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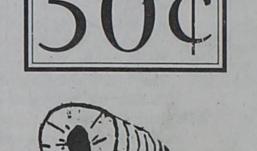


# Happy Thanksgiving





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# Late Night Shopping event December 7th in Matador

with some real bargains during the annual Late Night Shopping event, which is planned in Matador for Saturday, December 7. This very special event allows shoppers to take advanitems, drawings for prizes, refreshments, and a festive old-fashioned holiday atmosphere.

Matador businesses will offer a away four \$25 gift certificates to be

Shoppers will have the chance to special Senior Citizen discount from used in Motley County. keep their dollars at home and save 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Shoppers may Santa Clause will be in town and take advantage of late shopping until 9:00 p.m. Various booths will be set up offering unique and different items for sale. Anyone who would like to have a booth are asked to contact tage of great prices, unique gift one of the downtown Matador businesses for details. Drawings will be held for prizes and the Motley County Chamber of Commerce will give

will visit with children inside New To You. The Eternas Study Club will sponsor a Kiddie Store, which gives small children the opportunity to purchase a gift for their parents at a very

Don't forget - Late Night Shopping and Santa Clause - in Matador, Saturday, December 7.



## Turkey talk ...

Maegan Jameson seems to be questioning Matthew Faulks about some turkey talk going on Monday afternoon outside their classroom at Motley County school. Maegan and Matthew, along with their Pre-K classmates made turkey pictures and other Thanksgiving crafts in honor of the holiday. Maegan is the daughter of Brad and Mindy Jameson and Matthew is the son of Rick and LeJeanna Faulks.

## Rylander distributes \$368.9 million in November sales tax allocations

Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$368.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments on

of \$252.3 million to Texas cities and \$20.2 million to Texas counties. Seventy-four special purpose taxing districts received \$9.8 million and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities time, a 2.98% change. and two city transit departments received \$86.5 million in sales tax rev-

November sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by quarterly filers, and reported to the

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Comptroller in October. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion.

Roaring Springs, with a 2.000% rate, received a payment of \$2,572.79, compared to \$2004.38 last year at this time, a 28.35% change. Roaring Springs has received \$26,677.23 for 2002 to date, compared to \$30,242.45

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday,

## Christmas edition deadlines

The Christmas edition of the Motley County Tribune will be December 19. The special Christmas greeting section of the paper will be included in this paper and will feature special greetings for area businesses and individuals, as well as Santa Letters and other Christmas

All greetings, Santa Letters and other items for this section must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m.

December 5. Teachers and parents are encouraged to have your child write their Santa letters early and bring them to the paper office as soon as possible, so that they all may be included in this special edition. Children may be assured that as soon as the letters are typed for the paper, they will be forwarded on to Santa at the North Pole.

Letters may be mailed to the following address:

Santa Claus c/o Motley County Tribune P.O. Box 490

Matador, Texas 79244 If you have a special Christmas recipe or story that you would like to share with our readers, we encour-

than December 5. All other news items for that edition may be submitted on the regular deadline of Monday, 5:00 p.m.,

age you to drop by the office no later

December 16. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

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metropolitan transit authorities

Matador, with a current rate of
1.000% percent, received a net payment this period of \$2,446.81, compared to \$3,641.18 last year at this
time, a -32.80% change. Matador has
received \$26,805.53 for 2002 to date,
compared to \$26,027.98 in 2001 at this

in 2001 at this time, a -11.78% change.

# Flomot Gin and Lee family vital part of keeping Flomot tradition alive

Although there's not much left of

changes have occurred during the 17 years. Other members of Mr. Lees operation. "Our cotton used to be ginned from trailers, now it's all ginned from modules," Roger Lee said. "The boll weevils have taken a large toll on cotton production in Motley County," Ruth Lee added. "I do think the boll weevil will be eradicated, and things will get better," she said. "This 5-year drought has just about killed the cotton business and plummeted cotton prices," Orville Lee added.

The Lees have made several additions to the gin since their purchase, including a module feeder, a modern UD press, a Universal Density, Lint cleaners, a seed house and they have doubled the size of the gin

tember of 1985. At that time growing ing Office. Grades are sent back to cotton in Motley County was not a the gin on computer and faxed to cot- The men thought that was so funny." problem. Crops were good and the ginning business was going strong.

The gin was established in Flomot by Putt Gilbert in the booming farmer will wait for the best price and farmer will wait for the best pr 1920's and has remained in operation give her the okay to sell or they will with the exception of a brief period, since then. Mr. Gilbert started his gin-

Flores family also work at the gin. "Our employees are good employees and good workers. We're fortunate to

have them," Mr. Lee said.

Flomot Gin is the gathering place for coffee drinkers in the Flomot area. "We have a lot of early morning visitors," Mrs. Lee said. "Usually you can't find a place to sit. There have been a lot of stories told in here over the years."

When the old timers were ginning there were always a lot of funny stories told," Mr. Lee added. "John Jones used to tell of a story about Ford Johnson. The men were always pulling someone's hat off and threatgoing to throw his boots in. After the morning. Kathy Shorter owns and

Many changes have been seen in two joked back and forth, John told the little town of Flomot, one business has kept going strong in spite of the economic problems of the last few years.

The little town of Flomot, one business the office at the gin also. "Everything used to be done all by hand," said into the fire if Ford would get down on his knees and pray. Well, he did and the other men said that was prob-Flomot Gin, owned and operated by Orville and Ruth Lee and Roger Lee is one of only three businesses still in operation in the once thriving Morris explained that after cotton is community of Flomot, Texas. The Lees purchased the business in Sep- USDA and sent to the Lubbock Class- mules pulled cotton in. Sometimes it

> The Lees agreed that with the decline in the economy over the last few years, most of the visiting is on a serious matter now.

"Four generations of our family have worked in gins," Mr. Lee said. His father, J.E. Lee, worked in the since then. Mr. Gilbert started his ginning career in Quitaque working for Quanah Cotton Oil Mill, before coming to Flomot. After Mr. Gilbert owners prior to the Lee family were Lem Brock, Otis Crowell, Maurice Goodwin, Joe Degan, J.N. Fletcher and the Flomot Co-Op Association.

Cotton ginning has come a long way since the early 20's and several changes have occurred during the

added. Ruth, born and raised in Flomot, started working for the Hunter family at H&H Gin in 1965.

The Lees have and continue to enjoy the gin work. "Sometimes with the way the economy is, it seems like we have a tiger by the tail and can't turn lose," Mr. Lee said. "But we have hope for a better future for the cotton industry. We really think they have come a long way eradicating the boll weevil, and all we can do is hope the weather cooperates.'

Flomot Gin helps keep Flomot alive, but the small close-knit population is the heart of the little comening to throw it into the boiler. One munity. The Post Office, which is opday John Jones told Johnson he was erated by Mrs. Lee, is open every



Pam Morris, office manager, and Roger Lee, co-owner and operator of Flomot Gin are pictured here in the gin office. The gin has been in operation in Flomot since the early 1920's.

which brings fans to the little com- they welcome visitors to the gin.

operates a popular hair design business. Dewy Estes of Silverton Oil Co. munity from everywhere in the U.S. recently installed two large fuel tanks

there. The First Baptist Church and portant part of Motley County. Althe Church of Christ maintain an active congregation. The Flomot Do a memory, the people of the Flomot Gooders Club sponsors a variety of area have hearts as big as Texas and activities including an annual Fall are proud of their heritage. Bazaar. Washington Cattle Co. spon-

What was once a very thriving community continues to be a very imthough the little town is now mostly

The Lee's are proud to be a part sors a Blue Grass Festival each year, of that warm, loving community and



Happy Thanksgiving! This cool but for those who don't know, I purlike the holiday season. I found the ago. It had belonged to Roberta following Thanksgiving poem in one my favorite little books, A Heap O' Livin' Along Life's Highway. I know I have told you about this book before mind.

weather makes it really seem more chased it in a garage sale a few years

Jameson. Everytime I read it, I think of her and see a picture of her in my

Thanksgiving

Thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue, For the spirit of America that still is staunch and true, For the laughter of our children and the sunlight in their eyes, And the joy of radiant mothers and their evening lullabies; And thankful that our harvests wear no taint of blood today, But were down and reaped by toilers who were light of heart and gay. Thankful for the riches that are ours to claim and keep, The joy of honest labor and the boon of happy sleep, For each little family circle where there is no empty chair Save where God has sent the sorrow for the loving hearts to bear; And thankful for the loyal souls and brave hearts of the past Who builded that contentment should be with us to the last Thankful for the plenty that our peaceful land has blessed, For the rising sun that beckons every man to do his best, For the goal that lies before him and the promise when he sows That his hand shall reap the harvest, undisturbed by cruel foes; For the flaming torch of justice, symbolizing as it burns: Here none may rob the toiler of the prize he fairly earns. Today our thanks we're giving for the riches that our ours, For the red fruits of the orchards and the perfume of the flowers, For our homes with laughter ringing and our hearthfires blazing bright, For our land of peace and plenty and our land of truth and right; And we're thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue, For the spirit of our fathers and a manhood that is true.

## Grannie's Tea Party set for December 8

Grannie's Tea Party, an annual event for girls 4 years old and up, has been set for Sunday, December 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador.

Girls can play dress-up and wear their grandmother's hats, jewelry, dresses, etc., and enjoy an afternoon of tea and delicacies.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Motley County Library and is sponsored by Mrs. Campbell and her daughter-in-law, Janie Campbell.

Please make reservations by calling Mrs. Campbell at 347-2793 or Janie Campbell at 347-2657 before December 6.





#### Let Us Be Thankful

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." — Philippians 4:6



U.S. Congress in 1941.

The first Thanksgiving in New England was celebrated in Plymouth less than a year after the Plymouth colonists had settled in America. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed about half the members of the colony. But new hope arose in the summer of 1621. The settlers expected a good corn harvest, despite poor crops of peas, wheat, and barley. Thus, in early autumn, governor William Bradford arranged a harvest festival to give thanks to God for the progress the colony had made. The festival lasted three days. The men of Plymouth had shot ducks, geese, and turkeys. The menu also included clams, eel, and other fish, wild plums and leeks, corn bread, and watercress. The women of the settlement supervised cooking over outdoor fires. About 90 Indians also attended the festival. They brought several deer to add to the feast. Everyone ate outdoors at large tables and enjoyed games and a military review. Similar harvest Thanksgiving were held in Plymouth during the next several years, but no traditional date was set.

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In 1789, President George Washington issued a Thanksgiving Day Tociamation to commemorate the first Pilgrim celebration. This was discontinued by President Thomas Jefferson, who called it a "kingly practice." In 1828 a persistent lady named Sarah Hale began campaigning for the restoration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Finally, in 1863 President Abe Lincoln listened seriously to her plea that North and South "lay aside enmities and strife on Thanksgiving Day." He proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November to be the official "National Thanksgiving Day." This day was finally ratified by the

Let us be thankful every day for the wonderful blessings of God both individually and nationally. Thank You Father ....

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ** 

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Radio Programs, K-96 FM Bible Study - 10 am Worship - 9 am



## El Progresso club learns history of dollar bill

by Beverly Vinson

On the beautiful crisp autumn day of November 14, El Progresso members met in the home of Ruby McGuire in Roaring Springs for a most interesting program on our currency, the one-dollar bill.

The president, Lana Copp, called the meeting to order with the invocation being given by Fredia Burns. Regular business was carried out with Grace Campbell giving the Federation report, making sure everyone was getting their Texas Clubwoman Magazine for that is the way we all can keep with up with the ongoing of TFWC. Grace also mentioned she was looking for everyone for the Christmas party at her ranch home on December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Each one is to bring an ornament for a gift exchange and a covered dish for the

The "American's Creed" was recited by the group. The pledge to the U.S. flag was recited in unison.

The President introduced the program for the day, Jerry Watson, who Lana described as one of great courage and determination. The program was most interesting in that most of us have never really looked at the dollar bill. Everyone was handed or produced a one dollar bill to observe just what Jerry was talking about. She started the one dollar bill as we know it today was produced in 1957 and is not really paper but a blend of cotton and linen with red and blue minute silk fibers throughout. It is really material (we have all washed one), it has a special ink, is over-printed with symbols and then starched to make it water resistant.

On the front of the bill can be seen the U.S. Treasury Seal, the scales for a balanced budget, the carpenter's square, the Key to the U.S. Treasury. On the back there are two circles and when used together they comprise the Great Seal of the U.S. It took Benjamin Franklin and a group of men four years to accomplish this and another four to get it approved. The left-hand circle has a pyramid with the face lighted and the western side dark signifying the West had not begun to be explored. The Pyramid is uncapped signifying we were not close to being finished, while inside is the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol of divinity. IN GOD WE TRUST is on the bill. The Latin above the pyramid, Annuit Coeptis, means "God has favored our undertaking."
The Latin below the pyramid, Novus Ordo Seclorum means "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776.

The right circle, if checked carefully, is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is whenever he speaks. The symbols are: the Bald Eagle, the shield, a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E" Pluribus Unim," meaning "one nation from many people" ing "one nation from many people." Above the Eagle are thirteen stars

#### **Courtney Hays** presented as new member of WTA&M sorority

Courtney Hays was among more than 50 West Texas A&M University women who were honored by the Panhellenic Council at a new member presentation on Sunday, October 20 in the Branding Iron Theatre in

Canyon.
All students from the fall
Panhellenic recruitment were presented as new members of the WTAMU Greek community with their friends and families in attendance. Each of the three sororities also held individual pinning ceremonies for their new members.

Courtney, a new member of Delta Zeta, is a freshman nursing major. She is a 2002 Motley County High School graduate and the daughter of Vaden and Carrol Hays of Matador.

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for the thirteen original colonies. The Eagle holds in his talons the olive branch and arrows. It is said the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13 in hotels or motels, nor a 13th floor. Think of the original 13 colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on the flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E. Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits and if looked at closely 13

With this interesting program given by Jerry it prompted discussion among the group on patriotism and the lack of a certain generation that does not doff their hats/caps when the flag passes, place their hands over their hearts when the flag passes by and in general a lack of respect for our country.

Motley County school system should be highly commended for the moving and inspirational program presented on Veterans Day honoring those men who had fought for their country and the recognition of those who did not come back. One member decided to go to East Mound cemetery to see the flags that had been placed on the graves of veterans that morning, November 11,2002, and when she stepped inside the gate and saw all the flags fluttering in the breeze it was awe-inspiring. What do you say when a moment thrills you to the depths of your feelings? She said "thank you."

Delicious refreshments were served from the dining table. Those enjoying the meeting were Loys Campbell, Lana Copp, JoAnn Dickson, Jeanne Adams, Grace Campbell, Fredia Burns, Jerry Watson, Winifred Darsey, Lu Walker, Dorothy Day, Sharon Allen, Ruby McGuire, Penny Kline, a guest, and Beverly Vinson.

Since the program fell between Veterans Day and Thanksgiving the inspirational thought was a Thanks-giving poem presented by Beverly

**Library Notes** by Suzanne Abbott

autobiography, Long Way from use for testing. Home: Growing Up in America's Heartland.

Cornwell fans will like to read nonfiction novel by her, Potrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper. In this book per. The use of DNA and other mod- eos.

New books in the library include ern technological advances to sup-Chesapeake Blue by Nora Roberts port her suspicions is fascinating. You and Christmas Train by David can read the book to find out where Baldacci. We also have Tom Brokaw's they got Jack the Ripper's DNA to

Our sale is going on now. Be sure Those of you who are Patricia to come in and pick up some of these bargains. Our hardback are \$. 25 and the paperbacks are \$. 10. You won't find books any cheaper anywhere. Cornwell traces the life of the man The sale is open to everyone. We have who she suspects to be Jack the Rip- adult and children's books and vid-



Another homecoming for Motley County Exes has come and gone with mixed emotions of gladness and sadness. Joy came as we embraced shoulders and gazed into faces of those who had been instrumental in molding us into who we are today. We took from them their most valuable traits and learned to love, forgive, accept defeat, be strong and take a step higher. Our hearts were grieved as we learned that some of those who were missing were either deceased, ill, or residents in Nursing Homes.

I equated this memorable event with one much more sublime, one whose grandeur we can only imag-ine. We "Earthlings" are members of two wonderful families. One is biological, the other spiritual; referred to as a Kingdom family. Both are important, being intricately interwoven. One is temporary, the other eternal. Concerning the biological, we have no option but in the other we have the awesome privilege of choosing. One necessitates our residing in earthly tents, but spiritual births assure us of a future home called a "building" not made with hands but by God

Himself, eternal in the heavens. (2 Cor. 5:1)

God has withheld most detailed information concerning our Heavenly Homecoming. Although members of our family will be there, we will not be separately grouped as we are today, rather we will be one Divine family in Christ. (Eph. 3:14,15)

I found solace in Bruce Wilkinson's descriptive rendition of our entry into heaven in his book, "A Life God Rewards." He said, "Picture your homecoming, the moment when all of eternity and all the angels and saints pause for you. Heaven will hush as you stand before your Savior to hear Him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' And then heaven will erupt with welcome and celebration as you accept the incorruptible crown that Jesus is reserving for you. It will be your unique moment to bless the heart of God. On that day, you will prove that you valued Jesus' death for you and gave Him your heart and life in return."

The hope and prayer of our hearts is that on that day none will be missing.



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club Rebs

by Winifred Barsey

Club Bazaar was very successful and a pleasant time for everyone involved. the items were pretty, useful and unique. The tea was a good place to visit, see old friends and enjoy the coffee and all kinds of cookies.

Lorene Lancaster had the sur-prise of the day with a display of for goodness sake! Swedish Weaving. She mastered the

The tickets are now on sale and the Winifred Darsey.

Motley County Arts and Crafts quilt is on exhibit at the Motley County Library.

Mrs. Jo Sandlin was the lucky winner of the gift certificate given by

Christmas is not for behind and old Santa may be peeping around the

art form at home; there were table runners place; there were table runners, place mats, and other items made from this lovely art form.

The focal point of the Bazaar was the beautiful quilt made by Linda Ruhl. It is to be raffled at a later date. The tickets are now on sale and the





by Mary Ann Potts

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Since the holidays are quickly approaching and everyone is starting to fill their calendars, the Motley County PTO's November 5th meeting was straight to the point.

After D'Anna Russell called the meeting to order, Mary Ann Potts gave a quick reading of last month's minutes along with Wendy Taylor giving an overview of the PTO's bank account balance of \$2,121.01 as of Nov. 5. Wendy also gave a profit profile from the Book Cover Sales, Book Fair, and Harvest Carnival Booths. All in all, PTO raised approximately \$600 for its efforts with Cookie Dough profits still pending.

Now lets not forget about basketball season. Our first home game was November 12 and PTO opened a concession stand for all those hungry spectators and athletes. Cathey Turner is coordinating the concession stand shifts and needs members to work at least one shift during the season. Please check your schedule to see how you can lend a helping hand.

Also, since last year's Christmas Program was such a great success,

a return engagement is in the works this holiday season. Third through 6th grades will perform a Christmas Play. Details to follow on this very special event.

The seniors also want to thank the Motley County PTO for contrib-uting toward their field trip. The do-nation was greatly appreciated. Lastly, winning teacher from our

random drawing this month was Lacy Rankin along with Wendy Taylor, our winning parent. Congratula-

As a reminder, please continue to collect senior memorabilia for their Scrapbook. Any questions about the Senior Scrapbook or if you would like to help create memory pages, please contact Wendy Taylor at 347-2037.

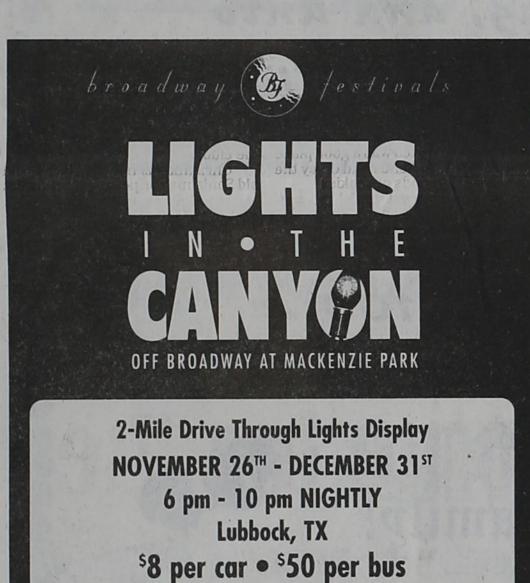
And yes, Motley County School continues to save Campbell Soup Breakfa Labels, General Mills box Tops, juice, milk Tyson A+ Labels, used Ink Cartridges and Lowe's Register Receipts. If you have any of these items mato, pickle, onion, fries, Rosey you would like to donate, collection apples, milk bins are in the front lobby of the school. Thank you for your support in making a better school for our future leaders.

## Kid's Praise set for December 4th

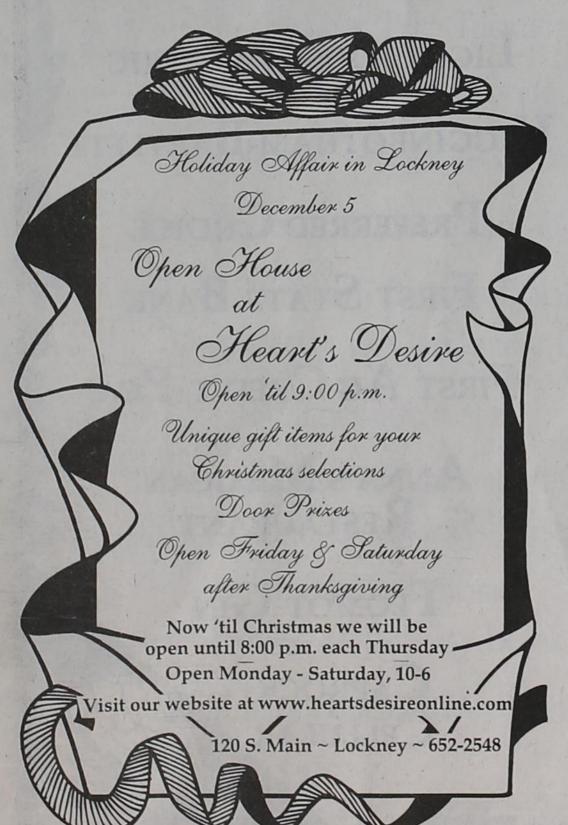
It's Kid's Praise time again! All be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, children in the community, two years and fun for all. old through 6th grade, are invited to Kid's Praise on Wednesday, Decem-Baptist Church, Matador. There will of the church's WMU.

Kid's Praise is a monthly event slice, honey, pickle, onion, milk ber 4, 5:00-6:00 P.M...., at the First sponsored by the Woman on Mission





For more info call: 806-749-2929





# THE MATADO

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —





MONDAY, DEC. 2

Breakfast: ceral, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: fish sticks, auGratin potatoes, broccoli, hush puppy, fruit, milk

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, gravy,

Lunch: cheeseburger, lettuce, to-

WEDNESDAY DEC. 4

Breakfast: hot cereal, toast, fruit,

Lunch: ham chef salad, baked potato, crackers, cheese, sherbert, milk

THURSDAY DEC. 5

Breakfast: pancake, sausage, syrup, juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ polish sausage, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, bread

FRIDAY DEC. 6

Breakfast: ceral, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch: steak fingers, creamed potatoes, gravy, carrots, hotroll/ honey, milk



# \* PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Pre-Kindergarten: Joshua Martin, Macie Marshall, Caitlynn Wright, Matthew Faulks, Meagan Jameson, Joey Horton, Mattie Brooks, Meagan Perryman, Joshua Ortiz, Isaiah Olague.

2ND SIX WEEKS

Kindergarten: Tanner Bearden, Logan Ferguson, Cassidy Turner, Leighan Talamantez, Sam Hulsey, Korbyn Simpson, Katie Barton, Gabby Silva, Victoria Hernandez, Hance Davey, Jacob Guerrero, Allison McCoy, Michael Martin, Meagan Ford.

First Grade: Jacob Woolsey, Andy Arocha, James Horton, Virginia Gutierrez, Noah Guerrero, Hannah Hulsey, Kolby Williams, Aaryn Brandon.

Second Grade: Austin Taylor,

Juan Flores, Hayden Davey, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson.

Third Grade: Garrett Jenschke, Christian Brooks, Jonathon Osborn,

Nayo Santos, Marti Walker, Braden Mason, Cody Martin, Keyan Kautz, Mari Simmons, Alexis Osborn, Patrick Harvey.

Fourth Grade: Kyla Simpson, Sarah Ferguson, Anna Moctezuma, Paul Gutierrez, Dillon Walker, Jacob Dilworth, Alyx Smith, Jay Potts, Leslie Alvarado.

Fifth Grade: Melissa Flores, Andrew Martin, Cory Durham, Courtney Moctezuma, Kaleigh Kerns, Sam Fletcher.

Sixth Grade: Shane'a Russell, Kayla Hollinsworth, Courtney Alexander.

Seventh Grade: Bradley Brown, Brittany Leatherwood, Magdiel Perryman.

Alvarado, Savannah Rose, Stacy Perryman, Leatrice Gutierrez, Jodi Guerrero, Casey Fletcher, Mylissa

Eighth Grade: Griselda Flores, Kristin Lane, Chicagra Brown, Marc

Henzler, Gene Salazar, Kasha Denny. Ninth Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green, Matthew Martin, Colton Russell, Levi Buckner.

Tenth Grade: Kittie Campbell, Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Seagram Sims, Natasha Ramirez, Veronica Mendoza.

Eleventh Grade: Stachia Baxter, Brandon Martin, Susana Mendoza, Mandi Ream, Quinten Rose, Lorenzo

Salazar, Angela Marvel.

Twelfth Grade: Cassie Campbell. Clint Cooper, Brenda Gillespie, Chasity Holman, Bo Long, Timothy Mangram, Brittany

## MC National Honor Society will sponsor Blood Drive December 6th

sponsor a blood drive on December the part of donors. 6, 2002. The blood drive will be held in the school's multi-purpose room from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 P.M.. All donors in the Matador Community are encouraged to donate. All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Effective Monday, November 25, 2002, insulin dependent diabetics will be able to donate again. Whether a diabetic is using injections or an insulin pump, they will be able to donate. For more information, call United Blood Services at 806-797-6804 or 800-333-6920.

This is one of the busiest times of the year for most people, as holiday preparations take center stage.

Making an appointment to donate blood is fast and easy-just give Kathy Gillespie a call for the blood drive at 347-2677 to make an appointment! Appointments are greatly appreciated - for 2 reasons: one, so that UBS brings enough staff, and two, so that

The National Honor Society will there will not be as much waiting on

donate blood this fall, your donation is especially needed now, " said

Connie Hollinshead of United Blood Services. "Traditionally, blood donations decline during the holidays, and it will take everyone's help to see that a blood shortage does not occur this ated!

year," Ms. Hollinshed said. Volunteer blood donors must be a least 17, If you did not have a chance to weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

To make an appointment, please contact any NHS member (Cassie, Clint, Brenda, Susana, or Chantry) or Kathy Gillespie, chapter adviser. All

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#### Keeping an Eye on Texas **CATE Advisory** Committee meets

On Thursday, November 7, 2002, the opportunity to receive informa-the Career and Technology Education about career opportunities after

tion committee met at 7:30 a.m. in Room 121 at the school. The following teachers, community members and parents were present: Jan Jones, Jim Cooper, Kathy Gillespie, Cathey
Turner, Shelley Cox, Ronnie Cox,
Chalca Band Samus Harrell James

tion about career opportunities after high school. Plans are underway for the Junior class to attend Groundhog Job Shadow day in February. Future Tech Prep courses were briefly discussed. A CATE representative is on the site based committee and assists in the district improvement plans for Chelsea Read, Sonya Herrell, James in the district improvement plans for Gillespie, Bobbie Brown, Janie the campus. According to Mrs. Jones, Campbell, and Tina Brooks. Jan the CATE program is in great shape on the PAS plan. The PEIMS indicational thanked them for coming Fact of the thanked them for coming. Each of the tor codes are completed and filed. CATE teachers discussed their Mrs. Jones also suggested a survey courses and briefly described them.

Mrs. Jones reported the high school student body attended the Career Expo hosted by Tech Prep at the Civic Center in Lubbock. The students had a good time and enjoyed and analyzed at the end of the year.

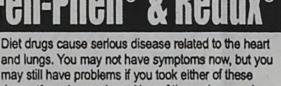
#### **Paying for College** The 2002-2003 Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid, published by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, is now available on the Comptroller's website at

http://www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/mspmain.html.

The Compendium contains a list of colleges and universities in the State of Texas, admission requirements, total expenses for an academic year, financial aid data and related information, helpful hints for college-bound students and a calendar of various scholarship

It is presented as an aid for senior high school students seeking higher education in Texas and to the people who teach and counsel them. The list does not include graduate/professional schools, private specialized, or private technical schools.

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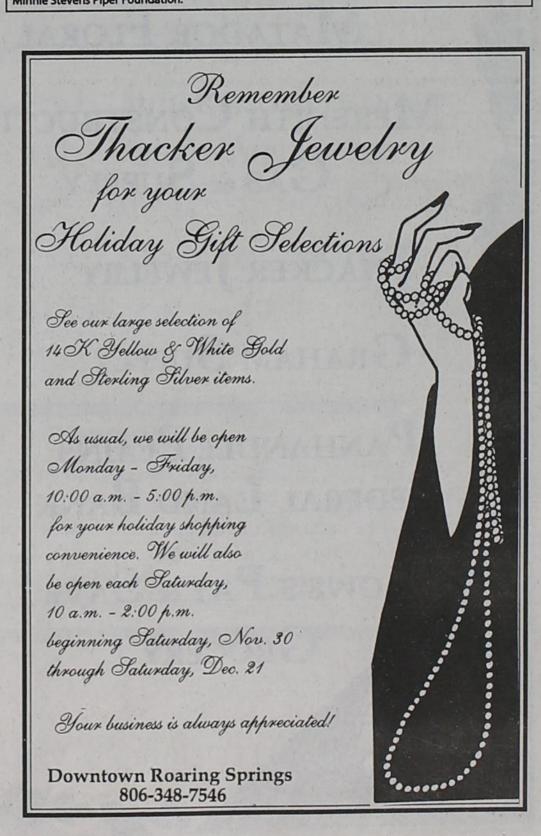
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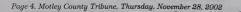
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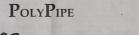
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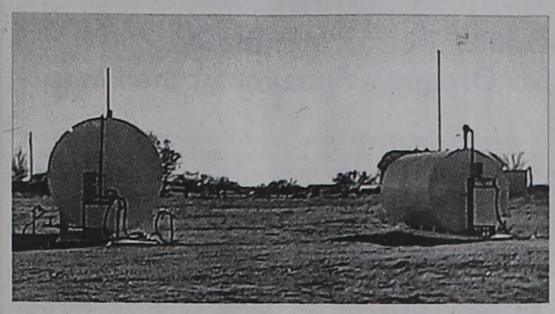
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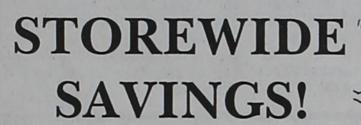
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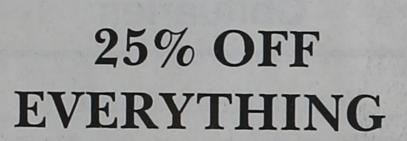
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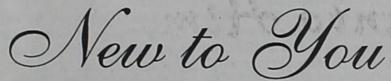
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## **Former Flomot Coach** remembered by ex-student

by Bill Sperry

Note: The following article first appeared in the Valley Tribune. Mr. Sperry is a Flomot ex-student.

Football in Texas isn't like it is in any other place. I read a book called The Red Badge of Courage, where if you were wounded, no matter how slight, was a sign that you had courage. This is the way football is in the Lone Star State. Everyone participated in football and would be a social leper if they didn't.

I think that courage is something I learned on a football field. At five feet two inches tall and one hundred pounds you had to have courage or not much sense to be there.

Roncho Grundy taught me about courage out there. He explained that it wasn't how much dog there is in the fight but how much fight there is in the dog. It took about all the courage I had to be the deep man on kick-offs. Awaiting the ball back in that corner, well brother it took all I had to not off the field and go home. There's some terrible collisions on kick off returns and when everyone is bigger than you, you had at least better be fast. The other team will always kick to the little guy so you knew you were a marked man. They knew if they could hit you hard enough then the ball would probably come loose but I knew not to lose that thing because I didn't want to have to face Roncho on the sidelines.

Our uniform colors were maroon and white and after looking up to has helped me a life. catch the kick it seemed that you all

could see was the other team's colors. I kept thinking that I was missing a water break or huddle somewhere as everyone was gone to the sideline, I guess. If you couldn't out run them, then you had to out cut them. I ran out of my shoes a few times being as shifty as I could. You learn about some of the laws of physics out there, speed and mass and such. You learned how a quail feels when he hits the windshield at sixty miles an hour. I came to my senses once with my dad looking down at me asking if I was all right. He walked off after seeing I was all right, telling Art Green that I was going to get killed playing that game. I never up killed playing that game. I never un-derstood the difference in riding a pitching horse for him and playing

Here's a salute to some of the guys I played with.

Ray Calvert. You really had to

pinpoint those passes for me to catch as I was a pretty small target. Buzz Folley. You taught me that hitting a big guy low will make up the

difference in size.

Bobby Clay. I liked to carry the ball behind you as you would hit anybody, no matter how big.

Jerry Gilbert. Sorry about stepping in your back with those cleats.

Danny Green. You taught me that with luck, you could catch a ball anywhere, I bet even in a closet.

I guess the most appreciation. I have would be to Coach Grundy. You taught me never to quit and to make the most out of what you have. This

Thanks, Roncho!

# FAMILY &

#### CONSUMER NEWS

By Jennifer Trufan,

Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences



#### CERTIFICATION COURSE

A Certification Course for Food Protection Management will be held at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress, Tuesday, January 28 and Thursday, January 30, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day.

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## State Officials announce holiday crackdown on seat belt slackers

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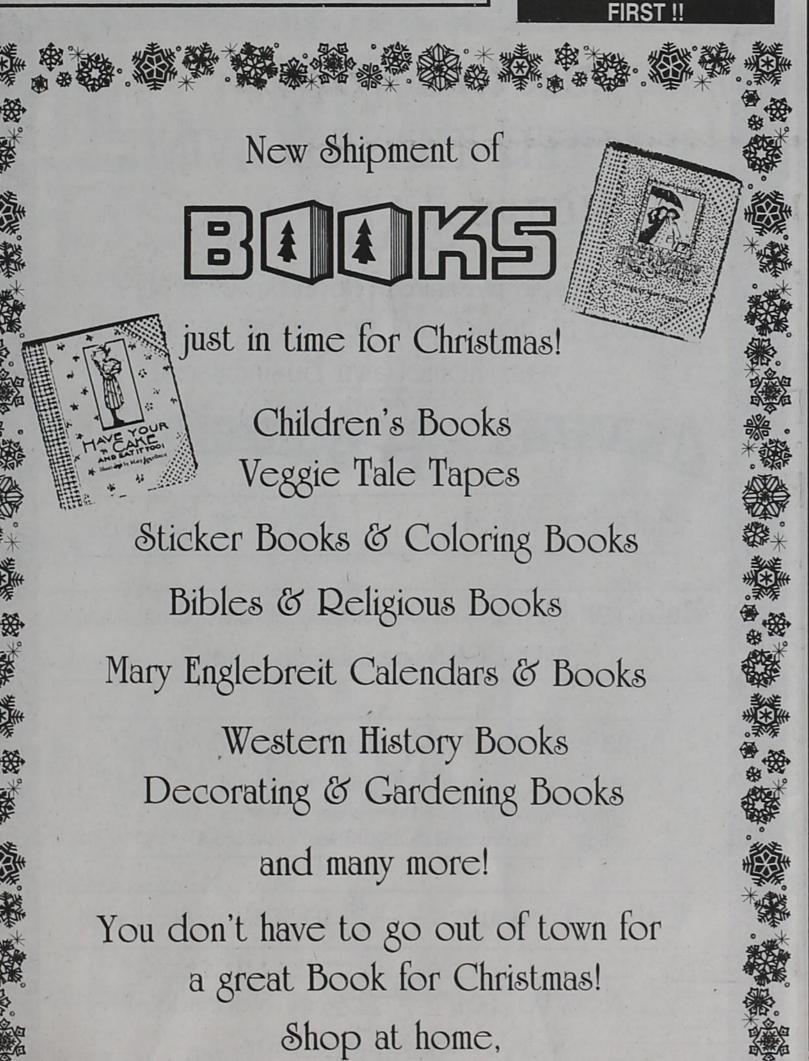
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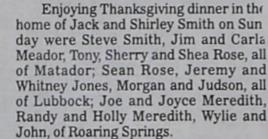
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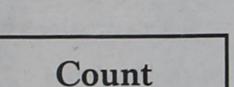
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# Aews Around the County

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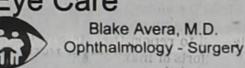
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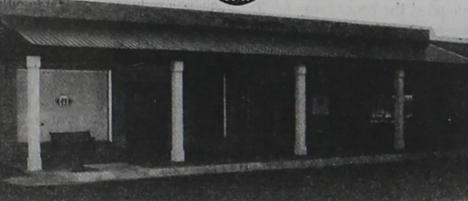
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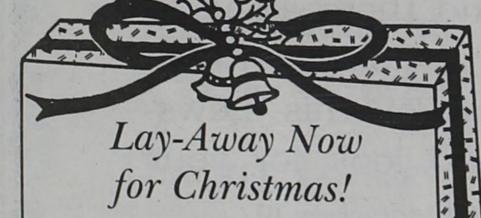
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By Earlyne Jameson

Lockney, Sunday. She was transferred to United Medical Center in Lubbock where she had fluid drawn from her lungs and pace maker heart surgery. She is recuper-

IN HOSPITAL

ating at the Lockney Hospital. With her isher husband, and children including Roy Moreno of Matador.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter and her 3M's sing-ing group, Gerald Pipkin, and Billy Donaldson of Matador, Penny and Kelly Keltz of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Sharon VanHoose of Lorenzo were featured guests at the Country Club in Plainview

Thursday night. Jack and Nada Starkey were in Ama-

rillo, Thursday to have stitches removed Mrs. Pete Moreno was conveyed by and a check up following her recent surambulance to Mangold Hospital in gery. Joining them there was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch. They visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Starkey.

Mary Ellen Barton attended to business in Quitaque, Plainview and Matador, Thursday. When in Matador she visited Mrs. Judy Renfro.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Thursday with his mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey and her house guest, Mrs. Ersie Van Cleeve of Dougherty.

Trula and Wilburn Martin were in Borger, Saturday, Nov. 23 to visit in the home of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They celebrated the birthdays of Marilee and Wilburn and the 54th wedding anniversary of Trula and Wilburn.

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truly one nation under God.

Mrs. Frances Dixon accompanied Wilda and Spencer Dixon to Lubbock. Wednesday to attend to business. Wilda is scheduled for arm and shoulder sur-

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended to business in Tulia, Thursday.

#### Donna Nelson nominated for Oregon's Speaker of the House

sentative Donna Nelson, was nominated for Speaker of the House for Oregon in Republican Caucus leadership elections last Thursday at the Capitol.

"I'm honored by this action on behalf of our rural counties. It speaks to the need for individuals with business backgrounds to lead in rebuilding the economy - the number one need in the State at this time." said Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was re-elected to her second legislative term. "As a result of the 2000 redistricting, and evidenced by the power of the urban vote for governor, it is most impor-tant that the rest of the state beyond the largest cities not be forgotten as we face many critical issues unique to our communities." Nelson was nominated by Rep. Cliff Zauner of. Woodburn who described her as "the hardest-working Representative in

Nelson served as Vice-Chair of the Agriculture Committee, and on the Business, Education, and Transportation Committees. Interim assignments have included the Women's Task Force, Columbia George and Business Committees. She also serves on the Human Services Committee of the National Conference of State Legislators and on the state Commission on Hispanic

Affairs. An outspoken voice for budget reform, Nelson has sponsored a zero based budgeting bill with performance measurement which identifies agency overheads and requires cost justification versus the current

Recently re-elected state Represervice level budgeting process which automatically increases spending as much as 13% annually. She is also a strong advocate for prioritizing critical needs with designated funding sources. "Safety, K-12 education with inclusive Head Start programs for all disadvantaged children, and the needs of our most fragile citizens have to come first in funding. A strong industry diversification in a business-friendly environment will produce the jobs we need and the income to meet our obligations. Those are my priorities, and everyone knows I'll work hard to revive our state's economy."

Nelson served as Sr. Vice President Administration and on the Board of Directors of Evergreen International Aviation for 24 years overseeing 26 worldwide subsidiaries, and as the liaison for government contracting in its Washington, D.C. office. She retired in 1998 after lending the corporation's \$400 million restructuring. Evergreen, with operations spanning 178 countries, recently opened its Aviation Museum which showcases the Spruce Goose and forty other aircraft, a venture Nelson initiated in 1974. She currently operates 3N & Associates assisting businesses with market development. She is also a nationally licensed auctioneer with Donna G Nelson Auctions LLC and operates the Yamhill County Weekend Market. She is a former teacher and farmer.

Mrs. Nelson is a 1961 Matador high school graduate and the daughter of the late Hazel and Earl Stephens.

### **Obituaries**

#### Norma Jean Phillips

Phillips, 65, of Gainsville, TX, were held in Carlsbad, N.M. on August 15, 1957. Mr. at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 16, at and Mrs. Phillips operated the El Mata-East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Offi- dor Service Station and Restaurant in ciating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Matador. Ar- 1983. She was a retired employee of the rangements are under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Phillips died Tuesday morning, November 19, at her residence.

She was born July 21, 1937, in Afton,

Texas, to Rollie and Nell Allen Partridge. Mrs. Phillips was raised in Afton and graduated from Patton Springs High School. After high school Jean worked for

First State Bank in Matador for a num-

Graveside services for Norma Jean ber of years. She married Grady Phillips Denton State School, and was an avid fisherman and gardener. Mrs. Phillips was a member of the First Baptist Church.

> She is survived by her husband, Grady Phillips of Gainsville; two daughters, Kay Skinner of Quitaque, and Kim Phillips of Krum; two sisters, Jo Irwin of Lubbock and Rilene Taylor of Matador; and two granddaughters.



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# FARM AND RANCH NEWS

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NO DISASTER AID UNTIL 2003 The word from Washington this week was a mixed blessing as a last ditch effort by Senate Democrats to bring a Bill with Disaster Assistance to the Senate floor was defeated with the help of soon-to-be Senate Major-

ity Leader Trent Lott (R-MS). Lott led the opposition to the Bill that would have included some \$6 Billion in savings from projected Farm Bill expenditures to assist farmers and ranchers who suffered drought related losses in 2001 and

Lott's efforts against the Democratic effort were tempered somewhat by a pledge to renew the effort to deliver drought assistance when Congress returns in 2003.

Lott noted that the Administration was still supportive of delivering drought assistance to growers as long as appropriate funding off-sets were found.

The efforts of Disaster Assistance proponents will now turn to identifying the vehicles through which drought assistance can be ap-

The most attractive of these will likely be the many unfinished 2003 funding Bills that will have to be worked through as soon as Congress returns and a possible Supplemental Spending Bill that the Bush Administration is expected to request

next Spring.
All in all the effort to secure Drought Assistance has been set back considerably, although apparently not permanently abandoned.

The best approach continues to be communicating the many reasons why drought assistance is necessary. Efforts in this regard should not be abandoned or put on hold over the next month and half until Congress

2ND ANNUAL TEXAS COMMODITY SYMPOSIUM

The 2nd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2002, in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show at the Amarillo Civic Center, Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Grand Plaza Room near the Buchanan Street entrance.

Being a legislative year in Texas, state officials have been invited to highlight some key issues that will be Business Session (location TBA)

debated and discussed in Austin. Speakers will include State Statistician Robin Roark, Representative David Swinford, Agriculture Policy Board Ad-Hoc Advisory Council Chairman Woody Anderson, and

Farm Service Agency Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs John

Keynote Speaker for the sympo-sium will be Jim Butler, Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA. Butler served as USDA's deputy secretary for marketing and regulatory programs since September 2001. In his new position, he will be a key advisor regarding sanitary and phyto-sani-tary issues, as well as trade, and farm and food policies.

This symposium is free and will conclude with a catered lunch. For more information call 800-647-2676.

2ND ANNUAL TEXAS COMMODITY SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday, December 4, 2002 Grand Plaza Room, Amarillo Civic Center

8:30 a.m., Registration 8:55 a.m., Welcome

- Don Tropliff, Department Head, College of Agriculture and Nursing.

9:00 a.m., 2002 Census of Agriculture - Robin Roark, TASS State Statician

9:15 a.m., State FSA Update — John Fuston, State Executive Direc-

9:30 a.m., Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Introduction - Representative David Swinford, Chairman of the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee, District 87.

Upcoming State Legislative Priorities — Woody Anderson, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Chairman.

10:00 a.m., Break 10:15 a.m., Farm Bill Administration and Implementation — John Johnson, Deputy Administrator for Farm programs.

11:00 a.m., USDA Program and Activity Update — Jim Butler, Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services,

12:00 p.m., lunch 1:00 p.m., Individual Commodity

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through other sources are not eli-

## **SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available**

Fort Worth, TX -- Businesses in est rates are four percent (4%) and some Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought and excessive temperatures that occurred from January 1, 2002, and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in all counties in the Western two-thirds (2/ 3) of the state of Texas are eligible to

apply.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing for application is June 23, 2003.

Due to weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500.00 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Inter-

> Always use safety when **Hunting!**

#### reviews policy recommendations The Texas Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee completed its work imports and exports - suggesting that

**TFB Resolutions committee** 

Wednesday at the TFB state headquarters in Waco.

The Resolutions Committee is charged with reviewing all policy recommendations from County Farm Bureaus, combining and streamlining them for consideration by TFB rights voting delegates at the organization's \*Support of funding for the state convention in Corpus Chrisit, next quail initiative

377 policy recommendations from tions are met County Farm Bureaus.

Kenneth Dierschke, Vice-President of Texas Farm Bureau, chaired the committee, which was composed of three farmers or ranchers from each of TFB's 13 Districts, plus the chairman of the Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

"The committee dealt with many proposals that are potentially controversial, but we feel the delegates will have a clear picture of what the County Farm Bureaus want done by Farm Bureau this next year," Dierschke said. Among the resolu-tions to be considered by convention half cent to one cent delegates:

\*Cost of living adjustments in gov-

ernment farm programs
\*Opposition to ban on packer ownership of livestock

\*A strongly worked resolution calling on Mexico to honor the water treaty of 1944- Mexico is in violation of that treaty, depriving South Texas farmers of badly needed water re-

\*A proposal to equalize tariffs on import tariff on American goods by any nation would trigger similar tar-

iffs on that nation's goods in the U.S.
\*Opposition to hunting deer in state owned streambeds as a barrier to trespass and violation of property

\*Support for transportation of In all, the committee considered wildlife providing all health regula-

> \*Funding of federal disaster payments "off budget" without raiding the farm program \*Insuring that TFB be involved in

the development of any livestock identification system \*Preventing cotton equipment from non-eradicated boil weevil zones from moving freely into weevil

\*Seek alternatives to property

taxes for education funding \* Allow local sales taxes for economic development to rise from a

The Texas Farm Bureau state convention will be held in Corpus Christi on Dec. 8-11. State resolutions approved there will become the policy of Texas Farm Bureau. National resolutions that are aproved in Corpus Christi will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation, which meets in Tampa, Florida in January. Texas Farm Bureau is Texas' largest organization of farmers and ranchers.

## **Base/Yield Update Rules Clarified**

Producers received a welcome bit one another. of good news in regard to the process that will be used to calculate updated should allow growers who have ad-

After several months of discussions and numerous conversations with USDA staff and the staff of the House Agriculture Committee, PCG is pleased to report that its efforts, and the efforts of many others, USDA has modified the procedures for including substitute yield that can be used when actual yields fall below 75% of the 1998-2001 County average yield. The yield plug is used when figuring updated counter-cyclical payment yields.

Week sent out updated instructions allowing producers to include either a dryland or irrigated yield plug when the actual yield for either production practice falls below the 75% County average threshold.

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PCG's position on the issue was that USDA's original rule did not fully take into account the differences in production practices that often exist under a single farm serial number and the fact that farms can often be minology the yield plug is referred to listed under a single farm serial num- as either the dryland or irrigated ber, but not be physically located near minimum production figure. depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses

These differences, it was argued,

Counter-cyclical Program payment equate production records to differentiate between farms on the basis of production practice and or location should be allowed to utilize the yield

plug procedure on a field by field.

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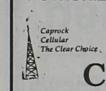
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