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County Attorney enters race for District Judge

Motley County Attorney, Tempie T. Francis, has filed her candidacy as a Republican for District Judge, 110th Judicial District. Mrs. Francis filed her candidacy on the last filing date, January 2. She will run unopposed for the Republican nomination.

Incumbent, District Judge Randy Hollums of Floydada is running as a Democrat and faces no opponents for that nomination.

Hollums and Francis will face each other in the General Election in November.

Local candidates are busy campaigning in the area for the upcoming March 12th Primary elections.

Recently appointed Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith, Republican will face Gale Stafford, also a Republican.

Incumbent Cora Smallwood, Democrat, is unopposed in her bid to retain the Justice of the Peace office.

Kate Hurt, Democrat, is also unopposed in her bid for the Motley

County and District Clerk's office. Mrs. Hurt has been employed as Deputy Clerk in that office for several years.

Republican Eva Barkley is unopposed as a candidate for the Motley County Treasurer's office.

Incumbent J.N. Fletcher, Democrat, will face Timmy Brooks, Democrat, and Russell Alexander, Democrat, for the office of Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Incumbent Donnie Turner, Democrat, will face Republican candidate Bobby Fletcher for the office of Commissioner, Precinct 2.

Democratic and Republican primary elections will be held March 12, 2002. The last day citizens may register to vote in the primary election is February 11.

Those wishing to submit an application for a ballot by mail may contact the county clerk's office between February 8 and March 5. Early voting begins February 25 and ends March 8.

Motley County Commissioners meet in regular monthly court session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for regular session Monday, January 14. Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners, Ronald Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, J.N. Fletcher, and County Clerk Lucretia Campbell were present for the meeting.

Minutes of the last term of Court were read and approved. Reports were presented from the County Treasurer, Tax-Assessor/Collector, Justice of the Peace, and Motley County Library. All reports were approved.

Accounts and claims against the County were presented and approved. The following schedule of fees was hereby adopted by the County and District Court Judges of the 110th Judicial District:

— Misdemeanor - \$200.00

— State Jail, 3rd Degree Felony - \$300.00

— 2nd Degree Felony - 1st Degree Felony - \$350.00.

The above rates are fees to be paid by the county to an appointed attorney representing an indigent. The fee includes mileage and all reimbursable expenses.

At the judge's discretion, upon request by the Court appointed attorney, a rate of \$70 per hour plus expenses, including mileage, may be compensated, instead of the above fixed rate. Mileage will be calculated at a rate of \$0.345 per mile, not to exceed the following amount for each county:

Briscoe County - \$119.08

Dickens County - \$86.12

Floyd County - \$70.12

Motley County - \$111.52.

These amounts are based on the distance from Lubbock.

The felony cases, including capital cases, appointment and reimbursement for reasonable and necessary investigation, mental health and other experts shall be as provided by law and only upon written motion and prior approval of the trail judge for such appointment and anticipated reimbursement.

In exceptional circumstances, the judge may deviate from the above numerations.

In other business, Douglas Campbell, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor for TxDOT, met with the Court to discuss the need for some material for the County's use.

Extension Agents, Mozelle Montano and Lonnie Jenschke met with the Court to inform them that

Mrs. Montano will retire at the end of January. She told the Court that during her time here she has enjoyed getting to know the people and working with the Court. Mr. Jenschke, County Agent, informed the Court that the Junior Livestock Show has been set for March 9 2002.

The Court discussed a matter concerning two gates on County Road 110. This was tabled until Judge Smith can make further investigation into the matter.

AROUND THE COUNTY
News briefs of area events

New drivers license program affects those under 18

The Graduated Driver License Program, created by Senate Bill 577 in 2001, went into effect January 1, 2002. The program creates two phases of driving requirements for minors under age 18.

Grandfather Clause

Any individual who receives either their instruction permit or provisional license before January 1, 2002, will not be affected by the new graduated system. They are grandfathered out of all phases of the new graduated system.

Phase One Requirements

* Applicants under age 18 must hold an instruction permit or hardship license for a minimum of six months before a provisional license is issued. Once the applicant has completed this phase and meets all other current licensing requirements, they "graduate" to phase two—a provisional license with restrictions. (See Phase Two Requirements below).

* The minimum age for the licensed operator required to accompany an instruction permit holder in the front passenger seat increases from 18 to 21.

Phase One Enforcement

* Street enforcement of phase one started in a limited fashion January 1, but only for permits issued after January 1.

* Initially, the permit will be stamped to better assist patrol officers in determining if the new 21-or-over provision for licensees accompanying permit holders applies. This will eventually be replaced by language on the permit itself. If the permit does not specify the 21-or-over provision, the old standard of 18-or-over will still apply and enforcement action may not be applicable.

Phase Two Requirements

Once the applicant has held a driving permit for six months, completes an approved driver education course and reaches their 16th birthday, they are eligible to progress to phase two—a provisional license. In phase two, driving privileges of provisional licensees are restricted for the first six months of issuance. During that six-month period, the applicant may not:

— have more than one passenger under 21 years of age who is not a family member.

— operate a vehicle after midnight and before 5 a.m., unless driving is necessary for employment, school or school-related activities or a medical emergency.

* Please note that the passenger and time limitations in phase two do not apply if the provisional license holder is accompanied by a licensed operator age 21 or older in the front seat.

Miscellaneous:

* Officers must look on the back of the license to determine if enforcement is appropriate. The language under the restriction code will state "TRC 545.424 applies until MMDDYY." If that date has passed or there is no entry, enforcement action is not necessary.

* A law officer cannot use this law as probable cause for a traffic stop.

* The legal driving age in Texas remains 16. (An applicant may still apply for an instruction permit at 15).

* 46 states and the District of Columbia have some form of a graduated driver license system.

Phase Two Enforcement

* Since applicants must have an instruction permit for six months under the new law, patrol enforcement of phase two restrictions will not begin until July 1, 2002.

Water superintendent gives year-end reports

Matador Water Superintendent, Steve Barton, presented a year end report on the landfill and wastewater plant during regular session of the Matador City Council, January 10. Mr. Barton reported that all operations are running smoothly. Mayor Williams informed the Council that there is a possibility of obtaining funds to assist with upgrading these facilities. He plans to check into this further.

Council approved minutes from

the previous meeting and voted to approve the list of expenditures.

Council members also discussed an ordinance governing the release of public information. It was decided to talk to the City's attorney before any action is taken on this matter.

The council reviewed its agreement with Caprock Waste. No action was taken.

Councilman Bert Darsey gave the council information and pricing on installing a drop box at City Hall.

He plans to look into this further and report to the council at a later date.

Council went into closed session at 7:55 p.m. and came out of closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Rodney Williams; Council members Fred Parson, Bert Darsey, Doyle Rose, Jimmy Watson, Shane Jones; Water Superintendent Steve Barton; and Secretary Linda Perryman.

American Legion Soup-R-Saturday scheduled for January 26th

Fleming Post 337 of the American Legion and Unit 337 of the American Legion Auxiliary will conduct their second annual Soup-R-Saturday, January 26, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Motley County Senior Citizens Center.

The Health Fair "roadies" from the VA hospital of Amarillo are going to be on board to check blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, etc.

They also provide counseling on a wide variety of health issues. These free services are for everybody in the community, veterans and non-veterans alike.

A gourmet soup and cornbread meal will be served at noon. The food is free and for everybody. But cash donations will be accepted.

A short ceremony and award presentation is to follow lunch, then the

domino and card games will begin.

A prime beef tenderloin will be given away when the games play out. Tickets for this nutritional opportunity may be purchased at the door for \$3.00 each. Five dollars will buy two tickets.

Musical entertainment for this bash is pending at press time.

More information can be obtained by calling 348-7953.

First Baptist Church to sponsor Women's Banquet

All women of the community are invited to a banquet at First Baptist Church, Matador, on Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Special guest speaker will be Melissa Griswold of Canyon. Ms. Griswold, an energetic and entertaining young woman who spent four years as a missionary in South Africa, is currently a teacher and hospital chaplain.

The banquet, to be hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will begin with a salad supper, and everyone is invited to bring a friend. (Those attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women.)

In order to provide adequate seating, guests are asked to notify the church before Wednesday, February 6. To do this or to receive more information, call Elaine Risser (347-2345 or 347-2782), Lana Copp (347-2425), or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).



News from the Lions

by Penny Pipkin

Pancake Supper set for January 25

The Matador Lions Club would like to extend special thanks to the Assembly of God Church as well as the students of the Motley County Independent School District for their efforts in collecting over 1700 pounds of canned goods, which along with Community Chest, donated hams went to make up 25 baskets of food which was distributed to local families during the holiday season. It has become tradition for the school class gathering the most food to enjoy a Lions Club donated pizza lunch in recognition of this achievement. This year both the Seventh Grade and the Senior Class will share in this culinary treat. Congratulations to both!

The Lions Club would like to wel-

come new member, Mr. Gale Stafford, to its roster. He will be sworn in at the January 15 meeting, along with the program presented by Game Warden, Mr. Tim Davey, and the delicious lunch prepared by Mrs. Betty Bearden.

The annual Lions Club "All You Can Eat" Pancake Supper will take place at the Motley County School Cafeteria on Friday, January 25, beginning at 5:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to watch your esteemed local business leaders and law enforcement officers prepare pancakes, serve sausage, slop syrup, maneuver mops and dry dirty dishes! We'll see you there.

Sr. Citizens Center to sponsor fun night

The Motley County Senior Citizens Center will sponsor a fun night, Thursday, January 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The evening is for all ages, and everyone is invited to come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship.

Those attending are asked to bring their favorite finger foods or snacks, and games. The center will furnish coffee and tea.

The center is planning to sponsor this event once a month. There will be no charge. For more information call the center at 347-2496 or Frances Hobbs at 347-2734.

Kid's Praise set for January 30

All children in the community, two years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, January 30, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all.

The regular February meeting date has been moved back one week to January 30, and the meeting earlier in January was canceled.

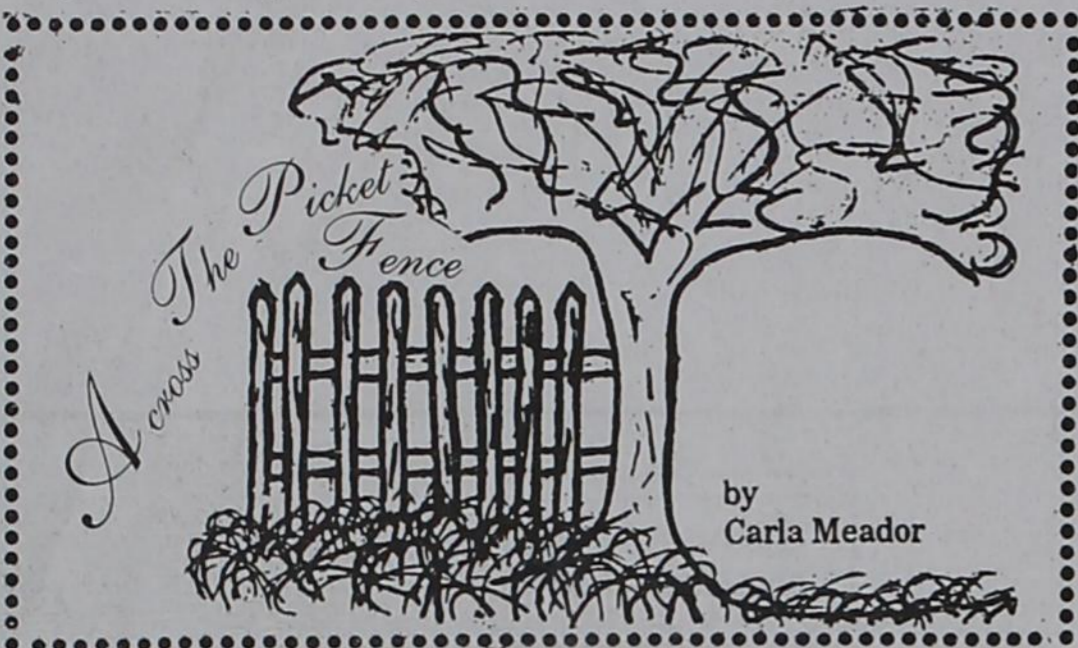
Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

Chamber Meeting Rescheduled

The monthly Motley County Chamber of Commerce meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 7:30 at the Library in Matador due to unforeseen conflicts. On the agenda is discussion about a plan to clean up and fix Bob's Oil Well using volunteer help, equipment and supplies.

Another topic of interest will be the Chamber's role in the 70 mile garage sale planned for May 4-5 by the Texas Highway 70 Assn. In addition, signage and billboard sites will be discussed for advertising businesses on and, especially, off the main transportation arteries of Texas 70 and US 70.

All board members are urged to attend this crucial planning session to kick off the year 2002. In addition, anyone with an interest in promoting the businesses of Motley County is invited to attend and offer ideas and suggestions.



Although I am still writing 2001 on everything, 2002 is in full swing and we have had time to think of Christmas past of 2001. Christmas was so close to the tragic events of September 11, a day that this world will never forget. A day that changed most Americans in some way.

I received the following from a friend, and wanted to print it a little closer to Christmas, but room did not permit.

25 ways Christmas was different this year

1. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have; this Christmas we were thinking about all the things we do have.
2. Last Christmas we were placing wreaths on the doors of our homes; this Christmas we were placing wreaths on the graves of our heroes.
3. Last Christmas we were letting our sons play with toy guns; this Christmas we were teaching them that guns are not toys.
4. Last Christmas we were counting our money; this Christmas, we were counting our blessings.
5. Last Christmas we paid lip service to the real meaning of the holidays; this Christmas we were paying homage to it.
6. Last Christmas we were lighting candles to decorate; this Christmas we were lighting candles to commemorate.
7. Last Christmas we were digging deep into our bank accounts to find money to fly home for the holidays; this Christmas we were digging deep into our souls to find courage to do so.
8. Last Christmas we were trying not to let annoying relatives get the best of us; this Christmas we were trying to give the best of ourselves to them.
9. Last Christmas we thought it was enough to celebrate the holidays; this Christmas we knew we must also find ways to consecrate them.
10. Last Christmas we thought a man who could rush down a football field was a hero; this Christmas we know a man who rushes into a burning building is the real one.
11. Last Christmas we were thinking about the madness of the holidays; this Christmas we were thinking about the meaning of them.
12. Last Christmas we were get-

ting on one another's nerves; this Christmas we were getting on our knees.

13. Last Christmas we were giving thanks for gifts from stores; this Christmas we were giving thanks for gifts from God.

14. Last Christmas we were wondering how to give our children all the things that money can buy - the hottest toys, the latest fashions, the newest gadgets; this Christmas we were wondering how to give them all the things it can't - a sense of security, safety, peace.

15. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the pressure we are under at the office; this Christmas we were thinking about the people that no longer have an office to go to.

16. Last Christmas we were singing carols; this Christmas we were singing anthems.

17. Last Christmas we were thinking how good it would feel to be affluent; this Christmas we were thinking how good it feels to be alive.

18. Last Christmas we thought angels were in heaven; this Christmas we know some are right here on earth.

19. Last Christmas we were contemplating all the changes we wanted to make in the New Year; this Christmas we were contemplating all the changes we will have to make in this new reality.

20. Last Christmas we believed in the power of the pocketbook; this Christmas we believe in the power of prayer.

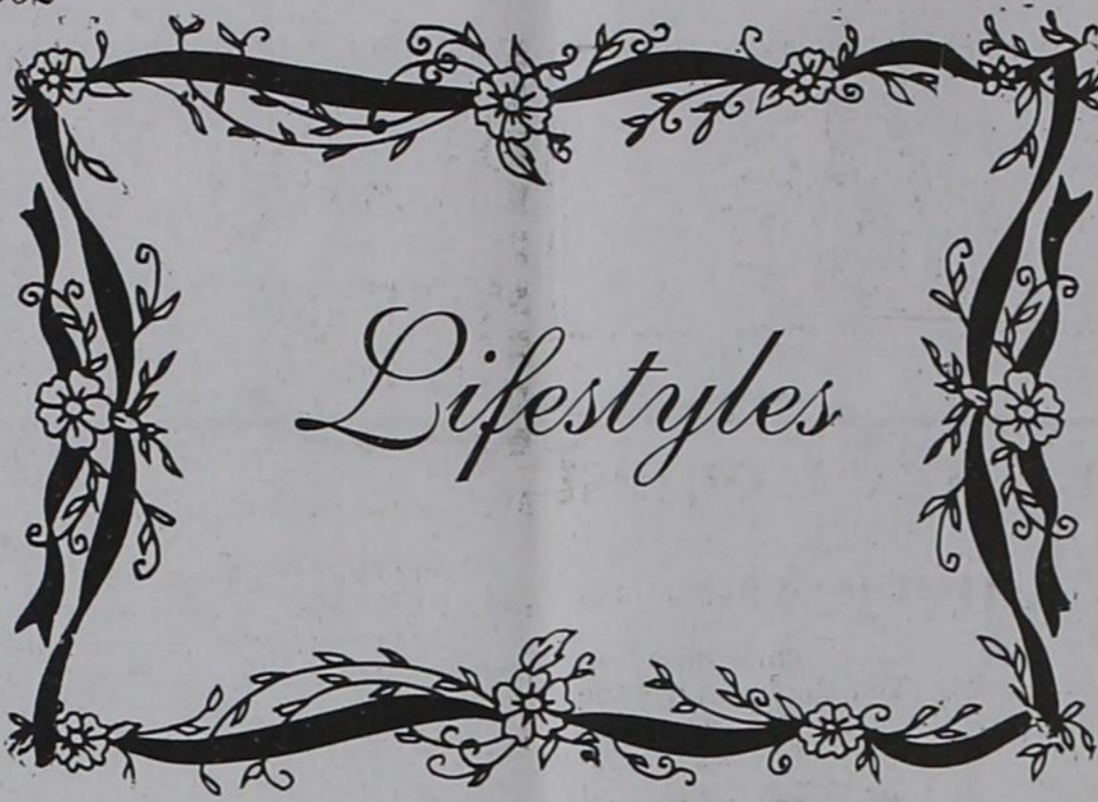
21. Last Christmas we were sharing/spreading/listening to gossip; this Christmas we were sharing/spreading/listening to the gospel.

22. Last Christmas we were complaining about how much of our earnings went to pay taxes; this Christmas we comprehend that freedom isn't free.

23. Last Christmas we valued things that were costly; this Christmas we value things that are holy.

24. Last Christmas the people we idolized wore football, basketball and baseball uniforms; this Christmas the people we idolize wear police, firefighter, and military uniforms.

25. Last Christmas "peace on earth" was something we prayed for on Sunday mornings; now it is something we pray for every day.



Juanita Skinner is featured guest at recent Do Gooders club meeting

Mrs. Juanita Skinner of Quitaque was the featured guest at the Do Gooders' meeting Tuesday afternoon, January 8th at the Community Center.

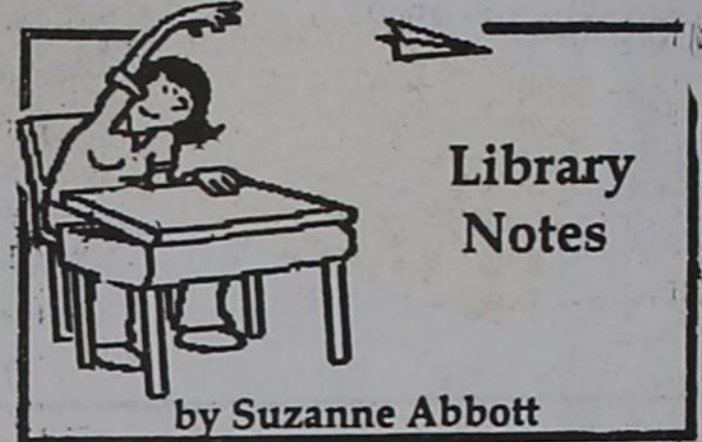
Mrs. Skinner demonstrated her artistic talent when showing members how to make decorative bows of every design and color for packages and gifts. Sarah Clay, five year old granddaughter of Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, sang a patriotic solo of "God Bless America" using sign language she had learned from Amber Stark.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon conducted the business meeting. The following were elected to serve as officers of the club in 2002: President, Mrs. Waydette Clay; vice president, Mrs. B. Rogers; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Alma Shorter and reporter, Mrs. Geneva Martin. Rather than a program chairman, hostesses at each meeting will be in charge of the arrangements. In other business, they

voted to meet each Monday and Wednesday afternoons until the quilts for customers are completed. Mrs. Christeen Gilbert and Mrs. Edith Washington sent their regrets they would be unable to continue as members of the club due to illness.

Hostesses, Mrs. Trula Martin and Mrs. Genva Martin presided at a table laid with a beautiful purple cloth with silver stars. The centerpiece was a lovely purple and red silk flower arrangement in a red vase. They served dips and chips, cake squares, cookies and hot cranberry punch.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon was pleased with the soup mixes she won in the raffle ticket drawing. Other members attending were Mesdames Nada Starkey, Waydette Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Leona Degan, Trula Martin, Geneva Martin, Alma Shorter, Kathy Shorter, Anna Beth Clay and B. Rogers.



Books new to the library include Steve Shagan's *Pillars of Fire* and *The Formula*. We also have Frederick Forsyth's *The First of God* and Jack Higgins' *The White House Connection*. In addition, Ken Follett's *Night Over Water* and Tom Clancy's *Every Man a Tiger*. Come in and check one of these or the many others that are new to our library.

We appreciate the memorial donations that we received last week. We thank Pansy Spray for her donation in memory of Glynard Moore and in memory of Judine McCaghen. We also thank Earline Vaughn for her donation in memory of Glynard Moore. Thanks go to Tommie Jo Cruse for her donation in memory of

Glynard Moore. We appreciate the donation by Rusty Birchfield, in memory of Glynard Moore. We also thank Opal and Charlie Johnson for their donation in memory of Glynard Moore. Thanks go to Rita Groves for her donation in memory of Judine McCaghen.

Do you have January 29, 2002, on your calendar? That's the date of the next book discussion on Ben K. Green's *The Village Horse Doctor West of the Pecos*. This discussion is certain to be lively and interesting. We have the book in the library for you to check out and read. Dr. Clint Burns will lead the discussion at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Matador First Baptist Church to begin Bible Study

The Matador First Baptist Church will begin a six-week Bible study by Beth Moore, "Living Free." The workshop will be led by Lana Copp and will begin Tuesday, January 15. There will be two sessions, at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The workbook

will cost \$9.00, there is no charge for the study. All women of the county, all denominations, are invited to attend.

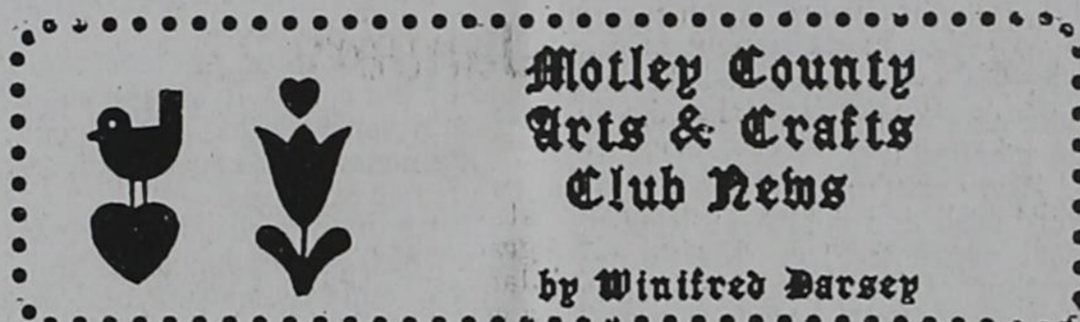
For more information contact Lana Copp at 347-2425.

Community Volunteers plan Sweetheart Supper

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers made plans to sponsor a Sweetheart Supper, Saturday, February 9, when they met January 8. A valentine theme will be used and along with the good food, there will be musical entertainment and door prizes. The cost of the supper will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years of age. Club members invite those planning a valentine date, to remember this fun activity. The supper will be held at the Com-

munity Center in Roaring Springs and proceeds will go to maintenance of the building. Tickets will be sold early and at the door.

In other business, a new slate of officers was elected. Corky Marshall was elected president, Monta Marshall secretary, Lea Peacock, treasurer, and Kim Fletcher, Vice-President. Suzanne Abbott was appointed as Historian and Darleen Fletcher, Reporter.



Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts & Crafts club members met January 7 at the Senior Citizens Center for their first meeting of the new year.

The program for the day was a workshop of painting on glass. It was a great program and enlivened the day for all. The subject was birds.

Leola McKelvey and Linda Ruhl were instructors for the day. They had patterns ready for everyone. The birds made beautiful pictures. There were red, blue, yellow and other colors used. The results were outstanding. Most lovers of birds would love these pictures.

It was a pleasure to paint these birds. The teachers were a great help to the members. Serendipity re-

signed throughout the day. The club dined with the Senior Citizens at lunch. It was nutritious and delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

President Joy Archer presided over a brief business meeting.

Members present were Joy Archer, Betty Henry, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Billie Koon, Lorene Lancaster, Nan Lumpkin, Dorothy Knight, Joyce Meredith, Linda Ruhl, Grace Evelyn Garrison, Leola McKelvey, Kathryn Russell, Nova Dale Turner, Shirley Smith and Winifred Darsey.

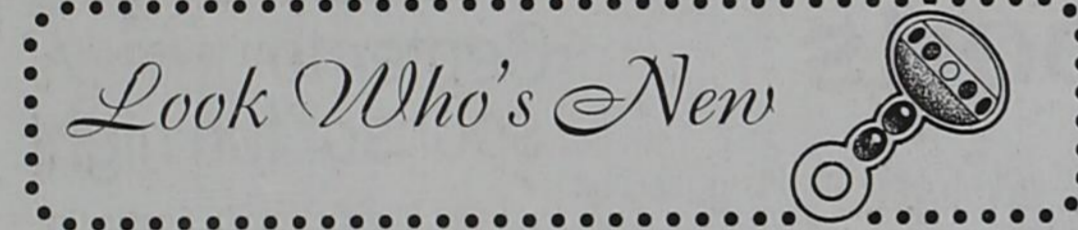
Nan Lumpkin will instruct the February program. The club will learn to make sweet fluffs. See you there!

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Look Who's New

Skylar Alyson Blount

Scott and Heather Blount of Lubbock are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Skylar Alyson, born on Friday, January 4, 2002 at 11:44 a.m. at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed six pounds, twelve ounces and was 19 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Johnney and Carol Ann Turner of Flomot and Ben and Irene Blount of Paducah. Great grandparents are Mrs. Carolyn Luckenbach of Silverton, Mrs. Geogia Ann Rekieta and Donald Blount of Paducah.

Tatum Rain Guerrero

Three-year-old Sage Guerrero would like to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Tatum Rain.

Proud parents are Gilbert and Zacha Guerrero of Matador. Grandparents are Franklin and Dixie Harris of Floydada, Frances Guerrero of Plainview and Alex and Janie Guerrero of Childress.

The Danger of Self-Sufficiency



And Jesus said to them: "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my

goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The attitude of self-sufficiency is often encouraged by two subtle but dangerous schools of thought: (1) "If you are really "mature" you won't have any needs. (2) If you are doing what you are supposed to be doing then you will not have any needs. Our Lord condemned this kind of thinking in the Revelation chapter 3:17-18.

When we refuse to acknowledge God and our need of Him, then what follows is a lack of involvement in the human relationships. And that is sad.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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Bible Study - 10 am

Worship - 9 am

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Motley County School News



SCHOOL MENU



Motley County Jr. High Boy's Maverick team listens for instructions from Coach Green at Monday night's game with Spur. The Mavericks will face Jayton, January 21.

Jr. High students participate in Essay Contest

by Amanda Hurt

Motley County Game Warden, Ted Davey, visited the Motley County 7th and 8th graders on Friday, January 4, to inform them of a youth deer hunt which will take place on Pitchfork Ranch, January 19. The hunt is sponsored by the Mesquite County Outfitters and the Pitchfork Ranch, along with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Students participating were required to write an essay on the top-

ics, "The differences between conservation and preservation," and "What can be done in your home area to improve the wildlife populations through conservation?"

The requirements for the contest were as follows:

- Never harvested a deer
- Seldom have an opportunity to hunt
- Boys and girls can participate
- If selected, required to purchase \$6 special resident hunting license

Essays were to be turned in by Monday, January 14.

Winners were announced on Wednesday. From the seventh grade winners are Perry Whitaker and Jerry Whitaker. Winners in the eighth grade are Colton Russell and Chance Bingham. A representative from County Outfitters or Texas Parks and Wildlife will contact the winners prior to the hunt and take them out for rifle practice. Congratulations to the winners.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Breakfast: Waffle, Syrup, Sausage, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Chips, Jello, Milk.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Breakfast: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecued Ribs, Pinto Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Fish Sticks, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Hush Puppies, Dessert, Milk.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Yogurt, Milk.
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, Onion, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25:

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce.
Lunch: King Ranch Casserole, Salad, Texas Toast, Yogurt, Milk.



The Lady Mavericks in action against Spur. The Jr. High basketball teams have three games left for this season. photos by Cassie Campbell

Have you thanked a School Board member?

January is School Board Recognition Month. School Board members exemplify local citizen control and decision making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for every child in our community. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children - what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one which should not be taken lightly.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who serve as advocates for our schools. The staff and students of our district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children."

So hats off to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of Motley County ISD whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible.

Student pictures scheduled for January 22

Elementary class pictures, for students in Pre-K through Sixth grade, are scheduled for Tuesday, January 22. Pictures of the class as a group will be taken and of each individual student.

To purchase a group picture, prepayment of \$9.00 is required. Individual pictures are on the proof plan. Parents will receive a copy of the picture, so they may make purchase decisions.

High School and Jr. High basketball pictures will also be taken at this time. These pictures must be pre-paid. Coaches will distribute envelopes. Basketball pictures will begin about lunch.

It will take about six weeks for the pictures to come in.

January Clearance!
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Texans can stop telemarketing calls

Residential phone customers in Texas who want to stop receiving telemarketing calls can subscribe to a "do-not-call" list. The Texas Legislature passed and Gov. Rick Perry signed house Bill 472, also known as the Texas Telemarketing Disclosure and Privacy Act. It directs the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to establish a statewide do-not-call list for customers who want to stop telemarketing calls," said the bill's author, State Representative Burt Solomons of Carrollton.

Customers can place their name, residential phone number and address on the do not call list by using one of three different methods:

- Online - www.texasnocall.com for instant registration. The site is available 24/7.
- By phone - call toll-free, 1-866-TXNOCAL(L) (896-6225) to an automated voice attendant system.
- By Mail - request an application from TEXAS NO CALL, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, MA 02032.

The toll-free phone line and Website was activated on Jan. 1, 2002. The law allows the PUC to charge customers up to three dollars to remain on the do-not-call list for three years. The charge is \$2.25. Customers may pay by credit card or by mailing a check or money order with a completed registration form to the above mailing address.

Telemarketers calling into Texas must buy the do-not-call list for \$45 every three months. Additions to the list will be updated quarterly. The first list will be available to telemarketers on April 1, 2002. Telemarketers are required to update their own lists within 60 days after the do-not call list is updated.

Inclusion on the do-not-call list may not eliminate all telemarketing calls. Companies can still call you if you have an established business relationship with them or if the telemarketer holds a state license, including insurance agents, real estate agents and stockbrokers. How-

ever, a state licensee must complete any sales transaction or payment with a face-to-face meeting. In addition, a state licensee also can not use an automated dialing system nor call a customer who has told the licensee not to make telemarketing calls. Debt collectors, charities and non-profit organizations are exempt from the law.

A separate law passed in 1999 establishes a do-not-call list of retail providers for electric customers. The cost for this list is \$2.55 for five years. Unlike the general do-not-call list, the electric do-not-call list may include business telephone numbers. However, for residential customers, subscribing to the general do-not-call list encompasses all types of telephone solicitors including electric utilities.

Telemarketers who violate the law are subject to penalties up to \$1,000 per violation. More information is available on-line at <http://www.puc.state.tx.us>

DPS urges Texans to resolve to drive better

Many people make New Year's resolutions regarding diets or breaking bad habits. Instead of emphasizing the negative in 2002, why not focus on something positive that will show immediate results? Resolve to drive better.

Some ideas for live-changing New Year's resolutions:

- Make buckling up everyone in your vehicle before you start the engine a habit. The latest statistics show that nearly half of those killed in traffic collisions were not properly restrained.

- Drive sober. Drunk driving kills hundreds and injures or maims thousands in Texas every year. A DWI conviction gives you a criminal history for life.
- Slow down - even a little. When you combine driving over the speed limit and unsafe speed under the limit, speed is the leading contributing factor in fatal wrecks. Remember to reduce your speed when weather, construction or other road conditions warrant.
- Drive courteously. Don't forget your manners when you get behind

the wheel and fall into the road rage trap. Courtesy and anger are both contagious on the roadway. Which would you rather spread?

- Put the cell phone down. A cell phone can save your life, but it can also end it if used improperly.
- Don't tailgate. You need that space between you and the vehicle in front of you in case unforeseen problems arise.
- Obey traffic control devices.

DPS troopers will be out in force Saturday, December 29 through Tuesday, January 1 to encourage drivers to keep Texas roadways safe.

Thornberry pleased with congress' 2001 accomplishments

Washington D.C. - With congress set to adjourn for the year, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) recently outlined what he thought were some of the key accomplishments in Washington this year.

"This has been a fairly productive year in Washington," Thornberry said. "Some of the things I've been pushing for several years were passed in the House this year - things like tax relief, a comprehensive energy plan, and a new farm bill."

"We've made a good start on the war against terrorism, but there is a lot of work left to do."

Thornberry noted that in response to the war on terrorism Congress passed legislation that will se-

cure our Nation while giving proper support to our military. Congress has taken action to:

Protect Transportation Security. This plan establishes strict federal guidelines for airport security and gives President Bush the flexibility he needs to implement them.

Enhance Domestic Security. Signed by the President, the PATRIOT Act includes domestic provisions that strengthen control of our borders, improve information sharing among law enforcement, enhance foreign intelligence tools, increase penalties for terrorism, broaden the definition of terrorist acts, and protect against abuse of new police powers.

Protect Public Health Security. This measure is designed to better prepare America for bioterrorist threats or other public health emergencies by improving America's ability to respond effectively and quickly to such threats.

Strengthen the Nation's Military. Just three days after the attacks, the House responded with an authorization for the use of force against those responsible. Also, the Defense Authorization Act, passed by Congress, ensures that the military's needs are met while providing 45.2 million dollars for the construction of three new facilities at Sheppard Air Force Base and an additional 40 million dollars for infrastructure improvements, stockpile stewardship, and security at the Pantex Plant.

Dealing with other national priorities, Congress has worked to:

Provide Across the Board Tax Relief. The president has signed legislation that provides a permanent reduction of individual income tax rates. This relief repeals the marriage and death taxes, doubles the child tax credit to \$1,000 and increases IRA contribution limits to \$5,000.

Provide a Balanced Energy Plan. The House passed the SAFE Act, which decreases our dependence on foreign oil, promotes conservation, and provides clean, affordable, and available energy to Americans.

Provide a New Farm Bill. The House passed the Farm Security Act, a measure designed to strengthen the safety net for American agriculture producers while continuing to give them flexibility to plant what they want to plant.

Strengthen Education. The House and Senate passed the No Child Left Behind Act, which would improve accountability, expand choices for parents, give state and local school districts more flexibility by reducing federal strings, and protect school prayer.

Secure the Economy. The House passed an economic security bill aimed at creating jobs and keeping the recession as brief and shallow as possible by, among other things, providing health care tax credits and unemployment assistance to displaced workers and relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Family & Consumer News

By Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences



DRUG PREVENTION

The most effective drug strategies for preventing drug use and keeping drugs out of our schools and neighborhoods are those that mobilize all the elements of the community in a cooperative plan of attack.

There are several potential reasons kids may be increasing use and lessening their concern about consequences of drugs, says Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent.

New generations of youth, replaced by generation who actually saw, experienced, or knew more about drugs adverse effects.

Media coverage of anti-drug ads has declined.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

There's an interesting painting in the Chicago Art Institute by Ivan Albright.

It's a door that's shaped like the lid of an old casket. It's scarred, and it's covered by a wreath of wilted flowers. It's titled, "THAT WHICH I SHOULD HAVE DONE I DID NOT DO."

A garden that's neglected runs into weeds. A body that's neglected soon wastes away. A life that's neglected is a life that's lost. A soul that's neglected is a soul that will perish. Neglect will ruin you.

The Bible asks, "How shall we escape, if we neglect such a great salvation?"

More of today's parents may have used drugs when they were teens, and therefore, may feel hypocritical telling their own kids not to use drugs.

Kids today are receiving more messages of encouragement through rap, grunge, and rock music with drug themes in their lyrics and in their concerts.

More public proponents of legalization trying to minimize the consequences of drugs, particularly marijuana, to support their own public agenda. Thus, giving the reassurance about the safety of drugs, and somewhat more encouragement to use.

Cigarette smoking acts as a training ground for learning how to smoke marijuana, which then acts as a gateway to taking other dangerous drugs, including alcohol.

Form Community Coalitions, be sure to include the following groups in your coalition.

- Youth and recreation groups
- Health Care Professionals
- Local business community
- Civic organizations
- Legal professionals (law enforcement officers, community officials, etc.)

Develop a Community Prevention Plan with many neighborhood volunteers. Professionals can be helpful in planning, but local people are the essential element.

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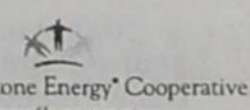


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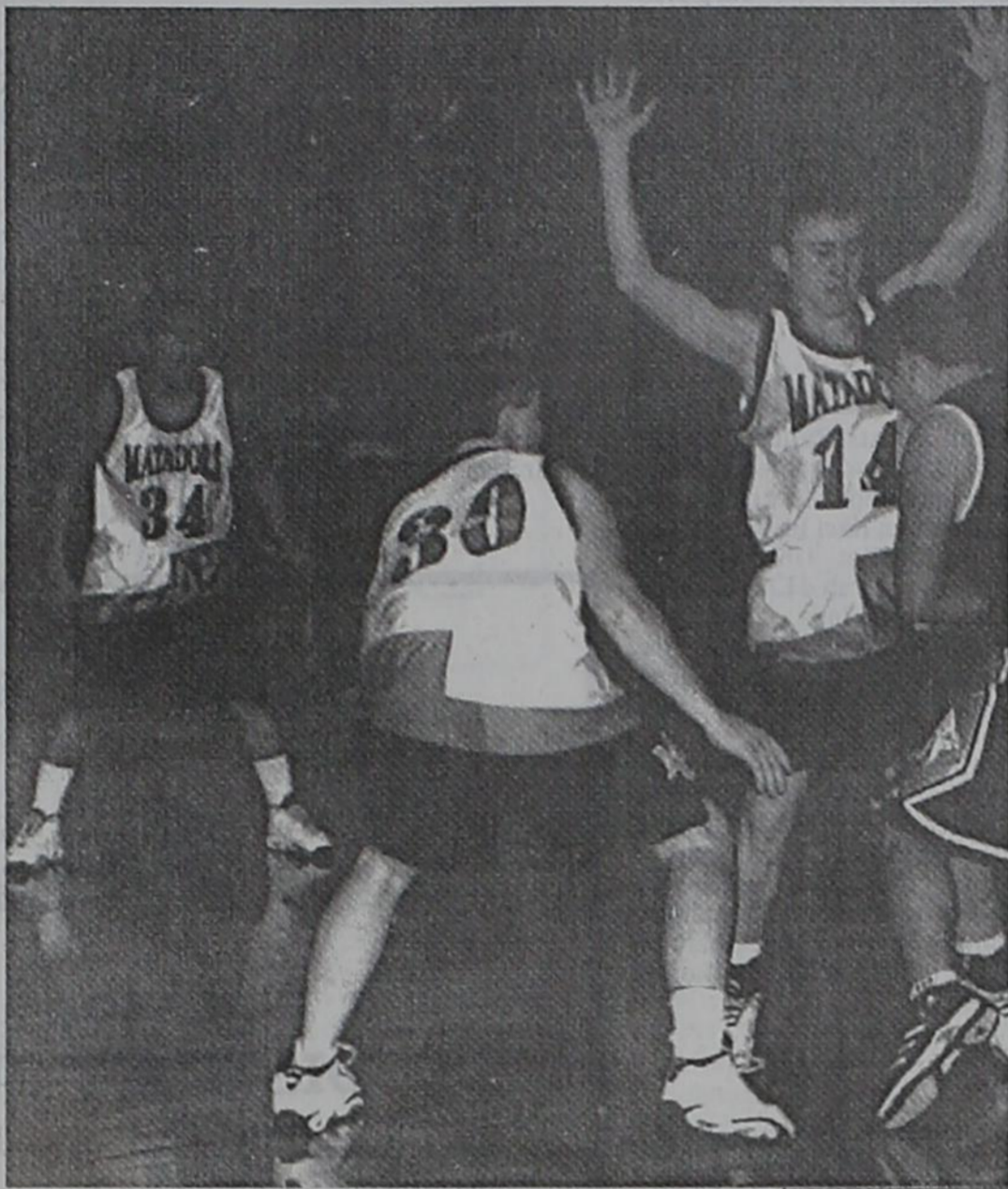


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photos by Sherry Rose

DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:
Jan. 8	Spur	There	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	Jayton	Here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Guthrie	There	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Patton Sp.	Here	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Spur	Here	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	Jayton	There	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	Guthrie	Here	6:30 p.m.
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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

Pearl Patten and Mary Lumsden shopped in Plainview Saturday.

Ray Zabielski was taken to Lubbock Covenant Hospital Sunday morning. He had a bypass Monday morning. His wife and family are there with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow of Guthrey, OK visited from Friday until Sunday with her sister, Zella Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker and Blair, and Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker went to Gruver, Texas, December 22, for the weekend to attend the wedding of their son and grandson, Brad Thacker and Weslyn Maupin of Gruver. Sadly the group returned to Gruver on Monday, January 7, for the funeral of Wes Maupin, father of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker went to Abilene Sunday to visit their son and family, John and Jana Thacker, and Matt, Melanie, and Amy.

Lester Mullins and his mother, Odessa Mullins attended the Commencement Exercises at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Saturday, for Kelly Odell, who graduated from Wayland Baptist University, Lubbock Campus, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. They were joined there by Mona Darrow of Samnorwoy, Ross Odell from Richardson and Mike Odell from Plano.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

J.R. and Sam Swim honored their father, J.T. Swim, with a surprise birthday dinner at the Caprock Cafe in Dickens on Sunday, January 13. Family members attending were the honoree J.T. and Imogene Swim, J.R. Swim of Abilene, Sam and Reba Swim, Ruston, Trish Swim and Jacob and Kimberly, Edward Swim, all of Lubbock, and J.T.'s sister, Lula Swim, local resident. Sam and Reba Swim, J.R. Swim and Lula came back to J.T. and Imogene's for birthday cake that afternoon.

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Enjoying coffee and goodies at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall on Monday morning were Rev. Paul Stearns, Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Larry Watson, Lea Peacock, Cleo Watson, Reva Sweeney, Corky Marshall, Gale Stafford, Zella Palmer, Dennis and Donald Letkeman, Lula Swim, and Dean McInroe.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

JoEtta Bumgardner was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild when it met at the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday night, January 9. Pearl Patten was in charge and she gave the blessing for the food. Callie Giesecke read the minutes, which were approved. Pearl Patten presented the devotional, "When Temptation Comes," using scripture from Matthew 4:3.

Chelsea Read gave the study on Women in Two Parables. The first parable she used was from Luke 18. The second parable was from Luke 15.

The next meeting will be held on January 16 at the fellowship hall.

The guild, or ladies of the church, will be in charge of the service on Sunday, January 20.

Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mary Lumsden, Jo Crowder, Donald Letkeman, and Lula Swim.

Chelsea Read dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

FLOMOT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS

Billy Shannon has been elected president and wife, Suzie Shannon, secretary and treasurer of the Flomot Cemetery Association for a two year term, 2002 to 2004.

The annual membership fees are due and any Memorials can be sent to Box 43, Flomot, Texas 79234.

Mrs. B. Rogers and Mrs. Leona Degan visited in Calgary, Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan and grandson, Kyle Degan of Crosbyton.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall are her sister and brother.

Robin March and Danny March of Westminister, California.

Mrs. Jack Starkey attended to business in Plainview, Thursday.

The birthday of Mary Ellen Barton was celebrated Sunday with a luncheon and all the trimmings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay.

Mrs. Clois Shorter visited Thursday and Friday night in Petersburg with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. Haley was ill. Emily visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Shorter.

Mary Ellen Barton visited Monday and Wednesday in Floydada with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. It is a personal satisfaction to live in such a friendly location!

HAS ACCIDENT

Spencer Dixon was conveyed by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Tuesday, January 8th following an accident when working with livestock. He suffered a broken right arm that resulted in extensive surgery.

He returned home Friday and was in Lubbock, Monday, January 14th for a medical check up. His wife, Wilda was with him during surgery and hospitalization.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mrs. Frances Dixon were daughter and husband, Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador and granddaughter, Kaci Risser, student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. They celebrated Elaine's birthday with all the trimmings.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper were in Amarillo, Wednesday for medical appointments. Mrs. Cooper is on the sick list this week.

Ryan Martin returned to Stephenville, Sunday where he is a student at Tarleton University, after visiting the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin.

Visiting from Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter, Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M.

Obituaries

Marvin Leary

Services for Marvin Leary, 93, of Childress were held Friday, January 11, 2002, in the First Baptist Church of Estelline with the Rev. Kerry Wood, minister of music, First Baptist Church of Childress, and the Rev. B.G. Hill, First Baptist Church of Estelline, officiating. Mr. Leary died Tuesday, January 7, 2002, in Childress. Burial was in Hulver Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

He was born March 31, 1908 at Memphis. He was a retired farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel, in 1999; one son, Dan Leary, in 1931; two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include one son, Ed Leary, of Childress; one brother, Morris Leary, of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Unice Nail, of Orman Beach, Fla.; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Jessie Lee Lancaster

Graveside rites for Jessie Lee Lancaster, 96, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Officiating was Ted Kingery of Silverton. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Lancaster died Saturday afternoon, January 12, 2002, at a private care facility in Lubbock.

She was born December 22, 1905, at LaFayette, TN. She was married to Joe S. Lancaster October 12, 1929, at Matador. Mr. Lancaster died January 19, 1947.

Mrs. Lancaster received a B.A. degree from Abilene Christian University and a M.A. degree from West Texas State University and had taught school in Northfield, Roaring Springs and Post. Prior to her retirement she was named Woman of the Year by the Post Chamber of Commerce for her teaching excellence. She had been a resident of Lubbock for the past twenty-four years, and was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Joe H. Lancaster of Lubbock; one daughter, Palma Smiley of Lubbock; and one granddaughter.

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Matador News

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Mrs. Loys Campbell is a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a one vehicle accident Friday, January 11th. She was on a rural postal route between McAdoo and Afton when she lost control of her car. Among the injuries she suffered was a broken ankle. She had surgery Sunday morning. The car was declared a total loss.

Lamar Tilson and son Tommy, arrived late Tuesday night, January 8, on Lamar's birthday, to visit his mother, June

Tilson and brother, Thomas. They brought lovely and useful Christmas gifts. It was a wonderful visit for all, but too short. Lamar and Tommy left on Thursday, January 10 to return to their home in Boyd.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Childress
Contract 6081-16-001 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in HALL COUNTY, etc. will be opened on February 06, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$772,816.81.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 5616

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

District Office(s)
Childress District
District Engineer
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Childress, Texas 79201
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District: Childress
Contract 0098-01-032 for SAFETY TREAT DRAINAGE STRUCTURES & WIDEN in HARDEMAN County, etc. will be opened on February 06, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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Farm Service Agency News

by Debbie Shaw, CED



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Producers that sustained losses on 2000-year crops grown for food and fiber are eligible to apply. Farmers will be compensated if their losses exceed 35 percent of historic yields.

The Quality Loss Program assists producers who suffered at least a 20 percent loss in the quality of their 2000-year crop due to weather-re-

lated disasters. To qualify for a payment producers must provide documentation showing the quality loss of the harvested crop.

Some producers may have received payments due to quality losses under the 2000 CDP. QLP payments will be reduced by the portion of the disaster payment attributed to quality losses.

The combined total payment issued for the programs is limited to \$80,000 per "person."

County Agent's Report

by Lonnie Jensechke - Motley County Extension Agent



"NO CALL LISTS" EFFECTIVE IN TEXAS THIS YEAR

On January 1, Texans were given a way to reduce unwanted telemarketing calls. The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) produced two "no call" lists for consumers. The first list is a general "do not call" list. Every telemarketing business in Texas is given a list of customers who do not wish to be solicited. However, nonprofit and charity organizations, telemarketers who already have a business relationship with a customer, or companies attempting to collect a debt are exempted from the system. By paying a \$2.25 fee, consumers will be eliminated from receiving the calls from unwanted Texas telemarketers for three years. The second list, called the "electric no call list," applies only to retail electric providers and the consumer's electric service. A \$2.55 fee is placed on this service.

RESEARCH LOOKS FOR WEIGHT GAIN GENES IN STEERS

Feedlots and consumers may save billions in feed and beef costs due to recent Texas A&M studies. Every steer is different in how it converts feed into pounds of weight gained. This research is looking for genetic variation in how this process occurs. Residual feed intake compares actual and predicted feed consumption. Beef researcher Gordon Carstens says researchers hope to learn whether steers that eat less than predicted do so because they have lower maintenance requirements. Researchers will be able to look for genetic markers unique to animals identified as having a higher feed efficiency that is independent of size and growth. Such genetic markers include an animal's metabolism and how it reacts to stress.

NEW CROP CAN MINE NICKEL AT LOW COST

The USDA has created a revolutionary process where plants can actually mine nickel and other metals from the ground. The procedure, called phytomining, is a commercially feasible process where plants gather metal through their roots. This method is much more environmentally friendly than using machin-

ery to mine for the metals. Researchers combined several plant species that absorb large amounts of metals through their root systems. They then created this commercial crop that is capable of absorbing nickel, cobalt, and other materials. After harvest, the crop is burned, and the metal is produced in the ash. The crop will not only cleanse contaminated soil but will also provide a more valuable cash crop than traditional crops planted in the same area.

NORTHWEST TEXAS AG CONFERENCE

The Northwest Texas AG Conference will be held January 22 in Memphis at the Memphis Community Center from 8:00 - 3:00. Registration Fee of \$5. The conference is a joint effort of the Extension in Motley, Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Hall, Hardeman, King, Donley, and the District 3 Extension Agricultural specialist from Vernon.

This conference offers a wealth of knowledge on several important topics. Those who attend can earn six Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for their private or commercial pesticide applicator licenses.

Speakers at the Conference will cover these topics:

- 1) Anthrax, Foot and Mouth, West Nile, and Mad cow disease; Buddy Faries - Extension Program Leader Veterinary Medicine.
 - 2) Cotton and Peanut Weed Control; Peter Dotray, Extension Weed Specialist.
 - 3) Cotton Pest Management Without the Boll Weevil; Emory Boring, Extension Entomologist.
 - 4) Karnel Bunt (A disease of Wheat), Rolling Plains Minimum Tillage Review; Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist.
 - 5) Alternate Crop Production (Sunflower and Guar); Calvin Trostle, Agronomist.
 - 6) Agronomist Update in Peanuts; Robert Lemon, Extension Agronomist.
 - 7) Disease Management and Fungicide Update in Peanut; Chip Lee, Extension Pathologist.
- Producers can obtain more information on this event by calling the Motley County Extension Office (806) 347-2733, or by contacting Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Hall, Hardeman, King, Donley County Extension Offices.

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COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

BCC PROVIDES WEALTH OF INSIGHT/INFORMATION

The cotton industry's annual gathering to exchange information, catch up on the latest technology and predict the future is underway in Atlanta, Georgia this week.

The 2002 Beltwide Cotton Conference have once again proven to be a focal point for the industry and the setting for memorable comments.

This year's "call to arms" was issued by Anderson D. Warlick, CEO of Parkdale Mills, Castonia, North Carolina. Scheduled to discuss the 2002 U.S. Textile Outlook, Warlick announced at the start that he wasn't really going to talk about that particular topic.

Instead he announced the revised title of his talk as "Free Trade: What type of yarn are we spinning?"

As the title implied, Warlick emphasized the terrible price the U.S. textile industry has been paying over the past year. That price, in his view, has primarily been the result of the hand-tying trade concessions and U.S. policy positions that have hampered the industry's ability to compete on the so-called level playing field that has been promised.

He noted that something needs to change and that a bleak future could be in the offing should the course not be altered.

Warlick noted that three years ago the domestic consumption was an impressive 11 million bales. He then contrasted that with the situation today where consumption has dropped to 7.5 million bales and voiced the possibility that the number could drop even further unless something changes.

Another high point was the annual speech by William B. Dunavant, Jr., Dunavant Enterprises, Memphis Tennessee. Dunavant's comments provided an expectant crowd the very news they hoped he wouldn't provide - U.S. cotton prices are expected to stay near the current grading range and have little or no opportunity to eclipse the 40 cent level in 2002.

Dunavant noted that cotton producers and textiles have been the hardest hit as they have been on the front lines of the current economic malaise. He encouraged all of the allied industry representatives to support the producer during the ongoing Farm Bill debate and noted that the U.S. government must continue to provide that type of support.

He noted, however, that both the House and Senate proposals were doing exactly the opposite of what they needed to do despite the real needs that exist for that support. He explained that he felt the Bill's encourage overproduction and provide the U.S. grower and the world the wrong signal.

On the technical side he noted that his forecasts indicate that the 45 million bales of cotton that comprise would carry over stocks will likely drop somewhat to 42.7 million by the end of the marketing year. He added that this drop is expected to occur despite the fact that U.S. stocks could climb to 9 million bales from the current 2001 U.S. carry over projection of 8.7 million bales.

He described a situation where enhanced U.S. export opportunities will be the key to offsetting the decline in domestic consumption expected in 2002.

In other Beltwide news High Plains cotton producer Jackie Burris and his brothers Terry and Rickie, of Wellman were presented the Southwest High Cotton Award by the Southwest Farm press publication. The Burrises were selected for the award based on their operation's achievements in stewardship and conservation.

Jackie Burris is a former President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The 2002 BCC Technical Conferences continue in Atlanta through January 12. Attendees of the technical conferences get the opportunity to hear first-hand about the latest research into new technology and production techniques as well as stay abreast of the latest offerings from commercial sources.

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by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

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