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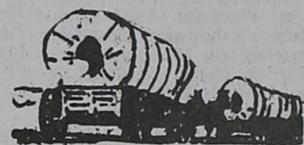
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Matador City Council meets in October and November

The Matador City Council met October 9, for their regular meeting, with the following present: Mayor Pro Tem Fred Parson, Council members Shane Jones and Chuck Ream, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, and City Secretary Lara Davey.

Minutes from the September 10th meeting were read and approved. A list of expenditures were presented for payment, and approved.

The traffic concern in front of MC School was brought before the council. Council tabled any action taken on the problem leaving any decisions to be made up to the school until Council action is needed.

Lara Davey then briefed the Council about the Conference, attended last month on the Fair Labor Standards Act. Also discussed was the procedure to Personnel Issues and The Open Meetings Act.

Steve Barton, Water Superintendent, updated Council on the Water Tap Fees and Sewer Tap Fees. He gave Council an itemized printout of the costs for laying a 3/4", 1" and 2". Council discussed the charges for the customer and deposits for each size line. Mr. Barton also updated Council on the process of the new water line being laid west of town. He notified Council about a wire, a lawn mower, and fogger than he would like to sell. Council agreed that the best way to sell these items would be to take closed bids.

A brief financial report was given by Fred Parson.

The Council met in special session, October 23. Council members Shane Jones, Bert Darsey, Chuck Ream, and Jim Watson, and City Secretary Lara Davey were present.

After receiving a letter of resignation from Mayor Pro Tem Fred Parson, Council appointed Shane Jones as Mayor

Pro Tem, with a motion made by Jim Watson and a second from Chuck Ream. Passing 3-0, Shane Jones abstained.

A motion to appoint Pat Seigler to the vacated Council seat until the May election was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Bert Darsey. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion to appoint Nathan Shannon to the Water Board was made by Bert Darsey and a second came from Chuck Ream, passing 4-0.

Chuck Ream was appointed to the Nursing Home Board with a motion from Jim Watson and a second from Shane Jones. With Mr. Ream abstaining, the motion passed 3-0.

The Council met for their regular meeting, November 13 with Mayor Pro Tem Shane Jones, Council members Pat Seigler, Chuck Ream, and Jim Watson; Water Superintendent Steve Barton; and City Secretary Lara Davey present for the meeting.

Motley County ISD Superintendent Rick Copp was present for Open Forum. He presented Council with a traffic proposal for the streets in front of the school. He asked Council to consider the options presented and to be put on the Agenda for December meeting.

Carter Luckett was present to address the issue of debris from untarped trucks left on the roads to the City Dump. This poses a problem with flats on the vehicles that travel these roads. Steve Barton expressed the fact that no trucks with trash or shingles will be accepted at the Dump grounds unless they have a tarp on the truck.

Terry Simpson was also in attendance to ask Council to consider that he would like to purchase the waste water from the City. The water would be used to irrigate the fields close

to the City Waste Water Plant. Steve Barton said that a special permit would have to be issued from the State and that he would check on that with OJD Engineering.

Paul Westbrook was present as a representative of the Nursing Home Committee. He asked Council to donate \$2,000 to help pay for the Architect. Jim Watson gave a brief overview of the budget and reported where the funds could be taken from. He then made the motion to approve this expenditure. A second was given by Pat Seigler. Motion passed 3-0.

Dianne Washington, CPA, presented the Annual Audit for General Fund, as well as the Water Works Fund. Both were satisfactory. Council accepted the audit.

Minutes from the October 9 meeting were read and approved. Minutes from the special meeting held October 23 were read and approved.

A list of expenditures were presented to Council for approval, and all were approved.

A \$50.00 bid for the lawnmower was submitted by James Belk. He also submitted a bid for the fencing material of \$36.00. These were the only bids submitted. Council approved selling the lawnmower and the fencing for a total of \$86.00 to James Belk.

A Joint Proclamation Establishing an Inter-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Program with Motley County Commissioners and Roaring Springs was read. A motion was made to sign this proclamation by Jim Watson. A second was made by Chuck Ream. Motion passed 3-0.

The Water Superintendent's report was given by Steve Barton. He told Council that the Water Tanks need to be sandblasted and painted. He asked that Water District meet to approve this expenditure. A meeting will be set next week.



THANKSGIVING DINNER? This picture depicts one of the many Motley County beautiful scenes of wildlife. With deer and turkey plentiful in the county, hunters will have no trouble finding something for Thanksgiving dinner. This photo was shot at the Bird Ranch on a snowy day a few years ago by James Bearden.

State Comptroller sees encouraging growth in sales tax collections

\$393.5 million in sales tax delivered to local governments

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said recently that state sales tax collections rose in October by 3.6 percent compared to October 2002 - the biggest year-over-year growth since August 2001, just prior to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The state's October sales tax revenue was \$1.19 billion.

Local sales tax collections are up also. Strayhorn sent \$393.5 million in November sales tax rebates, November 14, to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.7 percent compared to November 2002. The last time local taxing units saw their monthly sales tax allocations increase in the six percent range was June 2001, when allocations were up 5.8 percent compared to June 2000.

"This growth in sales tax collections is consistent with other recent positive signs in the Texas and national economies," Strayhorn said. "These sales tax numbers are very encouraging as our Texas businesses enter the crucial fourth quarter and the holiday shopping season."

Comptroller Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$271.3 million to Texas cities, up 7.5 percent compared to November 2002. Texas counties received November sales tax rebates of \$21.9 million, up 8.6 percent compared to one year ago.

Eighty special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$10.4 million in sales tax, up 6.6 percent compared to last November. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$89.8 million in November sales tax rebates, up 3.7 percent compared to a year ago.

November sale tax rebates represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly sales tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly sales tax filers.

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SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN!

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING, DEC. 4

Tribune accepting Letters to Santa

Christmas is just around the corner, and the *Motley County Tribune* will again accept Letters to Santa. Santa has agreed to let the letters be published in the paper before being forwarded on to him at the North Pole. The special Christmas edition will be published December 18, so all letters should be submitted to the paper no later than Wednesday, December 10, in order to be included in that edition. Letters may be dropped off at the office or mailed to:

Santa Claus
c/o Motley County Tribune
P.O. Box 490
Matador, TX 79244



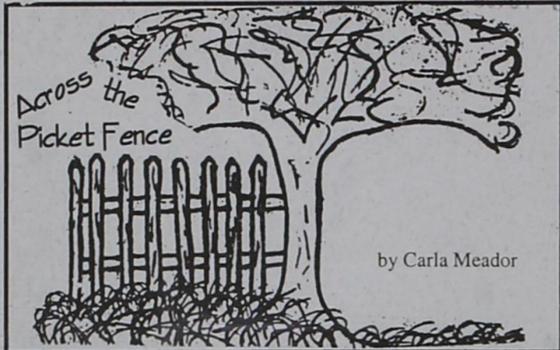
WELCOME TO MOTLEY COUNTY - Penny Pipkin, President of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, presents Leslie Norris with a "Welcome Packet" full of gift certificates from Motley County businesses. Leslie is the new third grade teacher at Motley County ISD.

Grannie's Tea Party date nears

Grannie's Tea Party will be held Sunday, December 7, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador. The annual event, which is a fund-raiser for the Children's section of the Motley County Library, is for girls ages 4 and up.

Girls are asked to dress in their Grannie's old hats, dresses, gloves, etc., and come enjoy cakes and tea, for a donation of only \$5.00.

Contact Joyce Campbell at 347-2793 or Janie Campbell at 347-2657 for more information.



"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and unto His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless his name." Psalm 100:4

This verse is one of my favorites. I just love the sound of it. It sounds like it should be recited with great enthusiasm! As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Thursday we should really take this verse to heart. With the hurry of a short week and trying to get everything done at work, thinking of the Thanksgiving menu, cleaning the house for company, it's hard to take the time to really think of the things we have to be thankful for.

Of course, most of us could literally fill this paper with the many blessings God has given us, if we took the time to sit down and make a list. We really could go on and on. We can look around us every moment of the day and see or feel or smell a blessing from God.

I still have the list of "Things I'm Thankful For" from Jeremy's third grade class. His teacher was Mrs. Carol Ann Turner. There are about 15 pages, stapled between colorful construction paper, listing everything from puppies, rocks and turtles to steak and potatoes. He even included me, somewhere between a horned toad and a frog. He listed things that you don't think of on an everyday basis. I hope this is still an assignment in third grade. I

think it really makes the kids realize that Thanksgiving is more than turkey & dressing.

All of God's creation is a magnificent blessing. Even the frogs. He has given us a masterpiece. Let us be most thankful.

My best wishes to you and yours for this holiday season.

Museum meeting to be held Dec. 1

The Motley County Historical Museum will conduct a business meeting on December 1, 2003, at the Museum at 3:00 p.m.

Board members and historical commission members and all other interested persons are urged to attend.

Discussion will include the Plains Trail brochure, advertising in a museum guide being put together by Wildsteps Inc., and direction for 2004.

God Bless You!



Home Health compare opens data door to consumers

Spur - Covenant Home Health Care supports the concept of the federal government's new *Home Health Compare* initiative. This program, set up by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will supply comparison data points about Medicare home health providers for the convenience of patients and their families.

Eleven quality measures were collected from home care agencies relating to patient mobility; meeting basic daily needs, such as help with dressing; medical emergencies; and mental health status.

Data were supplied by home health agencies to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on the federally mandated Outcome and Assessment Information Set, known as OASIS. An OASIS checklist is completed for each patient upon his or her admission to a home health agency, and at several points during care.

"We are always happy to offer consumers information

about the value of home health, and Home Health Compare appears to be another research tool for them," said Char Lotzgesell RN, BSN Branch Agency Director. "We welcome every opportunity to share the news about delivering home health care to the residents in our six county area."

Consumers can call Medicare's help line at 1-800-633-4227, or visit the Home Health Compare website at www.medicare.gov/HHCompare/Home.asp. Consumers may also obtain information from www.tahc.org.

Spur - Covenant Home Health Care is a member of the National Association for Home Care & Hospice in Washington, DC, the world's largest trade association advocating for home care and hospice. For more information, contact NAHC at (202) 547-7424 or at www.nahc.org. For more information about Spur - Covenant Home Health Care, contact our local office at 271-4696 or (800) 617-4696.

Former resident named Nurse of the Year

Former Matador resident, Kay Skinner R.N., was awarded Nurse of the Year for 2003 by Floydada Rehab and Care Center. She was also nominated by Floydada Rehab and Care Center as a nominee for Nurse of the Year with the Texas Health Care Association. She received an "Angel of Protection" figurine made by Willow Tree as an award.

Kay has been employed at Floydada Rehab and Care Center for the past six years. She enjoys working in a Geriatric setting and loves the "Culture Change" that has taken place in the last few years. The Center has two dogs, Amy and Roschi, that are loved by all. "The changes are apparent as soon as you come in the door. We have redecorated the Care Center and residents have choices on what their rooms and bathrooms are decorated as. Indi-

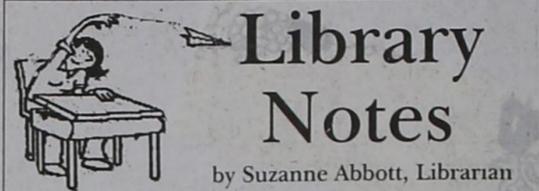
vidual choice is a wonderful thing. It is their home," she said. She invites others to come visit and see the new changes that have taken place.

Kay also works part-time as a Registered Nurse with Hospice Hands of West Texas of Lockney and has been there for the past five years.

She graduated from Motley County High School in 1980 and received her Associates in Nursing Degree from New Mexico State University at Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1997.

Kay and husband, Walter, reside in Quitaque. They have two daughters, Lacey and Alexandra.

She is the daughter of Grady and the late Jean Phillips of Gainville, Texas, formerly of Matador, and the daughter-in-law of Ellen and the late Ruel Skinner of Quitaque.



Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We hope everyone has a happy, restful Thanksgiving. The library will be closed Thursday and Friday. We will be open at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1.

New books in the library include *Big Bad Wolf* by James Patterson and *Touch* by Colleen McCullough. We also have *By Sorrows River* by Larry McMurtry. This book is the third in the continuing series of the Berrybender saga.

Also new to the library is *Lone Star Rising The Texas Ranger Trilogy*, a series of older works by Elmer Kelton. We also have *Safe Harbour* by Danielle Steel and *Plant them Deep*, an Ella Clah Novel by Aimee Thurlo.

A new author to this library is Charles Todd who has written a good old-fashioned English mystery, *Murder Stone*. This is a really good book. We have President Jimmy Carter's first effort as a novelist, *Hornets Nest*, a novel of the American Revolution.

The library will be open during Late Night Shopping on December 4. We will have a Senior Citizen's Special from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. We will be having a used book sale and everyone who comes in will have a chance to sign up for a door prize to be given away at 8:30 p.m. The door prize is a 2003 Texas Capitol Ornament, donated by the Friends of the Library. Be sure to stop in to see us in the library.

Quitaque to host annual Caprock Country Christmas

The Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Caprock Country Christmas on Saturday, December 6, 2003.

Breakfast with Santa will start the day with homemade cinnamon rolls, milk, orange juice, coffee and then photos with Santa. An Arts/Crafts Sale will be held from 9:00 to 4:00 at both the Catholic Center and the Community Center with Mexican food available at the Catholic Center.

This will be an all day Poker Run Coupon Day, which means,

purchase \$10.00 in merchandise and pick a card - 5 cards make a hand - best poker hand wins prize over \$100.00. Didn't get 5 cards ... just enter the drawing for door prizes.

Candy Tasting, with judging by "gourmet" judges, \$2.00 entry fee. Purchase chances on a quilt at the Senior Citizens Center. End the day with Open House at the First National Bank with progressive snacks and buggy rides. Everybody is welcome!

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This Thursday, November 27th, has been set aside as a special day of Thanksgiving in these United States of America. And how thankful we should be! The Bible tells us of giving thanks in Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and magnify Him with thanksgiving." And again in Psalms 107:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever."

If you have nothing to be thankful for, make up your mind that there is something wrong with such attitude. Surely anyone can see that we are all blessed beyond what we deserve. It was D.L. Moody who said:

Be careful for nothing;
But prayerful for everything;
Be thankful for anything.

The spirit of thanksgiving was defined by Carlyle, when he stated, "that a man should put himself at zero, and then reckon every degree ascending from that point as an occasion for thanks." We have more to be thankful for than almost any other age in human history. So on this special day set aside for thanks, let us remember that Thanksgiving Day is a "jewel to set in the hearts of honest men," and be careful that we do not "take the day and leave out the gratitude."

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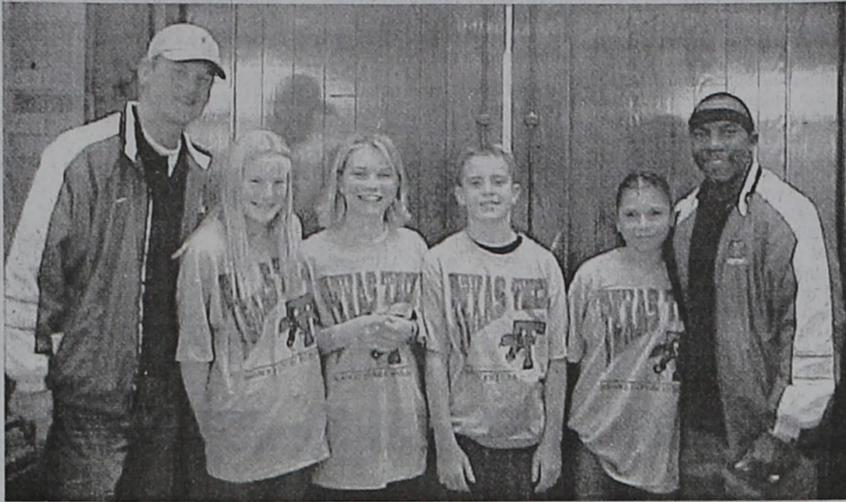
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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



Motley County Sixth Graders, Kortney Williams, Kaleigh Kerns, Cory Durham and Melissa Flores, (left to right) are pictured above with two members of the Texas Tech Football team.

Motley County sixth grade students participate in Writing Workshop

Junior High students from Motley County and Valley participated in a writing workshop with Herma Silverstein on November 13 in the multipurpose room of the school in Matador. Ms. Silverstein presented the steps involved in writing a book and getting it published. The students then wrote and read aloud a descriptive sentence that Ms. Silverstein critiqued. She autographed the paper on which the sentence was written for each student. The students also composed an oral story in a round-robin session.

Herma Silverstein is the author of more than twenty books for young readers. The book topics range from fictional

stories and roller coasters to help for teenage depression and forensic science. She contributes regularly to *Highlights for Children* and teaches a course in writing children's books. Ms. Silverstein is a childhood friend of Dr. Cathy Morton who works with the Rolling Plains Consortium. Dr. Morton arranged the program. These students attended the Texas Tech's Dean's Future Scholars Program, November 7. The Scholars is a program to recruit diverse students into teacher education.

Since 1994, the College of Education at Texas Tech University and surrounding area school districts have been cooperatively involved in a program,

the Dean's Future Scholars (DFS), to recruit diverse students into a career in teaching. The basic idea of the Dean's Future Scholars (DFS) Program is that before students can consider teaching as a career, they must first believe that college is a possibility for them. Although a major goal of this program is to recruit students into teacher education, a more basic purpose is first to interest students into going to college, especially attending college at Texas Tech University. The program consists of four phases: Phase I: Sixth grade; Phase II: Seventh, eighth and ninth grades; Phase III: 10th, 11th and 12th grades, and Phase IV: Students at Texas Tech University.

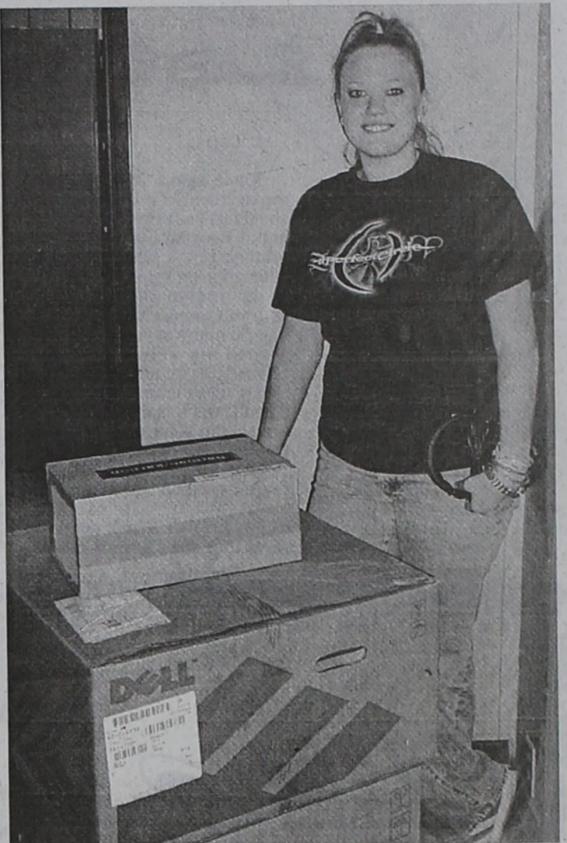
Kid's Praise set for Dec. 3

Kids Praise will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, December 3, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. All children of the community, 2 years through 6th grade are invited to attend. Songs, crafts, a Bible story and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Kids Praise is sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

School Menu

MONDAY, DEC. 1
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fries, Fruit Fluff, Milk.
TUESDAY, DEC. 2
Breakfast: Pancake, Syrup, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecued Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Beans, Pickle Spear, Jello, Milk.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3
Breakfast: Cereal (hot or cold), Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Fruit, Milk.
THURSDAY, DEC. 4
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Enchiladas, Corn, Salad, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.
FRIDAY, DEC. 5
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Peas, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.



MOTLEY COUNTY STUDENT RECEIVES FREE COMPUTER

Twelve Motley County ISD seniors attended the Career Expo provided by South Plains Tech Prep. They completed evaluations that were placed in a drawing for twelve computers provided by WorkSource of the South Plains in Lubbock. Out of almost 3,000 names, one of them selected was Angie Marvel from Motley County ISD. She is looking forward to taking her new computer to college. She is the daughter of Debbie Tagle and Bucky Marvel.



THANKSGIVING TURKEYS — Pre-K students and Shea Rose pose with their Thanksgiving turkeys. Shea helped the students create the turkeys as a Thanksgiving class project.

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PTO Plans
 by Mary Ann Potts

Motley County PTO gathered at the school cafeteria, Monday, November 3, for its monthly meeting.

Minutes from the previous month were quickly reviewed and approved.

Mary Ann Potts updated everyone on the Box Tops Contest. As of 10/24/03, MCS has collected 881 labels placing MCS closer to the 2500 label goal. Also Jan Jones, with Mrs. Hicks consent, will allow the PTO use of her kitchen to prepare a healthy meal should Jr. High or High School win the Box Tops Contest.

Moving on, fund raising results were announced for the Book Fair by Lara Davey. She stated the PTO's net profit was approximately \$500, which will be used to purchase more books. Also, D'anna Russell gave a short preliminary report on the Harvest Carnival concession stand. As of this date, gross profit amounted to approximately \$300.

Basketball season is upon us. And Wendy Taylor reminded everyone that the PTO will be in charge of the concession stand for 2 home games. Please let Wendy know which Dec., Jan., or Feb. dates work well for you.

The Motley County PTO accepted the honor of sponsoring the Motley County Beauty Pageant in 2004. This special day is set for February 14, sporting a Valentine's Day theme. A pageant committee is in the process of creating a budget proposal and will submit it at the next PTO meeting scheduled for Mon., Dec. 1, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.

Lastly, Mary Ann Potts, requested for the PTO to consider establishing scholarships or a flat donation to assist students, K-6th grade, to attend the Super Saturdays Program at Texas Tech. Potts will gather more information about the program

and available scholarships from Texas Tech and present it at the December meeting.

Parents and Teachers come and support your kids by being a part of the MOTLEY COUNTY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION. Please join us on Mon., Dec. 1, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

After living in Knox City for 35 years, we have moved to Bowie, Texas. We are former Matador residents and still have many good friends there, so I wanted to let them know my new address:

Jo Hacker
1002 Zahara Dr.
Bowie, TX 76230

We cherish the memories of living in Matador and enjoy keeping up with news from home through the paper. We think you do a super job!

Sincerely,
Jo Hacker

Dear Carla,

Once again, ill health (the replacement of a badly broken shoulder) has prevented my being in Roaring Springs for my brother, Frank Mitchell's Loop dedication on Veteran's day. My heart and my thoughts were with you wonderful people that day. So many of you called and wished me well. My cousin, LaVoe Thacker and Buzz promised to take pictures as they did when I was hospitalized at the time of the Veteran's Memorial Dedication when my brother Doyle was also honored. I thank them so much for those pictures.

My brother Frank and I always took the Dickens cut-off

when going home from Lubbock, left on the loop to R.S., left at the lumber yard and we were home...third house from the end of our street. We were in Texas Tech together when a Marine recruiter convinced Frank that he was a fine physical specimen and that he should volunteer since England has just gone to war with Hitler and that it would only be a matter of time until our own boys would be drafted. He remained at Tech until the end of the year and then volunteered. Our parents were against his going but he was determined.

On the day of the Japanese attack on Hawaii, Frank Mitchell's address was PPO Pearl Harbor, Territory of Ha-

wai. Our parents suffered for eight days until we learned that he was safe on board the USS Yorktown, commanded by Admiral Halsey, which was on its way to help fortify Wake Island. Frank would fight through eight Pacific engagements during World War II.

Admiral Halsey had recognized Frank as being composed of officer material. He was first enabled to finish his college studies and then was sent to Quantico, Virginia where he would receive his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Frank would soon marry a Georgia girl, Beverly Banks, and their little girl, Barbara, would be but five years old when he was ordered to Korea. Bar-

bara spent many happy visits with her grandparents, the Mitchells, in Roaring Springs. She now resides in Florida and we all hope to come to R.S. next summer for a family visit.

And so, at this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for your appreciation and recognition of my little brother who gave his life for his country at the age of 28. I am thankful to Senator Robert Duncan for his

participation in the dedication ceremony and for honoring R.S. which is now, I understand, the home of his mother. I also wish to thank the VFW, the City Council, the Lions Club (of which my father was a charter member), and the many good people back home that I have known so very long.

Thank you all,
Rosalyn Mitchell Work



Happy Thanksgiving!

ATTENTION SHOPPERS!

Late Night Shopping in Matador
Thursday, December 4th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

REMEMBRANCES OF ROARING SPRINGS

by Grady A. Glenn

Do you remember when:
 Dirt streets existed in the downtown of Roaring Springs?
 The Old Settlers annual meeting place was once a school?
 The old brick school that burned was a three story and reduced to a 2 story?
 The school kids climbed up the fire escape slide and got the joy of sliding down the chute?
 Roaring Springs had a night watchman?
 Roaring Springs had a newspaper?
 Roaring Springs had a telephone office?
 There were two cotton gins?
 There was a cotton compress?
 The railroad engine was steam driven?
 Passenger rail service was available?
 Roaring Springs had a water tank for refilling the train water tank?
 The fire truck back in the 30's was about a 1930ish model?
 Roaring Springs had an ice house on the west side of the street and toward the depot?
 Domino playing was enjoyed in the so called fire truck building?
 Apparently someone hid the dominos in the pump suction of the fire truck, and upon going to a fire problem, the pump locked up from the dominos?
 Roaring Springs had a funeral Home business in the back of a Variety store?
 Roaring Springs had three gas stations and two more business places sold gasoline?
 Gas Pumps were hand operated in some cases and you pumped the fuel up into a glass container and gravity fed it to your vehicle?
 Roaring Springs had two barber shops at one time?
 Roaring Springs had a bank?
 Roaring Springs had a doctor's office in the back of the Bank building?
 Roaring Springs had two grocery stores?
 Roaring Springs had 6 to 7 Churches?
 Roaring Springs had 2 school systems?
 Roaring Springs had a Masonic Lodge?
 Roaring Springs had a Movie House, it closed, the a building next to the ice house was used and the seating was by wooden benches, and then the Movie house was reopened?
 Roaring Springs had a Hotel (which in recent years was reopened)
 Roaring Springs had two tractor dealerships?
 Roaring Springs had two Blacksmith shops?
 It is still a great place to remember if you grew up in the Roaring Springs area.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
 Hear our thanks for Thy love and care. Help us all to show our love and each blessing share. No words are great enough to thank God for just living, and that is why everyday is a day for real thanksgiving.

BABY SHOWER
 Nellie Bly, baby daughter of Tim and Gina Shannon, was honored with a shower by members of the Church of Christ in Flomot. It was held at a luncheon following church services Sunday morning at the Community Center in Flomot. They were presented a decorated money tree, cards and gifts. Special guests were great-grandmother Mrs. Annie Shannon of Turkey, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon of Roaring Springs and aunt and daughter, Mrs. Katherine Walker and Adriann of Matador.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED
 The birthday of James Gwinn was celebrated Saturday night in his home. He was presented a decorated cake with a large "50" candle and amusing "Too Old to Count." He received gifts and cards. His wife, Darla, served sandwiches, cake, coffee and iced tea.

Those attending the enjoyable party beside his children, Danielle and Fannin were Charles "Chig" Gwinn, Josie and Bill Raetz of Matador, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Brenda and Darrell Cruse and Judy and Donnie Cruse of Flomot.

 Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were son and family, Larry Clay, Tanner and Kelsey of Panhandle, grandchildren, Ryleigh, Walker and Parker Carson of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were in Lubbock, Thursday for her a medical check up following recent surgery. She received a good report.

Bobbie and Roy Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma are visiting her mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, who is ill.

Mrs. Laverne Tiffin was in Lockney, Tuesday for medical treatment on a recently broken foot.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin and friend, Matt Dozier attended the Valley vs. Meadow football game held in Roosevelt Friday night. Valley won the game 37-34 and will advance to Regional play-off.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson and daughter, Allison of Lubbock visited last weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson. Visiting them this weekend were grandsons, Shannon Vinson and Dana Vinson of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin met daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper and Kendra of Borger in Amarillo, Saturday and celebrated the birthdays of Marilee and Wilburn with a luncheon and entertainment.

Johnie Starkey returned home, Tuesday from Lebanon, Missouri where he visited son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Starkey.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited from Thursday until Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. They met his mother, Mrs. Keri Sehon in Plainview for lunch and his return trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday for her a medical appointment. They visited daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid. Their daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch met them there.

Mrs. Aleda Ross had a medical appointment in Lockney, Wednesday.

OBITUARIES

Herman W. Ellithorp

Graveside rites for Herman W. Ellithorp, 91, of Harker Heights, Texas, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor of First Baptist Church of Matador.

Mr. Ellithorp died Thursday at his home in Harker Heights.

He was born January 29, 1912, at Matador. He married Ruby Loyd Grace on December 6, 1930, at Clovis, NM.

He held numerous jobs as a young man, including farming, working trap lines with his wife and father, owned and drove a dump truck for the WPA during the building of an airforce base at Brownwood, Texas, and was working in the shipyard in Oakland, California when he was drafted into the Army in May, 1944.

His military service include the Philippine Islands, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Holland, France, and

the Dutch East Indies. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After returning to Matador he worked for Thacker Butane Company for many years, and later retired from the Texas Highway Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Alley Lancaster and Hazel Markham.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Herman Arvin Ellithorp and wife, Joy, of Harker Heights; two grandchildren, Rochelle Katakey of San Jose, Costa Rica and Scott Ellithorp of Saugua, California; 7 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

A week ago turkeys were baked for Thanksgiving in Roaring Springs. There was Thanksgiving dinner at the Community Center the evening of November 22 and joint services at the Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 23. One lonely dinner was delivered to my door, for which I gave devout thanks. Finally, after the Weather Station had threatened us with a killing freeze for a week or two, this morning on Monday, November 24, a Guideposts Day of Prayer, I opened the porch door and did a "double-take," whatever that is. The thermometer registered below 20° Fahrenheit!

When I sat down to do my Bible reading, and looked at the date on the calendar, it read November the

24th. On the 27th, four days hence, was Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Day! It made me wonder what we would do with the rest of the month until December the first. Maybe everyone is leaving town. When will school turnout for the Christmas holidays? Maybe it's my "senility-density" kicking in. There's one thing a ninety-year-old can depend

on - my newspaper will be on the lawn or sidewalk, on time! Then I'll know for sure what day this is. So, I'll go see if indeed there will be a paper today. I no longer trust the Weather man. The newspaper was there, and it is still several days before Thanksgiving.

When will Christmas come this year?

Note of Thanks

We truly appreciate the shower gift for our baby daughter, Nellie Bly, hosted by members of the Church of Christ in Flomot. Thank you for sharing our happiness in such a thoughtful way.

Tim and Gina Shannon

Thank you to everyone who has shown their love and kindness to me through my hospitalization and since I've been home recuperating. I appreciate so much your friendship through your cards, letters, phone calls, food and especially your prayers. May God bless you in a very special way.

Lula Swim

Matador News

Bill Moss had major surgery, Friday, November 21, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Lucretia Edwards Campbell was conveyed by ambulance to Lubbock, Monday, November 17, where she was a patient in ICU at the Covenant Lakeside Medical Center until Saturday, November 22. At newstime she is a patient in room 423.

Tim Green of Austin and Virginia Green of Whiteface visited during the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green. Luther was in Lubbock, Wednesday, November 26 for medical treatment.

Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. visited from Thursday night until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Sales Tax Payments

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Matador, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$5,708.58, compared to \$2,446.81 last year, a 133.30% change. 2003 payments to date are \$37,830.74, compared to \$26,805.53 at this time last year, a 41.13% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net pay-

ment of \$2,813.77, compared to \$2,446.81 last year, a 9.36% change. 2003 payments total \$32,524.68, compared to \$26,677.23 at this time last year, a 21.91% change.

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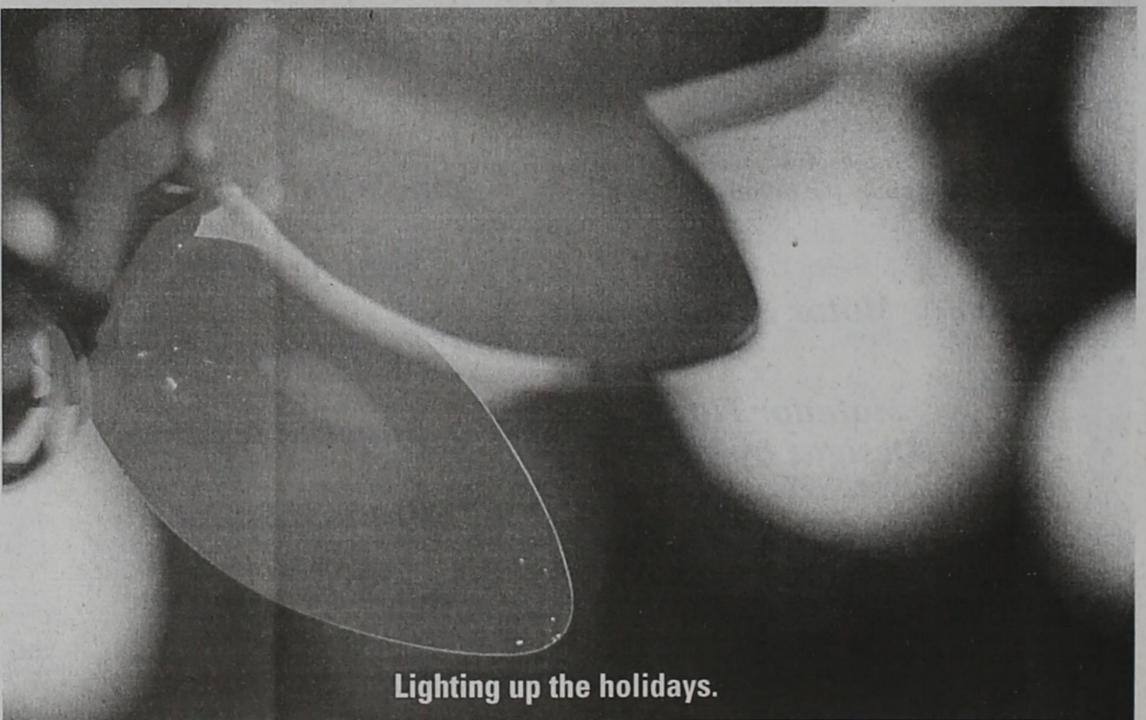
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FARM & RANCH NEWS



COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



UN-ENDANGERED SPECIES

There seems to be more white-tailed deer now than ever before, and the truth is, there are, about 33 million-plus at last count. Such was not always the case. Back in 1920 white-tailed numbers had dwindled to a mere half-million head, nationwide. So, what happened?

According to Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist in San Angelo, hunters and conservationists enacted into law the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, better known as the Pittman-Robertson Act. The move was spurred by the loss of not only white-tailed deer, but also North American elk, whose numbers had dropped to 100,000 head nationally.

"Wild turkey and wood duck were also sentinels of our wildlife's health," said Rollins. Pittman-Robertson provided funds for state game and fish agencies to begin efforts to restore these species. White-tailed deer were trapped and restocked to previously occupied rangers. White-tails are now the number-one species of wildlife in Texas and the nation.

"North American elk have also increased dramatically in recent years. They and other wildlife species are hunted, but they also provide outdoor enthusiasts hours of enjoyable viewing."

5. How will a protein deficiency during lactation tend to affect a doe's milk output?

(A) less milk of a lower quality will be produced; (B) less milk will be produced but quality will be unaffected; (C) less milk but of higher quality; (D) milk quantity will remain same but quality will be reduced.

6. Deer in Texas often suffer from a deficiency of which of the following vitamins?

(A) Vitamin A; (B) Vitamin K; (C) Vitamin C; (D) Vitamin D; (E) none of the above.

7. What is the most appropriate range of crude fiber content for a deer supplement?

(A) less than 2 percent; (B) 5 to 8 percent; (C) 10 to 20 percent; (D) over 25 percent.

8. Which of the following supplemental feeds has been characterized as "Mother Nature's attempt to make the perfect supplement for grazing ruminants?"

(A) alfalfa pellets; (B) corn; (C) fish meal; (D) whole cottonseed; (E) soybean hulls.

9. Which of the following feedstuffs has the highest percent TDN (Total Digestible nutrients)?

(A) alfalfa pellets; (B) cottonseed meal; (C) whole cottonseed; (D) peanut meal; (E) grain sorghum

10. Which of the following feedstuffs has the lowest per-

cent crude protein content?

(A) alfalfa; (B) corn; (C) cottonseed; (D) grain sorghum

If you got less than three correct, you might want to "supplement" your knowledge on the subject by purchasing the symposium proceedings. Copies are available for \$19 by calling 979-845-6571.

Answers: 1. C; 2. D; 3. D; 4. D; 5. B; 6. E; 7. C; 8. D; 9. C; 10. B

Rollins said the wild turkey has been restored to every state in the U.S. and some Canadian provinces. The noble bird now provides the skilled hunter countless hours of hunting pleasure and the outdoor visitor a thrill on early spring mornings with its echoing gobble. The birds now number over six million strong.

"White-tailed deer, elk and turkey were all in danger of being extirpated at one time, but they're now 'un-endangered' thanks to sportsmen who placed an incredible value on the existence of these species," said Rollins. "Because of their value to the hunter, they became the basis for today's multi-billion dollar wildlife conservation program. The saving of these valuable natural assets is a reward all Americans can be proud of."

DEER NUTRITION SUBJECT OF QUIZ

The drought that's gripping much of the state not only affects the livestock, but also wild animals like deer. In an attempt to counter the slim pickings, many hunters and landowners provide supplemental feeds to deer.

According to San Angelo-based Extension Wildlife Specialist Dale Rollins, few wildlife management practices are implemented with more zeal and less understanding than supplemental feeding of deer.

Rollins offers the following trivia quiz on deer feeding to gauge his students' knowledge of deer nutrition. Answers follow at the end of the article.

1. Which of the following is the most critical of all nutrients to deer?

(A) Energy; (B) Vitamin; (C) Water; (D) Protein

2. On a dry matter basis, a buck's hardened antlers are about what percent crude protein?

(A) 10 to 12; (B) 18 to 20; (C) 27; (D) 45

3. Cow's milk has about a 4 percent fat content. How much fat does a deer's milk contain?

(A) 4 percent; (B) 6 percent (C) 7.7 percent; (D) 9.2 percent (E) 17 percent.

4. What is the calcium to phosphorus ratio (Ca:P) of a hardened antler?

(A) 1:1; (B) 1:2; (C) 1:4; (D) 2:1.

Kansas Senator introduces legislation to protect playa lakes

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Pat Roberts introduced important conservation legislation this week to preserve playa lakes, protect wildlife and recharge the Ogallala Aquifer.

"The playa lakes are wetlands often overlooked, but invaluable to water quality, to recharging the Ogallala Aquifer and as a sanctuary for wintering birds," Senator Roberts said. "This bill works within legislation that is already proven to bring real conservation results in a sustainable way."

Playa lakes stretch from West Texas up through the panhandle and parts of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Playas are the most common wetland in these areas, totaling approximately 60,000 in the seven states. They are shallow, clay-lined wetlands that average less than 30 acres and are not filled with water on a year round basis. In many areas, the lakes have been used for grazing, irrigation and run-off. Some playas have also been filled in by sediment runoff from crop land.

Senator Roberts said the bill protects these wetlands by amending the Farmable Wetlands Program under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to allow the enrollment of 40 contiguous acres instead of 10, and allow payment on 10 of the acres instead of five. These changes ensure that the majority of lakes and their buffer areas will be eligible for enrollment, and it also guarantees that playas will be considered eligible wetlands by USDA.

"This bill helps to define playas as wetlands, which has not always been the case, and gets some welcome funding going toward playas and landowners that have them," said Mike Carter, Coordinator of the Playa Lakes Joint Venture (PLJV).

Because playa lakes are dry much of the year, traditionally they have not been recognized as wetlands in Farm Bill programs. But the wet-dry cycle of playas is a natural function of the wetlands. The seasonality of playas produces diverse vegetation which supports all types of birds - waterfowl, shorebirds,

waterbirds and grassland species alike. When the playa's clay basin is dry, deep cracks form which are the main channels for recharge of water through the playa into the Ogallala Aquifer.

"Research indicates that playas can be a significant source of recharge for parts of the Ogallala," Senator Roberts said. "Recharge rates under the playas can be many times greater than surrounding areas. This legislation makes a critical investment in our water supply."

In addition to recharge, the bill will produce significant benefits for millions of migratory birds which depend on the playa lakes region. The playas support 37 mammal species, 185 bird species, and 340 plant species. Senator Roberts noted. They provide temporary shelter for wintering birds including some 400,000 Sandhill Cranes along with 2.5 million ducks and 500,000 geese.

"The Playa Lakes Joint Venture commends Senator Roberts and his staff for introducing this ground-breaking and innovative legislation," said Bob McCreedy, PLJV Chairman. "Given the importance of playa lakes for wildlife habitat and replenishing water supply, this bill has broad appeal - for landowners, municipalities and conservation groups."

Senator Roberts is a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He has been a strong supporter of voluntary conservation programs.

The PLJV is a conservation partnership that works to protect playa lakes, other wetlands and grasslands for the benefit of wildlife and people in the Great Plains. PLJV partners include: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Conoco Phillips, and state wildlife agencies of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Since its inception in 1989, the PLJV has raised in excess of \$50 million to conserve more than 100,000 acres of wildlife habitat in the six-state region it serves. For more information about the PLJV, visit: www.pljv.org.

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Groundwater District honors Sen. Duncan

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"I am grateful for this recognition and appreciate the hard work and dedication of groundwater districts in Texas. TAGD does an excellent job of representing groundwater districts as a whole and educating people in Texas about the importance of groundwater conservation," Duncan said.

"In Texas, we have decided that the best way to manage our valuable groundwater supply is through locally-controlled groundwater districts. These districts cover approximately 60% of our state, but manage about 90% of the groundwater in Texas. They are an important component of our state water plan and future water supply."

TAGD was formed on May 12, 1988, to further the purpose

of groundwater conservation and protection activities. TAGD also provides a means of communication and exchange of information between individual districts regarding the day-to-day operation of local groundwater management. Its membership includes approximately 70 groundwater districts from across Texas.

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Survey shows banner quail crop in Texas

It happens in the blink of an eye, but seems like slow motion as a handful of bobwhite quail erupt in thunderous unison from a nearby bush. By the time you catch your breath and check your extremities, all that remains are pin feathers and fading whistling sound. If you've never experienced the adrenaline rush generated in a covey flush, or want to refresh your memory, make plans to hunt quail in Texas this season. State wildlife officials are predicting a banner year based upon field reports and recently completed annual census survey results.

"If you ever were going to try quail hunting, I would encourage you to do so this year," urged Robert Perez, quail program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "We don't get these kinds of conditions very often in Texas, but it looks like it's going to be a fantastic quail season."

Perez points to textbook-perfect conditions for quail reproduction throughout South Texas and above-average conditions across the Rolling Plains. In a nutshell, he said, "It rained" South Texas received moisture in the spring and into the summer and temperatures rarely exceeded 100 degrees.

"Annual quail population changes can be dramatic and our surveys indicate you may have to wait 5-7 years for another great year," he added. "This is even more dramatic in Texas because we're at the western edge of where bobwhites occur in North America and we see more dramatic changes from year to year. We're prone to drought or adverse conditions, which make the highs and lows that much more pronounced. For that reason, it's not realistic to expect a banner year every year. But hunters should take advantage of them when they come along."

TPWD has documented quail population estimates from roadside surveys since 1978 and long-term patterns reflect a history of 'boom and bust' cycles for Texas quail populations. Each quail count survey 'line' is a 20-mile route where biologists record all quail observed by mile

and species. The same routes are counted each year.

"Folks always ask me 'do we have a second or third hatch,'" he explained. "There are actually environmental factors that trigger reproduction, that tell a hen there's a good chance she will produce a successful hatch. This year there hasn't been an environmental cue that says you won't be successful. So, what we have is hens nesting after failed attempts. Radio-collared hens have been recorded laying up to 4 clutches until chicks are successfully hatched. This year's extended breeding season provides the time needed for success. Add in the so-called gypsy hens, who leave their brood with a rooster and then finding another mate and we have the ingredients for exponential reproduction," Perez said. While not as dramatic as

in South Texas, the Rolling Plains region is also experiencing a banner quail year. Perez points to an above-average carryover of birds from last year as the key in the area of the state.

The quail counts for the Rolling Plains support Perez's assessment. Biologists observed 24 birds per route this year, compared with 16 last year. This year's estimate is above the long-term average of 22 birds.

"We're experiencing above-average conditions. The last time we observed that many birds was in 1997," Perez said.

While overall population estimates have increased, survey results don't equate with hunting success in specific locations. Perez recommends drawing from past success in the field to determine likely quail haunts this year. "I'd suggest going

back to the same areas that held birds last year, because that's where you're likely to find them this year, only in bigger numbers," said Perez. "Things to avoid when looking for a place to hunt are areas devoid of cover, which means cattle stocking rates have been high during the summer," he added. "Look for areas with a lot of ground cover, it may make it difficult finding wounded birds easily in the season, but it means there is likely a good distribution of birds."

The statewide quail season runs from Oct. 25-Feb.29. The daily bag limit is 15, 45 possession. Legal shooting hours for all non-migratory game birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. The bag limit is the maximum number that may be killed during the legal shooting hours in one day.

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