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Roaring Springs City Council discusses town's old car problem

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session December 13. Those attending were Mayor Corky Marshall, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Crowder, and council members Gary Simpson, Timmy Brooks, and Kelly Keltz; Water Manager Robert Osborn; City Secretary Zella Palmer.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order and Mr. Crowder gave the invocation.

The November 9 regular city council meeting minutes were approved as written.

The November 18 special city council meeting minutes were approved as written.

The financial statement was approved and bills were approved to be paid as presented. Council voted unanimously to replace the carpet and paint the conference room in City Hall.

Council voted unanimously for full-time City Employees who have been with the City for five years or more, to receive 3 weeks vacation time per year.

Council has had several complaints regarding old cars

parked out in the streets. These cars are a danger to traffic and streets cannot be maintained properly. Council voted unanimously to send letters asking residents to move the cars voluntarily from the streets. Residents will have 10 days to move the cars. Those needing assistance in moving the cars should call City Hall.

The Pampa Fire Department has inquired about the old fire truck being donated to their fire department. The truck would be placed in a museum. Council elected to keep the truck for now.

Council voted unanimously to reappoint Tina Brooks, Dana Graham, Suzanne Abbott, Alex Crowder, Corky Marshall, Jeff Braselton and R.E. Hunter to serve as Board of Directors for Economic Development Part B, for 2005-2006.

Council went into closed session at this time. Out of closed session a unanimous decision was made to give each full time employee a Christmas bonus.



Christmas in the Country

This photo depicting an old barn covered in snow is only one of the beautiful scenes in Motley County during a snow fall a few days before Christmas. After a white Christmas Eve, warmer temperatures on Christmas Day melted most of the pretty white stuff.

(photo by Carla Meador)

Christmas Lighting Contest winners announced

Results have been announced for the Texas Highway 70 Association's annual Christmas lighting contest. This contest, which spans from Spur to Turkey, honors those residents who have decked out their homes and yards for Christmas with lighted decorations.

According to Alex Crowder, representative of the Association, judges were impressed with the beautifully decorated

homes and had a hard time deciding the winners in each town.

First, second and third place plaques were presented to winners in each town and a larger plaque was presented to the overall winner. Association members from neighboring towns judged, so as members wouldn't judge their own hometowns.

Winners are listed below:

Matador: First, Jamie

Lopez; second, Dianne Washington, CPA (office); third, Betty Henry.

Roaring Springs: First, Lester Mullins; second, Delmar Fairly; third, Buzz Thacker.

Flomot: First, C.L. Hawkins and DeDe Payne; second, Jerry and Sandra Barelay; third, Roger and Shawna Lee.

Afton: First, Community Christmas Tree; second, Larry McClenney; third, J.R. Adams.

Dickens: First, County Courthouse; second, Dennis Shaw; third, Larry Roberts.

Spur: First, Sandy Williams; second, Mary Hinson; third, Sparky Eckles.

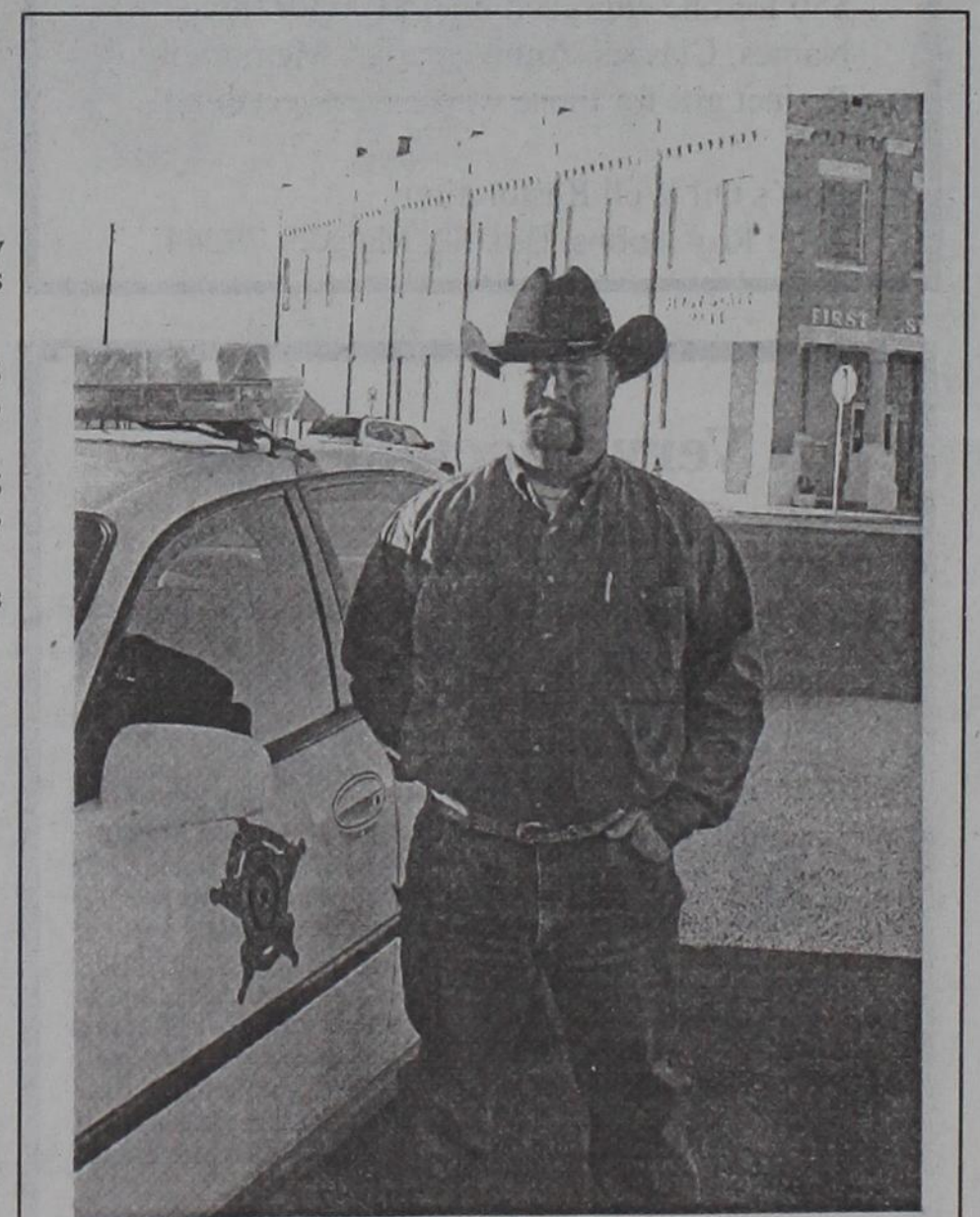
Turkey: First, J. Bradshaw; second, Maurice Fuston; third, Noel Potts.

Overall winner: Dickens County Courthouse.



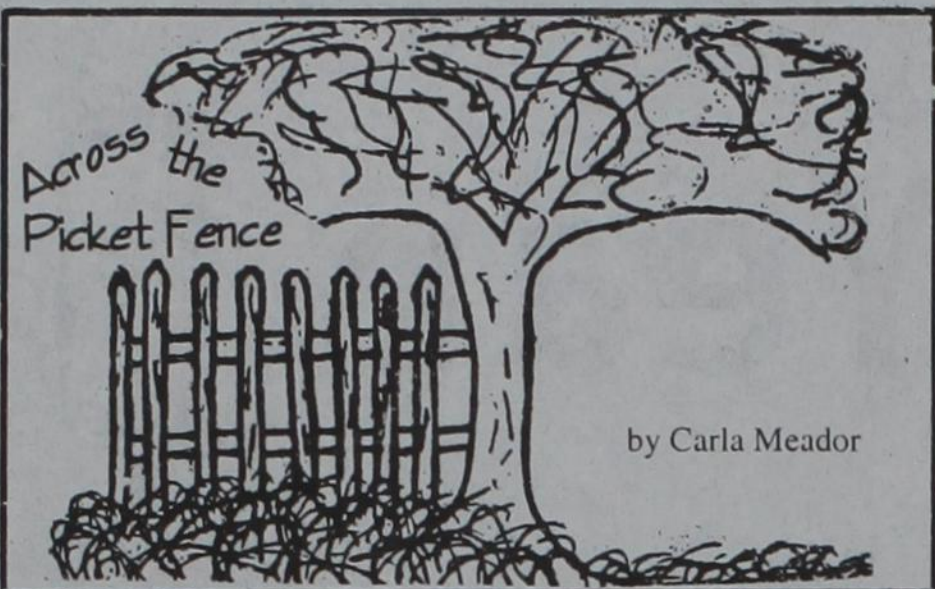
The Matador Volunteer Fire Department responded to a grass fire near the Matador Ranch headquarters Sunday afternoon. High winds caused the fire to re-ignite from some brush piles which had been burned earlier in the week. Firemen were able to contain the fire quickly with no problems.

(photo by Carla Meador)



New Deputy

Brian Smith, 29, began his law enforcement duties as a Motley County Deputy in October. He was raised in Waxahachie, Texas and graduated from high school there. He received his law enforcement training at South Plains College in Levelland. He previously worked as a reserve for the Constable in Garza County. His father is a Game Warden in Garza County. Brian and his wife, Ida, have three daughters, Sara, 3, Abby, 2 and Baylee, 6 months. The family lives in Roaring Springs.



I trust you all had a good Christmas. We had a wonderful, blessed Christmas. Wasn't the snow beautiful? It's rare that we have a white Christmas in this area. The snow seems to bring a quiet peacefulness to the outside world. I stood on the porch with my dogs one night about 3:00 a.m., and even though it was bitter cold, the quietness and the beauty of the glistening snow brought a prayer of thankfulness to God for the awesome artwork of His hand.

It's hard to believe that 2004 is about to come to an end! It seems like only yesterday that the sound of "2000" was mind boggling! And now, with the blink of an eye, here we are five years into the 20's!

I truly hope that the new year brings happiness and overwhelming blessings to all my readers. I pray our country and our world will find peace. If each one of us can find peace within ourselves, and extend that peace to someone else, maybe we can start a chain reaction that could span around the world. You know - like 'pay it forward.'

This is a prayer that would be good to remember in trying to obtain that peace.

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinter-

ested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

Living in the country, we don't experience some of the things mentioned in this prayer very often, but we all experience impatience and frustration from time to time.

We really don't know what the next person is going through. Only God does. If He can have patience, understanding and forgiveness for us, how can we not have the same for our fellowman?

Happy New Year!

Motley County Lifestyles

Arts & Crafts club members celebrate Christmas with annual holiday party

by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club enjoyed the fall season this year very much.

The Christmas Bazaar was a very good one - the sales were beyond expectations. It was a great time, seeing old friends, drinking coffee with a myriad of cookies to chase from, watching the cute children having fun, everyone having a good time. Thanks to all who came.

The November lesson was taught by Club President Joy Archer, on painting on ornamental gourds. It was amazing what beautiful objects can be made from gourds. Mr. and Mrs. Santa was an outstanding creation and was the object of interest to the class.

The Christmas Party for the club was held at the home of Mrs. Winifred Darsey, Decem-

ber 6.

It was a covered dish luncheon. The party was a traditional one, with lighted Christmas tree. The snowman was the theme of the day. Contests were held - Joy Archer guessed the nearest to a jar filled with cranberries, Dorothy Knight found a hidden Santa, Jo Trammel told the best Christmas story. The remainder of the day the members played bingo, for white elephant gifts furnished by the members.

Those attending besides the hostess were Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Dorothy Knight, Nova Dale Turner, Joyce Meredith, Lorene Lancaster, Jo Trammel, Marion Woodruff.

The club lesson for January will be taught by Nova Dale Turner, painting on small tin buckets. Happy New Year!

El Progreso Club members enjoy Christmas at the Ranch

by Beverly Vinson

December 10th dawned bright and beautiful for the annual meeting of El Progreso club at the Campbell Ranch. Delicious turkey and all the trimmings was served. As one entered the yard it was full of reindeer, poinsettias and Christmas greenery. Lights were strung throughout the house with all the decorations one could imagine. To assist Mrs. Campbell in all the arrangements was her granddaughter, Michelle Howard. She was the one responsible for all the beautiful decorations and the tasteful manner of displaying them.

Each member brought a Christmas ornament for the gift exchange of "Christmas with the Wright family," something we all enjoy.

When all the brought bowls and dishes of food were arranged in the kitchen, Grace Campbell asked the blessing for the food and the organization we all belong to.

After the meal of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, everyone ascended to the lovely living room with the tree glowing with lights and decorations and a fire in the fireplace. The official meeting was called to order by the president, Lana Copp with invocation by Beverly Vinson.

The program leader was Grace Campbell who proceeded to introduce JoAnn Dickson who had prepared another wonderful Christmas story she had composed. Her talents and knowledge are very inspiring and something for all to enjoy.

This was the story of "Nathaniel and the Beggar Boy." The first part of the story is about the arid area of Judea and the other is that of Nathaniel, the Innkeeper's son. As Nathaniel hurried toward home after spending a day in Bethlehem he came across a little boy of six or seven years old who was hungry and cold. Nathaniel took him

home to the stable. As they made their way there a brilliant star was shining about it. There were kings, camels and other animals in the stable along with angels floating above the stable all the while singing praises of "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

Nathaniel had earlier been reminded by the animals of the stable that the Savior would be born there that night. The little beggar boy was not hungry when the food from Nathaniel was placed before him and he fretted he had nothing for the new baby. Seeing the solitary fir tree outside they decided to decorate it, taking tufts of wool from the lamb, colorful feathers from the chickens, strands of hair from the tail of the donkey. Holly berries had been seen outside the stable which they strung for the tree.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, took the infant to the door of the stable to see the gift of the tree and as she did so there was a shower of brilliant sparks reigning down on the tree.

The first Christ tree had evolved into what would be known as the Christmas tree.

The two boys were so excited about the decorated tree, Nathaniel was happy for having helped the beggar boy, the beggar boy was happy for the warmth of the stable and food brought to him, but most of all for the fir tree planted by God's hand for a purpose.

What a wonderful story and way to begin the holiday season.

After the Wright family gift exchange, and wishing everyone a joyful holiday season the afternoon concluded.

Those in attendance were Lucretia Campbell, Winifred Darsey, Opal Pipkin, Billie Koon, Sharon Allen, Dorothy Day, JoEtta Bumgardner, Beverly Vinson, Grace Campbell, Lana Copp, JoAnn Dickson and Michelle Howard.



This Nativity Scene is displayed in the yard of the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

News Flash: Renowned Atheist Philosopher changes His Mind!

I am attempting to approach these matters in an ordered fashion, but will deviate sometimes, when important events occur. This is one, and it is huge.

For about the last 50 years, perhaps the leading atheist in the world has been British philosophy professor, Antony Flew. He has misguided and mistaught literally millions of people. You will probably not see or hear this in the liberal-controlled mainstream press or news media (they will probably try to keep it under wraps), but two weeks ago, Professor Flew, now 81, announced that, based upon scientific evidence, he now believes the existence of God.

He has concluded that some sort of superintelligent first cause must have created the universe and is the only good explanation for the origin of life and the hypercomplexity of na-

ture, particularly the DNA molecule, which screams the pre-existence of an intelligent designer, and he is right.

I emphasize this, not just because the good professor has finally seen the obvious but to demonstrate that true science is a powerful tool in convincing the skeptic of the existence of God, which for many, is a necessary starting point on the road to bringing him to a true saving faith in Jesus Christ. Of course, the ultimate work is done by the Holy Spirit, but if true science will crack a rockhead like Professor Flew, it should work on any so-called "intellectual type."

Now, if someone will just educate the professor on a little correct theology, he may yet avoid hell, because belief in God is insufficient to get him to Heaven!

More on this later. Next week: Does the "Big Bang Theory" make sense?

Look Who's New

RIGGS BARTON HOREN

Paka and D.J. Horen of Plano would like to announce the arrival of their son, Riggs Barton. He is welcomed by his big sister, Skylar.

Riggs was born November 15, 2004, at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Kenny

and Olivia Barton of Matador and Don and Pam Horen of Hartford, Wisconsin.

Great-grandparents are Louise Barton and the late Alfred Barton of Matador, Vivian Campbell of Amarillo, L.B. Campbell and the late Lucretia Campbell of Matador, and Addy Heckel of Appleton, Wisconsin.

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A Very Special People



The Bible tells us that we can be God's special people. Imagine that! But my wife and I do not have to imagine. We know that God's people are truly a special people. The faithful readers of this article each week have been both gracious and kind in your expressions of thankfulness and gratitude toward us. We are encouraged by you all.

Our family is blessed because of your faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ. It is once more that time of reflection upon the past months in our lives. The months of 2004 have almost passed into history and with them many opportunities and some challenges. When all things are considered, the year of 2004 has been good to us and we have developed the good friendship begun in 1990.

I trust all of our readers are enjoying the holiday season. It is a fun time of the year. Judy Ann and I wish you every happiness and may the coming year bring you the blessings of good health and happiness. May the good Lord bless and keep you all.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Kandi Keltz accepted to Masters Program

Kandi Keltz has been accepted into the Masters of Occupational Therapy program at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. She was also awarded a partial scholarship.

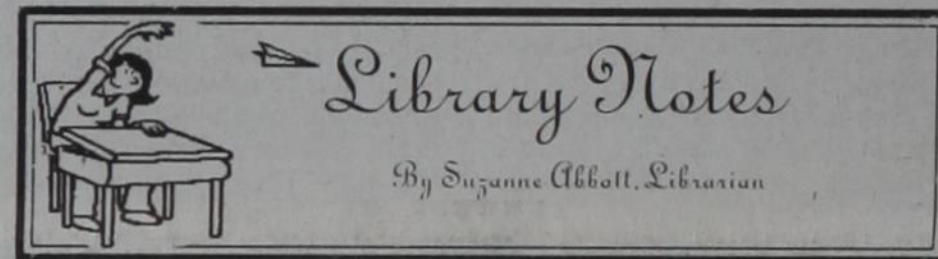
Kandi is a 1999 graduate of Motley County High School and the daughter of Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs.

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Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the gift subscription to Newsweek Magazine sent to the library by Dorothy and Stan Hanesworth. I know our patrons will enjoy having this informative magazine available at the library. Just a reminder: we check out magazines just as we do books and videos.

New adult fiction books in the library include Larry McMurtry's newest, Loop Group. We also have Clive Cussler's newest, Black Wind. We also have this book on audio CD. I just finished listening to it and it is good.

Other new books include Twisted by Jonathon Kellerman. This book does not feature Alex Delaware but the homicide detective Petra Conner. Twisted is not quite as heavy into the psychological aspects of crime as the Alex Delaware novels are.

We have Glass Virgin, a novel by the ever-popular Catherine Cookson. In the adult nonfiction section you will find Washed in the Blood by Shelton Williams. This is a true crime story of murder of Betty Jean Williams in Odessa, Texas, in the early 1960's.

The library also has a copy of Mitch Albom's The Five

People you meet in Heaven. There was a presentation of this book on television recently. We also have Marsha Sharp's book Tall Enough to Coach.

Thanks to Granny's Tea Party, the library has several new children's offerings. We have three DVD's that feature classic children's stories. These are Red Riding Hood, Is your Mama a Llama? and Click, Clack, Moo Cows that Type. Each DVD has several stories that are favorites of children.

Also new on the children's shelves is Come to Tea, Fun Tea Party Themes, Recipes, Crafts and Etiquette. This book presents everything a child needs to know about having a tea party. How fitting that this purchase was made possible by Granny's Tea Party funds.

The library has Froggy's Best Christmas, Winnie the Pooh's Friendly Adventures, Quack, Daisy, Quack! and The Most Thankful Thing—all new books thanks to Joyce Campbell's Granny's Tea Party.

Please note our New Year's closing: The library will be closed December 30, 31 and January 3. Happy 2005 to everyone!

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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Life Lessons

By Annie Green



Everyone loves to travel, to visit exotic places and witness nature's beauty. But no matter how far we journey, or where our path in life takes us, we will always dream of coming home.

Home—the place where you never have to pretend to be someone you're not. That place where you know you will always find comfort in your moments of weakness. The place where there is always a hand to hold and a heart that cares.

As children we learn so much

through schooling, but it is home where we first learn to laugh, love, and at times even cry. Some of the greatest lessons that I have learned were not spoken from a great philosopher, but rather seen through my small childish eyes as I witnessed life's greatest moments unfolding.

So remember, life can take you anywhere, your journey in life may be far and great.....but you are never too old to come home.



Motley County Elementary students presented a Christmas program at School before being dismissed for Christmas vacation, on Friday, December 19. (photo by Sherry Rose)



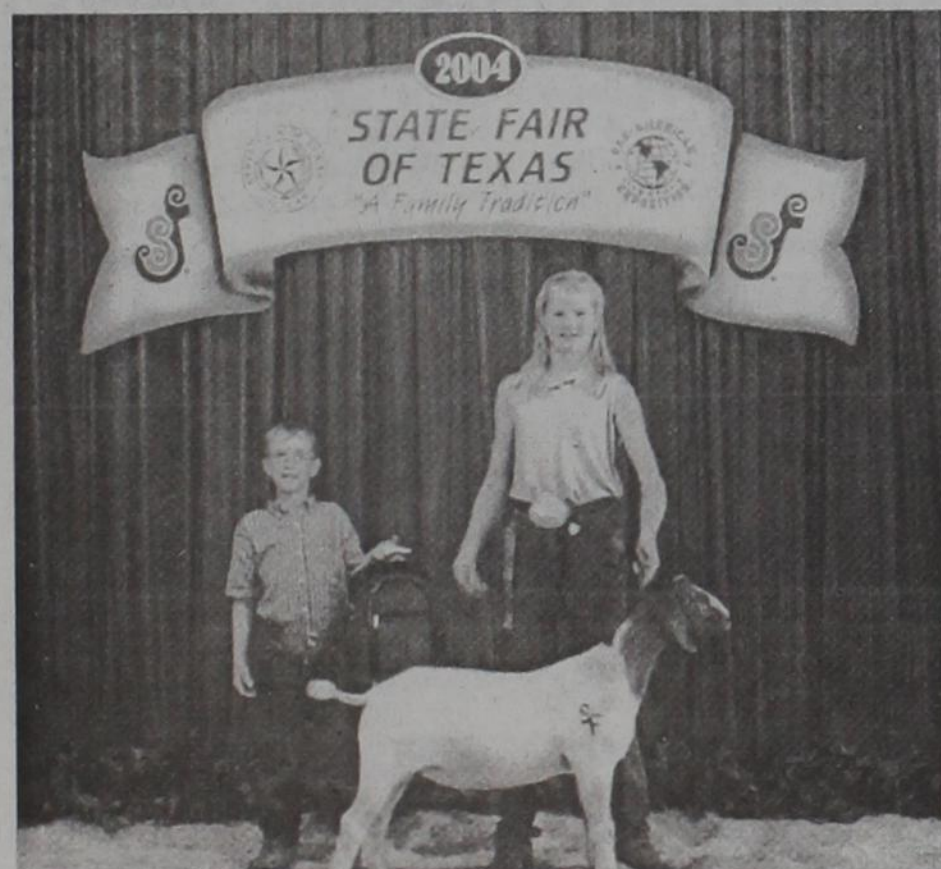
PLACES AT SHOW — Kolby Williams received sixth place in a class of 46 at the State Fair of Texas. Kolby and his sister, Kortney, are both members of the Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit. Their year ends in Odessa January 8, 2005. At present Kortney and Kolby are both winning the all-around in their respective age divisions.



RESERVE CHAMPION — Kortney Williams was awarded Reserve Champion Heavy Weight in a class of 45 at the State Fair of Texas. She also placed first in the Carcass contest.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

— Ephesians 6:1



GRAND CHAMPION — Kortney Williams was awarded Grand Champion Muy Grande Prospect Show A and B, Champion Intermediate Showmanship. Kortney and Kolby are students at Motley County ISD. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams of Floydada.



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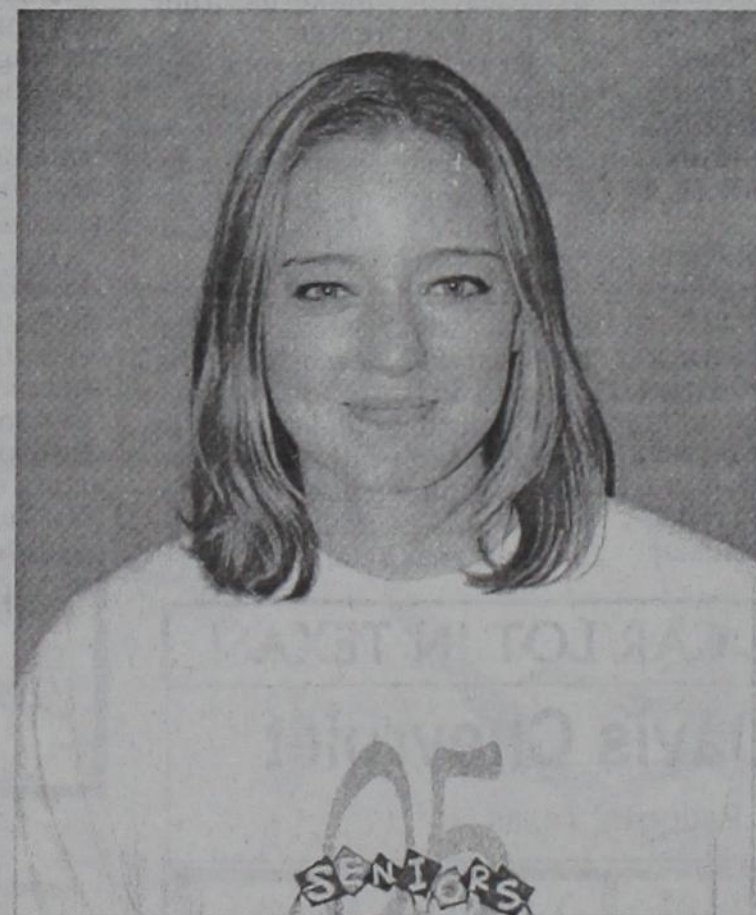
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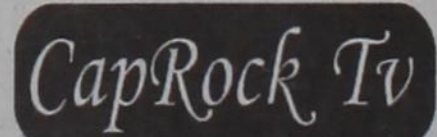
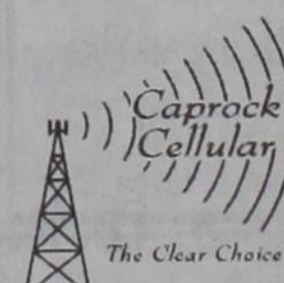
Amy Easter

Amy Easter was recently selected as December's Student of the Month. Amy is a senior this year at Motley County ISD. She is the daughter of Billy and Cory Easter of Wolfforth, Texas. At this time, Amy is residing with her sister and brother-in-law, Lee and Misty Jones, in Matador.

Amy is involved in basketball, track, golf, FCCLA, and is on the A-B honor roll. She was nominated as a Homecoming Candidate for Homecoming 2004. In this year's Vernon basketball tournament Amy was also recognized and selected to the All Tournament Team. In years past, Amy has been active in cheerleading, Student Council and cross country.

Amy enjoys living in Matador and is excited about completing her high school years at Motley County. In her spare time, Amy works at Main Street Cafe, enjoys being around her friends, talks on the phone, and attends church. After high school, Amy plans to attend South Plains College, and then transfer to Midwestern State University where she will major in Radiology.

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Colton Russell and Miss Joy Sheik.

Local youth will compete at THSRA high school rodeo

Colton Russell, 16, will compete in the upcoming THSRA Region 1 High School Rodeo. This is Colton's first year to compete at the High School Rodeo. However, he is no stranger to horse competition as he has been competing in 4-H Horse Shows and Junior Rodeos since he was very small, competing at the State 4-H Horse show yearly since third grade.

Colton has joined both the PCHA and NCHA to be able to compete as well as joining the THSRA. Region 1 High School

Rodeo Cutting Competitions are held in conjunction with the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association. This fall he has been to four cuttings, including the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. His highest score has been 70 and his highest placing in the Youth division has been third. THSRA awards points according to place/score, Colton has 40 points to date.

Colton is an honor student at Motley County High School, where he is a junior and is also

active in basketball and golf. He is the son of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador, and the grandson of Sonny and Dorothy Russell of Matador and Dale and Dona Smith of Quitaque.

Colton's cutting horse, Miss Joy Sheik, is a coming 6 year old and is owned by his grandfather, Dale Smith.

Colton is being sponsored this season by HP Feed & Seed of Roaring Springs and Evergreen Feeds.

Five ways to neutralize the stress of change in the New Year

Ah, New Years--the time we resolve to make changes for the better. Whether you're changing jobs, buying a car, starting a new fitness program or going for a new hairstyle, why is it that the very moment you commit to change you start to feel stressed?

"Change -- even good change -- is an open invitation to fear and trepidation," says Mary Beth Murawski, co-author of "Secrets of Prosperity: A Spiritual Boot Camp" (Focus Management Publications, www.AbundanceLove.com). "The negative thoughts and patterns that have held us back again this year. At first, these old habits may even appear to succeed!"

"It is common to experience intense stress during this period," says co-author Jaime J. Harris, partner in

www.AbundanceLove.com, which features a free, two-minute prosperity quiz that reveals how you handle the negatives in your life. Harris says this stress is often "actually the new positive thoughts being brought to the surface. While it may be tempting to retreat to your former, more familiar patterns of behavior, don't!"

"When fear knocks at your door, you have the power to decide whether or not to let it in," Murawski says.

Instead, the "Secrets of Prosperity" co-authors suggest you rejoice in your mental cleansing--like applying medicine to a wound, the stinging means that healing is beginning.

The authors share five ways to neutralize the negative in the new year:

* As you work to replace your

old ways of thinking with new ones, remember to be gentle with yourself. Remain calm.

* As things change, you may feel depressed, confused and indecisive. You might even feel out of control. This is good! Although it may be difficult, be still and bless the process. It is imperative not to resist the changes.

* Have faith in the idea that all is moving forward in your life for your benefit. Be still and listen. Although this may be a time of loss and apparent failure, it is only temporary. Meet your challenges calmly and expect to be successful. Remember that you are growing.

* During any period of change, you are bound to feel weak. The feeling of weakness may be the loss of an old personality trait. If you have chosen to remove someone or something from your life, you may feel loss and sadness. Bless the situation or person and let it go. Let go of all fear. Let go of all loss. Do not try to manipulate the changes in your life. Instead, welcome them with grace.

* Serenity will come to you. Try organizing a weekend with old friends to laugh and just be. Rest your mind and do activities you enjoy. The goal is to have fun!

It is common to perceive any period of change as catastrophic. But change only becomes more difficult when we view it with a "Chicken Little" mindset--"The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" Ease your way through these periods by viewing change as sliding down the other end of the rainbow.

Like a roller coaster, change is dangerous and frightening. And, in the end, most of us wouldn't have it any other way.

The co-authors of "Secrets of Prosperity," Murawski and Harris enjoy unlimited success by following the action steps they share in their book. Many of the mission steps they've used were developed when Harris coached actors on- and off-Broadway in New York City.

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

Consider:
From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-legged beasts
And things that go bump
in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us!

-- Old Scottish Prayer

The day with the shortest daylight of the year (December 19th) is behind us, the Christmas festivities are past, save for the leftovers and the decorations, and now the year is ending. It is a time when we begin to think about many things, wishes for the future, New Year's resolutions.

The holidays with loved ones (and ones that sometimes make it a little difficult to love them) have given us occasion to think about ourselves. We have seen ourselves reflected in the eyes of family and friends, and sometimes the reflections we have seen have not been reflections that were totally satisfac-

tory. So it is that this is the time when we make resolutions, decide that there are things about us we might like to change, things we feel that we should be doing that we have not been doing and things we have been doing that we feel we might best avoid in the future. We seek to be free from the ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts that make us other than we wish we were.

So we make our resolutions. Often we chose them because of those around us. But for us to stick to them, to make the desired changes permanent, we need the help of those around us.

And so it is with the Chamber, too, which is starting the new year with new officers and plans to do better. But we, too, need your help and support to carry through with these resolutions, and we ask your help, your feedback, your support in this new year before us.

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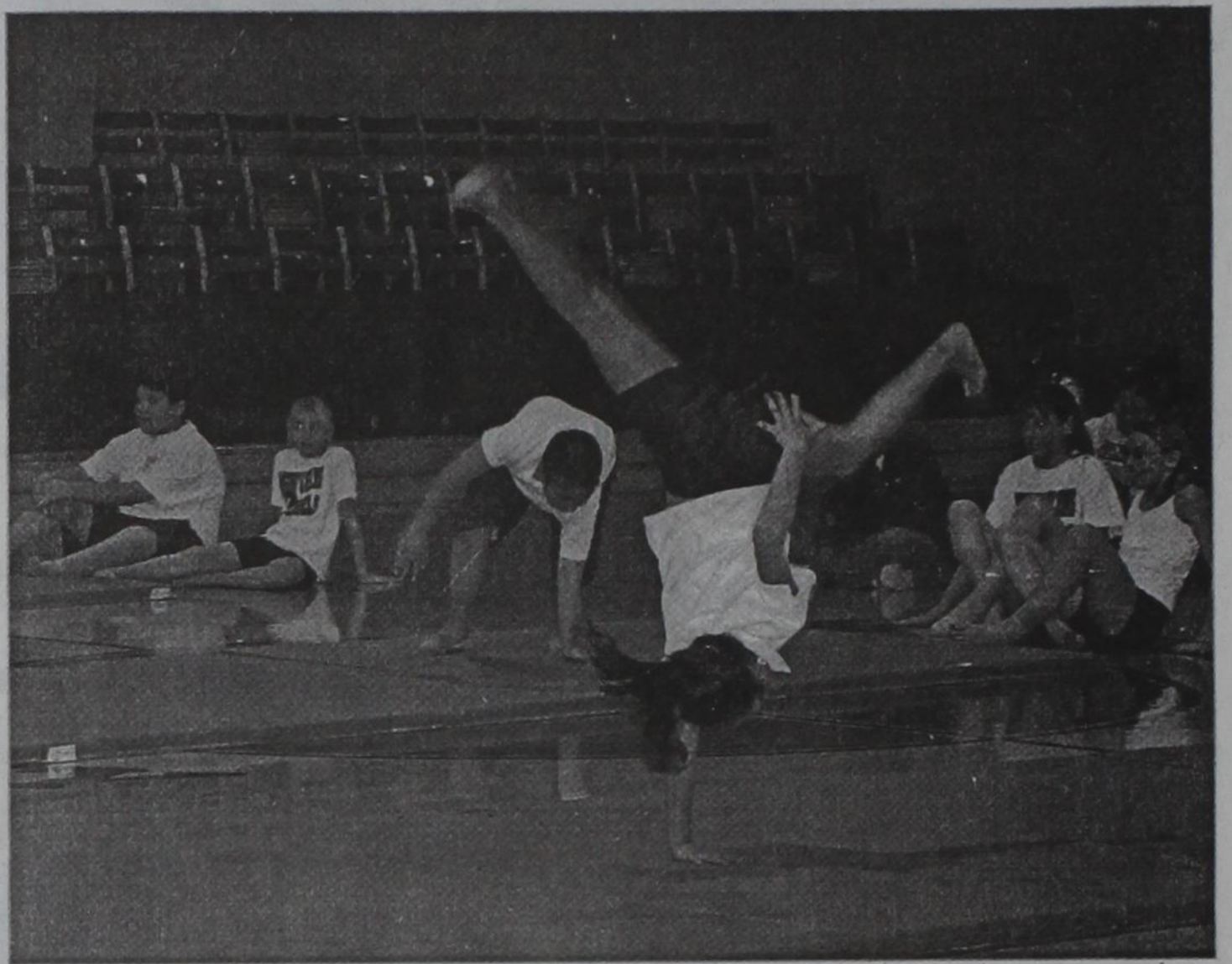
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FLIPPIN' OUT — This youngster, a member of the Motley County gymnastics team, is really flippin' out in this photo. Members of the gymnastic team presented their abilities with a show at the Elementary Christmas program at School, December 19. (Photo by Sherry Rose)

MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Data Control Codes	10	
	General Fund	IDEA-B Formula
REVENUES:		
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 840,027	\$ --
5800 State Program Revenues	797,440	--
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	284,511
5020 Total Revenues	1,637,467	284,511
EXPENDITURES:		
Current:		
0011 Instruction	828,146	284,511
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	23,595	--
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	3,386	--
0021 Instructional Leadership	--	--
0023 School Leadership	83,056	--
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	19,256	--
0033 Health Services	5	--
0034 Student Transportation	91,769	--
0035 Food Service	--	--
0036 Extracurricular Activities	41,601	--
0041 General Administration	182,369	--
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	157,029	--
0053 Data Processing Services	54,665	--
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	34,511	--
6030 Total Expenditures	1,519,388	284,511
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)		
1100 Expenditures	118,079	--
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):		
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	4,264	--
7915 Operating Transfers In	931	--
8911 Operating Transfers Out	(27,468)	--
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(22,273)	--
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	95,806	--
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	256,214	--
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 352,020	\$ --
98 Total Governmental Funds		
Special Education	\$ 266,970	\$ 1,124,156
	--	917,620
	--	314,666
	266,970	599,177
		2,640,953
	86,636	1,555,526
	--	965
	--	4,589
	159,324	6,194
	--	429
	9,426	724
	--	--
	--	745
	--	105,953
	--	254
	--	1,771
	10,653	1,014
	--	602
	266,039	479,473
		2,549,411
	931	91,542
	--	--
	--	4,264
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	--	4,264
	--	95,806
	--	256,214
	\$ --	\$ 352,020



FIREMEN HONORED — These Matador Volunteer Firemen were recognized at the department's annual Christmas party. Pictured left to right (back) are Phillip Sharp, "Here's Your Sign" award; Lee Jones, Fireman of the Year; Alan Bingham, 25+ Years of Service; (front) Brandt Underwood, Rookie of the Year; and Rodney Williams, Spirit Award. *photo by Jim Meador*



Matador Volunteer Fire Department members work to extinguish a grass fire at the Matador Ranch Sunday afternoon, December 26.

(photo by Carla Meador)

Final Sales Tax allocations made for 2004

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state collected \$1.4 billion in sales tax in November, up 6.6 percent compared to November 2003. The comptroller said \$321.6 million in December sales tax payments to local governments, up 4.9 percent compared to December 2003.

The final sales tax allocation of 2004 brings total local sales tax revenue for the year to \$4.2 billion, up 7.7 percent compared to calendar year 2003.

Texas cities' December sales tax allocations were \$218.2 million, up 4.5 percent compared to December 2003. City sales tax allocations during calendar year 2004 totaled \$2.8 billion, up 7.5 percent compared to calendar year 2003. Counties' December sales tax allocations were \$18.6 million, up 5.1 percent compared to December 2003. Counties received \$246.8 million in calendar year 2004, up 8.1 percent compared to the previous year.

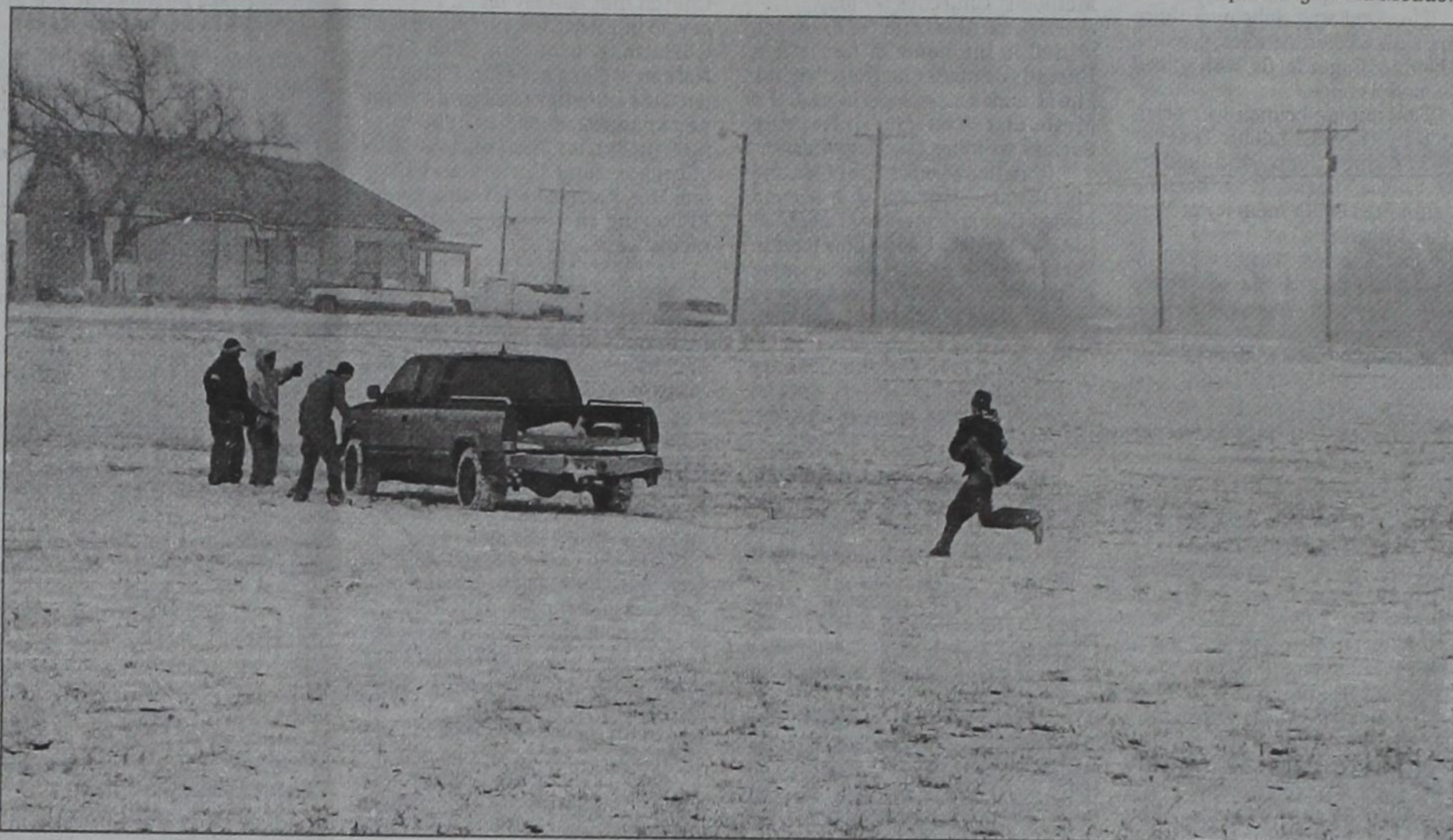
Nine local transit systems received December sales tax

allocations of \$76 million, a 59 percent increase over December 2003. Sales tax allocations to transit systems in 2004 totaled \$1 billion, up 8.3 percent compared to the 2003 total. December sales tax allocations of \$8.7 million went to 89 special purpose taxing districts, an increase of 6.2 percent compared to last December. Special purpose districts received \$115.5 million during 2004, up 6.9 percent compared to 2003.

Matador, with a rate of 2.00%, received a net payment this period of \$3,615.89 compared to \$3,479.26 at this time last year, a 3.92% change. 2004 payments total \$52,488.81, compared to \$41,309.95 for 2003, a 27.06% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.00%, received a net payment this period of \$4,900.30, compared to \$4,887.72 at this time last year, a 0.25% change. 2004 payments total \$34,288.16, compared to \$37,412.40, a -8.35%.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Jan. 14.



CHRISTMAS VACATION FUN — These boys enjoyed some Christmas vacation days sledding during a snowfall which resulted in about 3 inches for Motley County.

(photo by Carla Meador)

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Motley County TxDOT maintenance crew working on FM 1045

CHILDRESS—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Motley County Maintenance section has been busy

working on FM 1045. "We are performing an operation called a fog seal," says Ben Kautz, Motley County

Maintenance Supervisor. "The fog seal will help to hold the rock down that has been shelling off of the roadway," continued Kautz.

"We perform these type of operations to support the safety of the traveling public," said Kautz.

Anyone with questions about this, or any other TxDOT project should call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7145.

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A meeting will be held January 10th, 2005 at the Massie Activity Center. It will start at 7p.m. and conclude by 8p.m. David Cheek of Unicare will present a power point program. We will serve refreshments. If you can attend, please call Glenda Wilson at 983-3717.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
by Winifred Darsey
Mrs. LaVoe Thacker entertained the ladies of the community on Saturday, December 18, with her annual brunch.
The house was resplendent with Christmas decor. The decorations enhanced the entire home from front to back.
Many of the remembered favorites were there. The cute carousel, the miniature train, the lovely tree with its bright lights and ornaments, Santa Claus asleep after a busy evening, the shining mirrors with garlands of evergreen, the stockings by the fireplace.
The dining table was the focal center of the day with a gorgeous centerpiece of greenery, ornaments and candles made from Christmas ornaments. The table was covered with a red cloth overlaid with green lace, a stunning combination.
The food was delicious; there were sandwiches, candies, cookies, all kinds of finger foods, with spiced punch and coffee.
This annual brunch was originated by the late Lillian Thacker and has since been continued by Mrs. LaVoe Thacker. It has become an annual event in memory of Mrs. Lillian Thacker.
Mrs. Thacker was assisted by Pam Thacker, Anne Thacker, Joyce Smith, Donna Hoyle and Mrs. Bradley Thacker.
Everyone had a wonderful time visiting old friends and making new ones. The brunch is one of the brightest affairs during the holiday season.

PREDICTA STUDY CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING
The annual Predicta Study Club Christmas meeting was held in the home of Mrs. LaVoe Thacker with Mrs. Pam Thacker and Mrs. Joyce Smith sharing hostess duties, Tuesday night, December 14.
No business was conducted.
Mrs. Joyce Smith brought the program by reading a Christmas Story. Gifts were exchanged and a table full of goodies was enjoyed by Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Pam Thacker, Mrs. Jo Crowder, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Lula Swim, Mrs. Nona Long, Mrs. JoElla Bumgardner, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Joy Beason and hostess, Mrs. LaVoe Thacker.
CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY
Gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meredith for a family Christmas Eve party were local residents, Randy and Holly Meredith and boys, Wylie and John, Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith, and Kenneth Ashley; Jackie and Shirley Smith, Steve Smith, Jim and Carla Meador, Tony,

Sherry and Shea Rose, of Matador; Sean Rose of Crosbyton; Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock; Ron, Shirlene and Nick Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana.
The group enjoyed a Mexican pot luck dinner before exchanging gifts.
Enjoying Christmas Day lunch in the Meredith home were Randy and Holly Meredith, Wylie and John, Kenneth Ashley, and Jim and Carla Meador.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene visited in the home of his parents, J.T. and Imogene Swim and with his Aunt, Lula Swim, over the weekend.
Mrs. JoAnn Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque and Doug Allen of Spur had lunch with Pearl Patten on Sunday.
Mrs. Jane King filled the pulpit at Roaring Springs and Matador Methodist Churches Sunday.
Hanna Alexander of Lubbock visited in the home of her father, Russell Alexander for the weekend. She attended church services at the Methodist Church in Roaring Springs with the Alex Crowders.
Christian Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Brooks, won second place with his Cranberry Delight at the 4-H District Food Show held in Vernon last week. Jaci Zimmerman, daughter of Lori Alexander, won second place in the Main dish division.
Mrs. Cleo Watson, Monty Watson and Sherri Harris were in Lubbock where Cleo saw her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock brought Christmas dinner to his parents, J.T. and Imogene. Lula Swim joined them for Christmas dinner.
Thirty-eight people were served at the Methodist Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day. Alex and Jo Crowder had hosted the lunch for several years.
There was a good turnout for the candlelight service at the Methodist Church at Roaring Springs on Christmas Eve. Jane King brought the message. Several attended from other area churches.
Mrs. Pearl Patten spent the Christmas holiday with her daughter and family at Boyd.
Mr. Larry Watson of Austin is visiting his mother Mrs. Cleo Watson and other family members.
Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell of Paducah visited his mother, Mrs. Vera Mitchell, Christmas Day.
R.J. Marshall and his mother visited her mother, Mrs. Kay Jones on Christmas Day. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jones.
Mrs. Dottie Stark and son, Mike Stark, of Iowa Park, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim on Monday.

Matador News

Visiting in the home of Jackie and Shirley Smith during the Christmas holidays were their daughter and family, Ron and Shirlene Cooper and son Nick of DeRidder, Louisiana; son, Steve Smith of Matador; grandson and family, Jayson and Barbara Cooper and Justyn of Arlington. Also visiting were local residents, Tony, Sherry and Shea Rose, Jim and Carla Meador; Joe and Joyce Meredith, and Kenneth Ashley of Roaring Springs; and Sean Rose of Crosbyton.
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stevens of Dallas spent the holidays in Matador visiting her mother, Mrs. Winifred Darsey.
Guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. "Skeet" Jameson were son, Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon.
Tom and Deanie Edwards spent a weekend of the holidays in Dalhart with her son and family, Stephen and Lori Davis and Haley. They enjoyed a wonderful church service while they were there and on the way home came through the cutoff from Quitaque to Flomot. The

countryside was beautiful and the Peaks were as pretty as ever. They have had Tom's mother, Marge Edwards, as a week long guest for Christmas. Deanie took her home on Monday. While she was here, Marge, Tom and Deanie enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Campbell Ranch. They enjoyed having Dorothy Knight as a Christmas Eve dinner guest.
Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited in Amarillo with daughter and family, Ken, Kay and Kourtney Dunnam from Thursday, Dec. 23 until Saturday morning, December 25. They drove over to Plainview on Christmas Day and had dinner with Ken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunnam. Others visiting with the Dunnam Christmas Day were their daughter and husband, Karla and Doug Rush of Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Dunnam and children, Thomas and Sydney of Lubbock.
Arthur Harmon of Amarillo visited his sister, Juanita Cooper from Dec. 16 until Dec. 22. He is visiting this week with another sister and husband, Vee and Harold Gordon.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
May we as Americans in 2005 move forward in a spirit of togetherness that will make our nation stronger and that our leaders will move our nation forward in a positive way. May God Bless each of you with a Happy New Year.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS SERVICES
The Fairmont Baptist Church joined by families of the Flomot Baptist Church presented a Christmas worship service Sunday morning, December 19. The Rev. Arnie Smith of Lubbock conducted the services. Youth from both churches presented choral arrangements and read spiritual poems. Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Scarlett Sperry each sang hymnal solos. They had a luncheon following the services.
The Flomot Baptist Church and members of the Fairmont Baptist Church met Sunday night, December 19 in Flomot for an impressive Christmas program. The Rev. Nathan Mulder of South Plains related the Christmas story with youth participating in the enlightening nativity scene. The youth of both churches sang Christmas carols and Mrs. Kathy Shorter sang a solo. Following the services refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were guests Sunday at a pre-Christmas family luncheon in the home of daughter and husband Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger. Other guests were the Martin's grandchildren, Cole Martin of College Station and Lindsay Martin of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper, Carl and Kendra Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Cooper and son Gavin of Borger.
Cara and Chase Carson of Camp LeJeune, U.S. Marine Base in North Carolina, arrived Sunday afternoon to visit the holidays with her family, Connie and Coy Franks and Cary Franks. Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock visited the weekend. Cory and Cary attended to their cattle operations.
Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest Sunday at a pre-Christmas family luncheon in the home of S.C. "Teen" and Lou Burleson in Floydada. Other guests were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jones and children and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Brock and children of Levelland.
Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnny Starkey this week is their sister, Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde.
Visiting during the holidays with Brenda and Darrell Cruse are their children, Leah Cruse of Lubbock and Derrick Cruse, a student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.
Mrs. Carolyn Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey honored her mother, Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque on her 85th birthday with lunch in Childress, Saturday.
Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Friday for her appointment at the Eye Surgery Center. They visited in Canyon with son, Micheal Starkey before returning home.
Kourtnei Carnes of Turkey visited overnight Sunday with Danielle and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn.
Mrs. Anna Beth Clay enjoyed the Christmas program held at the Gem Theatre in Turkey last Sunday night in which her grandchildren, Walker, Parker and Ryleigh Caron of Turkey performed. She attended the Valley School Christmas program Friday. She was impressed by the students bringing canned goods for the Tri-County Meals and the many toys for the Valley Fire Department. The parents are to be commended for teaching their children the joy of Christmas giving to these in need.
The Starkey family celebrated Christmas day at the Starkey Family Reunion building and those attending were Bobbie Hanna and Sandra and Kenneth George Warner, Oklahoma; Mrs. Nola Long, Winnewood, Oklahoma; L.T. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Starkey of Ralls; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cypert of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Monty George and children of Lubbock; Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde; Mr. and

Mrs. Jack Starkey of Flomot and holiday visitors, Micheal Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch.
Brenda and Darrell Cruse joined family members at the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador for a Christmas Eve dinner. Others enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason and Dalton of Washington, Utah; Charla and Bennie Marriccle of Snyder; Shahala and Allen Hoelscher, Kaycee Marriccle and fiance, Ian Schafer of Lubbock; Leah and Derrick Cruse of Canyon; and Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse of Turkey.
Holiday visitors of Janice and Butch Hughes were Bengie and J.J. Hughes and Kaitlynn of Royce City; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee, Tara and Reagan, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes and Kendal of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes, Brennan and Baylee and Mrs. Marsha Blake of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shannon of Flomot.
Guests of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse at a Christmas night dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Cisco; Skylar Clifton of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith and Cutter of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor, Tory, Teah, and Tally of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle of Whiteflat; Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Branson and Baylor of Turkey; Leah and Derrick Cruse of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse, Talon and Roegan Cruse of Flomot.
Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter were Mrs. Judy Rhodes and Bee Lee See of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Rhodes, Wyatt and Chase of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Russell Rhodes, Kristen and Katherine of Cyprus; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter and Megan of Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mancief; Alyson, Matthew and Braden of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville; and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.
Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Breck and Lucretia Dockery and daughter Brittany of Vernon, Kayla and Neil Guest of Turkey and Mrs. Dorothy May of Quitaque.
Guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb, and Kenzie of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington and Brazos of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Chase Carson of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cary Franks of Flomot.
Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Mrs. Luara Dercherhause, Jarod and Kolin of San Angelo; Ronnie and Richard Rogers of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary; Donnie Rogers of Flomot and his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia who are visiting during their school holidays.
Guests of Ruth and Orville Lee during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon; Robert and Kylan Lee, Jason Lee and Jeane Wesley of Amarillo; Brandon Lee of Plainview, Teresa Lee and Kacee Thomas Heck and Erbie Lee of Turkey; Joshua Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee of Flomot and their house guests, Jessica, and Jordan Schuphback of Bloomington, Illinois.
Kip Pool of Lubbock visited Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Williams, Kelby and Pecos.
Johnie Starkey is visiting during the holidays in Lebanon, Missouri with his children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Starkey and Johna and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey.
Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Connor and Chancey of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere of Flomot. The Tim Kendall family visited in Clyde, Tuesday and Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Ollie Grey.
Visiting during the holidays with Mrs. Leona Degan were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Calgary. Mrs. Degan visited Christmas Day in Medicine Mound with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Degan.
Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Panhandle; Mark Clay of Terrell; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Clay of Whitesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Parker, Walker, and Ryleigh of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Edwards, Caden and Jaxon and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.
Visiting the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark is daughter, Mindy Stark of Austin and son and fiancee, Wes Stark and Erin Nelson of Del Rio. The family visited in Amarillo, Sunday with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stark.
Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross were daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock.

Obituaries

Donnie Jenkins
Graveside rites for Donnie Jenkins, 90, of Levelland, were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Wayne Horton, minister of Cactus Drive Church of Christ in Levelland. Interment was held under the direction of Siegler Funeral home in Matador.
Mrs. Jenkins died Friday, December 17, 2004, at a Levelland nursing home.
She was born Feb. 21, 1914, in Foard County, and moved to the Flomot Community in Motley County as a small child. She was the daughter of Raleigh L. and Bertha Anderson. She attended school in Flomot and graduated from Flomot High School.
She was married to Emmett B.

Jenkins on Apr. 3, 1936. Mr. Jenkins preceded her in death July 13, 1989. She was a resident of Matador until moving to Levelland ten years ago.
She was a homemaker, and had also worked as a nurse for Dr. J.S. Stanley at Matador. She was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church at Matador, and she was presently a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Levelland.
She is survived by one daughter, Karmen McCulloch of Levelland, one sister; Lois Spencer of Fort Worth; one brother; Denver Anderson, of Quitaque, two grandchildren; Stephen Braselton of Lubbock, and Jeff Braselton of Roaring Springs, and five grandchildren.

Bailey Elliott

Funeral services for Bailey Elliott, 96, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, at the Church of Christ in Matador. Officiating was Mike Crowley. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Siegler Funeral Home.
Mrs. Elliott died Sunday, December 26, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.
She was born Feb. 24, 1908, at Cottonwood, in Callahan County, Texas. She was married to Murle "Ted" Elliott on Nov. 3, 1945, and moved to Matador the same year. She was a member of the Church of Christ, and a former member of the Matador Garden Club and Eternas

Study Club.
She was preceded in death by her eleven brothers and sisters, by her husband in 1985, and by a granddaughter, Kristy Dorman.
She is survived by: one son; Larry Elliott of Beaumont, Texas; two daughters and son-in-laws; Lynda and Stan Fogerson of Anson, Texas, and Karen House and Peter Kann of Princeton, NJ; five grandchildren; Penni Bentley and husband Chad of Amarillo, Hillary Lane and husband Clayton of Princeton, NJ; Petra, Jason, and Jade Kann all of Princeton, NJ; four great grandchildren; Chase and Grace Bentley of Amarillo, Ben and Cassion Lane of Princeton, NJ.

Charlotte Campbell Richardson

Charlotte Campbell Cullin Richardson was an accomplished artist and teacher. Her native West Texas was her favorite subject to capture on canvas. She made friends easily, an attribute that helped her teach students at her Mountain View College.
Ms. Richardson, 63, died Friday, December 24, of ovarian cancer at her East Dallas home.
A memorial was held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. A graveside service will be held January 7, in Matador.
Ms. Richardson was an adjunct professor at Mountain View for more than 10 years, teaching art appreciation and working with art students in the studio of the Dallas County Community College District campus. She previously taught design classes at the University of Texas at Arlington.
Ms. Richardson had her art displayed at shows in Dallas, where she also helped critique the work of others.
In 2001, Ms. Richardson was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award at Mountain View. Cancer forced Ms. Richardson

to quit teaching in February 2003, shortly after she started the spring session.
Born Jan. 7, 1941, in Matador, Ms. Richardson raised her family and dabbled in art in Santa Fe, N.M., for about 10 years, before moving to Dallas and starting a new marriage in 1976.
Back in Texas, she began to study art seriously. She received her bachelor's degree in studio art from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1983 and a master's degree in fine art from Texas Woman's University in 1991.
In addition to her husband, Ms. Richardson is survived by four daughters, Charise Christian of Denton, Charyn "Chay" Parra of San Diego, Amy Hill of Garland and Susan Taylor of Atlanta; a son, Mitch Cullin of Los Angeles; her mother, Lucretia Campbell of Matador; a sister, Carol Campbell Todd of Dallas, and seven grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to Gilda's Club of North Texas, 2710 Oak Lawn Ave., Dallas, Texas 75219; or the Dallas Symphony Chorus Endowment Fund, 3913 Dartmouth St., Garland, Texas 75043.

Bea Shafer

Funeral services for Bea Shafer, 78, of Portales, N.M., former Flomot resident, were held Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wheeler Mortuary Chapel in Portales. Kenneth Broad and Elgin Conner officiated. Burial was in the Portales Cemetery under the arrangements of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales.
Mrs. Shafer died Friday, December 17 while waltzing to one of her favorite songs. She was born September 14, 1926, in Snyder, Texas. She was the daughter of Bertie and Neal Smith, granddaughter of John Lawson Lee of Matador and early pioneers of Floyd County, J.W. and Mattie Smith.
She graduated from Flomot High School in 1947. She attended Southwestern Business College in Plainview where she worked for a finance company. She moved to Dora where she worked as assistant

postmaster and then she worked in Portales for numerous years. She married Douglas L. Shafer August 2, 1997, in Portales.
She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Neal Gordon Smith Jr.; and a sister, Annie McBee.
Survivors include her husband, Douglas L. Shafer of Portales; four sons, Mack Strain of Lubbock, Chuck Strain of Portales, Ron Shafer of Clovis, and Brian Shafer of Pine Buff, Arizona; two daughters, Cynthia Widman of Reno, Nevada and Marilyn Parker of Las Vegas, Nevada; two sisters, Vinnie Kembell of Tulsa and Ruby Willoughby of Kingman, Arizona; 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Christian Children's Home, 1356 Hwy. 236, Portales, N.M. 88130.

Jack W. Nichols

Funeral services for Jack W. Nichols, 82, of Canadian, were held Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. with Revs. Ernie & Suzie Wilkinson, deacons of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Entombment was in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
Mr. Nichols was born August 12, 1922, in Spur He had been a resident of Pampa since 1945. He received his BA and MBA degrees from West Texas State University in Canyon and did post graduate work at the University of Texas. He married Patricia Bottoms on August 3, 1947, in Quanah. He was a teacher, assis-

tant principal and principal for the Pampa Independent School District, and he was assigned as the first principal at Robert E. Lee Jr. High School. Mr. Nichols was a member of the PCTA, TSTA, and NEA. He was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and was a former member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.
Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nichols of the home; one sister, Rita Groves of Roaring Springs; brother-in-law, Malcolm Bottoms of Quanah; several nieces and nephews.
Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a favorite charity.

Jack Beeson

Graveside services for Jack Beeson, 76, of Afton were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 24, 2004, at the East Bridgeport Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Miller officiating. Arrangements were under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton. Jack passed away December 22, 2004, in Crosbyton.
He was born April 5, 1928, in Decatur, Texas to Emmitt and Ester Sparks Beeson.
On December 28, 1947, he married Lady Joy Hines in Plainview. He was a member of the Spur First United Methodist Church and the Spur Lions Club. He was a member of the ABC Club in Lubbock and was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner. He attended NTAC School in Arlington. He owned and operated 7 Bar Ranch in Afton. He was a banker and had worked at the banks in Anton, Bridgeport, Crosbyton, Spur,

and Plains National Bank in Lubbock.
Survivors include; his wife Lady Joy of Afton, two daughters; Mary Taylor of Idalou, Mina Pellizzari of Afton, a son David Beeson, a sister; Connie Allensworth of Bridgeport, four grandchildren; Chris Taylor of Brownwood, Jenni Lofton and her husband Jeff of Midland, Damin Pellizzari and his wife Meranda of Lamesa, Dustin Pellizzari of Afton, two great grandchildren; Cade and Cheyenne Pellizzari both of Lamesa. Also surviving are two nephews, Matt Allensworth of Bridgeport and Jackson Allensworth of Nacodoches and a niece Kelly Allensworth of Rockwall.
The family suggests memorials to the Crosbyton Care Center 222 N. Farmer Crosbyton, Texas 79322 or the Cal Farley's Boys Ranch P.O. 1890 Amarillo, Texas 79174-0001.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS



FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

New maps mean new acreage for most fields

We have completed the work on our computerized GIS maps, and they are in the State Office for review. Very soon most Motley County producers will receive a letter explaining that Motley County FSA will begin using the computerized maps instead of the old aerial maps. These maps automatically measure, most "official" FSA acreages will change. We do have some fields that will change a great deal.

You will be notified in the letter of your new field acreages. Most of the differences will be due to less accurate measuring by FSA in the past. Acreages cannot be disputed or appealed. Boundaries can be disputed, but once the boundary is correct,

the acreage is correct.

Please watch for these letters and pay close attention to them because you will have only 30 days to dispute the boundaries.

Keep in mind that these maps and acreages are for FSA purposes only.

This is one more part of FSA moving to all web-based programs. These maps will be available to you in the future online, and you will have the ability to certify your crops from home.

Currently, producers are able to sign up for DCP and some LDP's (excluding cotton), view FSA payments, view aerial maps, and take care of other FSA business on the computer at home.

County Agent News

By Eric Lewis
Motley County Extension Agent

Motley County Extension Web Site Up and Running

The Motley County Extension Website is up and running as of December 27, 2004. The web address is <http://motley.tx.tamu.edu>. The site contains a calendar of upcoming events, Texas Cooperative Extension publications, newsletters and links to various consumer interest sites such as: Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas 4-H, the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Health, TCE Agriculture and Natural Resources homepage, Family and Consumer Sciences homepage, TCE District 3

homepage, etc. Use of these resources allows access to extension publications on weed control and plant diseases, as well as livestock breed registries, health and safety concerns, the major stock shows and youth opportunities offered by the extension program.

The website will be updated regularly by the extension office staff. Use of the page by Motley County citizens is encouraged by the extension office. Anyone having questions about the website are asked to call the Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

Developing this year's marketing plan for wheat

Want help in developing this year's marketing plan for wheat? Well then, plan to attend the two-day Advanced Topic Series (ATS) course entitled *Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Wheat* being offered on February 8-9, 2005, at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon. This course will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. each day.

In this two-day course, participants will learn about fundamentals, technical signals, seasonal trends in cash, basis and contracts for wheat. In addition, different marketing strategies will be discussed for both pre and post harvest marketing. The objective is for participants to leave the course with a written marketing plan for their operation for the coming wheat crop. This course will be taught at a highly applied level utilizing a combination of lecture, small group work and simulation exercises to maximize the learning experience similar to the Master Marketer training.

The speakers for this short course are Stan Bevers, Professor and Extension Economist, Vernon and Dr. Mark Waller, Professor and Extension

Economist-Grain Marketing and Policy, College Station. Mr. Bevers specialization includes farm and ranch management, marketing and risk management, and marketing club development. Dr. Waller's program emphasis includes price risk management and market analysis, price outlook, and market information and dissemination.

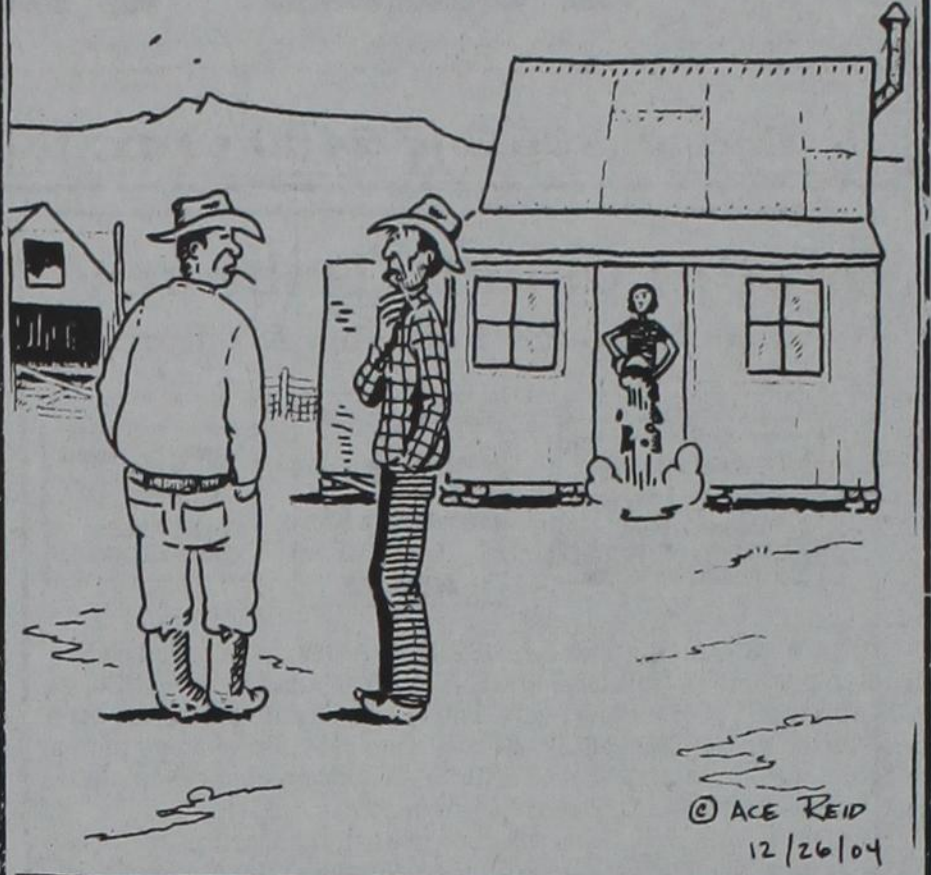
The registration fee for the workshop is \$125 per participant. The registration fee includes the cost of materials, breaks and lunches. Pre-registration is required with the registration deadline being one week prior to the program. The registration forms are available through your County Extension office or through your Area Extension Economist, or by calling Stan Bevers at 940-553-4657, ext. 231.

Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topics Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center. The ATS is also underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System; Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, and the State Cotton Support Committee.

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"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!"

Psalm 47: 1-2

To the Members of Motley County Farm Bureau:

Sherry and I would like to say thank you for your business the past 13 years. We hope you had a great holiday spending time with family and friends.

On January 1, 2005, Sherry and I will not be at the office. We will be retiring from Farm Bureau. We have enjoyed our time there. We are looking forward to the changes in our future.

Tammy Simpson and Richard Archer will be working at the office, beginning January 1. We know they will enjoy working with you in the years to come. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Thanks again,
Tony & Sherry Rose

Windbreak Trees available Orders should be placed soon

Don't forget - it's time to order Windbreak Trees and Wildlife Seedling packets. The deadline for ordering trees or packets is February 4, 2005 but don't wait, place your order now. The tree supply is limited this year so orders should be submitted early to make sure of availability.

The Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak seedlings and wildlife packets. The district has information packets that will help you decide what kind of seedlings to buy and how to plant a windbreak. There is also available information on the wildlife packets for deer, turkey, quail, and squirrel.

Windbreaks are the natural way to improve the value of your land and protect your investments. They can protect your

homestead, livestock, fields, and can be used as a living snow fence. Windbreaks can also increase the value of your home by adding aesthetic quality and reduce your heating and cooling cost. Field windbreaks can improve the land by reducing soil erosion, protect crops, increase wildlife habitats and can help maintain moisture in the soil. So come in today and order your windbreak seedlings.

Call Misty at the Upper Pease SWCD at 806-347-2263 or come by the office (USDA Service Center, Matador) for more information. Office hours are 8:00 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Remember the numbers of trees are limited, so the earlier you place your orders the more trees you have to choose from.

Welcome 2005!

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Dec. 30, 2004

7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 37
	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 63 Low: 36
	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 61 Low: 37
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 57 Low: 26
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 24
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 29
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 61 Low: 30

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies in the morning becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon, high temperature of 65°, humidity of 36% and an overnight low of 37°. The record high temperature for today is 82° set in 1951.

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
1/3	1/10	1/17	1/25

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Saturday	64	36	53/29	0.00"	0.00"
Sunday	60	31	53/28	0.00"	0.21"
Monday	54	30	52/28	0.00"	-0.21"
Tuesday	51	33	52/28	0.00"	
Wednesday	37	20	52/28	0.00"	Average temperature 34.9°
Thursday	24	15	52/28	0.00"	Average normal temperature 40.3°
Friday	28	5	52/28	0.00"	Departure from normal -5.4°

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Dec. 30, 1988 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the southwestern United States. A week of subfreezing temperatures in Southern California claimed the lives of five people. Redding, Calif. was blanketed with four inches of snow.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today 7:48 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:44 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:30 p.m.
Moonsset today 10:46 a.m.

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Psalm 47: 6

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Matador, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city for the purpose of the Hackberry Creek Care Center to include the following described territory, to-wit:

A 5.00 acre tract of land out of Survey 249, Abstract No. 18, and Survey 250, Abstract No. 691, Beaty, Seale, and Forwood, Original Grantee, Motley County, Texas.

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod set with a cap in the north right-of-way line of Spur No. 94 which bears S. 88°58'29"E. a distance of 1585.77 feet and S. 1°08'36"W. a distance of 106.50 feet from an iron pin found at the southwest corner of said Survey 249 for the southwest corner of this tract.

THENCE N. 1°08'36" E. a distance of 546.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set with a cap for the northwest corner of this tract.

THENCE S. 88°51'24"E. a distance of 412.67 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set with a cap in the northwest corner of this tract.

THENCE S. 1°08'36"W. a distance of 520.57 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set with a cap in the north right of way line of F.M. Highway No. 94 for the southeast corner of this tract.

THENCE N. 88°58'29" W. along said F.M. 94 right of way line, a distance of 300.66 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set with a cap for the corner of this tract.

THENCE S. 1°01'31"W, continuing along said F.M. 94 right of way line, a distance of 25.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set with a cap in said Spur 94 right of way line for a corner of this tract.

THENCE N. 88°58'29" W, along said Spur 94 right of way line, a distance of 112.06 feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing 5.00 acres of land.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Matador, Texas on the 27th day and 30th day of December, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Matador, Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the City of Matador, Texas this the 9th day of December, 2004.

Mayor
 Paul Westbrook
 Attest:
 Lara B. Davey
 City Secretary

BID NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress
 Contract 0925-00-052 for STRIPING in CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on January 11, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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 Austin, Texas 78704
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Dist/Div Office(s)
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 District Engineer
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 Childress, Texas 79201-9705
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE REPAIRS - The Methodist Church in Matador is accepting bids for major repairs to the parsonage building located at 902 Dundee Street in Matador. Bid specifications can be obtained from Terry Miller. Bids are due by January 10, 2005, at 5 p.m. Contact Terry at (806) 347-2714 or in person.

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DISH PICK-UP - Those who brought food to the Doyle Rose home may pick up their dishes by calling 347-2702 or 347-2452.

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