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## Christmas Shopping

These little ladies were taking advantage of the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping during last Saturday's Motley County Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar. McAllister, 7, and Pennington, 5, were visiting their grandparents Wayland and Betty Moore in Matador. They are the daughters of David and Valerie Moore of Plainview.

## Churches will come together for Thanksgiving Community Services

Area churches will come together for joint services Sunday, November 23, for the annual Thanksgiving Community Services.

Roaring Springs services will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Vince

Sandlin of the First Assembly of God Church of Matador will preach.

Services in Matador will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Paul Stearns of the First United Methodist

Church will preach. Immediately following the services, refreshments will be served in the basement.

Everyone is invited to attend one or both of these special services.

## Santa Claus is coming to town!

### Late Night Shopping in Matador December 4

Santa Claus is coming to town! According to Mrs. Kim Woolsey, Eternas Study Club member, Santa contacted her last week to make arrangements to stop in Matador during late night shopping, December 4. The Club will host Santa while in Matador. He is scheduled to arrive at 5:30 and will visit with children at the Court-

house Gazebo until 8:00 p.m. Photos of your child with Santa will be available at a low cost.

The Club will also sponsor a Kiddie Store, which will be located inside a tent on the Courthouse lawn. This special store gives children the opportunity to shop for Mom and Dad.

Matador businesses will stay open until 9:00 p.m. on this

special night, giving shoppers the chance to take advantage of some bargains and most importantly - SHOP AT HOME!

Those who plan to have a booth during the late night shopping event should contact the *Motley County Tribune* by 10:00 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, to be included in the paper.

## Grannie's Tea Party set for December 7

Grannie's Tea Party will be held Sunday, December 7, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador. The annual event, which is a fund-raiser for the Children's section of the Motley County Library, is for girls ages 4 and up.

Girls are asked to dress in their Grannie's old hats, dresses, gloves, etc., and come enjoy cakes and tea, for a donation of only \$5.00.

Contact Joyce Campbell at 347-2793 or Janie Campbell at 347-2657 for more information.

## Tribune accepting Letters to Santa

Christmas is just around the corner, and the *Motley County Tribune* will again accept Letters to Santa. Santa has agreed to let the letters be published in the paper before being forwarded on to him at the North Pole. The special Christmas edition will be published December 18, so all letters should be submitted to the paper no later than Wednesday, December 10, in order to be included in that edition. Letters may be dropped off at the office or mailed to:

Santa Claus  
c/o Motley County Tribune  
P.O. Box 490  
Matador, TX 79244

## Community Chest sets fund-raising goal

Members of the Motley County Community Chest met November 14. Those present were Shane Jones, President; Larry Hoyle, Alan Bingham, Tony Rose, Steve Smith, Ed D. Smith and Loys Campbell.

Larry told the members how the board members control the use of money collected.

The members elected to cut the percentage given each year to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army and to give to the Fire Department as they do so much for the County.

Once again we are asking for your generous donations to help others. We hope to meet a goal of \$1,000 by January 1.

## Nationwide Seat Belt Crackdown begins

Washington D.C. -- As more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies begin a nationwide crackdown to enforce seat belt and child passenger safety laws this Thanksgiving holiday, a new study shows that more than 12,000 people have needlessly died due to the failure of states to follow a 1995 National Transportation Safety Board recommendation to enact primary enforcement seat belt use laws. The NTSB reissued that call to states.

"A primary seat belt law is

likely to save more lives than possible any single piece of legislation a state will consider," said NTSB Chairman Ellen G. Engleman. "It is why the Safety Board recommended states adopt these laws in 1995, and why we continue to urge enactment of these laws as a safety priority. It is tragic that 30 states have failed to act to implement this safety countermeasure that costs nothing, but could save so many."

Primary seat belt laws enable law enforcement officers to

ticket motorists based solely on an observed seat belt violation, just as they do any other motor vehicle law. Primary laws cover 60 percent of the U.S. population. Currently, 29 states have secondary laws (New Hampshire does not have an adult seat belt law), which means officers can only enforce the seat belt law if the motorist is first stopped for some other violation such as speeding.

According to the study released today by the National Safety Council, states that have enacted primary laws since 1995 on average experienced a 15-percentage point increase in belt use. Seat belts are proven to reduce the risk of serious injury or death in a crash by 45 percent, and the study shows 12,177 lives have been lost since 1995 because 30 states have failed to enact the stronger laws.

"We have a vaccine for the leading cause of death for Americans from ages two through 33 - safety belts. Primary safety belt laws are our most effective public policy

tool," said Jeffrey W. Runge, M.D., Administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "If all states moved right now to enact them, 1,400 more lives could be saved next year alone in preventable traffic injury."

On November 13, 2003, Chairman Engleman on behalf of the NTSB sent a letter to the governors and legislative leadership of the 29 states with secondary laws and New Hampshire, reminding them of the Safety Board's recommendation and encouraging them to step-up their efforts to enact a primary law in the state.

The national Click It or Ticket Mobilization, which runs from November 17-30, is based on a public health model proven to increase belt use, and places specific emphasis on teens and young adults who are least likely to buckle up and most likely to die in a traffic crash.

According to NHTSA, nearly 4,530 teens and young

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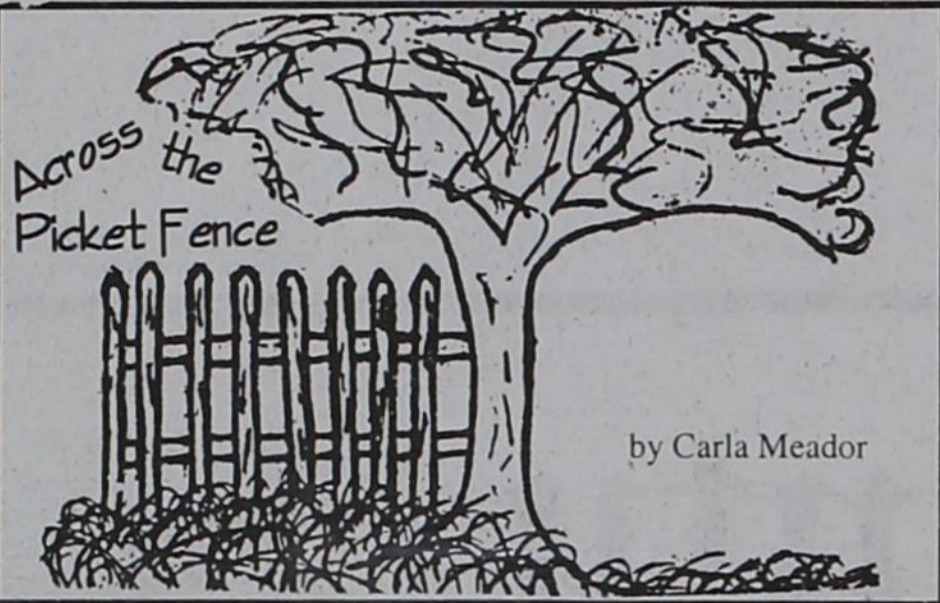
## Early Deadline for next week's paper

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, there will be an early deadline for the paper. All news and ad copy should be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 24, to be included in the November 27th issue. The paper will be printed and mailed out on Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you for your cooperation and a very happy Thanksgiving is wished to all *Motley County Tribune* readers.



WELCOME TO MOTLEY COUNTY — Motley County Chamber members, Barbara Armstrong, Richard Knowles and Ken Young presented new Matador residents, Rhonda Wiltshire-Baze and son Brendan with a gift bag full of great gifts from Motley County businesses at their regular meeting, Tuesday night.



# Motley County Lifestyles

# Sonbeams

by June Keltz

## Flomot Do Gooders Club observes Thanksgiving

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon November 4th at the Community Center in Flomot and observed Thanksgiving.

Before conducting the business session, Mrs. Waydette Clay related an individual's reactions in certain situations including sad and happy circumstances. Courtesy to mankind is always appreciated. Thankfulness should be a priority in our lives for our God given blessings not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the year.

It was reported that 16 booths were rented at the Fall Bazaar held November 8th. Mrs. Trula Martin invited the club to her home for their annual Christmas party. The members graciously accepted her invitation.

Presiding at a Thanksgiving designed service at a table laid

with a green cloth overlaid with lace were Mesdames Geneva Martin and Connie Franks. The centerpiece floral arrangement was of warm fall colors in an old treasured cookie jar that Geneva received in her bridal shower when she and the late Herb Martin married. Russets, gold and reds of fall foliage was placed along the table. They served refreshments of muffins, candies, assorted nuts, coffee and iced tea.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter was pleased with the Thanksgiving motif luncheon napkins, assorted nuts, coffee and iced tea.

Members attending were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Judy Stark, Suzie Shannon, Mary Jo Calvert, Trula Martin, Connie Franks, Nada Starkey, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers and Geneva Martin.

"There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His." Heb. 4:9-10

A day of rest is more than reclining on a couch and snoozing between football games and soap operas. After a week of accumulated worldly exposure, a purification process is necessary for minds to center again on the giver of peace. God's word, washing over us, cleanses us in a way "Olay Body Wash" has yet to discover. Such was a recent Sunday when we sat under the anointed teaching of an actor who has committed his talent to Jesus. Some of you would recognize him as "The Apostle Paul." His hair was long and gray, his eyes shining with trust as he urged the congregation to KNOW Christ. To know about Him is not to know Him. It was the actor's assignment to expound to listening ears the necessity of having a relationship with our creator. His speech emitted years of experience, trials and victories. Our spirits began to find solace in a word from Heaven brought by a willing vessel.

Mid-afternoon we hurried off for more classical spiritual food as a young peoples' choir from a near-by Christian College, blessed our small town with their God given talents. Their faces shone bright with expectancy. Their souls seemed satisfied knowing their gifts

came from the master voice and was being poured out in obedience to give others the rest that we all cry for but few find. They had learned authority as all eyes were fixed on the leader. They were in unity, not one singing another's words but every note complimented the other. It was like an angelic symphony that brought rest to our weary souls.

Our evening was arranged long before we were brought into existence. A young man with his guitar, wife and two year old child came before the church of his childhood with a fresh word straight from God's heart. His profession is commercial art but he has transferred ownership of all he is and all he has to Jesus. His heart being full of the master's love, searched for avenues to articulate to the crowd what God had spoken to him. "It is not about us, it is all about Him." The faithful ones prayed for this one with his eyes aglow with enthusiasm, knowing Christ but not yet having experienced the trials of the older actor. His message was refreshing and challenging as he taught us how to truly worship the King of Kings. God put the desire in his heart to minister to (and for) Him when he was a teenager and now He is giving him the ability.

"For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to the people, to whom He said, "This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest. This is the refreshing." Isa. 28: 11-12.

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

The library will be closed next Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. We will be open as usual at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1.

We appreciate the donations the library received last week. We thank Eva Barkley and Lula Swim for donating to the library. The library depends on donations to help us keep our collection up to date.

New books in the library include the second in the Abram's Daughter series by Beverly Lewis. The first book was *The Covenant* and this new book is *The Betrayal*. We also have a Mitford book by Jan Karon, *Shepherds Abiding*. A book that is very current right now is *Holy Land Whose Land* by Dorothy

Drummond.

Also new to the library shelves is *Valor Across the Lone Star* by Charles M. Neal, Jr. This book tells about the sixty-seven U.S. soldiers and sailors who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroic actions on the Texas Frontier during the Civil War and the Indian Wars. Most of these Medal of Honor recipients were not native Texans but a diverse lot of individuals from across the United States and around the world.

Other new books include *The Red Hat Club* by Haywood Smith, *Night Falls Like Silk* by Kathleen Eagle, and *Last Car to Elysian Fields* by James Lee Burke.

## Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director

The Motley County Senior Citizens will be having several fund raisers this year because we have cash match's that have to be met.

The Center will benefit from a grant through the County for an addition to the building to be used for additional kitchen room and storage. We have to provide a cash match of \$5400.00 that has to be raised locally. This is the only grant we have going at this time. Another cash match will be required to meet the operating budget requirements in the amount of \$5281.00 for fiscal year 2003-2004. There are about 28 Senior Citizens Centers in this area and every Center is required to meet their own cash match every year. An additional cost this year will be an Administration Share Cost Fee that has to be paid to the AAA (Area Agency on Aging) or SPAG (South Plains Associations of Governments) in the amount of \$1724.04. Not real sure why, but SPAG got their budget cut, so now they are requiring every

Center to pay an administration share cost fee. To raise some of these needed funds the Center is planning to have a fund raiser on December 4, 2003, during Late Night Shopping starting at 5:30 p.m. The menu will be soup, cornbread, cake, tea or coffee and we could sure use your support. We will be taking donations for the meal.

Would like to thank Bertha Moore for her donation, and Rita Groves' donation for the building addition. I was not here during the pie auction but would like to thank everyone that donated to this. The pies brought \$55.00

Don't forget to come and exercise. We have the walking on Mondays starting at 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The Armchair exercises are Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Armchair exercise is really neat, come give it a try.

The Center is open 5 days a week from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See you at the Center!

After my column about memory loss, a reader submitted the following article. It sounds all too real!

Recently I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. Here's how it manifests itself:

I decided to wash my car. As I started toward the garage, I noticed that there was mail on the hall table. I decided to go through the mail before I washed the car. I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table, and notice that the trash can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the bottle of soda that I had been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the soda aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the soda is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the soda, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye-

they need to be watered. I set the soda down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, we will be looking for the remote, but nobody will remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm bottle of soda sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one check in my checkbook; I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys. Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

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Our lives sometimes get very complicated. One of the reasons is that our lives are results-oriented. We want to see things change for the better. We do not want to be burdened with debt or a job we do not like or sleepless nights. We do not want to worry. Yet we find ourselves worrying more often. Is this because we are not quite sure if we can take Jesus seriously?

Jesus encourages us in Matthew 11:29 to try trusting Him. Taking on the yoke that Jesus mentions is a process. Faith is a process. In order to learn anything meaningful it takes time. It takes time to learn to wear the yoke and walk as Jesus walked.

Jesus understands the value of rest. He knows freedom from turmoil. His appeal is to exchange our complicated lives for a life of trust in Him and there is where the easy and light burden is realized. In following the teachings of Jesus does simplify one's life. In the Sermon on the Mount of Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7 the teaching is wonderfully direct and uncomplicated.

The individual who chooses to follow Jesus will experience a less complicated life. The soul will be more at ease. As we follow we will learn. Learning will help us deal with the difficult times of our lives. We can experience "a rest for our souls" that can be found nowhere else. Peace of mind is priceless. The uncomplicated life can be found in Christ Jesus.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



**1ST PLACE ART TEAM** — Adrian Walker, Kyla Simpson, Leanne Jameson and Alyx Smith, 4th grade UIL participants, pictured left to right.



**1ST PLACE SPELLING TEAM** — Braden Mason, Christian Brooks, (first and second from left) and Nayo Santos, (far right), Cody Martin, (second from right), was a member of the first place Art Team.



**1ST PLACE NUMBER SENSE** — Braden Mason, Christian Brooks and Keyan Kautz (pictured left to right) Nayo Santos was a member of the first place Music Memory Team, as were Christian Brooks, and Brett Fletcher (not pictured).

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*  
John 3:16

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## Motley County wins 3rd place at UIL meet

Motley County Elementary and Jr. High students participated in the UIL meet, November 3 and 4, at New Home. The school (combined) placed third overall.

Students placing at the event are listed below:

First Grade: Meagan Ford, 5th, Oral Reading.

Second Grade: Andy Arocha, 3rd Storytelling; Conner Mason, 2nd Creative Writing and 5th Storytelling.

Third Grade: Hance Davey, 5th Storytelling; Dominique Quilimaco, 5th Oral Reading; Britt Simpson, 1st, Ready Writing; Austin Taylor, 4th Ready Writing.

Fourth Grade: Christian Brooks, 3rd Oral Reading, 3rd Spelling; Keyan Kautz, 1st Oral Reading, 1st Number Sense; Braden Mason, 6th Oral Reading, 4th Ready Writing, 2nd Number Sense, 1st Spelling; 1st place Music Memory Team, Christian Brooks, Brett Fletcher, Nayo Santos; 1st place Art Team, Keyan Kautz, Cody Martin, Nayo Santos; 1st place Number Sense Team, Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason; 1st place Spelling Team, Christian Brooks, Braden Mason, Nayo Santos.

Fifth Grade: Leanne Jameson, 5th Listening Skills, 1st Maps, Graphs & Charts; Colby McCleskey, 5th Number Sense, 3rd Maps, Graphs & Charts; Kyla Simpson, 6th Ready Writing, 5th Dictionary Skills, 5th Listening Skills; Adriann Walker, 1st Spelling 2nd Number Sense, 1st Dictionary Skills; 2nd place Number Sense Team, Colby McCleskey, Mercedes Saenz, Adriann Walker; 2nd place Dictionary Skills Team, Mercedes Saenz, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker; 2nd place Listening Skills Team, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Kyla Simpson; 2nd place Maps, Graphs & Charts Team, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Adriann Walker; 1st place Art Team, Leanne Jameson, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker.

Sixth Grade: Cory Durham, 5th Oral Reading, 2nd Listening Skills, 6th Maps, Graphs & Charts; Melissa Flores, 6th Dictionary Skills, 2nd Calculator Applications; Kaleigh Kerns, 6th Calculator Applications; Jessica Reyes, 4th Oral Reading; Eric

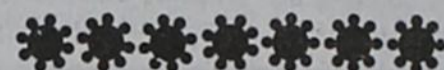
Simpson, 4th Calculator Applications, 6th Mathematics; Kortney Williams, 2nd Oral Reading, 5th Listening Skills, 5th Ready Writing; 3rd place Dictionary Skills Team, Cory Durham, Melissa Flores, Kaleigh Kerns; 1st place Listening Skills Team, Cory Durham, Eric Simpson, Kortney Williams; 1st place Calculator Applications Team, Melissa Flores, Kaleigh Kerns, Eric Simpson; 3rd place Mathematics Team, Cory Durham, Kaleigh Kerns, Eric Simpson; 3rd place Spelling Team, Cory Durham, Kaleigh Kerns, Eric Simpson; 1st place Music Memory Team, Cory Durham, Kaleigh Kerns, Kortney Williams.

Seventh Grade: Courtney Alexander, 5th Impromptu, 6th Mathematics; Aaron Bethard, 3rd Calculator Applications; Kayla Hollinsworth, 2nd Oral Reading, 6th Ready Writing; Nikki Sims, 4th Calculator Applications, 2nd Mathematics, 3rd Science, 6th Number Sense; 3rd place Calculator Applications Team, Aaron Bethard, Kayla Hollinsworth, Nikki Sims; 2nd place Mathematics Team, Courtney Alexander, Kayla Hollinsworth, Nikki Sims; 3rd place Science Team, Courtney Alexander, Aaron Bethard, Nikki Sims.

Eighth Grade: Isaiah Archer, 6th Listening Skills; Bradley Brown, 3rd Calculator Applications, 5th Dictionary Skills, 5th Mathematics, 6th Number Sense; Alec Dodson, 6th Oral Reading, 5th Listening Skills; Mylissa Gilmore, 3rd Oral Reading, 2nd Science, 2nd Ready Writing; Leatrice Gutierrez, 5th Calculator Applications; Stacey Perryman, 4th Calculator Applications; Christy Smith, 5th Oral Reading; 3rd place Listening Skills Team, Isiah Archer, Alec Dodson, Mylissa Gilmore; 3rd place Maps, Graphs & Charts team, Bradley Brown, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez; 2nd place Calculator Applications team, Bradley Brown, Leatrice Gutierrez, Stacey Perryman; 3rd place Mathematics team, Bradley Brown, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez; 2nd place Science team, Isaiah Archer, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez.



**DAISY SCOUT TROOP VISITS LIBRARY** — This group of little ladies visited the Library November 13, accompanied by one of their leaders, Mrs. Kim Woolsey. They are pictured left to right, Kaylee Woolsey, Bradie Dodson, Mattie Brooks, Maegan Jameson, Talia Quilimaco, Macie Marshall, Natalie Jameson and Meagan Perryman.



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Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Barnes and Zoe of Hawley, Mrs. Bobbie Williams of Matador visited Mrs. Cleo Watson and Monte Watson on Saturday and celebrated Zoe's second birthday.

Mrs. Willita Burkes of Afton and Mrs. Pearl Patten were in Childress, Saturday.

Mrs. Jo Ann Reagan of Quitaque visited Mrs. Pearl Patten. They enjoyed lunch at the Hitchin Post.

Miss Lula Swim kept two doctor appointments in Lubbock on Thursday. She kept a doctor's appointment in Plainview, Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Weldon Butler of Lubbock visited in the home of her brother and wife, Alex and Jo Crowder on Sunday. They were in attendance at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Dr. Butler was a Dist. Supt. twice.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Watson and Hanna of Lubbock and Trudy Hand of Wolforth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand played in a 42 tournament at Dickens last week and Billy won the most games.

## Matador News

The name of Annie Green of Matador was omitted when her grandfather, Art Green, celebrated his birthday last Saturday. We apologize for this error.

Andy Green of Keller arrived Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green. He accompanied them to Lubbock, Tuesday, Nov. 18 for Luther to have a MRI. He will then know what medical procedure is needed or recommended for the brain and lung cancer he has.

Bo Bennett of Ballinger, son-in-law of Debra and Joel Dean Spray, suffered extensive injuries when sky-diving near Ballinger. He is a patient in Dallas after being transferred from the San Angelo Hospital.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin was a patient in ICU at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock from Wednesday until Saturday for cardiac treatment. Her foot surgery is pending and she is in room 223. With her dur-

ing hospitalization are children, Mrs. Carol Gilbreth of Sundown, Mrs. Sharon Davis of Fritch and Hal and Kellie Martin of Whiteflat.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper returned home Saturday, Nov. 15 from Amarillo after spending the past seven days recuperating from foot surgery in the home of daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnam. Jack Samford accompanied her to Amarillo, Tuesday, Nov. 18 for a medical check up. They had lunch with her brother, Arthur Harmon before returning home.

## FLOMOT NEWS

Tom and Aleda Ross were in Lockney, Wednesday for Tom a medical appointment. He is being treated for heart congestion.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
On the first night of his Grandma's Christmas visit, a small boy was saying his prayers. "Please God," he shouted, "Send me a bicycle, a tool chest..."

His brother interrupted saying, "Why are you praying so loud? God isn't deaf."

"I know he isn't," the boy said, "but Grandma is."

### CONGRATULATIONS SUPPER GIVEN FOR CARA & CHASE CARSON

Cara and Chase Carson, who were recently married, were honored with a congratulations supper Saturday night, November 15, at the Community Center in Flomot hosted by her parents, Connie and Coy Franks.

The table was laid with a white lace cloth and was centered with the bride's bouquet, Chase's military cap and Cara's wedding tiara. Brisket roast, potato salad, beans, homemade bread and a beautiful wedding cake, decorated with double hearts and a garland of roses, was served with fruit punch.

Guests enjoying the evening of entertainment were Cara's great grandmother, Mrs. Edith Washington and grandparents, Erma and Bill D. Washington of Flomot; Tim and Deana Washington, Matt, Ashley and Brazos Washington of Roaring Springs; Cory, Amy and Madison Franks, Cary Franks, and Leah Cruse of Lubbock; Cole Grundy, Lacy, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador; Dr. Robbie and Romona Ballinger of Canyon; Mike Pigg and Barbara Mayfield of Silverton; Delores Pigg of Quitaque; Sherryll, Colton and Kayla Barclay of Jacksonville and Barry Pickett and daughter, Chase of Garland.

### WINS FIRST AT MOTORSPORTS RACES

Coy Franks and Billy Morris returned home Sunday, Nov. 16 with first place trophies after their Caprock Team won the Motorsports Town Races held in Idalou. Entries were from throughout Texas in the Town and Country Races.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shorter, Saturday was son, Louis Shorter of Mansfield and daughter and children, Mrs. Jennifer Moncreif, Allison, Matthew and Braden of Roaring Springs.

Cara and Chase Carson are visiting in Borger with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Terry Carson.

Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Jacksonville visited the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. Ty Barclay of Matador visited Sunday.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and granddaughter, Ryleigh Carson of Turkey visited in Clifton from Friday until Sunday with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. Karlee celebrated her sixth birthday Saturday with a Fairy Princess Party. Her cake was decorated with a Barbie Doll dressed in a colorful princess costume. Joe Ike and Kevon attended Kyler's soccer games, Saturday.

Trula and Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Thursday where she had medical surgery on her nose. Their daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited them Friday.

Nada Starkey had out-patient surgery Tuesday, Nov. 11 in Amarillo.

Luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Sunday was grandson, Brandon Lee of Plainview.

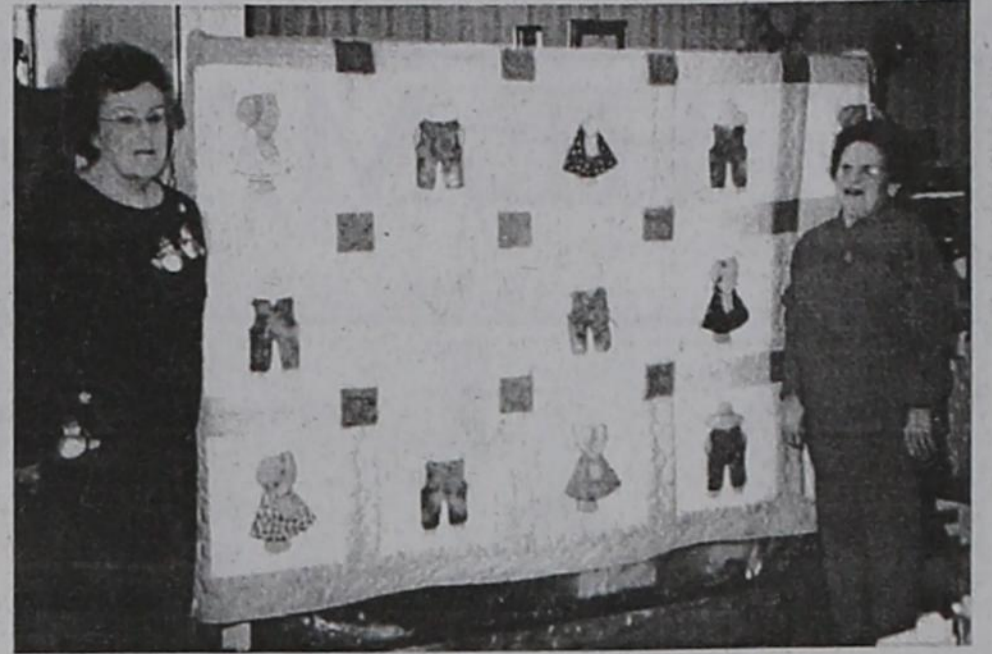
Leah Cruse of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse. Their son, Keane of Turkey visited Sunday.

Johnnie Starkey accompanied his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey to Warner, Oklahoma Wednesday, Nov. 12 to visit daughter and family, Bobbie and Roy Hanna. He continued to Lebanon, Missouri to winterize his property. They returned home, Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Attending the funeral services of Joe Long, 71, of Winnewood, Oklahoma, husband of Nola Mary Starkey Long, Saturday held at 2 p.m. in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma were Nada and Jack Starkey, his sister, Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty, daughters, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch. Joining them there for the services were Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnnie Starkey.

Kathy and Clois Shorter and houseguest, daughter, Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia attended a party Saturday night honoring Frank Sehon on his 60th birthday held in his home in Wolforth. Joining them there were daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Justin Calvert and Grace Davis of Amarillo.



**HANDMADE QUILT** — Motley County Arts and Crafts club members, Joy Archer and Winifred Darsey, display the quilt which was handmade by the club. Tickets are being sold and the lucky winner's name will be drawn December 19th, at noon, at the Senior Citizens Center. Contact any club member to purchase tickets.

## OBITUARIES

### Clara Ragland

Spur -- Services for Clara Ragland, of Dickens, were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Dickens with the Rev. Roehr officiating. Burial was in Afton Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ragland died Sunday, November 16, in Lubbock.

She was born December 18, 1915, to Robert and Eddith Mullins Drennon in Lamar County. She married Frank Ragland November 10, 1935, in Spur.

Mrs. Ragland is preceded in death by her husband who passed away in 1980, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

She is survived by one son, Ronnie Ragland and wife Kathleen of Dallas; two daughters, Wanda Taggart and husband Ernie of Levelland and Sharron Smith and husband Robert of Tahoka; three brothers, Gus Drennon of Brownfield, Bob Drennon of Midland and Paul Drennon of Hemphill; two sisters, Lola Robinson of Levelland and Gertrude Duncan of Brownfield; five grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Afton Cemetery Association or the North Dickens Senior Citizens Association.

## Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone that purchased meat from the Motley County 4-H. The fund-raiser was a success. These funds will be used to assist members with 4-H activities and contest. This years top sellers were Junior 4-Her Kyle Simpson, Sr. 4-Her Colton Russell and the new 4-H member top seller was Chase Buckner. Thanks to D'Anna Russell for her coordination of the fund-raiser.

Motley County 4-H Club

We can't put into words the appreciation we feel for your concern and kindness during my hospitalization and recuperation at home. The cards, phone calls, visits, food brought to our home, words of concern and most importantly your prayers have blessed me with strength and are getting me back on the road to recovery. May God bless you with the same kindness during your time of need.

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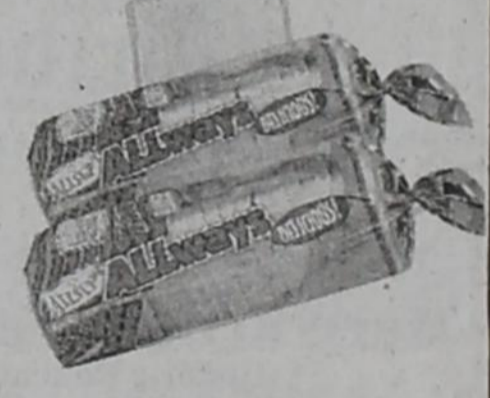


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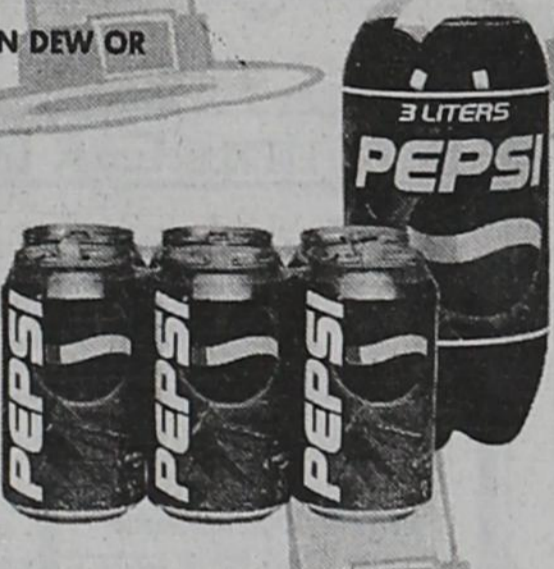


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## New Job Creation Effort for Rural America unveiled

Washington -- Bush Administration officials recently expanded efforts to stimulate job growth in rural areas by announcing the creation of a new program to support the financing of new and expanding rural businesses. The signing of a collaborative agreement October 31 between officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Small Business Administration will provide rural businesses with greater access to venture capital investment funds through a newly created initiative called the Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP). The new initiative fortifies President Bush's efforts to build a strong foundation for business development and job growth to serve as the economic stimulus in rural areas.

"This expanse of access to venture capital investment funds cements the foundation needed to support improved economic opportunities and an improved quality of life for rural Americans," said Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr. "The Bush Administration is deeply committed to creating and saving jobs that produce the income needed for rural families to buy a home, further their education and build equity for their family's future."

The RBIP will allow newly formed venture capital investment companies to leverage private capital funds with government financial assistance and to obtain both government and private grant resources for technical assistance. The RBIP will increase the amount of capital available for investment in rural American businesses, and will provide a new resource.

Created by the 2002 Farm Bill, RBIP was provided funding through the Commodity Credit Corporation to support \$280 million in guaranteed debentures and grants for technical assistance. Under the agreement signed, USDA will enlist SBA's

expertise in venture capital financing and reimburse SBA for carrying out the day-to-day management and operation of the program. SBA has operated since 1958 the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) program, a public-private partnership managing \$17.7 billion in more than 10,000 firms

across America. SBIC companies employ 1.1 million people, and operate in diverse business sectors, regions of the country, and income groups, with more than \$500 million annually in rural financings.

"I am very pleased that the SBA is joining with the Department of Agriculture to help spur investment in rural businesses," SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto said. "The SBA has a long history of supporting rural business. Our SBIC program invested \$500 million in rural areas last year alone, and we are committed to increasing that number this year. The RBIP program we are creating today will enhance those efforts, doing even more to stimulate investment and job creation in rural communities. I would like to thank Secretary Veneman for her dedication to this project, and look forward to working together with her as we move forward." Bush Administration officials expect to begin accepting applications under the new program in about six months. "Our challenge and commitment is to work hard and fast to make this happen," said Dorr. Preparation and publishing of the guidelines for applying to participate in the program must be completed before funds can be expended. SBA has offered to give special consideration to rural applicants in its SBIC program until RBIP is fully operating.

Information on program implementation will be published in the Federal Register and available on USDA's web site at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

setting up checkpoints or saturation patrols across the country. Seat belt violators and drivers failing to restrain their child passengers will be ticketed.

Thanksgiving is one of the most dangerous holidays for motorists. The National Safety Council predicts that 544 roadways, said Lynn Goughler, Vice President of Public Policy at Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "Impaired driving and lack of safety belt usage are the leading killers in automobile crashes, especially during the holiday season."

Mobilizations are conducted twice yearly by the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign of the National Safety Council in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, state highway safety offices, NHTSA, the National Safety Transportation Safety Board and MADD. Following the Mobilization in May, 2003, national belt use reached a record high of 79 percent, according to NHTSA.

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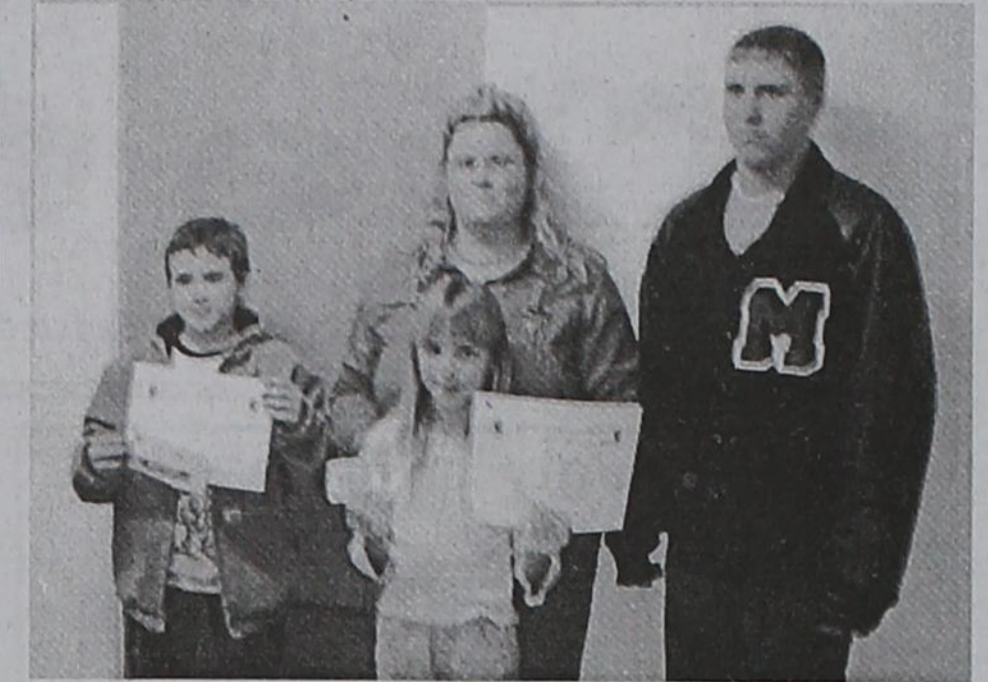


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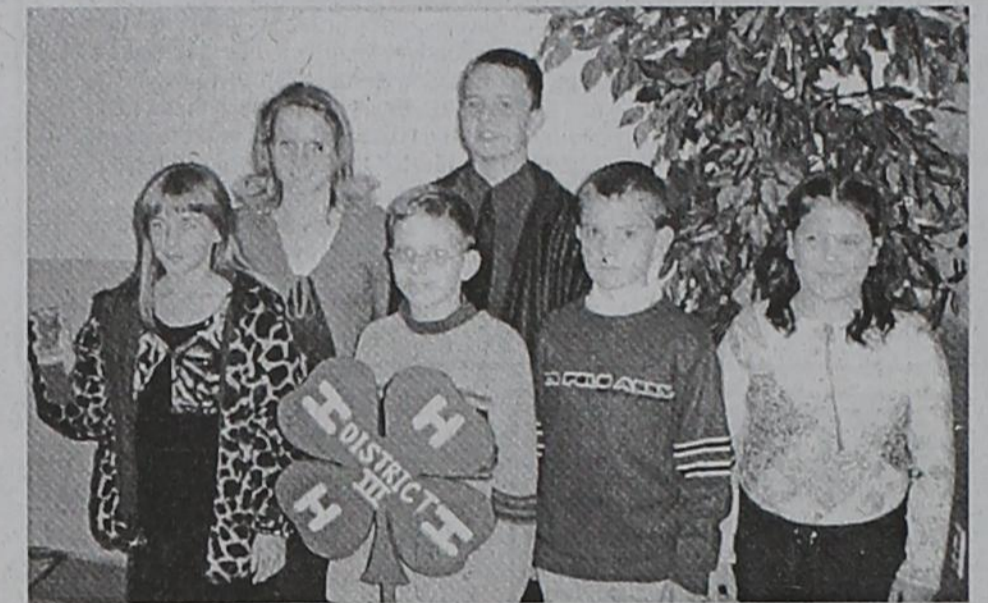
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TOP SELLERS — 4-H Coordinator of the Meat Fund-raiser, D'Anna Russell is pictured here with the top sellers, Chase Buckner, Kyla Simpson and Colton Russell.



DISTRICT 4-H FOOD SHOW — Motley County 4-H'ers competing at the District Food Show held recently were (left to right) Kyla Simpson, Shane'a Russell, Garrett Jenschke, Cory Durham, Christian Brooks, and Brett Fletcher.

## 4-Her's compete in District Food Show

Motley County 4-H members competed in the District 3 4-H Food Show in Vernon, November 8, at the Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon. These 4-H members learned the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups of the Food Guide Pyramid in the daily diet. They learned the principles of nutrition as they relate to health, physical fitness, and appearances as well as acquiring and demonstrating

skills in planning, purchasing, preparing and serving tasty attractive and nutritious meals and snacks.

Top placings were Christian Brooks, third place, Junior Fruits and Vegetables and Shane'a Russell, third, Intermediate Beef Award with her main dish. Also competing were Garrett Jenschke, Brett Fletcher, Kyla Simpson and Cory Durham.

## 3RD ANNUAL TEXAS COMMODITY SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 3 IN AMARILLO

High Plains cotton producers could mark December 3 on their calendars and plan on a trip to Amarillo to take in the 3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium.

The Symposium is sponsored by the Corn Producers of Texas, Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Wheat Producers Association and for the first time in 2003 Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. The event is being held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, December 2-4 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Scheduled speakers for the Texas Commodity Symposium and the topics they are expected to address are: Trade Issues - Floyd Gaibler, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Federal Crop Insurance - Ross Davidson, Administrator USDA Risk Management Agency; Farm Service Agency Update - John Fuston, Executive Director Texas FSA; School Finance Reform - Billy Hamilton, Texas Comptroller's Office; and USDA Pay Limit Commission Report - Dr. Ed Smith, Texas A&M University.

The Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show includes over 700 exhibits and participation from more than 300 companies. Admission is free and show hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. December 2 and 3, and 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. December 4.

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## HIGH QUALITY DEFINES 2003 HIGH PLAINS CROP

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Through November 13, the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Cotton Classing offices have processed a total of 600,267 running bales from the 2003 crop. This is approximately 28.5 percent of the 2.105 million bales TASS has estimated.

As expected, the downside for the 2003 crop remains the significant acreage loss and associated production decrease due to widespread hail events early in the season and a record-setting dry spell in July and August that sapped much of the potential from a promising dryland crop.

The November TASS report left harvested acreage constant from the agency's October estimate, although increases in projected yields in 1-N and 1-S caused an increase in the production forecast by 65,000 bales.

Despite the delayed start to the harvest season, the crop continues to record high marks for quality across the board.

The only quality factor that could be considered less than ideal to date is Micronaire. Mike readings have tended to be on the high side throughout the season, evidenced by the fact that to date 22.8 percent of the cotton classed at Lubbock and 19.7 percent of the cotton reviewed at Lamesa recorded readings of 50 or greater.

Fortunately, the Mike average appears to be moderating somewhat as the main body of the crop makes its way from field to gin.

Part of the reason for higher than expected Mike readings early on is attributed to the idea that most of the early season crop was from dryland areas that received less than optimal growing conditions.

### 2003 High Plains Quality through November 13, 2003

	Lubbock		Lamesa	
	Week	Season	Week	Season
Bales classed:	104,284	407,978	44,924	192,289
Staple				
32 & shorter	15.7%	23.1%	6.9%	16.0%
33	14.6%	18.0%	15.6%	19.9%
34	22.7%	22.9%	25.8%	26.1%
35	23.9%	20.7%	24.3%	22.2%
36 & longer	23.1%	15.4%	27.3%	15.8%
Average	34.25	33.77	34.58	33.99
Color				
11 & 21	87.3%	84.2%	78.3%	75.2%
31	4.9%	6.5%	9.8%	13.1%
41	0.1%	0.2%	1.1%	1.0%
12&22	5.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.6%
32	0.8%	1.4%	1.6%	2.4%
Micronaire				
34 & below	3.5%	2.8%	4.9%	3.6%
35-36	3.6%	2.6%	4.5%	3.2%
37-42	25.7%	20.0%	23.3%	22.0%
43-49	47.5%	51.8%	46.5%	51.6%
50-52	15.2%	18.3%	16.5%	16.4%
53 & above	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	3.3%
Average	4.47	4.55	4.46	4.50
Strength				
< 27 g/tex	13.0%	14.3%	11.9%	16.8%
28 g/tex	19.1%	18.7%	12.9%	15.7%
29 g/tex	24.1%	24.2%	16.4%	19.4%
30 g/tex	20.1%	21.3%	20.4%	19.4%
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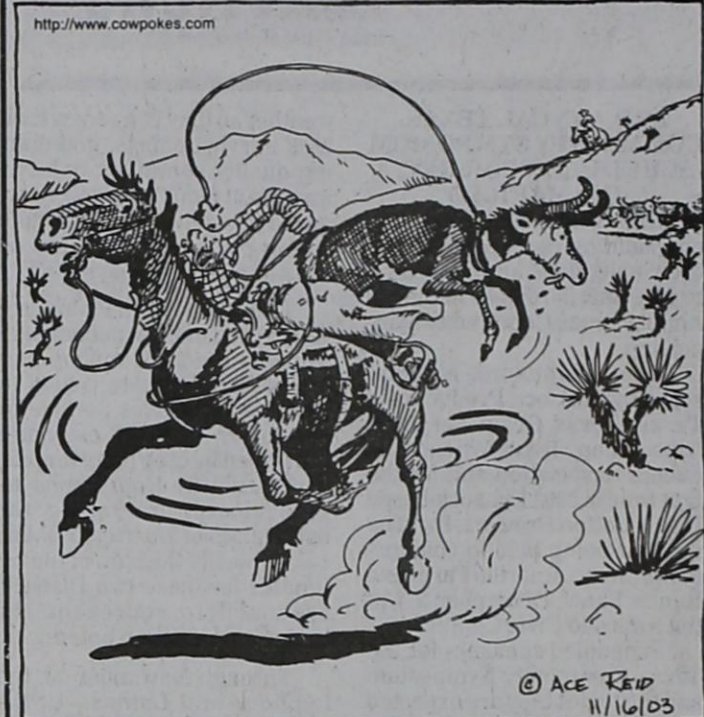
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