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Around Town

High School Choir Will Present Christmas Program

A Christmas program featuring the Motley County High School Choir will be presented Thursday, December 17 at the school auditorium, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments, provided by PTO, will be served in the cafeteria after the program.

Christmas Candlelighting Service

The First United Methodist Church is having a Carol Singing, Scriptures and a Candlelighting Ceremony at the Church on December 20 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Christian Athletes To Share Evening Of Christian Fellowship

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes invite you to share an evening of Christian fellowship Saturday, December 19 at 6 p.m. at the High School gym. Guest speaker will be Buster Leaf, Head Football Coach of Lubbock Monterey High School. Special music will be presented by Joe Reed, former NFL Quarterback for the Detroit Lions, and by the Motley County School Choir, directed by Beverly Mars.

Roaring Springs Assembly of God Church Christmas Program

The Roaring Springs Assembly of God Church will have their annual Christmas program, Sunday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. A Little Christmas Tree Gift will be presented by the children of the church and community. This program will be directed by Karen Brown. A birthday party for Jesus will follow in the fellowship hall, with refreshments served. The public is invited to come and join in this joyous occasion.

Early Deadline For Christmas Paper

The deadline for the Christmas edition of the Motley County Tribune, December 24th issue, will be Monday noon, December 21. We will print the paper that week on Tuesday, December 22, and mail out papers that afternoon. Please have all news and ad copy into our office no later than noon, Monday, December 21. Our office will be closed December 24 through January 1. We will not have a paper the week of December 31. Please remember this, so if you have a news item or ad for the next week, Jan. 1, it will need to be in the Dec. 24 issue.

5 days 'til Christmas

Keiths Celebrate Season By Sharing Family Treasures With Museum

by Marisue Potts

During the waning days of 1992 Charlie and Viola Keith have combed through their home, scoured the garage, and even rummaged through years of dust in the old chicken house. Their quest? A collection of family heirlooms that would depict the colorful history of our country. In a spirit of sharing this retired farmer and school marm have come up with many unusual and unique items which are now on display at the Motley County Museum. A vestige of Christmas Past is a photograph of one of the community's first Christmas celebrations in the courthouse. The huge cedar trees were decorated with a present for each child in the small settlement.

Reaching back in time, for the county history room, the Keiths came up with the County's first wedding dress and marriage certificate, that of Ella Cribbs and her betrothed, D.C. Keith, who were to make their first home in a cozy dugout. Family photographs capture the two and their family as they and the county prospered together. A depression scrapbook with its homemade cover and brown bag paper covering the history of the county in newspaper clippings collected by Mrs. D.P. Keith was donated by another Keith clan member, Mrs. Loyd Latimer.

A New Home treadle sewing machine used in later years by Miss Mary Keith, and still threaded after all these years

with a wooden spool of aged ecru cotton thread, graces the lobby of the museum. There also one finds an early day vacuum cleaner, the size of an "electric broom" of the 1980's but powered by vigorous pumps from the Keith women as they relocated the blowing red dust of many sandstorms. Numerous wooden items used in the kitchen or in the carding of material for spinning attest to the hard work once required to feed and clothe the growing family.

But it wasn't all work, as a medley of sheetmusic spanning the years proclaim. Rousing marches and romantic ballads included two popular during The Great War, which are on exhibit in the veterans room. Historic photos donated by the Keith and Patton families depict Civil War Confederates and World War I men in

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Sharing family heirlooms with the Museum are Viola and Charlie Keith. Among the many items recently cataloged are a hand-pump vacuum, the county's first wedding dress, and a treadle sewing machine.



MERRY CHRISTMAS MOTLEY! — This door, decorated by the Sophomore class, was the first place winner in the Student Council sponsored contest at school. All the doors were beautiful and originally designed. First place winners were treated to a coke party and 2nd and 3rd place winners were given suckers. Winners are as follows: Elementary, 4th grade, 1st; 6th grade, 2nd; 3rd grade, 3rd; Jr. High, 8th grade, 1st; 7th grade girls Computer class, 2nd; Hat period kids, 3rd; High School, Sophomore class, 1st; Biology-2 classes, 2nd; 4th period Geometry class, 3rd. The Student Council expressed their thanks to Anna Ortiz, Debra Spray, Brenda Osborn, and Reneigh Burns, for judging the doors.

City Council Meeting Report

The City Council of Matador met December 10 for their monthly meeting. After hearing the minutes and bills, Council members heard a report from Ava Clyde Crump, one of five members of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee. The Committee presented 10 new photos of unsightly vacant lots or old falling down buildings, to be cleaned up.

Ava Clyde stated they felt the project had helped get some lots cleaned up, but there are some it had only offended, and made them stubborn about cleaning up their property. Crump suggested they provide a truck or trailer for trash that could not go into the landfill, at a specified time to help clean up lots and alley ways, etc., the alleys and vacant lots can't be mowed until they are cleaned up. One of the main problems is people who own property and live out of town, they need to be aware of the cleanup.

Crump also said the Committee felt the City needs to publicize the Do's and Don'ts of the rules of taking care of trash

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FFA Members Win Big At District Banquet



FIRST PLACE WINNERS — These Motley County FFA members brought home First Place for their version of "Lean On Me", which they performed at the recent District FFA Banquet held in Clarendon. They are pictured left to right, Brad Thacker, Jarrod Brooks, Bobby Barton, and Kevin Keltz. They are all members of the Freshman class.

On Monday, December 7th, twenty-one members and guests from the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the Greenbelt District FFA Banquet held on the campus of Clarendon College. The Greenbelt District is one of the largest of the six districts in Area I. It is made up of seventeen schools from the rolling plains and eastern panhandle region. After the opening ceremony and meal, the District Officers conducted the Mr. and Miss FFA Contest. This contest consists of a male and female FFA member team that gives a three minute presentation on the FFA. The winners of this contest were Lisa Masterson and Cody Springer of Guthrie. The Talent contest was conducted with four talent teams competing. After a very hearty rendition of "Lean On Me", some fancy footwork to accompany the song,

and a runoff with the Valley FFA talent team, the Motley County FFA talent team of Bobby Barton, Jarrod Brooks, Kevin Keltz, and Brad Thacker was declared the winner of the contest. The teams are voted on by voting delegates from each FFA chapter in the district. The team will represent the Greenbelt District at the Area I Convention held at Amarillo Tascosa High School in May. Way to go! District Sentinel Josh Palmer from Motley County presented banners to the winners of the District Leadership Contests that were held in late October, and to the winners of the Mr./Miss, and the talent contest. Receiving the banner for third place in Farm Radio Broadcasting were team members Brandon Blanch, Chad Graves, and Josh Palmer. Members of the first place Chapter Conducting team were Brad Thacker, Lee Jones,

School Board Meeting Report

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Wednesday, December 9, in the boardroom for a short agenda. After the minutes were read, the bills were paid and the financial statement was approved, the board elected to renew the Treasury bill due in January for six months only.

George Blanch, Superintendent, explained a Texas Association of Community Schools (TACS) update, which reads as follows: With increased pressures being put on lawmakers to meet a state-mandated, June 1 deadline, consolidation keeps creeping its way into the House and Senate as a possible resolution to this unending educational fiasco that now faces our state. The Texas Association of Community Schools want its members to know how important it is we keep fighting to save our small schools. TACS is adamantly opposed to forced consolidation. Meeting adjourned.

Kevin Keltz, Bobby Barton, Cara Franks, Jarrod Brooks and Denise Duarte. FFA members attending the banquet from Motley County were Dustin Davis, Matt Mangram, Tye Stephens, Jeremy Jameson, Chad Graves, Josh Palmer, Brandon Blanch, Steve Lancaster, Brad Thacker, Lee Jones, Bobby Barton, Kevin Keltz, and Jarrod Brooks. Guests of the Motley County Chapter at the banquet, were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper and Clint, and Mrs. James Palmer.

Motley County Commissioners Meet In Regular Session

The Motley County Commissioners Court met Monday, December 14. After the invocation by Commissioner Franklin Jameson, the Commissioners read the minutes, bills and reports. The J.P., Precinct 1, Place 1, collected \$5,000. Precinct 1, Place 2, none. Rodney Williams and Craig Turner representing the Fire Department, reported they were in the process of replacing one engine in one of their trucks and would have to replace another one real soon. They also had ordered the new antennas for two of the Commissioners' vehicles. Court set County Holidays for 1993: New Years Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, April 9; Memorial Day, May 31; July 4th, to be observed July 5; Labor Day, Sept. 6; Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-26; Christmas, Dec. 24.

purchase the Deputy car out of the miscellaneous account. Commissioner J.N. Fletcher gave a report on the Appraisal Board. Betty Luckett had resigned on November 24 and Kathleen Wason was appointed Chief Appraiser and was scheduled to start her schooling as soon as possible. Fletcher also reported the Audit report showed that some land appraisals are too high, but most are too low. Judge Boyce Hart asked for nomination for member of the Appraisal Board from the court. Jameson stated he feels the Judge should represent the County as he knows more of the finances and he also feels the Mayor should represent the City because of the knowledge of the finances. Jameson nominated Hart. Due to lack of second, motion failed. Commissioner Butch Hughes nominated J.N. Fletcher to return as representative. Motion passed. Court discussed that there is a problem with the Senior Citizens building use. This will be put on the agenda for the January meeting so the Senior Citizens can meet with the Court. Meeting adjourned.



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS..... Little Andrew Brown, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Brown of Roaring Springs, seems to be very intense in telling Santa just what he wants for Christmas. Santa was in Roaring Springs last Saturday, visiting with all the children, and making special visits with the elderly.

Winners Named In Roaring Springs Old Fashioned Christmas

Winners were announced Monday, in drawings held in Roaring Springs for their Old Fashioned Christmas day, Saturday, December 12. They are as follows: Post Office, Jerry Green; Thacker Jewelry, Stacey Hinsley, Floydada; Thacker Supply, Sybil Brandon; Lawrence

Farm Store, Sheila Lefevre; Lou's Jellies, Sheila Lefevre; Country Boutique, Elmer Hipp; Parks' Roping, LaVoe Thacker; Parks' Welding, Pearl Patten; Long Insurance, Tom Yeates; L&L Cafe, Jan Timmons; Alexander Fuel, Melvin Pitts; City Grocery, Tom Yeates; Red Ball Gin, Carl Pierce.

Program For El Progreso Club Reflects True Christmas Spirit

The true spirit of Christmas was reflected in a story given by Mrs. Robert Dickson for El Progreso Club at its December 10 meeting in the home of Mrs. R.C. Giesecke. The narrative was told from the viewpoint of the humble little donkey, Jaska, who bore Mary on the eventful journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and events leading up to the birth of the Christ Child.

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the Saviour of the world, the music "O Holy Night" provided the theme and was played by Mrs. Frank Pohl at the piano. Mrs. Giesecke joined her later in the program for solos and duets on casio and keyboard instruments, and piano.

Mrs. Dickson began her narration, titled "A December Night... Long, Long Ago," with the observation, "One lowly creature was present that Holy Night - listen as he tells his story." In a colorful vein she wove the events into a drama of love: "Christmas is the celebration of the day

when Love came down from heaven and became Jesus, Our Lord."

Musical interludes included "O Little Town of Bethlehem," with Mrs. Giesecke at the piano and Mrs. Pohl, the keyboard, and "Away In A Manger," casio and keyboard duet, as the story unfolded, describing the rejection at the inn, the location in the stable, the discovery by the donkey, of the baby's birth and the arrival of the shepherds, who had followed the Star from the east. "The Shepherds bowed in deepest adoration, and Jaska listened to the last notes of the heavenly chorus as it finished its glorious message."

"He stood very still, trying to understand what it was all about. He was only a little brown donkey, but this much he knew: Mary and Joseph had been chosen to be a part of a marvelous miracle. The birth of the Baby Jesus in a Bethlehem stable had been foretold many years ago. And, wonder of wonders he, Jaska, a humble Nazareth donkey, had been per-

mitted to have a part in this wonderful happening.

"For the rest of his life he knew he would remember this December night; the stable with the glowing star overhead; worshipping shepherds; and patient Joseph; the lovely Mary; and above all, the face of the Infant Jesus in the circle of the Heavenly Halo."

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Dale Baumgardner, for the reading of minutes by Mrs. Joe Campbell, secretary, and discussion of other business of the club. Mrs. Campbell served as program leader and presented Mrs. Dickson, whose unique program included a painting of a donkey, bearing a saddle, decorated with jewels, for a background.

Rev. Mary Helen Cross, pastor of the First United Methodist Church led the club in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful" and other Christmas hymns and carols. She read Psalm 100 for the Inspi-

ration Thought to conclude the program.

A white elephant gift exchange from a beautifully decorated tree was enjoyed by the group, followed by refreshments from the dining table, laden with canapes, hors d'oeuvres, cookies, cake, hot punch and coffee, provided by hostesses, Callie Giesecke, Dorothy (Mrs. E.A.) Day, Lucretia (Mrs. L.B.) Campbell, Marge (Mrs. J.E.) Edwards, and Grace (Mrs. Harold) Campbell, who offered thanks for the repast.

Others present were Josephine (Mrs. John) Hamilton, Pearl (Mrs. Harry) Patten, Sue (Mrs. George) Seigler, Lila (Mrs. Douglas) Meador, Dorothy (Mrs. Fraiser) Watson, Lucretia (Mrs. R.E.) Campbell, and those on the program, JoElla Bumgardner, Loys Campbell, Jo Ann Dickson, Lola Pohl and Mary Helen Cross.

Home Economically Speaking

by Beverly Thomas,
Home Extension Agent - Home Economics



PLAN FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY BIRD...

Whether a novice or an experienced turkey cooker, plan ahead and follow these steps to make the process of preparing and serving the holiday turkey safe and worry-free:

— Decide how much turkey you will need before you shop. You'll need about one pound per person, or one and one-half pounds per person if you want plenty of leftovers.

— Make sure you have the equipment needed. Do you have a roasting pan large enough to roast a large turkey? If not, an alternative would be to roast two small birds instead of one large one. For best results, plan to use a meat thermometer to register internal cooking temperature.

— Decide whether to buy a fresh or frozen turkey. A frozen turkey can be purchased well in advance, but a fresh bird should be bought only one to two days ahead.

— If you have a frozen bird, plan for enough days to refrigerator-defrost it. A rule of thumb is about 24 hours of defrost time for each 5 pounds of turkey.

— When handling the bird, wash hands, sink, counter, utensils and platter thoroughly with soap and water before and after handling. This will help prevent contamination and potential food safety problems.

— If you plan to serve stuffing, the safest alternative is to cook the stuffing in a separate pan. Stuffing inside a bird can remain at temperatures that encourage bacterial growth. If you choose to stuff the bird, do it right before roasting, not ahead of time.

— Preheat the oven to 325 degrees to 350 degrees F. Place the turkey breast-side up in a shallow roasting pan. Insert a meat thermometer in an inner thigh of the bird.

— Allow 15 to 18 minutes per pound cooking time for an unstuffed bird and 18 to 24 minutes for a stuffed bird. A whole turkey is done when the internal temperature reaches 180 degrees F. in the inner thigh (dark meat). A turkey breast should reach 170 degrees F. internal temperature. Stuffing should reach at least 165 degrees F.

— Allow the cooked turkey to sit for 20 minutes before carving.

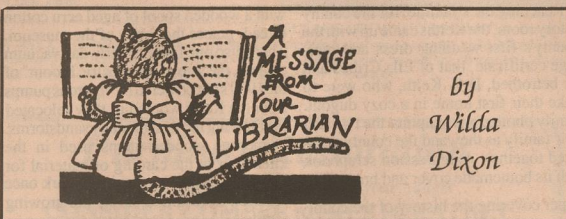
— It's very important to refrigerate leftovers immediately after the meal. Carve leftovers from the bone and refrigerate immediately. Cooked turkey and stuffing should not remain at room temperature for more than two hours.

— If you choose to roast the turkey ahead of time, it needs to be deboned after cooking and refrigerated in shallow containers. The meat can be reheated in the oven or microwave before serving.

Follow these tips to keep the holiday fun, not frantic. ***

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Anything scarce is valuable - praise, for example. ***



by
Wilda
Dixon

HOURS: Monday, 2-5 (open by volunteers)
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9-12 and 1-6
Thursday & Friday, 9-12 and 1-5
Saturday, 1-4 (open by volunteers) ***

1992 Dues for Friends of the Library may still be paid as well as 1993 dues at the Library or given to Mary Meason, treasurer. ***

Adult Education classes are being held each Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. Come if you do not have a high school diploma and will help prepare you to take the GED examinations. ***

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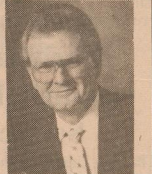
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FINE FREE MONTH
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Mental Health

by Ron Trusler, M.Ed., L.P.C.
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Mental Health, Mental Retardation; and Substance Abuse.



WHEN THE PAIN DOESN'T STOP

I wish all pain would be over with quickly, like a cold or a cut finger. Some painful things seem to go on forever. Some of them are: limited finances, poor health, living with someone who doesn't love you, a rebellious child, or working in a job you don't enjoy. How do you keep going? How do you live through stressful circumstances that do not seem to be ending soon? The following won't make the pain stop - it will help you live through it.

First, find someone to talk to. Sounds simple doesn't it? Don't skip this step. It is important. Too many of us do not share how we feel. We're afraid or we don't know how. Find someone who will let you talk, hurt, and feel ever how you feel.

You don't need someone to give you a sermon or a bunch of "shoulds" and "oughts". Find someone who will let you

be you, where you are now.

Secondly, do physical activity, consistently. Do something that takes energy, that will make you sweat. It may be jogging, walking, racquetball, tennis, etc. Do it often. It is a great way to relieve stresses and help you physically and mentally.

Third, watch what you say to yourself, your self-talk. This may be the hardest. We all talk to ourselves, whether we're aware of it or not. In bad times, it is easy to say things to ourselves like, "I'm not a good person; I'm a failure; I can't make anyone happy; I'll never make it through this; etc." Change that type of talking to something more realistic, like, "This failed, but that doesn't mean I am a failure; I'm not happy now but I will be someday; I'm not sure how I'll do it but I will; etc."

Do those three steps, consistently. They will help.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS
FINE FREE MONTH at the Motley County Library, December 7-31, 1992. Please look under beds, behind chairs, in closets and bookshelves for books that belong to the Library and bring them in without having to pay a fine. We need all our books so others may enjoy them.



Claricia Petra
Hernandez

Isaac Hernandez would like to announce the arrival of his new baby sister, Claricia Petra. She was born November 30, 1992 at 8:59 a.m. in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Isaac and Claricia are the children of Hilda Hernandez of Matador, and the late Raul Hernandez.

Grandparents are Fabian Hernandez of Matador and Ricardo Yracheta of Edinburg.

Great-grandmother is Maria Yracheta of Edinburg.

Museum Report

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uniform. Again a scrapbook put together by Mrs. D.P. Keith and donated by Mrs. Latimer amassed the newspaper clippings of the World War II era when the Tribune published many articles and addresses of local servicemen stationed around the world.

Since "Miss Viola" Keith was a school teacher for many years at Whiteflat and later at Matador, the school room is of special interest to her. There one finds the school bell that she rang to call her fourth graders in from recess and numerous school books used throughout her years of teaching. Miz Keith, a mother of two sons who no doubt could be extremely firm, is remembered by one of her students, now in her seventies, as "so sweet".

With all the heirlooms and treasures, and only a few are mentioned here, comes a story. With a twinkle in his eyes and a lively sense of humor Charlie Keith imparts glimpses of times past that were both good and bad, but mostly good. "Charlie," offers his wife, "Is one of the few left that can recall the early days. And he loves to talk". And talk he does, making history come alive for any lucky enough to hear.

If holiday visitors from out of town wish to view the museum, special arrangements for an appointment can be made by calling Glenn Woodruff, 347-2431 or Marisue Potts 983-3400. The Motley County Arts and Crafts members continue to donate their time to open the doors on most Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

MUSEUM DONATIONS

Charles A. and Kay Bird in memory of C.D. Bird family and Harrison Williams family

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Letters To Santa



NOTE: The following Santa letters were written by one of Mrs. Gastaneau's Computer classes.

Dear Santa,
I have been a relatively good boy this year if you don't count weekends and holidays, so I think I should be eligible for a visit this year, and I really liked the sack of switches you gave me last year. To start the list I would appreciate a new Chevy Duley with a matching Goose-neck, and a pretty little blond to go with it. I would also like to have a new pair of boots, red-tops are preferable, and to go with the boots some silver spurs would be nice. This is all that I can think of for now.

Sincerely,
Les

P.S. Give Mrs. Claus and the elves my regards.

Dear Santa,
This year we have been Angels. We would like a CD player. Also we would like Tons of Bubble Gum!!! We also would like some Black Justin Lace-ups, and 3 new Rocky Mountain Suits. Some CD's and tapes, such as T.L.C., Tanya Tucker, Wynona Judd. Aspen Cologne and Jewelry.

Please bring us everything! We will always be Angels.

Love always your little Angels,
Crystal & Louann

Hey Santa,

We want Frosty the Snowman to melt, Rudolph's nose to fall off, you to keep eating cookies and milk so you won't fit through anyone's chimney! We are tired of the Smurfs being left out of Christmas because they are blue, not red and green. And tell your elves we said, "How's the weather down there, shorties!!!"

Mr. and Mrs. Grinch

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things up at the North Pole? As usual, we've been extremely good young ladies. Well, we guess it's time to get down to business. For Christmas we want: Tribe, basketball shoes, a basketball goal, any kind of nice clothes will do, windsuits, new tennis rackets, Garth Brooks' new album The Chase, Wynonna Judd's new album No One Else On Earth, Trisha Yearwood's album I've Been Living on the Wrong Side of Memphis, and if it's not too backbreaking, we'd each like \$10 million.

Your Matador Buddies,
Monica Clifton & Tanya Barkley

Dear Santa,

I have been a perfect angel, "I think". This year I want a black pair of Justin lace-ups, a Country outfit, a Jam Box with cassettes, 'Black or White' by Michael Jackson, 'Take it Like a Man' by Michelle Wright, 'The Thunder Rolls' Rodeo, 'Shambless', by Garth Brooks, 'TLC', by TLC, Aspin perfume, Eternity by Calvin Klein, and mostly to see my Dad.

Love,
Sherry Shugart

Dear Santa,

This year I have tried to be a good girl. This year for Christmas I would like a pair of lace-up boots, some rocky mountain jeans, and shirts. I would also like to have some tapes such as Garth Brooks, Suzy Boggus, and Michelle Wright. That is most of all I want for Christmas. Thank you very much for what you brought me last year.

Love always,
Rebecca Long

Dear Santa,

We have been super good girls this year. Jill wants a new tennis racket,

tapes, a new walkman, VCR tapes, and a new bean bag. Kimberly wants some new tapes, a basketball goal, a new bicycle, my sister Rhonda, to shut-up and leave me alone, and a new Jam Box. If we get all of this we will leave you a neon snow-mobile.

Stay cool,
Jill Stanley and Kimberly Ashley

P.S. Sr. '98 is the best!

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Dear Santa,

We have been good. I want a tent. Amy wants a Barbie and a back-pack. I like tools too.

Thank you,
Cory Multer, 4 years,
Amy Multer, 2 years

P.S. We live at Garden City, Texas

Dear Santa,

How is it up ther at the North Pole? It is fun where it is not as cold as the North Pole is. You must love to fly up there in the sky. I say someday I will help many peole and become famues and go all around the world to help people. If I could get some toys for Christmas they would be Barbies. If I could get something alive it will be a cute girl puppie. One more thing, Be Happy.

Your friend,
Shantel M. Sanchez

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I would like to have a IBM computer, football game for Nintendo and baseball for Nintendo. Ask Mrs. Claus if she has been nice all year. I don't blame yu for working hard. I understand. How is Roudolph and Donner and Blitzen?

Your friend,
Brandon Moore

Dear Santa,

How are ya' doing? May I have a IBM Computer and a train? You did a great job delivering last year. How come you did not give Bradley one? Can you really go moc Z? Did ya' get the plaque the world gave you? (Y-N) I'm going to leave ya' apples, oranges, bananas and cookies and milk. May I have a map where to show me to your workshop? I have been nice this year.

Your friend,
Brent Speed

Dear Santa,

How are the raindeers? I hope that the elvs are doing oky with there work. Santa I hope ruedeoph is doing oky. I just want you to know that I want a Gameboy for Christmas. I hope my name is on the good list. Santa I am hankful for th sister that God has giving me. I wish that my dad could buy me the movie Hook. I hope everybudy in my family wold have a very happy Christmas. Santa for Christmas, I want a Gameboy and a Nintendo. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Ysef Alvarado

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been a good boy this year. How are things going in the North Pole? Would you please get me some roller blades, a real football helmet, a dart shotgun, and the American Gladiator Joust Set? Thank you for everything you got me last year, and all of the years before.

Sincerely,
Mark Cox

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus and all of your eight tiny reindeer? I hope for three or four things at least, maybe even more. I liked all of the things I got for Christmas last year.

This year I hope for a Whale of a Tail Ariel and Little Miss Magic Jewels, a

keyboard, basketball, Totally Hari Ken, Sparkle Eyes, Barbie, Mermaid Barbie, and Shampooole for Christmas. I've been mostly good and some bad, actually both. I want you to know that I hope you have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy Happy New Year!!!

Your friend,
Sherri Thomas

Dear Santa,

How are your elves doing? I hope you'll bring me lots of toys. I've been good and bad both. I've probably been motly good. How do your reindeer fly all around the world in one night? This is what I want for Christmas this year. Little Miss Magic Jewels and Magic Potty Baby. I have gotten sixteen presents under my tree. I'm about to have seventeen presents under my tree. On the top of my tree is a star with gold lights. I have got my stockings up already. I've got ornaments that are round but only a few of them. Is Mrs. Claus cooking lots of cookies for you? I've always liked this holiday. it's my very favorite holiday. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas with lots of bells ringing when you come. I also wish you a very, very, very, happy new year.

Your friend,
Courtney Hays

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Would you please get me all these things? Here are the things I want. I want some roller blades and a trampoline and a Aggie cheerleader dress. I want a picture of your elvs and reindeer. I want a roller blade Barbie and a California rollerbalde doll and I want Miss Magic Jewels and I want bicycle I hope you can get me a Crimp and Curl baby doll and I want Pretty Princess and some earrings and 5 or 6 trolls in cheerleader dresses. I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Rachael Smith

Dear Santa,

HI, how are you and Mrs. Santa? How are the nine reindeer? I want a buck shot

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? You have been working hard and you are a good guy. Please celebrate Jesus birth. How are your eight Raindeer and the elves? Can I have this, Santa. I'd like Segea, Game Gear, Super Nintendo, and all three Game Genies. I hope you get a good rest.

Your friend,
Doyle Atkinson

Dear Santa,

How is Miss Cluas and your eight little raindeer? I want a lot of stuff for Christmas. I want Miss Roller Blades. I want Miss Cremp and Curl. I want the whole collection of Polly Pockets. I want little Miss Singing Mermaid. I want little Miss Makeup. I want little Miss Jewels. The last thing I want for Christmas is little Miss Pottie Baby. Santa, I hope you have a Merry Christmas ever.

Your friend,
Christa Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,

I will have cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer on the kitchen table. Please leave me a Super Nintendo, and a tool set for Bert.

Love,
Mont Darsey
First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you and how is Mrs. Santa. My sister and I poot up the Christmas tree, we poot alot of good disien for my mom. What I want for Christmas is a gameboy? For Christmas we maybe go to see my grandpa and grandma for Christmas. I hop you have a good Christmas.

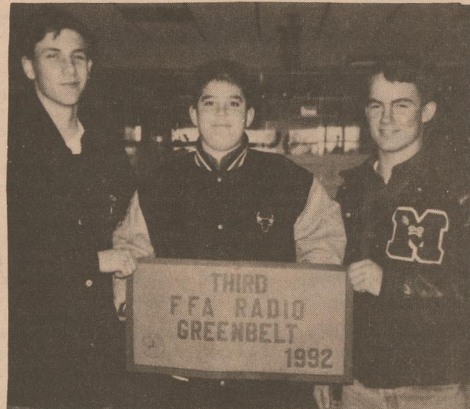
Your friend,
Tony Salazar

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Motley County School News



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Serving the Sophomore class as officers this year are (back l-r) Heather Turner, Secretary-Treasurer; Crawford Mason, Vice-President; Lesa Prather, President; (seated l-r) Brandon Blanch, Reporter, Wendy Lancaster and Jeremy Jones, Student Council Representatives.



THIRD PLACE WINNERS — These sophomore FFA members brought home third place in the Farm Radio Broadcasting division at the recent District FFA Banquet held in Clarendon. They are pictured left to right, Josh Palmer, Chad Graves, and Brandon Blanch.

What's Happening

Thursday, December 17: PTO Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m. The program will be the High School Choir.

Friday, December 18: School will let out at 1:30 for the Christmas Holidays! Modley County vs. Valley, there, J.V. games begin at 4:00 p.m. Varsity games will begin at about 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 19: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes invites you to share an evening of Christian fellowship tonight beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Gym. Guest speaker will be Buster Leaf, Head Football Coach at Lubbock Montery. Music will be presented by the Motley County High School Choir and special music will be presented by Joe Reed, former N.F.L. Quarterback of the Detroit Lions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PTO HAY RIDE THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY HAS BEEN CANCELED.

This is the last week to buy annuals. Contact any member of the Yearbook staff!



Robin's Ritins

If anyone is dreaming of a white Christmas, their dream may come true. From the heavy snow we received Monday along with the low temperatures the snow may keep a long time.

With the snow here it seems a lot more like Christmas now. With all the trees and houses decorated the snow just enhances how pretty and beautiful everything is.

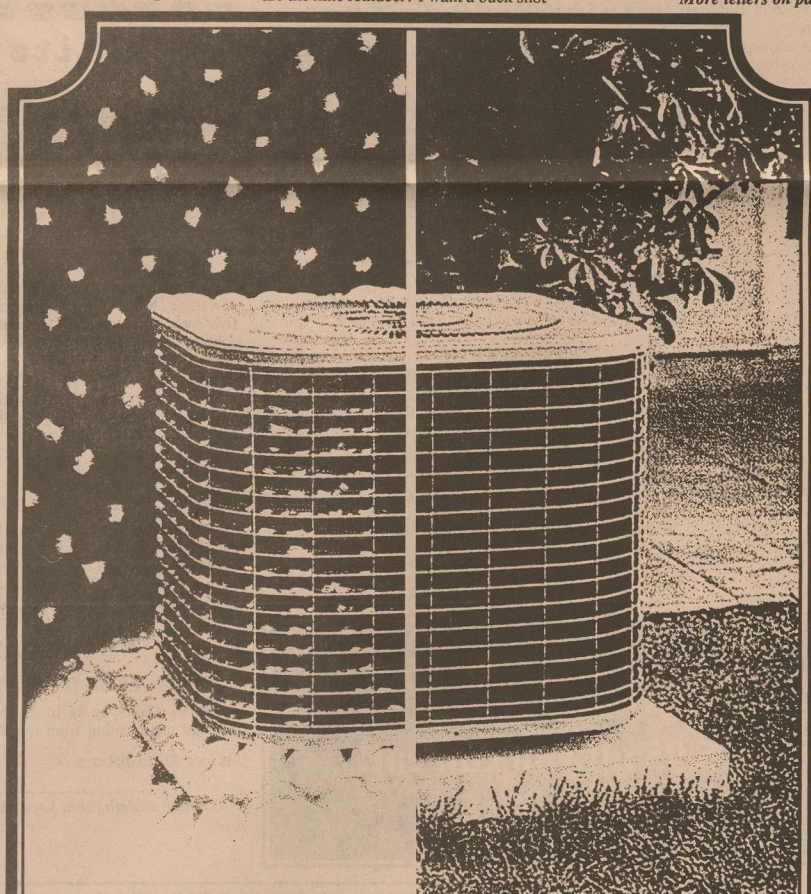
Another thing that makes it feel more Christmasy is all the parties at school.

Along with everyone getting into the Christmas mood! Don't forget! There are only 5 more (shopping) days til Christmas! Merry Christmas everyone! Have a safe and happy Christmas holiday!

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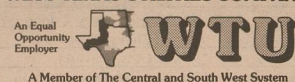
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The 1992 High Plains crop is well on its way to being off the stalk and in the gin yard according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

PCG estimates that the crop is now at least 75-percent harvested and that a week of favorable conditions could easily allow the remainder of the crop to be harvested. Rain in southern parts of the area during the past week has kept some producers out of the field completely and has delayed others for at least a couple of days.

How much cotton the area crop will produce is still an unknown at this time. Most industry estimates for the area are still below the USDA estimate of 1.51 million bales, however, the size of the crop is changing everyday as more cotton makes its way to gin yards around the area.

"The numbers we have been able to put together indicate a crop below the USDA estimate," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Few people have been able to get an accurate estimate of the crop because of the unique circumstances around which this crop was produced."

The December USDA estimate, released Thursday, left expectations for the size of the crop in districts 1-N and 1-S unchanged. Districts 1-N and 1-S are often used as a measuring stick for the 25 county area known as the Texas High Plains.

In contrast to the USDA estimate, preliminary figures on how much cotton

is expected to be classed in the Lubbock and Lamesa cotton classing office's continue to indicate a crop slightly over 1.235 million bales, considerably lower than the USDA estimate of 1.51 million bales.

Some adjustment, however, must be made in the classing office figures to allow for a difference in the average weight of those bales. This adjustment is necessary since the estimate reflects the actual number of bales to be received from area gins. These bales, known as "running bales", tend to vary in weight both above and below the 480 pound figure used to compute statistical bales.

Applying the necessary conversion factor moves the classing office estimates up to 1.27 million bales. An additional 100,000 bales can then be added to account for gins in the area that send their cotton to classing offices other than Lubbock or Lamesa. This brings the total to 1.37 million bales, still 140,000 bales below the USDA estimate. Most trade estimates place the crop approximately 100,000 bales below the USDA figure.

Calculations to figure the 1992 Deficiency Payment continue to indicate that the maximum payment rate will be paid to producers on the 1992 crop according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

Average prices received by farmers and cumulative marketings through the month of October, as received from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, are shown in the table below.

Preliminary Marketings and Prices Received Through August 1992

Month	Marketings (1000 Bales)		Price (¢ per lb.)	
	Monthly	Cumulative	Monthly	Weighted Ave.
January	2515	2515	51.6	51.60
February	1678	4193	49.6	50.80
March	1144	5337	49.9	50.61
April	737	6074	52.0	50.78
May	247	6321	52.2	50.83
June	361	6682	56.9	51.16
July	184	6866	55.3	51.27
August	278	7144	53.8	51.37
September	710	7854	52.6	51.48
October	1214	9068	52.7	51.64

*1992 figures are preliminary and subject to further revision

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Hi and thanks for the toys you gave me last year. This year I want a new po-go stick and some walkie-talkies. I also would like some warm gloves and a 10 foot long and 8 foot tall camping tent. I would like a net cracker and a gerbel with a cage. I have tried to be good.

Your friend,
Skylar Clifton

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I am fine. I thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I know you worked hard last year so do not work as hard this year. I don't want as many things as you made last year. So this is what I want, roller skates and totally hair, brabie, and a 10 speed bike and a fish to. That is a couple of things I would like that is it by.

Your friend,
Kelsi Wallace

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a good Christmas this year and I hope your raindeers are ready to fly on Christmas night. I think you will do a good job on sending presents. I think it would be nice of you to leave presents that I want for Christmas if you can get them for me same clothes and same reading books and a doll to play with a game boy with games to play with it a doll that is called Polly pocket and Touble double and Connect four. That is all I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Letisha Bluit

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Clas? Thank you for the presents last year. I wood like Nintindo games called Finel Fantisi II and III. I moved last year. I wood like to see you. I wood like sume Be-Bes for my BeBe gun. See you soon.

Your friend,
Andy Anson.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Well I'm doing fine. What I want for Christmas is Ernest scard stupid, Ernest saves Christmas, and Tornado Rex. I hope you have a safe trip.

Your friend,
Justin Jameson

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is it in North Pole? How is Mrs. Santa Claus doing? Is she fine? How are the eight raindeers doing? Are the raindeers fine? I wish I had a Christmas tree with pretty lights. A Barbie would make me happy, I hope I see you soon.

Your friend,
Lupe Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I know that you are working hard. I hope you are happy. I would make me happy if you would get me a little Miss Magic Jewels and a bike, if you have time. I hope you like making toys. Have fun, Santa.

Your friend,
Lisa Taylor

Dear Santa,

How are your eight reindeer? How are you elves? I have been good, Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? How are you, Santa Claus? I want for Christmas is Megaman Megaman 2, Home Alone I, Hero Quest, and a game not on the Nintendo. I want all the rest on the Nintendo, but Hero Quest Thank you for last year.

Your friend,
William Ho-Gland

Dear Santa,

How are you? I wish I could visit you at the North Pole. Thank you for the presents last year. How is Mrs. Santa doing? I hope she is fine. How is Rudolph? I hope he is still strong to pull the sled. I want a baby doll. That's all I have to say.

Your friend,
Leslie Taylor

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Santa doing too? I'd like a game boy and some pump ups, and new clothes. Boots and new socks, basketball, a football would be nice. You make people happy. Thank you.

Your friend,
Adam Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I would like a 3 Wheeler bicycle, Nintendo, toy electric Train, and a jump rpe. I am so glad that there is such a thing as Christmas.

Your friend,
Mark Meredith

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North Pole? Is it cold up there? How is Mrs. Claus and how are the new raindeer doing? I like to have a three wheeler for Christmas Thank God for letting us have another Christmas. Happy New Year.

Your friend,
Frank Martinez

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa and Mrs. Clas. How are you doing? I hope you get enough sleep next year. I want a football, pistol, game boy and clothes. That's what I want.

P.S. Good luck.

Your friend,
Ty Christopher

Dear Santa,

Hi! Santa, I know you are working hard, I hope you get a good rest. How are your eight reindeer. I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a super Nintendo, four wheeler and a bike.

Your friend,
Marcelino Ramirez

Dear Santa,

Are you tired of wraking on the toys? I have tried to be good, I would like a b.b. gun and a game genie and we will leave you lots of Christmas cookies.

Your friend,
Bradley Baxter

Dear Santa,

My name is Leigha Burns. I'm nine. I am in fourth grade. Thank you for the presents you got me last year. I enjoyed playing with them.

This year I would like a Shampooole and a computer with games that I can play on it. I really want a telescope. I would also like a gigantic teddy bear and the game Outta Control and lots more!

I would like these presents because I have been very good this year. I've helped a lot. I think they would entertain me all next year. I would really enjoy it if I received them.

Love,
Leigha Burns

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Elizabeth. I am nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. I live in Roaring Springs.

This year I want for Christmas a game boy, computer, and a glass doll.

The reason I want the gifts is because I am good! I always help the teacher and I help my Mom, too.

Yours truly,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? My name is Ashley Stevens. I am 9 yrs. old and in 4th grade.

I would like a Walk Man for Christmas. I would also like a color T.V.

I would like the color T.V. because I can watch whatever I like whenever I want. I would like the Walk Man because I can turn up the music without my Mom telling me to turn it down. Please bring me a Walk Man and color T.V.

Thanks,
Ashley Stevens

Dear Santa,

My name is Paige Neal. I am 9 years old.

For Christmas this year I want a t.v. and trolls. I also want a ring for Christmas.

I have been very nice this year. So when you come around this year come to my house and bring me a t.v. and trolls and ring.

Love,
Paige

Dear Santa,

Greetings! My name is Casey Lawrence. I'm 11 years old, I'm in fourth grade. I go to school at Motley County. I live in Roaring Springs. My teacher is Mrs. Pipkin.

This year I would like a color t.v. with a V.C.R. and a remote controll. I also would like video games for my Nintendo and my Game Boy. I would also like a Sega.

I think I should get these gifts because I've been very-very-good this year! This year I haven't picked very many fights with my brother.

Your friend,
Casey Lawrence

Dear Santa,

I'm Stephanie Prather and I'm nine years old. Thank you for the Techrodrome last year.

This year I would like a Sony Color T.V. I would also like a big big teddy bear and a race car set.

I think I should get the things above because I have been very good. The T.V. is good so I can watch anything I want to.

Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is LeAnnra Wallace. I'm 9 years old.

I want a Sony television, a telescope that can see the planets, and glass doll. They would go perfect in my room and I've been good all year.

Yours truly,
LeAnnra

Dear Santa,

I'm 11 years old and I've got two brothers and two sisters. These are the things I want. I want a T.V. and a Game Boy and a dirt bike. I would like a V.C.R.

The reason I think you should get these for me is because I have been good.

Thanks,
Christopher

Dear Santa,

My name is Sandy Russell. I am 9 years old and in the 4th grade. I have a nice teacher. Her name is Mrs. Pipkin.

Santa, I will like some lace-ups that are black A ring and a glass doll for Christmas.

I would like the gifts, Santa. My Mom thinks I need the lace-ups and the ring. I think I have been very, very good.

Thanks,
Sandy

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Rhonda. I'm 9 years old. I live in Matador. I have brown hair and blue eyes.

I want new clothes and new bike. I want a telephone.

Why you should get these gifts for me is because I have been good this year!

Rhonda Ashley

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm fine. My name is Rachelle Renfro. I'm ten years old and in the fourth grade. Thanks for the great stuff you gave me last year.

This year I would like a Panda Bear Ring and a color T.V.

There are several reasons why I should get these presents. Because I have good grades. I've been great this year. And I'm going to leave you homemade great tasting cookies and milk.

Your loyal friend,
Rachelle

Social Security Tips

by Mary Jane Shanes

Taxpayers Filing Federal Income Tax Returns Need Social Security Numbers For Any Claimed Dependent Age 1 Or Older

With the cooperation of State officials and hospital employees, many infants have Social Security numbers before they leave the hospitals. That's because in most states, including Texas, the Social Security number application process is tied into the birth registry system. Parents of children who don't have numbers should contact their local Social Security office and ask for an application for a Social Security card. Along with the completed application, they'll need to provide evidence of the child's age, identity, and U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status.

An official birth certificate is acceptable evidence of both age and citizenship for a person born in the U.S. For a foreign-born individual, a foreign birth certificate and a U.S. immigration document may be used to establish age and lawful alien status.

Getting a Social Security number is a free service provided by Social Security. People should not be misled by businesses that charge a fee for the same service.

They merely serve as an intermediary between the client and the Social Security office.

To find out more about obtaining Social Security numbers for dependent children, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, business days between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. or contact your local Social Security office.

Matador City Council

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and that anyone burning trash could be fined \$200, etc.

Council heard reports from Seven-Alexander, City Secretary, and Bill Jameson, City Water Manager, on the last landfill inspection by the Texas Health Department.

Jameson also reported that the four ponds in the new wastewater plant are full from the rains and the slow evaporation process in the winter.

He also reported there is an overuse of water this winter. For some reason there are 30,000 gallons of water a day coming into the plant, and the plant is designed to get rid of 30,000 gallons a day. Some of the problem is due to citizens running water during freezing weather and some due to leaks not repaired. He stated there is one meter in town that runs constantly, which is a waste of city water and the citizen's money. Jameson asked the Council to come up with a solution to the water problem. After lengthy discussion the Council decided to have David Todd of Todd Engineering to attend the next Council meeting and discuss this problem and solution.

Council made up a list of prospects to fill a fifth member vacancy on the Improvement Committee. The current members are Bobby Brown, Frank Ortiz, Carl King and Ava Clyde Crump. Meeting adjourned.



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The presence of coliform bacteria indicates a potential for disease causing microorganisms to be present in the water supply.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Bill Jameson at 347-2255.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL

The First Baptist Church is preparing for their Centennial in June, 1993. They would like to have pictures of early day members or early churches. If you have any of these, please take them to Debra Spray at the First State Bank; Judy Renfro at the PCA office; or Elaine Hart at the Motley County Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse. These photos will be returned.

NORTHFIELD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION SEEKING INFORMATION

The Northfield Cemetery Association is trying to purchase markers for all of the unmarked graves that are in our cemetery. If anyone has any information that might be useful to us we would appreciate having it.

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