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Late Night Shopping in Matador Thursday

Santa Clause is coming to town!

It's here! Tonight (Thursday) is the night! Late night shopping will take place and Santa Clause will visit Matador! Participating businesses will offer specials from 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. to give shoppers the opportunity to take advantage of shopping at home and saving money! A special Senior Citizens discount will be offered from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Participating businesses include Calico Treasures ~ Decorator's Studio, Motley County Tribune, JoAnn's Jewelry, Matador Variety, Matador Floral, New To You, Motley County Library, Carolyn's

SnoCone, Quality Discount Outlet, Anna's Mexican Restaurant, Mane Place and the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. Individuals who have notified the Tribune of their participation in the event include Pat Warren, Designs by DR & Cathey, too and Bar-L Designs.

Don't miss this exciting evening in downtown Matador, experience an old-fashioned Christmas feeling with a town full of people and the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping. Each business will offer special discounts and those making a purchase will receive a bell noting a prize which has been do-

nated from Motley County businesses and individuals.

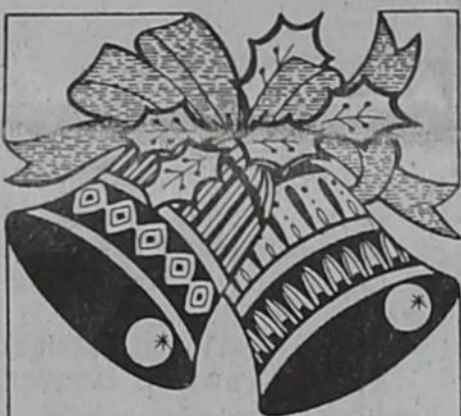
Another exciting event for the evening will be the much anticipated visit of Santa Clause. He is expected to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and will visit with children until 8:00 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Courthouse lawn. Santa's visit is sponsored by the Eternas Study Club, who will also sponsor a Kiddie Store, to open at 6:00 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn. The club will have a drawing for \$100 cash.

As you can see this is an evening you won't want to miss, so put on a coat, bring your wallet and shop!

Santa letters due December 10

Parents and Teachers are reminded that Letters to Santa are due to the *Motley County Tribune* no later than Wednesday, December 10, for inclusion in the Christmas edition. After the letters are typed and prepared for publication, they will immediately be forwarded on to Santa at the North Pole. The special Christmas edition will be published December 18. Letters may be dropped off at the office or mailed to:

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



Only
21
days 'til
Christmas

Motley County records first freeze November 23

by Earlyne Jameson

In spite of cold fronts, the first freezing temperatures in Motley County was not recorded until early Sunday morning, November 23, 2003. The thermometer dropped to 23 degrees. The mercury dropped even further Monday morning, November 24, with an official low temperature of 17 degrees.

Motley County experienced its first freeze in 2002 November 26 with a low temperature of 19 degrees.

Temperatures have rebounded reaching the low to mid 60s so farmers who did not use defoliants are ready to strip low yielding cotton fields. Wheat land is needing rain.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers re-

corded the total rainfall for November: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.60; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.52; Kelly Meyer, Matador 0.20; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 0.65 and Tommie Cruse, Flomot 0.72.

Christmas Day Lunch will be served by Roaring Springs Methodist Church

The Roaring Springs United Methodist Church will sponsor a Christmas Day lunch, December 25, at the church's fellowship hall.

The lunch will feature turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Anyone, regardless of age, who will be alone at Christmas is invited to enjoy the lunch. No need to bring anything, all food will be furnished.

Texas Hwy. 70 Assoc. to sponsor 2nd annual Christmas Lighting Contest

The Texas Highway 70 organization will sponsor their second annual Christmas Lighting contest. There is no entrance fee and anyone within the city limits, or outside the city limits if residence is visible from highway 70, is automatically entered.

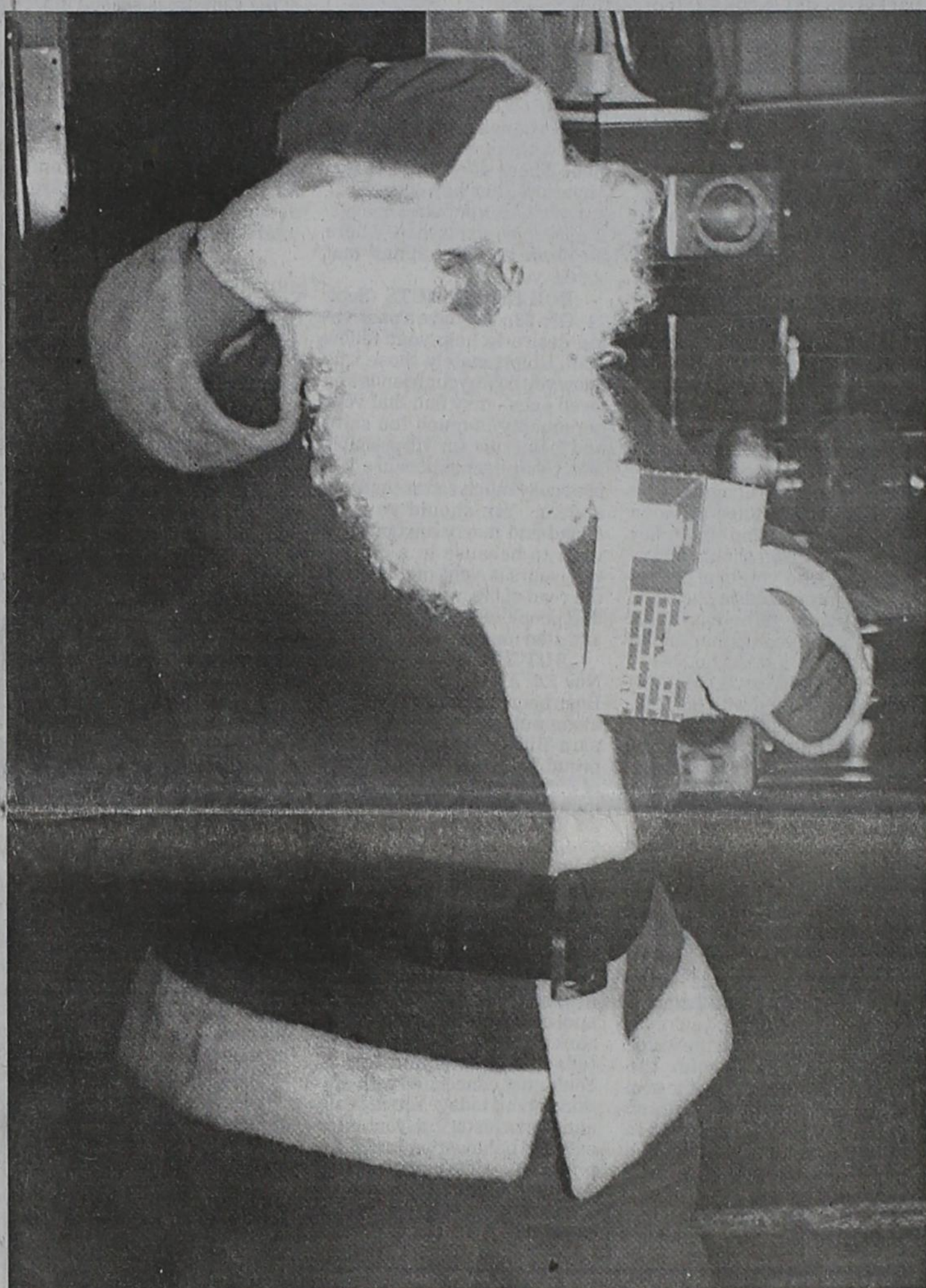
First, second and third place awards will be presented in each town in the organization including Spur, Dickens, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot and Turkey.

Judging will take place the week of December 15, so be sure that your Christmas lights are on!



Historic building being restored

The historic First National Bank building in downtown Matador is in the process of being restored. Richard and Melea Knowles of Knowles-Taylor Cotton Co. Inc. are having the building restored and will move the company's offices to the location when completed. The banking industry in Matador dates back to April 8, 1901. The First National Bank of Matador was moved to Plainview in 1934 as the Hale County State Bank.



GREETINGS FROM SANTA — The jolly old fat man waved to the crowd of anxious children when he arrived in downtown Matador last year during Late Night Shopping. Santa is making time out of his very busy schedule to stop in Matador again Thursday night for the annual shopping event, to visit with Motley County children. He is scheduled to arrive at 5:30 and will listen to Christmas wishes at the Courthouse Gazebo. So - "You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why — Santa Clause is coming to town!"

Christmas Edition will be published December 18th

*Stories, poems, recipes
sought, greetings available*

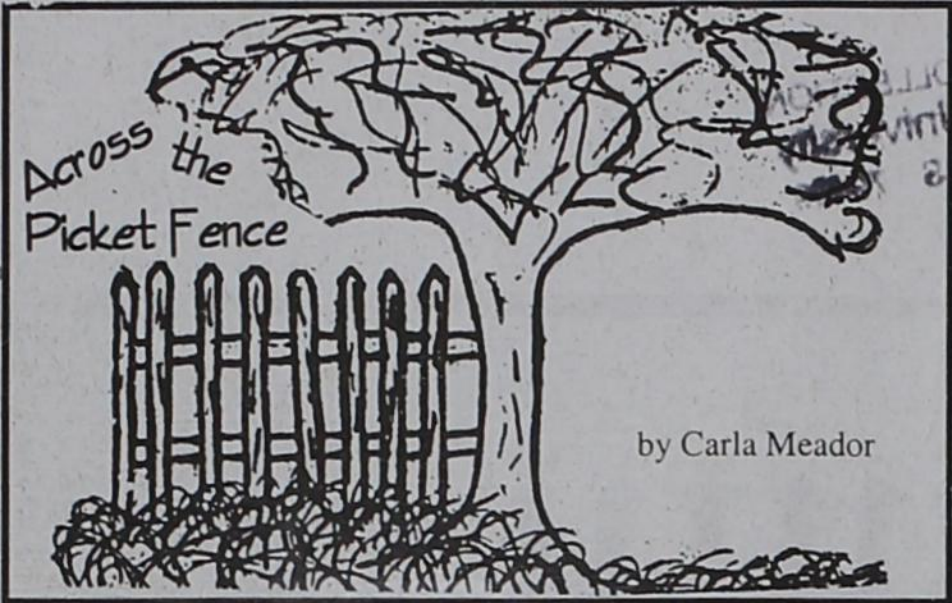
The annual Christmas edition of *The Motley County Tribune* will be published December 18. This edition will be the last one for the year 2003. The *Tribune* office will be closed December 21-26, and no paper will be printed that week. The next edition will be the New Year's edition, January 1, 2004. Deadline for that edition will be Monday, December 29, no later than 10:00 a.m., as we will have an early print date.

As in the past, the Christmas edition will feature special greetings from businesses and individuals. If you would like to purchase a Christmas greeting for that edition, please contact the *Tribune* office at 347-2400, no later than December 10. These beautiful greetings will give you the opportunity to give your Christmas wishes without the hassle of mailing out cards. There are several sizes and prices available and those interested should call the office for more information.

Also, if you have a special Christmas story, picture, recipe or poem that you would like to share, please bring those items to the *Tribune* office no later than Wednesday, December 10. Also, Santa letters must be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 10.



USA ALL-STAR CHEERLEADERS — Christy Smith, left, and Courtney Alexander participated in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade held on Thanksgiving Day. The girls were selected as USA All-Star Cheerleaders and chosen to participate in the parade while at Cheerleading Camp, held this past Summer in Lockney, by their Camp Sponsors. The girls were presented with red, white & blue cheerleading outfits and were able to present a dance routine in the parade, which spanned 19 blocks. Girls from 350 schools representing the US Southwest opened the parade. While in Houston the girls were escorted around town on ten chartered buses, led by Police escorts. During their three day stay they visited NASA and enjoyed other sights while there. Christy is a Motley County ISD 8th grader and Courtney is a 7th grader. Christy is the daughter of Pat Smith of Matador, who accompanied her on the trip, and Vickie Smith of Crosbyton. Courtney is the daughter of LeJeanna and Rick Faulks of Matador and Jerry and Linda Alexander of Wolfforth. Mrs. Faulks accompanied her daughter on the trip. Highlights of the parade will soon be available for viewing at varsity.com.



I have never been much on astrology and really don't know which sign goes to which dates. I know that I am a Gemini, but never read my Horoscope. According to an email I received recently most Southerners are pretty skeptical of horoscopes. Here is a list of "Southern" Signs.

OKRA (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20): Although you appear crude, you are actually very slick on the inside. Okras have tremendous influence. An older Okra can look back over his life and see the seeds of his influence everywhere. Stay away from Moon Pies.

CHITLIN (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19): Chitlins come from humble backgrounds. A chitlin, however, can make something of himself if he's motivated and has lots of seasoning. In dealing with Chitlins, be careful. They can erupt like a volcano. Chitlins are best with Catfish and Okra.

BOLL WEEVIL (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20): You have an overwhelming curiosity. You're unsatisfied with the surface of things, and you feel the need to bore deep into the interior of everything. Needless to say, you are very intense and driven as if you had some inner hunger. Nobody in their right mind is going to marry you, so don't worry about it.

MOON PIE (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20): You're the type that spends a lot of time on the front porch. It's a cinch to recognize the physical appearance of Moon Pies. Bite and round are the key words here. You should marry anybody who you can get remotely interested in the idea. It's not going to be easy. This might be the year to think about aerobics. Or - maybe not.

POSSUM (Apr. 21 - May 21): When confronted with life's difficulties, possums have a marked tendency to withdraw and develop a don't-bother-me-about-it attitude. Sometimes you become so withdrawn, people actually think you're dead. This strategy is probably not psychologically healthy, but seems to work for you. One day, however, it won't work and you may find your problems actually running you over.

CRAWFISH (May 22 - June 21): Crawfish is a water sign. If you work in an office, you're always hanging around the water cooler. Crawfish prefer the beach to the mountains, the pool to the golf course, the bathtub to the living room. You tend to be not particularly attractive physically, but you have very, very good heads.

COLLARDS (June 22 - July 23): Collards have a genius for

communication. They love to get in the "melting pot" of life and share their essence with the essence of those round them. Collards make good social workers, psychologists, and baseball managers. As far as your personal life goes, if you are Collards, stay away from Moon Pies. It just won't work. Save yourself a lot of heartache.

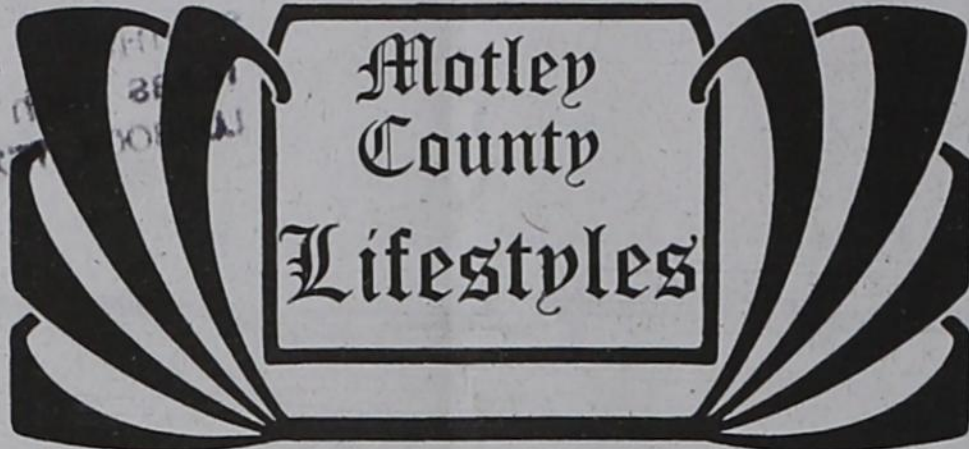
CATFISH (July 24 - Aug. 23): Catfish are traditionalists in matters of the heart, although one whiskers may cause problems for loved ones. You catfish are never easy people to understand. You prefer the muddy bottoms to the clear surface of life. Above all else, Catfish should stay away from Moon Pies.

GRITS (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23): Your highest aim is to be with others like yourself. You like to huddle together with a big crowd of other Grits. You love to travel though, so maybe you should think about joining a club. Where do you like to go? Anywhere they have cheese or gravy or bacon or butter or eggs. If you can go somewhere where they have all these things, that serves you well.

BOILED PEANUTS (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23): You have a passionate desire to help your fellow man. Unfortunately, those who know you best - your friends and loved ones - may find that your personality is much too saity, and their criticism will probably affect you deeply because you are really much softer than you appear. You should go right ahead and marry anybody you want to because in a certain way, yours is a charmed life. On the road of life, you can be sure that people will always pull over and stop for you.

BUTTER BEAN (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22): Always invite a Butter Bean because Butter Beans get along well with everybody. You, as a Butter Bean, should be proud. You've grown on the vine of life and you feel at home no matter what the setting. You can sit next to anybody. However, you, too, shouldn't have anything to do with Moon Pies.

ARMADILLO (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21): You have a tendency to develop a tough exterior, but you are actually quite gentle. A good evening for you? Old friends, a fire, some roots, fruit, worms and insects. You are a throwback. You're not concerned with today's fashions and trends. You're not concerned with anything about today. You're really almost prehistoric in your interests and behavior patterns. You probably want to marry another Armadillo, but Possum is another somewhat kinky, mating possibility.



Tips to make your holiday shopping stress free

It's that time of year when you're frantically rushing from store to store in search of the perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends.

According to financial experts, Americans are expected to charge \$127 billion during this holiday season. With retailers anxious to increase sales, you'll find yourself bombarded with advertisements for holiday sales.

Your local community banker offers suggestions to ensure you spend wisely this holiday season and that the joy of the Christmas season in December doesn't turn into a nightmare of credit card debt in January.

Make a holiday budget with the total amount of money that you can afford to spend on gifts, decorations and entertaining. As you make your purchases, deduct that amount from the total balance.

If your current financial situation is less than rosy, scale back on either the number of people you buy gifts for or the amount of money you spend on each person.

Make a list in January of everyone for whom you need to buy Christmas gifts. Then look for bargains throughout the year and you just might find the perfect gift for Aunt Sue in July. As you buy gifts, take them home, wrap them, set them aside and cross that person off your list.

If you have a large family, you may either want to put a

dollar amount on the amount you spend on each person or draw names so that you don't have to buy gifts for everyone in the family.

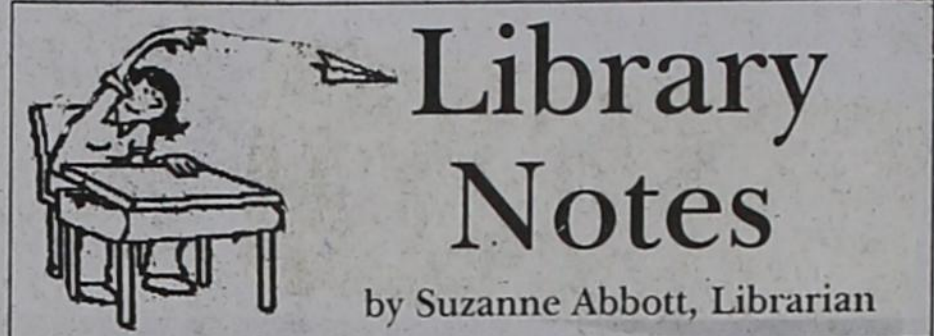
As you look at each name on your list, determine the amount of money you can spend on each one. Then take the amount of money with you when you go shopping and leave the credit cards at home. If you don't like carrying cash and prefer shopping with a credit card, pre-determine the amount you can charge on your credit card and stick to it. It is easier to dispute charges for unsatisfactory goods or services with a credit card rather than by cash, check or debit card.

Keep your receipts for exchanges and for help in reconciling your credit card statements.

Shop around to make sure the item you're looking for isn't less expensive from a different merchant. You might also check out arts and crafts shows where you can often find unique items for less money.

If you order gifts from a catalog or on-line, make sure to order early in time for shipment. You may also want to check with the Better Business Bureau to make sure you're dealing with a reputable company. Remember that there is a merchant dispute process for credit cards that is not available on debit cards.

Most of all, slow down and enjoy the season. After all, it's people, not gifts, that make the holidays special.



Everyone is invited to visit the library, Thursday, December 4, for late-night shopping. Lots of good things will be going on at the library tonight. Our annual used-book sale will begin this evening. From 4:00-6:00 PM, there will be a senior citizen's special on our used books.

Also tonight, the Friends of the Library will give us one of the 2003 Texas Capitol Ornaments to give as a door prize. There will be nothing to buy, just come to the library between 4:00 and 8:30 and sign up. We will have the drawing at 8:30. Of course the Texas Capitol Ornaments will be for sale tonight at the library.

The computers will be on for

your use during late-night shopping and you may check out books, audio books, and videos. We look forward to seeing you. We appreciate the donation by JoAnn and Bill Durham in memory of Dortha Whitefield.

We also thank Angelica and Jonah Meredith for their donation in memory of their Great-Grandpa Henry. Donations such as these are important to the library and they make a lasting memorial to special people.

Don't forget Story Time by Shea Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:00 for kids in grades K-6. We usually have time for an arts and crafts project directed by Betty Henry.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. But this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love one to another.

John 13: 34, 35

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HARD SAYINGS

The most basic teachings and responsibilities that are given to us by our Lord are "hard sayings" to modern ears. It seems that even the fundamentals are the difficult things to practice. Even though we understand what we should do, so many times we simply do not follow through.

Jesus gives His followers some of the basics of His Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew chapters 5-7. In these chapters there are over 40 commands of Jesus that are very basic. These three chapters are foundational to the life of a Christian. In them we find instructions as how to deal with anyone from our enemies to our neighbor. These chapters are essential to understand the role of Christians in the world.

And yet, we Christians find these teachings of Matthew 5-7 to be hard to put into practice. While we are comfortable with not committing the "major" sins the others mentioned are often overlooked. When it comes to being angry with our brother or sister, or allowing lust to develop...the situation is changed. The teachings against these things become "hard sayings." Sometimes teachings hard to accept need to be put into practice. Then we will find the wisdom in them. We can learn. We have the Master for our teacher.

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

Girl Scouts honor eleven for community service

Girl Scouts of Caprock Council (GSCC) and University Medical Center hosted the 11th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Dinner Thursday, November 20. The dinner's purpose was not only to honor eleven Women of Distinction from the South Plains but also to recognize a select group of senior Girl Scouts who received scholarships for higher education. Girl Scouts of Caprock Council instituted the awards dinner in 1993 to pay tribute to women who have made a direct and powerful impact on the lives of others through their support of and belief in the tenets of Girl Scouting and the betterment of the community.

The Women of Distinction award identifies and recognizes women throughout the eighteen-county area served by Girl Scouts of Caprock Council. Recipients were chosen following a difficult and lengthy review process of nominations received from across the South Plains. Candidates must be nominated and meet six requirements including current or former residence within the GSCC jurisdiction. Applications are reviewed and candidates are selected based on their resume or service to Girl Scouts, the Community and other youth serving organizations.

This year's honorees are:
Robin Buckner, Lubbock
Jill Craig, Plainview
Laura Johnson Farris, Floyd
Joyce Herron, Lubbock

Jan McCrary, Littlefield
Ty Ann Nichols, Lubbock
Anne Burkeholder, Lubbock
Linda Duckworth, Springlake

Daisy Hurst Floyd, Lubbock
Linda Crawford Hoover, Lubbock
Lori Mears, Lubbock

Each honoree receives a special award designed exclusively for Caprock Council by western artist and sculptor Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia. The award, cast in pewter, depicts a young girl kneeling on a stone, gazing at her own reflection in the water. The sculpture is a tribute to the success and vision of our honorees.

Proceeds from the Women of Distinction event benefit the Women of Distinction Scholarship Fund. GSCC is proud to announce that three Senior Girl Scouts were awarded scholarships in 2003. Awards were in the amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 and are sent directly to the institute of higher education the recipient plans to attend or is attending. All Senior Girl Scouts are eligible and selection criteria is based on academics, extracurricular and Girl Scout activities.

It's never too late to contribute to the Women of Distinction fund or nominate a potential award recipient. For more information on the Women of Distinction special event, please contact Tiffany Stallard, Director of Development at 806-745-2855.

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DISTINGUISHED LIST (All grades 90 or above)

Kindergarten: Mattie Brooks, Maegan Jameson, Natalie Jameson, Macie Marshall, Megan Perryman, Thalia Quilimaco, Michael Seigler, Bryant Taylor.

First Grade: Cassidy Turner, Katie Barton, Seth Baxter, Hannah Mason, Hayden Davey, Caleb Clary, Logan Ferguson, Meagan Ford, Victoria Hernandez, Michael Martin, Tristan Tomlinson.

Second Grade: Connor Mason.

Third Grade: Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

Fourth Grade: Christian Brooks, Reagan Elliott, Brett Fletcher, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Alexis Osborn, Nayo Santos.

Fifth Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Adriann Walker.

Sixth Grade: None

Seventh Grade: None
Eighth Grade: Leatrice Gutierrez.

Ninth Grade: None
Tenth Grade: Ashlee Green
Eleventh Grade: Cody Cooper, Clay Cooper, Annie Green, Veronica Mendoza.

Twelfth Grade: Susana Mendoza.

HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

Kindergarten: Mickey Clary, Bradie Dodson, Matthew Faulks, Marcus Ortiz, Kaylee Woolsey.

First Grade: Robert Reyes, Tanner Bearden, Shelby Elliott, Gabby Silva, Koryn Simpson, Allison McCoy, Catherine Ward.

Second Grade: Virginia Gutierrez, Gaby Santos, Jacob Woolsey.

Third Grade: Hance Davey, Dominique Quilimaco, Taylor Tomlinson, Juan Flores.

Fourth Grade: Chase Buckner, Jonathan Osborn,

Mari Simmons, Marti Walker.
Fifth Grade: Ky Christopher, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, Tim Ward.

Sixth Grade: Cory Durham, Melissa Flores, Kaleigh Kerns, Sam Fletcher, Jessica Reyes, Kortney Williams.

Seventh Grade: Courtney Alexander, Kayla Hollinsworth, Nikki Sims.

Eighth Grade: Bradley Brown, Alec Dodson, Mylissa Gilmore.

Ninth Grade: Aaron Dodson, Angelica Mendoza.

Tenth Grade: Chance Bingham, Colton Russell.

Eleventh Grade: Kittie Campbell, Sierra Atherton, Britany Moore, Sabrina Osborn.

Twelfth Grade: Stachia Baxter, Amanda Hurt, Angela Marvel, Charli Ream, Mandi Ream, Sam Stapleton.

*God Bless
You!*

School Menu

MONDAY, DEC. 8

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Potatoes, Salad, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Bar-B-Que on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Bread Slice, Christmas Cake, Milk.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Vanilla Wafers.



"PIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS" was the theme of a community service project that was sponsored by the Motley County Family and Consumer Sciences classes. Students prepared homemade apple pies that were distributed throughout the community during the holiday season. The Motley County FSC classes also appreciate the assistance of Mrs. Bobbie Brown, who helped with the success of this project. Motley County Family and Consumer Sciences students participating in the project were (above) Amanda Ashby, Griselda Flores, Angelica Mendoza, Chicagra Brown and Natasha Ramirez; and (below) Seagram Sims, Shea Rose and Matt Henzler.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker spent last Wednesday through Sunday at Lake Brownwood with their son and family, John and Jana, granddaughter, Amy Thacker, granddaughter and family, Matt and Melanie Paul, and great-granddaughter, Berkley. They all celebrated Thanksgiving together.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker spent Thanksgiving in Amarillo visiting with their daughter Blair of Lubbock, son and wife, Brad and Weslyn Thacker of Amarillo. They visited with Pam's family for Thanksgiving dinner. Later they visited with Jeff's grandmother, Cora Mitchell in Bivins Home and Cliff and Johnnie Lowrance of Amarillo.

Mrs. Becki Swim Knight of La Marada, California is here visiting in the home of her aunt, Miss Lula Swim and her uncle, J.T. Swim and wife Imogene.

Mrs. Cleo Watson and Monty attended to business in Lubbock Sunday and they ate there before returning home.

Mr. Larry Watson of Austin was here over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Cleo Watson and family.

HOUSE OF FAITH

The House of Faith children's group is growing. There were 24 children attending last Wednesday, which included some new faces. Teenagers helped. Mrs. Monta Marshall told the Bible story.

METHODIST CHURCH POT-LUCK LUNCH

The Roaring Springs Methodist Church were host to a pot-luck lunch at their Church, Sunday. There were 35 in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Miranda of Lubbock and Mrs. Scotty Palmer and Seth of McAdoo visited in the home of Mrs. Zella Palmer during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene visited Miss Lula Swim and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim.

Mr. Hubert Sweeney has been moved to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim met the plane and drove Mrs. Becki Knight to Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Mary Lumsden spent Thanksgiving day in Lubbock with son, Tommy Largent and wife.

Mrs. Kay Jones drove her grandson, R.J. Marshall of McLean to his home as he visited here over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent of Lubbock accompanied his mother, Mary Lumsden to Lubbock Sunday afternoon so she could keep a doctor's appointment Monday morning.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Miss Lula Swim to Lubbock last week to keep appointments with her dentist and doctor.

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Bud Barton suffered a heart attack and had emergency cardiac surgery (stint and pace maker) at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He is scheduled for by pass cardiac surgery next month. His son, Steve Barton and family have been with him during surgery and hospitalization.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison during the holidays and at a Thanksgiving day luncheon were family members, Dickie, Shirley and Brooke Garrison of Redrock; David and Susan Garrison of Childress; Kelly, Crystal, Guston and Graden Garrison; Kerry, Juanita, Sean, and Galen Garrison and Scotty Scott and son, Riley of Roosevelt; Debra Scott and Dud Bryan of Matador and Venita Bryan

of Morton.

Bundy Campbell is a patient at Mangold Hospital in Lockney. His wife, Lucretia has returned home from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where she was a patient the past ten days.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson Thanksgiving day was son, Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited during the holidays in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher.

Mrs. Kathryn Martin is in rehab at Heritage Oak in Lubbock. Visiting her Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Martin and Colton.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Listening to his 8 year old son practicing the trumpet, while the dog howled by his side, the father said, "Son, why don't you play something the dog doesn't know."

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited last weekend in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray.

Visiting last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin were Elsie Roberts and James Whiton of Lubbock. Visiting them Friday were daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Donna Sue Degan of Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McDaniel and Seth, Ronnie Rogers, Richard Rogers and Gerald of Lubbock; Todd Washington and sons of Childress; Dane Degan and Kyler of Crosbyton; Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale; Jerry Rogers of Los Lomas, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Cory McKay and son of Vernon.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse were Leah Cruse of Lubbock, Keane Cruse of Turkey and Derrick Cruse, student at A&M West Texas University in Canyon. They were guests in Matador Thanksgiving day in the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason. Other guests were Charla and Bennie Marricle of Snyder, Mrs. Shahala Hoelscher of Lubbock and Kathleen and Mark Wason and Dalton of Casper, Wyoming.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton; Larry and Angelica Clay, Tanner, Kelsy and Sarah of Panhandle; Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Edwards and Cayden of Flomot and Mrs. Pat Rice of Crosbyton.

Anite Hunter of Lubbock, former Flomot resident, had recent emergency appendectomy surgery at Covenant Medical Center.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest at a Thanksgiving family luncheon in Matador of Judy and Butch Renfro.

That night she was a guest in the home of Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell for a family Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon and Kayla and Neil Guest of Turkey visited during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brain of Ropesville; Mrs. Judy Stark, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined Aly Gwinn, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Annie and Emily of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Raetz of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada for a Thanksgiving day luncheon at the Gwinn home in Matador.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee and Mrs. Margie Row of Clarendon; Robert and Jason Lee of Amarillo; Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kellan and Kacee, Thomas Heck and Ernie Lee of Turkey, Roger Lee of Flomot and Shonda Davey of Plainview.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Cory, Amy and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Lubbock and Cara and Chase Carson of Flomot. They were guests Thanksgiving day of Bill and Erma Washington. Chase left Saturday for the U.S. Marine Base in North Carolina and Cara will join him there when living arrangements are made for her.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Galvert were Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Guests Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Conner of Midland, Richard March of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Williams, Pecos and Kelby visited in Plainview Thanksgiving day with her sister, Mrs. Sue Looney. Mr. Williams and children visited the weekend in Sulphur, Oklahoma with his mother, Mrs. Linda Williams.

Mrs. Judy Stark visited in White Deer Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Craig and Mrs. Lanell Painter. Her husband, Lynn Stark returned home Sunday night from Arkansas after hauling module cotton for the Cruse brothers since September.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stalling, Taylor, Robin and Wyatt of Canyon.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Edith Washington were Stacie and Todd Washington, Clay, Cam, Conner and Katie of Childress and Seab and Dianne Washington of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited Thanksgiving day in Lockney with her sister, Mrs. Wanda Lane and houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waller, Drew and Leah of Belville.

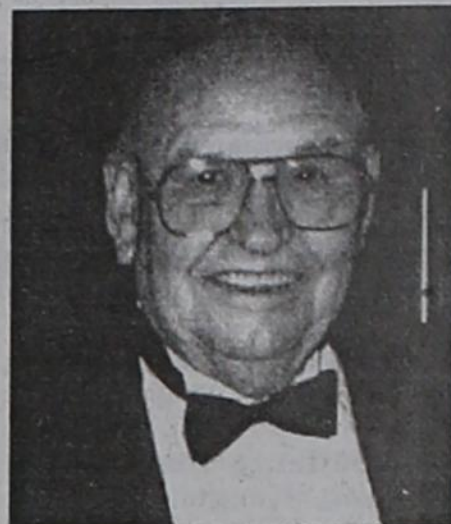
OBITUARIES

Bill Koon

Funeral services for Bill W. Koon, 85, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador, with the Rev. Paul Stearns and R.C. Littlefield officiating. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Koon died late Friday, November 28, 2003, in Lubbock.

Bill was born June 5, 1918, in Spur, Texas. He married Alva Louise "Billie" Lawrence on November 29, 1942, in Matador at the Beauchamp home. He had lived in Odessa, Stamford, Fort Worth, Dallas, and Lone Star prior to moving to Matador about five years ago.

He was retired from the Army Reserve and was the earliest living WWII Veteran in Motley County. He had also managed Gibson Discount Store for many years, was Chamber of Commerce manager in several towns, and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Matador.



Survivors include his wife, Billie Koon of Matador; one son, Kenneth Koon of Plano; one daughter, Karen D. Fleming of Little Rock, Ark.; three grandchildren, Kyle Russell Koon, Kody Jack Koon and Amanda Michelle Fleming; and one great-grandchild, Ethan Satar Koon.

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SURPRISE BELATED BIRTHDAY

Dan Barton had a delightful Thanksgiving and a surprise belated birthday party in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. A complete Thanksgiving meal was thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone was ready for dessert when the family began singing "Happy Birthday." Mrs. Barton knew there were not any November birthdays in the family and was truly surprised when the group said, "Grandmother." She was honored with a birthday cake and a gift.

Those present to enjoy the party were Tom, Jan and Rob Hamilton, Brent, Cari, Ashley and Jack Hamilton of Plainview; John, Tamara, Channing and Clark Hamilton of Lubbock; James, Cherri and Kourtney, Kwen, Dee, Kaci, Ashley and Grace of Whitney; Connie, Nathan and Coleman Johnson of Weatherford; Max, Cy and Brae Barton of Ft. Worth; Dustin Barton, a student at Texas Tech University; and a guest, Jimmy Harve Case of Matador.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT

by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent



DEER HUNTER ETHICS:

A Sermon on the Mount

Deer season is just around the corner. Soon some 700,000 hunters will be afield in pursuit of the popular white-tailed deer. Some will take their son or daughter afield to continue a legacy of companionship that their father or grandfather initiated.

Many will bring home a trophy, or at least a trophy-sized tale, and be a credit to the hunting fraternity. But, according to Extension wildlife specialist Dale Rollins of San Angelo, others will offer a more muted testimony that speaks loudly and negatively about hunting and hunters.

As a hunter, have you ever observed a deer hunter engaging in some unsavory behavior that resulted in you having a poor impression of that particular hunter, or perhaps of hunters in general.

See if you can relate to the following scenario.

Lights...camera...action!

It's the Monday after opening weekend and Hill Country highways are stacked with deer hunters headed back to places like Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. The afternoon temperature is in the low 80s as the caravan of urban hunters heads back from "Opening Weekend." Look closely and you're likely to see one or more deer's legs protruding from the back of that 4x4 that just passed you. Reckon how that venison is going to taste by the time it's on the road for another five hours? Or, how does that small buck look strapped to the hood of that muddy Suburban over there? Reckon how many good impressions ol' Bubba and his friends will make by the time they arrive at their Houston suburb?

An exaggeration? Not necessarily says Rollins. "Spend a November weekend in Llano or Junction or Cotulla or a hundred other towns in Texas. And try to view what you see from the perspective of a non-hunter."

Rollins said his own account on the matter dated back to October 1990. "As I pulled into a convenience store along Interstate 10 in Sonora, there was a motor home with eight mule deer dangling from the luggage rack like so many Christmas tree ornaments," Rollins lamented. "Obviously those guys were proud of their success, but I question whether that was the best way to tout it."

Rollins added "those guys were ambassadors for me and everyone else associated with hunting. And I didn't like their sermon."

Rollins said a Bible passage came to mind, "Forgive these men Father, for they know not what they do." - Luke 23:33

"As a deer hunter, I've seen my colleagues needlessly throw gasoline on a fire that animal

activists are more than eager to stoke," Rollins continued.

Rollins quotes the cartoon character Pogo Possum who warned "we has met the enemy, and they is us." "Sometimes we do things without thinking how they would be taken by the non-hunting majority," Rollins added. "And then we wonder why hunting often has a black eye."

The Sonora incident prompted Rollins to begin working on a video that could be used as a "thorough looking glass darkly" accounting of deer hunting ethics. Ethics are self-imposed codes of conduct. A code of ethics defines what constitutes acceptable behaviors for a particular group of practitioners, be they lawyers, physicians, or in this case, deer hunters.

The video "Deer hunting: focus on ethics" was completed several years ago. Rollins admits that writing the script for the video was a painful process. "My strategy for the video revolved around the maxim that 'until you understand your opponent's argument, you cannot successfully defend your own.'"

Rollins said that, while the video has been used extensively in hunter education classes for youth, it's target audience was older hunters. Folks who should certainly know better, and probably would do better if they knew how their actions looked to others (especially non-hunters).

"It is my goal that the video be required viewing by every Texas deer hunter on the eve of Opening Day," Rollins said.

The video is available for \$20 per copy from Texas Cooperative Extension by calling 979-845-6471.

"The message is sobering, but I give you my personal guarantee that deer hunters will think twice before offering themselves up as a bad first impression," Rollins said.

TEST YOUR DEER I.Q.

Will Rogers reckoned that "everybody's ignorant, just on different subjects."

Now that deer season is fast approaching, let's see how much you know about Texas' most popular big game animal. A survey of Texas third graders done awhile back revealed that 62 percent thought the white-tailed deer was an endangered species in Texas! But don't be too critical of the third graders, at last not until you take the following trivia quiz. Answers follow at the end of the article.

1. How many permanent teeth should an adult deer have?

(A) 24 (B) 32 (C) 36 (d) 38

2. Where would you look on a buck to find its vomeronasal organ?

(a) base of eye (b) between its hooves (c) scrotum (d) roof of its mouth

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

CHINA SAFEGUARDS DECISION A VICTORY FOR U.S. INDUSTRY'S SEEKING "FAIR" TRADE

Even though the recent decision by the U.S. Commerce Department's Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements affects only three relatively small categories of textile imports, it sends a hopeful message to other manufacturing industries that the U.S. is willing to enforce the provisions of the trade agreements we make.

The petitions granted by CITA last Monday involve Chinese imports in only three textile categories: knit fabrics, dressing gowns and brassieres. These categories account for no more than 5% of the \$10 billion-plus in Chinese textile and apparel sales that currently flow into the U.S.

For cotton industry and its textile trade partners the ruling was a small victory in a much longer war to protect not only what remains of the U.S. textile industry, but also the critical new textile industries in the Caribbean Basin and Latin America that utilize mostly U.S. grown cotton.

The Bush Administration's decision to invoke the safeguard rule is intended to get China to fully comply with its WTO obligations and puts the ball in China's court by first opening a consultation process between the countries to develop a plan to limit Chinese imports in these categories.

If no agreement is reached, the U.S. then has the option to arbitrarily cap any further rise in Chinese imports in these categories to 7.5% above the amount of the product that entered the U.S. during the first 12 months of the 14 months preceding the request for consultation.

"The reality of trading with China has always been that, regardless of the agreements they enter into, they will trade when it is to their advantage to do so," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Past history shows that the U.S. has maintained a very liberal trade policy overall. How else could we post a total 2002 trade deficit of \$418 billion with the rest of the world, of which \$103 billion is with China alone."

3. True or false. White-tailed and mule deer will interbreed, and the resulting cross is fertile.

4. How many teats does a doe have?

(a) none (b) two (c) four (d) six

5. How many parts are there to a deer's stomach?

(a) just one (b) two (c) three (d) four

6. Which of the following structures is responsible for the "eyeshine" of a deer when a spotlight illuminates a deer at night?

(a) fovea centralis (b) pineal gland (c) tapetum (d) glandus reflectorus (e) Q-beamus detectus

7. What is the gestation period in white-tailed deer?

(a) 205 days (b) 240 days (c) 280 days (d) 310 days.

8. The metatarsal gland in deer is located about midway between the hoof and the hock on the outside of the leg. What is its function?

(a) alarm notification (b) signals deer's status in the herd (c) produces pheromones involved with the "rut" (d) the function is unknown

9. About how many deer are estimated to live in Texas?

(a) 200,000 head (b) 800,000 head (c) 1.8 million head (d) 4 million head

10. Which of the following woody plant species provides the most desirable browse for white-tailed deer in Texas?

(a) hackberry (b) shinoak (c) liveoak (d) blueberry cedar

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



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The most feared impact by U.S. cotton growers would be that China will quit buying U.S. cotton to make up their current fiber shortage.

Market analysts believe that implementation of the China safeguard provision will ultimately amount to little more than a bump in the road to future Chinese sales.

Chinese demand has already spurred them to purchase over 2.5 million bales of U.S. cotton to date and another one million is forecast to be needed down the line.

Any slowdown that analysts foresee will be caused more from the fact that China has already booked enough cotton to meet their immediate needs.

In public, China can now vociferously object to the U.S. action, threaten to buy the cotton they need elsewhere and then take a wait and see approach to purchasing the additional supplies they need from the U.S. when prices move in their favor.

The real danger for cotton producers trying to sell their cotton is the fact that most of the U.S. market share that China has gained has been at the expense of the textile exporting countries of Latin America, countries of the Caribbean Basin and to a certain extent Asia, all of whom have been good customers for U.S. cotton.

In the case of the Caribbean Basin and Latin America, many U.S. textile companies have strong ties with the textile industries in these countries and provide a competitive alternative to Chinese textile goods with the added bonus of buying mostly U.S. cotton.

3rd ANNUAL TEXAS COMMODITY SYMPOSIUM

Farmers and ranchers were set to meet December 3 in Amarillo for the 3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium.

The Symposium is sponsored by the Corn Producers of Texas, Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Wheat Producers Association and for the first time in 2003, Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. The event is being held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, December 2-4 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Scheduled speakers for the Texas Commodity Symposium and the topics they are expected to address are: Trade Issues - Floyd Gaibler, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Federal Crop Insurance - Ross Davidson, Administrator USDA Risk Management Agency; Farm Service Agency Update - John Fuston, Executive Director Texas FSA; School Finance Reform - Billy Hamilton, Texas Comptrollers Office; and USDA Pay Limit Commission Report - Dr. Ed Smith, Texas A&M University.

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Emergency Farm Loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, drought, static electricity and heat are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Memphis, Larry J. Goetz said today.

Motley County is one of the 243 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, drought, high winds, static electricity and heat.

Mr. Goetz said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue

in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75%.

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

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 6, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetz said.

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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Wolfcamp Formation, Matador Lease, Well Number 4. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles East of Roaring Springs in the Matador (Wolfcamp) Field, in Motley County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3248 to 3420 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Contract 0925-00-050 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on January 08, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 11600

State Office
Constr/Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Childress District
District Engineer
7599 U.S. 287

Childress, Texas 79201-9705
Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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