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# Old Fashioned Christmas Late Night Shopping

Matador merchants open 'til 9:00 tonight

Horse-drawn sleigh rides

Santa Claus to be in town!

## Motley County Tribune

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1998

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### A Look Back

Call

DECEMBER 7, 1978

Pampa Rites Held  
For Dr. Calvin Jones

"Services for Dr. Calvin Jones were held at 2:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Born in Gorman, Jones taught school in Matador and Roaring Springs from 1926 to 1929. He graduated from Baylor Medical School in 1933."

DECEMBER 2, 1954

Matador Bond Fund  
Now Exceeds \$300

"A total deposit of \$307.50 is in the First State Bank here as a nucleus for a Matador High School. Bill Waybourn, sponsor of the electric blanket drive, netted \$245 in one week."

### Santa Letters, Christmas edition deadline nears

Deadlines are nearing for Santa Letters and Christmas greetings for our annual Christmas edition.

Deadline for Santa Letters is December 7.

Letters may be dropped off in our mailbox in front of the office, or mailed to:

Motley County Tribune  
P.O. Box 490  
Matador, TX 79244

The deadline for Christmas greetings, special pictures or Christmas stories for the Christmas edition, which will be the December 18th edition, is Wednesday, December 9.

We apologize for this early deadline, but due to the fact that we must have this section to the printer on December 11, we have no other choice. We appreciate your cooperation.

Deadline for the regular section of that paper will be on the regular time of Tuesday noon, December 15.

Our office will be closed Christmas week, December 21-25. We will reopen Monday, December 28 and we will print a paper that week, with our normal Tuesday noon deadline.

Again, thank you for your cooperation.



DRESSING UP THE TOWN — WTU employee Kenneth Marshall, top, and City employee, Chuck Ream, were dressing up the town of Matador Tuesday, putting up Christmas decorations on Main Street.

### Santa to make stop in Matador

Santa Claus will be in Matador this Thursday night, December 3, for Late Night Shopping. He will be in the American Legion Building 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

The Eternas Study Club will sponsor Santa's visit. They will also sponsor a Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in front of the building, and a Kiddie Store, 5:30-9:00 p.m. for kids up to 6th grade, inside the building.

#### LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

This annual fun night of late night shopping gives Motley County residents and visitors a chance to get

a jump start on their Christmas shopping and to see what great merchandise and values Motley County businesses have to offer, right here at home!

Most businesses will begin their late night shopping specials at 5:30 and continue until 9:00 p.m. Each business will offer drawings for discounts, special savings, refreshments, or door prizes.

Businesses planning to be open late are Matador Variety, Rose Garden Floral & Gifts, The Windmill, New To You, Guys & Gals, Motley County Tribune, Main Street, and JoAnn's Jewelry.

### Slower economic growth expected as 1999 approaches

(Austin) — "As 1999 approaches, Texas should expect slower economic growth," State Comptroller John Sharp said as he released the latest *Index of Leading Texas Economic Indicators*.

The September 1998 index stands at 132.5, Sharp said, an increase of 1.0 percent from a year ago. Compared to last month, however, the index is down 0.5 percent.

The State Comptroller's office produces the monthly *Index of Leading Texas Economic Indicators* to help compare the Texas economy to the rest of the nation, and to help forecast changes in the Texas economy up to six months in advance.

While confidence in the Texas economy is high, consumers appear less confident compared to 12 months ago. Texas consumer confidence is down by 5.6 percent from September 1997. In the last month, consumer confidence was down by 5.7 percent. However, consumer confidence in Texas remains higher than the nation as a whole.

New home construction remains a key component in a healthy Texas

economy. The number of total authorized housing units for the month of September was 12,892, up 19.8 percent from the same period last year. Although the number of housing permits decreased by 3 percent from last month, bad weather likely contributed to much of the decline.

The September *Texas Stock Index* (TSI) is 544.98, 11.8 percent higher than a year ago, and up 5.7 percent from last month. Overall, the stock index is slightly lower compared to gains in the first half of the year.

Business formation in Texas also continues to remain a strong positive in the state economy. New business incorporations are up 7.3 percent from a year ago.

Texas retail sales are up 6.1 percent compared to a year ago — a good sign as the holiday shopping season approaches.

The Texas unemployment rate showed a 0.4 percent drop from last year and remained flat compared to last month. The current Texas unemployment rate is 5.0 percent.

The average number of manufacturing hours per workweek showed a 2.2 percent decline from September 1997. The average number of manufacturing hours also dropped by 2.2 percent compared to the previous month.

After rebounding in August, the Texas Help Wanted Index dropped again — down 7.6 percent from a year ago and down 5.6 percent from the previous month.

In the twelve months ending in September, the state added about 258,000 new jobs for an increase of 3.0 percent. The service sector advertised the bulk of these gains, 228,000 jobs, a 3.3 percent increase from September 1997. Construction employment grew at an annual rate of 5.4 percent, an increase of roughly 25,000 new jobs this year. Manufacturing employment increased by approximately 9,000 jobs, up 0.8 percent.

The price of Texas crude oil is down 25.3 percent from 12 months ago. Compared to last month, however, prices are up 12.3 percent. Currently, the price of Texas oil is at \$12.92 per barrel for September.

Like the Texas economy, the U.S. economy is expected to continue growing during the remainder of 1998 and into 1999, but at a slower pace. The U.S. Index of Leading Economic Indicators is currently at 105.5, up 1.2 percent from last year.



So, this is Santa ...

Little Kaylee Woolsey doesn't seem very amused with Santa Claus. This is her first visit with the jolly, fat, old man. Kaylee is the 3 month old daughter of Les and Kim Woolsey of Matador. She and many other children visited with Santa in Roaring Springs at Vickie's Floral last Saturday.

### Motley County 4-H club plans Christmas party

There will be a Motley County 4-H Club Christmas Party and Dance on Saturday, December 19th in the Motley County VFW Memorial 4-H Building from 7:30-11:00 p.m. This is a Community Service project and it cost two can goods or \$2.00 to attend. All 4-H members can bring a guest. Guest must be accompanied by a 4-H member. All 4-H members are encouraged to bring their parents.

There were 27 that attended the Youth and Adult Beef Cattle Fitting, Showing and Nutrition Clinic held on Sunday, November 22 at the Matador Ranch Headquarters. There were 10 Steers Validated for the Rate-of-Gain and 16 steers validated for the 1999 Motley County Junior Livestock Show. Steer participants will be Cody, Clay and Clint Cooper, Shandra and Scott Jones, Colton Russell, Todd Thomas, Kayla Copp, Jannell Kilmer, Sherri Thomas, and Andy Paul Jones.

Validation dates for hogs and lambs for the 1999 Motley County Junior Livestock Show is Tuesday, December 15. You must own and have the animals in your possession

in Motley County by Tuesday, December 15. All hogs and lambs will be validated by the Junior Livestock Show Committee on Saturday, December 19. If you need help finding animals or need a place to keep them, let Michael Lee know as soon as possible.

There were three Motley County 4-H'ers that participated in the District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, November 14 in Vernon. Participants were Cassie Campbell, continued on page 7

Happy Holidays

Only  
22  
days  
till

Christmas





I have told Jim that if anyone had a secret video set up to film us when Morgan is around they would probably think we are crazy. We sing and dance, and act pretty silly sometimes, to be quiet honest, but nothing could be more fun. And there's not anything I could think of that I would rather do than spend time with Morgan.

I was reading a little book "Grandmas & Grandpas", a book written by children about their grandparents, and I thought it was something our readers might enjoy, so here are a few of the things that kids think of their grandparents ...

"A grandma is old on the outside and young on the inside."

"The age of my Grandma is young. She can do all things around the house. She takes me to the park. My Grandma likes playing football and rollercoaster and loves running."

"A grandfather is the one who helps you with your homework, even when he doesn't know how to do it."

"A Grandmother is a lady who either sleeps or knits."

Grandmothers are ...

"Generous giving people; regular churchgoers; afternoon snoozers; never (well, hardly ever) irritated by you; drinkers of whisky and water;

members of a ladies' church group; owners of old jalopies; crossword fanatics; hospitable hostesses; eaters of broccoli, spinach, cabbage, and beans; relaters of gossip; Scrabble players; and without grandmothers, the world would be a different place."

"Grandmothers are people who still do the spring cleaning."

"She's the person who tells me all the things about my parents, they would rather not have me know."

"My Grandpa is tough outside, but soft hearted inside."

"Grandparents are cheerful, sentimental old things."

"A Grandad is a person you never forget, never. I'm proud that he's my grandad."

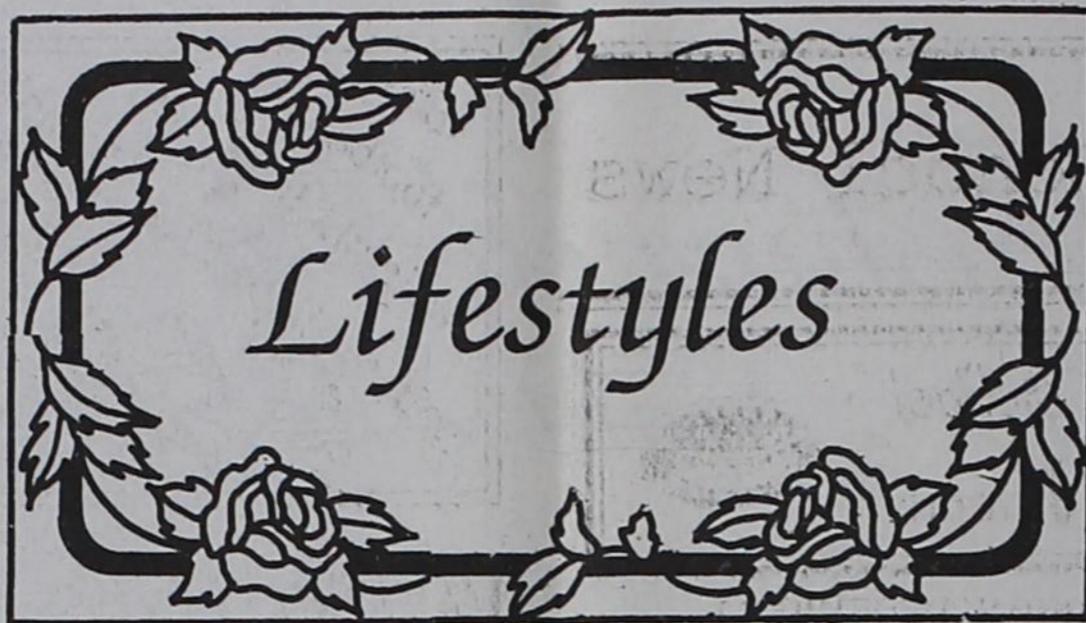
And I'll never forget his hand in mine as we walk down the street together."

"Some grandmothers are very small and some grandmothers are very big. You can get all different sized grandmothers, you know."

"A Grandmother can be tall or small but mine is medium and cuddly fat."

"If I have a secret I will always tell Grandmother, not anyone else."

Aren't these little thoughts by children about their grandparents cute? I thought so. I hope you enjoyed them. Your grandchildren could probably add a few to the list.



## El Progresso Club Members enjoy Veterans Day program

by Winifred Darsey

Veterans Day was a memorable day for El Progresso Club members. The day was celebrated with the Marine Color Guard from Lubbock, a film on the U-2 reconnaissance plane, a salad luncheon, and regular meeting of the club.

The meeting was held at the Senior Citizens center and met at 12:30 for lunch. The Corp and guests were guests of the club and joined them for lunch.

The hall was decorated with a Military theme displaying the Stars and Stripes in various arrangements.

Major Charles Robert Keith (Ret.) introduced Staff Sergeant Charles Armond, NCO in charge of the Color Guard, who introduced the men of the Color Guard. They are United States Marine Corps Color guard from the Marine Corp reserve unit in Lubbock. They performed a formal posting of the colors. It was a thrilling performance for the club. The precision of these men trained in Military demeanor is very impressive and stirs a patriotic heart. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by guests and members, followed by patriotic songs including the National Anthem with Mrs. Lola Pohl at the piano.

Larry Driskill, a Retired Air Force Colonel, presented the program for the day, a presentation of film of the U-2 reconnaissance plane. The pictures and dialogue were awe-inspiring. The U-2 is a very unique and remarkable plane. It was used in World War II for spying on installations, other countries, and targets essential to the safety of the United States and its allies.

It could reach an altitude of 60,000 feet, and equipped with the capabilities of photographing and detecting actions relevant to military purposes of war fare. Painted black, and such a high altitude, it was hard to detect. The U-2 has only one jet motor, and a cruising speed of 600+ miles per hour. One slide showed San Francisco Bay from that altitude and one could see the Golden Gate Bridge. It will be remembered, however, that a pilot in a U-2 plane, over Russia, was shot down and the pilot was imprisoned during World War II. It is still in use. Col. Driscoll said the atmosphere at that altitude is mostly dark. That makes it easier to use these planes.

The luncheon was plentiful and delicious. Deborah Martin and Pearl Patten served as hostesses. Members prepared the food.

President Loys Campbell welcomed the guests and asked Major Keith to do the honors.

Grace Campbell gave the invocation. Joan Keith was leader for the day.

After the departure of the guests, a business meeting was held. Most reports were received for the day.

For the inspirational thought, Joan Keith gave a reading of "Silver Taps."

Members present were Grace Campbell, Dorothy Day, Lucretia Campbell, Jo Ann Dickson, Ruth McBride, Marge Moore, Loys Campbell, Joan Keith, Marge Edwards, Deborah Martin, Pearl Patten, Lola Pohl and Winifred Darsey.



The library will be open tonight, Thursday, December 3, until 8:30 p.m. Come to see us. Our book sale is going on, we are giving away a beautiful doll and a little wooden church, the Texas Capitol Ornaments will be on sale, and you can check out a book—all tonight during late-night shopping.

This week we received donations to the library in memory of Beverly Whitaker. We appreciate these memorials from the Marshall Brothers and from Mr. and Mrs. Vance Campbell. Thank you to these supportive people for remembering a good friend and for helping the library, too.

Judy Crowley arranged for the library to have an early Christmas. A large box arrived for the library and when I opened it, I found bunches of beautiful, shiny, new, colorful children's books, all from Judy. We and our little readers certainly appreciate her thoughtfulness in sending these new books.

Thanks go to Monte and Noma Wike for donating the Family Tree Maker program to the library. Our genealogists will be able to search data disks, looking for their ancestors.

New books in the library include Doug Bowman's The Guns of Billy Free, which is a western. We also have Stuart Woods' new mystery Orchid Beach and Danielle Steel's newest Mirror Image. For our children of all ages we have the newest adventures of the Rainbow Fish in Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale by Marcus Pfister.

A new shipment of children's videos include Superfudge by Judy Blume, The Hooper-Bloob Highway by Dr. Seuss, Merlin and the Dragons, and Richard Scarry's Best Silly Stories.

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

## Celebrate the Season

A Portrait of Christmas

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, Quitaque



December 6, 1998  
First Baptist Church  
Flomot  
7:00 p.m.

December 13, 1998  
First Baptist Church  
Quitaque  
7:00 p.m.

## "Loyalty"



The Apostle Peter would tell Jesus on one occasion, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will...Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." (Matthew 26:26, 35). In fact, the rest of that verse says, "And all the other disciples said the same." What loyalty! What a declaration of allegiance!

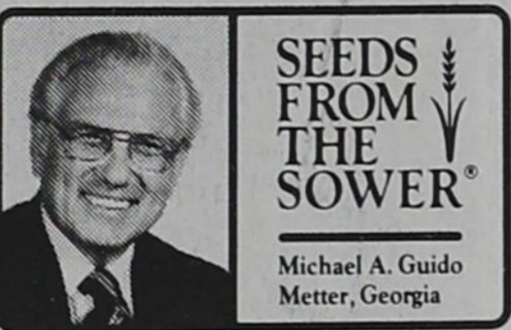
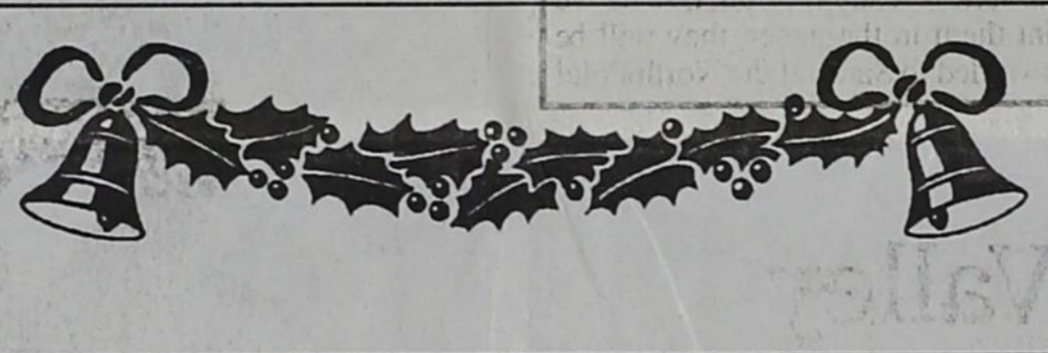
Just a few verses later, Jesus has been arrested, goes before the Sanhedrin, and sentence is pronounced. While they are spitting in His face and striking Him with their fists and slapping Him, Peter is sitting in the courtyard waiting for the outcome. A servant girl identifies him as being one of the followers of "Jesus of Galilee." "But he denied it before them all. 'I don't know what you're talking about.' He said... He denied it again, with an oath ... Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, 'I don't know the man.'" (Matthew 26:69-74)

Talk is cheap at times, isn't it? It's when it comes to "put-up-or-shut-up" time that we find out where the loyalty is. Peter eventually matured enough that he did indeed lay down his life in loyalty following His Master.

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

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

"Cleanliness is next to what?" asked a teacher.

"Impossible," answered a boy.

Maybe you've felt that way too.

You've tried to achieve it in your own strength. But you've failed. However that vain struggle will disappear if you turn your life over to the Lord.

He loves you. He'll forgive you, save you, enable you - if you'll trust Him.

With His power, all things are possible. And to that despairing cry, "I can't!" or "I ought to, but -," you'll change it to, "I will."

For "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

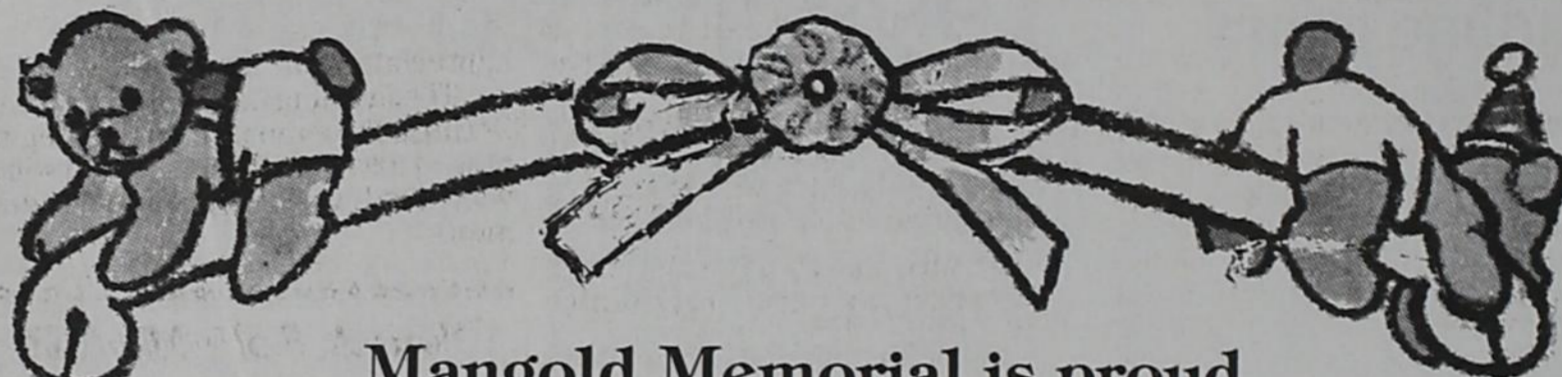
## Sale Starts Today!

Open 'til 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 3

Look for our Sale Circular in today's paper!



Matador Variety



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

**Lewis Miguel**, son of Nancy Morales of Floydada, was born at 6:47 p.m. November 2, 1998. He weighed 5 lbs. and 2 oz. Grandparents are Ignacio and Juanita Espinoza of Floydada.

**Angela Maribel**, daughter of Jose and Sandra Suarez of Floydada, was born at 2:51 p.m. November 10, 1998. She weighed 5 lbs and 10 ozs. Grandparents are Jose and Maria De la Luz Suarez and Jose and Gabriela Cervera, all of Floydada.

**Ashley Dawn**, daughter of Kevin and Kim Helms of Lubbock, was born 11:14 a.m. November 14, 1998. She weighed 6 lbs, 10 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are James and Virginia Jones of Plainview and Adrain and Ann Helms of Floydada.

**Sheridan Shyann**, daughter of Todd and Lisa Reagan of Silverton, was born 11:30 a.m. November 14, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs and 9 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Calvin and Carolyn Shelton of Silverton, Bennie and Joann Reagan of Quitaque, Carole Sheelar of Garland, and Warren and Marcey Sheelar of Farmington, New Mexico.

**Susanah Elizabeth**, daughter of Ernest and Shanna Marble Jr. of Lockney, was born at 8:15 p.m. November 17, 1998. She weighed 8 lbs and 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Joe and Wanda McLendon of Lockney and Ray and Starr Russell of Urich, Missouri.

**Ashley Nicole**, daughter of John and Belinda Arredondo of Floydada, was born at 4:43 p.m. November 17, 1998. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Jose M. and Rosalinda DelaFuente and Sisto and Stella Arredondo all of Floydada.

**Chastity Jane**, daughter of Gilbert Mendoza and Malva Martinez of Lockney, was born at 12:26 a.m. November 23, 1998 She weighed 7 lbs and 12 ozs. Grandparents are Alfredo and Jane Martinez of Lockney and Miguel and Grace Mendoza of Henderson, Nevada.

**Matthew Paul**, son of George and Misty Rager of Lockney was born at 5:15 a.m. November 25. He weighed 10 lbs and 3 ozs. Grandparents are Jerry and Gail Cox, George and Linda Rager and Clyde and Bette Lee all of Plainview; Great grandparents are Douglas and Wanda Cox of Lockney and Essie Ware of Hale Center.

**Ruby Renee**, daughter of Michael and Jeanette Klebahn of Matador, was born at 6:07 a.m. November 30, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs and 9 ozs. Grandparents are Frank and Anna Ortiz of Matador and Rene and Herminia Klebahn of San Antonio.

W.J. MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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# Motley County Matadors School News



FRESHMEN CLASS FAVORITES — WilliamHo-Gland and Leslie Taylor.



FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS — President Shandra Jones (seated), Justin Jameson, Student Council Rep.; Andy Anson, Reporter; Courtney Hays, Vice-President; Lisa Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer; and Kayla Copp, Student Council Rep.

## School Menu

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Fluffy Potatoes, Gravy, California Blend Veggies, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Rodeo Wraps (Sausage, Cheese, Tortilla), Ranch Style Beans, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

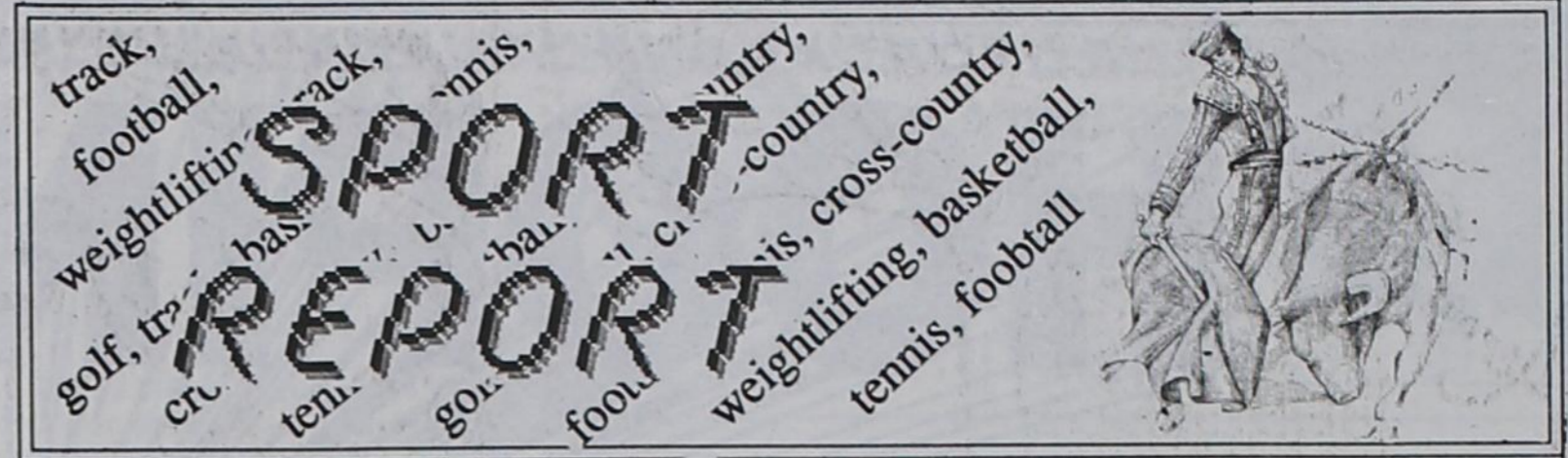
**Breakfast:** Bacon, Eggs, Biscuits, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Frito Pie, Crackers, Green Salad, Apple, Milk.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Turkey & Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Crisp Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Homemade Bread, Red Velvet Cake, Milk.

## Attention kids and teachers .... SANTA LETTER DEADLINE DEC. 7

Kids and Teachers, take note - Letters to Santa need to be to the Tribune office no later than December 7 for publication in our special Christmas Edition. So, don't forget - get your letters ready for Santa. After we print them in the paper, they will be forwarded to Santa at the North Pole!



# Matadors start basketball season with winning streak

by Rickey Lawrence

It's the first of December and Basketball season is in full swing at Motley County! This week we will get you caught up with all the games that have been played and then keep you up to date throughout the season.

Motley County started their season at home on November 17 with 4 games against Valley. If these first games are any indication of things to come, then this should be a very successful year as the Matadors won all four games against the Patriots.

Starting with the girls' J.V. who won by the score of 41-12. They were led in scoring by Kember Everett with 14; Shandra Jones, 12; and Courtney Hays, 8. Leading rebounders were Kelsey Wallace, 5 and Kember with 4. The girls played a great defensive game, as Kember had four steals; Shandra Courtney and Brooke Decker each had three.

The MC Girls Varsity team also won by the score of 41-20. Kandi Keltz led in scoring with 16; followed by Kristi Williams with 12; and Denise Shannon with 6. Leading rebounders were Kandi at 6 and ShaVonne Taylor with 3. The Lady Mats played a great defensive game also, holding Valley to only 4 points the first half. Denise had four steals; Kandi, Blair Thacker and Sam Osborn each had three.

MC Boys Varsity and JV also beat Valley, but at press time there were no stats available.

On November 20, the Matadors traveled to Crosbyton to play three games, starting with the Lady Mats, who won by the score of 49-45. This was a nail biter! Both teams com-

binced for 70 fouls and shot 98 free throws! Leading scorer was Ashley Stevens with 14, followed by Kandi Keltz with 13 and Kristi Williams with 6. Kandi grabbed seven rebounds, Rachelle Renfro had 6 and Miranda Palmer, 3. The Lady Mats shot 42 free throws on the night, making 20 for 48%.

The Matadors boys JV also beat Crosbyton by a score of 28-23. They were led in scoring by Ben Ridgley with 10; Brandon Lee with 4; Brad Baxter, 3. Ben also pulled down 11 rebounds and every other player had at least one rebound in the game.

The Matador Boys Varsity played Crosbyton a good game but lost it by the score of 40-52. They were led in scoring by Keane Cruse with 18; Brad Marvel, 15; Jason Clauser with 4. Keane also was leading rebounder with 8, followed by Brad with 5, and Brant Donaldson with 4. Brad had 2 assist a on the night, and Jason Barton and Keane Cruse had three steals each.

November 24, Motley County took on Crowell to pay four games and came out victorious in all four! Starting with the girls' JV, who won by the score of 37-31. Rebecca Morris led the scoring with 15; Shandra Jones with 5; and Kember Everett with 4. Shandra also had four rebounds and Kember pulled down 3.

The boys JV continued the winning by beating Crowell 41-25. Matt Easter led the scoring with nine, followed by Brandon Moore with 8. Brandon Lee and Casey Lawrence each had 5. Matt also pulled down 16 rebounds on the night. The JV boys played a good defensive game, with Casey having 11 steals on the night,

followed by Brandon Lee and Ryan Moore with 3 each.

The Lady Mats won another close game against Crowell by the score of 33-31! Denise Shannon led the scoring with 13, followed by Kristi Williams with 7, and Kandi Keltz, 6. Kandi also had eight rebounds on the night. Defense was the difference in the game for Motley County. Denise had three steals and Kandi blocked three shots.

The last game of the night saw the Matadors boys' Varsity beat Crowell by the score of 51-32. Keane Cruse had 18 points and Brad Marvel, 13. Keane led in rebounding with 10, followed by Brad and Chase Carson with 7 each. The Matadors had a great defensive effort holding the Wildcats to under 10 points in three quarters.

Through November 24, the team records for Motley County are:

- Girls' JV, 2 wins, 0 losses
- Boys' JV, 3 wins, 0 losses
- Lady Matadors, 3 wins, 0 losses
- Boys' Varsity, 2 wins, 1 loss.

If you haven't seen these young men and young ladies play, you should.

Motley County is off to a great round ball season and they need all your support. Jr. High plays on Mondays and High School plays on Tuesday and Friday so plan now to go to the next game! December 3-5 girls and boys Varsity will be participating in the Valley Tournament. December 8 will be the next home game vs. Kress, games will start at 4:00. See you there!

# Jr. High boys win over Valley

The Motley County 7th and 8th grade boys basketball team got off to a great start Monday, November 23.

Lead by Clint Cooper's 12 points, Derrick, Cruse's 8 points, Bo Long's 6 points, and T.J. Christopher's 2 points, the Maverick boys defeated Valley 28-20.

Also playing outstanding defense in the game were Chantry Meyer, Brady Timmins, Dumont Darsey, Ryan Payne, Joel Rieger, Cole Grundy, Quinten Rose, and Lorenzo Salazar.

The win was a total team effort and Coach Payne and Coach Ridgley

appreciate your hard work.

These young men will play Patton Springs December 7, there, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come out and see a very hard working group of young men.

## You: A Role Model?

(NAPS)—If you're a parent, you already know that the best role model for your child is yourself. Happily, there are other positive role models and these people are nearer than you think.



The reward of being a role model is not in getting worldwide acclaim, but in the satisfaction that comes from touching people's lives.

## 10 Ideas For Exercising Over The Holidays

- 1) Build a snowman or snow fort
- 2) Take five quick runs down a favorite sledding hill
- 3) Engage in after-dinner dancing
- 4) Head out for a walking tour of holiday lights
- 5) Self-choreograph a family ice skating show
- 6) Do the zoo
- 7) Hand-deliver holiday cards/gifts to neighbors
- 8) Volunteer to pack bags at a food bank
- 9) Shovel your neighbor's sidewalk
- 10) Take a brisk walk in the park to feed the birds

### Christmas Wish List!

'97 SKYLARK	\$ 9500	or \$177 month**
'97 SUNFIRE	\$ 9500	or \$177 month**
'97 PARK AVENUE	\$19999	or \$375 month***
'98 GRAND AM	\$10900	or \$205 month*
'98 CENTURY	\$15600	or \$303 month*
'98 LeSABRE	\$16300	or \$317 month*
'98 REGAL	\$16500	or \$321 month*
'98 BONNEVILLE	\$16700	or \$325 month*
'98 TRANS SPORT	\$17500	or \$321 month****
4 door, Rear A/C		
'98 GMC JIMMY 4x4	\$19999	or \$373 month****

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## Stiff, Achy Muscles?

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LIQUID-FAST

All My Downs Have Been Ups  
The Horrible Homemade Halloween Costume  
The Fabulous Flying Flag Farm  
Guidelines for Freelancers  
by Nancy Robinson Masters  
available at the  
Motley County Tribune

# Wrap Up A Great Deal!

### New Vehicle Trade-In's

'91 Chevy short, wide-bed pick-up 350-auto, nice.....	\$5,950
'95 Dodge 1/2 ton ext. cab.....	\$13,500
'97 Chevy 1/2 ton short, wide-bed 350-auto, 4x4.....	\$17,900
'96 Olds Achieva, 2 dr., 42,000 miles.....	\$7,650
'96 GMC 1/2 ton ext. cab, 35-auto.....	\$14,500
'97 Pontiac Grand Am, 2 dr., extra clean.....	\$9,750
'93 Chevy ext. cab, 350-auto, extra clean.....	\$7,950
'93 Chevy 271, 1/2 ton ext. cab, 4x4, extra clean.....	\$9,750
'95 Buick LeSabre, 18,000 miles, like new.....	\$11,900
'96 Chevy 1/2 ton ext. cab, 3 dr. 350-auto, 39,000 miles.....	\$16,500
'94 Saturn Coupe.....	\$6,150
'96 Geo Tracker 4x4, A/C and auto, 36,000 miles.....	\$7,250
'96 Chevy Corsica 4 dr., 49,000 miles.....	\$6,450
'95 Chevy 3/4 ton ext. cab, 350-auto, 44,000 miles.....	\$13,900
'92 Ford Aerostar Van, nice, 82,000 miles.....	\$4,950
'90 Mazda Miata, 2 dr. convertible also has hardtop, 42,000 miles.....	\$7,250
'95 Buick Skylark, 54,000 miles.....	\$6,250
'94 Olds Cutlass Supreme, 2 dr.....	\$6,500
'90 Chevy Suburban conversion pkg.....	\$5,500
'97 Dodge short, wide-bed pick-up 44,000 miles, V/6 auto.....	\$11,500
'93 Chevy Cavalier, 4 cyl. auto.....	\$2,950
'98 Olds Bravada, 35,000 miles.....	\$20,900

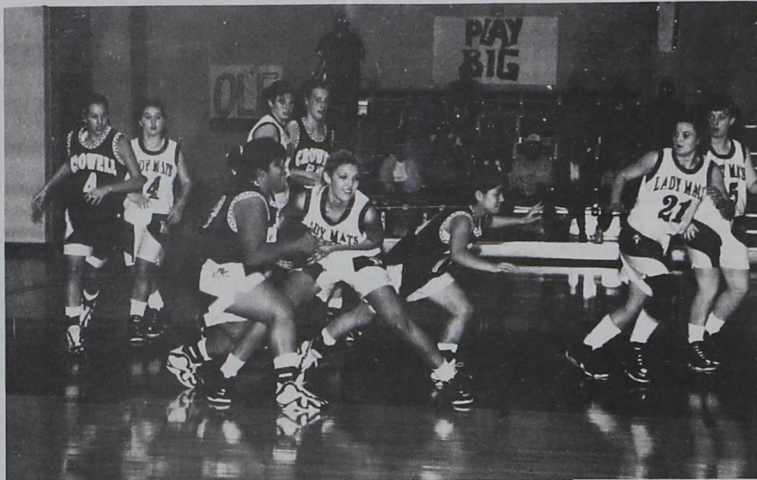
### Used Program Cars

5 - '98 Chevy S10 Blazers, 4 dr., 2 wheel drive, 15,000-22,000 miles, your choice.....	\$19,500
'98 Chevy Malibu, 4 dr., 22,000 miles.....	\$13,500
'98 Chevy Lumina, 4 dr., 16,000 miles.....	\$13,800
2 - '97 Buick Park Avenues one-29,000 miles.....	\$21,500
one-35,000 miles.....	\$19,500
'95 Olds 88, 4 dr., 26,000 miles.....	\$11,500
'97 Olds 88, 4 dr., 29,000 miles.....	\$15,500
2 - '98 Olds 88, 4 dr., one-14,000 miles.....	\$18,500
one-24,000 miles.....	\$16,500
2 - '96 Chevy S10 Blazers, 4x4, one-32,000 miles.....	\$17,800
one-25,000 miles.....	\$19,100
'97 Chevy S10 Blazer, 4x4, 24,000 miles.....	\$18,900
'96 Pontiac Grand Am, 2 dr., 32,000 miles.....	\$10,200

\* We have Big Country Chevy Dealers discount coupons worth \$1,000 on the purchase of any program car by December 24.  
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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Dec. 3-5	Valley Tournament	there	TBA
Dec. 8	Kress	home	4:00
Dec. 10-12	Lockney Tournament	there	TBA
Dec. 15	Valley	there	6:00
Dec. 18	Memphis	home	4:00
Dec. 19	MC JV Tournament	home	TBA
Dec. 23-27	GYM CLOSED - NO USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES		
Dec. 28-30	Crosbyton Tournament	there	TBA
Jan. 5	Memphis	there	4:00
Jan. 8	** Silverton	home	6:30
Jan. 9	Valley JV Tournament	there	TBA
Jan. 12	** Lakeview	there	6:30
Jan. 15	Spur	there	4:00
Jan. 19	** Guthrie	home	6:30
Jan. 22	** Patton Springs	there	6:30
Jan. 26	** Silverton	there	4:00
Jan. 29	** Lakeview	home	6:30
Feb. 2	OPEN		
Feb. 5	** Guthrie	there	6:30
Feb. 9	** Patton Springs	home	6:30

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to encourage people to pray for the United States of America. There are now eighteen states of our country which have passed a law stating that men can marry men. That is not God's law at all. Repent.

Romans 1:32 says, "Who knowing righteous judgement of God who do such that who practice such things are worthy of death."

Luke 16:19-31, "The rich man was in Hell being in torment, saw Abraham afar off, and saw the beggar, Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. The rich man cried out and asked Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus. He may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in

flames." But Abraham said, "Son remember in your lifetime you received your good things, Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted and you are tormented." The rich man had five brothers. He didn't want to come to this place of torment. He wanted them to repent.

In Revelations 20:14-15 it talks about the Book of Life. "...and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire and who so ever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." That means to burn and burn forever.

One atheist woman brought about the law banning prayer in public schools. We all need to speak up! Each state of the United States of America needs to speak up! We can still have a voice!

Cora Hall

## Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 23 students from this area are included in the 32nd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 32nd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and

parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also complete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

Local students selected include:

Keane Cruse, Derrick Cruse, Llan Barkley, Jason Barton, Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker, Scott Jones, Ryan Martin, Ryan Moore, Ashley Stevens, Kristi Williams, Tanya Barkley, Aaron Binder, Monica

Clifton, Robert Gillespie, Casey Lawrence, Nesa McFall Palmer, Jill Stanley, Cobey Turner, Kimberly Ashley, Kandi Keltz, Amanda Englert, and ShaVonne Taylor.



## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



### TEXANS SOUND OFF ON DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORTS

late last summer this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinions about issues currently in the forefront of public debate. As has been the case in previous years, your answers were overwhelming, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

The next several columns will address both the questions asked, and the responses you provided.

The first set of questions I posed to Texans was:

1) This summer's drought has taken a dreadful toll on Texas, particularly the agricultural sector of our state economy. Much of my work this summer has focused on getting federal assistance to those who desperately need it. Are you satisfied that both federal and state agencies have worked together as efficiently as possible to get drought relief to Texas?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ What would you have done differently?

Forty-nine percent of you responded that you were satisfied with efforts to get federal assistance to those who needed it; 51 percent saw room for improvement.

And boy, did I get number of hot answers to this one. Here are some of your comments on this issue:

From La Porte: "Speed up the application process!"

From Hempstead: "Relief was too long in filtering down to those who need it."

From San Saba: "The process for getting this aid needs to be more streamlined, and with less bureaucratic red tape."

From Brookston: "Assistance is restricted to those with 'X' number of acres or more. It doesn't help the little man, who needs help the most. I have a small acreage and try to raise bottle calves. This assistance won't help me, so in essence I'm out of business."

From Marvel: "The ranchers are complaining that they got the help too late for their herds. The hay was a welcome sight, but not nearly sufficient."

From Atlanta: "They should have used the National Guard to deliver hay and other feed. It would give them practice in logistics."

From Rockwall: "The government should have given cash assistance right away."

From DeKalb: "I suggest setting up grants for next year's planting based on this year's losses."

From Crockett: "Federal government should have worked closer with the county agricultural agents."

From Clarksville: "Cattlemen need more assistance. Farmers have a need for better crop insurance. Both need higher prices."

From Romayor: "We need a new program to build up stock ponds and another dam on the Trinity River in Anderson County for flood control, and to impound the water."

From Pettus: "I wouldn't do anything differently. They did a good job."

From Crockett: "The only thing that would help us is rain."

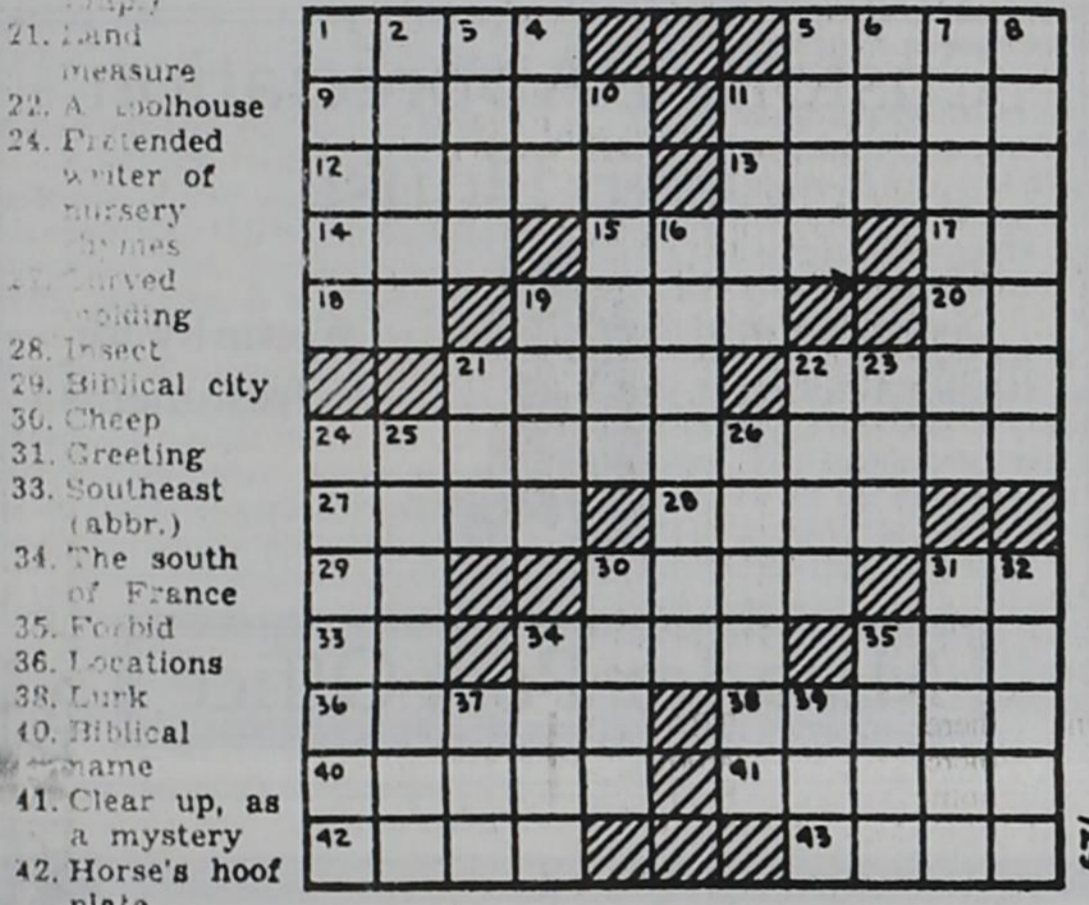
From San Antonio: "The federal government should be engaged in long-term water development projects."

A reader from South Texas more resigned to fate wrote: "Drought is a part of life. We have to live it."

Regardless of how we earn our livings, we all have a stake in Texas agriculture. Last summer's drought, and our efforts to respond to it constructively, have taught us lessons in how to deal with such disasters. I intend to work for quicker, more responsive drought relief measures when they are needed in the future—as inevitably they will be.

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Matthew 7: 1-2

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

### KEEP IN MIND:

Thursday, Dec. 3 is Senior Citizens Bring-a-Dish lunch and Christmas Gift Exchange at Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Building at 12 Noon. Bring one gift suitable for either man or woman. Visitors Welcome!

Book sale begins at Motley County Library for the public TODAY and continues through Friday, Nov. 11. Library will be open today from 2 - 8:30 p.m.

Late Night Shopping begins at 6 p.m. Some merchants plan to stay open until 9 p.m.

Motley County Community Chest Drive, Box 789, Matador, TX 79244 - Ministerial Alliance included.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Martin were their daughter and granddaughter, Billie Gates and Andrea of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hipp and her father, Frank Hunt of Lubbock, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his mother, Ruby Hipp.

Thanksgiving day guests of Odessa Mullins were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, Eddy, Devin, Dillon and Chelsea Mullins, Gloria, Michael, Vanise and Anisa Murray of Hereford. Mike Odell and Sabrina Alderman of Garland spent Friday night going on to Sannorwood Saturday to visit his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker were in Lubbock Saturday and visited Lula Swim in Methodist Hospital. They found her doing real good from triple by-pass surgery the first of the week and expecting to come home Monday or Tuesday.

Vera Mitchell spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Benny Goss of Littlefield. She was accompanied there by her granddaughter, Veda Lou Kopecky of Midland.

Milton Brooks is a patient in Crosbyton Hospital. He was taken there by Motley County Ambulance Wednesday night. His wife, Modean is there with him.

Margaret Scott of Lubbock accompanied her mother and brother, Elga and Roger Evans, to her home in Lubbock for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Evans' other daughter, Katherine Scott, brought them home on Saturday.

Elga and Roger Evans and Grant Carlson visited with Charlie and Viola Keith Saturday afternoon.

Brenda Osborn's T-shirt party 4:30-6:30 p.m., 601 Lariat, Matador.

Donna Kennedy recently visited in Atoka, OK with her daughter and family Mariann and Phillip Cannon and their children Angela, in elementary school, and Justin and Roger students at OSU in Goodwill, OK.

Jeanne Adams visited recently in Stephenville with her daughter, Vickie Swan and her son Frank Harris and his family.

Cleo Watson's Thanksgiving Holiday visitors included her sons, Monte and Larry and Larry's friend Karen Laney of Dallas. Larry is a high school coach at Leander, Texas just outside of Austin. Lori and Tommy Crupe, Cleo's granddaughter and their sons, Kye and Brody of Amarillo, were Thanksgiving Day visitors. Also Bobby and Jeanne Williams, Matador, and Bryan and Paige Barnes of Silvertown. Mr. Barnes coaches at Silvertown and Paige is a special diagnostician for six area schools. Other guests were a grandson, Gregg Lefevre and his wife Melissa with their children Logan and Marissa of Fritch.

Cleo recently visited her sisters, Pete Osborn and Bill Roller in Plainview. She was accompanied by her son Larry, Bobby Fletcher, local resident, was a Thanksgiving visitor with the Watson family also.

Continuing a Thanksgiving Day custom, Keith and Joan Patton of Matador joined Algie and Rita Groves for high noon dinner in Roaring Springs. Old traditions and friends come in handy when you are "home alone" old people. Time was when the Marvin and Helen Keith Patton home in Matador was an after school haven every Friday for the Charlie Keith and Algie Groves families. It was called "teachers' coffee" and always included snacks around the fireplace followed by supper and games of Pitch.

Thanksgiving Day 1998 was the occasion for a long-to-be remembered gathering of the members and descendants of the Charles C. Renfro and Lewis Clifton families in the home of Bessie Dean Clifton and her husband Edward at Tahoka.

Lewis Clifton came to Motley County before 1900. In 1911, he married Esther Collett, daughter of pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Collett. The Cliftons farmed in the TeePee Flat Community and became the parents of nine children, Henry, Mona Lee (married Hoss Terry), Zona Mae (married James Renfro), Clyde (married Billie Thomas), K.J. (married Ruthie Smith), Bessie (married Edward Bartley); Florence (married Bill Rainbolt); L.H. (married Beatrice Brogdon), and Clayton married Ruby Payne. Of these, Zona Mae, K.J., Pete, and Mrs. Bartley survive and were together for Thanksgiving.

Billie Clifton went from Roaring Springs with her son Larry and wife Deidra, and their children Monica and Skylar of Matador. Zola Renfro who is now a resident of a retirement center in Crosbyton, was there with these members of her family: Charlie and Mary Renfro, and their children Brenda, Deana and Andy with his son, Gage. Brenda and Billy Osborn's children are Samantha, Sabrina, and Alexia. Deana and Joe Zarate's children are Tasha, Jo Lyn, Carissa and Shelton. Butch Renfro and Judy had with them their daughters, Rachelle, and Renee with husband Frank and their daughters, Morgan and Madison.

Charles C. Renfro and his wife, Susie Barnes Renfro came to Motley County in 1919. They were the parents of ten children: Effie who married Granderson Reeves Taylor; Annie married A.B. McCaghen; Dorothy married Breb Hurst; Walter married Eral Hershey, Edna married Truss Patton and second R.E. Campbell; Leila married Carl Taylor; Pearl never married; James who married Zola Mae Clifton and became the father of Charlie and Butch (above); Clyde married Neva Hamilton; and Harold married Madge Nichols. The Renfros also reared Effie's son Curtis Taylor after the death of his parents.

The Good News this week is that Lula Swim who has had by-pass surgery recently, may soon be able to return home. Jerry Green in improving. Vickie Pierce, is back in her flower and gift shop after a frightening emergency surgery. Our Commissioner Fletcher is out and about after minor surgery. James Truman Groves is home in Arcadia, CA after ten days ICU, CCU, and transitional (TTU) care in Arcadia Methodist Hospital suffering from congestive heart failure. Isn't it odd how many things obscure the prospect of the coming catastrophe of Y2K. We glide merrily along until some personal tragedy hits us. Count your blessings today!

Joyce Smith visited her daughter and family, Don and Michelle Smith in Plano for the Thanksgiving. Also visiting were her grandchildren, Julie and Brian DiPaolo of Houston, and Chad Smith a Texas Tech University student. A cousin, Cliva Griffin of Ft. Worth also visited with the group.

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### MRS. CLYDE MITCHELL CELEBRATES 97TH BIRTHDAY

A family Thanksgiving celebration was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowrance in Amarillo on Thursday and became a surprise birthday party for Cora Mitchell, the mother of Mrs. Lowrance. The party was hosted by Cora's daughters and their husbands: The Lowrances and Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker (LaVoe) of Roaring Springs, assisted by Cora's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Attending were Dan and Zoe Lowrance, Ben and Kate and Lare' Mitchell of Amarillo; Chryslin Slaughter and Landon of Los Alamos, NM; John and Jana Thacker, Amy and Melanie of Abilene and Matt Paul from Lubbock; Joe and Ann Thacker, Amanda, Isiah and Emmalea from Lubbock; Jeff and Pam Thacker, Brad and Blair from Roaring Springs. A son, Dell C. Mitchell, and his wife, Mary of Trinidad, CO were unable to attend.

Clyde E. Mitchell, the son of John C. Mitchell who came to Roaring Springs from Wheeler, TX in January 1915, to open a General Merchandise at the present site of Thacker Supply, married Cora Ann Phipps in Roaring Springs November 16, 1921. They had five children: Clyda who died in December 1997 married Bill Nichols; Johnnie June (Mrs. Lowrance); LaVoe (Mrs. Buzz Thacker); Donald R. who died in December 1993, and Dell C.

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Jackie and Shirley Smith and Steve Smith, all of Ruidoso, N.M. visited for the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister and family, Joe and Joyce Meredith. They all enjoyed Thanksgiving day lunch in Matador with Jim and Carla Meador. Also at the Meador's for Thanksgiving day were Tony and Sherry Rose, Sean and Shea, Mark Gumaer, Jeremy and Whitney Jones and daughter Morgan.

Pearl Patten spent Thanksgiving in Ruidoso, N.M. Joining here there were her children, Mrs. Jo Ann Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen, Robert and Robyn of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Tara, Erica, and Lisa of Boyd; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Palmer, Jenny, Adam, and Jonathan of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Matt and Micah of Lovington, N.M. Those not able to go to Ruidoso and joining Harry for Thanksgiving were Jeff Burkes and son Skee of McClean, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton, Angie Burkes of Lubbock, Reba Burkes of Matador, and Dudley Allen of Roaring Springs.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### NOVEMBER WEATHER REPORT

Thundershowers Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, was a plus for those with winter wheat in northwest Motley County. The majority of farmers opt to graze out this grain crop with cattle. It is the first registered moisture since October.

Mrs. Tommie Cruse, NWSV of Flomot, officially reported 0.05 the 7th of Nov. and 0.38 Nov. 29 for a total of 0.43 of moisture. Rainfall total for Whiteflat registered by Jim Stockton was 0.35.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were Elisa and Stan Wigley, Mrs. Eva Wigley and Dave Wigley of Lubbock, Susana Mendoza of Flomot, and Aleda Elaine Ross of Castroville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross met Mrs. Tommy Ross of Castroville in Brownwood, Saturday, who accompanied Aleda Elaine on her return to Middle School at Medina Valley. Aleda Elaine is in the accelerated class, has choir classes everyday and is a solo vocalist in their program. Out of 168 choir competitors from area schools held in San Antonio recently, she received the honor of 8th chair in the regional choir. The choir will present a Christmas performance in San Antonio.

Art Green and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms were guests of Paula, Bobby and Autumn Phillips in Quitaque, Thanksgiving day. Other guests were Bob Phillips of Brownfield, Mrs. Sereatha Pearce, Katie Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Helms of Amarillo, and Mrs. Anetta Helms of Quitaque.

Visiting from Thursday until Sunday with Mrs. C.W. Starkey were Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin and Mrs. Amber Covey, Chris and Crystal of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Visiting Friday were Mr. and Mrs. LT. Starkey of Ralls.

Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd was a Thanksgiving day guest in Turkey of Janice and Bob Russell. Others were Joyce and John Reid of Amarillo, Kim, Dickie and Jason Cloyd of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Steward and children of Turkey.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Edith Washington were Dianne and Seab Washington of Flomot and their houseguests, Stacie and Todd Washington, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner of Childress. Dianne, Stacie and sons visited in Roaring Springs, Saturday and celebrated the birthday of Dianne's mother, Mrs. Jo Scott. Her brother, Johnny Scott of Lubbock joined them there.

Guests of Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin during the holidays were Mrs. Nina Roberts of El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Martin, Dakota and Corie Jo of Houston, Lori Martin of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Martin of Lubbock; Patricia Dougherty of Whiteflat, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Turner and Cassidy of Matador.

Tim and Melissa Kendall and son, Jere of Westminster, Colorado, Cory and Janet Kendall and daughter, Chancey of Midland, and Jere Banuski of Houston visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Ty of Flomot, and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock; Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara of Flomot and their houseguests, Cary Franks and Eric Wimbholm of Amarillo; and Cory and Amy Franks of Lubbock.

Mrs. Tommie Cruse visited Thanksgiving day in Rising Star with her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning and brother and family, E.J. and Mary Ann Browning.

Mary Ellen Barton was a guest at a family Thanksgiving day luncheon in the home of Mrs. Eugenia Barton of Matador. Visiting Mary Ellen and Viola Stinson that afternoon were Mrs. Mollie Burleson, Mrs. Marisue Potts and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Potts and sons of Floydada. Viola had a medical appointment in Lockney, Friday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers during the holidays were Ronnie Rogers, Colin Deucheraus, Paul, Traci and Tori Roberts of Lubbock, Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch, Donnie Rogers and Warren Davis of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris, Dodie and Rabeca visited Thanksgiving day in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin.

Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were Thanksgiving day guests of her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lane and family of Midland; Mrs. Jimmie Waller and son of Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Settiff of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lane and children of Lockney.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolfforth, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Lubbock, Geneva and Herb Martin and Alma and Everett Shorter of Flomot.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay during the holidays were Lori, Kevon, Klyer, and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henry Clay of Royce City, Robert and Tyson Tanner of Tulia, Pat, Tina

and Walker Carson and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay of Flomot and their houseguests, Mike and Debbie Arrington, Clay, Wade and Daggett of Canadian; Julie Clay of Lubbock; Larry, Angela, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah Clay, Mrs. Geneva Martin and League Clay of Flomot.

Visiting during the weekend with Barbara and M.C. Jones was his son, Pepper Jones of Austin. Arriving Sunday to visit were his nephew and son, Don Burton of Eustace and Jason Burton of Lubbock.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Sunday were Brenda, Joey, Ernie and Jason Lee and Kasi Kowen of Clarendon, Roger, Josh and Brandon Lee of Flomot and Mrs. Teresa Willey, Kellan and Kacee of Turkey.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey of Canyon, Mrs. Clifton Reid and Christina of Amarillo, Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch and Warren Davis of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited in Floydada Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Speer and their guests, Ray and Kay Nicoley of Tucumcari, N.M., Kathy Dunn of Portales, N.M. and Dick Dickinson, Marla and Cody of Lubbock. The Hunters visited in Lubbock, Saturday with Anita, Brad, Rebekah, Virginia, Amanda and Cheyenne Nicole Carter. H.G. Hunter returned home with them to visit.

Leah Cruse, Texas Tech student in Lubbock, visited during the holidays with her family, Brenda, Darrell, Keane and Derrick Cruse. They were guests Thanksgiving day in Matador in the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason. Other guests were Charla, Bennie, Shahala and Kaycee Marricle of Snyder and Mark, Kathleen and Dalton Wason of Matador.

Wendell Morris visited Thanksgiving day in Matador with daughter and family, Cindy, Billy, Ashlee, Annie and son Aaron, student at SPC in Levelland.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock visited Friday night and Saturday with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. She accompanied home her children, Dustin and Shae, who visited here during the holiday.

Art Green and his children enjoyed a family luncheon and visiting at the Community Center in Flomot, Saturday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Green and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin and Ryan of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis, Amanda Kyser, Kaitlyn and Lacy Bailey of Vernon; Mrs. Alta Mae Rice, Mrs. Jeanean Woods and Caleb Justice of Plainview.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and Brittany of Vernon, Kayla Johnson of Floydada and Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

I like the month of December. It still offers enough calendar time to get something worthwhile accomplished, but a new year of opportunity is visible on the horizon just in case you don't.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Frances Dixon were Fred, Elaine and Kaci Risser of Matador and houseguests, daughter Kobby, student at U.T. of Arlington and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Bailey of Clyde. Kobby visited from Wednesday until Friday. Guests in the home of Mrs. Dixon, Sunday were Fred, Elaine and Kaci Risser and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and they celebrated the birthdays of Fred and Kaci.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stockton were guests Thanksgiving day in the home of daughter and husband, Debra and Joel Spray in Matador. Other guests were his mother, Mrs. Pansy Spray of Matador, Brandee, Bo and Jade Bennett of Ballinger and Lindee, Leanne and Jamie Jameson of Dougherty.

Patti and Tim Shannon visited in Roaring Springs, Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon. Also visiting were Robert, Debbie, Nathan and Denise Shannon, and David, Katherine, Martin and Adrienne Walker of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined family members at the Gwinn home in Matador Thanksgiving day. Others enjoying the day were Michelle and Mark Jeffers of San Marcos, Aly Gwinn and Betty Lynch of Lubbock, Marilyn and Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Josie and Bill Rantz, Sarah, Emily and Annie Hurt, Charles "Chig" Gwinn and Reneigh Burns of Matador.

Visitors during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner were Mike Montague of Amarillo, Heather and Scott Blount of Lubbock, Cobey Turner of Stephenville, Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luckenbach of Silvertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited from Wednesday until Saturday in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher. They attended the funeral services of aunt, Mrs. Bonnie Goodman of Spring held Friday morning at Hillcrest Baptist church and burial in Antioch Cemetery in Lovington.

Visiting during the holidays in the home of Mrs. Katheryn Martin were Mike, Sharon and Kristy Davis of Fritch, Nathan, Carol, Susan and Kathy Gilbreth of Sundown, Hal and Kelli Martin of Matador, son, Ryan of Stephenville, Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs and Mrs. Raynita Newman of Spur.

## Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner met son, Joe Dean Bumgardner of Hutchinson, Kansas in Oklahoma City to enjoy Thanksgiving Day.

Guests through Thanksgiving weekend in the home of C.D. and Evelyn Garrison were Dickie and Shirley Garrison of Red Rock; David and Susan Garrison of

Memphis; Bryan, Amanda and Kaleb Davis of Sterling City; Debra Scott of Matador; Jody, Sondra, Candice and Justin Scott of Dougherty; Scotty Scott of Matador and son, Riley of Dougherty; Kelly and Crystal, Guston and Graden Garrison, of Dickens; and Stacy Floyd of Floydada.

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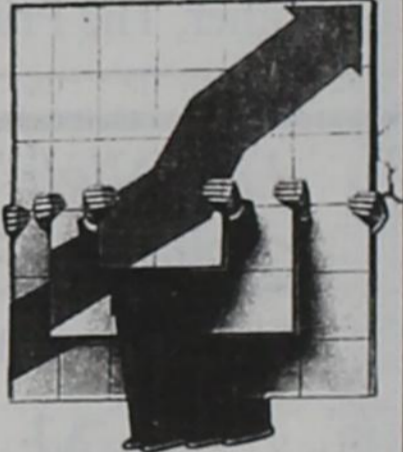
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John Barton,  
Bud Barton and family  
Betty Jo Aldridge and family

I would like to say thank you for all the food brought to Dale, the calls and cards sent to Joe Dean and I in Kansas in our time of need. May God bless you all.

JoEtta Bumgardner

Words cannot express our appreciation for your thoughtful expression of sympathy. We sincerely appreciate the outpouring of kindness and thoughtfulness in our time of sorrow. All of the phone calls and visits, food, flowers, and prayers have meant a great deal to us all. It is a comfort to know we have the support and love of so many friends. May God bless you all.

The family of Beverly Whitaker



A shimmering table decoration for the holidays can consist of bare branches sprayed gold or silver, decorated with ornaments and then placed in a festive flower pot.



# Farm & Ranch News



## Wastewater treatment produces livestock feed

The Motley County Beef Cattle Management Educational Program will be held on Thursday, December 17. This educational program is sponsored by the Motley County Agriculture Committee in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17 at the

Matador Senior Citizens Center. Topics will include Controlling Winter Feed Cost, Economic Internal and External Parasite Control, and Vaccination Programs to Increase your Profits.

Guest speakers for the program include Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist; Vickie Barby, Senior Sales Representative, Merial; and

Todd Firkins, Technical Sales Representative, Bayer Agriculture Division.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Merial and Bayer Agriculture Division. You must R.S. V.P.

by Monday, December 14 if you plan to eat dinner.

For further information or to R.S.V.P., contact the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

## Wastewater Treatment produces livestock feed

With the total capacity of feedlot cattle in Texas inching closer to 8 million head this year and environmental concerns becoming a serious threat, waste treatment and disposal has become an increasingly difficult task.

However, researchers at a demonstration site near Lubbock looking into new and innovative ways of disposing the large amounts of cattle may have found an answer to waste disposal. In addition, they may have also found an alternative protein source for livestock feed.

Funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 319(h) program, the project found that growing duckweed or other macrophytes in wastewater holding pits from confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) assists in filtering the waste while serving as an alternative livestock feed.

Dr. Clifford Fedler, Texas Tech professor of civil engineering, said the whole idea of the demonstration stemmed from nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. It was based on a pond where wastewater flowed by gravity into a lagoon. The wastes were pumped directly from a nearby 1,000-head feedlot into a pit in the center of the lagoon where anaerobic (without oxygen) breakdown of the organic materials takes place.

The pit is designed to protect the solid waste from any oxygenation. The anaerobic pit keeps the pH levels low, enabling the anaerobic microorganisms to digest the waste materials.

Next, the water overflows into a lagoon area surrounding the pit where aerobic breakdown of the matter further cleans it. This area, known as the facultative pond, produces enzymes that break down the waste's carbon chains, which make up the solid material.

"The pit in the center allows solid material to stay without any turnover or disturbance due to outside weather," Fedler said. "Then it comes up to the outer portion of the pit where we use aerobic treatment, which is why it is called an integrated facultative pond. We combine aerobic and anaerobic breakdown in one area."

The overflow then runs into a second pond where knotgrass, duckweed and other species of macrophytes utilize the nutrients for growth. These aquatic plants serve as a filter as they feed off organic matter by utilizing the nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

From there the water can be used in irrigation systems or released to the watershed for replenishment of the Ogallala Aquifer. The plants used in the second pond thrive under the waste conditions. Each plant being grown under the wastewater conditions have been considered as valuable livestock feeding substitutes.

Duckweed, Wolffia, Hyacinths and Knotgrass have been explored as filtering and feeding options for

operations. The different grasses are being looked at to provide alternatives for various producers.

"We are coming up with a lot of different options because each producer has their own idea of how they want something to run," Fedler said. He said the project, which was piloted to demonstrate a way to reduce feedlot NPS pollution, has shown that the economic liability of wastewater can produce valuable by-products to offset installation costs.

Fedler said aquatic plants break down the organic matter by feeding off of the nitrates and other nutrients. It also is an excellent source of protein for cattle, swine and sheep.

Duckweed, in particular, tested about 30 percent protein as opposed to 10 or 15 percent in normal forage diets, but Fedler said the aquatic plant's protein can be as high as 40 percent.

"When we put duckweed into the cattle diet they gained as good or better than the cattle on a control diet," said Fedler. He went on to say that the maximum rate of growth appeared when the diet consisted of 11 to 13 percent duckweed.

Although this test alone showed an increase in performance, the most important factor was still to come. Fedler said, "The interesting thing is that when we cut the duckweed out of the rations, the cattle continued to out perform the control group."

According to research, a feedlot should be able to grow enough duckweed to supply each calf 11 to 13 percent of its daily protein requirement to sustain and continue growth.

"With a 30,000 head feedlot at an 80 percent capacity, we can produce enough duckweed just from their waste alone to supply at least 11 percent of their protein in the diet for each animal," Fedler said.

As for harvesting the duckweed, Fedler said putting an auger into the pond will pull up the duckweed. "We put an auger in to grab it, run it through a screen to keep most water out and then it can be put straight into the feed."

Knotgrass, another alternative, is a native grass to the playa areas around Lubbock and Amarillo. It will survive in long wetting and drying cycles, meaning it will grow during long periods of drought or can be submerged in water and continue to thrive after reapplying water. Knotgrass, with a protein content of about 20 to 25 percent, can be harvested just as coastal, alfalfa or any other type of typical hay grass.

Fedler said the project, supported through 319(h) NPS pollution funds, shows that implementing wastewater control systems before regulations become stricter could be advantageous for livestock producers through its by-products.

Headquartered in Temple, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board oversees the activities of Texas' 216 soil and water conservation districts and is the state's primary agency for dealing with and abating agricultural and silvicultural forms of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution.

## Ag Lender Stockholders approve merger

THE STOCKHOLDERS of Texas Production Credit Association and Rolling Plains Production Credit Association overwhelmingly approved the merger of the two agricultural lenders.

The merger, subject to final approval of regulators, will take effect January 1, 1999 with the new name "Ag Credit of Texas, PCA". Corporate headquarters will be in Stamford.

Board Chairman Nolan Niehues of San Angelo and Garon Tidwell of Munday joined in emphasizing the benefits of the merger to its stockholders saying "the combining of these two strong PCAs will further enhance our abilities to provide competitively priced ag loans and related services to current and future agricultural producers".

The merged association is a cooperative owned by those who borrow from it. As of October 31, 1998, the two institutions provided \$110 million in loans to more than 1500 ag producers in 62 counties in West Texas, Rolling Plains, and the east-

ern Panhandle of Texas.

Terry Dane, CEO of the new Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, said "Our goal today and for the future is to provide the best in service and rates to producers of agriculture and agri-business. All of our offices throughout the territory will remain, and we hope others can be opened. As agriculture continues to change, we must change with it in order to meet the demands," continued Dane.

John S. Rike III will be the President and Board members, along with Niehues and Tidwell, are Robert Rieck of Menard, Ray Russell of Big Spring, Arlie Weatherman of Fort Stockton, Don Jones of Fluvanna, Jim Wright of Menard, Dr. Paul Weyerts of Alpine, Lance D. Morris of Crosbyton, John R. (Bob) Beagle of Perryton, Thomas R. Helton of Wheeler, Jack Reese of Abilene, Terry O'Neal of Pampa, Dean Turner of Matador, Garner Schoenhals of Canadian, Keith Corzine of Stamford, and Dan Henard, Jr. of Wellington.

## 4-H party

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Charli and Mandi Ream. This Intermediate Team placed 6th overall.

Colton Russell judged as an individual in the District 4-H Horse Judging Contest that was held on Saturday, November 14 in Vernon.

## Matter of Fact

Rick Perry

Texas Agriculture Commissioner

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As I prepare to end my administration, I may be leaving the Texas Department of Agriculture but I'll always have agriculture with me. This industry has ever been an important part of my life and will continue to be — whatever the future may hold for my family and me.

My family and I want to wish each of you the very best. It has been a privilege and honor to work for an industry that holds such great promise for all Texans.

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By Ace Reid

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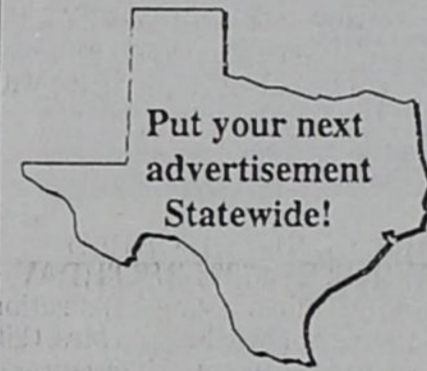
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