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## Motley County ISD can access latest breaking news

Student's, parents and staff of Motley County ISD have access to online information resources that are updated daily and valued at more than \$41,000.00 per campus. Provided at no charge to the campus, these electronic magazines, reference materials, newspapers, maps, and encyclopedias are accessible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. They can be accessed from the classroom, the school library, and most importantly, from students' and educators' homes. Mrs. Beverly Darsey and her 7th Grade students have been teaching other Motley County ISD students in Grades 3-12 how to access and use these online databases as needed for classroom research projects. Mrs. Cathey Turner has also been teaching adults in her Community Network 3 classes how to use the databases. At the same time that they learn to use them, students are given instructions including identification and passwords to access the resources from their homes. Motley County ISD and the Texas Library Connection encourage parents to access and use the resources for their own information needs.

The Texas Library Connection (TLC) administered by the Texas Education Agency provides the online information databases to participating campuses at no charge to the campus. To be eligible to access these resources, campuses must meet certain requirements such as

having computer access for students in the school library and having a school librarian who is committed to teaching students and staff how to access, evaluate, and use the resources. Motley County ISD meets those requirements and qualified for the use of these resources through its commitment to campus goals, staff, and technology to ensure that each student is enabled to use technology to access, analyze, and evaluate online information.

The Texas Library Connection (TLC) provides online databases and a unique web portal to Motley County ISD:

\*Texas Library Connection (TLC) Union Catalog links Motley County ISD school library and its students to more than 5,000 other school libraries in the state of Texas. Students may borrow books from more than 50 million items held by those school libraries.

\*Agent, a portal or web gateway, allows TLC users to search all the TLC resources including The Gale Group databases, the TLC Union Catalog, Britannica Online School Edition and any other identified web resource with one single search.

\*Magazines, newspapers, primary source materials, reference databases from The Gale Group. Sixteen databases include the full text of more than 2,000 magazines and newspapers, the Texas Almanac, a collection of professional journals

and information for educators, literary resources, and primary documents and resources.

\*Encyclopedia Britannica School Edition provides access to three complete encyclopedias: the original Encyclopedia Britannica, Britannica Student Encyclopedia, and Britannica Elementary Encyclopedia.

Educators are excited about the learning potential of these information resources that enable students to develop information searching skills they will need for life long learning. Anita Givens, Senior Director for the Texas Education Agency's Education Technology Division said, "TLC is one of the Agency's most successful and important projects. It directly impacts students' learning as well as educators' learning processes. It is a perfect link to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and to information literate students."

Karen Kahan, TEA Director of TLC says, "Integrating the use of the TLC resources into classroom teaching enables integration of the Technology Applications TEKS into the core curriculum areas."

Beverly Darsey, Motley County ISD's school librarian, is responsible for bringing these online resources to its students, staff, and parents. To obtain access information to the TLC resources, contact her at bdarsey@motleyco.org or 806-347-2419 or 806-347-2676.



### Visiting with Santa

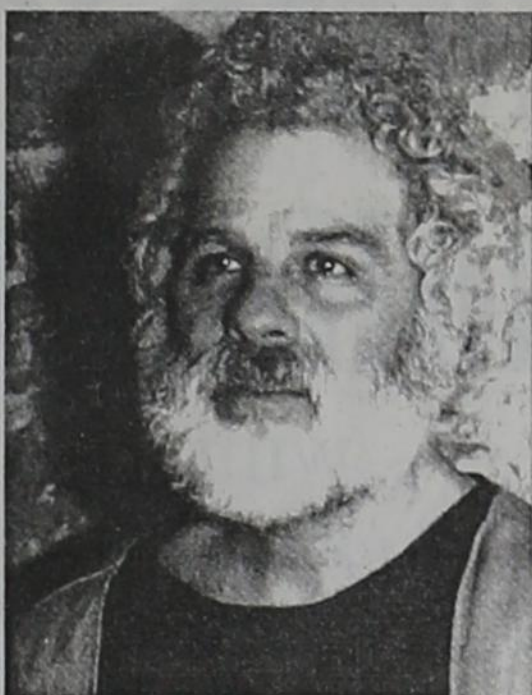
Logan Salazar wasn't real sure if he enjoyed his turn at visiting with Santa during Santa's visit in Matador last Saturday night. Three-year-old Logan is only one of many children who lined up to give Santa their Christmas lists. Santa made time out of his busy schedule to stop in Matador during the annual Late Night Shopping event. The town was full of shoppers and businesses offered special discounts which gave residents the chance to shop at home and save. Logan is the son of Alex and Crystal Salazar of Roaring Springs.

## Matador First Baptist Church will present special services Sunday

The Matador First Baptist Church will hold two very special services this Sunday, December 15. The 11:00 a.m. morning service will feature "Paul the Apostle," a one-man production by Glenn Polk of Lubbock. On Sunday evening the Church will present its annual Christmas program, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program will feature special Christmas music presented by all ages.

Mr. Polk will also bring the morning service at the Roaring Springs First Baptist Church, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Polk is an accomplished actor, and has sat in the director's chair many times. His largest directing endeavor was "The Gospel According to Crooge" at Trinity Church in Lubbock, in which he also played the title role. The production had a cast of 132



Paul The Apostle  
(Glenn Polk)

people.

Glenn says he has felt the call of the Lord on his life for many years and is now in full-time ministry. With "Paul the Apostle," Glenn and his

wife travel across Texas and to churches of all denominations in New Mexico and Kansas with plans to branch out to other states. "If I can just get out of the way and let the Lord do what He wants to do through this ministry, it will happen. We just want to be submissive to His will in our lives. Wherever the Lord leads us, we will go."

Rev. Jack Boggs and the church membership welcomes everyone to attend these special services.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the evening Christmas program.



### Grannie's Tea Party

Grannie (Joyce Campbell) is pictured here with the little ladies who attended her Tea Party Sunday. The annual event, held at Mrs. Campbell's home, is a fund-raiser for the Children's section of the Motley County Library. Girls had fun dressing in their grannie's hats, gloves and dresses and enjoying tea and cakes.

## Deadline extended for Hwy. 70 lighting contest

The deadline for the Texas Highway 70 Association's Christmas lighting and decorating contest has been extended to December 16. Anyone living inside the city limits of Roaring Springs, Matador, Dickens, Spur, or Turkey, or anyone whose home is visible from highway 70 is eligible to enter the contest. This includes homes outside city limits. The entry fee is \$5.00.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. Prizes will be awarded in the home division, with one cash prize for the top business entry in each city. The home division first place winner in each city will be eligible for a grand prize.

Citizens in these cities are encouraged to enter this fun contest, which is a fund-raiser for projects sponsored by the Highway 70 Association. For more information contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336 or Corky Marshall at 348-7000.

## RS Community Volunteers will host Angel party for kids

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will hold their annual Angel Tree party for the children of Roaring Springs on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Drinks and snacks will be served and Santa will pass out presents to the children.

All parents and children are invited to attend.

## Motley County Elementary Christmas program set for December 20

Motley County Elementary will present its annual Christmas Program, Friday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose room.

The program will feature students PK through sixth grade.

UIL medals and ribbons will be awarded at this time.

Everyone is invited to attend.

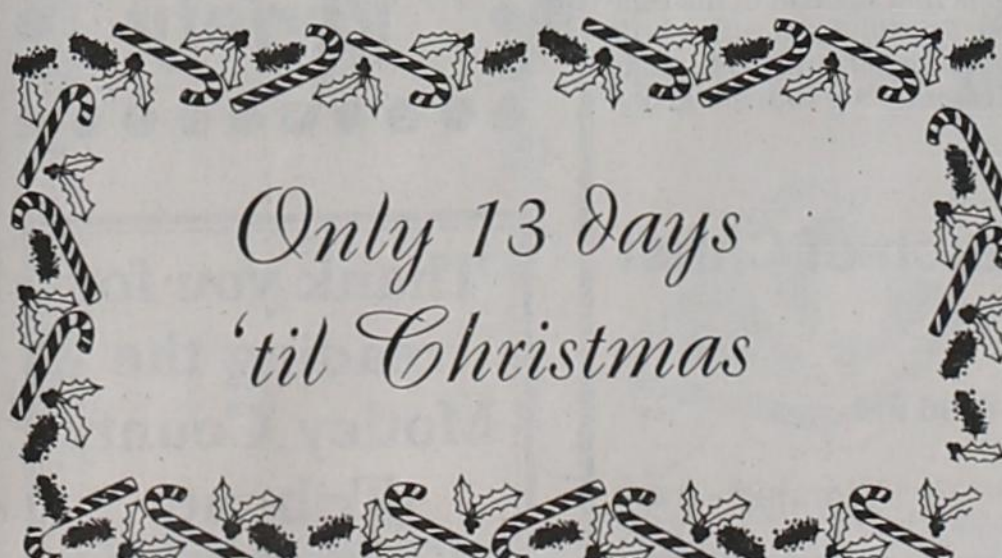


## Early deadline for New Year's paper

The Motley County Tribune will be closed Christmas week, December 23-27, and will not publish a paper that week.

The next edition of the paper after the December 19th issue will be the January 2nd issue. Since New Year's Day falls on our regular print day, Wednesday, January 1, we will have an early print day of Tuesday. All news and ad copy for the January 2 edition must be submitted no later than 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 30.

We appreciate your cooperation and our best wishes for a blessed, happy and safe holiday season goes to all of our readers.







Christmas time is coming! Only 2 weeks away! Are you ready? I'm certainly not. And yes, I know I still have pumpkins sitting in my yard! Yuckkk!! I think I'm going to spray paint them gold, put a few pine cones and greenery with them and they'll just look like Christmas! I really have done this before and it does look festive.

I love Christmas decorating. I have decorations strung from one end of my house to the other. Jim keeps telling me I need to get all that "stuff" finished and put it up! I tell him it's hard to do anything at home when you're at work all the time. I sneak in a few minutes here and there, but oh how I would love to have an entire day at home to fiddle around the house, hum Christmas tunes and decorate to my heart's content!

I know you working women out there know exactly what I'm talking about. It's hard to get everything done! But for those of you who do have a little extra time, here are a few Christmas traditions to adopt. Some of them even the very busy can do.

Create a special Christmas morning breakfast menu and serve it every year.

Start working on a Christmas-themed jigsaw puzzle the first of December. Try to have it finished by Christmas Eve. (Yea - whatever!)

Tape Christmas cards around a doorway so you can enjoy them each time you walk into the room. (Who has time to send out Christmas cards?)

Let the youngest and oldest family members pass out the presents on Christmas morning.

Wear a Christmas apron while cooking in the kitchen during December. (People actually cook before

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day??)

Make it a daily practice during the holiday season to do something nice for others without telling them.

Add a new Christmas cassette or CD to your music collection each year.

Help your children bake Christmas breads or cookies to give to teachers, coaches, and school bus drivers.

Now this one is a real dream for me. I hope one day to be able to do it....At least once in your life, visit New York and take in the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show and enjoy the skaters and the huge Christmas tree at Rockefeller Plaza.

Throughout the holidays, give your family the gift of a sweet disposition. (Lord, help me!)

Load the family in the car, slip in your favorite Christmas tape, and drive through the neighborhood looking at the Christmas decorations. Roll down the windows and shout "Merry Christmas" to everyone you see. (Hey - that sounds like fun!!)

Put Christmas lights and a small wreath on the dog house. (What a neat idea!)

Never refuse a holiday dessert. (Now this one I can do!)

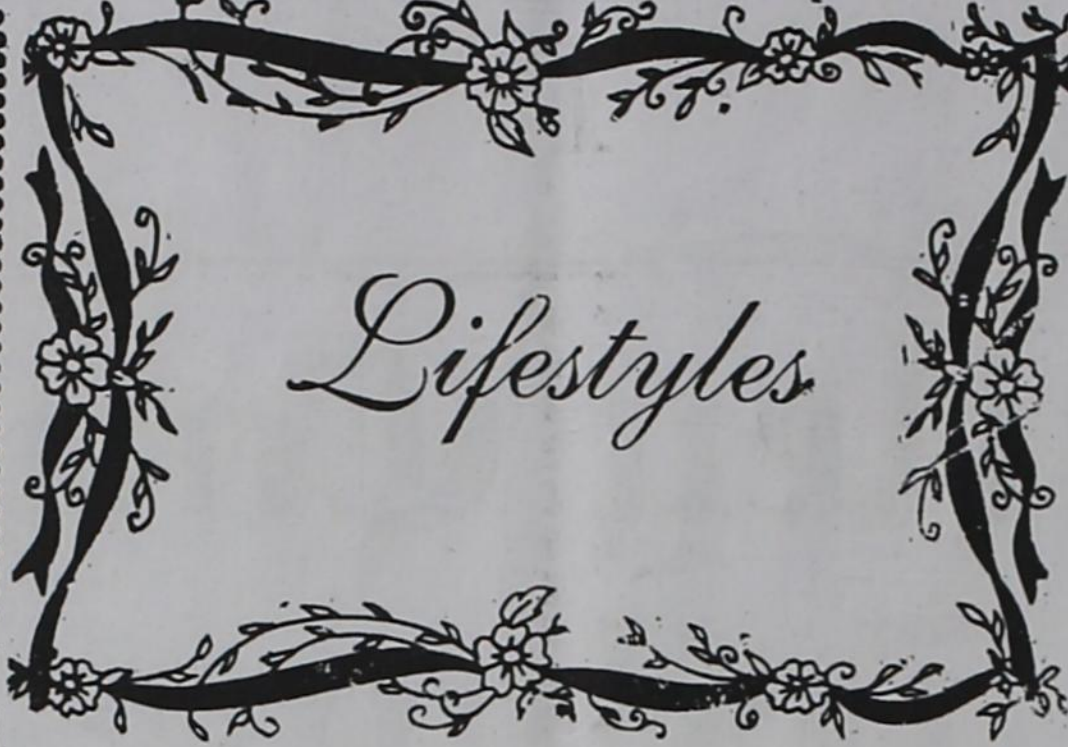
Record a cheerful Christmas greeting on your answering machine. (I'm going to do this today! - ...if I don't forget by the time I get home.)

And the most important one of all ....Don't forget whose birthday we're celebrating.

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room;

And heaven and nature sing."



## Holiday spirit prevails at Do Gooders Christmas party

The cold, wet, cloudy weather did not dampen the holiday spirit inside the Flomot Community Center Tuesday afternoon, December 3rd when the Do Gooders' Club met for their annual Christmas party. Sparkling Christmas decor was a welcomed sight throughout the building.

Mrs. Waydette Clay opened the business session with a prayer for local residents on the sick list. She announced the club's recent Bazaar was a financial success. In new business, the members re-elected the club's 2002 officers by acclamation to serve in 2003: President, Mrs. Waydette Clay; vice president, Mrs. B. Rogers; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Alma Shorter and reporter, Mrs. Geneva Martin.

A miniature decorated Christmas tree was surrounded by gifts. They had a fun filled Chinese swap when

exchanging colorful wrapped gifts. Everyone was pleased with their final choice.

Hostesses, Mesdames Erma Washington, Judy Stark and Mary Jo Calvert presided at a table laid with a glistening cloth encircled with twinkling lights. Intermingled on the table was a lovely arrangement of holiday decorated birdhouses, silver and gold Christmas balls and silver candle trees which Mrs. Kathy Shorter won in the raffle ticket drawing. An abundant assortment of Christmas delectables was served with hot apple cider and coffee.

Those enjoying the celebration were Mesdames Trula Martin, Nada Starkey, Barbara Payne, B. Rogers, Mary Jo Calvert, Judy Stark, Geneva Martin, Alma Shorter, Waydette Clay, Anna Beth Clay, Leona Degan and Kathy Shorter.

## Red Rovers celebrate Christmas at Tea Party

The Red Rovers, Motley County's Red Hat Society, ushered in the Christmas season with a Christmas tea Thursday at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses for the event were Ruby McGuire, Fredia Burns, Marihelen Wason and Suzanna Abbott.

Each table was decorated with greenery, an animated Christmas character and colorful candies. Cookies and a variety of teas were served.

Everyone declared Cranberry Apple Zinger to be the favorite tea of the afternoon.

Those attending were Sharon Allen, Louise Barton, Dorothy Hanesworth, Norma Marrs, Betty Moore, Jerry Watson, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Knight, June Keltz, Donald Letkeman, Joan Patton, Betty Luckett, Jeanette Case and Joyce Campbell.

## Look Who's New

Beverly Jo Whitaker

Lori and Bert Whitaker are proud to announce the birth of a baby daughter, Beverly Jo. She was born Monday, December 2, 2002, at the United Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed eight pounds, two ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival are

maternal grandparents, Phylis and Jack Heise of Zumbrota, Minnesota.

### WORD of GOD

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalms 37:4

Christmas Sale Continues through Saturday!

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## Library Notes by Suzanne Abbott



We appreciate the donations the library received this week in memory of Charlie Keith. We thank D.A. and Ruby McGuire and Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott for remembering a special person and the library in this way.

Books new to the library include Lisa Gardner's The Other Daughter described as terror..... a great read" by Iris Johansen. We also have a biography of Elizabeth I by David Starkey. It is called Elizabeth the Struggle for the Throne.

New to the library is The Persia Cafe by Melany Neilson. John Grisham says of this book, "A haunting story; beautifully written, finely plotted, filled with people who linger

long after the last page." James Patterson and Peter de Jonge collaborated on The Beach House which is also a new library book.

The library has Peace like River by Leif Enger both in hardback book and on audio tape. Two books by Rosamunde Pilcher are new to the library, The Day of the Storm and Voices in Summer. The Upstart by Catherine Cookson is also new to the library. Come in and check out one of these good books.

We thank all those who came to Late Night Shopping and bought books. We enjoyed visiting with you. We also thank the Friends of the Library who came to work the book sale that night.

## Matador Lions Club to fill care baskets

The Matador Lions Club will meet December 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Billie Dean's Restaurant to fill care baskets for the Christmas holidays.

Students at Motley County ISD collected canned goods and other packaged foods to fill the baskets. Students take part in this project each year. After the baskets are prepared by the Lions members they will be distributed this year by the Matador Boy Scouts.

If anyone would like to receive a basket, please notify Bobbie Brown at the Community Action Center at 347-2881.

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### Be Still!



Silence is an indispensable part of any spiritual development. We need to be quiet in the presence of God. Consider the prophet Elijah who stayed still long enough amid the noise of life, (the wind, earthquakes and fire), to finally recognize the quiet whisper of God. Read of this in I Kings 19: 10-13.

We, like Elijah, need to pause in the pursuit of our whatevers ... and in the stillness seek our God. We generally make a lot of noise and speak lots of words, even to God or about God. It is difficult to stop and be still and let the quietness overtake us. It seems that there is some matter always pressing and urgent. The idea of just sitting there and "doing nothing" seem to trouble some of us more than it helps.

In the stillness will come prayer. Prayer is taking time to let God refresh us, touch us as the artist who is making a sculpture of our lives. Quiet! Well what happens when there is nothing to say? When we are with friends and we stop talking, is that the end of the relationship? Of course not! So it is with God. Be still! Soon with a little practice, these moments of quietness will bring about real depth to our spiritual lives. Why? Because we're communing with our god.

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

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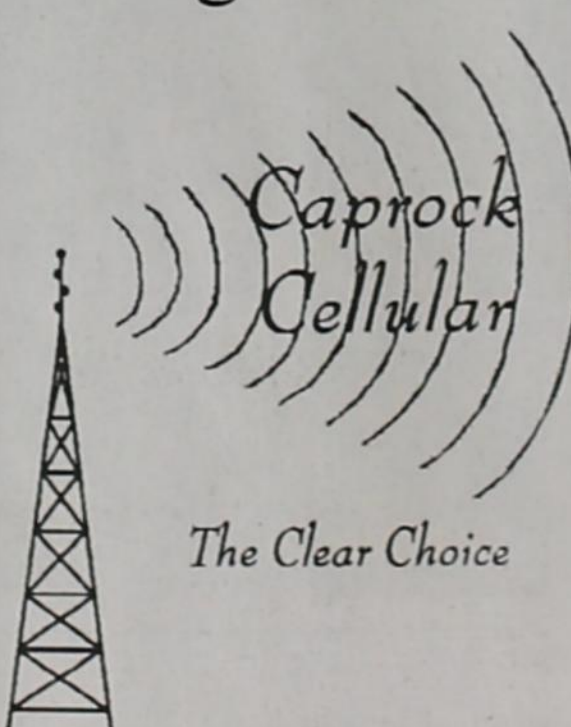
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## STUDENTS of the month

Motley County ISD December Students of the Month are Joseph Horton, Mercedes Saenz, Shea Rose and Gene Salazar.

Joseph Dale Horton is the four year old son of James and Paula Horton of Roaring Springs. He is a Pre-K student.

His favorite teacher is Mrs. Parks. He enjoys playing with friends and participating in T-Ball.

Joseph plans to attend college when he completes school and wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

His advice to fellow students is "Don't get into too much trouble!"

His favorite color is red. His favorite food is chicken. His favorite music is "Who Let the Dogs Out," and his favorite movie is Scooby Doo.

Joseph admires his sister the most.

Mercedes Saenz is the 9 year old daughter of Melissa Salazar of Matador. She is a fourth grader.

Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Kautz.

She enjoys riding her bike for fun. She is a member of the local Girl Scouts.

Mercedes plans to attend college after she completes school and wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

Her advice to fellow students is "Listen to your teacher."

Her favorite color is green. Her favorite food is Pizza. Her favorite musician is Nelly and her favorite movie is Scary Movie 2. The last book she read was Hank the Cowdog. She admires Matt Henzler.

Mercedes believes that a quality of being a good citizen is to donate blood.

Shea Rose is the 17 year old daughter of Tony and Sherry Rose of Matador. She is a Junior.

Her favorite subject is Yearbook and her favorite teacher is Coach Cooper. She enjoys reading, cooking and watching TV in her spare time. She is a member of the Motley County Pep Club.

Shea plans to attend Wayland Baptist College after graduation and plans to become a Teacher.

Her advice to fellow students is to stay in school and study hard.

Her favorite colors are blue and orange. Her favorite food is Enchiladas. Her favorite type of music is Rock and her favorite movie is Signs. The last book she read was Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul III.

Shea believes the qualities of being a good citizen is to be nice to everyone.

Gene Salazar is the 14 year old son of Alex and Aurelia Salazar of Matador. He is an eighth grader.

His favorite subject is Lunch and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Bingham. He enjoys sleeping in his spare time.

He is a member of the Motley County Mavericks football team.

He plans to become the first Mexican President of the United States when he grows up.

His favorite color is blue. His favorite food is Macaroni and Cheese. His favorite type of music is Heavy Metal, Drowning Pool. The last book he read is My Brother Sam is Dead.



# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## SCHOOL MENU



### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Beef Tips & Rice, Green Peas, Biscuits, Fruit, Milk.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Fried Steak on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Brownie, Milk.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Salad, Bread Sticks, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Pastry, Applesauce, Cereal, Toast, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Dessert, Milk.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Basketball Tournament at Rule (girls only)

**Friday, December 13:** Varsity Basketball Tournament at Rule (girls only)

**Saturday, December 14:** Varsity Basketball Tournament at Rule (girls only)

**Monday, December 16:** Jr. High Basketball at Spur, 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 17:** Semester Tests.  
Basketball vs. Lockney, 4:00 p.m. (4 games)

**Wednesday, December 18:** Semester tests.

**Thursday, December 19:** Semester Tests.  
Staff Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 20:** Basketball vs. Silverton, 4:00 p.m. (4 games)  
End of first Semester.

**Saturday, December 21:** Teacher Workday.  
December 23-31: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!

December 22-26: Gyms closed.  
**Friday, December 27:** Varsity Basketball Tournament at Ropes.

**Saturday, December 28:** Varsity Basketball Tournament at Ropes.

## Varsity Basketball teams compete in Anton tournament

by Amanda Hurt

On December 5-7 the Matador and Lady Mats played in the Anton Tournament. The first game for the Lady Mats was on Thursday against Anton. Lead scorer was Chasity Holman with 17 points, Brittany

Donaldson and Brittany Moore (10) had 4, Mandi Ream and Cassie Campbell each put in 2. The Lady Mats lost to Anton 60-27.

Friday the Lady Mats faced Hart. Chasity Holman led in scoring with 24; Brittany Donaldson, 11; Brittany Moore (12), 9; Brittany Moore (10), 7; Sabrina Osborn and Mandi Ream had 4. The Lady Mats defeated Hart 61-52.

On Saturday they played Amherst. Lead scorer was Chasity Holman, 14; Brittany Donaldson 11; Mandi Ream, 9; Brittany Moore (10), 8; and Cassie Campbell, 3. The Lady Mats won 45-33 and took home a Consolation trophy.

The Matador's first game was against Amherst. Lead scorer was

Seagram Sims with 12 points, Matt Henzler, 10; Clint Cooper, 8; Colton Russell, 7; Lorenzo Salazar, 3; Quinten Rose, 2; and Cody Cooper, 1. The Matadors lost 59-47.

Silverton was the Matadors' next opponent. Clint Cooper led in scoring with 15 points; Matt Henzler, 11; Seagram Sims, 6; Clay Cooper, 4; Chance Bingham, 4; Quinten Rose, Kenny Johannes, and Brandon Martin all had 2. Silverton overcame the Matadors 75-46.

Their last game was against Bovina. Clint Cooper was lead scorer with 11 points; Lorezo Salazar, 10; Matt Henzler, 5; Seagram Sims, 4; Kenny Johannes, Colton Russell, and Chance Bingham each put in 2, and Brandon Martin had 1. The Matadors were defeated 74-38.

## First Semester final exam/class schedule

### MONDAY, DEC 16

Follow the regular Friday schedule

### TUESDAY, DEC 17

Follow the regular Friday schedule

### WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

**1st Period** 8:20-9:50  
**2nd Period** 9:55-10:15  
**5th Period** 10:20-11:50  
**Lunch** 11:50-12:55  
**6th Period** 1:00-2:30  
**3rd Period** 2:35-2:55  
**4th Period** 3:00-3:20  
**Release** 3:20

### THURSDAY, DEC 19

**2nd Period** 8:20-9:50  
**7th Period** 9:55-10:15  
**3rd Period** 10:20-11:50  
**Lunch** 11:50-12:55  
**4th Period** 1:00-2:30  
**8th Period** 2:35-3:00  
**Release** 3:00

### FRIDAY, DEC 20

**7th Period** 8:20-9:50  
**Morning Break** 9:50-10:00  
**8th Period** 10:05-11:35  
**Class Meeting** 11:40-12:25\*  
**Lunch** 12:25-1:30  
**Dismiss** 1:30

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the reason for the  
season!

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## THE HITCHIN' POST

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## Christmas



is almost here!

## 4-H News



It is getting close to time for the District Consumer Decision Making contest to be held in Vernon on February 26, 2003. This is a very fun and exciting contest that teaches great skills and knowledge that can be used throughout one's life.

If you would like an entry form or more information on this contest, please contact the local extension office.

## Just in time for Christmas!

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## ★ Shining Stars ★

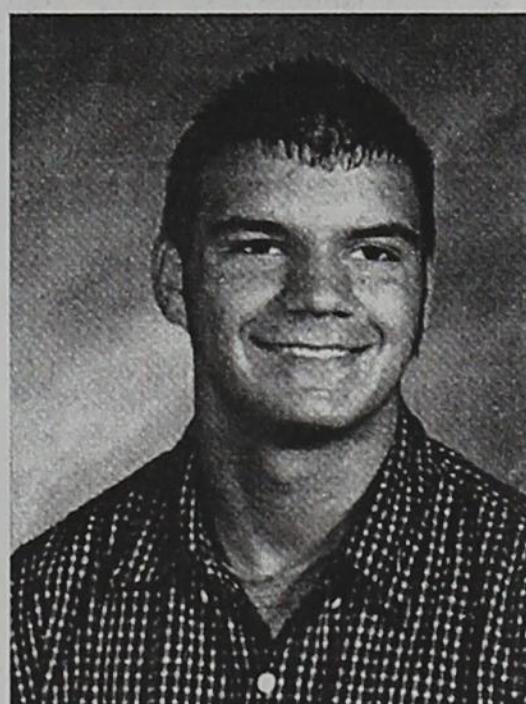
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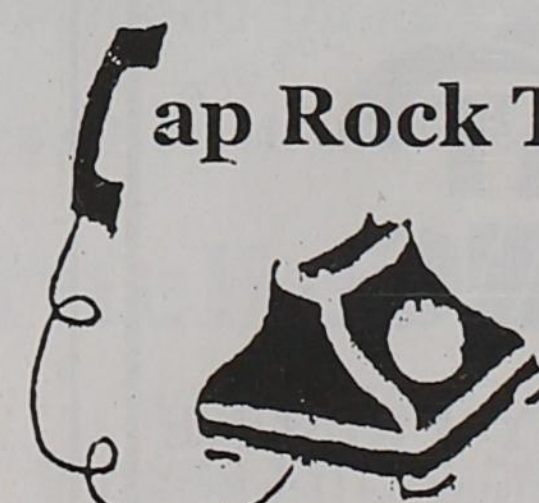
Stevens  
receives  
Academic  
All-District  
honor

John Wesley Stevens, a Sophomore at West Texas High, Stinnett, received District 6-2A Academic All District honors.

John played both offensive line and defensive tackle for the West Texas Comanches this year.

He is a former Motley County high school student and the son of Bettye Stevens of Stinnett and Steve Stevens of Childress.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

Odessa Mullins visited Friday with Vera Mitchell at the Lubbock Covenant Hospital. Mrs. Mitchell moved later that day to a Care Center in Littlefield to be close to her daughter, Wanda Goss. Odessa also visited Dorothy Lee, also a patient at Covenant. Mrs. Lee is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock visited Mrs. Mary Lumsden Saturday and attended Lula's birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins visited Odessa Mullins Sunday. They were joined for lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins, local residents.

Odessa Mullins entered Covenant Hospital on Tuesday to have knee replacement surgery.

Mrs. Mullins asks that anyone wishing to turn in Roaring Springs news please call the paper office at 347-2400 before 5:00 p.m., Monday.

### LULA SWIM HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

The Roaring Springs Methodist ladies along with Rev. Paul Stearns honored Lula Swim with a birthday party at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 7.

A beautiful large birthday cake, along with chips, dips and finger sandwiches adorned the table that was laid with a red tablecloth. Punch and coffee were also served. The cake was served by LeeAnn Peacock.

Those attending were Rev. Paul Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Don Baxter, Mrs.

Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Cleo Watson, Mr. Larry Watson, Mrs. Donna Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher, Mrs. Lea Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Mrs. PK. Green, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, Miss Linda Hotchco of Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Dickens, Mrs. Juanita Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mrs. JoElla Bumgardner, all of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock, and Miss Lee Ann Peacock who is in the Marines, stationed at Okinawa, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mrs. Donald Letkeman, Mrs. Cora Hall of Matador and Mrs. Albert Hall of Washington state. All of the Postal group turned out for the occasion.

### SENIOR CITIZENS MEET

The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens held their regular pot luck lunch on Thursday, December 5. It was also time for the annual Christmas Party. Songs were sung and the birthday song was sung for Ruby Hipp, Modean Brooks and Lula Swim.

Odessa had decorated the tables and put up the Christmas tree.

Rev. Jack Boggs gave the blessing for the food.

Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Jack Boggs, Mrs. Ruby Hipp, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammel, Mrs. Donald Letkeman, Mrs. Cleo Watson, Mr. Larry Watson, Mrs. Zella Palmer, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Mrs. Odessa Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zabielski, and Lula Swim.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank the many family and friends for all the food, cards, flowers, sympathy, caring and loving support in the death of our loved one, Charlie B. Keith. A special thank you to Rev. Paul Stearns, Jeanne Adams, Marion Woodruff, Debra Spray, Pat Seigler, Nathan Shannon, the Pallbearers, and the Methodist women for the meaningful funeral service and the family meal after the graveside service. The people of Motley County are very special and caring, and we are all very appreciative.

Viola Keith  
The Charles R. Keith Family  
The David B. Keith Family

To the wonderful people of this area, thank you for all your cards, telephone calls, visits and the prayers that so encouraged both of us when Furman had to be away from home in Plainview Hospital, Lockney Care Center and IHS Hospital in Lubbock. It has been a long siege but things are on the bright side now. Our thanks too, to the Ambulance crew who came to our aid on that Sunday morning. God Bless!

Furman and Beverly Vinson

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church would like to say thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the DVD Sale, the Tamale Sale and Bake Sale. Gid Simpson won the DVD player. We appreciate your support.

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I would like to thank everyone who had a part in my birthday party on Saturday. A special thanks to those who brought and served refreshments and to everyone who attended. The celebration was wonderful and I appreciate your kindness.

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin Thanksgiving day were their grandchildren, Lindsay Martin, student at West Texas A&M in Canyon and Cole Martin, student at A&M University in College Station. Visitors in their home, Friday were daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger.

Visitors during the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of Carolyn and Arnold Johnson were daughters and families, Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and Brittany of Vernon, Kayla and Neil Guest of Turkey and her mother, Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay of Lockney visited Wednesday with son and wife, Jerry and Sandra Barclay.

Coy and Julie McKay of Vernon and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Floyd T. Starkey and L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Thursday. Mrs. Connie Franks baby-sat Tuesday in Matador with Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie.

children of Lacy and Conway Clarey. Lacy had surgery at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin enjoyed the NCAA Women's Championship Volleyball game Saturday night held at the Event Center in Canyon. The exciting games were competed by West Texas A&M, Missouri Truman University, Pennsylvania Grand Valley State Lakers and Wisconsin Edinboro University.

Erma Washington accompanied her husband, Bill D. Washington to Memphis, Tuesday for a dental appointment.

Donnie Cruse had neck surgery, Tuesday at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. With him during the surgery was his wife, Judy and mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were in Lubbock Wednesday and Thursday for her medical tests.

Visiting Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Brain Sehon of Ropesville.

## Whiteflat News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

After joining a new church, I quickly attempted to learn names. One woman was introduced to me as a capable seamstress. Hoping to use her skills, I tried hard to remember her name. I even used a popular memory aid: I imagined her face as an open, purple flower, thinking that would help.

Weeks later, with fabric and sewing project in hand, I asked another church member if she had seen Pansey in the congregation that morning. Her initial response was a puzzled look.

I quickly added, "She is a seamstress." Imagine my red face when the puzzled look changed to a big smile and was followed by, "You mean Violet."

### HAS SURGERY

Wilda Dixon had surgery on her shoulder she had injured recently, Wednesday, December 4th, at the North Side Surgical Center in Lubbock. With her during surgery was her husband, Spencer and mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. Mrs. Hester is visiting them during Wilda's recuperation.

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Hal and Kelli Martin were guests Thanksgiving day in the home of Joan and Joe Edd Helms of Flomot. Other guests were Mrs. Seritha Pearce and Katie

Hamilton of Amarillo; Kenneth and Carla Helms, Callie and Sunni, Paula and Bobby Phillips and Autumn and Randa McBee of Quitaque; Art Green, Ryan and Jamie Martin, Billy and Cindy Green, Aaron, Ashley and Annie of Matador.

Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador and her mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon enjoyed the Musical Christmas program presented by the Wayland Baptist University Music Department, Saturday night held at the Harrell auditorium in Plainview. Thier daughter and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, student at WBU, performed with the Wayland Singing Women and the International Choir.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended to business in Floydada, Thursday.

### ATTEND MUSICAL RECITAL

Danielle Gwinn was a featured performer at the Christmas Music Recital of Mrs. Dell Gray's students Sunday afternoon. It was held at the United Methodist Church in Floydada.

Danielle played piano solo, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and vocal solo, "White Christmas." The finale of "Silent Night" was sung by all the vocal students.

Those attending were her family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Fannin, grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot and aunt and uncle, Marilyn and Ray Holcomb of Floydada.

## Matador News

Sis Davis enjoyed Thanksgiving at her home with many of her children and grandchildren. Good food, games and fellowship were enjoyed by Don and Ray Baxter of Afton; Buddy and Frances Davis, Irving; Charles and Lisa Davis, Idalou. Grandchildren in attendance were Don, Colleen, Brad, Stachia and Seth Baxter, Matador; David, Leslie, and Deke Baxter, Landon Young, East Afton; Mike, Jennifer and Jessica Davis, Brandon Thrasher, Bedford; Bill, Kathy and Aric Varner, Lubbock; Chuck, Susan, Sarah, Rachel and Elaine Forshaw, Lewisville; Paula Baxter, San Angelo and Blakey and Charlea Davis, Idalou. Shawn Adams of Afton joined the group.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose were Sean Rose of Lubbock, Joe and Joyce Meredith, Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith, of Roaring Springs.

John and Pam Meador and children, Matthew and Mahanna of Gatesville visited from Wednesday night until Sunday morning in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meador. They also visited his mother, Dena Meador. The group enjoyed spending Thanksgiving together.

L.B. Campbell suffered a broken hip following an accident in his home, Thursday. He is a patient in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after undergoing hip surgery Sunday.

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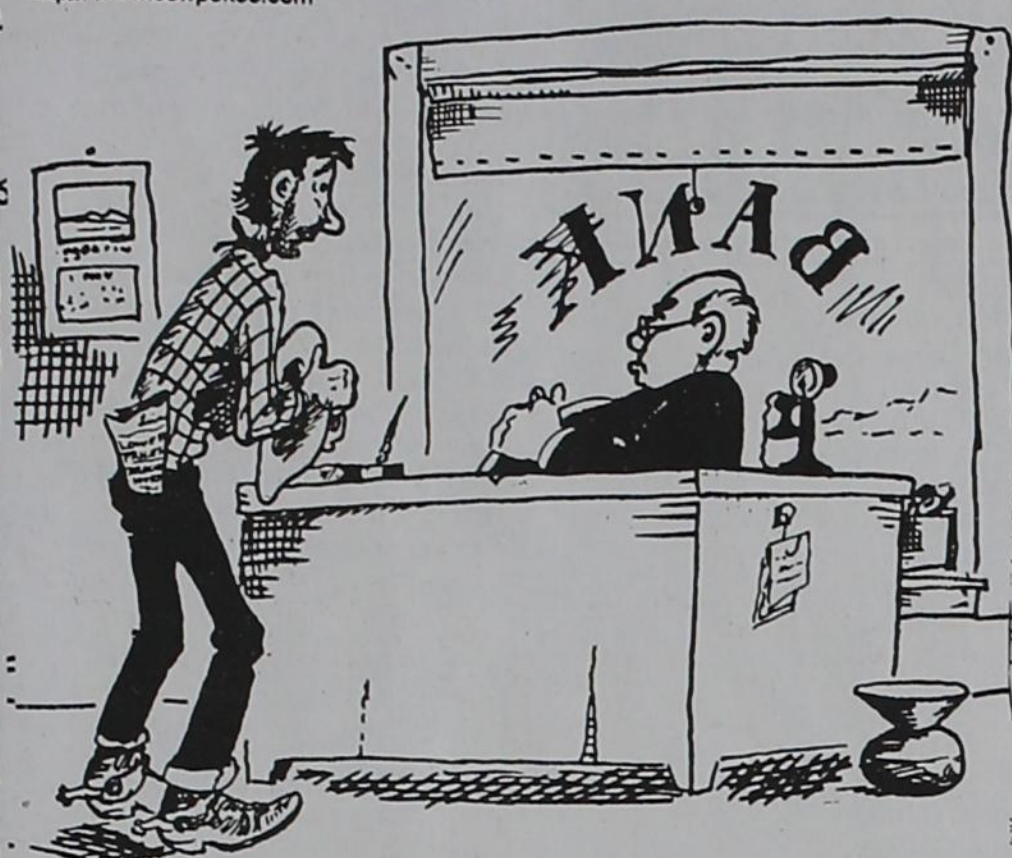




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# FARM AND RANCH NEWS

## Trade barriers problem for agricultural industry

Trade barriers around the world are a major problem for a still struggling agricultural industry, the president of Texas' largest farm organization said today. Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, delivered his annual address at the organization's 69th annual convention in Corpus Christi.

Patman, a grain, cattle, and cotton producer from Waxahachie said, "There is still a lot to be concerned about, but I think maybe Texas agriculture is in a little better shape than the last time we met."

Patman promised to attack trade barriers around the world in a continuing effort to support American farmers and ranchers. Patman said the Farm Bureau supports fair trade but will allow the interests of agriculture to be sacrificed for political goals. "Our trade agreements in the future must be free, but above all, they must be fair," said Patman.

Patman said Texas agriculture must find new markets for its products in order to maintain prosperity for farmers and ranchers. He spoke out

in opposition of the U.S. embargo against Cuba, saying it, "serves no purpose whatsoever." Cuba is buying U.S. agriculture products at a rate that will quickly surpass Brazil, the country that holds 10th place on the U.S. list of customers. Patman said that lifting the embargo will make Cuba a major buyer of U.S. food.

Patman reported that the Texas Farm Bureau Board of Directors traveled to Brazil earlier this year and found a country with a potential to become an agriculture superpower. He said Farm Bureau supports continued research into new agricultural techniques in order for the U.S. to compete with Brazil and other sellers in international agriculture.

Patman told TFB delegates that Farm Bureau fought a hard battle in order to get a federal farm bill passed. He said Congress and President Bush made a responsible and politically courageous move, in passing and signing the new farm bill.

Patman warned that eliminating agricultural support programs in the U.S. could have a disastrous effect. "I

worry that people that have never known real hunger might lose sight of the source of our prosperity and one of the cornerstones of our national security," he said.

Patman said ridding farmers and small business owners of the inefficient and immoral Death Tax would remain a Farm Bureau priority. The Federal Estate Tax imposes a final tax on an estate when the owner dies, after it has already taxed the dollars

that were used to build it.

Patman predicted a challenging session for the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January. Texas government is facing a possible \$5 billion budget shortfall. Patman promised that Farm Bureau will fight to preserve "hard won protections" for Texas farmers and ranchers. "Farming and ranching is tough. It always has been," Patman said. "We have a Farm Bureau for that reason."

## Cotton



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### NASS TO CONDUCT 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

One of the ways farmers and ranchers can personally participate in the process of developing agriculture legislation and regulation is to make sure that the information used by lawmakers and government agencies is as accurate as possible.

Perhaps the best way to ensure the accuracy of the information available is to actively participate in the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's 2002 Census of Agriculture.

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The 2002 Census of Agriculture will begin in mid-December with census packets mailed to all farmers and ranchers. Information provided on individual operations is strictly confidential by law. To further protect the identity and confidentiality of individual operations NASS will only publish data aggregated at the county, State, and National levels.

Census information and reports should be completed and returned to USDA by February 3, 2002.

Farmers and ranchers who receive a 2002 Census packet are encouraged to participate and to provide the most accurate information possible.

Producers, farm organizations, ag businesses, legislators and State extension personnel make use of the Census to spot trends in various areas of the industry and to propose policies and programs that meet agriculture's actual needs.

Anyone who produces at least \$1,000 or more of agricultural sales is eligible to participate in the Census and should receive census forms.

Producers who do not receive census forms by mail can contact the NASS order desk at 1-800-999-6779 to request a packet or go to the NASS website at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/) and download the forms themselves.



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