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## Soup-R Saturday will feature Health Fair and Blood Drive

American Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 will play host to the first ever Soup-R Saturday, January 20, from 10 am. until 3 p.m. at the Matador Senior Citizens.

Featured attractions include a VA Health Fair, open to Veterans and

non-Veterans, plus a community blood drive.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 am. until 2:00 p.m.

Some real heavy hitters are expected for the dominoes and card games scheduled to get underway at

opening bell.

A drawing for a door prize will take place at 2:45 p.m. Tickets are available at the Motley County Library or on Saturday. A big sack full of fine Stafford Brothers' beef will be delivered to the winner on Monday, after Soup-R Saturday.

### Around Town News briefs of area events

#### PTO meeting set for Thursday

A PTO meeting has been set for Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

Discussion will include details of the prize for the Box Tops contest, guidelines for class parties, and a Pajama Reading Party.

#### Jr. Class to sponsor Donkey Basketball Saturday night

Looking for some unusual and really exciting entertainment to fill up your Saturday night? Well, look no further! The Junior Class of Motley County High School will sponsor a Donkey Basketball game, Saturday night, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school gym. Don't miss out on the fun of watching local participants ride these stubborn donkeys in the funniest basketball game ever played!

Several other amusing activities are planned for your enjoyment, such as a donkey diapering contest, relay races, and a special petting time. Make your plans now to attend this action-packed evening of fun.

Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 if purchased in advance and will be sold for \$6.00 at the door. To purchase tickets please call (806) 347-2676 or (806) 347-817, or you may contact Motley County High School Junior Class members.



NEW HALL — The First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs will dedicate their new Fellowship Hall at a special service Sunday night. The Methodist Bishop will attend the service.

## Methodist Bishop to visit Roaring Springs for dedication of Fellowship Hall

The First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs will celebrate a very special time in the life of the little historic church, Sunday, January 21, with Bishop Whitfield will be making a visit and formally consecrating the new Fellowship Hall. The special occasion will be one of year joy and celebration for the congregation.

The beautiful new Fellowship Hall, built last year, has a lovely kitchen and a bathroom. "It might seem there is nothing spectacular in that, except for the fact that in the nearly 100-year life of the church, there has never been either," states Pastor Rev. Monte Wike. The building once belonged to the First Christian Church, and when that congregation could no longer continue meeting, it was sold to the Methodists for \$1.00.

The quaint, simple clapboard Sanctuary, houses two tiny rooms that were primarily intended for changing rooms for the baptistry, which is still there. A few years ago, under the leadership of Rev. Ron Kelly the parsonage sold and the funds were invested with Texas Methodist Foundation. A specially called Charge Conference was held and the vote was given to build the Fellowship Hall. Groundbreaking was held in July of 1999.

The invested funds completely

paid for the 20 x 40 slab and the steel building. Everything is completely handicapped accessible. A ramp is located on the outside, and a connecting ramp is located inside. The parking, in back, is at ground level. New concrete steps have been installed at both entrances of the Sanctuary building, and a new sidewalk runs across the back, connecting the two buildings. Both buildings are now very comfortable with new heating and air-conditioning units, one for each building. The District VIM helped with \$1,000 and 14 volunteers in the early stages of construction. The First United Methodist Church of Matador donated \$1,000 and volunteers. Other than the funds mentioned, the balance of the money, almost \$35,000 came in as the building was under construction.

Ken Abbott, church member, and a retired contractor, formerly of Lubbock headed up the construction, almost 6 months at his own expense. Three other men, Dean McInroe, Alex Crowder, Billy Peacock, with the help of Rev. Wike, and some of the ladies of the congregation, completed the project.

The lower portion of the walls of the new Fellowship Hall have a custom-made wainscoting of oak which matches the cabinets. The floors in the kitchen and restroom are of Italian ceramic, the remainder of the

floors are carpeted. The restroom is sized for handicapped and includes a diaper-changing station. The exterior of the Sanctuary has been completely scraped, loose boards screwed back in place, caulked, primed and painted with two coats of paint. A good, used organ was donated. Everything is paid for!

Miss Lula Swim, a member of the little church, took on this project as her personal mission. She donated everything in the kitchen, all the cabinets, floor appliances, dishes, flatware, with the exception of the refrigerator. Miss Swim wrote all former members and friends and solicited memorial plaques, and kept the crew supplied in cookies and coffee. She is truly an inspiration to the congregation of the church. Miss Swim, who has been church treasurer for over 50 years, has made five trips to Mexico with VIM to help in home construction. Miss Swim hosted meals for the church for many, many years in her own home.

One of the immediate uses of the building is hosting a coffee for the entire community each Monday morning. Other churches of the community have also used the new facility for funeral dinners. A Bible Study is also held in the new building at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday evening.

Rev. Wike extends an invitation to everyone to attend this special celebration, Sunday evening, at 6:00 p.m.

## Comptroller Rylander wants sweeping reforms for TxDOT

Austin -- Poor business practices have led the Texas Department of Transportation down a winding road away from building more highways and easing traffic congestion, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said Friday.

She unveiled a plan to provide \$1.1 billion for road projects over the next two years without raising taxes. "What I found at TxDOT is troubling," said Rylander. "Texans have in the past prided themselves on a fine highway system. That system is in jeopardy."

Economic growth and the North American Free Trade Agreement have overloaded Texas roads leaving Texans stuck in traffic and putting them at greater risk of accidents.

The pressure is on the transportation agency to expedite its efforts to fix roads and build new ones. But agency officials have said they only have enough money to fund 36 percent of necessary transportation improvements.

Calling the agency "antiquated," Rylander said it must abandon its "business as usual" approach.

Transportation Commissioner Johnny Johnson denied that the agency isn't a forward-thinking one.

"I don't think we're backwards or antiquated," Johnson said "I just think we're a traditional agency."

Rylander's plan recommended the agency better manage funding, diversify its leadership, work harder to get federal funds, cut back on frivolous expenditures and update vehicle

registration by moving it on the Internet.

The findings were part of a year-long, \$950,000 review of the department mandated two years ago by the Legislature.

Almost all of the money for Rylander's plan would come from the controversial Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds, or GARVEEs, which replace the pay-as-you-go system with the one that uses projected federal highway funds to jump-start current projects.

The bonds were shot down by the Legislature last session and rejected again by a House interim transportation report. Lawmakers are leery about pledging funds the state doesn't have yet.

"GARVEEs are great in the short term," said Rep. Clyde Alexander, D-Athens, transportation committee chair. "It's the long term and having to pay the interest off that diverts our resources to interest payments instead of highways."

Supporters acknowledged the risk involved, but say the bonds would actually help save money because projects would be done sooner rather than later. That would lock in current interest rates, construction costs and inflation rates, said August in Redwine, a research analyst for the comptroller.

Rylander also recommended four new commissioners from diverse areas of the state be appointed to oversee the agency and recommend legislation.

Currently, the commission appointed by the governor has three members that represent Dallas, Houston and Jacksonville.

Representation is lacking in other areas, especially the border, which bears the brunt of NAFTA traffic from Mexico but has been represented on the commission only one year in the past 22 years, Rylander said.

It's an important recommendation, we have never been able to pass it through the legislature," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. "Maybe it's an idea whose time has come."

Zaffirini said the border needs transportation officials who understand the toll pollution and rippling roads take on the region.

Johnson rejected the idea, saying the border has the same funding challenges as the rest of the state. Regionalizing the commission also would create tension in a group that's supposed to be focused on the state, he said.

"Somebody would look at themselves as West Texas or the border," Johnson said. "Their arguments would be directed from a personal or bias basis."

Johnson had mixed feelings about the overall report.

"There's a lot of meat in the report that we can embrace," Johnson said. "But also there are some things that I'm sure we're not going to see eye to eye on."

## Emergency Farm Loans being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by extreme fire hazards are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Memphis, Larry J. Goetze said last week.

Hall and Motley Counties are two of the 243 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme drought.

Mr. Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers

unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 20, 2001, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze says.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Memphis is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Matadors get district wins over Spur, Jayton

The Motley County Matadors had two wins over Spur, January 9. The JV team won by the final score of 34-12, giving them a district record of one win and no losses.

T.J. Christopher led in scoring with 12 points. Kevin Elder added 8; Brandon Moore, 6; Shawn Marvel, 4; Brandon Martin, 2; Quinten Rose, 1; and Lorenzo Salazar, 1.

Shawn Marvel led in rebounds, grabbing 13. Kevin Elder had 7 and Frank Martinez, 5.

Other impressive stats included T.J.'s five steals, Shawn's 3 assists, and Frank's three assists.

Coach Ridgley commented, "This team played good, solid defense. They played great team ball."

The Varsity boys also had a win over Spur, with the final score of 56-44. This game gave the Matadors an overall record of 9 wins and 8 losses, and a district record of 1 win and no losses.

Leading in scoring was Clint Cooper, with 16. Jermaine Hendrix put in 14, followed by Casey Lawrence with 10. Also adding to the score were Tony Salazar with 4; Chris Paul, 3;

Benjamin Ridgley, 3; Ysef Alvarado, 2; Brad Baxter, 2; Brandon Lee, 2.

Clint also led with rebounds, grabbing 8. Jermaine, Benjamin, and Chris each grabbed 6, while Casey and Brad had 4 each, Tony and Brandon, 2 each.

Other impressive stats included Chris and Jermaine's 4 assists. Benjamin and Ysef were 100% with freethrows. Clint had 4 steals, while Benjamin and Chris each stole the ball 3 times.

Coach Ridgley had this to say, "A district win is always great. The Matadors played good solid defense."

The Matadors had a close win over Jayton, January 12, edging by with a final score of 65-62. This win gives the Matadors a 2-0 district record.

Clint Cooper led in scoring with

18 points, followed by Chris Paul with 15 and Jermaine Hendrix, 13. Benjamin Ridgley added 11, Casey Lawrence, 6, and Ysef Alvarado, 2.

Clint Cooper and Benjamin Ridgley led with rebounds, each grabbing 8. Jermaine Hendrix pulled down 7, Chris Paul, 6, and Casey Lawrence, 3.

Other impressive stats included Ben's 100% with freethrows, Casey's 3 assists and Chris's 4 steals. Jermaine was 50%, 3 for 6 with 3 pointers.

Coach Ridgley commented, "Great win, tremendous team effort. We must cut our turnovers. But it's exciting to watch these young men hustle and recover. Way to go Mats."

We apologize that there is no information on the girls' games. Their stats were not made available at newstime.

Matadors vs. Patton Springs, there, Friday, 6:30 p.m.

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It's hard to believe that we are already three weeks into the new year, the true new millennium...

world. Stay plugged into your power source. E - "Exercise" is not a bad word.

A - "Answers" that are unsolicited are usually unwanted. Keep your foot out of your mouth...

R - "Remember" the person you get frustrated with on the highway could be the next hand you shake in church.

Now for a prayer: H - "Hoping" that each day you wake up with the assuredness that God's mercies are new every morning.

A - "Attitudes" are ours to choose. May you choose to consistently reflect the love of Christ.

P - "Prayers" offered in faith will open the doors of heaven and move the hands of God.

P - "Praises" to Him be continually on your lips; then your heart will never be far from His.

Y - "Yield" your own reasoning to the Word of God. Father really does know best.

N - "Nothing" is impossible with God. Trust in Him for all things. He is able!

E - "Expect" to see Him in everyday. Look for Him; He is not hard to find.

W - "Walk" in a manner that is pleasing to Him. The journey will be a lot easier.

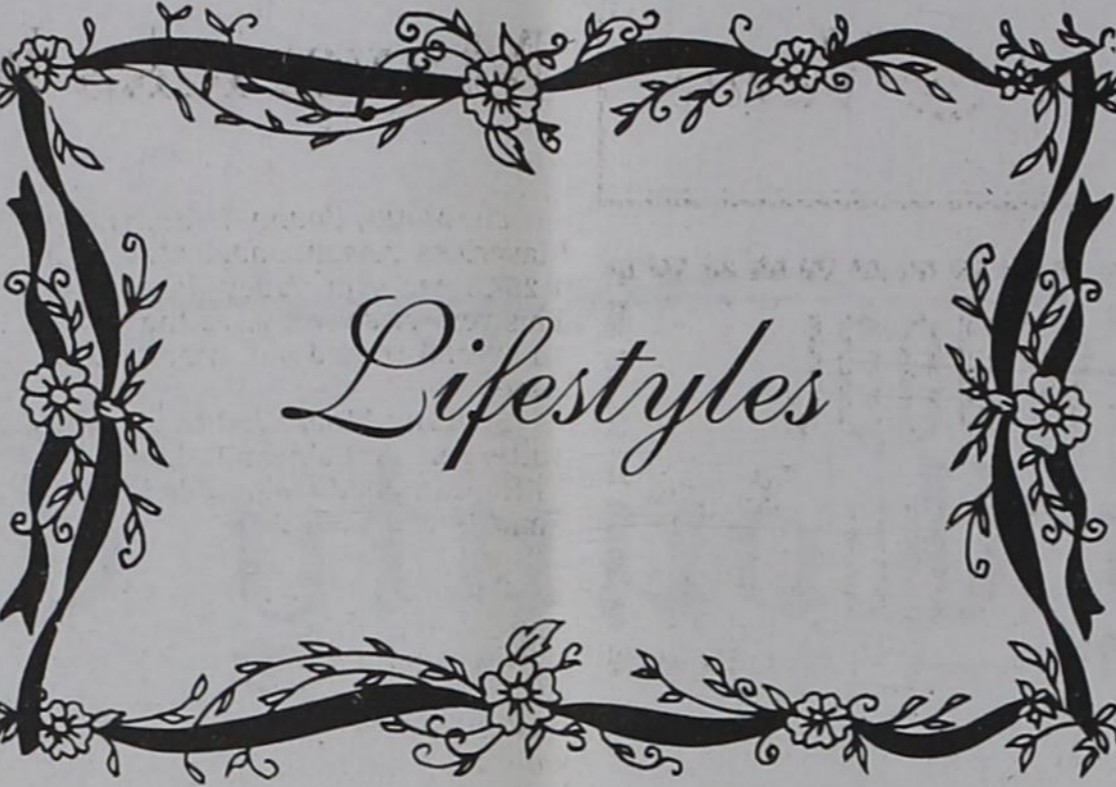
Y - "Yesterday" is over, but today is the "present". May you look to each day as a gift from God.

E - "Encourage" others in the Lord. Be a seed planter and watch what blooms.

A - "Act" on what you already know to be true from God's Word. You'll be guaranteed to grow!

R - "Rest" in the Lord as He has planned. You can do it if you remember. He's holding you in His hand.

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. -Henry Adams



Flomot Do Gooders' Club inaugurates the new year

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot inaugurated the 2001 New Year Tuesday afternoon, January 9, at the Community Center sharing hopes, dreams, New Year resolutions and plans for community projects.

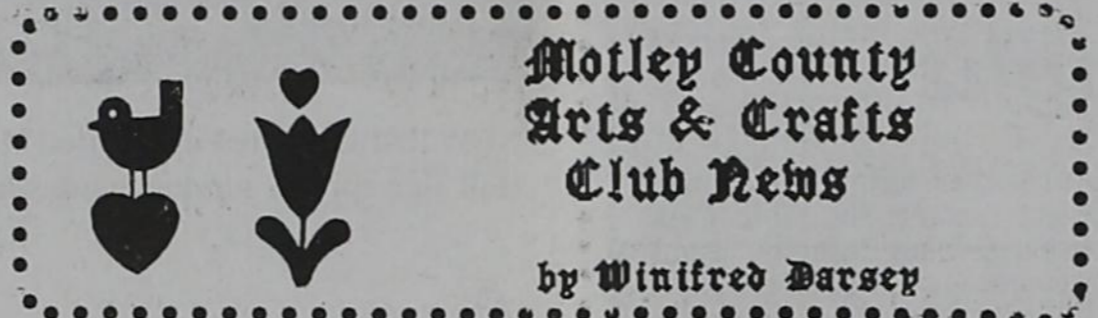
Mrs. Connie Franks, president of the club the past year, expressed her appreciation for the good support and help she received and presided over the election of officers of the club for 2001.

The birthdays of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Mrs. Franks were celebrated with song, gifts and cards. Chances were sold for a crystal cake plate which Mrs. Judy Stark won.

A lively White Elephant Swap was enjoyed before hostesses, Tommie Jo Cruse, Leona Degan and Connie Franks, served holiday delicacies with coffee and iced tea.

The table, laid with a white cloth and colorful flower designed appointments, was centered with a cascading ivy plant.

Members attending were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Waydette Clay, Edith Washington, Geneva Martin, Mary Jo Calvert, Barbara Payne, Christeen Gilbert, Connie Franks, Tommie Jo Cruse, Leona Degan, Anna Beth Clay, B. Rogers, Erma Washington, Kathy Shorter, and guest, Mrs. Ellen Skinner of Quitaque.



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club began their new year with an outstanding workshop, Taco Soup luncheon, and a very successful business session.

Club President, Joy Archer, presided over the business session. The club members discussed plans, workshops and future plans and ideas for the club.

Mrs. Linda Ruhl was instructor for the class on paper quilting. She was very proficient and the results were perfection. Many beautiful pictures were the result of piecing quilt pieces with paper instead of material.

The luncheon was very delicious. Loys Campbell favored the membership with a huge pot of Taco Soup. It was so flavorful with Mexican spices and plentiful, that some had several refills.

Geraldine Key and Betty Bostick were hostesses for the day, serving hot coffee, rolls, and cookies at all times.

Members present were Joy Archer, Betty Bostick, Loys Campbell, Bonnie Edmondson, Vee Gordon, Gerri Jones, Geraldine Key, Billie Koon, Dorothy Knight, Donald Letkeman, Joyce Meredith, Leola McKelvey, Kathryn Russell, Winifred Lee, Shirley Smith, Nan Lumpkin, Linda Ruhl and Winifred Darsey.

Betty Bostick will teach floral painting at the February meeting. A sack luncheon is planned for the noon hour.

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# Motley County School News

## Attention: College Bound Students

My name is Mike Sheehan and I am a freshman at Creighton University. If you have college age kids or know a family who does, I could use your help. Before entering Creighton, I was the Student Body President of Columbine High School in Littleton, CO. Since the unfortunate incident brought upon my classmates, I have dedicated my life's work to helping my fellow students wherever I can.

As an incoming Creighton freshman, I was unaware of the high costs of books for my classes. I spent over \$500 in books in just my first semester. It seemed like a lot, but I figured that I could make most of the money back when I sold the books back to the bookstore. Well, as you probably have figured out I was wrong.

Out of the \$500 I spent, I made less than \$100 back. I lost over \$400 dollars. Not only did I lose most of my money, I had to wait in long lines at the bookstore to return the books and wasted valuable time. If I had to do this each semester until I graduated, I figure I could have lost over \$3,200

dollars.

I talked with several friends over Christmas break and we came up with a web site that can save all of us money when buying books, and help us make more money back when selling books. With this concept in mind, we created the College Students Network (<http://www.CollegeStudentsNetwork.com>) CSN is an online Internet database of items for sale for college students all across America. Users can sign up for free and post books and other items online for sale at no cost. Finally, students can now buy/sell at better prices than at the "college bookstore"; which means we (all college students) can save tons of money immediately.

I need your help in getting the word out to students to enter their books for sale, etc., on the CSN website (<http://www.CollegeStudentsNetwork.com>); as we will be returning to school soon. Let them know as soon as you can because we'll be buying and selling our books for the new semester.



### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread Sticks, Whole Kernel Corn, Treat, Milk.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Sandwiches (Ham & Cheese), Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Chips, Fruit Cobbler, Milk.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Chicken Strips, Coleslaw, Potatoes, Gravy, Biscuits, Banana Pudding, Milk.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hot Dogs, Chili, Cheese, French Fries, Pickles, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

**Lunch:** Combination Pizza, Tossed Salad, Ranch Dressing, Fruit Medley, Sugar Cookie, Milk.

Mary Engelbreit  
2001 Calendars

Motley County  
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## Mavericks holding great win record

The Motley County Jr. High Lady Mavericks remain undefeated, with a 26-25 win over Valley, January 8. This very close win gives the ladies an overall record of 6 wins and no losses.

Brittany Moore led in scoring putting in 12. Sabrina Osborn and Kattie Campbell each added 6 and Annie Green put in 2.

Coach Bowles commented, "We had an overall great team effort throughout the tournament. We are playing great team basketball and hustling and working hard to do what we have to do to win. These young ladies are adjusting to things well and just playing ball! Thank you for those that helped with the tournament. Your help is greatly appreciated!"

The Jr. High Mavericks defeated Floydada 7th Grade in the tournament, with the final score of 49-28. Seagram Sims led in scoring with 13 points. Clay Cooper added 10, John Stevens, 8; Matt Henzler, 7; Colton Russell, 6; Clay Cooper, 3 and Chance Bingham, 2.

The boys also had a win over Valley, 34-26. Matt Henzler and Seagram Sims led in scoring with 8 each. Clay Cooper put in 7; John Stevens, 6; Colton Russell, 2; Cody Cooper, 2; and Chance Bingham, 1.

Clay Cooper was 100% from the freethrow line.

Coach Ridgley commented, "This was a great win as we had lost to Valley twice. The players wanted to win the Championship in their tournament and did so. The players and coaching staff would like to thank all the people who made our tournament a success. Special thanks to Trishia Ridgley and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Bowles for their extra effort. Also Mr. Moore, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Nordquist."

The Jr. High girls edged by Valley by four points, January 13, during the Motley County tournament. The final score was 34-30.

Stacey Ho-Gland led in scoring with 11 points. Kattie Campbell put in 9, while Sabrina Osborn, Brittany Moore and Annie Green each added 4 points to the score. Emily Hurt put in 2.

The girls had a tremendous win over Floydada, with a final score of 53-9. Brittany Moore led in scoring

with 17 points. Sabrina Osborn added 10; Kattie Campbell 8; Stacey Ho-Gland, 8; Annie Green, 6; Emily Hurt, 2; and Ashley Green, 2.

The Lady Mavericks keep on winning as they added to their streak with a win against Spur, January 15. The Ladies led with a final score of 30-21. Brittany Moore led in scoring with 14 points. Kattie Campbell put in 6; Sabrina Osborn, 4; Stacey Ho-Gland, 4; and Emily Hurt, 2.

The boys also continue their winning streak with a win over Spur. The impressive final score was 53-10. Seagram Sims led in scoring with 16 points. Clay Cooper added 12; Cody Cooper, 11; Chance Bingham, 8; Cody Russell, 4; and Matt Henzler, 2.

Matt Henzler was 100% from the freethrow line.

Coach Ridgley commented, "This was a very unselfish win. Good team ball with lots of rebounding."

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### SOUP-R SATURDAY

Matador Senior Citizen Center

January 20 - This Saturday!

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Veterans Health Fair

Blood Drive

Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Vital Signs, etc.  
ALL citizens, Veterans AND non-Veterans

Community Goal - 25 Pints  
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Lunch from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Homemade Gourmet Soups

Donations Appreciated

Games of Chance and Skill

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## Motley County Independent School District

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
All Governmental Fund Types

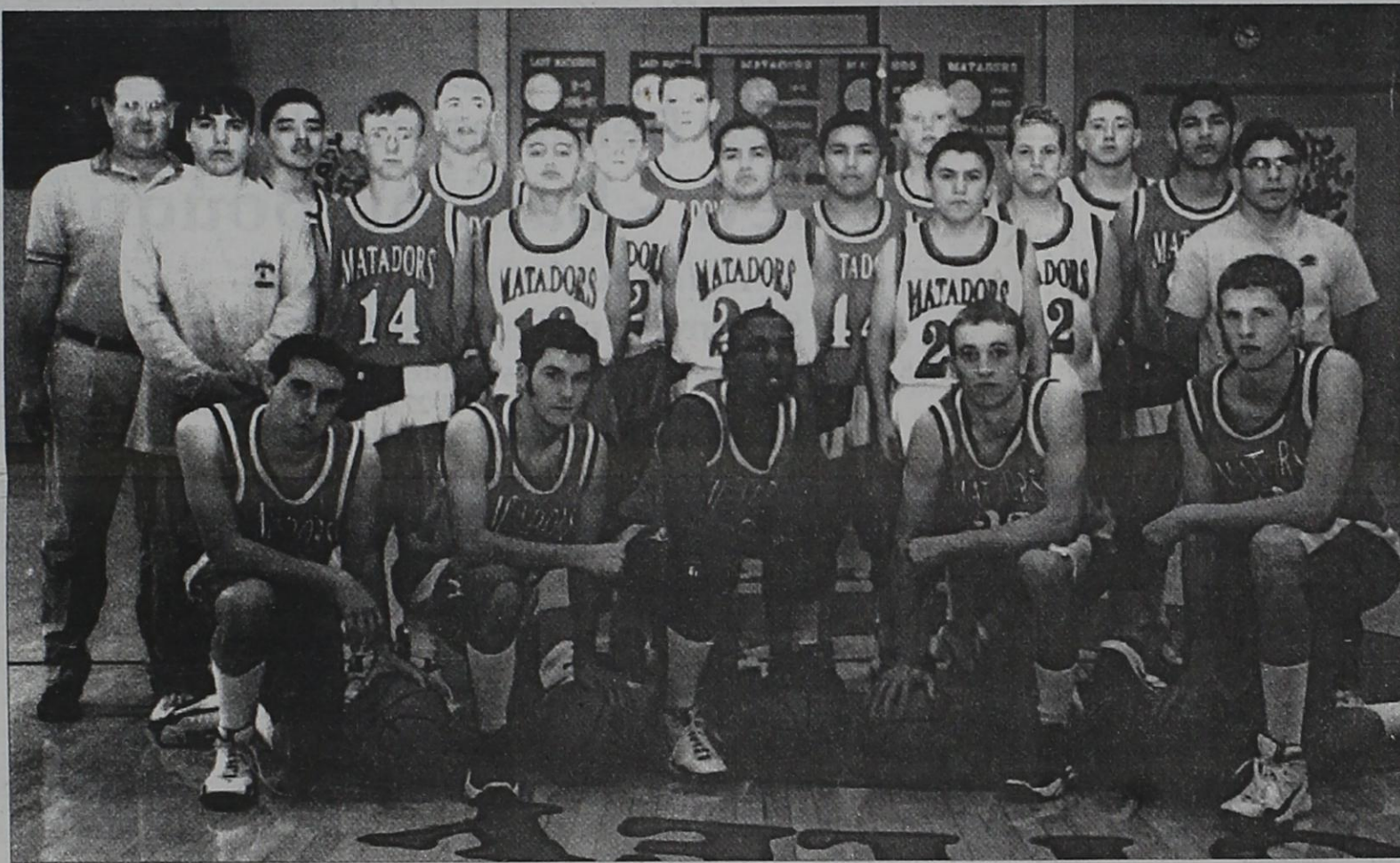
Year Ended August 31, 2000

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	August 31, 2000	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 709,202	\$ 213,297	\$ 922,499
5800	State Program Revenues	900,990	22,581	923,571
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	377,057	377,057
5020	Total Revenues	1,610,192	612,935	2,223,127
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0010	Instruction & Instructional Related Service	1,074,263	395,569	1,469,832
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	76,638	123,431	200,069
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	158,577	130,238	288,815
0040	Administrative Support Services	141,846	1,294	143,140
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	219,484	6,368	225,852
6030	Total Expenditures	1,670,808	656,900	2,327,708
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(60,616)	(43,965)	(104,581)
7020	Other Resources	13,614	52,341	65,955
8030	Other (Uses)	(87,027)	(8,376)	(95,403)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Use	(134,029)	-	(134,029)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	637,860	-	637,860
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(41,909)	-	(41,909)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 461,922	\$ -	\$ 461,922

# BASKETBALL



LADY MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Michael Nordquist, Kelsi Wallace, Shandra Jones, Brittany Donaldson, Chasity Holman, Courtney Hays, Coach Amy Bowles; (middle row) Cassie Campbell, Kayla Copp, Mandi Ream, Brittany Moore, Charli Ream, Stachia Baxter; (front) Seniors, Rachele Renfro, Ashley Stevens, Denise Shannon, Rabecca Morris, and Charity Bartlett.



MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Robert Ridgley, Brandon Martin, Tony Salazar, Brandon Moore, Bradley Baxter, Lorenzo Salazar, Quinten Rose, Clint Cooper, Jose Flores, Frankie Martinez, Shawn Marvel, Sergio Flores, T.J. Christopher, Kevin Elder, Ysef Alvarado, Arturo Flores, (front) Seniors, Benjamin Ridgley, Brandon Lee, Jermaine Hendrix, Casey Lawrence, and Chris Paul.

**Go  
Matadors!**

### District Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
January 9	Spur	Here	4:00 p.m.
January 12	Jayton	There	4:00 p.m.
January 16	Guthrie	Here	6:30 p.m.
January 19	Patton Springs	There	6:30 p.m.
January 23	Open		
January 26	Spur	There	4:00 p.m.
January 30	Jayton	Here	4:00 p.m.
February 2	Guthrie	There	6:30 p.m.
February 3	MC JV Tourn.	Here	TBA
February 6	Patton Springs	Here	6:30 pm.

### We support the Matadors!

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# Good nutritional habits important

by Mozelle Montano  
County Extension Agent,  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
Good nutritional habits are never more important than among the elderly, yet malnutrition is a serious health problem among the nation's elderly, according to recent research in which health professionals found that one in four of all elderly patients is malnourished.

In other words, one-half of all elderly patients in hospitals and 40 percent of nursing home residents suffer from malnutrition.  
Does this mean that our elderly are not being adequately cared for, that they are being not fed? Not necessarily. Among the primary reasons many elderly become malnourished are losses in their senses of taste and smell, according to the medical community. Both smell and taste are the primary senses that influence the pleasure we derive from eating and as well, guide us in selecting foods, they affect our appetite and thus, are likely to affect our nutrient intake.  
The psychological aspect of smelling and tasting is very important among older individuals as it is associated with memory. Smell occupies a privileged place in memory because it rekindles old recollections.  
Imagine the loss of all simple pleasures of taste and smell in which the overall quality of life is greatly reduced. This is especially true for the elderly whose senses decline due to aging. This loss of taste and smell usually begins around 60 years of age and becomes more pronounced in subsequent decades of life. Certain diseases and/or medications prescribed for some conditions can also contribute to these sensory losses.  
Thresholds (the levels at which flavors are detected) are about 2.5 times higher in the elderly than in young college students. But the threshold for detecting fat in foods is four times higher in the elderly, especially a problem for many seniors trying to follow low-fat diets, making it very difficult for them to follow a low-fat diet. Elderly people may be unknowingly consuming larger amounts of fat without being able to really perceive it. Flavor enhancers can be used in foods to help replace some of the sensations contributed by fat, allowing older persons to enjoy their food while maintaining a nutritionally adequate, low-fat diet.  
How can the elderly increase eating of lower-fat, nutrient dense foods? Improve the taste by adding herbs or spices. The flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate (MSG) can be used in foods to help replace some of the mouthful normally contributed by fat, allowing older persons to enjoy their food while maintaining a nutritionally adequate, low-fat diet. However, some individuals who may be MSG sensitive or need to watch sodium (salt) intake should be especially aware of monosodium glutamate use. New food fragrances have been developed, such as anise (licorice), hickory (smoked bacon), strawberry and root bear. They are intended to heighten the pleasure aspect of food

by increasing the stimulation of the receptors in the nose. Greater stimulation of the emotional areas of the brain may result and increase the pleasure derived from the food.  
Pleasure from food should be ensured by recognizing the important role of memory associations with specific odors and flavors of foods. Other sensory factors such as the appearance and texture of foods could help in tempting the appetite to compensate for diminished smelling and tasting. An excessive emphasis on eating solely for health reasons rather than for pleasure should be avoided and an individual's food preferences honored whenever possible.

# Scooter injuries on the rise

Many young children woke up Christmas morning to find a nice shiny new scooter under the tree as a present. Parents need to be aware that injuries are on the rise due to the "new scooter craze." The Centers for Disease Control released a report on the 14 of December which stated the injuries related to scooters has increased dramatically since May of this year. One group estimates that 5 million scooters will be sold in the year of 2001.  
Most injuries have been shown to be bruises, strains and sprains, but many fractures have also occurred. Dr. James Welch, President of the Texas Chiropractic Association gives this advice to parents: "The recent scooter craze has a lot of young children riding these things. Used properly scooters can provide hours of fun and some physical recreation to

young kids."  
Welch recommends the following:  
1. As with roller blades and skateboards, make sure kids use proper equipment. This should include helmets, elbow pads, and kneepads, at a minimum.  
2. Make sure that the pavement is smooth and level when your child rides his or her scooter. Watch for large cracks in concrete or asphalt, because a small wheel could get stuck and children could fly over the handle bar, seriously injuring themselves.  
3. Always watch out for cars and other vehicles when riding on a scooter.  
There is no turning back this scooter craze; parents can rest a little easier if their children follow the above rules.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,  
From the time I entered into the Welling family in 1984, I heard about "McIntosh and T.J.," a motion picture filmed in Matador, Dickens, Guthrie and on the 6666 Ranch.  
The movie was quite an event in 1975 and starred Roy Rogers in one of his last movie roles. The movie was about a drifter who befriends a young hitchhiker and becomes a father figure to the youth. My in-laws, Irene and Freddie Welling, were extras in the film, along with many other citizens of Matador. The movie was quite an event for Matador, and as I'm told, was a very enjoyable experience. A big barbecue was held with a premier screening in Plainview.  
Over the years, my husband, Frank, and I have searched in just about every venue for a copy of the movie. From old video stores, flea markets, and mail order catalogs. We even had written to Roy Rogers only to be told the movie has been out of print for over 20 years.  
During the Christmas holidays we were telling the story to some of my side of the family, my sister Vandy from Dallas and her boyfriend, Brad Reed. Brad happens to work in the computer business as a computer engineer and is a troubleshooter for Presbyterian Hospital. He said he could find about anything on the Internet and the search was on once again. Frank and Brad had the movie located and purchased over the Internet in about 20 minutes. We ordered two copies and received them in about a week.  
Since our Christmas visit was delayed due to our 20.2" of snow in Amarillo, Frank and I watched the first the movie the first night we received it. Although Frank was a senior at Motley County High School in 1975, he had never seen the film.  
We both recognized Irene and Freddie, Joyce and Kirby Campbell, Helen and Johnny Stevens, and many more current and deceased residents of Matador. I think Frank could name every car on Main Street during one of the scenes filmed in Matador.  
I know Irene will be overjoyed to see the movie after 25 years. It's a pretty safe bet this will be her favorite gift this year.  
Although I'm not a movie critic, I do watch a lot of movies. I thought it was a very sweet film, rated PG (a little language), but nothing compared to today's standards. This movie has the solid values that Roy Rogers stood for.  
Copies can be purchased through the Roy Rogers - Dale Evans Museum, Happy Trails Gift Shop, 15650 Seneca Rd., Victorville, CA 92392. Phone 760-245-5503 or order at www.royrogers.com.

Renee Welling

# A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the gifts given to us at the Shower. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated.  
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The family of Reba Burkes would like to express appreciation to each and every person who visited Reba or sent cards to her, prayed for her, brought food to her, or showed their love in any way during her illness. We also wish to thank each one who sent flowers, cards, or memorial contributions, who furnished food who visited, called, or expressed sympathy in any way to the family. Your love and prayers have been deeply felt and appreciated. May God richly bless each of you.  
Larry, Willita and Angie Burkes  
Jeffrey, DeeAnn and Skee Burkes  
Natalie, Darrin and Miles Waddell  
Jo Ann Reagan  
We would like to thank the Motley County Ambulance Crew, Tony, Seven, Sheila and Cindy who were so helpful in our time of need. A special thanks to Covenant Home Health Care, Deb and Kim. Without all of you and your help I could not stay at home.  
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# Farm and Ranch News

## Genomic Study could lead to improved cotton, grain production

College Station -- A team of researchers studying the expression of parental genes in plants could lead to improved production of cash crops such as cotton and corn.

Jeff Chen, an assistant professor of molecular genetics at Texas A&M University, along with five other scientists, recently were awarded a \$5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study the expression of parental genes in plant polyploids (where more than one parental genome is present). They will be studying what, if any, impact parental gene expression contributes to the success of important polyploid crops such as canola, cotton, corn, potatoes and wheat.

"One hypothesis is that some genes are expressed, others aren't, so it's a matter of how organisms use mechanisms to express some genes, but not others," Chen said. "It's a question of, 'Can we induce expression of parental genes so that we may have a better crop?'"

"You can look at the expression of thousands of genes in one experiment," Chen said. "We can also do experiments with progenitor genomes together — in other words we can look at the expression of the genes from both parents to see what is the contribution of the parents to the gene expressed in hybrid and polyploid genomes."

Chen said there are many benefits by conducting this type of research and its impact on the future of crop farming because important crops are polyploid or hybrid in nature.

"The long-term goal is to find molecule mechanisms that control gene expression in polyploid plants so we can use that information to improve production of polyploid crops, such as wheat and cotton," he said.

Another component of the research is studying hybrid vigor.

"The hybrid plants usually have better performance than the parent or both of them combined," Chen said. "Why is the hybrid better than the parents? Research from this consortium will provide some insights."

Other aspects of the five-year grant include training of graduate students and post doctoral researchers interested in plant molecular biology, genomics and bioinformatics. Chen said more than a dozen post-doctoral researchers, graduate and undergraduate students will be involved with the research.

"Together, results from this research will show why hybrids and polyploids have been so successful in nature and agriculture," Chen said. "In the future, we may develop the tools to improve production of important crops, many of them are polyploid."

The research team includes Chen, as well as fellow researchers Thomas C. Osborn, University of Wisconsin (the institution leading the research); James A. Birchler, University of Missouri; Luca Comai, University of Washington; Robert A. Martienssen, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; and Rebecca Doerge, Purdue University.

The research will involve extensive study of plant DNA. Scientists can spot 10,000 or more genes on tiny glass slides in an area as small as a quarter. Through these experiments, scientists can view many different genes at one time, hoping to discover why the genes from two parents are not equally expressed in a polyploid or hybrid plant.



## INFORMATION ABOUNDS AT 2001 BELT-WIDE CC

True to form the 2001 Beltwide Cotton Conferences are delivering a fair amount of interesting commentary and data for cotton producers across the Belt.

As of press time cotton producers and industry representatives in attendance have heard from a wide variety of speakers. They have been presented with more than a little discussion of key issues and focused significant attention on those destined to play important roles ensuring the industry's long-term health.

On Thursday Memphis-based merchant William B. Dunavant, Jr. presented the conference with his annual assessment of cotton's domestic and world outlook over the next marketing year.

As might be expected his projections for some modest price recovery garnered a significant amount of interest. Dunavant noted that despite prospects of a 19 million bale crop in 2001, U.S. growers should wait on pricing new crop cotton until December futures reach the 68 cent level.

He noted that he expects growers to get this opportunity at some point as a result of the eventual depletion of certificated cotton stocks delivered on either the March or May contracts.

On the legislative front Dunavant also noted several legislative areas he feels Congress needs to address to benefit growers and improve the current economic situation. Among his suggestions was support for some increase in the base loan rate.

He tempered his support for that increase by noting that while the marketing loan would not necessarily cause large production increases by U.S. grower it could spur additional foreign production that could have adverse effects down the line.

He said that it makes little sense for growers to end up with less per pound than they netted the previous year, after LDP payments were included, when 2000 futures prices and current crop futures prices have averaged 5-8 cents per pound higher.

He added that growers need to be provided a realistic safety net and reiterated the need for retaining the marketing loan concept, maintaining export and domestic certificate programs and even finding common ground on a modest increase in loan rates for cotton.

Dunavant and several other speakers noted the need for a renewed focus on fiber quality in cotton breeding efforts to better meet the demands of a struggling domestic textile sector.

Dunavant concluded by noting that the future appears significantly brighter for the industry than it has in the past even though legislative hurdles remain to be cleared to improve the safety net protecting growers from outside influences.

A familiar theme echoed by many speakers, including W. B. Dunavant, Jr., was the need to refocus cotton breeding efforts to enhance fiber quality. Producers noted that past quality improvements have resulted in only short-term benefits to growers through better prices.

It was noted repeatedly that doing so was necessary to maintain U.S. mills' ability to utilize the newest technologies, stay competitive, and capitalize on the opportunities created by the Caribbean Basin Initiative and sub-Saharan Africa trade bills passed last year.

Producer panelists on both Wednesday and Thursday described their continuing search for creative ways to cut production expenses without losing their ability to be profitable.

On the legislative front producers were reminded of the important role their input would play in trying to determine the right road for cotton and the rest of agriculture as legislators and commodity organizations begin the tough job of hammering out a new or at least improved farm policy.

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