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A Look Back



DECEMBER 4, 1952

Rainfall Record
Lowest Since '27

"It is difficult to prove anything by rainfall records but County Agent Rufus Emmons finds them interesting (as does the Tribune). Take 1927, for instance, it is not remembered as a drought year, but the rainfall total on December 1 amounted to 11.65 inches. The rainfall registered here in the past 11 months of 1952 amounted to 12.53.

In 1934 (the year everyone remembers) the total rainfall on December 1 was 13.571 or more than an inch in excess of this year's precipitation.

The total rainfall for 11 months of 1948 was 13.02 inches."

Around Town

News Briefs of
Area Events

Catholic Church to hold Rededication

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be holding a Rededication Sunday, December 5, 1999. Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow. Everyone is invited.

Men's Breakfast this Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held this Saturday, December 4, at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

All men of the County are invited to attend.

3-M to perform in concert at Matador Baptist Church

3-M will hold a Gospel Concert in the First Baptist Church of Matador, Sunday night, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone in the community and surrounding towns are invited to attend.

MC Arts Department to present Christmas program

The Motley County ISD Theater Arts Department will present Christmas in Vaudeville, a series of comedy skits, monologues and poems, on Thursday, December 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be in the Motley County School Gymnasium. In addition to the other events, Quinn Hays, Dumont Darsey, Rabeca Morris, Charity Bartlett and Kalli Hopper will provide musical entertainment.

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Letters to Santa deadline Friday

Letters to Santa must be received by this Friday, December 3, to be included in our special Christmas edition, which will be published December 16.

We understand that this deadline seems extremely early, but due to the fact that we must have this section to our printer's by December 10, we must receive the letters to enable us to have time to type them and prepare the section.

Be sure to have your children write their letters to Santa now and bring them to the office, mail them, or leave them in our drop box outside the office. We will be open late Thursday night. Thank you for your cooperation.

Santa to make stop in Matador Most businesses open late Thursday

Santa Claus will make a stop in Matador, Thursday night. He will visit with children from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Courthouse lawn, and take their requests for Christmas.

Santa is making this special stop in Matador for the exciting Late Night Shopping event, which will get underway at 5:30 p.m. Thursday night and continue until 9:00 p.m.

Most Matador business will re-

main open late and serve refreshments, offer special discounts, and door prizes. Businesses planning to remain open late include the Motley County Tribune, Rose Garden Floral & Gifts, Matador Variety, The Windmill, Mane Place, Main Street, New To You, JoAnn's Jewelry, Motley County Library, and Thayer & Washington. Jenifer Sands of Snyder will have a Mary Kay display inside JoAnn's.

The Eternas Study Club will sponsor a Kiddie Store and Sleigh Rides beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the room next to the Motley County Tribune. They will also choose a lucky winner for \$100, at 7:00 p.m. that night. For a \$1.00 donation your name will be entered.

Don't miss this fun-filled night and enjoy some old-fashioned fun in downtown Matador.

Seventeen Matadors named to All-District football team

Jermaine Hendrix, a Motley County High School Junior was named co-MVP for the 4-A All District team.

Seventeen other Matadors also received All-District honors. They include:

Matt Easter, Jr., Guard, First Team Offense, Defensive Line, First Team Defense;

Brant Donaldson, Sr., Wide Receiver, First Team Offense;

Ysef Alvarado, Soph., Running Back, First Team Offense;

Casey Lawrence, Jr., Center, Sec-

ond Team Offense, Line Backer, First Team Defense;

Sean Rose, Sr., Tight End, Second Team Offense, Defensive Back, Honorable Mention Defense;

Chase Carson, Jr., Running Back, Second Team Offense, Defensive Back, First Team Defense;

Dusty Jackson, Sr., Guard, Honorable Mention Offense, Defensive End, First Team Defense;

Chooch Meyer, Jr., Tackle, Honorable Mention Offense;

Brad Baxter, Soph., Tackle, Honorable Mention Offense;

Ben Ridgley, Jr., Running Back, Honorable Mention Offense, Defensive Back, Second Team Defense;

Tony Salazar, Soph., Honorable Mention Defense;

Brandon Lee, Jr., Defensive Back, Honorable Mention Defense;

Alex Salazar, Jr., Line Backer, Honorable Mention Defense.

Named to the Academic All-District team are Clint Cooper, Freshman; Chantry Meyer, Freshman; Justin Jameson, Sophomore; Ben Ridgley, Junior.



DRESSING UP FOR CHRISTMAS — Kenneth Marshall, WTU employee, hangs Christmas decorations in downtown Matador. He was assisted by Steve Barton, City employee. The two hung these decorations on downtown light poles to dress up the town for Christmas.



Jermaine Hendrix



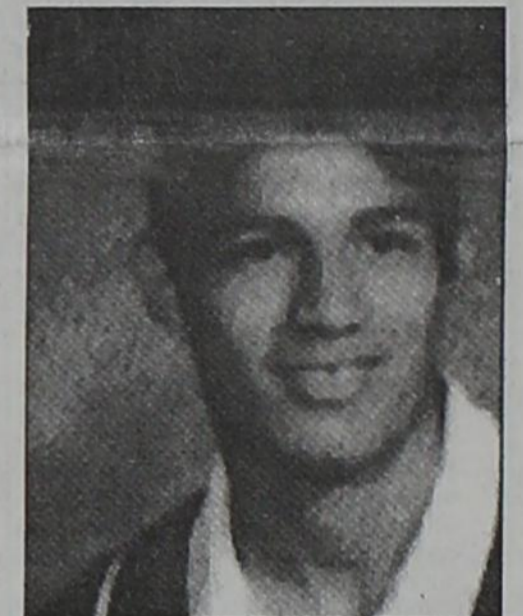
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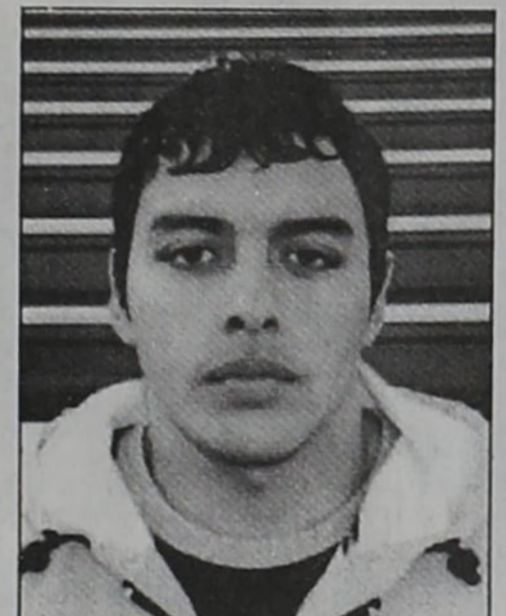
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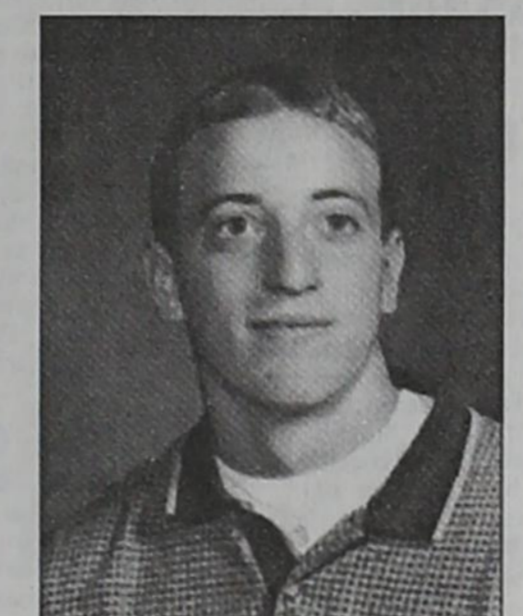
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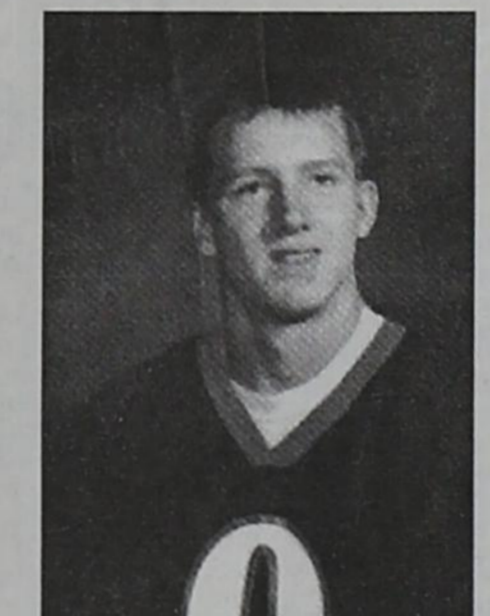
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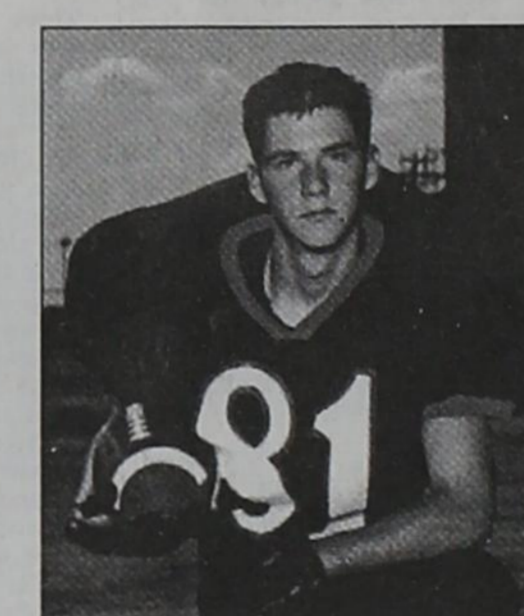
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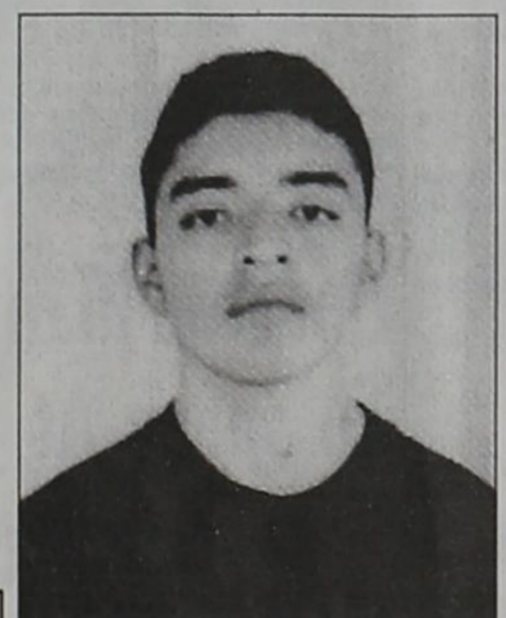
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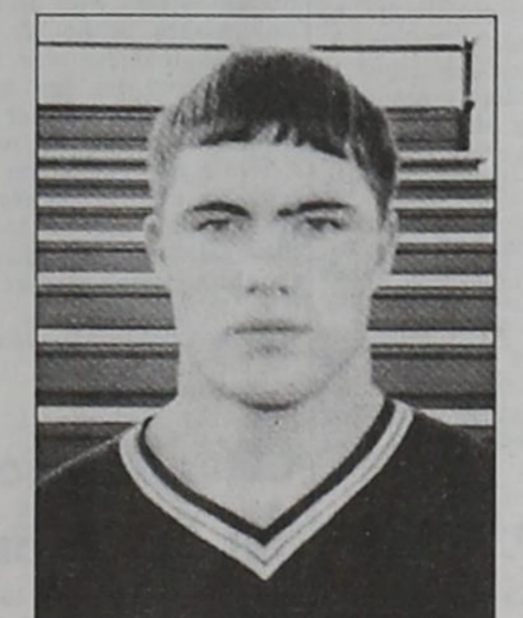
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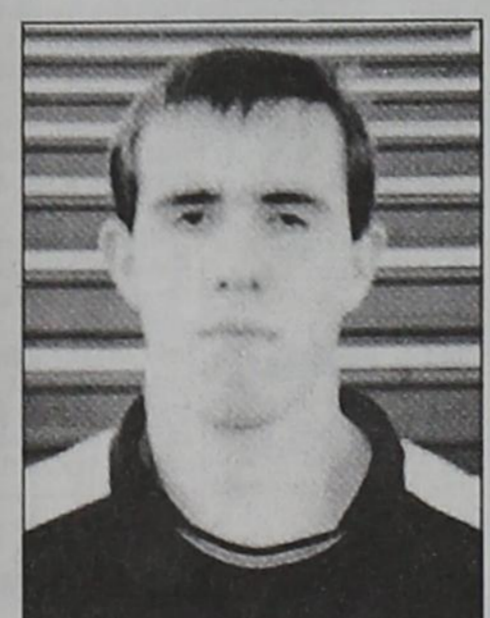
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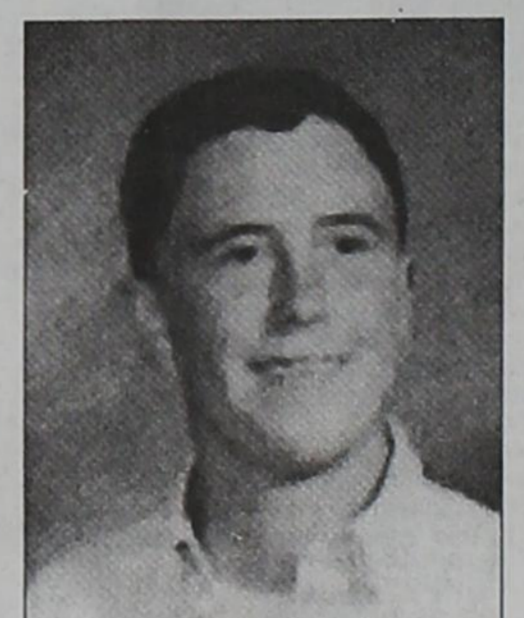
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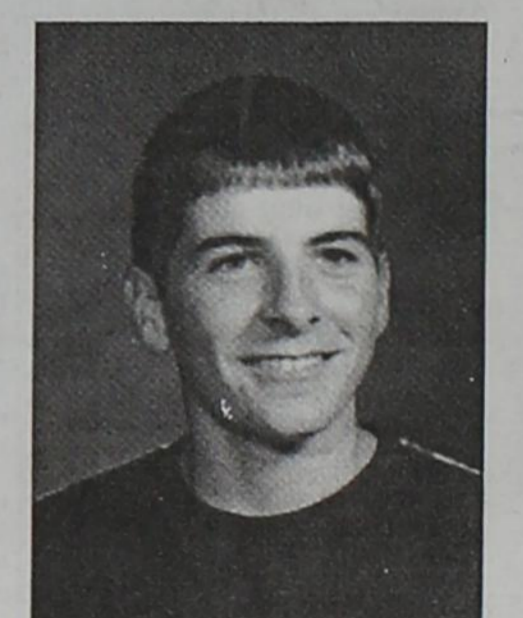
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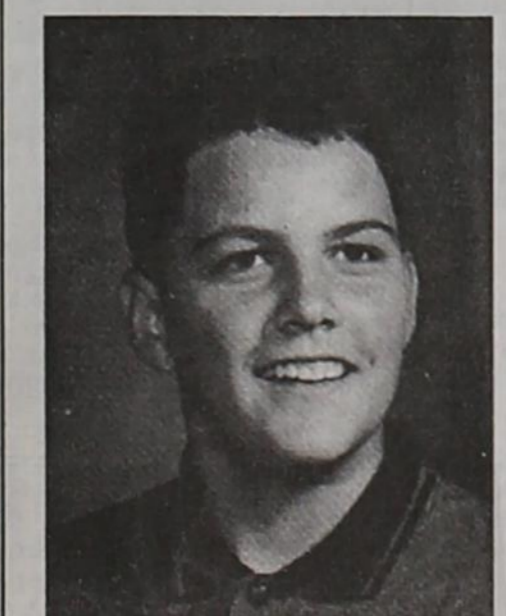
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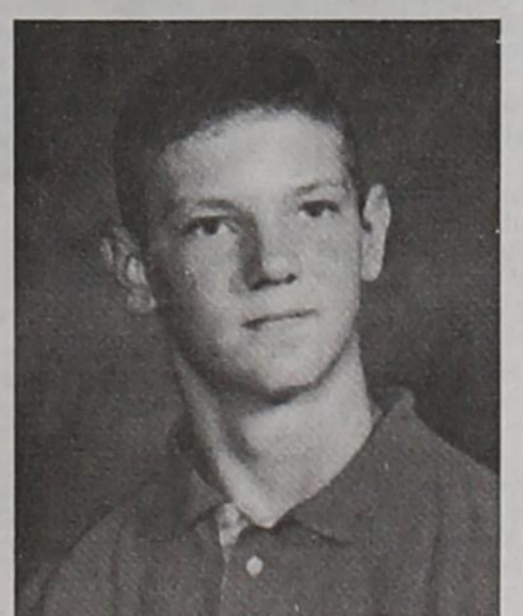
Brad Baxter



Justin Jameson



Chantry Meyer



Clint Cooper

Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 17 Motley County students are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*.

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 33rd Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 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 compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. 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.

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I have a one-track mind this week, so I am having a hard time deciding what to write for this week's column. My little grandson was born tonight about 6:00 p.m. and he's all I can think about. Due to the fact that I must get the paper completed on Tuesday and we usually work very late, I couldn't go! I hoped for months that he would arrive on a Thursday or Friday, but he was ready to get here on Tuesday. Anyway, my mind is wandering to Lubbock with thoughts and excitement of seeing him.

Little two-year-old Morgan just received a new title, that of Big Sister. I know she will be a good one. I'm anxious to see her reactions to having a little one around.

If you haven't attended a high school basketball game yet this year, be sure to try to get to one. Talk about exciting. These games are fast action games. It's hard to take pictures at basketball games, they are so fast paced. I just snap and hope!

Don't miss Late Night Shopping Thursday night. These evenings are so much fun. The streets of Matador are filled with shoppers hurrying around town, taking advantage of the late hours, special savings, and refreshments. And don't forget Santa will be in town, so you better be good!

I think we have printed something similar to the following, but this one is a little different, and so true.

YOU MIGHT BE FROM A SMALL TOWN IF.....

- * You can name everyone you graduated with.
- * You know what 4-H is.
- * You ever went to parties at a pasture, barn, or in the middle of a dirt road.
- * You used to drag "main".
- * You said the "f" word and your parents knew within the hour.

* You schedule parties around the schedule of different police officers, since you know which ones would bust you and which ones wouldn't - same goes with the game warden.

* You ever went cow-tipping or snipe hunting.

* School gets canceled for state sporting events.

* It was cool to date someone from the neighboring town.

* You had senior skip day.

* You can't help but date a friend's ex-girlfriend.

* Your car stays filthy because of the dirt roads, and you will never own a dark vehicle for this reason.

* The town next to you is considered "trashy" or "snooty", but is actually just like your town.

* Getting paid minimum wage is considered a raise.

* You bragged to your friends because you got pipes on your trucks for your birthday.

* Anyone you want can be found at either the Dairy Queen or the feed store.

* You see at least one friend a week driving a tractor through town.

* Football coaches suggest that you haul hay for the summer to get stronger.

* Directions are given using "the" stop light as a reference.

* Your letter jacket was worn after your 19th birthday.

* Weekend excitement involves a trip to a Wal-Mart.

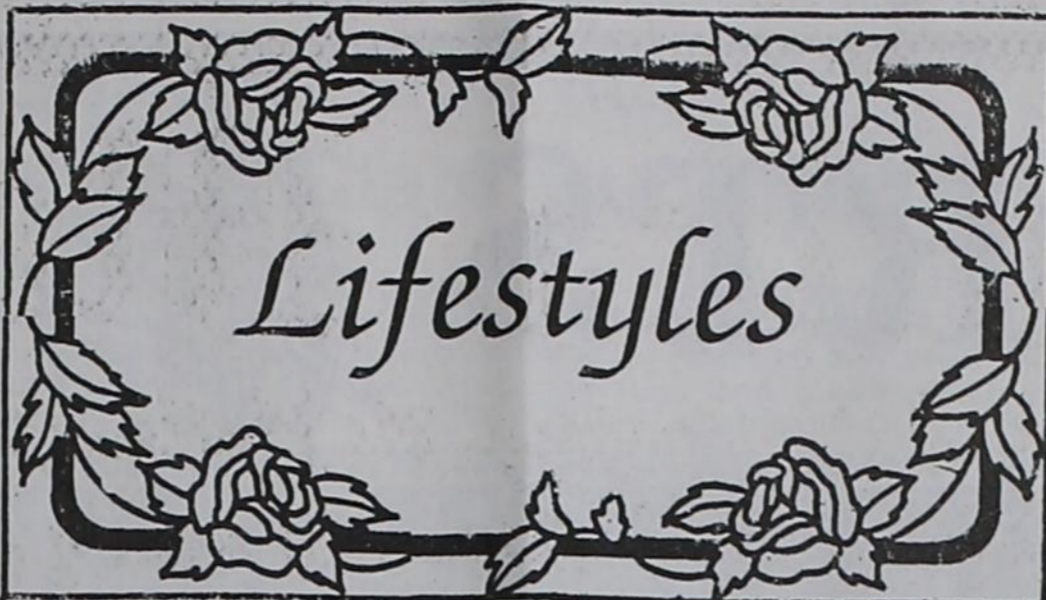
* You decide to walk somewhere for exercise and 5 people pull over and ask if you need a ride.

* Your teachers call you by your older siblings names.

* Your teachers remember when they taught your parents.

* You can charge at all the local stores.

* It is normal to see an old man riding through town on a riding lawn mower.



Predicta Study Club hears program on good health

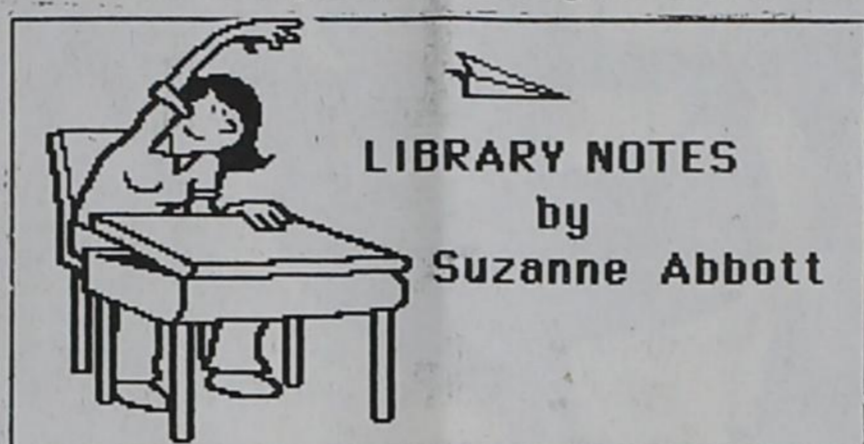
by Odessa Mullins

The Roaring Springs Predicta Study Club met November 18 at the Depot Clubhouse with nine members and three guests present. President LaVoe Thacker called the meeting to order. Grace Zabielski gave the devotion, "Following God's Path".

Odessa Mullins introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Jan Hamilton of Plainview and her houseguest, Dr.

Dina Kaufman from Brazil. Mrs. Hamilton showed slides and talked about Anti-aging, wellness and nutrition, and prevention of osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and dementia in aging. She will come back at a later date to do bone density screening with an ultrasound heel screening unit.

Refreshments were served by Pam Thacker. A short business meeting was called afterwards.



Late-Night Shopping Thursday night! The Library will be open from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. We'll be giving away some nice door prizes -- nothing to buy, just register when you visit the Library tonight. Joan Keith has donated popcorn and cider for us to serve tonight, and we appreciate these goodies.

The Friends of the Library is holding its used-book sale. We have many nice books all displayed on tables in the back room of the Library. We appreciate the work of Jo Scott, Patricia Green, Marihelen Wason, and Georgia Witcher in getting the books pulled out of the closet and on the tables. Thanks, ladies for your help. Everybody come buy a book. The prices are unbelievable and the proceeds help the Library. New novels in the Library include

The Price of Honor by David H. Hackworth; *Tony Hillerman's* newest, *Hunting Badger*; *The Third Heir* by Brenda Joyce; and *Michael McGarrity's Mexican Hat*.

We also have several new biographies, including *Amelia Earhart: The Mystery Solved*, *The Roosevelt Women*, *Nureyev, His Life*, *Michael Jordan Speaks*, *Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan*, and *The Lion's Pride: Theodore Roosevelt and His Family in Peace and War*.

These and many other new books are on the shelves ready to be checked out.

The next meeting will be the Christmas program and gifts will be exchanged at the home of LaVoe Thacker on Tuesday night, December 14, instead of the regular third Thursday. The time will be same, 7:30 p.m.

Look Who's New

Judson David Jones

Morgan Anne Jones would like to announce the arrival of her baby brother, Judson David.

Judson arrived on Tuesday, November 30, 1999. He was born in Lubbock at the University Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Mommie and Daddy are Jeremy and Whitney Jones of Lubbock.

Grandparents are Travis and Lou Anne Jameson and Jim and Carla Meador, of Matador; and Jon and Chris Jones of Fremont, California.

Great grandparents are Marion Woodruff of Matador, Glenn Woodruff of Lubbock, Dorothy Nichols of Northfield, Joe and Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs, Marian Jones of Goleta, California, and Dena Meador of Matador.

Judson and Morgan's proud aunt and uncles are Rebecca and Justin

Jameson of Matador and Joshua Jones of Fremont, California.



Mr. and Mrs. J.C. (Jay) Smiley

Couple celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. (Jay) Smiley of Lubbock celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 25, with a family dinner at their daughter's home in Ralls. Jay Smiley of Roaring Springs and the former Palma Lancaster of Matador were married November 26, 1949 in Spur. They have one daughter, Debby Ausmus of Ralls.

You are invited to share in the REDEDICATION of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church to celebrate the blessings from our Lord

**December 5, 1999
Mass at 2:00 p.m.**

Reception to follow

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"RESPECT"

R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Aretha Franklin made history with her tune several years ago and it still lives strong today in popularity. One of the reasons is the message it portrays: not to go taking advantage of some one, living the way you want - have and show respect for those around you. Not a bad idea.

Interesting thing about the song and the concept, though. It seems to speak more to the ones who are wanting respect; wanting to be given more respect than they are getting. That's not bad either. Everyone wants respect and to be respected.

Sometimes it seems that we want to get it more than we want to give it. Attitudes and actions seem to say, "Hey, you need to be respecting me for who I am." It's hard to expect to receive it if you are not that willing to give it.

Above all, I believe that the Scriptures reveal to us that God expects us to respect Him. He deserves it. He is worthy of it. We certainly owe it to Him. It has to be given in more than just lip service. It needs to be reflected in the way we conduct ourselves.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
Radio Programs K-96 FM
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

*Delaney Elaine
Blake Ryan
Winkler*

Derek and Lynette Winkler of Coppell, Texas would like to announce the arrival of twins, Delaney Elaine and Blake Ryan. They were born November 18, 1999. Delaney weighed 2 pounds 11 ounces and Blake weighed 3 pounds 1 ounce.

Grandparents are Roy Don and Barbara Winkler of Lubbock and Jim and LaVon Mills of Georgetown.

Great-grandparents are Carl and Shirley Barton of Roaring Springs.

*Kortney Rae
Campbell*

Wesley and Tracy Campbell of Dougherty are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kortney Rae. Kortney was born November 19, 1999. She weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She has an older brother, Brayden.

Grandparents are Wes and Lynn Campbell of Dougherty and Dennis and Margene Harris of San Antonio, N.M. Great-grandparents are Vance and Betty Campbell of Floydada, Juaneal and Phil Krambeck of Denison, Gertrude Harris of San Antonio, N.M. and Dorothy Miller of LaLuz, N.M. Great-great grandparents rae Bessie Glover of Floydada.

Things Change...

Our commitment to you hasn't!

COME TO WHERE THE STRENGTH IS.

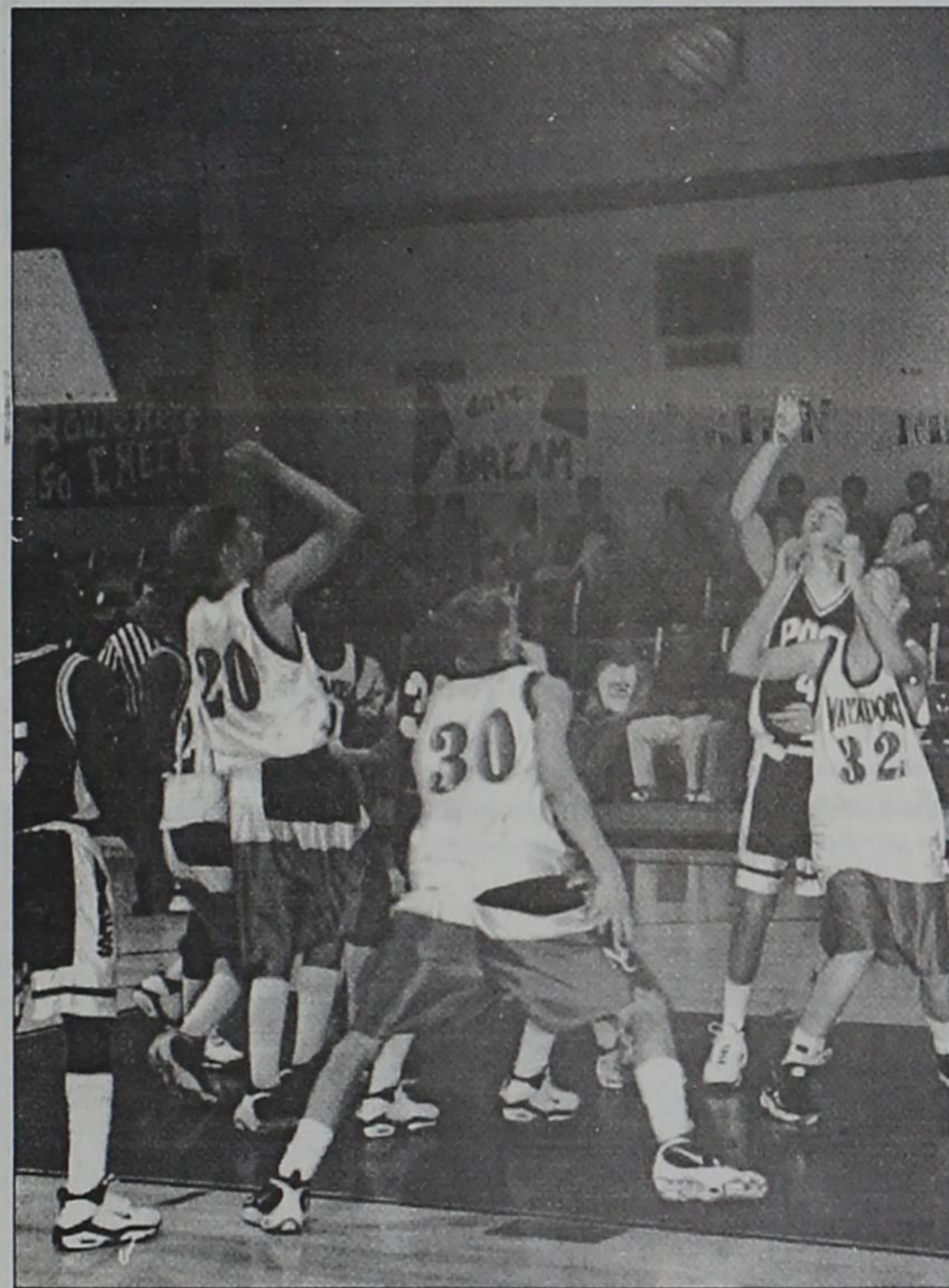
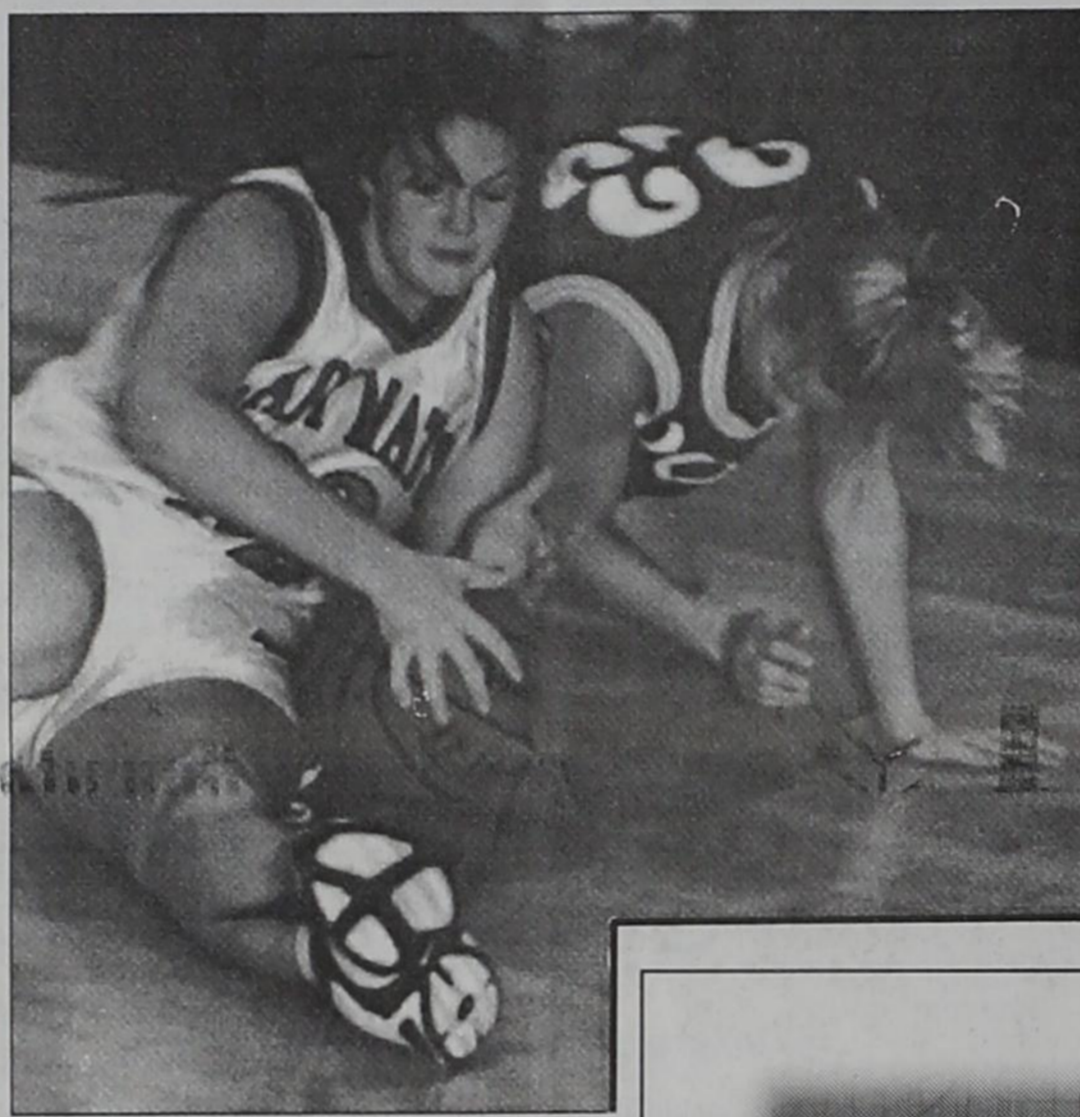
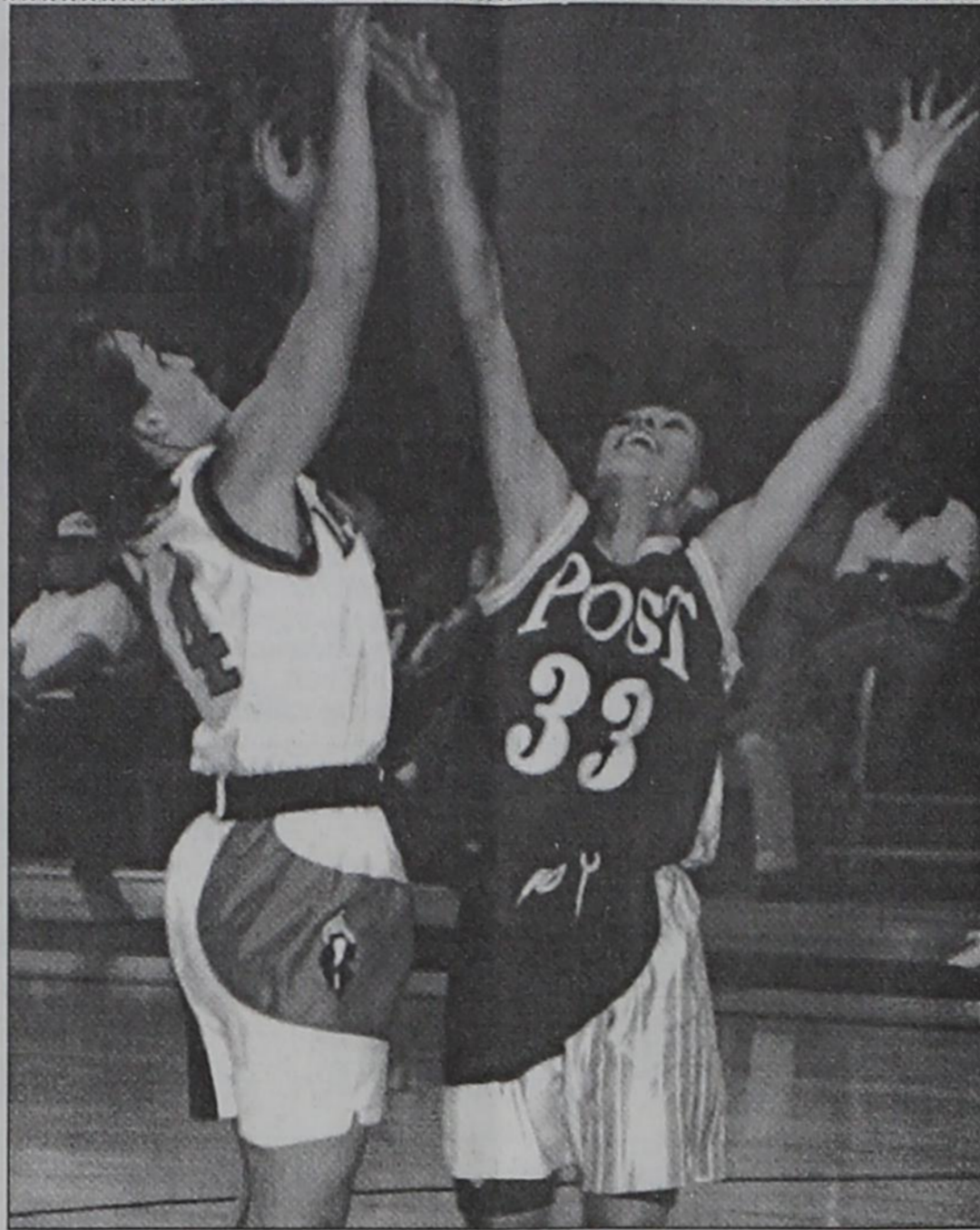
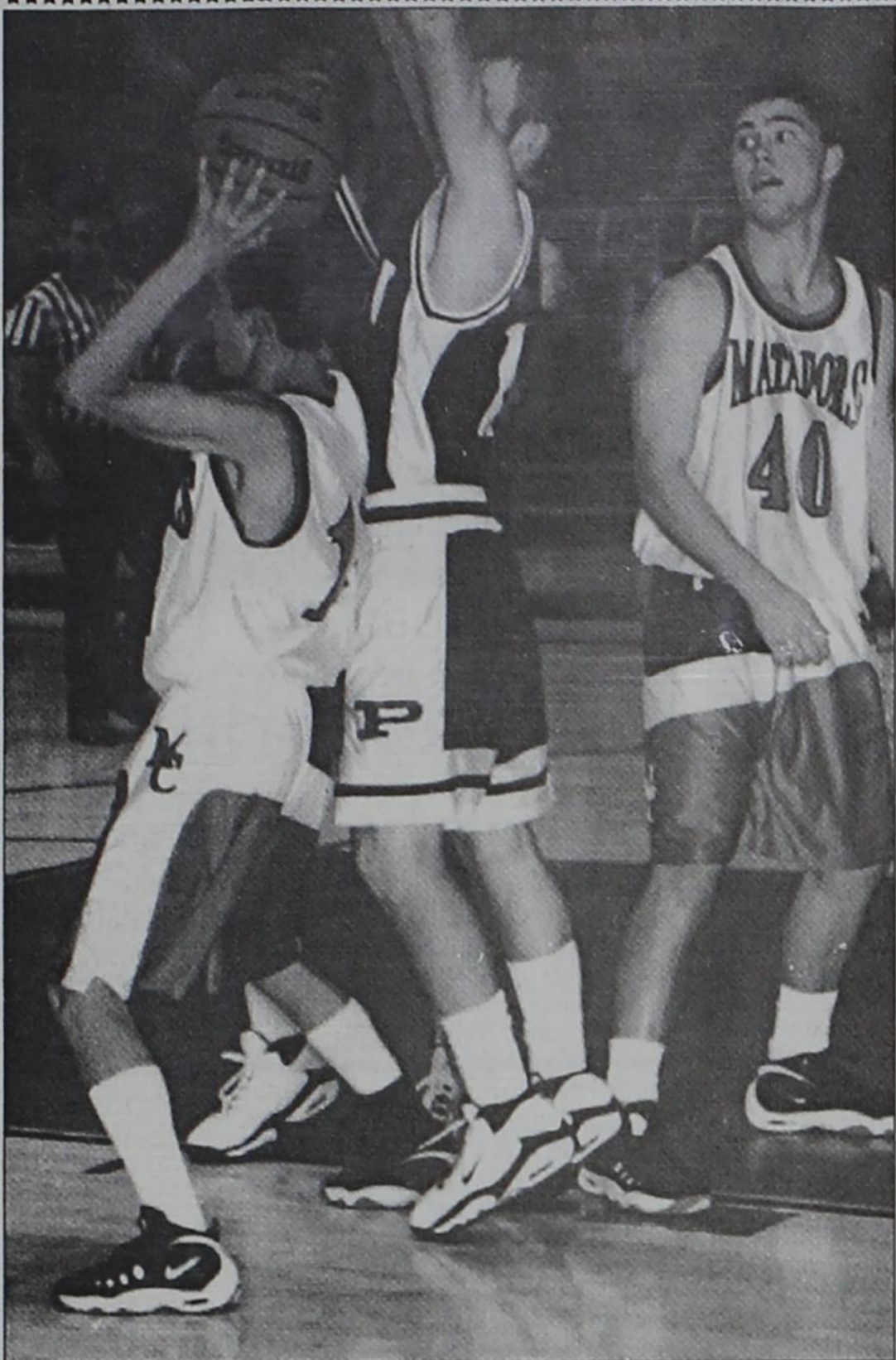
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SPORTS



BASKETBALL ACTION — Motley County Matador Ryan Moore keeps control of the ball, while #40 Matt Easter keeps his eye on the action, in top photo. Sean Rose #20, takes a shot. Chase Carson #30 and Chris Paul #32 are in on the action. The Matadors defeated Post last Tuesday night. They will participate in the Valley Tournament, Dec. 2-4. A report on the Matadors' games will be printed when stats are available.

LADY MATADOR, Kember Everett goes up against a Post player in top picture, while Rachelle Renfro struggles for the ball (in bottom picture) during last Tuesday night's basketball action. The Ladies will participate in the Valley Tournament this weekend.



each.
The Ladies placed third in the tournament.
The Lady Matadors lost to Post, November 23, by the score of 38-78.
Rabeca Morris led in scoring with 14 points. Courtney Hays added 9; Denise Shannon, 8; Kember Everett, 4; Rachelle Renfro, 2; and Shandra Jones, 1.
Courtney Hays was leading rebounder with 6. Miranda Palmer grabbed five; Everett and Jones, 3; Renfro, Shannon, and Morris, 2.
Coach Copeland stated, "Post is ranked 21st in 2A. The bright spot was Courtney Hays, sophomore, she had 23 on JV and 9 on Varsity and led the Varsity Lady Mats in rebounds."
The JV Lady Mats lost to Post, 39-51. Courtney Hays led in scoring with 23 points. Chasity Holman added 8; Brittany Donaldson, 5 and Lacy Carson, 3.
Chasity Holman led with rebounds, grabbing 13. Kelsi Wallace had 8; Donaldson, 4; Hays and Cassie Campbell, 1.
Coach Copeland stated, "The girls played 3 quarters real well, but just got beat on one quarter."

Motley County School News

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

from page 1
Local students selected include: Llan Barkley, Chase Carson, Brooke Decker, Robert Gillespie, Scott Jones, Sean Rose, Ashley Stevens, Leigha Burns, Kayla Copp, Jermaine Hendrix, Casey Lawrence, Denise Shannon, LeAnnra Wallace, Kandi Keltz, ShaVonne Taylor, and Beatrice Skaggs.

What's to Eat?



WHO'S WHO from page 1
It is possible that Santa Claus will make a short visit. Refreshments will be a part of the \$2.00 ticket price for students and adults. Tickets for preschool age children will be \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to costume the UIL One Act Play in the spring. For further information, call Carrol Hays or Kelli Jackson at 347-2676.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Bread Sticks, Juice Bar, Milk.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Santa Fe Chicken Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Crackers, Peaches, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs, Tater Tots, Pickles, Onions, Cowboy Cookies, Milk.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Breakfast: Cereal, Puffs, Honey, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cheese, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

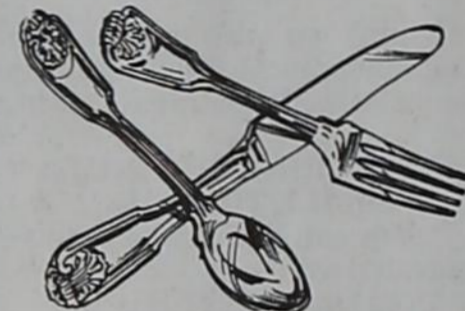
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pepper, Onions, Guacamole, Chips, Hot Sauce, Pinto Beans, Ice Cream Cup, Milk.

Holiday Favorites Sale

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Through Saturday,
December 11



Matador Variety



Granny's Tea Party

Sunday, Dec. 5 ~ 3:00 PM

at the home of Joyce Campbell ~ Matador

\$5.00 donation

Please RSVP for reservations ~ 347-2793

HOOP NEWS



The Motley County Lady Mavericks defeated Valley, November 22, in a very close game. The final score was 35-33.

Brittany Moore was leading scorer with 15 points. Kittie Campbell added 10 points. Others adding to the scoreboard were Angie Marvel with one; Sabrina Osborn, 2; Susana Mendoza, 2; Stacia Baxter, 2; and Amanda Hurt, 3.

Coach Bowles stated, "I was overall pleased with our first game. We know now some things we need to work on."

The girls defeated Memphis, November 29, with a final score of 30-27.

Brittany Moore was again leading scorer with 14 points. Angie Marvel hit 8; Stacia Baxter, 6; and Amanda Hurt, 2.

Coach Bowles stated, "We showed some improvement in our offense."

The Lady Matadors lost to Ralls, November 19, in the Ralls Tournament. The final score was 30-40.

Shandra Jones led in scoring with 8 points. Anna Christy, Kember Everett and Denise Shannon each added 6; Rabeca Morris, 4.

Shandra Jones also led in rebounding with 4. Anna Christy and Kember Everett each grabbed three.

Coach Copeland stated, "We were ahead at half time by two, but could not hold the board."

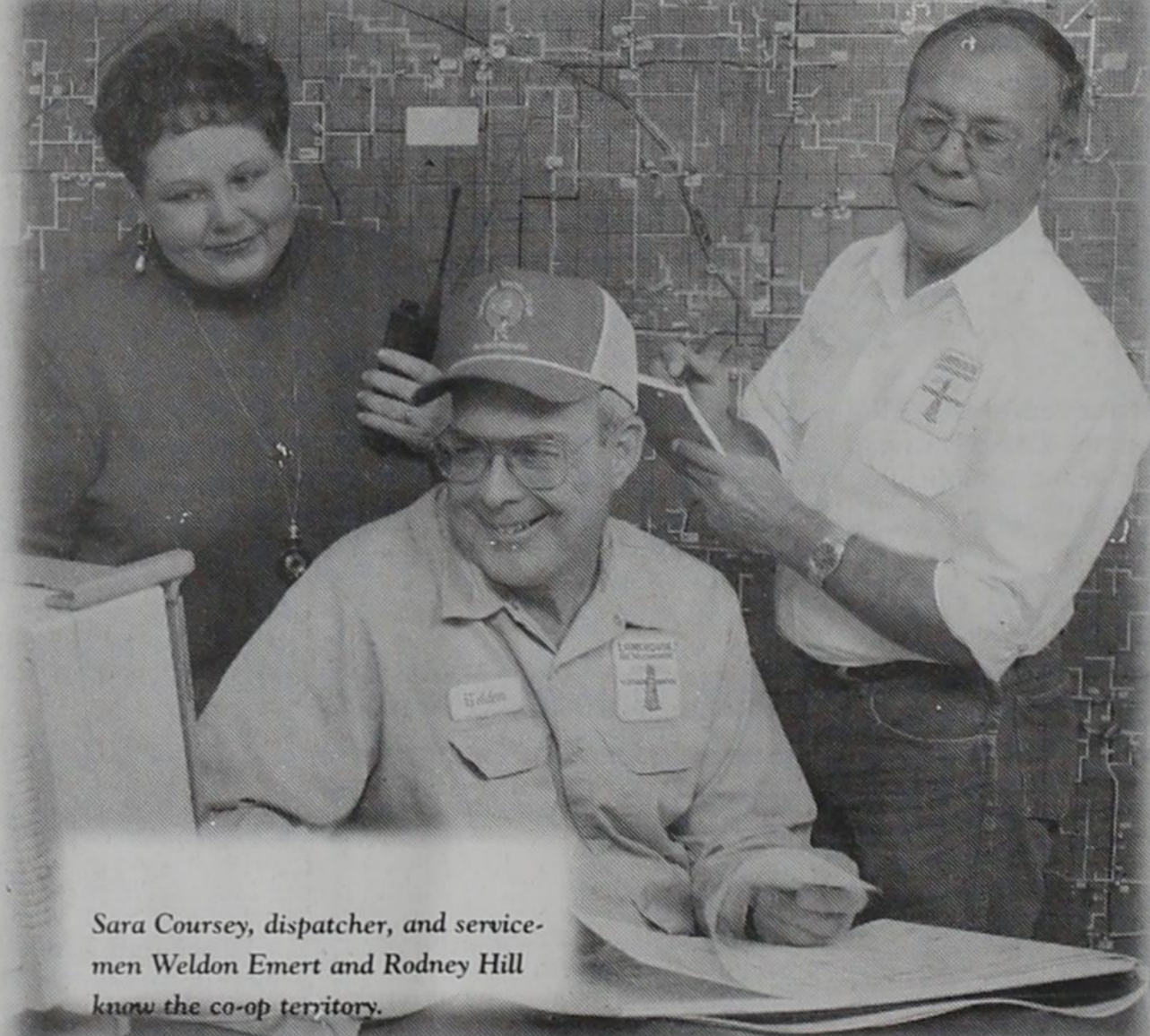
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Gene Adams, Special Assistant to the TxDOT Executive Director John Johnson, Texas Transportation Commission Member Billy Shawn Elliott, Motley County Maintenance, Ed Sims Director of Occupation Safety Division.

Shawn Elliott attends TxDOT State Truck Roadeo

CHILDRESS - Shawn Elliott, of the Motley County Maintenance Section for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Matador, participated recently in TxDOT's State Truck Roadeo Finals in Austin, Texas.

Elliott earned the right to participate at the state level by competing with all commercial drivers from Childress District's 13 counties. He scored top honors for the Childress District to earn the right to participate in the state drive-off finals. At the state level he placed 10th, competing with the top 50 drivers throughout the state.

TxDOT sponsors the Truck Roadeo annually as part of their fleet

safety training to recognize the skills of TxDOT truck drivers and to showcase the pride they have in the safe operation and maintenance of TxDOT equipment. Drivers are scored on their driving skills. First, they identify "planted" safety defects on a dump truck similar to equipment used in their daily work operations. They then drive through an obstacle course designed to simulate truck maneuvers encountered during a normal workday.

"We are proud of Shawn", said Carolyn Carrick, TxDOT's District Safety Officer. "He is a good and safe driver and represented Childress District TxDOT extremely well in Austin."

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

by Barbara Armstrong



The Motley County Chamber met for their November meeting, with a quorum, Jeff Thacker, Charles Keith, Wilburn Martin, Ronnie Vandiver, Tommy Cruse, Diane Washington, and Sondra Francis.

President Jeff Thacker reported that the Enterprise Zone Specialist contract with Scott Barley was ready to sign and send in with the down payment. They elected to do this now. Thacker also showed the map of the 20 square mile area that will be eligible under the economic plan to be studied. The area circles the cities of Roaring Springs, Matador, and Flomot and also runs along either side of Texas 70 from Roaring Springs

through Matador north, then west on Fm97 to Flomot.

Charles Keith reported on the meeting he attended with a Regional health team from the Texas Department of Health on possibilities of helping to improve public health in Motley County.

Thacker appointed a nominating committee of Wilburn Martin, Tommie Cruse, Diane Washington, Ronnie Vandiver, and Sondra Francis. They are to select and visit with possible candidates for new offices for January, 2000; one to replace Charles Keith, who is resigning from the Board, and one to be the new President as Thacker steps down after 5 years.

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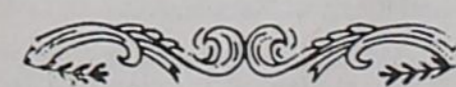
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Upper Pease SWCD now selling Texas & Wildlife packets for 2000

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The availability of certain trees and wildlife packets is limited this year. If you are interested, please place your order with haste. Both evergreen and hardwoods are available. Evergreens currently for sale

are: Afghan Pine, Austrian Pine, Pinon Pine, and Redcedar. Hardwoods available include: Fourwing Salt-bush, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Osage Orange, Sand Plum, and many more. Wildlife packets include: Quail and Pheasant, Deer, Turkey, and Squirrel.

There are numerous advantages of planting windbreaks around the home, the farm, and the field. Windbreak trees reduce damage caused by wind erosion. They also shade and shelter livestock from the elements. Furthermore, windbreaks provide food and nesting sites for a large number of wildlife. Trees also protect homes and farmsteads from destructive winds and blowing dust. With the help of windbreaks heating and cooling costs are significantly decreased, excessive noise is screened, and the esthetic value of property is improved.

In this world, you must be a bit too kind in order to be kind enough.
—Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux

New SWCD Director Elected

Ronald Clay of Flomot was elected to the Upper Pease SWCD board of directors on October 12, 1999. Clay represents Zone 3 of the district.

The purpose of the Upper Pease SWCD, with headquarters in Matador, Texas is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district. In addition, the district serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

The board of directors coordinate the conservation efforts of various local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The five members serving on the district board of directors are responsible for district policies and procedures for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas soil and conservation district law.

In Texas there are 216 soil and water conservation districts. Each is a legal subdivision of state government organized by local agricultural landowners with the assistance of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, SWCDs do not have the power of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

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By Ace Reid



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Fall is a time of migration and movement for many wildlife species and deer are no exception. "Cars and deer are a bad combination on Texas roadways," Willy Graves, president of Progressive County Mutual Insurance of Texas, said. "Our company statistics show that collisions with deer cause an annual cost of about \$2.00 per claim to the industry."

These are some tips for drivers to help reduce collisions:

- The most active time for deer is during dawn and dusk. At this time, deer are moving from evening feeding areas and daytime bedding sites.
- Rut, or mating season, is one of the most dangerous times of year. Deer are more likely to go into off-limit areas in search of a mate. Breeding season occurs during the colder months of the year. Based on where you are in Texas, the peak of rut can happen between the months of October and December.
- Hunting in the woods also sends deer out to the roads in panic. Keep your eyes out for deer near known hunting leases.
- The simplest thing drivers can do to reduce an accident with a deer is to drive the speed limit. Reduce your speeds in areas where visibility is low.
- Raise awareness at locations marked by deer crossing signs. These zones are set to identify where

deer are frequent.

• Deer usually travel in groups. If you see a deer cross a road, slow down and use caution because it is likely more will follow.

• Drive with lights on during overcast days and use high beams at night whenever possible. The reflecting light from deer eyes help you to see animals close to the road.

If a deer suddenly jumps in front of the car, firmly apply your brakes and stop. Deer are quick and agile animals able to leap out of your path much easier than you can steer around them. Most serious injuries occur when a driver swerves out of control causing the vehicle to skid off the road or strike oncoming traffic.

If you do hit a deer with your car, do not touch the animal. A strong deer in shock might hurt you or itself if moved. You should try to get your car off the road and call the police.

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