



Only
17
days 'til
Christmas

Full Gospel Church will host Christmas Concert

The Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs will host a Christmas Concert, featuring Greg Goodnight of Lubbock, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

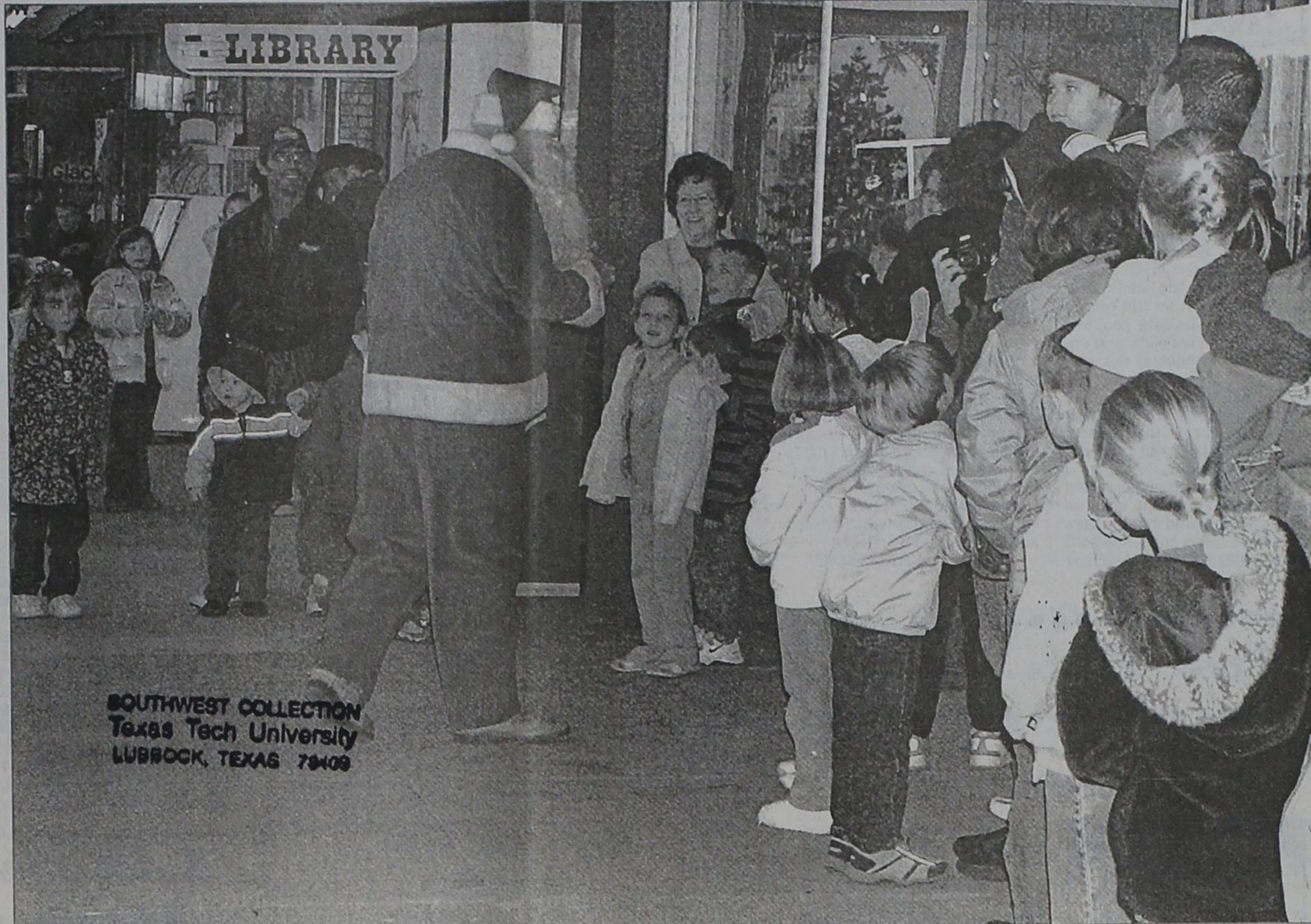
Christmas programs at First Baptist Church will feature Children & Adult Choirs

Christmas programs at the First Baptist Church in Matador will feature the Children and Adult Choirs.

The Children's Choir will present a program this Sunday, December 11, during the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m.

The Adult Choir will present their annual Cantata next Sunday, December 18 at the 11:00 morning service.

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



SANTA'S IN TOWN! Anxious children wait in line as Santa arrives in Matador last Thursday night during the town's Late Night Shopping event. By the look on these kid's faces, they were excited about telling Santa their Christmas wishes. Santa visited with area kids in the Library annex building before heading back to the North Pole to make preparations for Christmas Eve.

Groundbreaking ceremonies to be held for Hackberry Creek Care Center

Hackberry Creek Care Center Board President, Seab Washington, announced this week that groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled to be held Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m.

The ceremonies will be held at the land site for the Hackberry Creek Care Center, located at the end of North Main. The project is made possible by USDA Rural Development.

In addition to Mr. Washington, Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. Board of Directors include Chuck Ream, Vice President; Darleen Fletcher, Secretary; Charles Johnson, Treasurer; and Directors - Paul Westbrook, Sammie Phillips, Marisue Potts-Powell, Doyle Rose and James Watson.

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony.

Bob's Oil Well will receive new crown

Ron Bailey received word this week from Laura Greenwood of the Conoco Phillips Company that a new Conoco sign is being made for the Bob's Oil Well Derrick.

Conoco used their "inverted triangle" sign for 40-50 years until it was discontinued about 30 years ago. The Conoco triangle sign was used all of the time Bob's Oil Well was in operation in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's.

When Bob Robertson received approval for the patent for his oil well design in 1934, the sketch for his design plainly showed the outline of the Conoco "inverted triangle" at the top of the derrick.

The Conoco Phillips Company is having a special Conoco triangle sign made just for Bob's Oil Well and are donating it to the Bob's Oil Well restoration project. Dina Clifford and Laura

Greenwood of the Conoco Phillips Company have been instrumental in helping us secure the sign which is expected to be delivered in January.

Donations are still needed to complete the restoration work to the interior of the building and to purchase four "period" Conoco gasoline pumps. Memorial bricks can be purchased by writing: Bob's Oil Well Restoration Project, c/o Roy Hobbs, P.O. Box 60, Matador, Texas 79244.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry seeks re-election for 13th District

Amarillo -- Congressman Mac Thornberry announced Monday, Dec. 5, that he has filed for re-election as the U.S. Representative for the 13th Congressional District of Texas.

"Many difficult issues face our country. Obviously, there are no easy solutions, but I can

-- and will continue to do my best to -- work hard to represent the people of our area with integrity and push for common sense solutions," Thornberry said.

The primary election for the U.S. House of Representatives will be held on March 7, 2006.

Christmas Lighting judging will take place next week

Judging for the Christmas Lighting contest will take place next week, December 12-16. The contest, sponsored by the Texas Highway 70 Association, includes light displays in each town along highway 70, including, Spur, Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot and Turkey. A first, second and third place plaque will be awarded to winners in each town, with one

plaque to be awarded to the 'Best of the Best' overall.

Every house with Christmas lights on, within the city limits of each town, will be judged. Homes visible from highway 70, but possibly outside city limits, will also be judged. If you do not want to be included in the contest, just leave your lights off.

For more information contact Alex Crowder, 348-7336.

Deadline for Santa letters nears

Attention Kids - the deadline nears for Santa Letters. As reported earlier, Santa Claus is permitting the Motley County Tribune to receive his letters first so that they may be printed in the newspaper. As soon as the letters are typed for print, they will be mailed on to Santa at the North Pole. But, the letters need to be submitted no later than December 14 in order to be included in the Christmas edition.

So, get busy on those letters and get your parents or teachers to bring them to the Motley County Tribune office, or mail to: Santa Claus, c/o Motley County Tribune, P.O. Box 490, Matador, TX 79244.



A HOLIDAY AFFAIR -- These proper little ladies were enjoying tea and cakes at the annual Granny's Tea Party held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Joyce Campbell. Mrs. Campbell and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Janie Campbell, hosts the event each year as a fund-raiser for the Children's section of the Motley County Library. The pretty little ladies pictured are (left to right) Sabra Pope, Gabby Silva, Ashley Jones, Kaylee Woolsey, Meagan Ford and Mattie Brooks.

Motley County rolls to record cotton crop

by Earlyne Jameson

A cold, dry front and the first hard freeze of the season, November 14, in Motley County caused expedite harvesting of cotton, especially where growers had been waiting for sub-freezing temperatures to condi-

tion plants for once over striping. Spring-like weather followed until Sunday, November 27 arrived with 50-55 mile gusting winds and a dust storm. The cool dry temperatures remained the rest of the month.

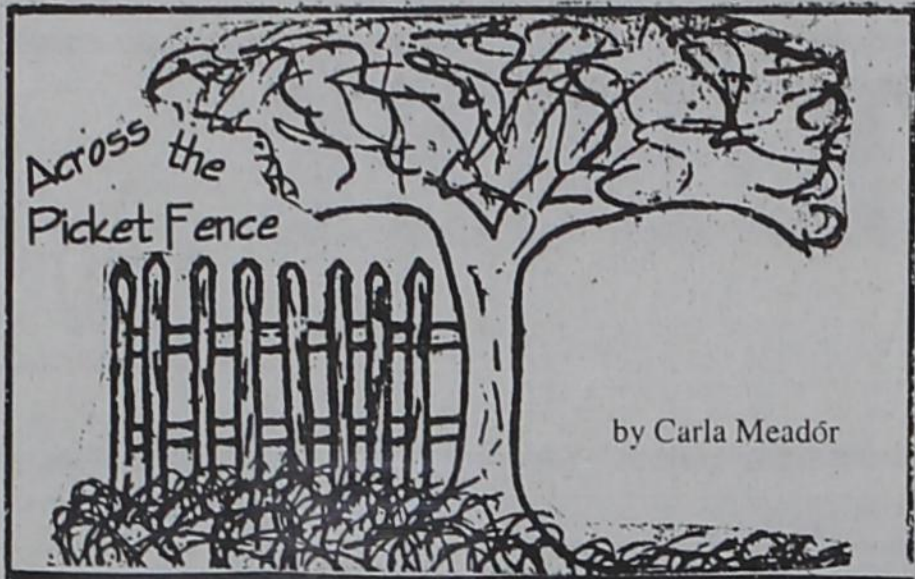
A record cotton crop and falling gasoline prices was good

news for those who have stripers going across fields. Winter wheat, rangelands and pastures are in fair condition. Livestock in good condition with supplemental feeding.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers re-

port soil moisture very short for the month of November: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, Betty

Simpson, Northfield, Brian Marshall, Matador, Jim Stockton, Whiteflat and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot all report .00 moisture for the month.



Rush, Rush, Rush!!!! That seems to be the story of my life! Sometimes I think I get so busy I forget to breathe! Everybody seems to feel that way now. We're all so busy with work, work, work, that we sometimes forget to have time to live.

With the holiday season everything speeds up and we get even busier. Rushing, shopping, decorating and everything that goes along with the holiday season. Wouldn't it be fun just to spend a day baking cookies, drinking hot chocolate and enjoying the wonder of the season?

With all the rushing, I think we seem to forget the real reason we celebrate this season. Jesus Christ! Christ puts the Christ in Christmas!

This season there are several big retail chains such as Target, Khol's, and many others that have taken the Christ out of their Christmas. The term is

now Holiday. You won't see a Merry Christmas greeting you anywhere, but Happy Holidays instead. Christmas trees aren't Christmas trees this year. They are now referred to as holiday trees by some retailers.

What a sad, sad thing. These big retail chains didn't want to offend anyone. Namely those who don't believe in God, I imagine. I think we, as Christians, probably bring in the biggest part of their revenues. What about offending us?

I don't plan to do any shopping in Target or other retailers following this Christ deleting process this year. And I have informed them of that in an email. If we all let them know how we feel, maybe they'll reconsider. If all of us 'offended' Christians take our money elsewhere, I wonder what their sales totals would look like?

CHRIST IS CHRISTMAS!!

Wedding vows exchanged in Lubbock ceremony

Pat and Sharon Peacock of Lubbock and Julie Peacock of Anahuac, and Bill and Lea Peacock, grandparents, of Roaring Springs, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter and granddaughter, Amelia LeeAnn Peacock to Diego Andres Solano, son of Manuel and Carmen Solano of Cummings, Georgia.

The wedding took place on the 26th of November at 4:00 p.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Lubbock. Reverend Winfield Davenport officiated.

The room was decorated in fall colors pulling the bride's colors of cinnamon and champagne. The ceremony was performed under an arch adorned with flowers and lights. The dias for the attendants was also decorated with flowers and greenery.

The bride was escorted by her father, Pat Peacock of Lubbock. She wore a sleeveless princess style dress of white satin trimmed in champagne. Her train length veil was trimmed with pearls and satin. She carried a posy of flowers on a champagne and cinnamon ribbon. Something new was her dress; for something old and borrowed she wore a string of pearls that belonged to her great-great aunt Ruby Henderson, and something blue was a garter.

Amber Ubernosky, childhood friend of the bride, of Anahuac, Texas served as Maid or Honor. Bridesmaids were Christy Aomari of Houston, and Crystal Stanley of Anahuac. They wore a-line sleeveless

dress of cinnamon with scarves draped around their necks and flowing down their backs. They carried a posy of flowers on champagne and cinnamon ribbon matching the bride.

Daniel Solano, brother of the groom, of Decatur, Georgia served as Best Man. Grooms-men included Dale Peacock of Mesa, Arizona and Justin Peacock of Lubbock. They wore black tuxedos with cinnamon vests and ties.

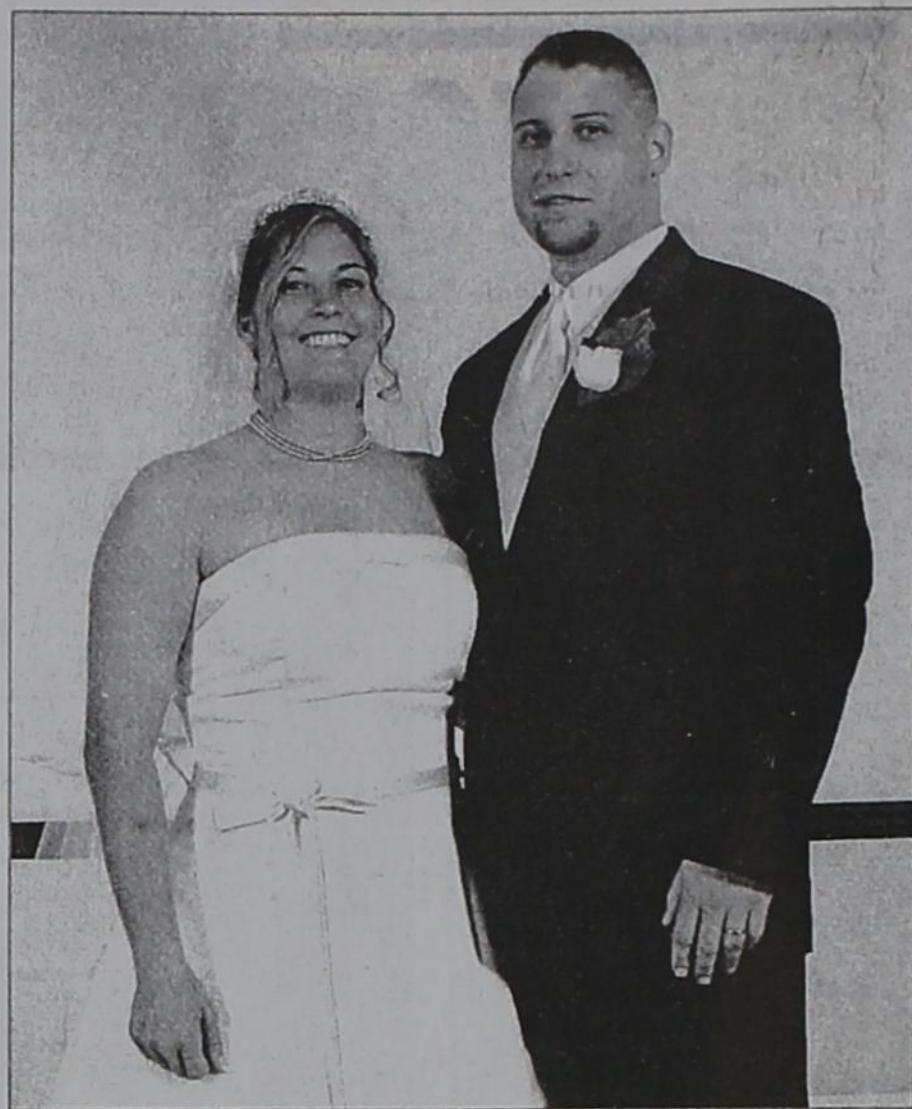
The flower girl was Kailyn Taylor and ring bearer was Zackary Aomari. They are cousins of the bride. They were dressed to match the bride and groom. They are the children of Alan and Christy Aomari of Houston.

Music was provided by Randall King of Lubbock, son of Mrs. Pat Peacock.

As the guests entered they were ushered by Jason Ubernosky, of San Marcos.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Santa Fe Ballroom at the Four Points beginning at 5:00 p.m. The bridal cake was made by Aaron Adamick, of Frisco. The three cakes, strawberry, chocolate and vanilla, sat on a floating tier cake stand and was decorated in pearls of icing and a posy of flowers on top of each. The couple was toasted with champagne. The meal consisted of fajitas and all the trimmings.

Those attending the wedding from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Solano of Cummings, Georgia, parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock, father of the bride, Mrs. Julie Peacock,



Mr. and Mrs. Diego Solano

mother of the bride from Anahuac, Tessa Warren of Decatur, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Troxler of New Orleans, Louisiana and daughter Ingrid Troxler of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Amy Ubernosky and sons, Michael and Jason, of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Craig McPherson of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Miller of Crosbyton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Shaw of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Chandan Kambli of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Peacock of Midlothian, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Adamick of Frisco, Chris Dennemiller of Friendswood, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Peacock and daughter,

Madeline Lea of Mesa, Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Peacock and daughter, Cecelia of Lubbock.

A rehearsal dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Solano at Orlando's Restaurant in Lubbock on Friday night.

The couple will make their home in Goose Creek, S.C. LeeAnn has just finished her tour of duty with four years in the United States Marine Corp and is planning to continue her college studies while Diego is serving in the United States Navy as an E5/Military Police. In March of 2006. They will be departing for Naples, Italy for an extended tour of duty in the near future.

Look Who's New

Ayla Marie McDonald



Proud grandfather Wallace Bethard would like to announce the birth of Ayla Marie McDonald on November 15, 2005. Proud parents are Billy McDonald and Larissa Bethard of Spur.

Ayla weighed 6 pounds and one ounce and was 19 1/4 inches long at birth.

Ayla is also the granddaughter of Karen Mount of Roaring Springs and William and Belinda McDonald of Spur.

Jaxon Mateo Escobar



Jaxon Mateo Escobar arrived on November 11, 2005. His parents are Lara and Adrian Escobar of College Station, Texas.

Grandparents are Marilyn and Randy Hicks of Matador and Juan and Magda Escobar of Clint. Great grandparents include Sonny and Dorothy Russell of Matador.

Jaxon weighed in at 9 pounds 3 ounces.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

DOES THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT WANT TO ESTABLISH A THEOCRACY?

Certainly not! But many misguided or otherwise evil-motivated souls are making such alarmist claims. A few months ago, Bill Moyers gave a speech wherein he stated: "The country is not yet a theocracy but the Republican Party is. Democracy is in peril." He compared conservative Christian activist with Muslim terrorists quoting the Quran as grounds to wage war for God's sake. He knows not that of which he speaks.

A theocracy is a state directly ruled by God, such as old Israel, or a government ruled by a person or persons claiming Divine authority. Discerning and mature Christians know that eventually such a state will exist worldwide, but in the meantime they want no pretenders. What they do want is an end to all the anti-God and anti-Christian bigotry that has so prevailed in this country since the middle of the last century, largely the result of corrupt federal court rulings. They want a return to freedom "of" religion, not freedom "FROM" religion. There has been far too much overemphasis on the First Amendment's Establishment Clause and suppression of its Free Exercise Clause. Caring Christians have had no choice but to go to legal and political

war with the likes of the ACLU and Americans United for Separation of Church and State. After all, it is they who initiated the attacks that have resulted in our current sorry state of affairs and the attacks continue.

John Adams, our second president, said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." He was right. In half of a century, we've gone from "freedom of religion" to religious persecution, and some of us have had enough. The stakes are too high to allow the downward spiral to continue to accelerate unchecked.

The Christian right wants this Nation to return to its Godly heritage, a level playing field, and an end to the anti-God and anti-Christian discrimination. That's no theocracy. We've devolved to the exact opposite of what this Nation's Founders and the Constitution's Framers intended - and that's wrong, deadly wrong.

(Teaser - We'll soon end consideration of Church/State separation, and go to something lighter; the age of the earth and universe.)

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



We thank all those who attended the festivities at the library during late night shopping. It was great fun and we saw many friends and book lovers. We also thank all those who worked to get the library decorated and the book sale set up for this fun event.

New books in the library include *Apostle Paul* by James Cannon. This book is a novel based on Paul's life. We also have Scott Turow's newest, *Ordinary Heroes, Texas Brides* by Joan Johnston and *Grave Mis-*

take by Stella Cameron. Don't forget that we will have a book discussion here in the library at the end of January. Marisue Potts-Powell and Patricia Green will lead the discussion of *Ahab's Wife*. The library has several copies of this book so everyone should have a chance to read the book before the discussion.

The Friends of the library book sale is still going on in the Library. Come in and pick up some bargains.

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Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. requests the honor of your presence at the Groundbreaking for the Care Center, Wednesday, December 14, 2005 1:00 p.m. at the North end of Main Street

Please join us for the Groundbreaking

This project made possible by USDA Rural Development We are very excited about this program and are looking forward to you joining us on Wednesday, December 14

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We Still Remember



As you and I could not help but remember yesterday, December 7th and our freedoms, we are reminded of the many courageous men and women who gave their lives in order to keep us a free nation. How ungrateful we would be, if we failed to acknowledge the sacrifices they

made on that first "Pearl Harbor Day." The day that Franklin D. Roosevelt said was a "day that would live in infamy."

And yet, there is One who has made an even greater sacrifice than our nation's men and women in uniform. Jesus. It is through His sacrifice we might enjoy an even greater freedom than that which is our nation's proud heritage.

Jesus. He died to free us from sin and to give us the liberty of serving God as we were created to do. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death and condemnation. It was through His work at Calvary's cross that we are given the hope of eternal life. How ungrateful we would be if we failed to acknowledge that great sacrifice. Jesus at the Cross, gave us the greatest of liberty's gifts...the right to become children of God.

The Bible tells us, that Jesus "...gave His life as a ransom for many." In remembering our nation's hard won freedoms, let us count our blessings for the freedom we have found through Jesus Christ.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

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Keep your holidays safe and bright

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, each year roughly 156,000 fires occur during the holiday season claiming nearly 630 lives, injuring 2,600 individuals and causing over \$930 million in damage. While the number of occurrences may seem astounding, what's more amazing is that most of these fires could have been prevented by following some simple safety measures.

With the holidays fast approaching, WTU Retail Energy would like to help ensure that this season is spent celebrating with friends and loved ones by providing these quick holiday safety tips for the home.

Appliances:

- Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms in the home are considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire. All smoke alarms should be tested once a month and their batteries replaced annually.
- Keep newspapers, blankets and all other flammable material away from floor heaters, fire places and other heating sources.
- Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.

Decorative Lights/Power Cords:

- Never install more than three strands of decorative lights to one extension cord.
- Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis; unplug and safely store them after every use.
- Never use indoor lights/extension cords outside or vice versa.

Turn off all lights when going to bed or leaving the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

In the event an electric shock occurs, follow these emergency safety tips:

- Do not touch the victim if they are still in contact with the electrical source
- Sever the power at the fuse or breaker level, if possible.
- If someone is still attached to the electrical source, use a branch or plastic broom to push him or her off. Ensure the item isn't still conductive.

Call immediately for emergency medical aid.

The holidays are a time of celebration, and preventing electrical accidents from occurring can keep families safe and holidays happy.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A WATER USE PERMIT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

APPLICATION NO. 5003A

SUMMARY: The North Texas Municipal Water District (District or Applicant) has applied for an amendment to Water Use Permit No. 5003 to: authorize additional storage (purchased from the United States Army Corps of Engineers) in Lake Texoma, divert and use additional water for municipal and industrial use, transfer water from the Red River Basin to the Trinity River Basin and the Sabine River Basin, change the point of diversion, increase the combined diversion rate, reuse return flows, and use the bed and banks of state watercourses to convey water. Public meetings will be held in the basin of origin and each receiving basin. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

The application was received on February 2, 2005. Additional information and fees were received on June 8 and August 24, 2005. The application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the Chief Clerk on September 28, 2005. The Executive Director has not completed a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETINGS. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will hold public meetings to receive comments on the application for an amendment filed by the applicant. The public meetings will consist of two parts; an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the application, but comments made during the informal period will not be considered by the Commissioners before reaching a decision on the application and no formal response will be made. During the Formal Comment Period, members of the public may state their comments into the official record. The Executive Director will summarize the formal comments and prepare a written response. The written response will be considered by the Commissioners in their decision-making process and will be available to the public upon request.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD:

Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
Grayson County Courthouse
Commissioner's Courtroom
100 W. Houston, 1st Floor
Sherman, Texas 75090.

Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
University Drive Court Facility
Central Jury Room
1800 N. Graves, 1st Floor
McKinney, Texas 75069.

Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
Hunt County Courthouse
Commissioner's Courtroom
2500 Lee Street, 2nd Floor
Greenville, Texas 75401.

Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meetings or by mail before the meetings to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. If you need more information, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, toll free at 1-800-687-4040.

APPLICATION: The North Texas Municipal Water District, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie, Texas 75098, Applicant, seeks an amendment pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 11.122, 11.042 and 11.085, and TCEQ Rules 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 295.1, et seq. Pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 259.151-153, 155, 158, 160, and 161, mailed notice of the application is being given to all of the water right holders of record in the basin of origin (Red River Basin) and each receiving basin (Sabine River Basin and Trinity River Basin). Additionally, notice will be published in the basin of origin and each receiving basin. Public meetings will be held in the basin of origin and each receiving basin.

Pursuant to a water supply contract for the use of 75,000 acre-feet of storage in the United States Army Corps of Engineers-owned Lake Texoma in the Red River Basin, Water Use Permit No. 5003 authorizes the District to divert not to exceed 84,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Texoma to be conveyed, using the beds and banks of West Prong Sister Grove Creek and Sister Grove Creek, to Lake Lavon for subsequent diversion and use of not to exceed 77,300 acre-feet of water per year for use within the Applicant's service area for municipal purposes.

The Water Resources Development Act of 1986 provides for the reallocation of 300,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Texoma from hydropower to municipal use, half of which is allocated to the State of Oklahoma and half to the State of Texas. Of Texas' share of the additional storage, 50,000 acre-feet of storage is reserved for the Greater Texoma Utility Authority leaving, 100,000 acre-feet of storage capacity which the Applicant will purchase from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The Applicant determined that the additional 100,000 acre-feet of storage results in an additional 113,000 acre-feet per year of firm yield.

The Applicant seeks to amend Water Use Permit No. 5003 to authorize:

- The use of an additional 100,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Texoma, for a combined total (with existing authorizations) of 175,000 acre-feet;
 - The diversion and use of an additional 113,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Texoma for municipal and industrial purposes, for a combined total (with existing authorizations) of 197,000 acre-feet;
 - The interbasin transfer of the additional 113,000 acre-feet of water per year from the Red River Basin to the Trinity River Basin and Sabine River Basin for use within the Applicant's service area;
 - The change of diversion point from a specific point on Lake Texoma to anywhere on the perimeter of Lake Texoma that is within the boundary of the State of Texas for the combined amount of water authorized by the Permit;
 - The increase of the combined diversion rate for all water authorized for diversion by the District from Lake Texoma from 310 cfs (138,890 gpm) to 544 cfs (243,730 gpm);
 - The reuse of the return flows attribute to the additional 113,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Texoma (subject to obtaining future authorizations, identifying points of discharge and diversion, and satisfying TWC § 11.042 requirements); and
 - The use of the bed and banks of the Red River to convey water from Denison Dam downstream to a diversion point to be added located at a point bearing 73.25°, 1,775 feet from the northeast corner of the George S. Parks Original Survey Patent No. 1-241, Abstract No. 675, also being at Latitude 33.863° N, Longitude 95.03° W, in Red River County, and to divert water from any point on the Red River within this reach, at a maximum diversion rate of 624 cfs (280,051.2 gpm).
- Information relating to the contract price of the water to be transferred; a statement of each general category of proposed use of the water to be transferred and a detailed description of the proposed uses and users under each category; the cost of diverting, conveying, distributing, and supplying the water to, and treating the water for, the proposed users; and the projected effect on user rates and fees for each class of ratepayers can be obtained without cost by submitting a written request to the applicant at the above address or by calling (972) 442-5405.
- This application is subject to the obligations of the State of Texas pursuant to the terms of the Red River Compact.

The Commission will review the application as submitted by the applicant and may or may not grant the application as requested.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice or the date of the last public meeting, whichever is the latter.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit proposed conditions for the requested permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **INFORMATION.** Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Council, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS
By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

"Yuletide" for "Christmas-time" is a term derived from the yule log, which in olden days was a huge log used as the foundation of the holiday fire.

- William & Mary Morris

Words matter. It is still possible to wish each other a happy Thanksgiving or a Merry Christmas, to talk of Christmas, to do our Christmas shopping.

In the former Eastern part of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, it was not possible to talk about Christmas or even the many traditions that accompany the holiday. You had to talk about "winged holiday figures" when what you really meant was "angels."

Now, there has come a different kind of attempt to change the words of the season, substituting Swahili words about the harvest for Christian words about the birth of Christ, as a way of, in Al Sharpton's words, "de-whitizing" Christmas. To quote from Paul Mulshine, "On December 24, 1971, the New York Times ran one of the first of many articles on a new holiday designed to foster unity among African Americans. The holiday called Kwanzaa, was applauded by a certain sixteen-year-old minister who explained that the feast would perform the

valuable service of "de-whitizing" Christmas." The inventor of the "holiday" was one Ron Karenga, who at the time was sitting in prison, convicted on charges of torture.

With all the attempts to remove God from schools, public places, from the airwaves, from the society as a whole, the bonds between the words and their meanings are being dissolved. Rather than risk a fight, many radio stations no longer play the traditional carols of Christmas.

Everybody has a big dinner on Thanksgiving, happy for the holiday and the food. But Thanksgiving means to give thanks. If you remove God from the celebration, whom do you thank?

Santa Claus in his red suit is depicted all over, but the bond to Saint Nikolaas is being dissolved. Presents are the topic of the season, but the why of presents in this season is clouded in fog. The bond to the Christ child is being lost.

People who are trying to change the words know that words matter, or they would not waste time trying to change them.

So, as we go about our tasks during this advent season, shopping, baking, celebrating, let us not forget the words and music of the event that we will finally celebrate on December 25th.

School Menu

MONDAY, DEC. 12	Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.
TUESDAY, DEC. 13	Lunch: Sliced Ham, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Sweet Potatoes, Hot Roll, Cheese Cake, Milk.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14	Lunch: Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Dessert, Milk.
THURSDAY, DEC. 15	Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.
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Hello Motley County!

by Sandra Moody

I guess I should begin by introducing myself and explain why I am writing this column. My name is Sandra Moody and I am the niece of Matador residents, Kuehn and Wanda Faulkner and Ken and Dot Jones. I live in Jacksonville, Florida. Florida you say! Why would someone from there know or care about Motley County?

Let me start by saying, I feel like I have been groomed my entire life to write for the Tribune. My grandparents were long time residents, my father and aunts were born and raised there. I cannot begin to tell you the stories I grew up with about Matador, Roaring Springs, Flo-mot, and Whiteflat, but I hope to.

Carla has graciously allowed me to write an article here or there and print it as space allows. I know that the citizens of Motley County are a welcoming bunch and I am very excited to be able to contribute just a little bit to such a wonderful place.

Since it is the holidays, I would like to say a great big thank you to my favorite Santa, I hear your visit was a big success!

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White House Conference on Aging to emphasize 'Boomer' concerns

by Carmie Hill
Social Security District
Manager in Plainview

This month is especially important for everyone who is interested in issues facing older Americans. From December 11

to 14, the 2005 White House Conference on Aging will be held in Washington, D.C. This White House Conference takes place once each decade and makes policy recommendations to the President and Congress about promoting the health and economic security of current and future generations of older persons.

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging occurs as the first wave of the baby boom generation prepares for retirement. In fact the theme for the 2005 White House Conference is "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action."

Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary for Aging, said "the recommendations from the 2005 White House Conference on Aging will help our nation meet the needs and expectations of older Americans in the future, especially for the first wave of 78 million baby boomers who will begin to turn 60 in 2006."

Everyone should remember that the Social Security full retirement age is going up and know how this change could affect them. While age 65 was the full retirement age for the first six decades of the program, that is changing as a result of the Social Security Amendments of 1983. The age at which a person can begin collecting full Social Security benefits is gradually rising to 67. Now, people born in 1938 must be age 65 in 2 months to collect full Social Security benefits. Those born in 1939 must be 65 and 4 months; and those born in 1940 must be 65 and 6 months. The two-month per year increase continues until it reaches 66 for people born in 1943. The full retirement age levels off at age 66 for many baby boomers - those born from 1943 through 1954 -- then rises again in two-month increments until it reaches age 67 for people born in 1960 and later.

Of course, workers can retire before their full retirement age - as early as age 62, in fact. However, doing so means that your monthly retirement benefit amount will also be permanently reduced for every month that you are under the full retirement age.

Successful and happy retirements don't just happen. They must be planned for. Start the planning process by visiting Social Security's Benefits Planner site at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. Use Social Security's online retirement planners and calculators to figure out how future Social Security benefits will fit into overall financial plans. There are links from the Social Security site to the American Savings Education Council's Retirement Calculator, the Department of Labor's Pension Information, FirstGov for Seniors' financial planning tools, and other helpful websites.



Covenant Home Health, Spur, celebrated National Home Health Care Month in November by honoring Home Care Aides, the care giving heroes who make a remarkable difference in the lives of patients and the families they serve. Pictured left to right are Kim Woolsey, Diana Myer, Ester Segura, Rosie Calamaco and Suesie Phelps.

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Rep. Rick Hardcastle to seek re-election

Austin -- Representative Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon) announced his intention to file for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives. He first ran for election to the state house in 1998. He will travel to Austin next week to file for re-election.

"Serving in the Texas House of Representatives has been a great privilege and honor. This great state continues to face many challenges including the rural regions. I want to make sure that our region of the state is represented to the fullest and that our needs are not ignored," said Hardcastle.

Hardcastle cited the challenging issues of the public school finance and reform, water issues, rural economic development and food safety as some of the issues he wants to continue to focus on.

Hardcastle has served as Chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee for the past two sessions and

also serves on the House Natural Resources Committee. He also serves on the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures which focuses on agriculture, agricultural trade, biotechnology, pesticides, rural development, and water policy issues.

"I have been most pleased to serve on two committees in the House that have a direct impact on my district. My background in agriculture has allowed me to have a major role in developing policy that has a positive impact on our region and to fend off potential laws that could have a negative impact on production agriculture," stated Hardcastle.

House District 68 is among the largest in the Texas House of Representatives covering more than 14,000 square miles and 16 counties which include Motley, Dickens, Cottle, King, Hardeman, Foard, Knox,

Haskell, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Young, Clay, Jack, Montague and Cooke. District 68 services four Texas Department of Transportation Districts, four Council of Government Offices, and four Regional Education Service Centers. The population of the District is 136,951 with 47 towns and small communities.

The Wilbarger County rancher graduated from Vernon High School in 1974 and attended Vernon Regional Junior College and Tarleton State University. He is married to the former Nancy Zeissel of Munday and they have two children. Christie, a Texas Tech graduate, is employed at the Vernon College, and Cayce, passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer during her 2003 senior year at Vernon High School. The Hardcastle family belongs to the Holy Family Catholic Church.

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Quail provide impetus for landscape conservation efforts



LITTLE LADY — Carley Turner was all decked out to attend Granny's Tea Party which was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Joyce Campbell. Carley was just one of the pretty little ladies all dressed up for the festive event.

Austin -- Quail are considered by wildlife officials to be a keystone indicator species of the health of grassland ecosystems. When their numbers fall, other species that inhabit those ecosystems follow in a domino effect. A diverse cooperative, working under the umbrella of the Texas Quail Conservation Initiative, is making landscape level conservation progress to help ensure the dominos won't topple.

During the past three years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has developed a proactive strategy to address quail declines in Texas. The agency's approach has been one of partnership. Several state, federal, and private entities including private landowners have come together to form the Texas Quail Conservation Initiative (TQCI). By bringing all stakeholders to the table, the initiative can focus on landscape level conservation that minimizes duplicative effort and maximizes resources.

The Texas Quail Council and the Quail Technical Support Committee are the main facilitating bodies of this initiative. The Council, appointed by the Chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission as an official advisory group, has provided advice and guidance in developing the initiative and helps identify and overcome roadblocks to recovery; while the Technical Committee assures the plan is based on good science.

"The work that's been accomplished in three short years through this initiative has been impressive and is a benchmark for other states to follow," said Robert Perez, TPWD quail program biologist. "By bringing together all the quail minds at the same table, we've now got a clearinghouse in Texas for upland bird recovery and conservation."

Quail Council members have interacted with national conservation policy makers to provide valuable input regarding the criteria for various cost incentive programs on private lands that would benefit quail and grassland birds. Resulting programs, like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program Emphasis Areas, have distributed millions of dollars to Texas

landowners over the past couple of years resulting in more upland game bird habitat on the ground.

"We have to be able to use incentive programs like the Farm Bill, EQIP and our Landowners Incentive Program to demonstrate how converting pastures back to native vegetation and providing usable habitat for wildlife can pay dividends directly to the landowner," said Steve DeMaso, upland game bird program leader for TPWD. "We also have to get the support of sportsmen by educating them to the fact that conservation programs for other species are also beneficial for quail and other game species."

Examples of these education and outreach efforts can be found in two prominent quail conservation posters. One poster can be found displayed in Natural Resource Conservation Service offices around the country, thanks to proactive efforts by the Quail Council and another, dedicated to native habitat restoration initiatives promoted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, carries First Lady Laura Bush's signature and a personal message to encourage cooperative conservation and habitat restoration.

Then Council has been proactive in encouraging TPWD program staff to work with the Railroad Commission, TXU and ALCOA to help improve restoration practices on Texas mined lands for early succession species. The director of the state mining association was appointed by the TPW Commission Chairman to the Council and a biologist from the mining industry serves on the Technical Committee.

"Mined lands serve as repositories of locally adapted quail which can be used in future translocation projects where local quail are not available," said DeMaso. "Mined lands in other states may also be able to use this model to create habitat."

The Council provided valuable input and guidance in the development of the Texas Quail Conservation Strategic Plan, and the publication of the popular version of the document "Where Have All the Quail Gone?" to promote quail conservation across the state. These

plans are being distributed throughout the state via numerous venues to facilitate reaching interested landowners and managers.

According to Vernon Beville, small game and habitat assessment program director with TPWD, another example of public and private partnerships involved Texas Governor Rick Perry autographing 200 Jack Cowan quail prints that were donated to the initiative for fund-raising efforts. These prints are being sold through the Texas Wildlife Association, Collector's Covey, Texas Quail Unlimited and by Council members. The TWA Foundation volunteered services as the ordering point as well as serve as the holder of these funds in a separate dedicated account on behalf of the Texas Quail Initiative.

As part of the Texas Quail Plan, the Council has encouraged development of Quail

Demonstration Areas on public and private lands and portions of both the Chaparral and Matador Wildlife Management Areas are being developed for this purpose. Funds from the initiative have helped purchase farm implement equipment to facilitate this work.

In addition, Audubon Texas, also a member of the Council, hired a full time biologist to help implement the TQCI by acting as a catalyst to form quail management cooperatives across the state.

Following initiation of the Texas Quail Council, the TQC model has been emulated by other states as an effective means of developing their own quail recovery and implementation plans.

In recognition for its efforts, the Council received the First Annual Group Achievement Award from Quail Unlimited National in March of 2005.

Christmas breakfast will feature Cowboy Poetry

Well-known cowboy poet Tibb Burnett, of Benjamin, Texas headlines Saturday, December 10, at the Cowboy Poetry Breakfast to be held at the Big Texan Steak Ranch, Amarillo. A featured entertainer at most of the big cowboy poetry gatherings, Burnett displays a comfortable at-home manner as he relates his poetry of cowboying experiences, heritage and attitudes. His program will be followed by an open mike session for cowboy/girl poets, singers, musicians, and tall tale-teller members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association. Others at the breakfast who would like to participate are invited to entertain.

Enjoy the festive Christmas decorations while eating a hearty cowboy breakfast, plus breakfast rolls and fruit, while listening to the talented area members of SWCPA. This is the only event of its kind in the entire country that is held on a monthly schedule. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of every month except September, when the performers are scheduled at the National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock.

Reservations for parties more than 10 should be placed with Pat at the Big Texan 372-7000, or call 374-4354. Breakfasts are \$6.50 which includes the entertainment.

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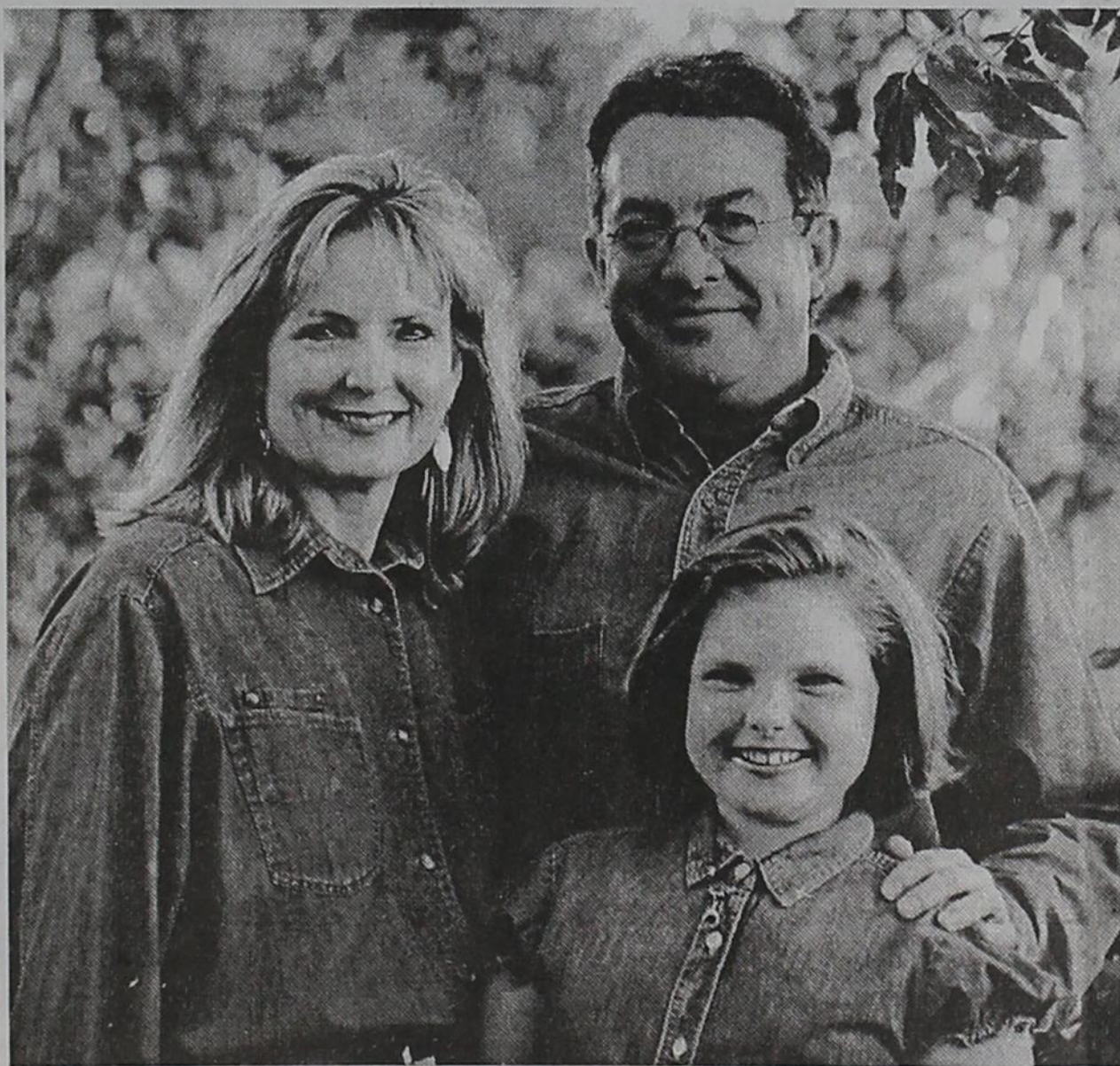
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

There were only 5 in attendance for the Ladies Bible Study, meeting in the home of Mrs. P.K. Green on Monday. In the absence of Freida Burns, Minnie Collette and Jennifer presented the study in acting out some songs. At the next meeting those attending will bring a white-elephant gift for a gift exchange.

Mrs. Cleo Watson and son Larry of Austin spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Watson's granddaughter, Paige and Bryan Barnes and family of Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams of Matador also attended.

Mrs. Donald Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Plainview on Friday where Lula received a shot to build

up her blood. They were met at Furr's by Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Howell for lunch.

Mr. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim received word this past week that their remaining aunt, Mrs. Viola Robinson of Yuba City, CA passed away.

After serving as treasurer for the past 59 years, Lula is turning over the books to Ken Abbott. She leaves with a good record. All bills are paid in full. Sometimes it meant going deeper in her own pocket.

Hanna Alexander of Lubbock visited her father and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alexander, for the weekend.

Matador News

Wilda and Spencer Dixon, her mother and brother, Mrs. Ted Hester and Carl Hester of Lovington, N.M. attended the funeral services and graveside rites of Wilda's aunt, Mrs. Adina Bush in Lubbock, Wednesday, Nov. 23. Wilda and Spencer returned home with Mrs. Hester and Carl and visited during the Thanksgiving holidays.

En route home Monday, Nov. 23, they visited in Idalou with Stanley Whitefield.

Tom and Deanie Edwards enjoyed Thanksgiving holidays with Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis of Dalhart. On Saturday they spent the day in Lubbock with Marge Edwards. They also got in a short visit with Aunt Grace Campbell.

Payne Pharmacy will host Medicare Part D meeting

A health insurance specialist will be at Payne Pharmacy in Floydada, Monday, December 12, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to explain the Medicare Part D plan.

People with Medicare have until May 15, 2006, to join a plan without a penalty.

Anyone with questions concerning this plan is urged to attend this meeting.

THANK YOU

The family of Howard Rogers would like to express their appreciation for all the love and support the surrounding communities have given us during the loss of our Husband and Daddy.

We want to thank each and everyone of you in person, but that would be impossible because everyone has been so kind and loving these past days and all through the years during Daddy's illness.

We also want to thank all the wonderful ladies that worked so hard to provide our family with the most "delicious feast" at the Flomot Community Center. Not many people have the honor to have that many friends to provide a great meal like that!

Our heartfelt kindness goes to EMT of Quitaque. Thank you so much for all your concern and care.

Without the love and support of all our wonderful friends and neighbors we would not have been able to survive these last years and days!

We love you all so very much!

Glena Roy "B", Ronnie & Ludell, Richard & Randy, Donnie Ray, Natalie and Brooke, Donna Sue & Stanley, Shawna, Shay and Dane

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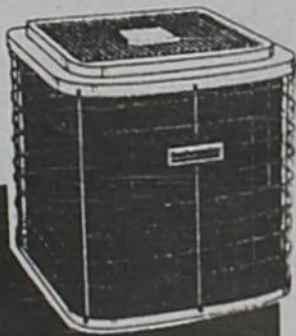
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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

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Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have preferred to talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry were in Lubbock, Thursday attending to business. They visited his sisters, Scarlett Sperry, Texas Tech student and Brianna Sperry and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle enjoyed the state semifinals football game at the Lowrey Field in Lubbock, Saturday. Their son, Fannin and Valley Patriots teammates defeated the Meadow Broncos 38-30. The Patriots will play for the six man football state championship title against Throckmorton at the Shotwell Stadium in Abilene Saturday, Dec. 10. We wish them the best.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughters, Shae Lynn and Peyton of Lubbock visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Janice and Butch Hughes were in Lubbock, Monday for him a medical check up following recent surgery. He received a good report.

Nada and Jack Starkey visited overnight Monday in Canyon with son, Michael Starkey. Nada had day surgery Tuesday at the Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid was with her parents during Nada's

surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Clyde with her cousin, Mrs. April Coat. Joining them there to visit was Mrs. Kendall's father, Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

Visiting Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, son, Michael Davis and friend, Virginia Segovia of Fritch.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton had a module of cotton burn this week on her field that Brent Campbell of Turkey was stripping.

Visiting during the weekend with Kathy and Clois Shorter were grandchildren, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Judy and Lynn Stark visited from Friday until Sunday in Amarillo with his brother and family, Lee and Teresa Stark, Molly and Audie.

Shannon Roy Nall of Bushland was a luncheon guest of B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross attended the graveside rites of his cousin, Mrs. Ruth Williams, 90, held at the Crowell Cemetery, Tuesday. They were at the visitation Monday night held at the Smith Funeral Home in Quanah who directed the funeral services. Mrs. Williams died Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Lakeside Rehabilitation Care Center in Lubbock. Their daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock was with them.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the wonderful people who comforted us during Katie's illness and since her passing. We sincerely appreciate the calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and donations. We feel truly blessed to have received such an outpouring of love and concern. Above all, thank you for the prayers.

God bless,
Ronnie & Karen Davis
Sheryl Davis
Tom & Renee Karmazyn and family

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and food at the time of Tom's injury and recovery. A special thanks to Bill, Mozelle, Harold, Harvey, Russell and Margie and our sons, Chad and Larry, for their extra help in our time of need. May God bless you all.

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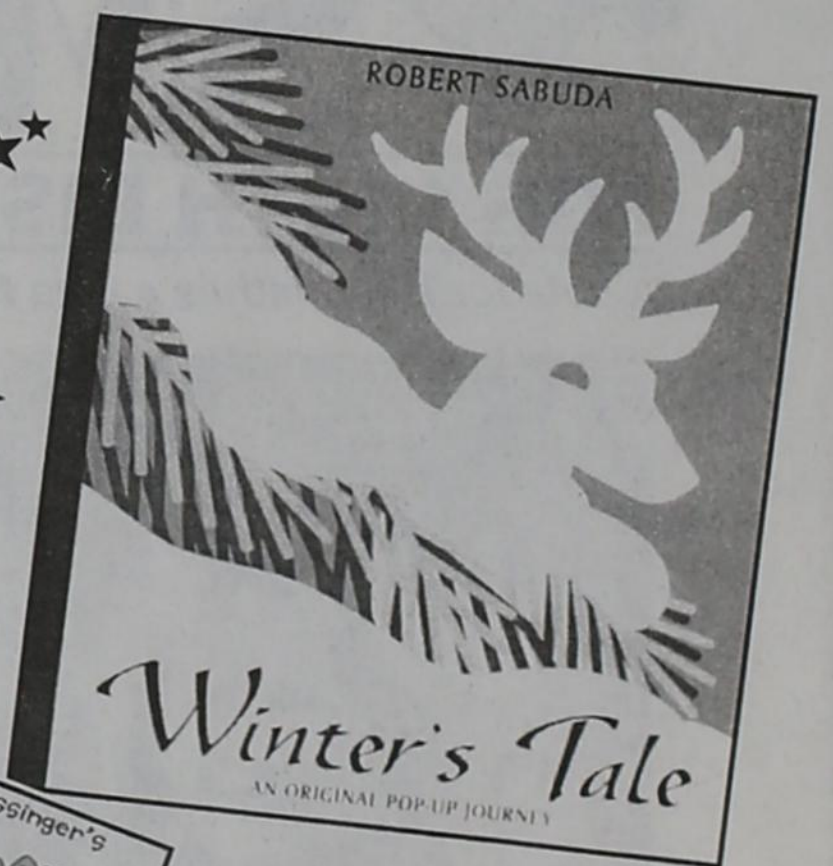
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Obituaries

Trula Martin

Funeral services for Trula Gilbert Martin, 77, of Flomot, were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 5, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Nathan Mulder officiating. Interment was in Flomot Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Martin died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Lubbock Heart Hospital in Lubbock. She was born June 25, 1928, at Flomot and had been a lifelong resident of Flomot. She was the daughter of Henry S. and Lennie Bural Gilbert. She was a retired school teacher, having taught in the Flomot and Valley school systems.

She was married to Wilburn Martin November 24, 1948, at Vernon. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and had served as pianist for many years. She was a member of the Flomot Do Gooders Club.

She is survived by her husband; her daughter and son-in-law, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger; her son, Dr. David Martin of Central America; a sister, Wanda Lane of Lockney; five grandchildren, Cole Martin, Lindsay Martin, Cory Cooper, Kendra Cooper and Carl Cooper; one great-grandson, Gavin Cooper.

Alfred H. Seward

Memorial services for Alfred H. Seward will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 20, at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

Mr. Seward died October 5, 2005, at Northwest Texas Health Care System in Amarillo. He donated his body to Science.

He was born January 14, 1926 to Charles Anderson and Pearl (Cagle) Seward in Granite, OK.

He moved from Perry, OK in June of 2004, to Roaring Springs and married Georgia Witcher on July 19, 2004, for their second union.

In addition to his wife, Georgia, survivors include six sons, four daughters, 14 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, three sisters and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Doris Lee

Funeral services for Doris Jean Lee, 50, of Matador were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with the Rev. Willie Jackson officiating. Interment was in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador. Doris was the daughter of Harvey Lee, Sr. and Zurline Booker Lee. She lived and attended school in Motley County, until she graduated in 1973. She married in 1974 and had three children. Later on in life she divorced and moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she worked as a C.N.A. for many years. During that time she also had two more children. As her health began to fail she decided to return to Matador, Texas to reside. She remained there during her illness and until her death. She was preceded in death by her father Harvey Lee, Sr. and her brother, Roscoe Smith.

She is survived by her mother, Zurline Lee of Matador; her grandmother, Sallie Mae Jones; four sons, Chris, Shawn, and Lee Campbell all of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Cody Campbell of Atlanta, Georgia, one daughter, Christie Campbell of Arlington; three brothers, Jerry Lee of Austin, David Lee of Amarillo, and Harvey Lee, Jr. of Amarillo; four sisters, Erma Jeane Campbell, Carolyn Washington, Barbara Williams, and Varlena Lee all of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

Pearl Cartwright Simpson

Graveside services for Pearl Cartwright Simpson, 88, of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Michael Crowley, Sr. of the Matador Church of Christ. She died December 3, 2005, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Simpson was a longtime resident of Matador and worked at Motley County schools for many years as the custodian and a bus driver. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Cartwright in 1953. Pearl later married Maldon Simpson. He preceded her in death in 1977. Mrs. Simpson was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Garland Cartwright of Matador, Wayne Cartwright of Canadian; two sisters, Dixie Haack, Ruby Rollins; and one brother, Robert Cantrell, all of Oregon; and six grandchildren.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED



NEW FSA EMPLOYEE — Sherry Seago of Paducah is a new part-time employee at the Motley County FSA office. She also works at the Paducah office.

MORE HELP IN THE OFFICE

You have probably noticed a new face in our office. Sherry Seago has been coming in from Paducah and helping us 2-3 days a week for the last month or two. Sherry has several years experience working for the FSA in both Cottle and King Counties. She is married to Mike Seago who ranches and trains horses just outside of Paducah. They have three married daughters.

Because Cottle County is considered overstaffed and Motley County is understaffed, we are working on getting Sherry permanently. This has not yet happened yet, but we hope will soon. A big thanks to Sherry and Stephen Reynolds, the manager at the Cottle county office, for all the help they've given us. Come by and meet Sherry when you get a chance.

ONE LESS FORM

America's farmers and ranchers have one less form to fill out at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

FSA has eliminated Form FSA-237, Facsimile Signature Authorization and Verification form. In the past, producers had to have an FSA-237 on file at FSA offices in order for the agency to accept signatures secured on authorized forms and documents via fax. From now on, producers can sign and fax forms or other documents to FSA offices without having an FSA-237 on file.

"We understand that filling out forms can be a burden to America's producers," said Teresa Lasseter, FSA administrator. "That's why we're taking steps at all levels of FSA to reduce the amount of paperwork. Our goal is to make FSA run as efficiently as possible and provide the highest quality of service to our customers."

DEADLINE COMING UP

If you purchased NAP insurance for 2006 native or improved grass, be sure to certify your grass by Dec. 15. After Dec. 15 there will be a late fee of \$35.00 for the first field and \$15.00 for each additional field. This will add up fast when all of your terraces are planted to grass!

Volunteers needed for Christmas Bird Count

by Dana Wright, Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.

The Matador Wildlife Management Area in Cottle County will host the 2nd Annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 17, 2005. The Christmas Bird Count is Audubon's longest-running wintertime tradition; these counts are held throughout America from December 14 to January 5th every year.

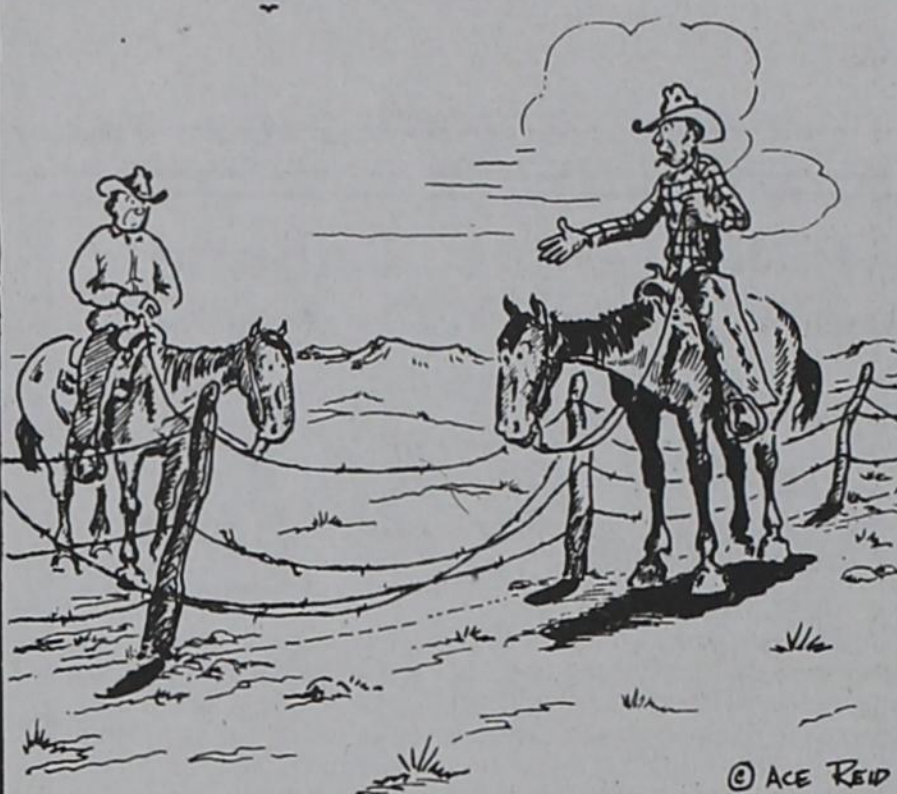
CBC began over a century ago when 27 conservationists, led by scientist Frank Chapman, changed the course of ornithological history. On Christmas Day 1900, the small group posed an alternative to the "side hunt," a Christmas day activity in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and small mammals. Instead, Chapman proposed to identify, count and record all the birds they saw, founding what is now considered to be the world's most significant citizen-based conservation effort. This survey has been conducted by volunteers for the last 100 years.

The CBC in Cottle County is being hosted by the Matador WMA in order to determine population trends of birds wintering in this area and also build a species list for the area. Bird-watching has become a growing hobby in Texas and contributes to the economy of many communities. If you would be interested in participating in the CBC, you can contact: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Dana Wright at (806) 596-4016 or dfwright@caprock-spur.com.

The count area is a circle 15 miles in diameter that includes the Matador WMA, city of Paducah, the Dunlap and Valley View communities. Participants are asked to meet at the Matador WMA headquarters at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2005, or call ahead of time to get area assignments, maps, instructions and forms. Counts are open to birders of all skill levels; you can count birds in your backyard or count birds along a particular route. Participants are asked to pay \$5 to cover the cost of data entry and related publications. Observers 18 and under and feeder watchers do not need to pay. Observers will receive a copy of *American Birds; Summary of the CBC*. For more information on the CBC, check out their website: www.audubon.org/bird/cbc.

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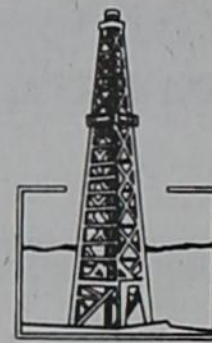
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Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser



BRISCOE AND SWISHER COUNTIES: Leasing activity continues in Briscoe and Swisher Counties.

FLOYD COUNTY: Apollo Energy Operating Company L.P.W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 is scheduled for a nitrogen foam frac job on this Thursday or Friday, December 8-9.

FLOYD COUNTY: Apollo Energy Operating Company L.P. Ceretha Watson Lease Well #1 reached total depth of 10,500 feet on Sunday, December 4. The well was logged on Sunday, and on Tuesday, December 6 they were running 5 1/2 production casing to 10,500 feet.

FLOYD COUNTY: Grey Wolf Drilling Rig #861 is scheduled to move onto the Bankers Petroleum (U.S.) Inc., Misener (Glen Misener) Lease Well #1 and start drilling on Thursday or Friday, December 8-9.

FLOYD COUNTY: Tyner Texas Operating Company, Kenneth Brose Lease Well #1 began completion work on Tuesday, December 6.

FLOYD COUNTY: Tyner Texas Operating Company staked a new location on the Rushing land in the South Half of Section 107, Block D-3. This well will be located approximately 2 miles East of BASA

Resources Foster Lease Well #1.

MOTLEY COUNTY: Tyner Texas Operating Company R.G. Stephens Lease Well #1 is flowing on test.

MOTLEY COUNTY: Vintage Petroleum, Inc. has received from the Railroad Commission of Texas a 180 day extension to their authority to flare gas while testing the Echols #2 Lease while testing the M. Burleson Ranch #60 Lease Well #1.

Correction: There has been some misinformation and confusion concerning the current ownership of the Red River Pipeline, the gas transmission line running through Floyd County, ONEOK, Inc. remains the owner of the Red River Pipeline. ONEOK, Inc. did sell some assets to Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Gathering) L.P. in 2004. These sold assets including the Palo Duro Pipeline which runs through Cottle County. On December 1, 2005 ONEOK, Inc. sold some Panhandle assets to Eagle Rock Energy. ONEOK, Inc. has not sold the Red River Pipeline, ONEOK, Inc. remains the owner of the Red River Pipeline, the gas transmission line running through Floyd County.

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7-Day Forecast

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Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 26

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
High: 51 Low: 27

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 51 Low: 30

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 32

Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 52 Low: 31

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 28

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 25°, humidity of 43% and possibly a record overnight low of 14°. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 1981. The record low is 15° set in 1978.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
12/8	12/15	12/23	12/30



Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	60	43	58/34	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.21"
Monday	52	32	58/34	0.00"	Departure from normal-0.21"
Tuesday	50	25	57/33	0.00"	
Wednesday	76	26	57/33	0.00"	Average temperature46.6°
Thursday	47	25	57/33	0.00"	Average normal temperature . 45.0°
Friday	79	26	56/32	0.00"	Departure from normal+1.6°
Saturday	75	36	56/32	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Dec. 8, 1988 - Santa Ana winds buffeted Southern California, with gusts to 92 mph reported at Laguna Peak. The high winds unroofed buildings and downed trees and power lines, igniting five major fires and numerous smaller ones.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today7:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight5:34 p.m.
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