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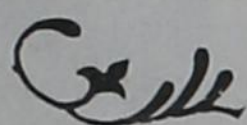
107 YEARS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1998

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A Look Back



DECEMBER 10, 1964

Cattlemen Give 11 Calves to Orphans

"The Spirit of Christmas" giving found response last week in the hearts of Motley County ranchers when 11 calves were delivered at the Methodist Orphans Home in Waco.

John C. Russell left last Wednesday with calves that he delivered to the orphans. He estimates that the calves were valued at approximately \$700."

DECEMBER 14, 1978

Article Written by Former Motley County Resident

"An article by Benny J. Simpson, son of Mrs. Una Simpson and the late A.B. Simpson was featured in the fall publication of Texas Wildflower Newsletter, Kerrville, Texas, as a soil scientist at the Texas A&M Research Center just north of Dallas. He was reared in Motley County and is a graduate of Matador High School."

DECEMBER 14, 1978

Holiday Savings - Billy's Grocery

Sirloin Steak -- \$1.89 lb.
Avacados -- 4 for .89¢
Russet Potatoes -- 10 lb. .79¢
Folger's Coffee - 13 oz. can - \$2.19
Hungry Jack Biscuits 2-10 ct. .79¢
Coca Cola - 32 oz. 6 pk. -- \$1.49

Around Town

News Briefs of area events

4-H Club sets Christmas party and dance for December 19

Motley County 4-H Clubs are planning a Christmas Party and Dance on Saturday, December 19 in the Motley County VFW Memorial 4-H Building from 7:30 - 11:00 p.m. This is a Community Service project and cost will be two can goods or \$2.00 to attend. All 4-H members can bring a guest. Guest must be accompanied by a 4-H member. All 4-H members are encouraged to bring their parents.

VALIDATION DATES

Validation dates for hogs and lambs for the 1999 Motley County Junior Livestock Show is Tuesday, December 15. You must own and have the animals in your possession in Motley County by Thursday, December 15. All hogs and lambs will be validated by the Junior Livestock Show Committee on Saturday, December 19. If you need help finding animals or need a place to keep them, let Michael Lee know as soon as possible.

Motley County Chamber meets tonight

The Board of Directors of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight, Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Library.

This meeting is the last Board meeting for 1998 and it is important to wrap up business issues for the year and to plan for the annual meeting in January, 1999 and the election of new directors and officers.

It is extremely important for all Board members to be present as well as any Chamber member or community member who is interested in next year's economic issues for Motley County.



Scenes of Christmas

This Nativity Scene is displayed in the yard at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. There are scenes of Christmas displayed all over the County. This particular one reminds us of the 'Reason for the Season.'

Local churches to present Christmas Cantatas

Matador First Baptist

The Christmas cantata "Mary, Did You Know?" will be presented by the Choir of First Baptist Church, Matador, this Sunday (December 13), at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This Christmas musical, created by David Guthrie and Bruce Greer, and directed by Beverly Mars, is a collection of original music selections, familiar carols, and contemporary Christian music, including the title song.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this Christmas worship experience. A covered-dish meal will follow at noon, and there will be no evening services.

Matador First United Methodist

A Christmas Cantata, "A Simple Christmas", will be presented at First United Methodist Church, Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Marion Woodruff, organist is Mrs. Jeanne Adams. Narrator is Bill Moss.

Choir members are: Lola Pohl, Theda Jenkins, Winifred Darsey, Noma Wike, Opal Johnson, Faye Slover, D'Anna Russell, Billie Koon, Bill Koon, Furman Vinson, Vic Read and Monte Wike. The new choir robes will be used for the first time this Sunday. The public is cordially invited.

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church Candlelight Service
First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs will have a Candlelight Christmas Service Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to come be a part of this worshipful experience as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.
After the service there will be a fellowship and refreshments.

Fourteen Matadors receive All-District honors Dayton Grundy named Defensive MVP

Fourteen Motley County Matadors were named to the District 4-A Football All-District team.

Senior Dayton Grundy was named Defensive MVP. He was also named to the second team offense guard.

Senior Keane Cruse was named to the first team offense running back, and defense linebacker and punter, and to second team offense kicker.

Senior Robert Gillespie was named to second team, defensive line.

Sophomore Jermaine Hendrix was named to the first team, defensive back.

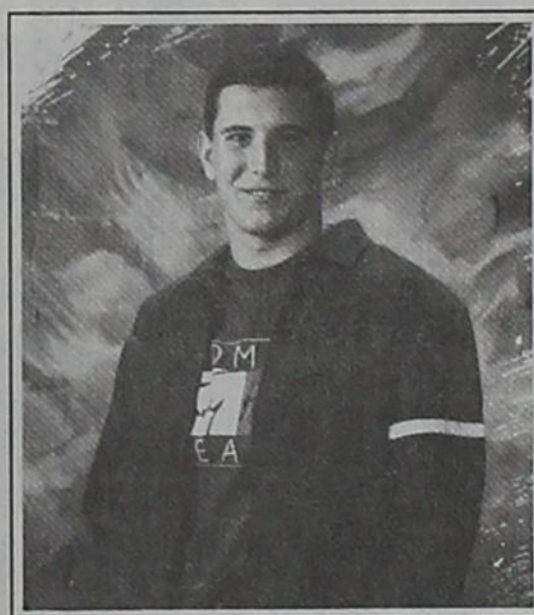
Sophomores Matt Easter and Chase Carson were named to second team offense. Matt as tackle, and Chase as tight end. Matt was also named to second team, defensive end. Sophomore, Casey Lawrence was named to second team, defensive end.

Receiving Honorable Mention, Defense, were Seniors, Jason Barton, defensive line; and Brad Marvel, defensive line. Sophomore Ben Ridgley also received honorable mention, secondary.

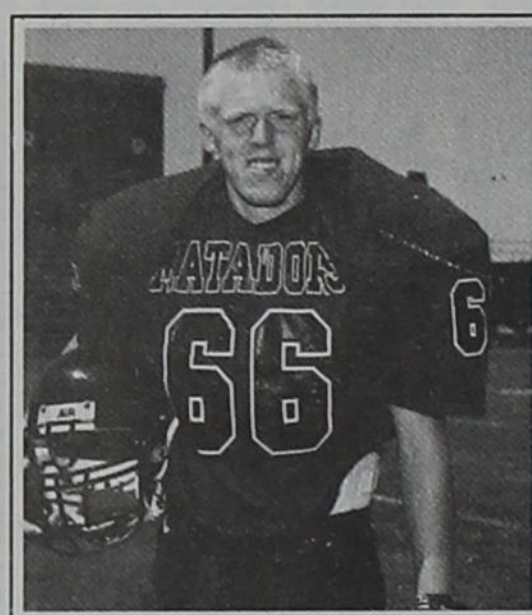
Receiving Honorable Mention, Offense, were Seniors Jason Barton, center; Robert Gillespie, guard; Brad Marvel, tackle; Ty Barclay, running back; and Jason Clauser, end. Juniors, Sean Rose, end; and Brant Donaldson, end.



Dayton Grundy, Senior



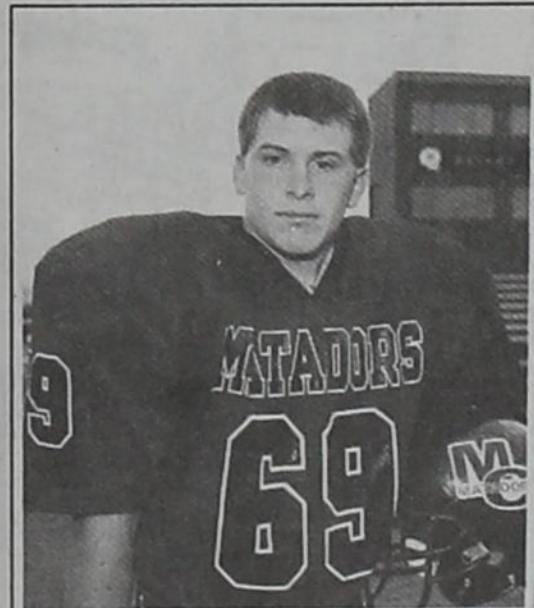
Keane Cruse, Senior



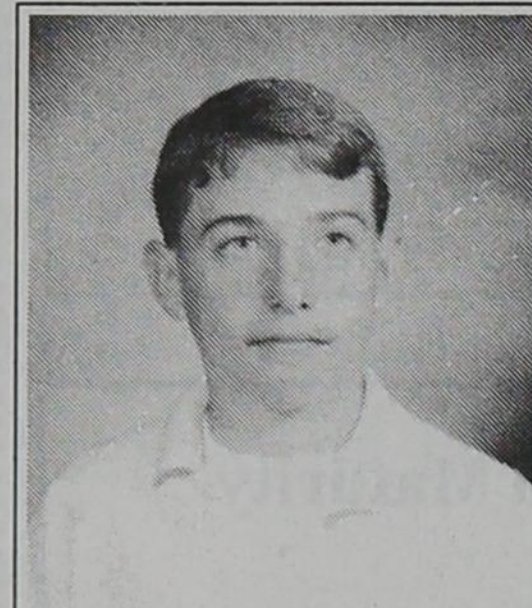
Brad Marvel, Senior



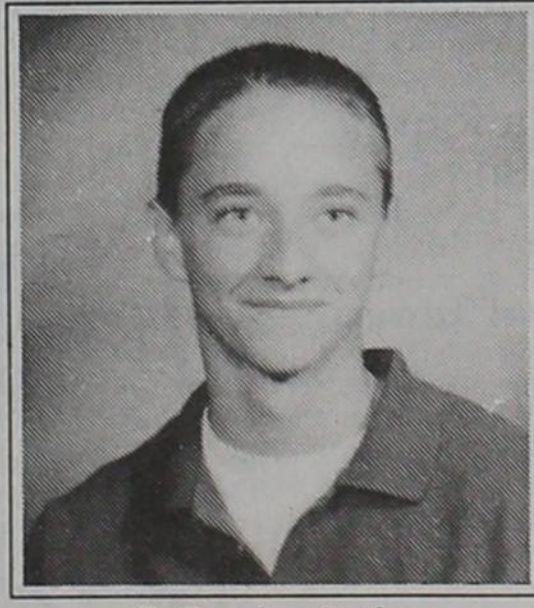
Jason Barton, Senior



Robert Gillespie, Senior



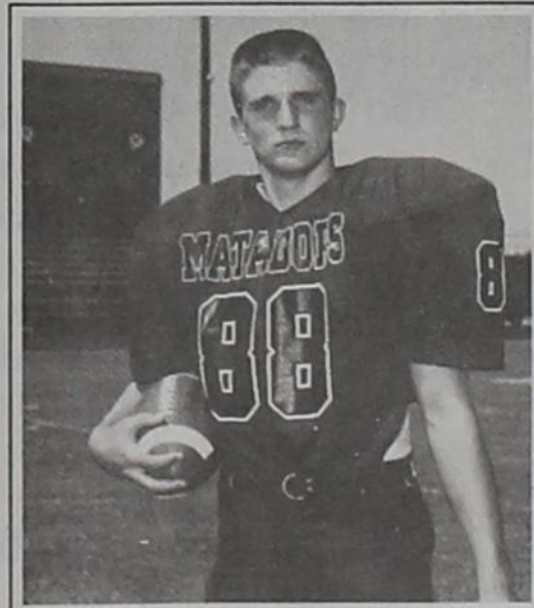
Jason Clauser, Senior



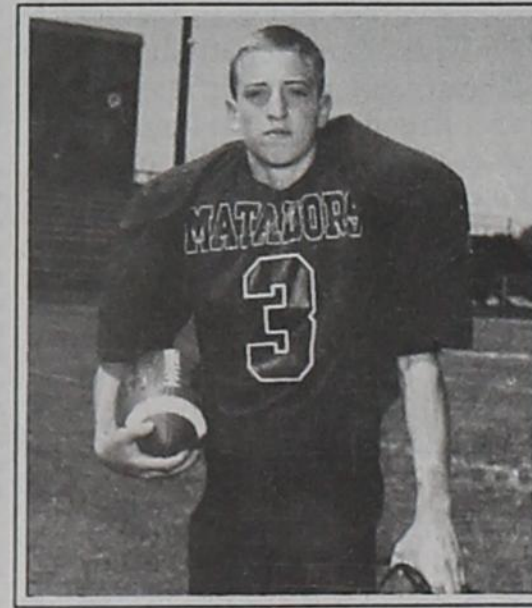
Ty Barclay, Senior



Sean Rose, Junior



Brant Donaldson, Junior



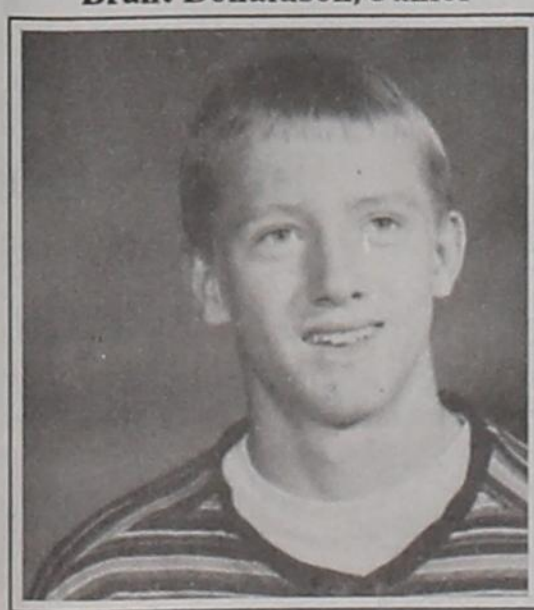
Casey Lawrence, Sophomore



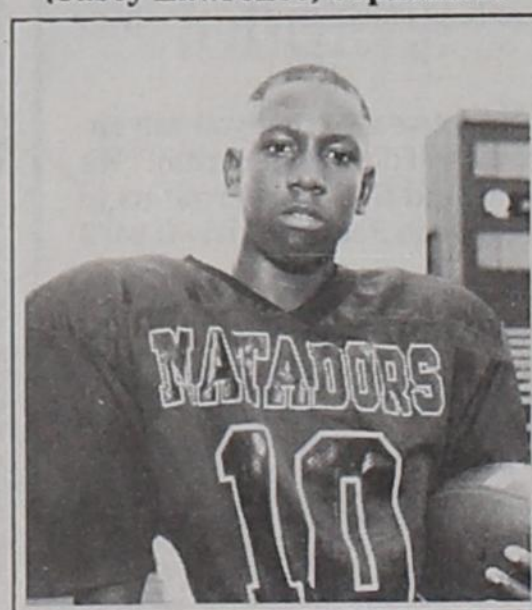
Matt Easter, Sophomore



Benjamin Ridgley, Sophomore



Chase Carson, Sophomore



Jermaine Hendrix, Sophomore

Fine Arts Department to present "A Christmas Smorgasbord"

On Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. the Motley County ISD fine Arts classes will present A CHRISTMAS SMORGASBORD. The program will include recitations of Christmas poems and monologues as well as two short Christmas plays. Also included on the program is the Motley County High School choir. They will sing a selection of familiar and not so familiar Christmas songs and carols.

Following the performances, a buffet of treats provided by mothers of One Act Play cast and crew will be served by Santa's elves.

Advance tickets are \$2.50 for preschool through 6th grade and \$4.50 for adults. Tickets may also be purchased at the door; prices there will be \$2.50 for preschool-6th grade, but \$4.50 for adults. Proceeds will be used to purchase a computer program to be used for sound effects in this year's UIL One Act Play GREENSLEEVE'S MAGIC, published by The Dramatic Publishing Company. Advance tickets are available from any One Act Play cast or crew member.

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Christmas!



I've always heard of great things the 'Make A Wish' Foundation has done for terminally ill children, and I have always thought it was wonderful. But this past Friday we had the chance to see one of those wishes come true for a little 10-year-old boy, first hand. Little Frankie Wise of Lubbock, who suffers from a terminal muscle disorder, has had a wish to be a Cop since he was about three. When the Lubbock Police Department heard about Frankie they began visiting him and making him feel like a part of their department.

Frankie received a real Police badge last Friday when he was a member of the Police Academy's graduating class. My son, Jeremy, graduated from that class, and when he and a fellow graduate carried little Frankie into the room, my heart was proud.

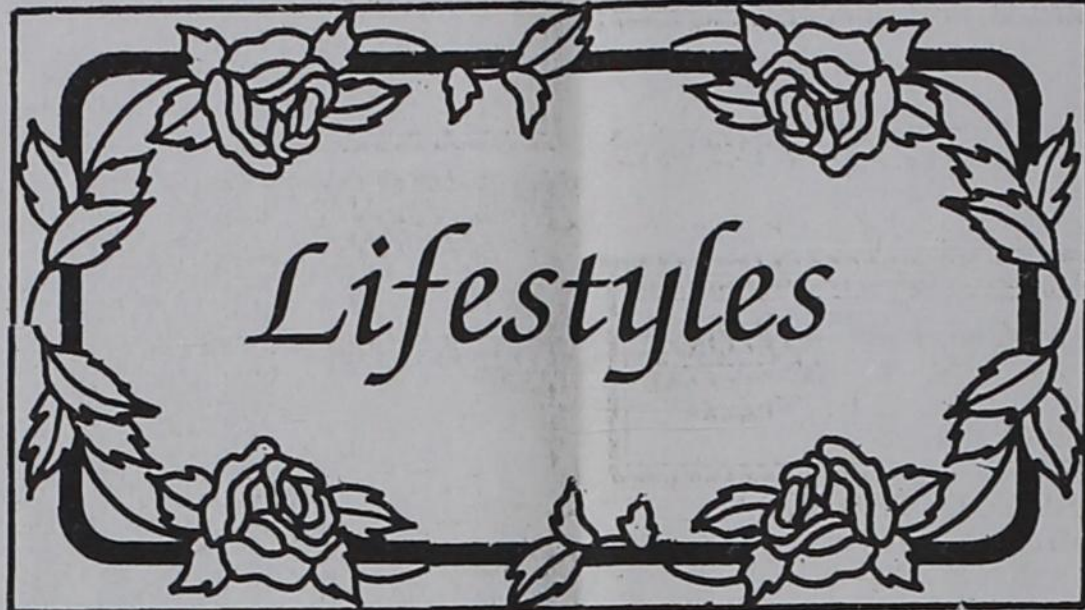
While the pride in my heart was overflowing for my own son, as he graduated from the Academy, I

thought of little Frankie's mom, and what she must be feeling. You could see by the look on her face, she was overjoyed with the happiness the day brought for little Frankie. I whispered a prayer for her and her precious Frankie, but I couldn't help but feel an overwhelming thankfulness for the good health of my own son.

How we take for granted the everyday things we do, like walking and talking. Praise God for the blessings he has brought into our lives.

Frankie touched the hearts of everyone at that graduation, and I know that God made it possible for that precious little boy to graduate with that particular class, and for each one of us to be there to experience it.

When you say your prayers, remember little Frankie and his family. And remember my son and the rest of his class as they begin their careers as Police Officers.



Holiday Splendor at Do Gooders' Christmas party

Sparkling lights, glittering tinsel and splashes of red, green and white added to the holiday splendor Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1 at the Do Gooders' Club Christmas party held at the Community Center in Flomot. Hostesses, Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert and Annie B. Cloyd presided at red and white table appointments. The table was laid with a white lace cloth and centered with a glistening wreath encircling brass candlesticks holding white tapered candles. Refreshments of holiday goodies were served with spiced tea and coffee.

Pretty packages tied up in bows nestled under an eye catching decorated tree. Contagious laughter prevailed when exchanging gifts and revealing 1998 Secret Pal names.

During the business session conducted by president, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, the 1998 officers of club were

re-elected to serve in 1999. Others serving beside Mrs. Calvert are: Mrs. Tommie Cruse, vice president; Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Alma Shorter, program chairman and Mrs. Trula Martin, reporter.

In other business, first on agenda in January will be to restore Flomot School class pictures. They were pleased with Mrs. Cloyd's annual financial report on the profit of raffled quilts and quilting for individuals. They drew Secret pal names for 1999.

Members attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Erma Washington, Sylvia Lee Martin, Edith Washington, Mary Jo Calvert, Trula Martin, Annie B. Cloyd, Waydette Clay, B. Rogers, Alma Shorter, and Jimmie Hunter. Guest was Mrs. Barbara Jones.

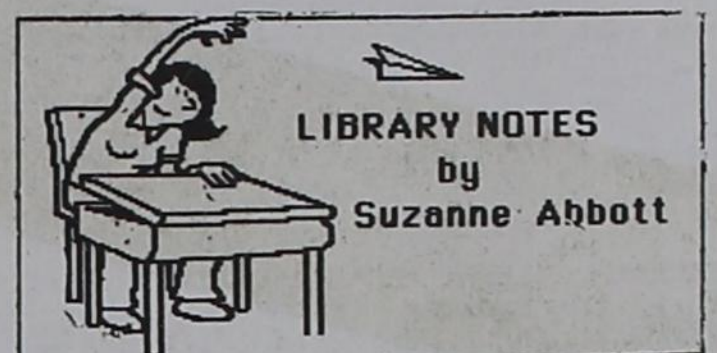
Hanging of the Greens ceremony held at Methodist Church

The traditional ceremony, "The Hanging of the Greens" was observed Sunday at the First United Methodist Church to "prepare the house of the Lord for the coming of Christ, the King". The ceremony dates form the old English times of John Wesley and is regularly observed in many West Texas churches.

Participating in the service were the young people of the church and their leaders. For several weeks they had decorated the Chrismons, sacred symbols like the cross, dove, fish, triangle and anchor that refer to various aspects of Christ's ministry. On Wednesday the youth group had set up the manger scene outside, set up the Chrison tree, hung wreaths and garland, laid lighted garland along the choir rail and balcony rail, made pew bows, and lighted the hedges along the front of the church. Leaders of the youth group are Ronda and Terry Miller, Chuck and Gail Ream.

Then on Sunday, a group consisting of Ryan and Brittany Moore, Scott and Shandra Jones, Cole Grundy, Mandi and Charlie Ream, and Colton Russell, brought in Cedar branches and laid them all along the communion rail. They later hung the Chrismons on the lighted tree. Baskets of holly were placed by Brittany and Shandra, and an ivy wreath was hung by Mandi. The Ream family participated in lighting the Advent Candles of Hope and Light, and in the accompanying reading. Other readers were Rodney Williams, Alan Bingham, Charles Keith, Vic Read and Monte Wike. The sermon was the second in a series, "A Diligent Search... In Quiet Places". A special Communion was held at the close of the service.

Providing greenery were Lucretia Campbell, Jeannie Williams and the Wike's. The Chrismons were made by Bessie Jean Williams and Noma Wike.



LIBRARY NOTES
by
Suzanne Abbott

Thanks to all who came to visit the Library during late-night shopping. We had a lot of fun, ate a lot of pop corn and drank a lot of Joan Keith's hot, spiced cider. Holly Hays' name was drawn to win the beautiful doll, and PK Green won the little wooden church. These items were given away at the end of the evening.

The new books that were purchased with the grant from the Tocker Foundation have arrived. Among the Texas books in this collection we have *Texian Lliad* by Stephen L. Hardin which offers a military history of the Texas Revolution. From the war's opening in the "Come and Take It" incident at Gonzales to the capture of General Santa Anna at San Jacinto, Hardin clearly describes the strategy and tactics of each side.

Another of this collection is *The Trail Drivers of Texas* by J. Marvin

Hunter. This book includes interesting sketches of early cowboys and their experiences on the range and on the trail. We also have *Lone Star A Legacy of Texas Quilts, 1836-1936*. This book shows color photographs of early Texas quilts and also photographs of some of the women who made them.

These books provided by the grant include some about flowers and animals found in Texas. One of the most notable is *Horned Lizards* which tells everything you ever wanted to know about the horned "toad". We also have books about the beautiful red Cardinal, our state bird the Mockingbird, and our state flower the Texas Bluebonnet.

There are several more books that we received from the Tocker Foundation, and they deal with Texas - people, events, and places. Come in and check out one of these new books.

Look Who's New

Ryleigh Jo Carson



Tina and Pat Carson of Turkey are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Ryleigh Jo, who arrived at 10:56 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 1998 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 19 1/2 inches

long. Welcoming her arrival is her two-year-old brother, Walker and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carson of Turkey.

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"Pressing on to Maturity"



In the context, the writer of Hebrews is encouraging those Christians to leave the elementary matters, not in the sense rejecting their truthfulness, or attempting to "unlearn them", but as a child leaves the first reader in school for one more advanced, or as one leaves milk for more solid nourishment. They are being called in this sense to go on to perfection, or maturity, or completion. It's a reoccurring theme in the Hebrew letter.

It's necessary to lay a solid foundation in the construction of a firm building, but having done that, it is not to be laid down again and again. After the foundation, it's time to build the building.

Their particular condition of immaturity was such that only an appreciation of what is involved in Christ's high priesthood (cf chapter 5) will cure it. Their minds need to be stretched and this will stretch them as nothing else can. They have remained immature too long; therefore the writer will give them something calculated to take them out of their immaturity.

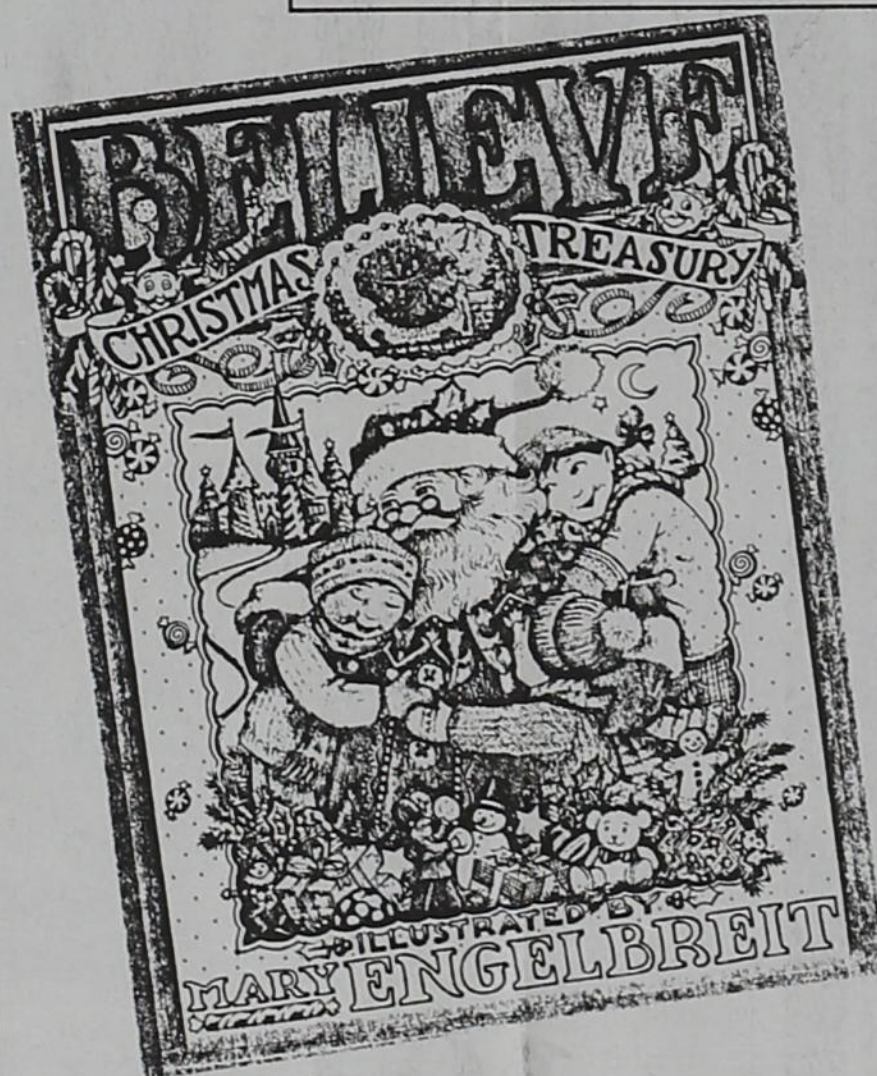
Don't miss the power of verse 3 in Hebrews 6 so that you will appreciate verse 1's challenge. "And this we will do, if God permit." We can do it. We want to do it. We will do it! And God will permit us to press on to maturity, completion, perfection in Jesus Christ - if we'll just apply ourselves to that.

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

Bible Study - 10 a.m.

Worship - 9 a.m.

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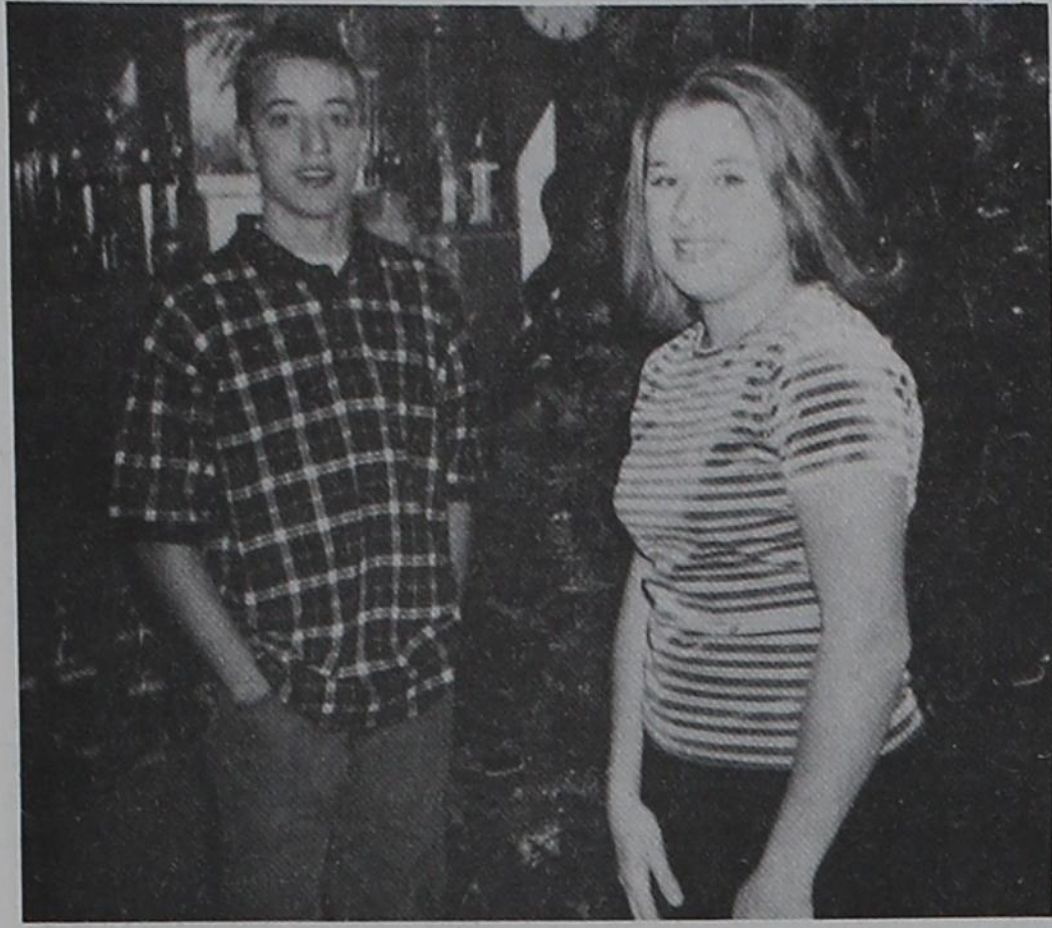
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Motley County Matadors School News

Students of the Month



SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES — Rabeca Morris and Casey Lawrence.

School Menu

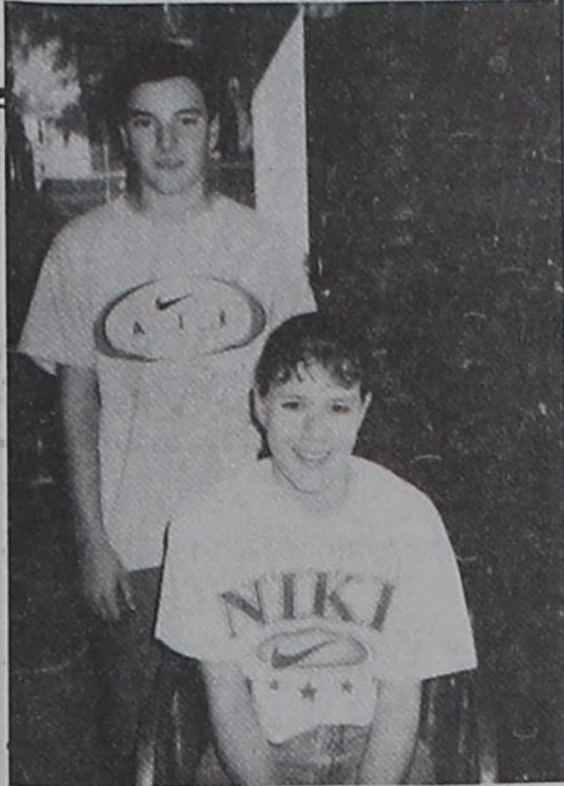


MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
 Breakfast: Sausage, Syrup, Pancakes, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
 Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Tamales, Pinto Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Sherbet, Milk

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
 Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk
 Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Honey, Broccoli, Cheese, Milk

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
 Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk
 Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Corn on the Cob, Vanilla Wafers, Milk



JR. HIGH Students of the Month, Derrick Cruse and Chasity Holman.



HIGH SCHOOL Students of the Month, Scott Jones and Kember Everett.

Tear Drops", and his favorite movie is "Armageddon. His favorite food is Chicken Crispers.

He enjoys showing Quarter Horses, going to Rodeos, Dances, and being with friends.

He plans to go to West Texas A&M and major in Equine Science after he graduates from high school.

Scott is also involved in NCHA, AQHYA, 4-H, FFA, Student Council, THSRA, and the Paducah Horse Club.

He admires Bob Availia, "because he is the most versatile horse trainer I've ever seen. He's everything I would like to be!"

Kember is the 16-year-old daughter of Rob and LeShay Everett of Floydada. She is a Junior. She has two brothers, Jaron, 17, and Logan, 16 months.

Her favorite color is white. Her favorite song is "Have You Ever" by Brandy, and her favorite movie is "Hope Floats". Her favorite food is steak and mashed potatoes.

She enjoys participating in Basketball, FFA, NHS, and One Act Play. She also enjoys shopping and talking on the phone.

Kember plans to attend college and become a Dentist after graduation.

She admires her Grandma, "because she is always there for others no matter how it affects her."

Open House



December 10

9:00 - 3:00

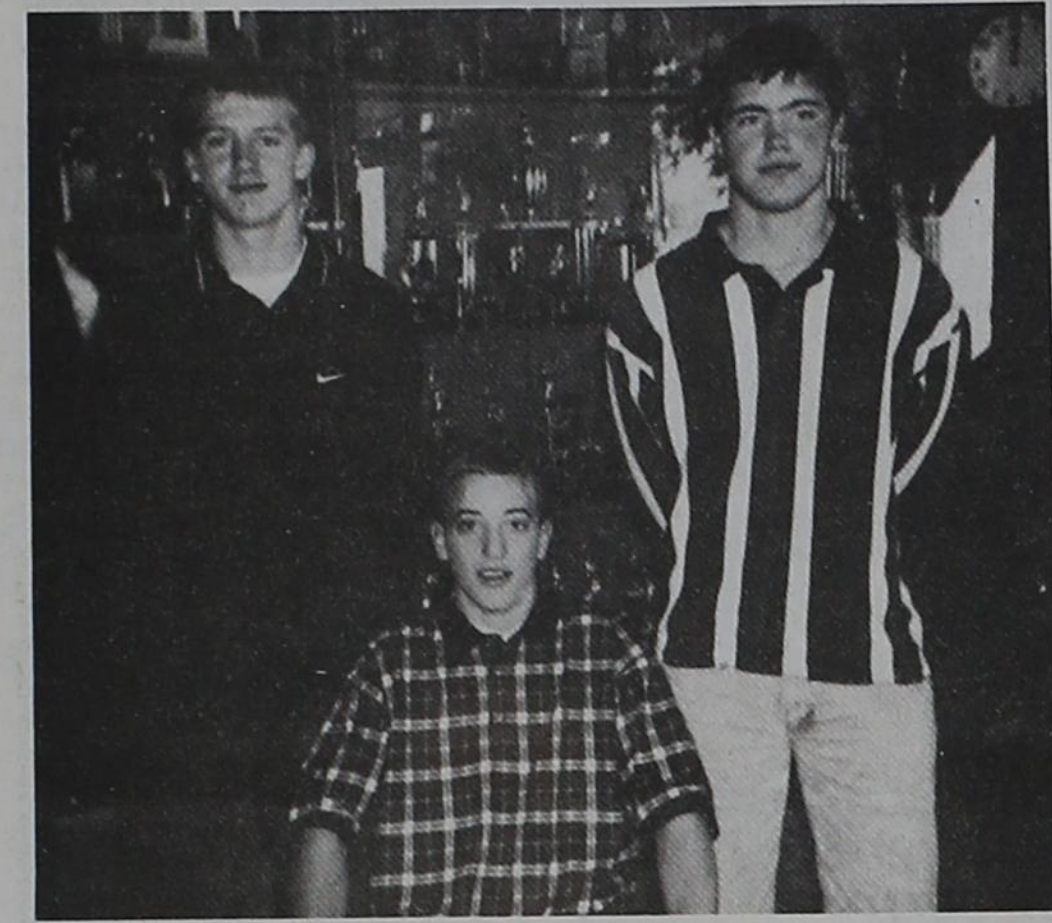
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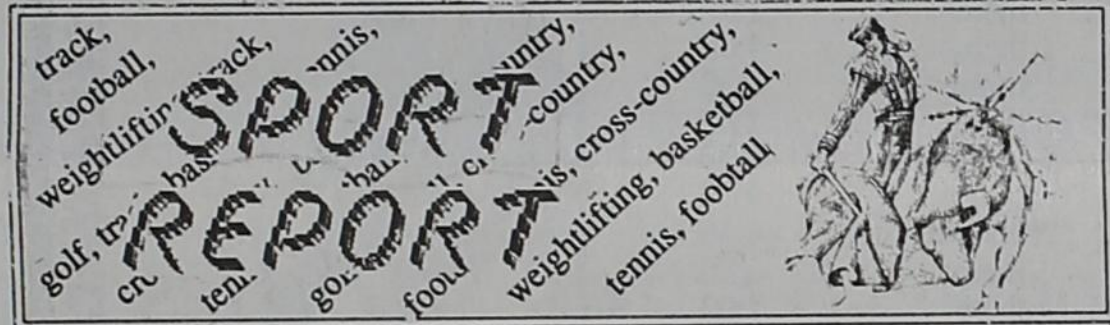


Christmas Holidays

The Christmas Holidays for Motley County students will begin at 3:38 p.m. Thursday, December 17, and buses will run at that time. Classes will resume at the regular time on January 5, 1999.



CLASS OFFICERS — Sophomore Class Officers are President Casey Lawrence, seated; Vice President, Chase Carson, left; Secretary Treasurer, Matt Easter, right. Not pictured are Ben Ridgley, Reporter, and Student Council Representative, Ashley Stevens.



Matadors basketball action

by Rickey Lawrence

Motley County traveled to Floydada Tuesday, December 1 to take on the Whirlwinds in four basketball games, and although the Matadors and Lady Mats made a good showing, they lost all four games.

Starting with girls JV, who lost their first game of the season by the score of 30-50. Rabeca Morris totaled 12 points on the night followed by Lisa Taylor with 7 and Shandra Jones with 5. Rabeca was also leading rebounder with 6 and Kember Everett had five. Shandra also had four steals on the night.

The boys JV lost by the score of 42-51. Jermaine Hendrix led the scoring with 24, followed by Ryan Moore with 6 and Bradley Baxter with 4. Jermaine also pulled down five rebounds and Ryan had four.

The Lady Mats played next and lost by the score of 27-52. They were led in scoring by Kandi Keltz with 8; Denise Shannon with 6; and Kristi Williams and Rachelle Renfro, 4 each. Kandi and Denise also led in rebounding with 6 and four respectively.

The last game of the night played by the boys Varsity ended up tied after four quarters 47-47. Floydada managed to outscore MC in the first overtime and won by the score of 51-59. Jason Barton had 13 points, Dayton Grundy, 11, and Brad Marvel, 9. Leading rebounders on the night were Brad and Keane Cruse who each pulled down 14. Jason Barton also had 3 steals on the night. Jason Clauser and Keane led in assists with 3 each.

Although Motley County lost all four games they really made a good showing against Floydada which is a 2A school.

VALLEY TOURNAMENT

MC Boys and Girls Varsity teams participated in the Valley Tournament which was played December 3 through 5.

Thursday, the boys and girls played Plainview Christian High School and both came out victorious. The Lady Mats won by the score of 33-23. Kandi Keltz led the scoring with 12, followed by Kristi Williams with 9, and Denise Shannon with 4. Denise pulled down 7 rebounds, Kristi 5, and Kandi, 4. Kandi and Denise also led the way on defense by stealing the ball a total of seven times.

The Matadors took the floor next and outplayed Plainview by the score of 52-46. Brad Marvel totaled 19 points in the game; Keane Cruse had

17; and Jason Barton finished with 6. Brad also led in rebounding with 7; Keane had 6; and Dayton Grundy and Sean Rose pulled down three each. Jason Clauser led the team in assists with three.

Friday afternoon both girls and boys teams played Lorenzo. The Lady Mats lost 27-46. Kristi Williams and Rachelle Renfro led the scoring with 7 each, followed by Kandi Keltz with six. Denise Shannon led in rebounds with 8, followed by Kandi with 7 and Rachelle with 4.

The Matadors played after the girls and also lost to Lorenzo by the score of 36-43. Brad Marvel scored 9 points, Jason Barton, 7; Keane Cruse, 6. Keane led in rebounding with 7, followed by Brad with 6; Sean Rose and Dayton Grundy pulled down 5 each. Jason Clauser again led in assists with five.

Saturday saw the Lady Mats win against Valley by the score of 43-29 and place 3rd overall in the Tournament. Denise Shannon led in scoring with 13, followed by Kristi Williams with nine, and Rachelle Renfro with 8. Kristi pulled down six rebounds; Kandi Keltz, 5; and Rabeca Morris had three. The Lady Mats had a great defensive game against Valley holding them scoreless until midway of the second quarter and then allowed only four points for the first half.

The Matadors took on Shamrock next for third place and won by the score of 38-21. Keane Cruse had 13 points followed by Sean Rose with six, and Casey Lawrence with 5. Keane also led the rebounding with 9; Sean had six; and Jason Barton and Dayton Grundy pulled down four each. Team defense was outstanding in this game. Jason Clauser led the way by stealing the ball four times; Keane, Jason, and Casey each had two steals.

These young men and women did an outstanding job representing Motley County in this tournament and can be very proud of the trophies they brought home. Motley County also had three players make the All-Tournament team. Kandi Keltz for the Lady Mats and Keane Cruse and Brad Marvel for the boys team.

The girls and boys Varsity teams will travel to Lockney December 10-12 for another tournament. The next home game will be against Memphis December 18. The MC Jr. Varsity also has a 1-day tournament which will be here on Saturday, Dec. 19. Make plans to go see these games - you'll be glad you did! Not only will you see some good basketball, but the food is good, the visiting is fun, and best of all - it's always warm!

THANK YOU



Thank you for being a **LOWE'S** customer, and for letting us into your family for the holidays.

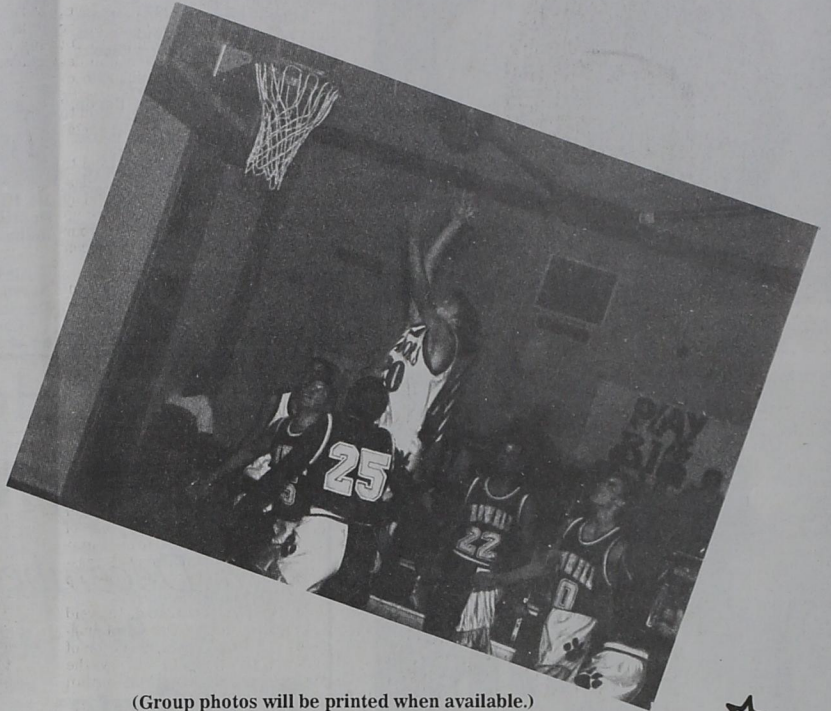
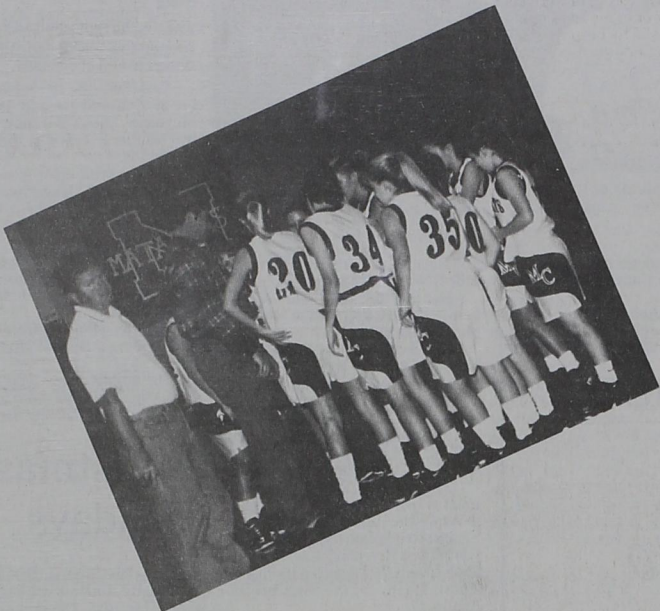
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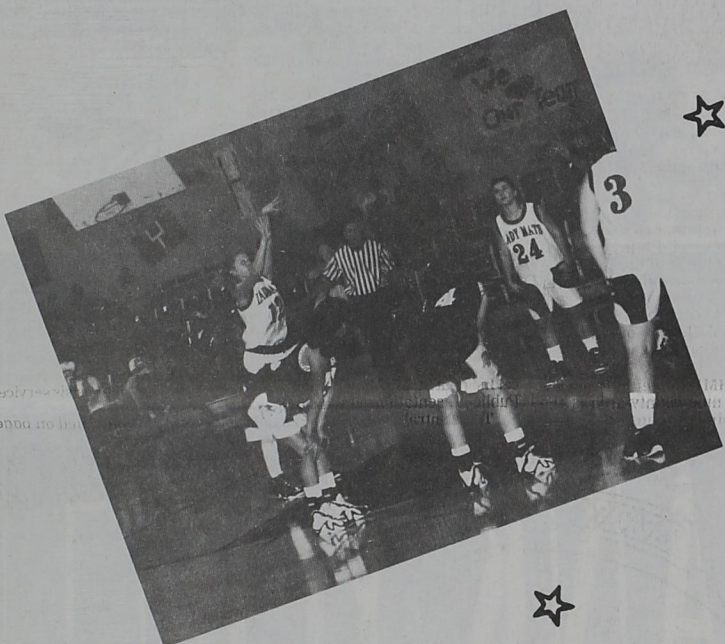
From the **LOWE'S** family to yours, we wish you Happy Holidays!



HOOPIN' IT UP!



(Group photos will be printed when available.)



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Dec. 10-12	Lockney Tournament	there	TBA
Dec. 15	Valley	there	6:00
Dec. 18	Memphis	home	4:00
Dec. 19	MC JV Tournament	home	TBA
Dec. 23-27	GYM CLOSED - NO USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES		
Dec. 28-30	Crosbyton Tournament	there	TBA
Jan. 5	Memphis	there	4:00
Jan. 8	** Silvertown	home	6:30
Jan. 9	Valley JV Tournament	there	TBA
Jan. 12	** Lakeview	there	6:30
Jan. 15	Spur	there	4:00
Jan. 19	** Guthrie	home	6:30
Jan. 22	** Patton Springs	there	6:30
Jan. 26	** Silvertown	there	4:00
Jan. 29	** Lakeview	home	6:30
Feb. 2	OPEN		
Feb. 5	** Guthrie	there	6:30
Feb. 9	** Patton Springs	home	6:30

* JV Girls and Boys will play at the same time in different gyms
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WE LOVE THE MATADORS!

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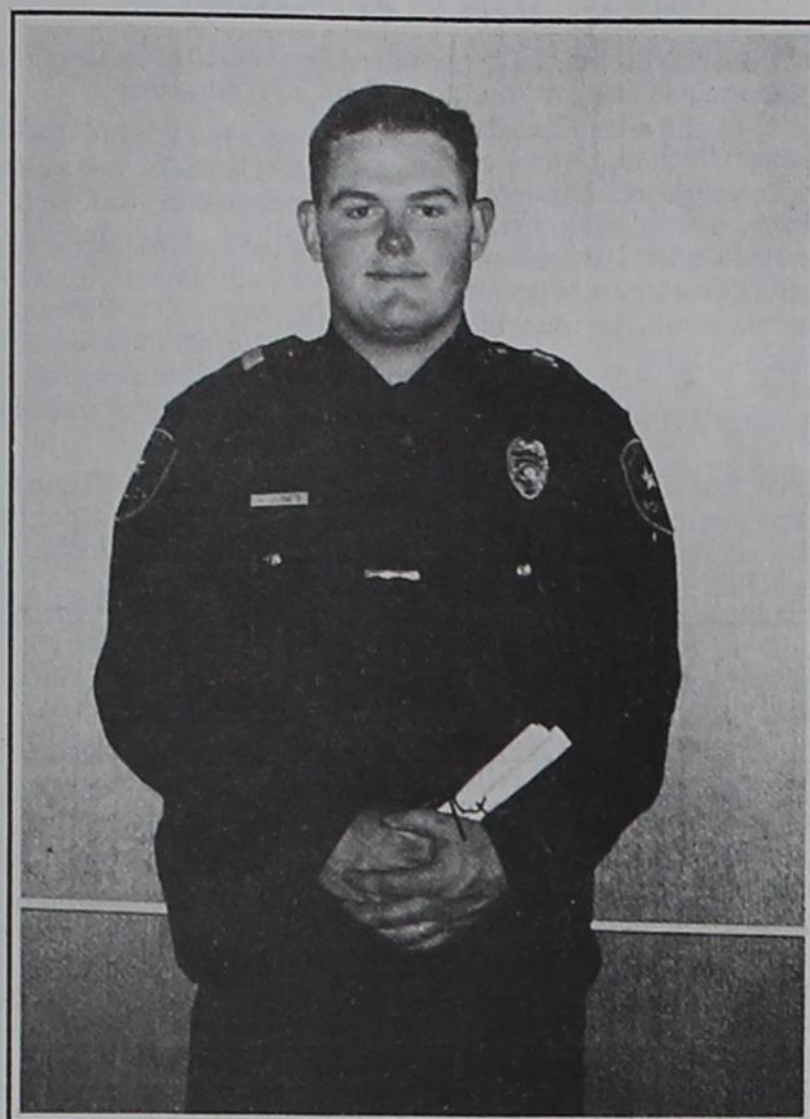
Tommie Cruse



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Jeremy Jones graduates from Lubbock Police Academy



Jeremy Jones

Jeremy Jones graduated from the Lubbock Police Academy Friday, December 4, after completing an intense five month training session. Jeremy and 10 other recruits were chosen from a list of over 300 applicants to enter the rigorous recruit training session. The selection process includes academic, physical, and mental testing, and extensive background checks. Jeremy and five others completed the training to graduate as Lubbock Police Officers. Jeremy received the Physical Training award.

The class of graduates shared their ceremony with 10-year-old

Frankie Wise, who suffers from a congenital muscle disorder. His dream was to become a cop. During the graduation ceremony, Jeremy read and presented a plaque to Frankie, who was named an honorary officer.

The six new rookie officers will immediately enter five months of field training with Senior Partners.

Jeremy is a 1995 graduate of Motley County High School. He is the son of Carla and Jim Meador of Matador and Jon and Chris Jones of Fremont, CA. He and his wife, Whitney and daughter, Morgan, live in Lubbock.

Keeping holiday stress at bay

The holidays. If you're like singer Andy Williams, you probably think they are "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." However, if you are experiencing conflicts with family members, if you're bent on perfection or if you're running low on money, you probably don't.

While the holidays are portrayed by entertainers, the media and American culture in general as a happy and festive time when you're surrounded by the ones you love, many find the season to be a major cause of stress. According to Dr. Roberta Nutt, professor in the department of psychology and philosophy at Texas Woman's University, that's because many people tend to set an unrealistic level of expectations this time of year.

"I think, in general, we tend to hype up the holidays at this wonderful time when you're surrounded by family and friends and there are no problems," Nutt says. "So, if your holidays don't turn out like that it can be a real downer."

Nutt says that many different kinds of expectations—if not met—can lead to stress.

"If you're cut off or estranged from your family, the expectations that society has of you can remind you of your problems. Or, if you're a married woman with children, you might feel as though you have to make the holidays just perfect for your family," she says. "Both of those situations can be extremely stressful, as can not having the money to buy everyone gifts. The message you get from everybody around this time of year is: You're supposed to be happy—but, in reality, it can be quite stressful for a lot of people to try to live up to that (expectation)."

So what can a person do to avoid getting stressed out during the holidays? Dr. Don Rosen, director of counseling services at TWU, says the general rule of thumb is to plan ahead.

"Oftentimes, people plan to do way too much in too short an amount

of time," he says, "so really think about how to best use your time. If you're a student who's been working hard at school all semester, it's not going to do any good to turn around and start burning both ends of the candle. Be realistic about your expectations. Don't plan too much. Give yourself time to rest. Set realistic expectations for what's going to happen to you around other people."

Rosen and Nutt both suggest a variety of ways to deal in advance with a variety of other stress-inducing situations. These methods include: working out unresolved fam-

ily issues before the holidays come; developing "surrogate families" if family estrangement is a factor; and preparing personally for changes in environment that may occur this time of year.

You also might want to think about someone else's problems, Nutt says.

"Plan not only neat things for yourself, but also something that's 'giving' to another person, such as helping out a shelter, taking part in a toy drive or working with a charity," she says. "Something like that can really get you in the spirit, because

giving of yourself during the holidays just makes you feel good."

"Also, make sure to do a lot of self-caring and self-nurturing. That's probably the best thing you can do to avoid getting stressed out. And, most of all, remember that holiday depression is very common. You are definitely not alone."

For more information, contact Nutt in the TWU department of psychology and philosophy at (940) 898-2303 or Rosen in the TWU counseling center at (940) 898-3801.

MHMR services outlined



MHMR SERVICES OUTLINED — Ron Trussler, right, Executive Director of the Mental Health Mental Retardation Center in Plainview, Dick Hatfield, Chief of Operations, (right to left), Joan Keith, member of the Board of Directors, Sam Willis, Supervisor-Reed Adolescent Center, Bud Kidwell, Coordinator of Admissions, and County Judge Laverna Price, pictured here after a luncheon at which the group of men outlined the services MHMR has to offer.

Ron Trussler, Executive Director of MHMR (Mental Health, Mental Retardation) of Plainview, Sam Willis, Supervisor of the Reed Adolescent Center, Bud Kidwell, Coordinator of Admissions, and Dick Hatfield, Chief of Operations met with Motley County officials last Thursday to outline the benefits of the Central Plains Center.

The MHMR Center in Plainview services a nine county area of the South Plains, including Motley

County. The Center primarily serves individuals with mental illness, mental retardation, substance abuse problems, children/youth with behavioral and emotional problems, children who are delayed developmentally, and retired senior volunteers. They also offer 24 hour crisis service (1-800-687-1300), support in local communities, Disaster Crisis Team, Critical Incident Stress Management, and Public presentations and training.

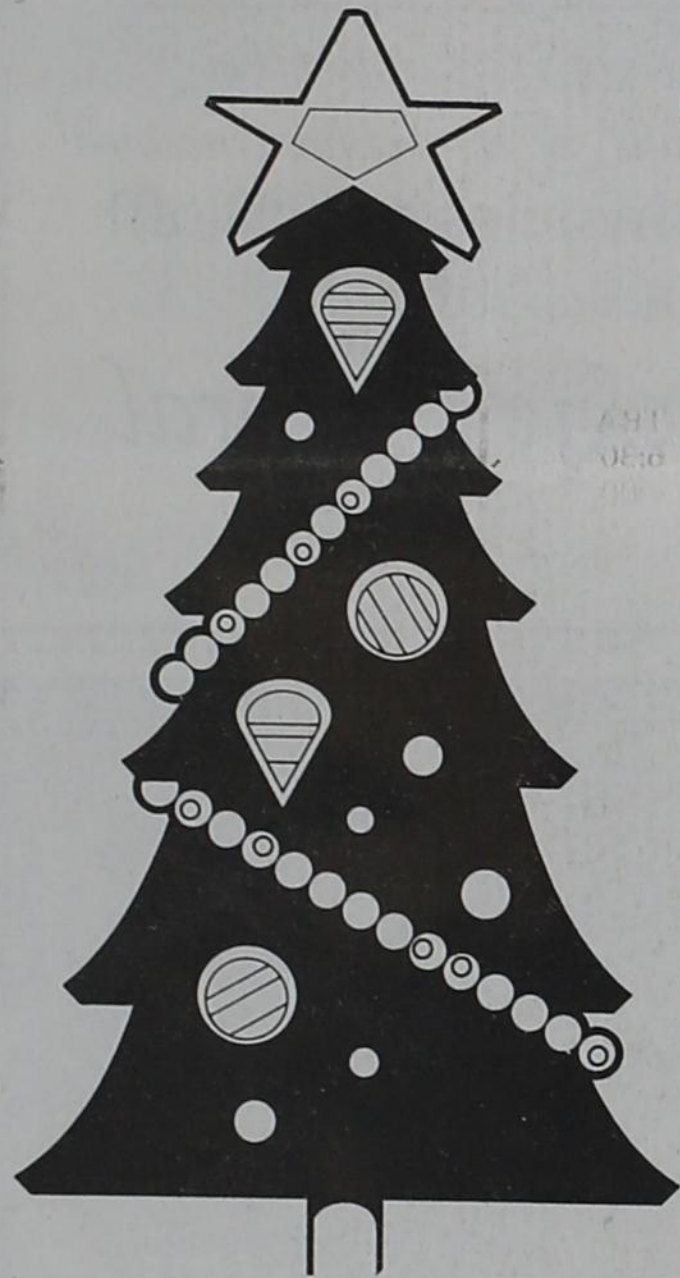
The Central Plains Center is not

state, it is governed by a Board of nine Trustees. There are about 250 employees. It has an annual budget of 7.8 million with funds from TDMHMR, TCADA, Counties, contracts, etc. They work with about 2,000 individuals in their nine county area.

There are fourteen different sites in Plainview and six clinics in other counties. They offer crisis services 24

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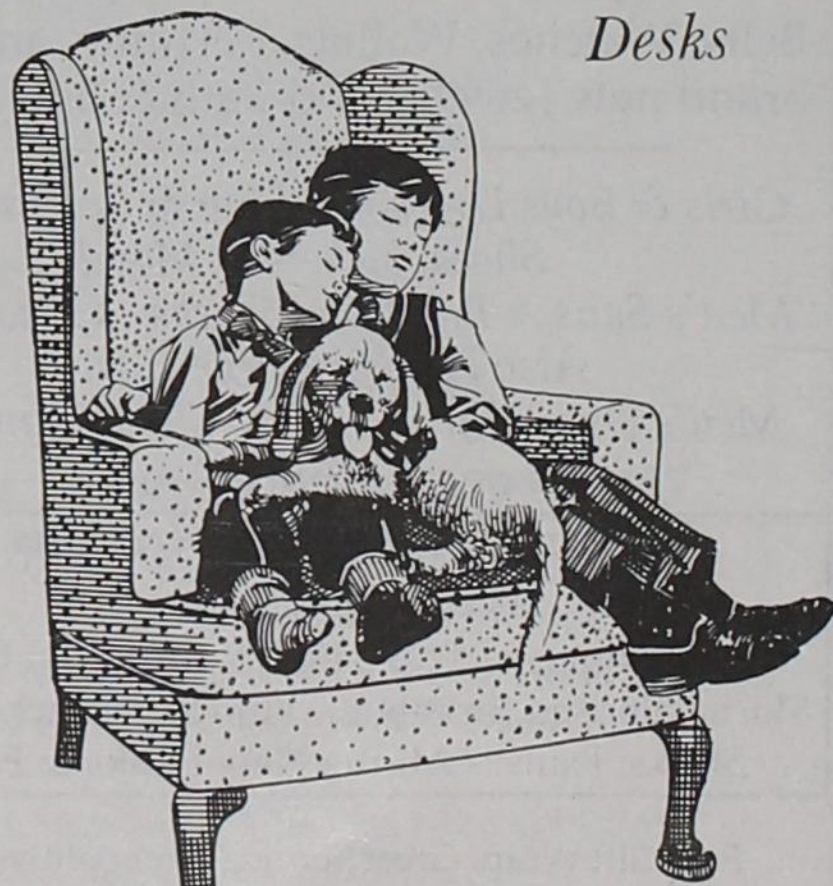
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Rita Groves

Today we mourn the loss of another valuable Motley County Pioneer, Zola Mae Renfro, who quietly performed her duties, managed her household, was a helpmate to her husband, raised her children, loved her grandchildren, worshipped her Lord, helped her neighbors and created works of art, then went quietly to meet her Lord Thursday night, 3 Dec. 1998.

Mrs. Carl Duncan of Aspermont, a stepdaughter of the former Effie Renfro Taylor and also of the late Madge Groves Dooley, visited in the Algie Groves home Sunday and attended the funeral at Matador Baptist Church for her Aunt Zola Renfro. Nephews of Rita Groves, Melvin Renfro of Dallas and Robert Harold Benckenstein, both of Beaumont, also flew to Lubbock to attend their Aunt Zola's funeral, but returned to Lubbock to fly back home the same evening.

Friends have brought many pleasant thoughts this past week. Anniversary greetings from Adelle Burleson Powell, 1307 Goethals Dr. Apt. C, Richland, WA 99352-3276. Folks who have been removed by Destiny from this 'Garden of Eden' evidently relish any little news from 'home.' She wanted the address of Grace Meece, who has a sister of Merl Freeman and Amy Freeman Havis. I saw Grace who lived at Weatherford, OK, at her brother Dub's, funeral in Vernon, but I haven't yet found her address. Adelle stated that Amy 'went a long way back with the Chalk family.' She wondered if John and Fern Green still owned the old Chalk Place in Roaring Springs. She sent memorial gifts to Roaring Springs Cemetery Association, and inquired about the Forbis and Green Families in Dickens County. That led to some interesting research in the 1986 issue of the family I was impressed by Patsy Gage Forbis' statement that she had drunk water out of the same well all her life, and planned to live out her life in Dickens County. It's a wonderful thing to put down deep "roots." Adelle enjoys living near sister Selbia and her husband Ray Patton.

A greeting was from D.D. McBride whom we have loved too long to admit. Algie remembers when 'they were kids' that Mr. McBride was the night watchman, and he could always find a place for them to get something to eat when they came in late at night. That was before I knew them. Caesar also loves the NEWS.

Ruby Hipp will leave Dec. 17 to fly to Killeen to spend Christmas with her daughter.

A wonderful history of a pioneer family came this week from Hazel Green Gordanier as Las Vegas, NV I remember one sunny morning when I was in about the 7th grade, I was standing with the other students during the first recess on the sunny side of the Old Red Brick 3-story school building, and a senior girl was holding out her hand to show her new engagement ring. Her face glowed with happiness - the same Hazel. She writes that she looks forward to the NEWS then passes it on to her sister, Jo Ala, in Victorville, CA. The two are the only living members of the "Pumpy" Green family who lived on the old road past the bridge that circled around to the left and went past the cemetery on the west (Not the bridge, the road) as it made its way to Matador (Not the cemetery, the road). (I better rest awhile).

The Holts about whom I wrote recently after the death of Amy Havis, were Hazel Green Gordanier's grandparents. I had forgotten that the soft-spoken Mrs.

Green was Anna Lou Holt. She added to my story of the Holts, that they came to Hardeman County from Shackelford County. Let me quote Hazel:

"My grandmama's folks - Meyers - had a cattle ranch near Breckenridge. Papa Holt worked for them as a cowboy, courted and married their daughter Monetta or "Nettie" so she was called. They started a family, three girls and one son before they moved in 1896 on to Hardeman County or Quanah. Papa found work on a large cattle ranch where they lived for a couple of years then bought their own ranch or farm close by. They had another son Dempsey and daughter Jessie. That finished the family of six children. My mother was the second daughter, Anna Lou, born in Shackelford County. On their farm, they grew wheat. I can remember walking in the field when the wheat was over my head. I must have been around three years old. My sister, Georgia, and I were both born on this ranch, three and one-half miles north of Quanah. (For Hazel's benefit, a call to Billy Joe Howard in Quanah this morning revealed that the place she was born just north of Quanah was probably not Plainview Community, but Willow View Community which is three and one half miles north of Quanah. He added some other very interesting information. Dink Holt built most of the sidewalks. This writer had quoted from Bill Neal's book in an earlier edition. Bill Howard knows the history of his area pretty well. His address is: 700 Eddy St., Quanah, TX 79252).

The Holts lived on this Hardeman County ranch until they sold it and moved to Salida, CO. That was in 1917 in the fall of the year Aunt Jessie (later Mrs. Merel Freeman) had gone to a business college in Salida and was working as a bookkeeper for a large Transfer Co. and doing well. I think they were homesick for Texas, and also our family was about to increase. Mama Holt thought she might be needed and also the town of Roaring Springs was growing fast. Aunt Jessie got a job right away with Dan Davis service station; he sold gas, tires, car parts, and ran a garage - a big business, and she did a great job of keeping the books. Van Allee was on the way at our house, born Nov. 24, 1921, so you may know that Mama Holt was a big help at our house.

It was at Dan Davis' place Aunt Jessie met Merel Freeman. He was an employee there, also. This brings us up to Amy Freeman Havis, Merel's sister (end of quote).

Herman Havis was the brother of Lee (from my memory) Havis. Hazel named his children as Leon was graduated in 1927, then next Mary Bell, then the twins, Maurine and brother. She thought the John Freemans, including Amy and Merel, moved to Roaring Springs about 1917. The father was the barber. Other children were Edward and two little girls, Grace (Meece) mentioned above was one of them. Merel and Jessie stayed at Grandma Freeman's house out on the road to Matador when she would be away from home.

Hazel said she wanted to write a history of her family - the Greens - one day and send it to us for our news. We hope she does. Her letter is a tribute to her English teacher, Miss Bessie Medline. Think of all the valuable information to store in our library! She said she lost her "line" of information along with Mary Green Webb. Her address is Hazel Gordanier, 3555 Stober Blvd., Ap. 111, Las Vegas, NV 89103.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

IN HOSPITAL

Tanner Clay, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, is a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following an accident, Friday on the family farm. He had surgery on his injured leg, Saturday. His parents have been with him during his surgery and hospitalization.

GRANDSON PERFORMS IN LITTLE THEATER PRODUCTION

Jason Cloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd of Memphis, had the leading role as the prince in the entertaining play, "A Tale of Sleeping Beauty" held Saturday night at the High School auditorium in Memphis. Co-sponsors of the production were Memphis Little Theater and the Preservation Foundation. The funds will be used for maintenance and repairs on the Presbyterian building in Memphis.

His grandparents, Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd of Flomot and Janice and Bob Russell of Turkey attended the performance.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Tiffin were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tiffin, Trent and Kevin of Weatherford; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ott, Garrett and Jennifer and Mr. and Mrs. David Clayton and Kyle of Hutchinson, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allaire, Kelsey and Tessa of Shallowater; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Holt and Christopher of Amarillo; Krissy Tiffin of Beaver, Oklahoma and Sue Tiffin of Flomot.

Mrs. Leona Degan visited during the Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 24 to Dec. 2, in Jacksonville, Alabama with daughter and husband, Dr. Jerry and Sheila Gilbert. She also visited grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gilbert of Jacksonville and in Atlanta, Georgia with another grandson, Gary Gilbert. She made the trip from the Lubbock Airport.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter visited in Vernon last Monday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross visited in Brownwood last Saturday with Otis Ross.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Ever notice how some people, reacting to a shocking news story will remark, "I'm speechless," then go right on talking non stop?

Hal and Kelli Martin of Matador and his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin met Mrs. Carol Gilbreth and daughters, Susan and Kathy of Sundown in Petersburg last Tuesday night to attend the basketball games. Susan and her JV basketball teammates of Sundown lost the exciting game 44-43.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings returned home Thursday morning from Haskell where they visited the past week with son and wife, Tim and Donnice Jennings. Mrs. Jennings had dental appointments in Hamlin. Thursday afternoon, Mr. Jennings was conveyed by ambulance to Lockney Hospital following a fall in the basement of their home. He returned

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes attended the wedding ceremony of son, Rickey Hughes and Amy Long of Plainview. It was held at 5 p.m., Saturday in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter and his family, H.G. Hunter of Lubbock attended the Open Masonic meeting Tuesday night at the United Methodist Church in Quitaque. Dr. B.J. Clark of Odessa and Gerald Smith of Quitaque were presented their 50 year Masonic Pins.

Mrs. Tommie Cruse attended the funeral services of Donald Ritter Tuesday afternoon held at the First Baptist Church in Groom. Her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star is visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited from Thursday until Sunday in Arlington with Mrs. Lula Cramer. They enjoyed the Christmas Music Revue held at Arlington Music Hall.

Guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter during the weekend and attending the Cantata, "Celebrate the Season" Sunday night at the Baptist Church were Cindy and Chad Calvert of Lubbock, Christi and Dwan Milam of Petersburg and Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolforth. Cindy and Chad also visited in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter accompanied his father, H.G. to his home at Carillon in Lubbock, Wednesday after visiting here since Saturday. Mrs. Hunter's sister, Mrs. Melva Jo Shelton, resident at Venture Home in Lubbock has been hospitalized. Mrs. Christine Brummett of Quitaque visited Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Degan of Medicine Mound and Mrs. Gladys Brannon of Chillicothe visited Mrs. Leona Degan, Sunday.

Joe Ike Clay accompanied his grandchildren, Kelsey and Sarah to Lubbock, Sunday to visit their brother, Tanner, a patient in Methodist Hospital and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay. Walker Carson of Turkey is visiting in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay.

home, Saturday. Their son, Ted Jennings of Haskell came to be with them until Sunday.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Saturday. They enjoyed the Cantata, "Celebrate the Season" at Baptist Church in Flomot, Sunday night.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper is visiting in Amarillo with daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnham. She is undergoing therapy at St. Anthony's Hospital following recent back surgery.

Mrs. Frances Dixon visited in Wheeler from Sunday until Tuesday with her sister and husband, Dorothy Jean and Adrian Risner.

Obituaries

Zola Mae Renfro

Funeral services for Zola Mae Renfro, 81, of Matador, were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 6, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Royce Jennings, Interim Pastor, and Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Renfro died late Thursday, December 3, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born January 24, 1917, in Motley County. She was married to James H. (Red) Renfro, on April 18, 1937. Mr. Renfro preceded her in death in 1976. She

was also preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador, was a homemaker, and a former school bus driver.

Survivors include two sons, Charlie of Matador, and James C. (Butch) of Matador; two brothers, K.J. Clifton of El Paso, and Pete Clifton of Plainview; two sisters, Florence Rainbolt of Nocona, and Dean Bartley of Tahoka; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenny Barton, James Taylor, Richard Turner, Bundy Hal Campbell, Roy George Hobbs, and Larry Hoyle.

Matador News

KEITHS IN GEORGETOWN - AGAIN

Charles and Joan spent the entire Thanksgiving week in Georgetown, enjoying special time with their new granddaughter, Tori, her brothers Jack and Ben, and their loving parents, Liz and John. They, along with John and Jack, attended the Texas A&M vs. T.U. game the Friday following Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Limmer of Snyder were Mrs. Frank Pohl of Matador, Mr. and Mrs.

Bryan Limmer, Griffin, Bailey, and Hannah of Colorado City; and Mr. and Mrs. Jayson Limmer of New Orleans, La.

Mrs. C.D. (Evelyn) Garrison attended the funeral services of John Sands held Friday afternoon at the First Christian Church in Plainview. He is survived by his wife, nee Lorene Kingery, a former resident of Motley County.

Cora Smallwood attended funeral services, December 5 in Lockney, for Justice of the Peace, Dottie Stansell.

James Meador appointed District Deputy Grand Master

James Meador and Alvin Alexander attended the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco.

James Meador was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of District 95 by the Grand Master W.M. "Mike" Gower of Texas, which in-

cludes five Lodges, Matador, Spur, Paducah, Childress and Memphis.

Alvin Alexander who is District education officer, attended workshops. Both men are looking forward to a good year in '99'.

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Roaring Springs Senior Citizens

by Rita Groves

The monthly first Thursday meeting of the Roaring Springs Senior Citizens was Dec. 3. The room was festive with traditional lighted tree and decorations. As the guests arrived, each placed a gift under the tree, and the gifts were numbered.

The program, by President Ossie Brown included singing led by Odessa Mullins and Jeanne at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was observed for those with December birthdays. There are several, including Lula Swim who is recuperating at home now from by-pass surgery in Lubbock. No one was injured in the rush to get to the sink to wash dishes in Lula's absence. Do hurry back, Lula.

It was a scrumptious repast with many delicious desserts, and no left-over Thanksgiving turkey. Laura Taylor recorded our vital signs and stayed to lunch. After the program and meal, the gifts were opened, and a "show and tell" session followed with each giver being identified and the gifts admired. Others present were Sheila Lefevre, Shirley and Carl Barton, Grace Zabielski, Billie Clifton, Jo and Walter Trammel, Ruby Hipp, and Algie and Rita Groves. Grace reported that her sister Eugenia Bethard has gone to live with her daughter. We will miss her.

MHMR

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hours a day.

There are three substance abuse centers, the Allen Treatment Center for adult residential, 18-65 years of age, 14 to 30 days; the Plainview Women's Center, a family residential center for women 18-65 years of age with children 0-8 years of age, for 4 to 6 months; and the Reed Adolescent Center, a residential center for young males, 13 to 17 years of age, 30 to 60 days.

Local resident, Joan Keith, is a member of the Board of Directors for the Center.

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Farm & Ranch News



Will LaNina continue the drought?

Information from *The West Texas Twister*, National Weather Service Forecast Office.

It appears likely, in a nutshell. Indications are that a mild La Nina will continue to occur over the next several months. La Nina typically results in warmer and drier than average conditions in West Texas.

The National Weather Service expects warmer and drier than average weather on the South Plains over the 5 month period from November through next March.

La Nina is basically the opposite of El Nino. During La Nina, the equatorial waters in the Pacific are cooler than average, whereas in El Nino, those waters are warmer than average. For more details on La Nina and the Texas drought, see the NOAA Climate Diagnostic Center's web site (www.cdc.noaa.gov/TXdrought/).

THE 1998 DROUGHT

As of late October, the Crop Moisture Index still indicated "Abnormally Dry" conditions over most of West Texas. Recent rains, although spotty, have helped some. The long term Palmer Drought Index categorizes much of West Texas as "Severely Dry".

According to this slow changing index, as much as 4 inches of rain is needed to end the long term drought on the South Plains, while 12 or more inches is required east of the Caprock in the Low Rolling Plains where the situation is much worse, listed as "Extremely Dry".

The drought conditions in the Panhandle are not nearly as severe. This area received more frequent showers and thunderstorms during the spring and summer months. In fact, in the northeastern sections of the Panhandle, near normal conditions persist.

Despite the dry conditions, most West Texans are experiencing an unusually long growing season. Only the southern Panhandle and the northwestern South Plains had experienced a hard freeze as of mid November, while the rest of the area had seen only a lightly freeze or no freeze

at all. Lubbock and west Texas have continued to experience an unusually warm year. This is consistent with what climatologists have noticed -

that 1998 is one of the warmest, if not the warmest, year on record in recent history for the planet.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Final Phase of Disaster Program Coming Soon

Plains Cotton Growers officials have been working diligently over the past two months to help shape the final phase of the disaster assistance package for 1998 and multiple year crop losses. Those efforts should be completed the week of December 7 with the expected announcement of the details of program's last phase.

PCG officials have been working to promote a set of basic principles to shape the crop loss assistance program. It appears that PCG's input has not fallen on deaf ears as some details are beginning to surface about the last phase of the disaster program.

PCG has touted the need for several items including yield flexibility, crop insurance incentives and preferential treatment for producers who purchased crop insurance in an effort to protect themselves.

It appears that many of these concepts will be included in the program when it is announced.

PCG will be providing additional details as they become available in "Cotton News" and other media outlets.

Gen. Certificates for Step 2 Apparently D.O.A.

It appears that the idea to allow generic certificates to be used to redeem loan cotton will not see the light of day.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that the recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the proposal will not be favorable and will essentially scuttle the proposal.

The idea to allow generic certificates to be used to redeem cotton from the loan was put forth to offset the problem of producers reaching the \$75,000 payment limit for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) and marketing loan gains. Marketing loan

gains would not count against a producer if loan cotton were to be redeemed with certificates.

Since the Adjusted World Price (AWP) has been below the upland cotton loan rate, producers have been able to receive LDP's or marketing loan gains for several weeks. Combined with LDP's from other crops many growers are closing in on the cut-off point.

Once reached, the grower is at a disadvantage because their cotton is no longer eligible for the LDP to offset lower offering prices or their cotton is not eligible to be redeemed at the AWP by potential buyers.

If a producer reaches the \$75,000 payment limitation for LDP's and marketing loan gains they are still able to put cotton in the loan in order to take advantage of free storage and carrying charges as long as the AWP stays below the loan rate.

Eradication Hearings Slated for Dec. 14

Two public hearings have been scheduled to provide growers the opportunity to comment on proposed assessment rates for two more High Plains Eradication Zones. Growers in the Northwest Plains Zone and the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone will have the chance to make comments at hearings to be held December 14.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone hearing will be held at 4 p.m., Monday December 14 at the Texas Department of Agriculture's West Regional Office located at 4502 Englewood Ave., in Lubbock. The Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone includes approximately 1 million acres of cotton in 10 counties: Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, Kent, Lubbock, Motley, and part of Lynn and Terry.

The Northwest Plains Zone hearing will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, December 14 at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. The Northwest Plains Zone includes approximately 500,000 acres of cotton in five counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

Growers are encouraged to attend both of these meetings and to present testimony regarding the proposals being put forth by the respective zone advisory committee's.

For more information contact Katie Dickey Stavinocha, Texas Department of Agriculture Special Assistant for Producer Relations at (512) 463-7593.

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Guest speakers for the program include Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist; Vickie Barby, Senior Sales Representative, Merial; and Todd Firkins, Technical Sales Representative, Bayer Agriculture Division.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Merial and Bayer Agriculture Division. You must R.S.V.P. by Monday, December 14 if you plan to eat dinner.

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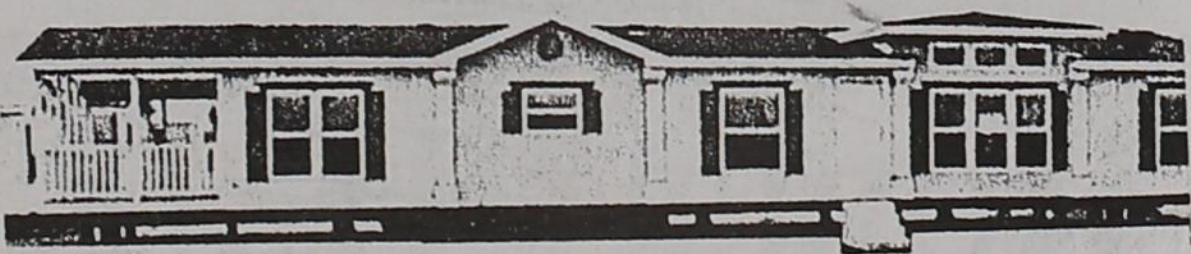


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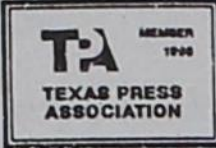


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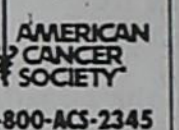
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