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## Matador City Council meets

### Councilman submits resignation, Mayor's position now vacant

The Matador City Council met Thursday, December 8 for their regular monthly meeting. Councilmen present were Pat Seigler, Bert Darsey and Mayor Pro Tem Shane Jones. Also in attendance were City Secretary Debra Scott and Water Superintendent Steve Barton.

Mayor Pro Tem Shane Jones called the meeting to order and Pat Seigler gave the invocation. Mrs. Jones read a letter of resignation from Councilman Jim Watson.

Minutes were approved from the special meeting held November 28.

Mrs. Jones informed the council that she had spoke with Scott Houston, a lawyer with

TML and according to Texas Municipal Law when an elected official submits a resignation, a vacancy occurs on the date the resignation is accepted by the governing body or on the eighth day after the day of its receipt by the governing body, whichever is first. Mayor Paul Westbrook had submitted his resignation more than eight days earlier, so therefore there is a vacancy for the Matador Mayor position.

Council approved the list of expenditures.

Council tabled the discussion on Yellowhouse with Attorney Tom Hamilton. Mr. Barton, City Water Superintendent, will check on the trade in value of

the dozer and the price replacement equipment before the December meeting.

Sealed bids were opened for the lots which had previously been advertised in the newspaper. The Council elected not to accept any bids at this time.

Mr. Simpson and Mr. Salazar have both requested to remove curbing to install drive-ways and Council voted to approve this as long as the drive-ways looked professionally done.

Council voted to leave the decision about the Municipal Judge's salary until the future budget is established.

The Council voted to implement retirement for City Em-

ployees and asked Debra Scott to contact TMR and have them consult with Council about the details.

The Council voted to change the City's drug policy and requested Ms. Scott to check with TML about a random drug testing policy.

Council voted to re-appoint all members of the Matador Housing Authority Board for another year.

Lara Davey was appointed to the 4B Tax Board.

Linda Oliver, the daughter of Joe Campbell (deceased) has contacted the State and County about the disposal of the concrete left at her father's site. Commissioner Donnie Turner informed the Council that he has a place to dispose of the concrete and will work with the City when both have time to work on the project.

A discussion was held about

Meter Installation changes. When a property owner has allowed the city to lay water lines across their property, they are then allowed a free meter installation.

Council requested that Mr. Hamilton be asked to provide a stop sign ordinance, if one cannot be found in the records.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Barton said they were working diligently to have a second pit ready for the landfill by the end of the week. The Letter of Credit was sent by overnight mail to TCEQ and they had called and confirmed they had received it timely.

Council went into closed session to discuss year end incentive bonuses at 9:05 p.m. Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m. and approved the implementation of year end incentive bonuses.

## Motley County Commissioners meet

Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session, Monday, December 12. Members of the court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge; Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, Russell Alexander, Precinct 4, and Kate Hurt, County Clerk. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador. Judge Smith called the

meeting to order and Commissioner Alexander gave the invocation.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports from the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Justice of the Peace, Library and County Agent. Commissioners approved the payment of all bills. Reports were also approved.

Judge Smith presented the

2006 County Holiday schedule for approval. Commissioner Davis made the motion to add Columbus Day to the schedule as most County, State and Federal offices are closed. This will be an added holiday for the county employees as no pay raises were approved for 2006. Commissioners approved the schedule with the addition of Columbus Day.

Judge Smith informed the

court the bid contract with Hart Inter-Civic for the Voting machines was corrected to \$77,890 from \$81,390. Judge Smith has signed the contract and it was approved by the State.

Judge Smith reminded the court they were invited to lunch at the Sr. Citizens and then to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Hackberry Creek Care Center at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14.

## Motley County ISD Board of Trustees approve WADA Contract

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees approved their side of a WADA contract with the Monahans ISD at a recent board meeting. This is an agreement that could benefit Motley County ISD with up to \$90,000 in revenue.

Voters in Monahans approved to allow the board to either purchase WADA (weighted average daily attendance) credits from another school or to send the funds back to the state since they are considered a property rich school district by Texas school finance law. The

board chose to redistribute those funds to Motley County ISD. The contract has been approved by both school boards and now goes to the Texas Education Agency for approval.

"We are very thankful that Monahans ISD chose us as a WADA partner. We could begin receiving this money in the spring, and we are excited about the prospect of receiving additional funds that will benefit our students," said Randy Brown, Motley County ISD Superintendent.

## Strayhorn says sales tax revenues reflect Texans' hurricane disaster response

Austin -- Some Southeast Texas communities continue to see declines in their sales tax revenue as a result of Hurricane Rita, but overall state and local sales tax revenues are up significantly, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported today.

The state collected \$1.58 billion in sales tax in November, up 9.4 percent compared to November 2004. December sales tax allocations to local govern-

ments rose by \$50.8 million, or 15.8 percent, compared to December 2004. Sales tax allocations are up 19 percent in 22 counties that were declared disaster areas following Hurricane Rita.

"These sales tax numbers tell the story of Texan's heroic response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Strayhorn said. "They show the generosity of Texans who purchased millions of dollars worth of clothing,

household goods and emergency supplies for those in need. And the numbers reflect spending by thousands of evacuees, who were welcomed in cities throughout Texas.

"The numbers also show that after Hurricane Rita, Southeast Texans immediately bounced back and began to repair, replace and rebuild what they lost," Strayhorn said. "Also contributing to stronger than average sales tax growth were

the mining and utility sectors."

In the hard-hit Beaumont-Port Arthur area, Beaumont's local sales tax allocation dropped 9 percent in November, but its December sales tax soared by 43 percent compared to December 2004. Port Arthur's sales tax allocation dropped 12.1 percent in November, but rose 23.7 percent in December. Orange, whose sales tax allocation declined 12.3 percent in November, saw a 42.8 percent increase in December.

Only 25 local governments in 22 Southeast Texas disaster counties show declines in their December sales tax allocations, compared to 73 local governments whose sales tax revenue dropped in November. Cities, counties, special purpose taxing districts and a transit system located within the disaster area lost about \$271,000 in sales tax in December, compared to losses of \$2.3 million in November.

Strayhorn's unprecedented plan to help local governments whose sales tax revenue has declined since Hurricane Rita remains in effect.

"Some towns continue to lose sales tax revenue, because they have businesses that have not been able to reopen," Strayhorn said. "I am offering local governments an option to help them with short-term fiscal problems caused by a sudden drop in sales tax revenue.

"Local governments in disaster counties can, if they wish, receive additional sales tax allocations for November and December to make up the difference between their November and December 2005 sales tax allocations and the amount they received last November and December," Strayhorn said.

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LETTERS TO SANTA — These youngsters were getting their letters to Santa in to the mail box at the Tribune office. The letters will be printed in the Motley County Tribune Christmas edition and then forwarded on to Santa at the North Pole. With a little magic the letters always reach Santa on time. These little letter writers are (left to right) Kason Degan, Tyne Marshall, Rivers Marshall and Kyler Degan. Kason, 2 and Kyler, 4, are the sons of Dane and Krystal Degan of Crosbyton and Tyne, 1 and Rivers, 4, are the daughters of Brian and Nancy Marshall of Matador. Watch for their letters as well as many others in next week's edition.

## Community Christmas Concert at Full Gospel

A Community Christmas Concert featuring contemporary artist Greg Goodnight will be held at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church starting at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18.

Greg, a Lubbock native with ties to the Rolling Plains area, specializes in playing the Harp, the Hammered Dulcimer, Gui-

tar, and Harmonica. Singing with him will be his wife, Angela, along with musician Justin Blake. Justin also plays the Piano, the Guitar, the Hammered Dulcimer and the African Drums. A time of fellowship along with refreshments will be held after the program.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## First Baptist Church to present Christmas Cantata

The Matador First Baptist Church Adult Choir will present their Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 18 during the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. The cantata, "A Carol to the King," features a variety of Christmas songs in praise to the Saviour.

After the service, a pot-luck lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Candidates begin filing for March primaries

Motley County candidates have started filing for the March 7, 2006 primary. The filing date opened December 5 and candidates have until January 2, 2006 to file for an application for a place on the ballot.

Positions open for election are Justice of Peace, County Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Commissioner Precinct 2 and Commissioner Precinct 4. As of Tuesday evening

only two candidates have announced their candidacy for announcement in the newspaper. Russell Alexander is seeking re-election as Commissioner Precinct 4 and Eva Barkley is seeking re-election for County Treasurer.

Registered voters may submit an application for a ballot by continued on page 2



Christmas is only a week away! Can you believe it? Where has the month gone? I say this every year. Everything is so rushed! But I'm looking forward to this Saturday, when I will take my grandbabies to the Nutcracker Ballet. This is a holiday tradition for the three of us and we have a wonderful time. The presentation is just a little different each year, so we never get tired of it.

It's fun to have a holiday tradition. My family has others, as I'm sure you and your's do. Here are a few holiday tradition suggestions:

★ Take the family out to eat at the same restaurant every year before picking out and bringing home the Christmas tree.

★ Start a loose change jar. Save all year for something special next Christmas.

★ Compliment at least three people every day in December. This is a gift that's always appreciated.

★ Before going to bed every night of the Christmas season, ask yourself, "Whose life did I

make brighter today?"

★ Wear outrageous Christmas socks.

★ Send a Christmas basket to a college student the first of December. Include a Christmas music cassette or CD, decorations for the dorm room, Christmas cards, stamps and a red pen.

"For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

### Election

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mail beginning January 6, 2006. The last day the County Clerk may receive applications for ballot by mail voting is February 28, 2006.

The last day to submit an application to register to vote in the Primary Election is February 6.

Early voting will begin February 21 and end March 3.

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



We appreciate the donations that the library received last week. We thank Juanita Cooper for her donation and we thank Tom Sanders for his donation of a subscription to the Biblical Archaeology Review. Our readers enjoy this interesting magazine very much. We appreciate the donation to the library from Vance and Betty Campbell.

We thank Jack and Sharon Martin for their donation to the Library in memory of Katie Davis. We thank Jan and Mike Jones for their donation in

memory of Katie Davis. Also, we appreciate the donation in memory of Katie Davis from the Gillespie Family. We thank Lindy Stafford for her donation in memory of Pearl Simpson, Trula Martin and Katie Davis.

New books in the library include James Patterson's newest, *Mary Mary*. We also have *Cultured Handmaiden* by Catherine Cookson. We are receiving new books almost every week. Come to the library and check out a good book to read on the long, cold nights.

## Christmas Cooking



### HOLIDAY TREE CAKE

- 2 EASY-BAKE cake mixes
- 2 EASY-BAKE cookie mixes
- 1 cup of white frosting
- Shredded sweetened coconut
- Edible glitter or sprinkles
- Food coloring

Bake and cool cakes and cookies according to package directions. Frost one cake and sprinkle with coconut. Divide remaining frosting in half. Use food coloring to tint one half green. Tint remaining frosting any color(s) you like. Cut other cake into gift shapes and frost. Decorate with glitter or sprinkles. Trim cookies into tree shapes. Cut one cookie in half. Stand up the whole cookie on the cake, and place each cookie half on either side of the whole cookie, "gluing" the pieces together with green frosting. Frost entire tree with green frosting and decorate with glitter or sprinkles. Arrange gifts around tree.

For more fun ideas, go to [www.hasbro.com](http://www.hasbro.com).

### BLUEBERRY UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

- 2 cups frozen blueberries, not thawed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 package (6.5 or 7 ounces) muffin mix, any flavor
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup low-fat milk
- 1 container (6 ounces) fat-free blueberry yogurt

Preheat oven to 350°; spray an 8-inch round baking pan with cooking spray; set aside.

Rinse blueberries with cold water; pat dry. In a medium bowl, stir sugar with cornstarch; add blueberries, toss; spread in prepared pan. In a medium bowl, blend muffin mix, egg and milk until batter is slightly lumpy (do not over mix); spread over berries.

Bake until center springs back when pressed, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 5 minutes; invert onto a plate. Serve with yogurt.

Yield: 6 portions

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## Couple to celebrate 60th Anniversary



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Come & Go  
Your presence is all that is requested



Jack & Decima Green

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## Couple to Celebrate 70th Anniversary

Jack and Decima Green will celebrate 70 years of marriage on December 22. They were blessed with four children, Elwanda who is married to Gordon Simmons, they have two boys and three grandchildren; Christeen, married to Don Snodgrass, with two girls and five grandchildren; Jimmie Don, married Donna Furgeson, they have two girls and one boy, with three grandchildren; Tommie Wayne married Julie Knight, they have two boys. The family would like to invite all friends and relatives to come by and say hello at a Reception in their honor, Sunday, December 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dining Room at the Floydada Nursing and Rehab Center, 925 W. Crockett, Floydada. No gifts please, just your presence. They would love to visit with all old friends and relatives.

I thought this was very good, and as Carroll Sites has shared it with me I shall share it with our readers:

### Have You Thought About Your Soul?

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What this life is all about --  
Why you're here and where you're going  
When your lease on time runs out?

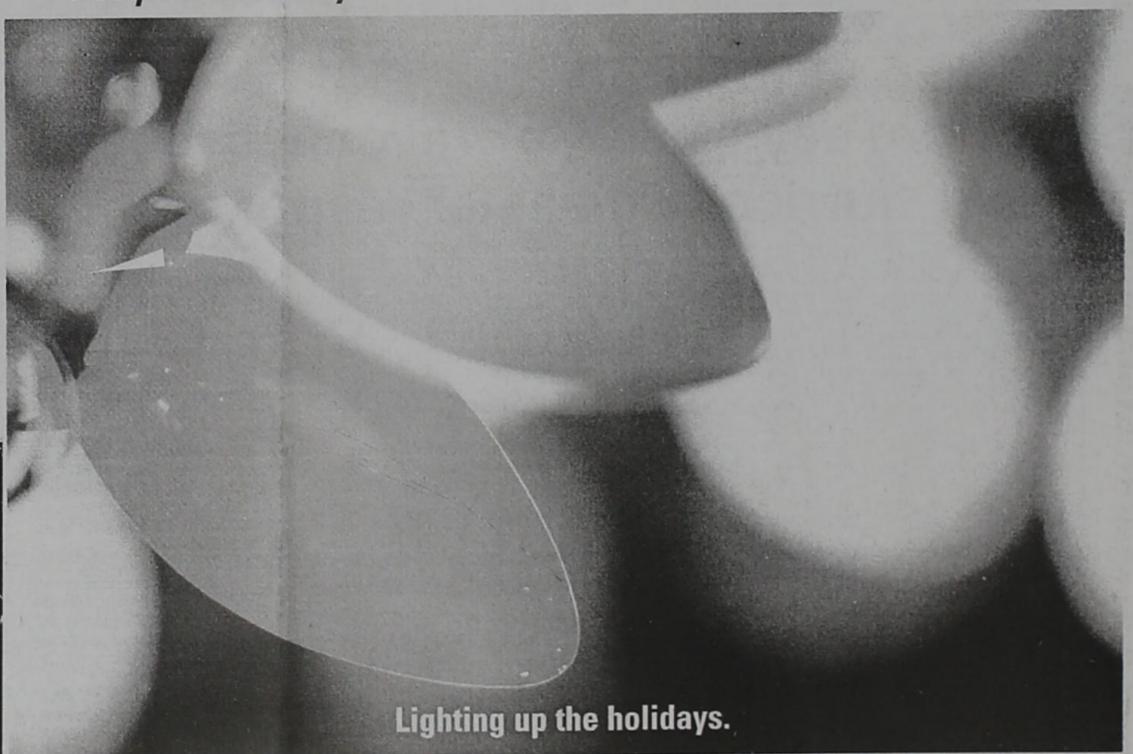
Maybe you've been far too busy.  
Trying hard to reach your goal.  
Would you let me ask you kindly,  
Have you thought about your soul?

You may reach the highest portals.  
And your dreams may all come true;  
Wealth and fame may be your portion,  
And success may shine on you.

All your friends may sing your praises.  
Not a care on you may roll.  
What about the great tomorrow?  
Have you thought about your soul?

"For what profit is to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" - Matthew 16:26

Roaring Springs Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
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### Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP Texas reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP Texas, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. AEP Texas is there, always working for you.

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## Tocker Foundation provides Grants to Library

The Tocker Foundation has an unusual and unique mission — to increase the knowledge of the rural communities of Texas by helping their libraries build a foundation of books.

The Tocker Foundation has awarded the Motley County Library a grant that provides, through Aytz Chaim Books, for

a Jewish Book Section of the library. This grant is an eighteen-book collection that ranges from children's books to books for mature and understanding adults who wish to learn more about Judaism. The collection contains books about the Nazi period, Jewish holidays and even a Jewish cookbook with

500 recipes for your possible enjoyment.

The Motley County Library wishes to thank the Tocker Foundation and its officers and board for their generosity and their vision to bring people together by the knowledge that books have to offer.

The Tocker Foundation has also provided a grant to the library that has purchased a new

check-out counter and desk. Be sure to drop by the library to see

this new furniture and to check out these new books.

### Three things College-bound Seniors need to act on before Dec. 31

1. Remove all savings from their name. If they cannot remove it from their name due to IRS regulations, then shelter those monies in a non-assessed type of asset.

2. Make sure they have applied to at least 4 to 6 colleges with generous track records.

3. Gather student and parent financial information and prepare the family's best estimate of their taxes in preparation for the FAFSA filing as early in January as possible.

"Time is running out for college-bound, high-school seniors, but there are still actions they can take to reduce their costs for college," says Scott Anderson, author of *STOP! Everything You Thought You Knew About Paying for College is Wrong* and President of RealCollegeSavings.com.

Scott is one of the country's leading authorities on college funding. His passion is to gore the common knowledge and get the truth to the families that can use it.

After the story, the group exchanged Christmas ornaments to the story of "The Christmas With the Wright Family," a fun exchange.

Those attending, in addition to those previously mentioned, were Dorothy Day, Billie Koon, Winifred Darsey, Lucretia Campbell, and Beverly Vinson.

### God is never wrong

He never rendered a wrong decision, experienced the wrong attitude, taken the wrong path, said the wrong thing, or acted the wrong way.

He is never too late or too early, too loud or too soft, too fast or too slow. He has always been and always will be right. He is righteous.

— Max Lucado  
"The Lord our God is right in everything he does."

Daniel 9:14

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Those not wishing to be included in the contest should just turn their lights off. Winners will be announced as soon as the results are released.

For more information contact Alex Crowder, 348-7336.

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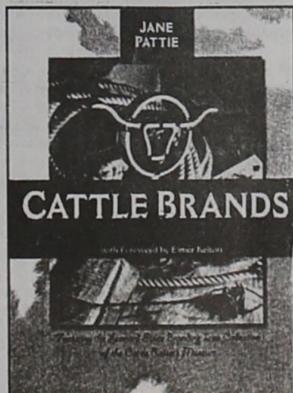
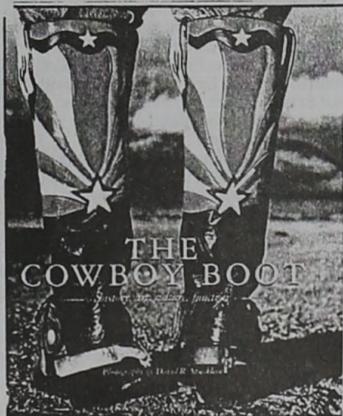
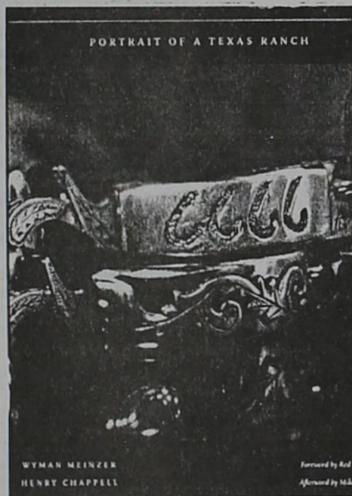
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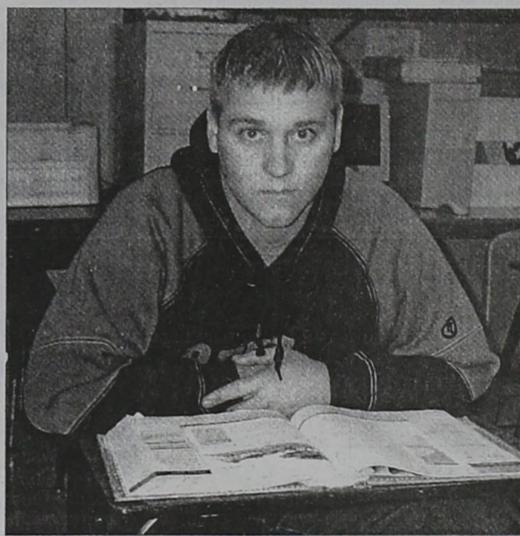


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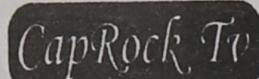
## ★ MC Shining Star ★ December Student of the Month



**Colton Russell**

Colton is a Senior at Motley County ISD and the 17-year-old son of J.D. and D'anna Russell of Matador. He serves as an officer in the local FFA chapter and has been to State the past three years on the Range and Pasture Judging Team. This past Summer he received the Lone Star Farmer Degree. He is also a member of the National High School Rodeo Association and was recently named to the 2005-06 Wrangler All-Star Team. Colton also serves as President of the Motley 4-H Club where he has received various horse, photography, and record book awards, as well as the GOLD STAR, and has been very active in community service projects. He has been on the Honor Roll all during his High School career and has received the Ag and Chemistry Awards. Colton was recently named to Outstanding Students of America and is in the running for a \$10,000.00 scholarship. He is also a member of the Mighty Matador Basketball, Track and Golf teams.

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**MOTLEY COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
NEWS & VIEWS**

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Many years ago, a New Yorker cartoon showed a matron sitting at her desk with a pile of addressed Christmas cards next to her. She announced to her newspaper reading husband: "Well, now we know. We have exactly 357 friends."

As Christmas draws ever nearer, more and more tasks pile up that must be accomplished before the big day. Buying presents, wrapping them and mailing them off is just part of the routine. Christmas cards need to be written and mailed. That seems to be one activity that has not been replaced with E-Mail.

And the Christmas cards from others begin arriving. Some have been made by the sender, some contain letters or photos. We sit down to read about the activities of other families, to look at the pictures of friends, and to ponder the years gone by and the reason we become close with others, and what they have been experiencing.

But here someone grumbles: "Christmas is becoming too commercial and too hectic." There are ads and suggestions for presents for others in all the media, there are flyers and catalogues galore. Your Chamber of Commerce has not

held back, and has suggested you get Motley County Bucks at New To You, Matador Variety, or the bank, as a way to help your community. And then there is the internet that makes shopping for everything imaginable so easy.

Well, yes, there is the commercial side and the plethora of tasks. But it only takes over if you decide to let it, if you let the things use you instead of you using the things.

Take Christmas cards, those reminders of relationships over the years. Some bring only a printed message and a signature, others bring printed newsletters, and still others have handwritten messages that share important events in the lives of those you care about. Time and circumstances cause us to become separated over the years, but this does not have to mean the end of a good relationship. This valuable gift goes way beyond the commercial side of the card and the postage, because you have made it your gift and given of yourself.

One of the gifts of the season is reflecting on what is really important in our lives, and these cards, thoughtfully composed and received with contemplation, can mean that a relationship lives for us and for our friends.

## Psychologist says Christmas gift giving stress can be damaging to mental health

G.M. Johnson, PhD, a clinical psychologist with 20+ years of experience says Christmas gift giving pressure is potentially damaging to mental health. He is recommending that anyone who is experiencing extreme stress or stress symptoms related to Christmas expectations simply announce to all friends and family that they are not going to participate in Christmas gift giving.

"Christmas time is supposed to be a time for festivities and warm feelings in celebration of the birth of Jesus," says Dr. Johnson. "But for many individuals Christmas is a time of extreme stress related to expectations that leads to spending beyond their means. These individuals experience irritability, sleep difficulties, headaches, feelings of helplessness, hopelessness and depression, poor self esteem, distractibility, stress dreams and nightmares, eating problems, substance abuse and/or forgetfulness."

"Individuals experiencing extreme stress because of finances should give themselves permission to simply notify friends and family that they are not doing any gift giving and gift exchanges until further notice

And as a society we should all stop contributing to the idea that it is worthy of shame to find one's self in this kind of difficulty.

There are far too many people these days finding themselves in financial difficulty no matter how hard they work."

"There are alternatives to gift giving that can still keep a person involved in the Christmas spirit. Volunteering some hours, for example, at a shelter, would be very much in keeping with Christmas.

Visiting shut-ins or visiting with elderly people without

families at nursing homes is also a possibility."

This recommendation and more details regarding the issues surrounding it can be found at Dr. Johnson's website, <http://www.head-cleaners.com/christmasstress.html>

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



#### NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A WATER USE PERMIT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

APPLICATION NO. 5003A

**SUMMARY:** The North Texas Municipal Water District (District or Applicant) has applied for an amendment to Water Use Permit No. 5003 to: authorize additional storage (purchased from the United States Army Corps of Engineers) in Lake Texoma, divert and use additional water for municipal and industrial use, transfer water from the Red River Basin to the Trinity River Basin and the Sabine River Basin, change the point of diversion, increase the combined diversion rate, reuse return flows, and use the bed and banks of state watercourses to convey water. Public meetings will be held in the basin of origin and each receiving basin. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

The application was received on February 2, 2005. Additional information and fees were received on June 8 and August 24, 2005. The application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing with the Office of the Chief Clerk on September 28, 2005. The Executive Director has not completed a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETINGS.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will hold public meetings to receive comments on the application for an amendment filed by the applicant. The public meetings will consist of two parts; an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the application, but comments made during the informal period will not be considered by the Commissioners before reaching a decision on the application and no formal response will be made. During the Formal Comment Period, members of the public may state their comments into the official record. The Executive Director will summarize the formal comments and prepare a written response. The written response will be considered by the Commissioners in their decision-making process and will be available to the public upon request.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD:

Monday January 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.  
Grayson County Courthouse  
Commissioner's Courtroom  
100 W. Houston, 1st Floor  
Sherman, Texas 75090

Tuesday January 10, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.  
University Drive Court Facility  
Central Jury Room  
1800 N. Graves, 1st Floor  
McKinney, Texas 75069

Thursday January 12, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.  
Hunt County Courthouse  
Commissioner's Courtroom  
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Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meetings or by mail before the meetings to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, MC 105, PO. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. If you need more information, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, toll free at 1-800-687-4040.

**APPLICATION:** The North Texas Municipal Water District, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie, Texas 75098, Applicant, seeks an amendment pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 11.122, 11.042 and 11.085, and TCEQ Rules 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 295.1, et seq. Pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 259.151-153, 155, 158, 160, and 161, mailed notice of the application is being given to all of the water right holders of record in the basin of origin (Red River Basin) and each receiving basin (Sabine River Basin and Trinity River Basin). Additionally, notice will be published in the basin of origin and each receiving basin. Public meetings will be held in the basin of origin and each receiving basin.

Pursuant to a water supply contract for the use of 75,000 acre-feet of storage in the United States Army Corps of Engineers-owned Lake Texoma in the Red River Basin, Water use Permit No. 5003 authorizes the District to divert not to exceed 84,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Texoma to be conveyed, using the beds and banks of West Prong Sister Grove Creek and Sister Grove Creek, to Lake Lavon for subsequent diversion and use of not to exceed 77,300 acre-feet of water per year for use within the Applicant's service area for municipal purposes.

The Water Resources Development Act of 1986 provides for the reallocation of 300,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Texoma from hydropower to municipal use, half of which is allocated to the State of Oklahoma and half to the State of Texas. Of Texas' share of the additional storage, 50,000 acre-feet of storage is reserved for the Greater Texoma Utility Authority leaving, 100,000 acre-feet of storage capacity which the Applicant will purchase from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The Applicant determined that the additional 100,000 acre-feet of storage results in an additional 113,000 acre-feet per year of firm yield.

The Applicant seeks to amend Water Use Permit No. 5003 to authorize:

- The use of an additional 100,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Texoma, for a combined total (with existing authorizations) of 175,000 acre-feet;
- The diversion and use of an additional 113,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Texoma for municipal and industrial purposes, for a combined total (with existing authorizations) of 197,000 acre-feet;
- The interbasin transfer of the additional 113,000 acre-feet of water per year from the Red River Basin to the Trinity River Basin and Sabine River Basin for use within the Applicant's service area;
- The change of diversion point from a specific point on Lake Texoma to anywhere on the perimeter of Lake Texoma that is within the boundary of the State of Texas for the combined amount of water authorized by the Permit;
- The increase of the combined diversion rate for all water authorized for diversion by the District from Lake Texoma from 310 cfs (138,890 gpm) to 544 cfs (243,730 gpm);
- The reuse of the return flows attributable to the additional 113,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Texoma (subject to obtaining future authorizations, identifying points of discharge and diversion, and satisfying TWC § 11.042 requirements); and
- The use of the bed and banks of the Red River to convey water from Denison Dam downstream to a diversion point to be added located at a point bearing 73.25°, 1,775 feet from the northeast corner of the George S. Parks Original Survey Patent No. 1-241, Abstract No. 675, also being at Latitude 33.863° N, Longitude 95.03° W, in Red River County, and to divert water from any point on the Red River within this reach, at a maximum diversion rate of 624 cfs (280,051.2 gpm).

Information relating to the contract price of the water to be transferred; a statement of each general category of proposed use of the water to be transferred and a detailed description of the proposed uses and users under each category; the cost of diverting, conveying, distributing, and supplying the water to, and treating the water for the proposed users; and the projected effect on user rates and fees for each class of ratepayers can be obtained without cost by submitting a written request to the applicant at the above address or by calling (972) 442-5405.

This application is subject to the obligations of the State of Texas pursuant to the terms of the Red River Compact.

The Commission will review the application as submitted by the applicant and may or may not grant the application as requested.

**CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice or the date of the last public meeting, whichever is the latter.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit proposed conditions for the requested permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **INFORMATION.** Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the Public Interest Council, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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### Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

#### THE FUTURE? (and this gets personal)

This is the last of these articles on separation of church and state. I hope they have been beneficial. This is the one I have dreaded writing. Most of what's been said came from my draft of a book that will never be printed because I must otherwise make a living. My oldest son read the draft, and on finishing said, "Dad, that's dismal." And it is.

Most discerning and mature Christians understand that things are going to get a whole lot worse before they ultimately get right. The Bible says it, and God can't lie. At best then, all we can do is slow the decay, but we can't quit.

As the result of corrupt Supreme Court rulings, we've now had three generations of children "educated" on such false garbage as "political correctness" (e.g., "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas"), "multi-culturalism," "relativism," and the new definition of "tolerance," while ordering God out of the classroom and teaching the falsity of Darwinian evolution as truth. Many of these generations are now adults and are professors, teachers and judges, perpetuating the corruption. We've now regressed into religious pluralism, where any nutty religious philosophy may "properly" be presumed true, and must be afforded def-

erence, except that is, for authentic Christianity and God, which may be vilified. Can all these "genies" be put back in the bottle? I doubt it. I fear that we have too often exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and having sown the wind, we're going to be reaping the whirlwind.

We don't know for certain if we are at the close end of the "end times," but in the meantime, are we going to let our Nation and citizens continue the slide into Hell? God has told us: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," and that "the nations that forget God shall be turned into Hell" (Psalms 33: 12; 9:17). Unless God ends it quickly, I fear greatly for my grandchildren.

Ultimate responsibility is ours. There is a war going on for hearts and minds. We must join it. We are already in it. If we are to save and reclaim our nation to its Godly heritage, we must become active on all fronts, standing firm, speaking out, and refusing to quit. Always in prayer (2 Chron. 7:14), we must reassert the sovereignty of God in our Nation - and teach it, while electing representatives and judges who are right-minded. Failing in all that, the only remaining option would appear to be civil disobedience! This is a fight we dare not lose. May God not abandon our Nation.

### A Note to Motley County

by Sandra Moody

Last Saturday, the Texas Playboys (yes, as in Bob Wills) were in town. My town, that is Jacksonville, Florida. Of course, as soon as I heard they had scheduled a show here, I ordered my tickets. Anyone who knows me can vouch for my love of all things Texas.

Imagine my excitement when I found out I was "lucky" enough to be able to sit in the third row! As excited as I was to get such excellent seats, my disappointment at the amount of people there, was even more.

To their credit, Tommy Alsup, Leon Rausch and the boys played as if we were a crowd of 10,000. They played all the songs I remember my Nannie and Pawpaw singing on the front porch after dinner. Songs like San Antonio Rose, Faded Love, even Big Balls in Cowtown.

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# Tax Payments

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25 local governments qualified for sales tax assistance in December and 73 qualified in November.

On Friday, December 9, Strayhorn sent \$372.4 million in December sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 15.8 percent compared to last December.

Texas cities received \$252.8 million in sales tax allocations, up 15.8 percent compared to December 2004. Texas counties received December sales tax allocations of \$21.8 million, up 17.2 percent compared to one year ago. The 103 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$10.6 million in sales tax, up 22.5 percent compared to last December. Ten local transit systems received \$87.1 million in December sales tax payments, up 14.6 percent

compared to a year ago.

November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments mainly represent sales that occurred in October.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$3,952.16, compared to \$3,615.89 last year, a 9.29% change. Total payments to date are \$56,165.83, compared to \$52,488.81 at this time last year, a 7.00% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received \$1,167.82, compared to \$4,900.30 last year, a -76.16% change. Total payments to date are \$31,288.16, compared to \$34,288.16 at this time last year, a -6.78% change.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 13, 2006.



**HONORED FOR SERVICE** — Lula Swim, right, was presented a plaque by Alex Crowder and the Roaring Springs First United Methodist Church for over 70 years of service to the Church. Mrs. Swim served as Church Treasurer for 59 years. In the early days there were times that Mrs. Swim paid all the church bills from her own pocket. She was also largely responsible for the financing of the Fellowship Hall.



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# Fire Safety: A burning issue

submitted by the Matador VFD

When it comes to protecting rural home and outbuildings, fire safety is more than stop, drop, and roll. To effectively protect their property, landowners must accurately assess the risks and avoid luxuriating in a false sense of security.

"One of the biggest mistakes that people make regarding fire prevention is holding on to the belief that 'it will never happen to me,'" says Rex Mott, assistant chief of the Stillwater, OK Fire Department. "Through the years, fire prevention education has worked well. As a result, we don't have as many fires as in the past causing people to become complacent."

Complacency can cause people to ignore significant changes in the landscape that might increase the risk to their property. For instance, since the Conservation Reserve Program's (CRP) advent in 1985, more than four million acres of marginal cropland in Texas have been converted to grass. Many times, homesteads that once were surrounded by cotton, wheat or grain sorghum fields, are now encircled by vast expanses of grass.

Mark Moseley, Texas' Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) based in San Antonio, says, "CRP is one of the most popular and most effective federal conservation programs ever developed. It has changed the landscape in many parts of rural Texas. While the number of fires reported has not increased dramatically, anecdotal evidence, observation, and common sense indicate that houses surrounded by a high, fine fuel load, like that provided by grass, are subjected to a higher risk."

James Gillespie, a NRCS Resource Team Leader based in Matador, Texas, says, "Grasslands are much more volatile than croplands. The CRP, particularly in the Rolling Plains, has connected a lot of native rangeland that previously was fragmented by cropland. Now, because of CRP there are large areas of continuous fuel, and under the right conditions, a fire can spread over a big area in a hurry."

### Three Types of Fire:

In the NRCS' vernacular, there are three main types of fire: a prescribed burn, an accidental fire and a wildfire. A prescribed burn is a fire that is purposely set within defined parameters to accomplish certain objectives, Gillespie says. For the NRCS to conduct a prescribed burn, the relative humidity must be at least 20 percent, the maximum wind speed cannot exceed 20 mph, and the air temperature cannot exceed 80 degrees Fahrenheit. If any one of the conditions falls outside the parameters, the burn will not be conducted, Gillespie says.

An accidental fire is a fire started unintentionally, Gillespie explains. It could be initiated by unattended sparks from a welder, a discarded cigarette, or a myriad of other things. But many times, these accidental fires begin as "controlled burns," set by untrained individuals who are attempting to mimic the results of prescribed burns, he says.

"There is no such thing as a controlled burn," Gillespie, who is also a trained volunteer fireman, says. "With fire, there are just too many variables for anyone to ever think that a fire is under control. Prescribed burning is much more complicated and dangerous than it appears to a casual observer. No one should ever attempt a burn without proper training, proper planning, proper equipment and proper back up."

A wildfire is a fire started by a natural act such as a lightning strike, he continues. Both wildfires and accidental fires must be fought under the prevailing atmospheric conditions, Gillespie says. High winds, high temperatures and low humidity — alone or in combination — can create dangerous fire conditions, and landowners are at the mercy of the individuals charged with controlling the

blaze, which in rural areas is usually the volunteer fire department, he says.

### Time Matters

In firefighting, time is of the essence. According to Mott, a fire approximately doubles in size every two minutes.

"Many times people delay calling the fire department because they are convinced they can put the fire out — and then they discover they can't," Mott says. "By the time they call us and we get to them, these folks can be face-to-face with a big, unmanageable fire. It is best to call the fire department first, so its personnel can begin moving in your direction. The sooner firefighters can get to your property, the greater the chances of them putting out the fire and limiting the damage."

While Mott recognizes that people want to defend their property, he recommends in most instances, people should call the fire department and evacuate as soon as possible.

"Homeowners usually don't have the equipment or training to successfully fight a growing fire," Mott says. "Conditions can change rapidly, and in a matter of minutes, homeowners can suddenly find that more than their property is in jeopardy."

### Fire Breaks

In the case of homesteads surrounded by CRP grass, landowners can buy time for their local fire department by keeping the grass shredded, Gillespie explains.

"We recommend that landowners keep the grass — within 300 feet to 500 feet of their homes — shredded low all the time," he says. "This reduces the fine fuel load, which in turn reduces the intensity of any approaching fire, making it more manageable." Before shredding, landowners should check with their local Farm Services Agency and/or NRCS office to ensure that CRP compliance is being maintained and that the rules for critical nesting habitat are not being violated, he cautions.

Landowners, with a slight modification to their CRP contract, can also install fire breaks to help protect their homes and outbuildings. To build a fire break, landowners must remove a wide strip of vegetation, down to the mineral soil, around their homes or the area they want to protect, Gillespie says. The mineral strip's width depends on the height of the adjoining grass, he says. If the mineral strip butts up to mowed CRP grass the fire break can probably be 15 feet to 25 feet wide; if the CRP grass is not mowed the mineral strip should be as wide as possible, he says.

While many people choose to plow the vegetation under, the buried, dead grass can ignite in an intense fire, he says. It is better to scrape the ground clean, if possible, he says. The local NRCS office can provide complete instructions on building an effective fire break.

"Fire breaks are very effective, but sometimes people don't want to install them for aesthetic reasons," Gillespie comments. "They don't like the look of the bare ground, or they don't like having the loose soil from the fire break blowing around. For those people, we suggest vegetated fire breaks, which prevent the soil from blowing." Moseley says vegetated fire breaks do not violate the CRP contract as long as the vegetation is classified as a non-commodity crop by the Farm Services Agency.

To make the fire break as effective as possible, landowners should also take into consideration the location of their shelter belts.

"A fire break should protect the shelter belt, too," Gillespie says. "If a shelter belt catches on fire, the house will be quickly encircled by a tower of flames — and the likelihood of saving the house decreases dramatically."

The best time to protect your house is before a fire is racing toward it, Mott says. In addition to installing fire breaks, there are other simple things that people can do to help protect their homes from fire.

### Housekeeping to prevent fires

"First, take care of basic 'housekeeping.' In other words, reduce the fuel load close to your home," he says. Making sure the yard is green and free of dead, volatile vegetation, keeping the gutters clean, and trimming long limbs so they don't hang over the roof, can make a big difference.

"To make 'housekeeping' effective, it needs to be done all the time," Mott says. "Once a fire starts, it is too late to move those gas cans off the porch."

Gillespie says his volunteer fire department conducts fire safety inspections at a landowner's request. During an inspection, firefighters identify potential hazards and help landowners determine how to reduce their risks.

For landowners who want to implement additional protective measures, Mott suggests they review the fire safety information found on the Web sites of local fire departments, state forest services, and at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). The FireWise program was created to help homeowners increase the odds of their homes surviving a wildland fire. The site includes information on topics ranging from non-combustible building materials to fire-resistant landscaping.

Another way landowners can protect their property is by ensuring that the fire department has easy access in case of an emergency. Locked gates, narrow roads, low-hanging limbs and even concerned neighbors can cause delays.

### Additional water

As additional protection, landowners can provide a water source for firefighting.

"When the fire department reaches your house, it only has the water it carries," Gillespie says. "Depending on the situation, it may or may not be enough."

Gillespie says landowners can provide additional water using everything from portable cattle sprayers that are kept full of water to large storage tanks holding 6,000 gallons to 10,000 gallons to dry fire hydrants.

Dry fire hydrants are non-pressurized pipes installed in a pond or a lake that give firefighters a way to replenish their water supply in rural areas. Dry fire hydrants are more common in areas with plentiful surface water, but the plans can be modified to provide access to water through irrigation wells or rock stock tanks. NRCS and the Texas Forest Service can supply additional information about dry fire hydrants.

### Planned family meeting place

And, finally, one of the most important things that landowners can do to assist their local fire department during an emergency is accounting for all their family members. Families should designate a place to meet in case of fire, so it is easy to know who is safe and who isn't. Then, when the firefighters arrive on the scene, they know immediately whether search and rescue is necessary.

"In case of a fire, protecting your loved ones is paramount," Mott emphasized. "After calling the fire department, evacuate the premises quickly. People often risk their lives to save family photographs, important papers, or other things. As a firefighter, I know that things can always be replaced — loved ones can't."

# TxDOT Maintenance sections making preparations for winter

Childress — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is gearing up to protect the traveling public and roadways against possible ice and snow conditions.

The Childress District's 13 maintenance sections have been busy testing winter weather roadway maintenance equipment. Snow plows, material spreaders, safety lighting, and other necessary equipment are ready if and when inclement weather occurs.

"TxDOT uses bottom ash mixed with MeltDown 20 on intersections, bridges and inclines. This material enhances traction to help traffic stop easier at intersections and also aids vehicle traction when climbing a hill," said Clyde Harper, District Maintenance Manager.

"We also use a liquid form of magnesium chloride in advance of storms. This material slows the freezing process and gives maintenance crews more time to respond," continued Harper.

"When addressing snow and ice conditions, we prioritize our roadways," said Harper. "Our maintenance forces address hospital routes and school routes along with higher volume roadways first; this schedule allows us to assist the largest majority of our customers first," continued Harper.

Once ice and/or snow hit the roadway, maintenance person-

nel will begin applying bottom ash and deicing materials at bridges and intersections. The maintenance staff will work around the clock to clear roadways.

The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority, and we respond to snow and ice situations as quickly as possible. Motorists can also do their part by driving carefully and:

- \* Use caution when driving over bridges and overpasses. These are the first to freeze.

- \* Reduce speed and drive with caution. A vehicle needs at least three times more space to stop on a slick roadway. Visibility can also be reduced during winter weather conditions.

- \* Be patient. Your trip time - including short commutes to work - could increase when adverse weather conditions exist.

- \* Winterize vehicles before traveling during adverse weather. Check fuel, tire, oil, and antifreeze levels. Make sure heater, brakes, and windshield wipers are working properly.

- \* Check area weather conditions on radio or television before starting a trip.

- \* Motorists can also call TxDOT's toll-free highway conditions line at 800-452-9292 or go on-line to [www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main.htm).

For more information contact Barbara Seal, Texas Department of Transportation at (940) 937-7145.

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

The House of Faith had their Christmas party Saturday afternoon, December 10. The children attending had a wonderful time and were presented with Bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Peacock and daughter of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Kyle Brock of Lockney filled the pulpit at the Roaring Springs and Matador Methodist Churches Sunday morning.

Mrs. Robena King was in Crosbyton hospital this past week with pneumonia.

Russell and Lori Alexander lit the first Advent Candle and Jo and Alex Crowder let the candle Sunday

December 11 at the Methodist Church.

Kathy Penick of Dallas spent the week end visiting with cousins, Nona Long and Sharon Martin and in Matador with her aunt, Callie and R.C. Giesecke.

Mrs. Jeff Braselton was hostess to the Bible group which met in her home Monday morning, December 12. Twelve ladies attended. Jennifer gave the program. She interviewed Mrs. Virginia Taylor and Mrs. Barbara Armstrong about a sinner. Mrs. Braselton gave the opening prayer. Some of the ladies stayed for a baked potato lunch. Gifts were exchanged.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

If you want to go places, you must either get behind and push or go in front and pull. If you stand to the side, you won't go anywhere.

### DO GOODERS' CLUB OF FLOMOT CANCELED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Do Gooders Club of Flomot canceled their annual Christmas party and monthly club meeting in respect for the unexpected death of their club member, Mrs. Trula Martin. She had the Christmas party last year in her beautiful home and had plans to have it again this year.

Mrs. Martin, a charter member of the club, was an active member and an asset with quilt and fund drive projects and the Bazaar. Not only the club members, but others feel the loss of her loving acts of friendship and good deeds.

### GAGE SPERRY CELEBRATES 2ND BIRTHDAY

Gage Sperry, son of Will and Cally Sperry, celebrated his birthday with a party in his home Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11. He blew out his two candles on a John Deere decorated cake. Refreshments of cupcakes decorated as hay stacks, pigs in a blanket, pizza and punch was served.

Those enjoying the festivities were grandmothers, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque and Mrs. Christi Williams of Turkey; Jennifer, Jodee and Jacob Pigg of Brice; Kip and Joy Pool, Brianna and Scarlett Sperry and Mollie Forman of Lubbock; Bill and Jannine Brooks of Silverton; Pecos and Kelby Williams and Brenda and Jesse Browning of Flomot and his siblings, Savannah, Blayne and Cash Sperry.

Richard Rogers of Lubbock visited Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers from Friday until Sunday. His wife, Tina and son, Jerod visited Saturday and Sunday. When they returned home, it had been broken

into. A stereo, several guns, video games and Christmas presents were among things stolen.

Clois and Kathy Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Alma and Everett Shorter were in Petersburg Sunday afternoon and enjoyed the birthday party of granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Emily Milam given in the home of her parents, Christi and Dwain Milam and sister, Haley. She was four years old and had a Strawberry Shortcake decorated cake with four glowing candles, gifts and a fun filled afternoon.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse, Darla, James and Danielle Gwinn visited in Cisco Saturday afternoon with Deirda and Larry Clifton and in Rising Star at the Care Center with Mrs. Dona Browning. They attended the Valley vs. Throckmorton football championship game Saturday night at the Shotwell Stadium in Abilene before returning home.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Monday with Jack and Johnie Starkey and attended the funeral of Mrs. Trula Martin.

Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Connie and Coy Franks.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited Friday and Saturday in Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Marsha Blake and enjoyed Christmas shopping.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Clyde with her aunt, Mrs. Shirley Gray. They attended the football game Valley vs. Throckmorton in Abilene, Saturday.

Among the visitors during the week in the home of Wilburn Martin and attending the funeral of his wife, Trula were daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper, Carl, Cory and Kendra Cooper of Borger; grandchildren, Lindsay Martin of Amarillo and Cole Martin of Las Vegas, Nevada; sister and family, Nita and Ervin Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt and Tom Merritt of Granbury; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Scrivner and Khaki of Turkey.

## Senior Citizens Notes

By Tommye Keith, Director

We have lost a few good friends lately and will miss them. I would like to say thank you to everyone that has made memorial donations. June Moss and Geraldine and Ellis Key made donations in memory of Rush Timmons. June gave a memorial also for Tate Timmons. John Briscoe, Pat Warren, June Moss, Leona & Ellis Terry, Nona Williams, Leslie and Frankie Kingery, First Baptist Fellowship Sunday School Class, Nova Dale and Dean Turner, Geneva Wilson, Butch and Judy Renfro and Dorothy Day gave memorial donations in memory of Katie Davis. Leslie and Frankie Kingery also gave a memorial in memory of Jack Davis. Ray and Don Baxter, Nova Dale and Dean Turner, First Baptist Fellowship Sunday School Class, Geneva Wilson, Judy and Butch Renfro, Ellis and Leona Terry, Dorothy Day and Frances and Buddy Davis gave memorials in

memory of Pearl Simpson. Nova Dale and Dean also gave memorials in memory of Trula Martin and Howard Rogers.

Dorothy Day also gave a memorial donation in memory of Newel W. Level. The Seward family gave a memorial in memory of Alfred Seward. Again, thank you all so very much.

Here at the Center we will be having our Christmas Dinner December 16 with Turkey and Dressing and all the trimmings. Would like to invite y'all out to enjoy the food and visiting.

Hope everyone is ready for Christmas and you have a great one. Think I will surprise my bunch and have an Italian Christmas dinner. They may run me off.

The Center is open 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. We have Thursday night game night, and exercise every morning at 7:30 a.m. Y'all come out and join the fun.

## A Note of Thanks

We are so blessed to live in Matador where people express their sympathy with love, food, flowers, cards, donations and prayers. Thank you, Diana, Jo and Tracy for taking such good care of mother and grandma while she was at home.

A very special thank you to Seven and crew on the Ambulance for the many times they took her to Lubbock.

The gracious ladies at the Baptist Church for the delicious lunch. Thank you.

What would we do without Pat and Nathan. We thank them for the wonderful work they do.

For the beautiful service, we thank Rev. Mike Crowley.

The family of Pearl Cartwright Simpson Garland and Judy Cliff, Tina and Christian The Wayne Cartwright family

We do not have the words to express our gratitude and deep appreciation of the outpouring of love and concern shown in the passing our beloved wife, Mother, and Grandmother, Trula Martin.

Wilburn Martin  
Marilee, Fred, Kendra and Carl Cooper  
Cory, Becca and Gavin Cooper  
Cole and Lindsay Martin  
Wanda Lane and family

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## Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited Friday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

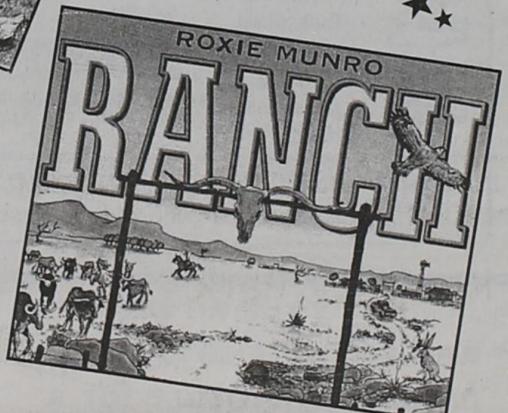
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# FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

**PRODUCER MEETING**  
We are planning to hold a producer meeting in conjunction with the County Extension Agent during the month of January or February. We will discuss the 2006 DCP program and other important issues. If you have any suggestions as to what you may like to hear about, let us know.

**GRASS CERTIFICATION**  
If you purchased a 2006 NAP policy for grass, the deadline to certify the grass is December 15. If you did not do this timely it is still required, but it will cost \$35.00 for the first field and \$15.00 for each additional field.

**2005 GRASS LOSSES**  
We can no longer approve notice of losses for 2005 NAP policies. You must file a notice of loss 15 days after the loss becomes apparent, and our first freeze was several weeks ago. Therefore, the growing season has ended, and if you haven't noticed and reported a grass

loss due to drought it is too late. Our County average annual rainfall is currently 1 inch above normal, so there will probably not be a 2005 grass payment for NAP.

**2006 WHEAT LOSSES**  
If you purchased a NAP wheat for grazing policy, remember to file a notice of loss within 15 days of when the loss becomes apparent in order to be eligible for payment.

**COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS**  
The County Committee election ballots were counted on December 7, 2005. Mr. Truitt Read was re-elected with Gary Ford being the first alternate. Mr. Read has done a very good job for the Motley County farmers and ranchers during his previous term, so we look forward to working with him again. A sincere thanks goes to those than ran in this year's election and to all of those that took the time to vote.

## USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications for 2006

The USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Matador announced that cost share funds have been released for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the 2006 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). Farmers and ranchers wishing to receive assistance for 2006 have until the close of business Friday, February 17, 2006, to sign applications.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorized the EQIP and WHIP as tools to implement voluntary on-farm conservation practices identified by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through EQIP and WHIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers. In 2005, EQIP funding in the Matador Resource Team (MRT) totaled \$264,000, with all eligible applications being funded. In 2006, the MRT expects to receive a slight increase in the amount of funds available.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Motley County, the local work group determined the resource concerns for this year to be erosion control and brush encroach-

ment-grazing distribution. Erosion control will focus on conversion of crop land to grassland. Priority eligible practices under erosion control are range seeding and pasture planting. Eligible practices under brush encroachment-grazing distribution include mechanical brush control (power grubbing and chaining), raking, range seeding, pasture planting, and chemical brush control (aerial and individual plant treatment).

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. For those approved applications, a NRCS conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan in conjunction with the LWG. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices. Producers with approved contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the NRCS in the USDA Service Center Office in Matador or call (806) 347-2263, ext. 3, or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov). NRCS offers its services free of charge.

## Bigger is better when trapping large groups of Feral Hogs

College Station -- Bigger is better when it comes to trapping feral hogs. As Texas' feral hog population continues to destroy cops and rangeland across the state, small traps are a popular control method among landowners with only a few hogs on the premises. But when feral hogs invade in double digits, constructing a trap as big as your living room is not out of the question.

"If you're trying to trap a big group, small traps are not the way to go," said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas Cooperative Extension Wildlife Specialist at Overton.

As an alternative, Higginbotham recommends constructing a teardrop-shaped trap using sheep or goat panels 30-feet wide by 50-feet long. The panels can be secured by using T-posts. The gate to the trap is placed at the neck of the teardrop.

"You need to use a gate that's hinged or a saloon door that's spring-driven," he said.

A welder can construct the saloon gate using two small sheets of flat iron welded to rebar at the bottom of the gate. This will prevent escape attempts at the bottom of the gate.

Next, Higginbotham recommends digging a small pit near the back of the pen, which will hold shelled corn, soured mash or other bait to attract the hogs. The bait pit will also include the trip wire used to close the front gate when triggered.

Higginbotham advises applying bait both outside and inside the trap, leaving the gate open for several days. The hogs will become acclimated and attract large numbers inside the trap once the trip door is set.

"This technique will allow a

whole pack to be caught at one time, as many as 20 to 25 hogs," Higginbotham said.

Once the hogs are trapped, Higginbotham said the expense of buying panels and shelled corn can be recovered.

"There are some meat processing companies that are paying 60 cents a pound for hogs weighing more than 250 pounds. They are also paying a bonus of \$10-\$20 a head," he said.

Those with access to a trailer can place a railroad tie underneath the rear of the trailer and open the gate. By walking to the back of the pen, the feral hogs will move forward and load into the trailer.

Feral hog control is a continuous process and is even more effective when neighbors are working together, Higginbotham said.

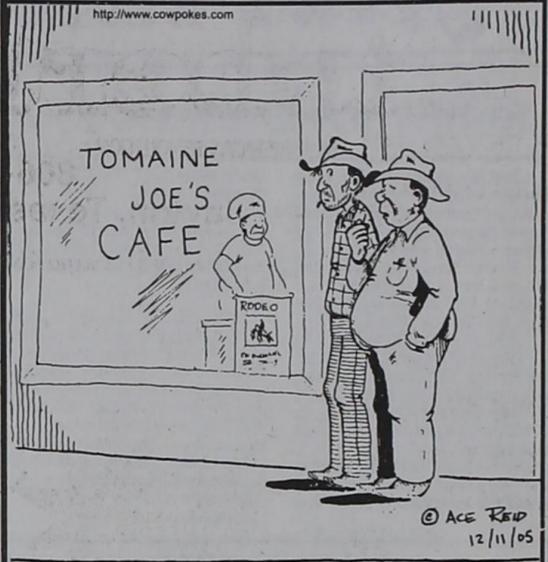
"When we look at management of feral hogs, think of them as four-legged fire ants," he said. "We can control the numbers, but as far as eradicating them off the earth, that's probably not going to happen."

Higginbotham said the problem is landowners aren't using efficient means to control them.

"People are trying to shoot and trap them, but they're using these small traps (for large groups)," he said. "We can become even more effective if we trap and do it with our neighbors. I think eradication is fleeting and temporary. I can keep fire ants out of my yard and my neighbors can apply control methods, but if we don't keep up the effort, they're going to be back."

For more information on feral hogs, go to the Web at <http://feralhog.tamu.edu>

## COW POKES® By Ace Reid



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## Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

**FLOYD COUNTY:** Apollo Energy Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 was fraced on Tuesday, December 13.

**FLOYD COUNTY:** Apollo Energy Operating Company LP Ceretha Watson #1 is awaiting completion work.

**FLOYD COUNTY:** Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 spudded on Monday, December 12 and was drilling ahead.

**FLOYD COUNTY:** Tyner Texas Operating Company Kenneth Broseh Lease Well #1 has been perforated and is waiting on scheduling for frac job.

**FLOYD COUNTY:** Tyner Texas Operating Company received a permit for the Rushing Lease Well #1 on December 13, 2005. The Rushing Lease Well

#1 will be located 467 feet from the South Line and 467 feet from the West Line of Section 112 Block D-3, D&P RR Co./Rushing, S.L. Survey, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada. The building of the location began on Tuesday, December 13.

**MOTLEY COUNTY:** Tyner Texas Operating Company R.G. Stephens Lease Well #1 is flowing on test, recovering frac water and making gas and condensate.

Representatives of Tyner Texas Operating Company stated the information of the November 7, 2005, Tyner Stephens news release is still current and accurate in regard to the completion work done on the R.G. Stephens #1, this is in response to questions/stories concerning the current status.

## Center for Equine Business studies to form at Texas A&M

College Station -- Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approved a concept proposal for a new Center for Equine Business Studies.

The center will establish a national horse inventory database and conduct research and analysis on the \$112 billion industry. The center will be part of the Texas A&M University System Agriculture Program and headquartered on the College Station campus.

"What's unique about this is there's no inventory data for horses," said Dr. Ernie Davis, professor emeritus at Texas A&M, who will serve as center director. "It's the only major agricultural commodity that doesn't have market data reports, unlike beef cattle, sheep, goats and pork."

Davis was Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist for 35 years.

"Our services will be pretty much in line with what I did for the beef cattle industry," he said. We will be doing economic impact studies for legislation, but also look at other variables

such as the cost of preventing diseases and determining if prevention is greater than the cost of the disease."

The U.S. is home to about 7.1 million horse owners. The equine industry has been fueled by increased participation in pleasure riding and reining, cutting and team roping, penning and trail riding, Davis said.

"We also plan to conduct demographic research studies to further evaluate the different types of individuals involved in these activities," Davis said.

No state or federal funds will go to the center, he said. Membership fees from equine companies and breed associations would fund the center and research programs.

"This center is for all breeds and performance groups," Davis said. "We anticipate examining a variety of issues impacting the national economy that haven't been looked at before. For example, one area that could be considered might be the impact of roping stock and its economic impact on the beef industry."

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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

### Motley County Tribune Weather Dec. 15, 2005

7-Day Forecast	In-Depth Forecast	Moon Phases
<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 46 Low: 27	Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 46°, humidity of 42% and an overnight low of 27°. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 1975. The record low is 7° set in 1951. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 44°.	Full 12/15
<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 44 Low: 29		Last 12/23
<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 30		New 12/30
<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 32		First 1/6
<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 53 Low: 32		
<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 51 Low: 30		
<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 50 Low: 31		

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	47	26	56/32	0.00"	0.00"
Monday	50	23	56/31	0.00"	0.21"
Tuesday	37	19	55/31	0.00"	-0.21"
Wednesday	23	12	55/31	0.00"	29.1°
Thursday	31	5	55/31	0.00"	43.0°
Friday	48	11	55/30	0.00"	13.9°
Saturday	57	19	54/30	0.00"	-13.9°

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

### Weather History

**Dec. 15, 1945** - A record December snowstorm buried Buffalo, N.Y. under 36.6 inches of snow, with unofficial totals south of the city ranging up to 70 inches. Travel was brought to a halt by the storm.

### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today ..... 7:41 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 5:36 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 5:29 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 7:56 a.m.

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#3706 2005 Chevrolet Malibu Classic Sedan white/grey cloth, power seat, CD.....	\$12,275
#3702 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer sandstone/tan cloth, 21K, LS, loaded, program unit.....	\$17,900
#3082 2005 Pontiac Grand Am SE 4 door, dark grey/charcoal cloth, rear spoiler, front buckets, CD, chrome wheels.....	\$12,175
#3734 2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac 2WD, white/grey cloth, V6 auto, 45K, XLT pkg, LOADED.....	\$15,500
#3534 2001 Honda CRV LX Sport 4X4 4 cylinder, auto, 47K, silver/grey cloth, NICE.....	\$12,700
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#3736 2001 Nissan Altima GLE sedan, 4 cylinder, auto, black/grey leather, 91K.....	\$7,950
#3770 1999 Chevy Astro white/tan cloth, 91K, LS, quad buckets, NICE.....	\$5,500
#3769 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo maroon/charcoal cloth, 46K, V6, Loaded.....	\$14,500
#3766 2001 Pontiac Aztek pewter/grey cloth, V6, 69K, all power, EXTRA NICE.....	\$7,995
#2056 2005 Chevrolet Malibu Sedan sport red/tan cloth, V6, sunroof, power seat, 10K.....	\$13,875
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