 347-2226 - but hurry!

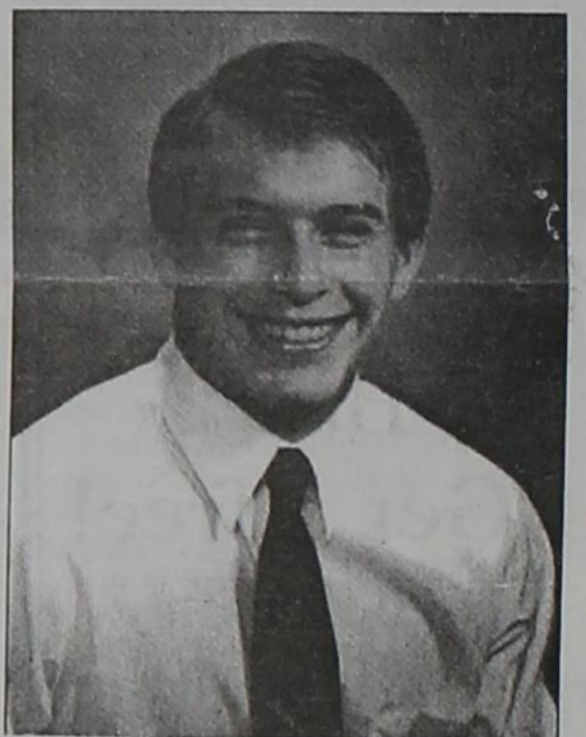
## Motley County Senior Named Tandy Scholar

Robert Gillespie, Motley County Senior, has been named a Tandy Scholar, as an Outstanding Math/Science/Computer Science student.

"Ten years ago, the Radio Shack/Tandy Scholars program was created to inspire innovation, quality and competitiveness in math and science," said Leonard Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack. "Today, 83 percent of the secondary schools across the country are enrolled in the program, making Radio Shack/Tandy Scholars an extraordinary force in recognizing academic excellence. I have absolute faith that great things will come from the brilliant minds of this year's student and teacher recipients."

Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack is proud to announce the 1999 Prize Recipients. A total of \$350,000 in awards and scholarships is presented to teachers and students who have achieved excellence in the areas of mathematics, science and computer science. This year, 42,000 certificates of recognition will be sent to bright academicians across the nation.

The program is funded by Tandy Corporation Radio Shack, administered by Texas Christian University and endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Dr. William D. Dillon, principal of New Haven High School, New Haven, IN wrote "Thank you, on behalf of our entire community, for allowing



Robert Gillespie

us to bask in the glory of one of our own who is being recognized as a leader among the distinguished community of contemporary American teachers."

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, Radio Shack/Tandy Scholars has awarded \$3.5 million and 35,000 certificates of academic excellence. The

program is open to all accredited high schools. Prize recipients were selected by a panel of distinguished educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

## Sales tax rebates total \$172.8 million to Texas cities and counties

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$172.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 5.8 percent increase over the \$163.3 million allocated to cities and counties in March 1998, and a 7.4 percent increase for the first three months of 1999, compared to the first three months of 1998.

"Texas' economic growth continues, and consumer confidence remains extremely high," Rylander said. "Retail sales in many communities are above the levels of one year ago."

Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$159.4 million to Texas cities, 7.8 percent higher than

last March's payments of \$147.8 million. However, rebates of \$13.4 million to Texas counties were 13.3 percent lower than allocations of \$15.5 million in March 1998.

Matador had a net payments this period of \$971.73, compared to \$1,354.49 for last year, a -28.25% change. 1999 payments to date are \$6,283.63, compared to \$6,346.15 for 1998, a -0.98% change.

Roaring Springs had a net payment of \$232.90, compared to \$1,456.86 for last year, a -84.01% change. 1999 payments to date are \$3,189.48, compared to \$4,212.49 for 1998, a -24.28% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, April 9.

## Early voting begins April 14

Early voting will begin April 14 for the May 1 Election and will continue through April 27. Voters may vote early for School Board or Hospital Board at the Motley County Clerk's office in the Courthouse, Matador City Council at City Hall, or Roaring Springs City Council at City Hall in Roaring Springs.

Candidates for these positions are listed as follows:  
Roaring Springs City Council -

Kelly Keltz, James Adams, Pearl Patten, Venita Sedgwick, Bucky Marvel, and Vince Taylor.

Matador City Council - Rodney Williams, James "Tootie" Meador, Thomas Chapman. Doyle Rose will also be a candidate, as a Write-In.

Hospital Board - Charlie Johnson, Deb Jones.

School Board - Darrell Cruse, James Gillespie, Pat Smith, and Vaden Hays have filed for the two 3-

year terms, and J.D. Russell has filed for the one-year unexpired term.

For those not wishing to cast their votes early, the regular election will be held on Saturday, May 1, with polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Polling places will be the Motley County Courthouse for Matador; the Depot for Roaring Springs; the Community Center for Flomot; and the Cemetery Building for Northfield residents.





As I hear and read reports of the three American soldiers who have been captured in Yugoslavia, my memories return to my high school years when I wore a POW bracelet, bearing the name of a soldier who was a Prisoner of the War of Vietnam. I wore two bracelets throughout the years. The first was a soldier who was missing in action. I never took the bracelet off. The name on the bracelet became a part of my life, my family. I remember the day I received a letter from the family of the young soldier, informing me that he had been declared dead.

Within a few months I was wearing a new bracelet belonging to a soldier who was a prisoner of war. Again, I never took the bracelet off and the name on the bracelet became a part of my family. I wore the bracelet until, again, I received notification that this young soldier had also been declared dead. I still have both bracelets.

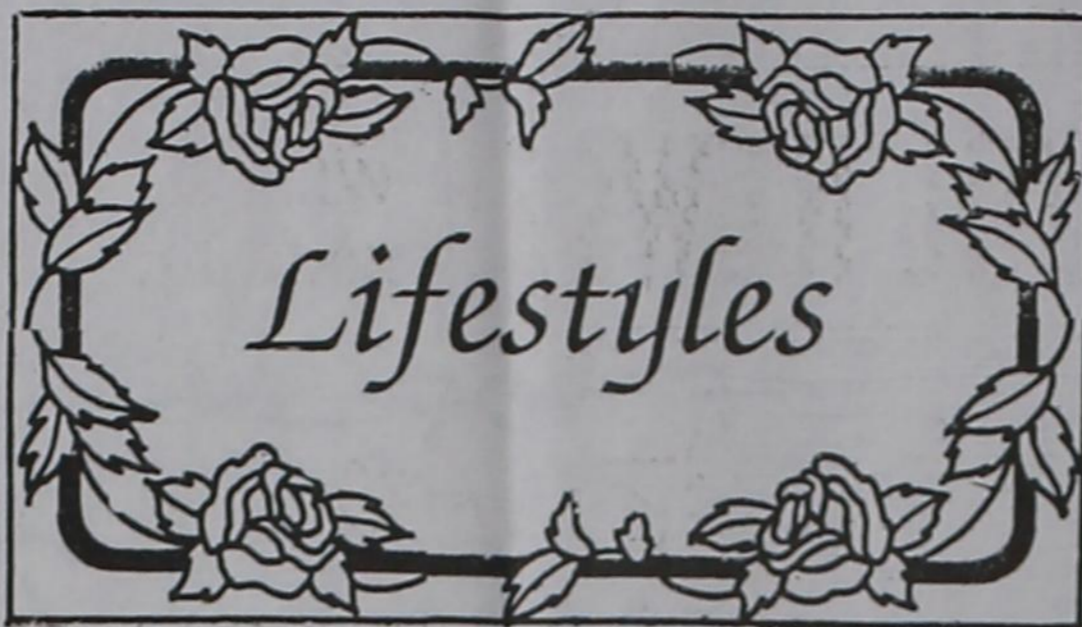
I remember how my heart ached, as a young girl, for the families of these men. They were heroes, who

had been lost in a war defending the honor of their country.

My girlfriend wore a bracelet bearing the name of Lt. Col. Louis Farr Jones, MIA. I remember being familiar with the name because he was the husband of a Roaring Springs girl. Of course I didn't know at that time that I would be the mother of his grandson one day.

Lt. Col. Louis Farr Jones was also declared dead, before his grandson was born. He and many other young soldiers never had the chance to know their sons and daughters, their grandchildren. He was a real hero, and even though my son never knew his grandfather, he is truly a hero in his life.

We must have the belief that the battle in Yugoslavia will not lead to the extent of the horrific battle of the Vietnam war. I'm sure that I join every other American in the hopes and prayers for the men and women who are fighting for the freedom and rights of the more than 300,000 people being forced out of Kosovo. And for the three young soldiers who are being imprisoned as Prisoners of War.



## Predicta Study Club hosts annual Men's Night Out

by L.V. Damron

The Predicta Study Club met at the Roaring Springs Cafe March 18, 1999 for their annual Men's night meeting. President LaVoe Thacker welcomed members and guests and Buzz Thacker gave the invocation. An outstanding meal was served by Warner and Virginia Sailsbury to eleven members and guests.

Vice-President Odessa Mullins introduced the guest speaker, Charles Keith and wife, Joan, who assisted him in the presentation of a program on patriotism. Mr. Keith grew up in Matador and attended school here. Following college he served in the Marine Corps until his retirement and then he and Joan returned to Matador to live. He is active in the Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce and various other city and county projects.

Mr. Keith, with Joan manning the tape player, opened the program with everyone singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He discussed extensively the meaning of patriotism, love of our country, respect of our flag and our willingness to lay down our lives in defense of our country. He discussed how all these things were taught in school when we were going to school.

Mr. Keith discussed how our freedom was taken and accepted as if it were a permanent thing. He discussed the decrease of the moral

structure in our country and how God is not the focal point in our lives, schools and government as it once was. He pointed out that the frenzied celebration of a particular patriotic holiday was not the same patriotism that was taught and ingrained in people from birth. He stated his concern for the youth and for our country going into the new millennium.

Mr. Keith discussed the apathy of our nation in regard to voting. Not even 50% of the people vote in any election opposed to 80-90% voter turnout that could make a decided difference in how our country could be led. He again stressed that our youth is the future of our country and that how we as adults are failing to lead them insofar as patriotism, love of God, love of country, and respect for themselves as well as respect for others.

He closed by reading "The Common Patriot" and challenged everyone to show their patriotism, love of God and country, vote and be a role model. The playing of "Taps" closed the program.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keith, Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Janice Brown, Ossie Lee Brown, L.V. Damron, Rusty Birchfield, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Dorothy Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Long, Odessa Mullins, Joyce Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski.

## Granddaughter named to Achievement Academy



Nicole Green

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Nicole Green, from Tahoka, has been named a United States National Award Winner in Foreign Language. Nicole is the granddaughter of Betty Bearden of Matador and Ted and Nelta Green of Plainview. She is the daughter of Rickey and Jackie Green of Tahoka.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Nicole Green attends Tahoka High School. She was nominated for this national award by Dana Curry, her Spanish Teacher. Her name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official yearbook, which is published nationally.

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

### Correction

Parker James Walton's name was incorrectly printed as Walker in last week's paper in the Pipkin birthday story. We apologize for the mistake.

We apologize for the mistake on the El Progresso Club report in last week's paper. We do not know what we did to end the story with that particular paragraph, but we do know that the El Progresso Club has nothing to do with the decisions of teachers. We stress, again, we are only human, and we do make mistakes. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.  
—Plutarch  
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We had a Lancaster Family Reunion at the Library last Tuesday. When the Lancaster Farm (Wayland Moore) was awarded a certificate for its 100 years in production in the same family, the Amarillo newspaper sent a reporter to interview the Moores. When the article came out in the Amarillo newspaper, a lady who has been researching the Lancasters read it and called Betty Moore. As a result, the lady from Amarillo, Norma Broach, came to Matador and met with L.V. Damron, Lorene Lancaster, Bertha Moore, and Betty Moore.

They chose the Library as their meeting place so they could use the copy machine. It seems that two brothers, Lum Lancaster and Delaney Franklin Lancaster, came to Motley County. Lum stayed on but Delaney moved to New Mexico. Mrs. Broach's husband and L.V. Damron

are descendants of Delaney Lancaster, and Bertha Moore and Wayland Moore are descendants of Lum Lancaster.

These ladies had a great time exchanging family information and visiting East Mound Cemetery where both Lum and Delaney are buried. The Motley County Library was proud to host such a gathering of the descendants of early-day settlers.

You are invited to come to the Library tonight, Thursday, April 8, to a presentation by noted photographer Wyman Meinzer. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and begins at 7:30 p.m. The Friends will serve refreshments and there is no charge to attend. We hope that everyone will come see Mr. Meinzer's beautiful photographs and hear his interesting tales.

## Matador Masonic Lodge plans Centennial celebration

by Rita Groves

Matador Masonic Lodge #824 is planning a festive program including dignitaries from other localities for April 30 when the hundredth birthday of the Lodge is observed. The plan includes a banquet in the Motley County School gymnasium the evening of April 30th.

Matador Lodge was chartered in December of 1898, and the Roaring Springs Lodge #1171 merged with Matador Lodge November 20, 1992 combining the membership into the Matador Lodge #824. Alvin Alexander has provided us with a list of Past Masters of the Roaring Springs Lodge. We hope to publish this list, and we ask that any reader who can send in a story on the life of any of these Past Masters will be making a contribution to the pioneer collection in the Library. (P.O. Box 8, Roaring Springs, TX 79256)

Commemorative Coins are now on sale to go toward funding the event. The antique Gold, Silver, and antique Silver coins were designed and produced by Thacker Jewelry of Roaring Springs and are available through members of the Lodge or Thacker Jewelry. You may contact any Mason to purchase these beautiful coins that will make wonderful gifts or keepsakes. Contact any Mason for more information, and watch for future announcements.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

## Breast Screening Clinic to be held in Matador

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on April 22, 1999.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam., mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-

cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen

women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 359-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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by Geneva

**LADIES PLAYDAY**  
Thursday, March 25  
Playing 18 holes were Louise Barton and Geneva Wilson. They won blind partners.  
Nine hole players were Mary Jones, Frances Hobbs, and Nell Berryman. Mary won low putts, 16.  
Weather permitting we hope to have more players this week.

**LADIES PLAYDAY**  
April 1  
18 hole players were LaVoe Thacker, Louise Barton, Mary Lou Williams, Geneva Wilson. Mary Lou won the ball, most bogies on even holes, 4.  
Nine hole players were Lucretia Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Frances Hobbs. Lucretia won the ball, most bogies on even holes, 3.

God Bless You!

**"Set Free From Sin's Power"**  
(Romans 6:18)

In order for God to help us we must first see ourselves as God sees us. The person outside of Christ is seen by God as unprotected by the blood of Jesus. The Bible clearly reveals this in Romans chapter five. When we come to the same understanding, we then see ourselves as God sees us. We are in need of help, God's help. That is where the "Good News" or the Gospel is so meaningful. Jesus saves! That is why Jesus went the way of the Cross.

But you and I must recognize our need before we will be willing to accept what our God offers through His work at Calvary. It is only the blood of Christ that sets us free from sin and allows us to become the servants of righteousness. That's God's view and our need.

When we obey the Gospel of Christ, we are protected by the saving blood of Jesus. We are then at peace with God and free from the power of sin. It is not that sin died, but as Paul explains in Roman chapter six, it is we who died to sin. That means we cannot gain the consent of our conscience to live in sin any more. It is through the Cross that we possess victory in Christ Jesus. We live in that Victory everyday!

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
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# MOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

## Motley County UIL Academic teams compete at District



**REGIONAL UIL QUALIFIERS** — Students qualifying for the UIL Regional meet are Kaci Risser, Robert Gillespie, Jerod Rieger (back l-r); in front are Tony Salazar, Llan Barkley, and Brandon Moore.

The MCHS UIL Academic Teams competed in the district meet on March 30 and 31 at Wayland University in Plainview. A total of ten teams competed in the meet. Twenty-four students represented Motley County in the competition. They were:

**Calculator Applications**  
Robert Gillespie, Nesa Palmer, Kaci Risser, Kristi Williams.

**Computer Applications**  
Brandon Moore, Sherri Thomas

**Computer Science**  
Robert Gillespie, Kaci Risser.

**Science**  
Llan Barkley, Robert Gillespie, Justin Jameson, Nesa Palmer, Jerod Rieger, Kaci Risser.

**Spelling and Vocabulary**  
Sherri Thomas, Courtney Hays, Quinn Hays.

**Poetry Interpretation**  
Scott Jones  
Feature Writing  
LeAnndra Wallace  
Headline Writing  
Brandon Lee  
LeAnndra Wallace

**Current Issues & Events**  
Rachelle Renfro, Ben Ridgley, Ashley Stevens.

**Literary Criticism**  
Kayla Copp, Kember Everett, Ben Ridgley.

**Mathematics**  
Robert Gillespie, Nesa Palmer, Kaci Risser, Kristi Williams.

**Number Sense**  
Brandon Moore, Jerod Rieger, Kaci Risser, Tony Salazar.

**Ready Writing**  
Leigha Burns, Kayla Copp, Brandon Moore, Sherri Thomas.

Several Motley County Students placed in their events. Scott Jones placed sixth in Poetry Interpretation. Rachelle Renfro placed fifth in Current Issues & Events. Kaci Risser placed sixth in Mathematics, and the entire team placed third.

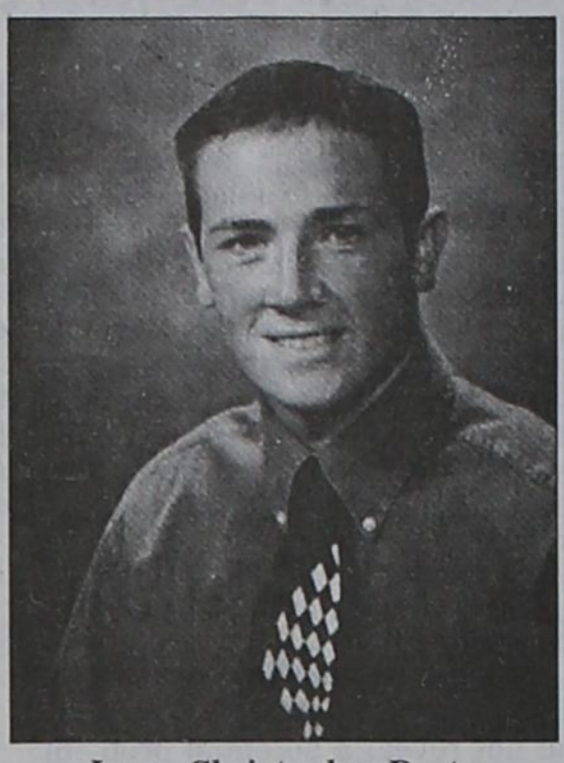
The Second place Calculator Applications team had Kaci Risser placing fourth, and Nesa Palmer placing sixth. Third individual in Number Sense was Jerod Rieger; the team placed second, but because of a conflict for the first place team, the entire team will advance to Regional.

Others advancing to Regional in Levelland on April 23 include: Science team consisting of Jerod Rieger, 1st place overall; Llan Barkley, 4th place overall; Kaci Risser, 5th place overall, top scorer in Chemistry; and Robert Gillespie, alternate. Computer Science contestants Robert Gillespie, 1st and Kaci Risser, 2nd. Benjamin Ridgley placed third in Literary Criticism.



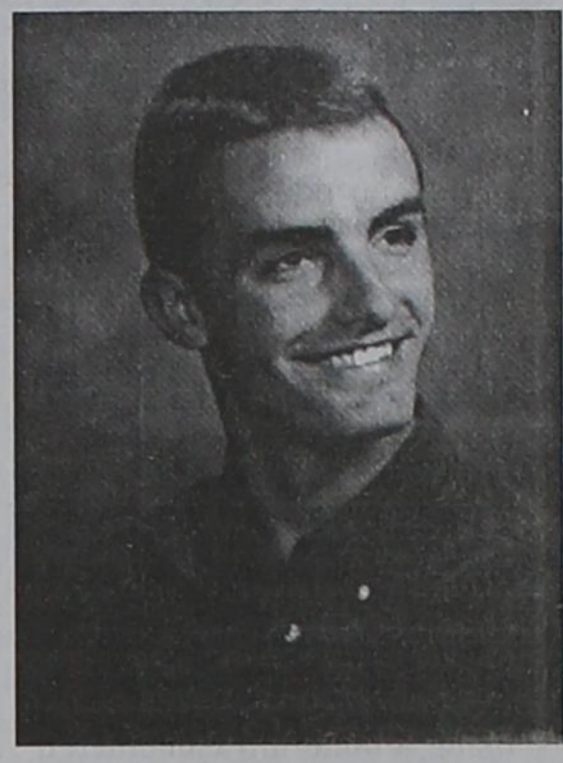
What's goin' on??

## SENIORS SHINE IN '99



**Jason Christopher Barton**

Age: 18  
Birthdate: September 5, 1980  
Place of Birth: Little Rock, Arkansas  
Parents' names: Randy and Bonita Barton.  
Brothers & Sisters: Lanie  
Best advice ever received: Always tell the truth.  
If you could go back and change anything, what would it be and why: Start high school all over and have even more fun than I did.  
Most valuable possession: Family and friends.  
Unforgettable Memory: Summer '96, '97, and '98, Road trips, Camp outs, winning Bi-District and all the times I just hung out with my closest friends.  
Favorite color: Blue  
Favorite Song: Jim Dandy - off the Dazed and Confused soundtrack  
Favorite movie: Animal House  
Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: I was just having fun and lost track of time.  
Favorite hangout: Anywhere with my friends.  
What I like best about myself: Everything.  
Favorite style of clothes: Lucky Brand and Tommy Hilfiger.  
What I like most about high school: Being with friends and when the last bell rings.  
Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: 4th Grade.  
Most embarrassing moment: I don't get embarrassed.  
Advice to the underclassmen: Have a blast, because it won't last as long as you want it too.  
Favorite saying or quote: Whaaa!  
Plans after high school: Attend Southern Arkansas University.



**Robert Jaron Everett**

Age: 18  
Birthdate: 4-3-81  
Place of Birth: Lockney, Texas.  
Parents names: Rob and LeShay Everett.  
Brothers and sisters: Kember Everett, 17; Chase Everett, 1 1/2.  
Best advice ever received: Be who you are not who people want you to be.  
If you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be and why: I would start school at Motley County my Kindergarten year because this is the best school.  
Most valuable possession: My 136 piece tractor and equipment collection.  
Unforgettable memory: December 27, 1998.  
Favorite color: Red.  
Favorite song: Sunday in the South and Amazing Grace.  
Favorite movie: Gettysburg.  
Best excuse ever used to get out of trouble: I couldn't find Kember.  
Favorite hangout: Courtney's house and camping out in Nathan's camper.  
What I like best about myself: I try to get along with everyone.  
Favorite style of clothes: Casual clothes - Wranglers, T-shirts, etc.  
What I like most about high school: Getting to drive legally.  
Most vivid memory of Elementary or Jr. High: Being sick all the time.  
Advice to the underclassmen: You're nearly out!  
Favorite saying or quote: "That's not my problem."  
Plans after high school: Live in Matador and farm in Floyd County.

## Students of the Month



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** — February Students of the Month are (left to right) Amanda Hurt, Ryan Payne, Andy Paul Jones, and Janell Kilmer.

Students of the Month for February were Amanda Hurt and Ryan Payne for Junior High and Janell Kilmer and Andy Jones for High School.

Amanda is the 13-year-old daughter of Kate and Tommy Hurt of Matador. She is a seventh grader. She has one brother, Tommy, 15.  
Her favorite color is yellow. Her favorite song is Slide by Goo Goo Dolls. Her favorite movies are Titanic and Armageddon.  
Her hobbies and activities include playing basketball, running track and playing tennis.  
She admires her Mom, "because she is a great person."

Ryan is the 14-year-old son of Ronny and Mikki Payne of Matador. He is also a seventh grader. He has one sister, Leah, 11.  
His favorite color is blue. His favorite song is Every Morning. His favorite movies are The Mask of Zorro and Shawshank Redemption.  
His hobbies and activities include paintball shooting, playing play station with his dad and showing steers.  
He admires his Dad, "because a lot goes with his job and he always has time for me."  
Janell is a Junior. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Bob and Wanda Kilmer of Matador. She has one sister, Jodie, 20.  
Her favorite color is green. Her favorite song is Ghetto Cowboy. Her favorite movie is Pretty Woman and her favorite food is Mexican.  
Her hobbies and activities include playing tennis, and hanging out with her friends.  
She plans to attend South Plains Junior College after she graduates.  
She is actively involved in FFA, 4-H, and last, but certainly not least, tennis!  
Janell admires her parents, "because they have tolerated me, but more importantly my sister!"  
Andy is also a Junior. He is the 16-year-old son of Mike and Jan Jones of Roaring Springs.  
His favorite color is blue. His favorite food is steak. His favorite movie is Lonesome Dove.  
He enjoys Roping.  
He plans to attend college after graduation.  
He is actively involved in VSTRC and THSRA (Texas High School Ro-

Because our student body is so small, each student competes in several events, both academic and athletic. Some also compete in FFA and FHA contests. In addition to spending time preparing for these events, the students also have to maintain their classwork grade averages. These students should be commended for the effort they make to make us a competitive school in all areas.

- April 8: High School District Tennis at Lubbock
- April 9: District Track at Wolforth, High School only.
- April 10: District Track at Wolforth, Junior High only.
- Area FFA Contest at TTU.
- April 12: Girl's District Golf at Motley County Little Dribblers Tournament at Motley County.
- April 13: Boy's District Golf at Motley County Little Dribblers Tournament at Motley County.
- April 14: Gifted and Talented Field Trip to Lubbock.
- April 15: Junior High and High School Cheerleader Tryouts at Motley County.
- April 16: Area Track at Snyder Little Dribblers Tournament at Motley County.
- April 17: Area Track at Snyder State FFA Contest at TTU.
- April 18: Little Dribblers Tournament at Motley County.
- April 19: Junior High Zone Tennis at Motley County.
- Texas Community Future Forum at Motley County at 5:00 p.m.
- April 20: Lions Club Show at 7:00 p.m.
- 6th grade Little Dribblers at Paducah.
- April 21: Spring Sports Pictures Memory Mats
- April 22: TRSI Forum at Motley County at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 4th grade Little Dribblers at Paducah.
- April 23: 5th Grade Little Dribblers at Paducah.
- Regional UIL at Levelland.
- April 24: State FFA Contest at TAMU
- Regional Qualifiers Track Meet Little Dribblers finals at Paducah.
- April 26: Regional Tennis at Levelland.
- April 27: TAAS - M - 3-8 Regional Tennis at Levelland.
- April 28: TAAS - R - 3-8 Regional Golf, Girls at Levelland, Boys at Sundown.
- April 29: TAAS - SS - 8th. District FFA Meeting at Memphis
- Regional Golf, Girls at Levelland, Boys at Sundown.
- April 30: TAAS - Sc. - 8th. Title I Field Trip. Masonic Lodge Banquet Regional Track at Levelland.

## School Menu

- MONDAY, APRIL 12  
Breakfast: Sausage, Waffles, Syrup, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza, Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Waffles, Milk.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 13  
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Veggie Sticks, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onions, Potato Chips, Desert, Milk.

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14  
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 15  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs, Pickles, Onions, Potato Chips, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 16  
Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Juice, Milk.  
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## New technology at Crosbyton Clinic Hospital helps in fight against Osteoporosis

Matador -- Twenty-five million Americans have osteoporosis. Fifty thousand people die each year because of it. Yet, most of us know little about protecting ourselves from this disease.

Osteoporosis results in more than 1 million hip, spine, and wrist fractures annually. The disorder affects nearly one-half of all postmenopausal women, the largest group at high risk for osteoporosis.

Research in osteoporosis, the disorder in which progressive bone loss results in increased risk of fracture, is making new advances. A key factor in this success has been the availability of new and improved equipment to measure bone quality.

Using a bone ultrasonometer, physicians can measure the bone quality of a patient's heel and follow

it over time. If a patient's bone quality is low, or decreases at an abnormally fast rate, the patient may be at risk for osteoporosis. Through changes in diet, exercise habits and/or medication, further deterioration of bone can be prevented. A new bone ultrasonometer was recently installed at Crosbyton Clinic Hospital.

"The Achilles+ultrasonometer (Lunar Corporation, Madison, Wisconsin) is a compact, cost-effective instrument that uses sound waves to measure the bone quality of the heel which assists the doctor in the management of osteoporosis," explained Dr. Pat.

"Until now, evaluating bone density using conventional x-ray systems did not reveal a potential problem until a patient had lost 25-30 percent of her bone density. Now, in just one minute, this highly sensitive

ultrasonometer helps us identify patients at risk at a much earlier stage. It can also evaluate response to treatment so that we know whether our therapy is effective or if we need to modify our approach."

"Fortunately," Dr. Pat said, "recent research findings clarify the nature of the disease, and demonstrate the effectiveness of new treatments. New diagnostic devices, such as the Achilles+ultrasonometer, improve our ability to manage patients with

osteoporosis." Dr. Pat encourages individuals to visit the facility and be evaluated for an Achilles+ examination. "There is no special preparation involved for the patient, the exam is brief and is a very comfortable procedure for the patient," he said.

Further information regarding osteoporosis, risk factors and bone quality measurements may be obtained by contacting your local physician at 347-2641.

## Bat Houses donated to Copper Breaks State Park

Quanah, Texas -- The usual campgrounds may be full this spring, but space is now available for more than 300 Mexican free-tailed bats looking to "hang out" at Copper Breaks State Park. The addition of three Bat Conservation International-approved bat houses will serve to augment the Park's natural resource interpretation facilities and has been made possible by the generous contribution of materials and manpower of Quanah Masonic Lodge #689.

Copper Breaks State Park already has a substantial bat population, according to park manager David Turner. Most of the bats are the Mexican free-tailed variety, but other species such as cave myotis and brown bats have also been identified. Each of the three new bat houses will accommodate approximately 100 bats, and will replace the same number of rotted, worn-out bat houses erected years ago. Park staff, with the assistance of park host, Dewayne MacFrittridge, and Lodge members Monte Lumpkin and Bob Melear, attached the bat houses to the top of twenty foot steel posts. Before mounting, each bat house was coated with bat guano, a technique which is

known to help attract bats to a new home.

Lumpkin, a member of Bat Conservation International who has provided Copper Breaks with the benefit of his research and experience, notes that the new bat houses arrived just in time for the bats' yearly arrival at the park. Around dusk during the spring and summer months, they may be observed regularly leaving their roosts in Comanche Campground and feeding over Lake Copper Breaks.

Worldwide, the flying mammals are considered highly beneficial, devouring up to four times their weight in insects each night, pollinating fruits and vegetables and providing a rich fertilizer for third world farmers.

The park will offer two programs on bats, scheduled for Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, October 2, 1999.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and 8 miles north of Crowell on state highway 6. For more information on Bat programs at Copper Breaks or on the park, please call 940-839-4331 during business hours.

## 4-H Club Meeting and County Roundup set for April 14

The Motley County 4-H Club will have a meeting and County Roundup on Wednesday, April 14th in the Motley County VFW Memorial 4-H Building starting at 4:00 p.m.

At this meeting we will discuss upcoming activities associated with the Motley County 4-H Club and all 4-H members competing in County Roundup will present their demonstrations. The winners will then advance to the District competition on April 24th. Any 4-H'er planning to present a demonstration or compete in the District 4-H Roundup contest, needs to call the office by Tuesday, April 13. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to attend and bring their parents.

religion, age or national origin. 4-H is the Youth Organization of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H develops youth and adults, utilizing research based information in creative, diverse, hands on educational environments. 4-H maximizes each individual's potential through unique partnerships of youth, volunteers, university faculty, and community supporters, resulting in exciting and innovative experiences which produce capable citizens to lead us into tomorrow.

### 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS ASSOCIATION RECORD BOOK TRAINING AND MEETING

There will be a 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Record Book Training and Meeting on Monday, April 12th at the Housing Authority Community Center in Paducah starting at 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent program for all leaders wanting to learn more about 4-H Record Books. Guest speakers will be Brad Davis,

District 4-H Specialist and Marilyn Benham, Childress County 4-H Leader. Snacks and refreshments will be served at the meeting. Any Motley County 4-H Leader interested in attending this meeting can contact Michael Lee, Motley County Extension Agent if they need a ride or further information.

### First Haircut ....



Little Marcus Ortiz got his first haircut on Saturday, April 3. He really doesn't seem to mind! He is the 13-month-old son of Frankie Ortiz and the grandson of Frank and Anna Ortiz of Matador, and Rick and Jelene Timmins of Roaring Springs.

### A Note of Thanks

To the many friends of the Browning family; we appreciate your love, the many calls, food and flowers. You will always be remembered in our prayers. May the Lord bless you each day.

Dr. Bruce Browning  
Mrs. Eunice Perkins  
Dan Barton

Thank you for adding happiness to our 50th wedding anniversary with your congratulation cards, telephone calls, gifts and flowers. We will file it with our treasured memories.

H.R. "Skeet" and Earlyne Jameson

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those friends and neighbors who came to help me celebrate my birthday, and for all the cards and calls, and kind words spoken.

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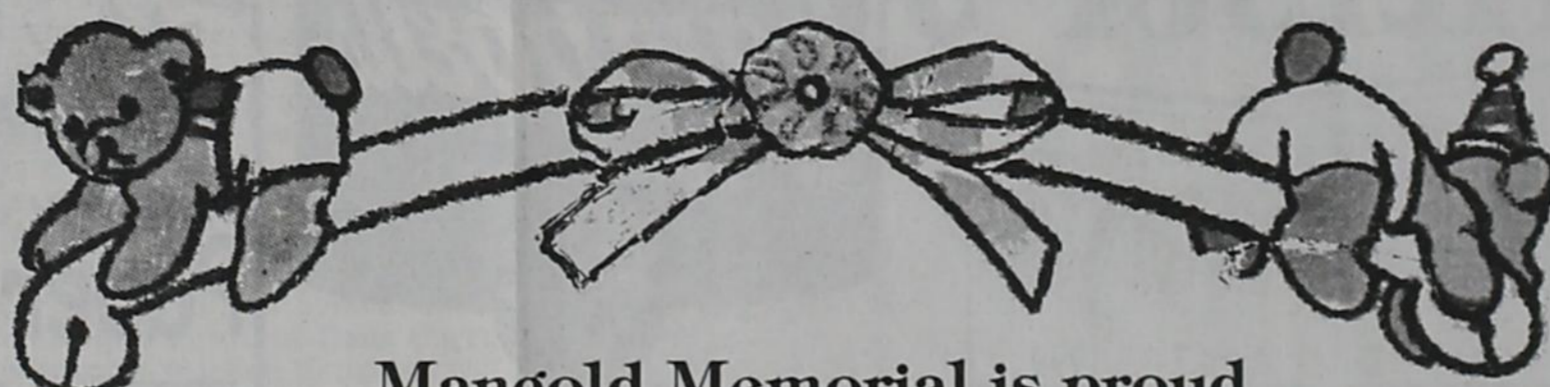
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## Mangold Memorial is proud to announce their new arrivals !!

**Samantha Nicole**, daughter of Olga Espinoza Perez of Lockney, was born March 12, 1999 at 12:04 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Juan and Georgia Perez of Lockney.

**Esteban Angel Lerma**, son of Randy and Olga Lerma of Floydada, was born March 12, 1999 at 6:12 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Damacio and Maria Segura of Floydada and Juan and Ramona Lerma of Asherton.

**Bryan Lee Rosa**, son of Rachel Bazan and Cristo Rosa of Floydada, was born March 23, 1999 at 9:22 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Grandparents are Maria Olga Bazan of Floydada, Gregoria Rosa Jr. and Juana N. Rosa of Amherst.

**Aaliyah Monique Washington**, daughter of Tony and Maria Washington of Olton, was born March 24, 1999 at 10:09 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Grandparents are Judy Combs of Lubbock and Joe and Faye Guerrero of Olton.

**Derek D'Wayne Wood**, son of Jackie and Heather Wood of Crosbyton, was born March 25, 1999 at 12:12 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Ernie and Cindy Widener and Gary Graham all of Lockney; and Jerry and Joan Wood of Lakeview.

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2. **Films:** Of what movie is Warren Beatty's "Heaven Can Wait" a remake?
3. **History:** Who led the All-India Congress Party in seeking independence from Britain?
4. **Famous Names:** What was Rembrandt's last name?
5. **Evolution:** What mammal ranks next to man on the evolutionary scale?
6. **Bodies of Water:** What is the highest navigable lake in the world?
7. **Famous Comedians:** What comedian made his debut in "Pool Sharks" in 1915?
8. **Dickens Works:** Who was Tiny Tim's father?

### Trivia Test Answers

1. Alcatraz; 2. "Here Comes Mr. Jordan"; 3. Mahatma Gandhi; 4. van Rijn; 5. the ape; 6. Lake Titicaca; 7. W.C. Fields; 8. Bob Cratchit

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### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new land owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 1998 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

### Do you need to reapply annually?

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

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## ! "La valoración productiva" puede reducir los impuestos de su terreno agrícola, ganadero o maderero!

La ley de Texas permite a los granjeros, rancheiros, y madereros pagar sus impuestos de propiedad basándose en "la valoración productiva" del terreno calificado - o sea en su habilidad de producir cosecha, ganado, o madera - y no de su valor en el mercado actual. Y esto le puede ahorrar en sus impuestos de propiedad.

### ¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones para el día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad de 1998. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la podrá obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderero, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año - al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si una solicitud nueva se requiere, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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

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

### Who must file a rendition?

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

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☞ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☞ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☞ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1998. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1999.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1999 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

### Where do you file?

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## ! "Protega sus derechos! "Rienda" su propiedad antes del 15 de abril.

Una "rendición" es un reporte al distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. alista toda la propiedad que posee o controla el día 1 de enero, 1999. El formulario para la rendición se puede obtener en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones... o puede improvisar una forma parecida.

### ¿ Quien debe hacer una rendición?

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

### ¿Que ventaja me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

- ☞ Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es más grande, debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
- ☞ Registra su dirección correcta para que le pueden mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde - aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- ☞ También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 1998. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en 1999.

### ¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

15 de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 1999. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su rendición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

### ¿Donde hago mi rendición?

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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

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

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

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

### Are other exemptions available?

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

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1998, you won't need to reapply for 1999 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home - or if you've moved to a new home - you'll need to file for an exemption for 1999. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1998, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at: 806-347-2273

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## ! Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

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

### ¿ Quien califica para una exención?

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

### ¿ Hay otras exenciones?

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

### ¿ Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1998, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 1999 - al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual - o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 1999. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 1998, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

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

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

Motley County Appraisal District  
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P. O. Box 13528 Austin, Tx. 78711-3528



# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Celebrating Easter at the home of Joe and Joyce Meredith were their children and grandchildren, Jim and Carla Meador, Tony and Sherry Rose, Sean and Shea, all of Matador; Leah Meredith, Angelica and Jonah of Plainview, Randy Meredith, local resident, and Holly Hodges, Wylie and John of Afton; Yancey, Daphne and Parker Meredith, local residents. Their son, Cody, and grandson, Jeremy and family, could not attend due to work obligations. Also attending were Daphne's parents and grandmother, Ronald and Dorothy Farmer and Mildred Sowell of Hale Center.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten over the weekend were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan and Bryce from Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes from Afton; Buddy, Jared, and Darrin Allen of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Micah and Matt of Lovington, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Erica, Lisa and Tara and friend, Zac of Boyd; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burkes and Skee of McLean; Langdon Reagan of Quanah, Angie Burkes and friend of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Todd Reagan and daughter, of Silvertown; and Mrs. Reagan's mother of Dallas. Local guests were Venita

Sedgwick, Neil Sedgwick, and Ruby Hipp of Roaring Springs, and Reba Burkes of Matador.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams was her son from Stephenville.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Banty Brandon was their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pepper Nichols and family of Wichita Falls.

Zella Palmer is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer in Kansas this week.

Mrs. Vera Mitchell is visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell in Paducah for a few days.

Bobby Fletcher is visiting his daughter in Las Angeles, California for two weeks.

Sam and Reba Swim and Hazel Robie of Lubbock visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long and Odessa Mullins attended the Caprock Association Worker's Conference at the First Baptist Church in Matador Monday night.

### MARSHALL REUNION

The Marshall Reunion will be held April 10-11 at the Matador Senior Citizens building in Matador. Everyone is invited to come eat and visit with them.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Nova Dale Turner honored her mother, Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin, on the occasion of her birthday Wednesday morning, March 31 in Matador. Mrs. Martin moved recently from Flomot to Matador and the celebration was held in her home.

Friends from Flomot arrived at 8:30 a.m. with sunshine smiles, gifts and cards. Mrs. Turner served a delicious fruit confection, coffee and punch.

Those attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington, Annie B. Cloyd, and Edith Washington.

### IN HOSPITAL

Viola Stinson is a patient in Mangold Hospital in Lockney where she was conveyed Thursday. With her during her hospitalization are her sister, Mrs. Ruth Jones and brother, Fred Stinson of Paducah, Mary Ellen Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin of Flomot.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey was conveyed by ambulance from Lockney to Lubbock Saturday following an accident in her home. She returned home Sunday and her daughter, Mrs. Nola Mary Long of Winnewood, Okla. will be with her during her recuperation. Visiting her Sunday were her sisters, Mrs. Jometta McClain of Hart and Nadene and Bill Weaver of Oltion.

### STARKEY FAMILY REUNION

The C.W. Starkey family had their annual Easter family reunion from April 1 to 6th at the Starkey rural location. 134 relatives enjoyed cookouts, games and Easter egg hunts.

Nine of the eleven children and their families that attended were Johnny Starkey of Lebanon, Missouri; Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney; Jack Starkey of Flomot; Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla.; Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla.; Mrs. Ersie Van Cleave of Dougherty; Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin; L.T. Starkey of Ralls and Lola Jewel Starkey of Abilene. The two that were unable to attend were Mrs. Sandra George of Louisville and Z.D. Starkey of Amarillo.

### OVERHEARD

Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Athens, Georgia visited from March 26 to April 4 with their father, Donnie Rogers and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers. They celebrated Brooke's birthday, Sunday, March 28 with a luncheon and a pretty cake she helped decorate. Those attending were Dane Degan, Ronnie Rogers, Coy McKay and friend, Julie of Lubbock; Donna and Stanley Degan of Kalgary; Shawna Degan of Anton and Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch.

Easter day luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington and enjoying an Easter egg hunt and baseball games were Deloy and Kay Meyers and Mrs. Jane Hamilton of Quitaque; Mrs. Cindy Schmidt and Cary Franks of Amarillo; Sorrell Schmidt, Amy and Cory Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla, of Lubbock; Tim and Dena Washington, Mrs. Lacy Clarey, Caleb and Mickey of Roaring Springs; Matt and Ashley Washington and Chase and Lacy Carson of Matador; Eric Webbholm of Colby, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty, Mr. and Mrs.

Easter Sunday guests of Jimmie and Wayne Hunter were H.G. Hunter and Mrs. Anita Carter of Lubbock. They attended the Baptist Church services. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were in Lubbock, Thursday for Wayne cardiac tests and en route home, visited in Floydada with John and Joyce Speer.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd was a guest of Janice and Bob Russell in Turkey, Sunday. Other guests were their children, Dickie and Kim Cloyd and son, Jason of Memphis. Jason competed in the Shamrock Track Meet, Friday and placed first in 800 meter run and second in 1600 meter run.

Easter luncheon guests of Mrs. Tommie Chase, attending church services at Church of Christ and a fun-filled Easter Egg hunt Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor, Tory and Gay of Silvertown; Mrs. Bernice Gregg, Gay and Jay Henderson, Paul and Leslie Henderson and Makala of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton, Monica and Skylar, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Payne, Leah and Ryan of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin of Whiteflat; Regina and Chad Seward and Allison of Goldwithe; Billy Jo and Margie Pinkerton and Brand and Jodie Cruise of Turkey; Chancy and Christi Cruise of Clarendon; Mr. and Mrs. Harlie Hatch of Lakeview; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruise, Talon and Roegan, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruise, Leah, Keane and Derrick, and David and Becky Dennison of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Dennison, formerly of Colorado City, are new residents of Flomot and moved into the Sylvia Lee Martin house. David is employed in Childress and Becky in Plainview with the Correctional Units. We welcome them to the Flomot community.

## Matador News

Margaret and Catherine Scott of Lubbock visited their mother and brother, Elga and Rodger Evans on Friday. They were joined by their husbands, Ceaman and Leroy Scott on Saturday. The group spent Easter with the Evans' and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Elga and Rodger Evans rode the Mini-Bus to Lubbock on Monday and had lunch with Catherine Scott.

### MRS. FERN HENDERSON WILL CELEBRATE 98TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Fern Henderson will celebrate her birthday with a party, Saturday, April 10 at the Lockney Care Center, 401 N. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241. She would enjoy cards from her friends. She will be 98!

### Neighborood News continued

flourished, on across the railroad and past the Anderson house in ruins, and turn back west at the Russellville road, and south around the corner where the Flag Springs School stood, the Kingery Place is on the east as one goes toward the Stearns place.

You may choose to turn west through the Oil Patch and pass the Cross and Spears places, and on to the rock Roller home still standing across from where the Flag Springs Church was and where a lane goes north to the Rice homestead, or south to the Glenn and Franklin places. Once you needed to know how to drive through sand to the Rice place near the Q.A. & P. railroad tracks. But continue on west to Hwy. 70, by Hamilton and Brooks land, past the flat where wild plums were plentiful in late summer. Remember Ollie Scott and his kindness as you pass his old house with its staring paneless windows. Back home and mull over whether life is better now than then. At least we were younger.

### APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In the United States each day: 4 children die from child abuse; 27 children die from poverty; 67 babies die before one month of life; 105 babies die before their first birthday; 689 babies are born with inadequate prenatal care; 3,288 children run away from home; 13,700 children are abused and neglected. I wonder how this compares with the oppression of children in Kosovo, and how our expenditures for protective services for our children compare with expenditures of helping Kosovans.

### TAKE A DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE

Take a ride around the TeePee Flat road. From Petticoat Junction corner on Hwy. 70; go east and enjoy some beautiful farming and soil conservation. Fewer houses, but the land is still being improved. From the former Fred Dawson place, follow the road east and south past where the wonderful Davis orchard once

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Jeanne and Tom Adams have as their guest this week Jeanne's nephew Neil Harris of Stephenville, who attended the Seder dinner with her Friday night. Joan Darsey Stevens and her husband were also there. Carolyn Limmer came up from Snyder to accompany her mother to the event. Lola has had a lengthy stay at home with pneumonia, but the thought of being able to drive her car again speeded her recovery.

Matador Methodist Church hosted the Men's Breakfast Saturday at 7:00 a.m. and the weather was meek as a lamb. J.N. Fletcher came to take Algie, who appreciated the ride.

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## Obituaries

### Jimmie Lee Smallwood

Funeral services for Jimmie Lee Smallwood, 82, were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at the Channing United Methodist Church, Channing, officiated by Rev. Bob Miller, Pastor of South Georgia Baptist Church in Amarillo. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, officiated by Rev. Monte Wike, Pastor First United Methodist Church in Matador. She died Sunday, April 4, 1999 in Dalhart, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Funk and Sharon Smallwood of Dalhart; one son, Bobby Mac Smallwood of Dalhart; one sister, Geraldine Hildreth of California; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, two sons, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

### Willie Thomas

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 3 at the First Baptist Church of Crowley for Willie Emmar-Allen Thomas, 78. Burial was at Laurel Land Memorial park in Fort Worth.

Survivors are her husband, Marion Clayton Thomas of Matador; sons, William Clayton Thomas of Matador; Charles Thurman Thomas of Crowley; and Gerald Don Thomas of Springtown; sisters, Jose May Pritz and Elizabeth Lott, both of Tyler; and Dorothy Smith of San Antonio;

Mrs. Thomas died Thursday, April 1, 1999 in Fort Worth. She was born Feb. 8, 1921 in Idabel, Okla. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Crowley. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Todd.

five grandchildren, including Richard Thomas and Ray Thomas of Matador, and five grandchildren including Misty Thomas of Lubbock, Todd Thomas of Matador and Sherri Thomas of Matador.

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### Dora June Bannister Dye

Dora June (Bannister) Dye, the youngest of 8 children, was born to William S. and Nellie M. Bannister on June 13, 1928 on a farm near Dumont, Texas, with only her father to aid in her delivery.

Their marriage was blessed with four children: Winona, Myrthalene, Carl, and Karen. Through those children God has blessed them with 8 grandchildren. All their children are Christians, married to Christians, and four of the grandchildren are now Christians.

Dora graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1945. She worked as a typesetter in the Paducah Post office for a year to save money to go to Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas. After one year at college, she had to drop out and work another year before she could go back. During her second year at college, she began dating Norton Dye, who had also grown up at Roaring Springs. Both were Christians, and both were preparing to be school teachers; he in secondary and she in elementary education. They dated for over a year before they were married on December 18, 1949.

For 35 years Dora was a teacher of children's Bible classes, women's Bible classes, women teacher-training and Vacation Bible School classes. After they moved to work with the Church of Christ in Clovis, California, Dora organized their first teachers' resource library, which continues to grow and benefit present day teachers. When her memory began to fail, due to Alzheimer's Dora had to retire from teaching in 1985.

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## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

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APRIL SHOWERS

It is extremely difficult to hear and see a thunderstorm as we had Friday

night, April 2 and again early Monday morning, April 5 and still feel you are in control of everything.

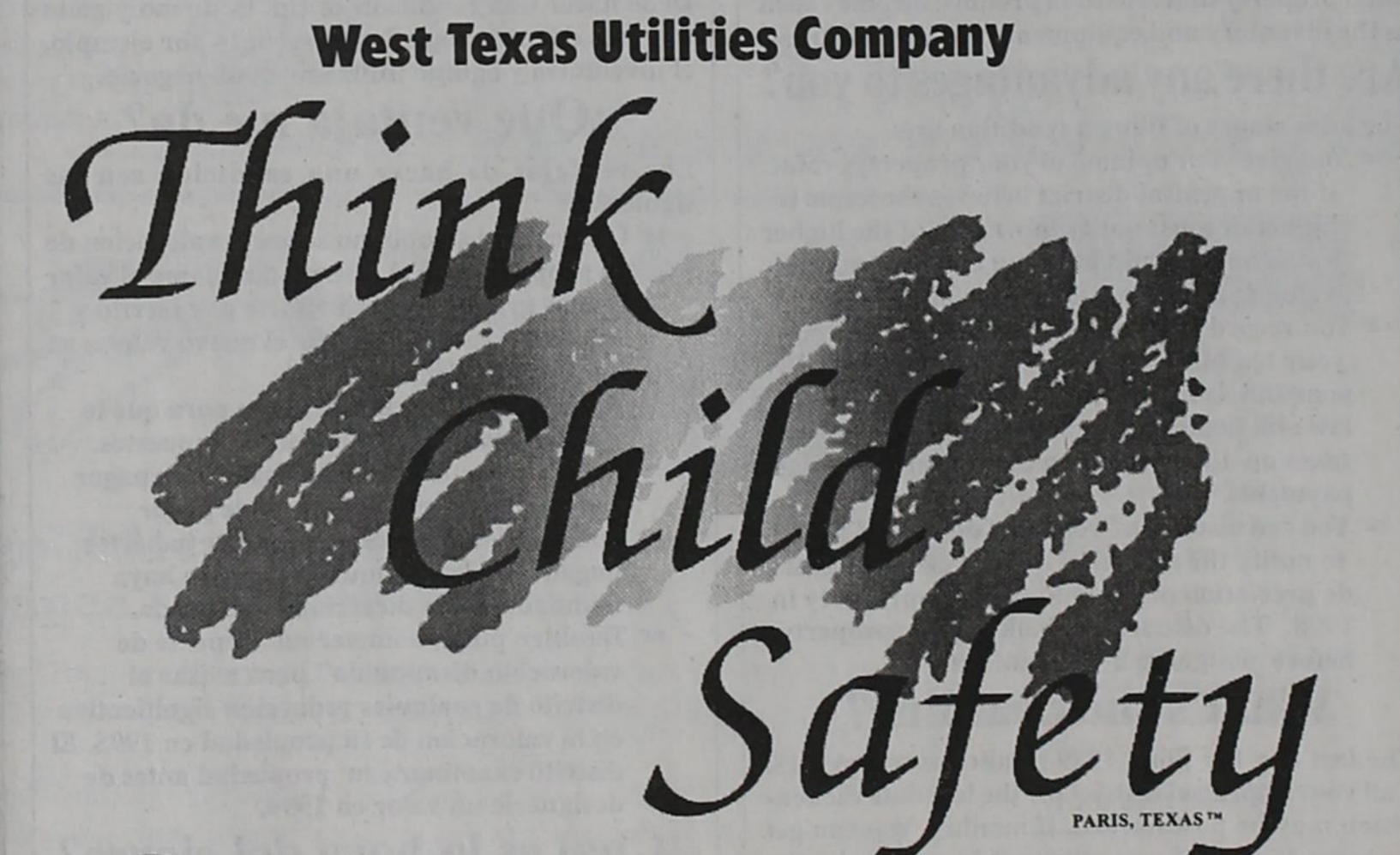
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# Farm & Ranch News

## Electric Cooperatives combine resources and operations

Lubbock, Texas -- The Dickens Electric Cooperative (DEC) membership voted to combine resources with South Plains Electric Cooperative (SPEC) with more than 90 percent of the votes cast being affirmative. Only the DEC members were required to vote since this was an acquisition by SPEC. The vote was taken on March 16, 1999, in Spur, Texas, and SPEC had immediate responsibility for the former DEC resources and operations. The acquisition of Dickens Electric requires no cash payment by South Plains and, as a practical matter, more closely resembles a merger.

"The competitive, financial, legislative and regulatory changes coming to the electric utility industry have the potential to severely impact all electric cooperatives," said SPEC General Manager Jim Roberts in a report to the membership. "Your board of directors and staff have been anticipating these changes for several years and strategically position-

ing the cooperative for them. Combining resources with Dickens fit perfectly into that plan."

And as it seemed, DEC had been thinking the same way. They were also searching for ways to mitigate future risks by increasing efficiencies in operations and expanding the revenue base. Learning this, both cooperatives' boards spent several months conducting intensive study. The report findings supported consolidating resources was good for the members of both cooperatives.

"While 'bigger' is certainly not necessarily 'better', combining the resources of these two progressive and financially stable cooperatives is a sound economic move for both entities and the members," said SPEC President Tommy Joines.

The most prominent advantages include:

- an ideal mix of electric load with residential, agricultural, irrigation, oil production, commercial and industrial consumers.

- \* cooperative size, diversity of membership, multiple power suppliers, common financing and organizational similarities.

- \* cost saving from combining resources and more efficient utilization of employees.

- \* lower, stable rates and better service with excellent member access for all cooperative members.

SPEC now serves 34,569 connected meters in Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, King, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, and Stone-

wall counties. The combined service territory is 4,150 square miles with 7,658 miles of energized line. The value of the combined operations is \$121,929,025. The existing DEC office, located at Farm Road 836 in Spur, will serve as the headquarters for the Dickens Division, joining two SPEC districts in Lubbock: Northern District at 110 N. I-27 and Southern District at Upland Avenue and 82nd Street. A fourth location, the Crosby County Service Center, is located in Lorenzo.

## Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### 1999 LOAN SCHEDULE REFLECTS TOUGH 1998

First look at 1999 Loan differentials adds fuel to the fire underneath Plains Cotton Growers' (PCG) long-standing opposition to the use of Spot Market Quotations to set new crop loan premium and discounts.

PCG has been working to bring about a change in the methodology used by the USDA to determine loan differentials for several years. PCG has advocated the use of real-world marketing data, instead of spot quotations, to determine loan differentials. This effort has already led to significantly lower discounts for bark the past several seasons as a result of the analysis of real-world sales figures instead of spot quotes.

PCG officials note that the biggest change in the 1999 loan chart is the fact that there is no longer any provision for "Below Grade" cotton. Instead they will be assigned an initial value 4000 points less than the applicable base loan rate for the growing region.

This means that all cotton produced, regardless of grade, will be eligible for the loan and subsequently Loan Deficiency Payments. This would of course provide some relief to producers unfortunate enough to have this type of low grade cotton.

Other than the elimination of the "Below Grade" moniker, there is really nothing about the new loan schedule that will provide additional income protection to producers.

In fact, discounts increased across the board, albeit more so for staple lengths of 1 inch or less. Premiums actually increased slightly for the few grade/staple combinations that qualify for them.

By and large, however, the 1999 loan schedule will reflect the tough marketing year experienced in 1998 and producers will experience generally lower loan values for their crops in 1999.

Base loan rates in effect for the Lubbock area in 1999 will be 51.65 cents per pound. This is five points lower than the rate in effect for 1998.

Additional information and copies of the loan premium and discount table as well as loan values calculated basis Lubbock will be available from PCG in the coming weeks.

### COTTON TAKES CENTER STATE APRIL 8-9

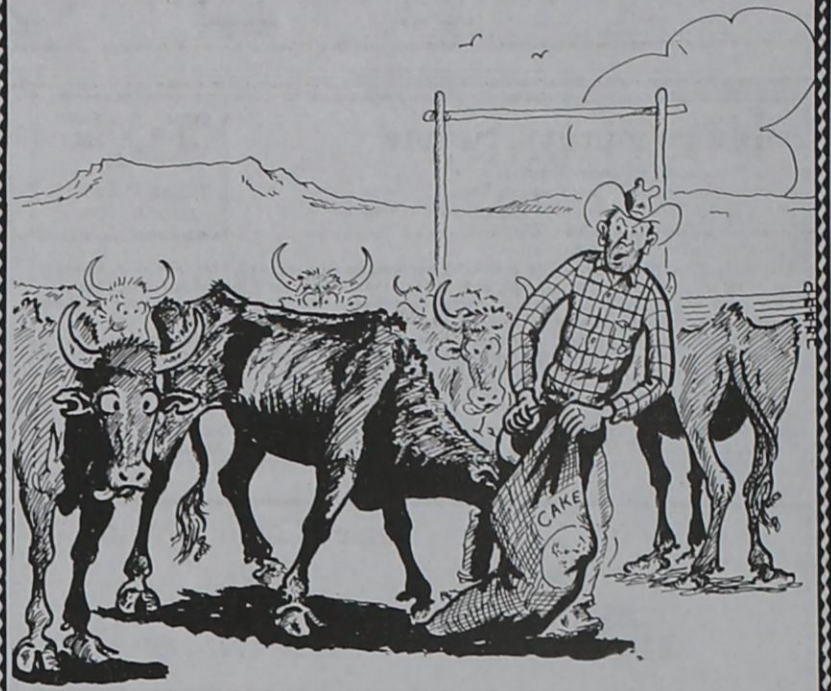
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. invites anyone interested in hearing about happenings in the cotton industry to attend the organizations 42nd annual meeting April 9. PCG's 42nd annual meeting will be held in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center theater beginning at 8:30 a.m. with registration.

As we approach the 1999 growing season many questions remain unanswered. PCG has prepared a program that should give everyone the very latest information about important topics like crop insurance reform, boll weevil eradication, disaster assistance and market forecasts for the 1999 growing season.

PCG's Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Annual Meeting & Cotton Trade Show, April 8-9, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Featured Speakers for the event will be William B. Dunavant, Jr., of Memphis, Tennessee; Congressman Charles Stenholm, Ranking Minority Member of the House Agriculture Committee; and, Texas State Senator Robert L. Duncan of Lubbock.

## COW POKES By Ace Reid



"Git outta there Sooky, you're jist like the tax man... The more you git the more you want!"

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## Federal Grant available to provide transportation for the elderly, disabled

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking qualified applicants to receive a Federal Grant to provide transportation for elderly and/or disabled persons. The program, known as Section 5310, provides funds to private, non-profit organizations, public entities, and associations.

The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans, and other paratransit vehicles used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service expansions, radio and communication equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, and vehicle rehabilitation. The funding is appropriated by the Federal Government under the Federal Transit Act.

Qualified projects will be selected

for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable and average fleet age where applicable.

Private or nonprofit organizations and public entities within the Childress District that are interested in receiving an application and are located in Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler counties should contact Tonya Cummins at 940-937-7164 or by written request at P.O. Box 900, Childress, TX 79201. Applications will be accepted through May 1, 1999.

## Watch for "Think Child Safety" Decals on WTU Service Trucks

West Texas Utilities Company has implemented the state recognized "Think Child Safety" program throughout its 53,000-square mile service territory. WTU service trucks now display the "Think Child Safety" decal on each side of the vehicles' rear quarter panels. The brightly colored decal lets children know that the employee driving the truck is someone they can trust to help them and stay with them during an emergency.

Company vehicles displaying the decals are designated as Mobile Safety Vehicles and are equipped with two-way radios or cellular phones to call for emergency assistance. Each driver is trained in CPR techniques and first aid.

Steward Dodson, a paramedic for the city of Paris, Texas developed the "Think Child Safety" program in

1990. He recognized the need to raise safety awareness among children to reduce injuries and deaths. The Mobile Safety Vehicle became a project extension of the original program in

1993 by incorporating community-based companies and services that have high visibility and public trust. These added resources expand the ability to render aid and speed response time in an emergency.

"We are very pleased to be involved with the 'Think Child Safety' program. WTU has the equipped vehicles and qualified employees that allow us to provide yet another valuable service to our customers," said Paul Brower, WTU General Manager and President. "We want children and adults to know they can rely on us when they need help," he added.

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