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Son Shine Kids To Present Christmas Musical

The Son Shine Kids of First Baptist Church Matador, will present I WISH YOU JESUS, a Christmas musical for children, written by Gary Rhodes and arranged by Tommy Greer, on Sunday night, December 18, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The choir will be directed by Sharon Van Hoose. We invite everyone in the community to come join us this night for this special performance. There will be a fellowship following the program.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



JERRY MORGAN

Jerry Morgan has been delivering for UPS in the Motley County area since 1989. He and his wife, Polly, and their four children live in Plainview.

Jerry graduated from High School in Plainview in 1967 and attended Texas Tech and Oklahoma State and graduated in 1972.

When Jerry has time he enjoys hunting and reading.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Nothing in fine print is ever good news."

— Andy Rooney

Community Chest Accepting Donations For County's Needy

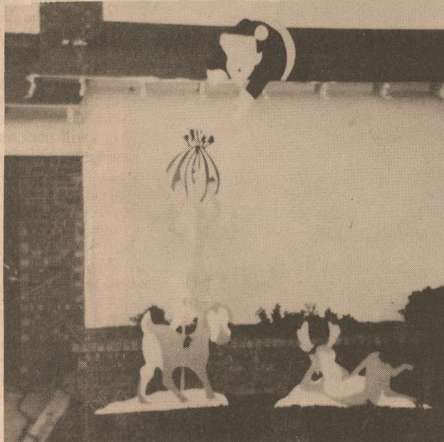
The Motley County Community Chest set this year's goal at \$1500.00. Collection will be from December 1 until December 31.

Letters and envelopes have been sent in bank statements, courtesy of First State Bank. Your donations are appreciated.

Only 10 days
'til
Christmas



RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER — These reindeer, led by Rudolph, of course, are displayed in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Campbell of Matador.



SCENES OF CHRISTMAS — Santa is reaching for his bag of gifts from his reindeer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moss of Matador. Christmas scenes are displayed in the yards of many Motley County residents.



MARY AND JOSEPH — This beautiful white silhouette of Mary and Joseph is part of the decoration in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Barton of Matador.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce Elects Officers

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met for their third regular meeting on Thursday, December 8 at the First State Bank in Matador with eight members of the 12-member Board in attendance. Present were Sondra Francis, Roy Hobbs, Jeff Thacker, Laverna Price, Brent Marshall, Brian Marshall, Charles Keith and Darrell Cruse.

The nominating committee presented

a slate of officers who were then elected by the Board to serve for the coming year: President, Jeff Thacker; Vice President, Brian Marshall; Secretary, Charles Keith; and Treasurer, Sondra Francis.

The By-Laws committee presented proposed Chamber By-Laws that were approved by the Board with minor revisions.

A membership drive and dues were

discussed. The Board approved dues of \$25 or higher for businesses and \$10 or higher for individuals. A membership drive will be launched during the month of January, 1995, with the final details to be completed at the next meeting, set for January 12 at 7:30 p.m.

All Motley county residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the activities of the newly-formed Chamber during their charter year.

Roaring Springs Assembly of God Church Will Hold Christmas Services

The Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs will have Sunday worship service December 25, 10-11 a.m. and dismiss for the rest of the day. They will have regular Wednesday night services at 7 p.m.

The Assembly of God Church will have a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service December 31. Time will be announced in next week's paper.

Roaring Springs Assembly of God Youth to Present Christmas Pageant

The Assembly of God Roaring Springs youth will present their Christmas program, the play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. The play is directed by Judy Cooper and Naomi Lawrence. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Barbara's Bylines

'Tis the season to be jolly! Christmas sure is fun with a 2-year-old around! They see the smallest details and all the lights (even the TV tower lights), get them excited.

In talking to Eddie J. Leary, owner of KSRW 96.1 Childress Radio, he stated that they are still waiting on a part to come from California to boost the power back up. He is hoping it will be in and hopefully installed by the end of December.

REMEMBER TO
SHOP AT
HOME !!

Matador City Council Will Turn Delinquent Tax List Over To Lawyer

The Matador City Council met for regular session Thursday, December 8. Mayor Gary Lancaster called the meeting to order. The Council heard the reading of the minutes by Secretary Seven Alexander. The bills were reviewed and approved.

The next item on the agenda, was to review the delinquent tax accounts. The Council elected to add the remaining property owners to the list, those that had made no attempt to make any arrangements of payment, and turn them over to the delinquent tax law firm: Lonnie Joe Brown, John Burnett, Commercial Acceptance Corp., Bob Davis IND/DBA Davis Const., I. F. Fish Estate, Ted Green, Alex Guerrero, George L Lewis, Horace Burkes, Guadalupe Cisneros, Mrs. R. B. Dawson, Thomas Garcia, Joe A. Guerrero, Emily Hailey, Robert R. Pitts, Fred Pruitt Estate, Ben Saldana, Robert Smallwood, W.B. Smith, Don and Linda Tonroy, and Angelita Zarate. The Council stated it is still receiving

complaints about the Tinnie Black property on Main Street, the high weeds, skunks etc. The Mayor suggested they send a photo and letter to the owner and request clean-up.

Council went into closed session. After closed session the Council elected to pay \$6 per week per permanent employee for clothing allowance (for the men to have uniform service).

Councilman Don Warren gave Terry Carson a detailed time sheet to make keeping his hours simpler.

The Council discussed and elected to have a Christmas tree pickup and make a separate pit at the landfill to burn them. They will pickup on January 5.

Also the decision was made to purchase 5 of each size of dumpsters this month and gradually replace the older dumpsters as necessary.

Seven Alexander had asked about cleaning the carpet in the office, the Council suggested she rent a cleaner. Meeting adjourned.

Assembly of God Youth To Sponsor Santa Sack Raffle

The Roaring Springs Assembly of God youth will be selling chances for a Santa's Sack with a retail value of \$500.00. The drawing will be held December 16 and you need not be present to win. The following have donated items for the Santa Sack:

- Higginbotham Bartlett: Black & Decker Spacemaker Tape Player, \$67.
- Matador Variety: Assorted toys, \$55.
- Songbird Cafe: Buffet for two, \$12.
- Pure Country: \$20 gift certificate; Betty Bearden, Avon Beauty Kit, \$60.
- Texas T's: Poinsettia, \$15.
- Davis Fuel: Cooler, \$16.95.
- MC Cafe: Workday Lunch for 2, \$8.
- Motley County Tribune: 1 year subscription, \$15.
- Marshall Bro's: Propane: 50 gal. propane, \$35.
- Billie Dean's: Dinner for two, \$8.
- Matador Motor: Welding gloves, \$10.50.
- Thacker Jewelry: 3 silver necklaces, \$30.
- Damron Cowboy Boot Shop: Wallet, \$6.95.
- Alexander Fuel & Service: Gas, \$15.
- Quality Discount Outlet: Showercaddy and cap rack, \$8.
- Thacker Supply: Pecan cracker and curling iron, \$32.
- Stockman's Supply: Assortment, \$6.10.
- The Windmill: votive candles, \$5.
- City Grocery: 2 six packs Cola, \$4.
- Payne Pharmacy: Peppermint Tree, \$4.
- Cooper Oil: Quart Oil, \$2.50.
- Fred Parson: Woodburning, \$25.
- T&S Tire: Riding Lawnmower Battery, \$37.95.

Matador Lions Club Christmas Lighting Contest

The annual Christmas Lighting Contest will be sponsored by the Matador Lions Club. First through third place will be awarded in both business and residential divisions. The lights will be judged during the week of December 19-23.

All lights should be on for display during the week of 19-23.

Motley County Commissioners Meet

The Motley County Commissioners Court met Monday, December 12. After the Court was opened by Judge Laverna Price, Commissioner Franklin Jameson gave the Invocation.

The minutes were read with one correction being made, reports were read and bills were read and all were approved. The Justice of the Peace reports were as follows: Precinct 1 Place 1 Collecting \$6185 with \$4020 for the county, Place 2 had 0 collection.

Items on the agenda for the morning that were discussed and passed were:

* To adopt resolution for selection of directors from the Motley County Appraisal District.

* Appoint member of the Commissioners Court to serve on the board of directors of Motley County appraisal District. J. N. Fletcher was reappointed.

* The appointment of a local health Authority as required by Chapter 826 of the Texas Health and safety codes, also

known as the Rabies Control Act of 1981.

* Judge Price recommended Dr. Pat Williams. He was accepted.

* The Court discussed adopting a guideline to be set for notification of any work to be done on county roads or right of way, by any commercial companies such as geophysical companies and telephone companies.

* Discussed and elected to pay off motorgrader in Precinct 1 in January, to save approximately \$1,500.

* Court elected to pay \$1,400 for Texas Animal Damage Control Association, Inc and Motley County, subject to next budget hearing in 1995.

* Court set 1995 Holidays, same as 1994 with the addition of Veterans Day, November 11.

* Set time of Swearing in ceremony for elected and appointed officials on January 1, 9 a. m. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned.

Local Students Included In Who's Who

A total of 27 students from this area are included in the 28th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1993-94*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 28th edition of *Who's Who*, published in 16 regional volumes, features approximately 720,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 12,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and

parochial high schools in the country. *Who's Who* students also compete for \$150,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include: Leah Cruse and Cara Franks, both from Flomot; Dustin Davis, Mandi Farley, Laurie Hoyle, Whitney Anne Jameson, Jeremy Jones, Joseph C. Martin, Rebecca A. McFall, Leigh Pipkin, Kobbi Risser, Jeremy L. Smith, Lindsey R. Williams, Sheryl Davis, Veronica M. Gonzalez, Brandi Jameson, Lee Jones, Wendy Lancaster, Nancy Martin, Chesle Parson, Lesa Prather, Gwendolyn Sims, Heather Turner, Lindsey Williams, all of Matador; Steven C. Lancaster, Brad Thacker, and Scott Sailsbury, all of Roaring Springs.

Angel Trees To Benefit Motley County Children

Angel Trees will be located at Roaring Springs City Grocery and at Matador in Guys and Gals. Each angel on the trees is represented by a Motley County child who may not receive a Christmas gift this year. If you would like to give a gift to one of these children take one of the angels

from the tree. Each angel has a number and the age and sex of the child. Register your name by the number you have chosen. Bring the gifts to a member of Roaring Springs Community Volunteers by December 21 so that they may be delivered to the children by Christmas.

Soothing the SEASONS

Holiday Special-Tea Ideas

Amid the craziness of the holiday season, take time to unwind. Pop in your favorite CD, pick up that novel you've been wanting to read, and relax with a soothing cup of tea. For centuries, tea's calming effects have been widely documented, and herbal and flavored varieties have been increasing in popularity over the years. The delicate, full flavor of these special teas will help you feel rejuvenated and restore your peace of mind, helping you regain your perspective on the true meaning of the holidays.

Brewing Special Teas

To get the most flavor out of these special teas, follow these directions:

- Bring fresh cold water to a rolling boil to release the full flavor and fragrance of special teas.
- Preheat your cup or teapot by filling it with hot water and letting it warm for a few moments.
- Use one tea bag per cup of tea for rich, full-bodied flavor.
- Pour boiling water over tea bag and cover immediately.
- Brew 3 to 5 minutes by the clock, since each variety of herbal tea has a slightly different color.
- Squeeze each delicious drop of tea out of the tea bag and enjoy.

Herbal Tea Potpourri

While brewing your special teas, take a moment to prepare an herbal potpourri. Herbal tea bags — a blend of natural grains, fruit flavors, sweet spices, and plant parts such as leaves, flowers and roots — are an aromatic and inexpensive way to scent your home. The subtle aroma of herbs has also been known to induce feelings of relaxation and comfort.

You can save yourself the cost of special equipment by gently simmering several herbal tea bags in a small saucepan on your stove. Complement this herbal tea potpourri with cinnamon sticks and cloves or lemon and orange slices.

Also, these special teas are instant sachets, so simply tuck a few tea bags in your linen closet, drawers, or kitchen cupboard to create a delightful aroma in unexpected places.

Holiday Gift Baskets

Instead of chocolates or a bottle of wine, create a special tea gift basket for your holiday visits. It's an attractive, thoughtful way to bring your

family and friends good cheer at the holidays. Try these ideas:

- If you have the time, shop for an unusual container to hold the tea boxes, such as a floral hat box or porcelain tea pot. Otherwise, a decorative basket works nicely.
- Fill the container with shredded decorative grass or holiday tissue paper and creatively arrange the boxes. You may need to stuff the container's bottom with paper to give the contents height.
- Fill the container with other treats that complement the special teas, such as jams, tea biscuits, cookies and other homemade or store-bought baked goods.
- Wrap the basket in colored cellophane and top with a large bow.

For more holiday ideas and recipes for iced and hot special tea beverages, send for your free color brochure. Mail name, address, and ZIP code to: Soothing the Seasons with Lipton Soothing Moments Special Teas, P.O. Box 1100, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-1100.



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Former Northfield Resident Named Assistant Anatomical Curator

Mark Timmons, formerly of Northfield, has been named Assistant Anatomical Curator for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. The Uniformed Services University is the only government medical school, with a primary mission of training medical students for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Public Health Service. The university also offers advanced degrees in various related fields of medicine.

Mark oversees and directs the function of the University's Anatomical Gift Program, a program designed for individuals who desire to donate their bodies for medical science.

Mark, a 1968 graduate of Matador High School, is a licensed mortician in the state of Texas and in the District of Columbia. A graduate of Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, he also holds a

Bachelor of Science degree from The George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Mark and his family, wife Karen and daughters Cassandra and Angela, reside in Germantown, Maryland, a northern suburb of Washington, DC. He has a sister, Montie Dawson, of Amarillo, and he is the son of the late Walter and Geneva Timmons of Northfield.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Matthew 25:21

MISSION CABLE CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

This holiday period, cable TV captures the spirit of the season with a variety of holiday favorites, both new and old.

On Friday, December 23rd, TNN captures the musical magic of Christmas with Kathy Mattea and Aaron Neville, who will perform traditional and contemporary Yuletide carols during the one hour

program, "American Music Shop Christmas Show."

Mission Cable is offering new and current customers a chance to view all these holiday specials and more on cable with a special \$5 installation offer.

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Happy 80th Birthday December 15th



Ruby Ellithorp

Herman and Ruby celebrated 64 years of marriage on December 6, 1994

A Celebration Of Christmas At Do Gooders' Club Meeting

A celebration of Christmas was held by the Do Gooders' Club, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6th at the Community Center in Flomot. The Yuletide decorations throughout the building set the stage for the festive occasion.

Hostesses, Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert and Bernice Bond presided at the Holiday Cheer appointments. A glittering of Christmas symbols on net over a white cloth draped the table. The centerpiece was a miniature Christmas tree emerging from a burlap bag decorated with white crocheted snowflakes. A tiny angel sat atop the tree, a gift from Mrs. Fay Huffines. Complimenting the centerpiece was a handpainted Mr. and Mrs. Chipmonk Santa Claus on each side. A variety of delectable goodies was served with coffee, hot fruit punch, spiced tea and mocha coffee.

Sounds of laughter filled the air when the Secret Pal names were revealed. Each member was given the opportunity of ONE guess of her Secret Pal's name and very few were correct when given her gift. Each member was given a snowflake from the tree.

Mrs. Christeen Gilbert, President, reminded members that the next club meeting will be Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 3. The business agenda will include the election of officers for 1995 and new Secret Pal names will be drawn. She presented each club member a Cotton Boll Angel in appreciation of their coop-

eration when serving as president the past year and the success of their projects.

Those attending the holiday gala were Mesdames Annie B. Cloyd, Connie Franks, Erma Washington, B. Rogers, Leona Degan, Mary Jo Calvert, Judy True, Barbara Payne, Alma Shorter, Bernice Bond, Trula Martin, Wadie Clay, Christeen Gilbert and Nada Starkey.



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Look Who's New.....



Zane Elias Helms

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helms of Houston are the proud parents of a baby son, Zane Elias Helms, born at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 1994 at the Texas Women's Medical Center in Houston. He weighed nine pounds, fourteen ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival is his sister, Hayley; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Roberson of Brownwood; great grandparents, Mrs. Annetta Helms of Quitaque, Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Elizabeth McFaren of Groesbeck.

The world of the living contains enough marvels and mysteries acting upon our emotions and intelligence in ways so inexplicable that it would almost justify the conception of life as an enchanted state.

—Joseph Conrad

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Motley County School News

Hoop News....

Matador Men

The Motley County Matadors were defeated by Springlake-Earth, 108-60, giving them a 2-1 record in non-district play.

Leading scorer was Jarrod Brooks with 21. Brandon Blanch had 13 and Kevin

Keltz, 11.

Team freethrows were very impressive for this game. This was their first loss of the season. Springlake-Earth is a good team.

Lady Matadors

The Lady Matadors were defeated by Springlake-Earth, 62-32, November 29, giving them an overall record of 1-3.

Leading scorer was Kasey Parks with 8. Leah Cruse scored 6; Leslie Van Hoose, 6; Cara Franks, 4; Lesa Prather, 4; Heather Turner, 2; and Leigh Pipkin, 2.

Leading Rebounder was Cara Franks with 6. Kasey had 5; Lesa, 4; and Leah, 4. Lesle was 80% from the freethrow line, hitting 4 of 5.

The JV Ladies were also defeated by Springlake-Earth, 41-21, giving them a 1-3 record.

Leading scorers were Dodie Morris and Tonic Bowden with 6 each. Tanya Barkley had 4; Brandi Jameson, 3; and Lanic Barton, 2.

Brandi was 75% from the freethrow line making 3 out of 4.

The Varsity girls had a win over Morton, December 1 in the Anton Tournament, 67-56, giving them a 2-3 record.

Kasey Parks was leading scorer with 26. Leah Cruse had 15; Lesa Prather, 8; Heather Turner, 7; Leslie VanHoose, 7; Dodie Morris, 4; and Laurie Hoyle, 2.

Kasey was also leading rebounder with 11. Heather had 8.

Kasey was 73% from the floor, 11 out of 15. Heather had 6 assists and 4 steals.

In the second round of the Anton Tournament, the Ladies were defeated by Anton, 67-48, giving them a 2-4 record.

Kasey Parks was leading scorer with 20. Leah Cruse had 14.

Lesa Prather, Heather Turner, Leah Cruse, and Kasey Parks each had 5 rebounds.

Heather and Leah each had four steals.

The Ladies played for third in a very close game with Tahoka, losing 54-55, giving them an overall record of 2-5.

Kasey Parks scored an outstanding 34 points. Heather Turner and Leah Cruse

each scored 6 points; Cara Franks, 4; Lesa Prather and Laurie Hoyle each scored 2.

Leading rebounder was Leah with 8. Kasey had 7 and Dodie, 3.

Team freethrow percent was 81%. Cara and Laurie were both 100% from the floor. Heather had 1 of 1, 100% freethrow. Kasey was 91% hitting 10 of 11.

The Ladies were up against Silverton December 6, losing 48-56, giving them an overall record of 2-6.

Leading scorer was Leah Cruse with 16. Kasey Parks scored 12; Lesa, 9; Heather, 7; Laurie and Cara, 2 each.

Leah was leading rebounder with 8. Kasey had 6 and Lesa had 4.

Leah had 6 steals and Lesa had 3 steals.

The JV Ladies were defeated by Silverton, December 6, 15-32, giving them an overall record of 1-4.

Leading scorer was Tonic Bowden with 9. Lanic Barton scored 5.

Tonic was also leading rebounder with 12. Lanic had 6.

Brandi Jameson and Lanic Barton each had 2 assists.

The Ladies were defeated by Groom, December 8 in the Valley Tournament, 43-64. Kasey Parks was leading scorer with 19. Lesa Prather and Leah Cruse each scored 11.

Kasey was also leading rebounder with 11. Leah Cruse had 10.

In the second round of play in the Valley Tournament the Ladies were defeated by Clarendon, 63-65. Leah Cruse was leading scorer with an impressive 27 points. Kasey Parks scored 13; Lesa Prather, 10; Dodie Morris, 6; Laurie Hoyle, 4; Heather Turner, 2; and Cara Franks, 1.

Leah Cruse was leading rebounder with 10.

Congratulations to...

Junior Jeremy Smith who has been invited to accompany his cousin Daniel Alexander, Class of '92, to Washington, D.C. in January to witness the Official Swearing in of Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

Senior Heather Turner, whose recent ACT score of 30 put her in the running for a variety of scholarship opportunities. Heather has just been notified of her selection as a finalist for Texas' fifteenth Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 1-2 in Dallas.

What's Happening

Thursday, December 15: School dismissal and busses will run at 2:55 p.m. 4-H meeting at 6 p.m.

Friday, December 16: School dismissal and busses will run at 1:30 p.m. Varsity basketball, Paducah, 4 p.m., here.

School dismisses for Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 1995.

Saturday, December 17: MCJV Tournament, here.

Leah Cruse hit 13 of 16 freethrows giving her 81%. Lesa was 80% with 4 of 5. Laurie was 100%, 2 of 2 from the floor; Dodie was 100%, 2 of 2 from 3 point range.

Jr. High Girls

The Motley County 7th grade girls were defeated by Lorenzo, Monday, December 5, here, 17-33, giving them a 2-2 record, and a district record of 0-2.

Leading scorer was Laura Sanchez with 7. Llan Barkley scored 4.

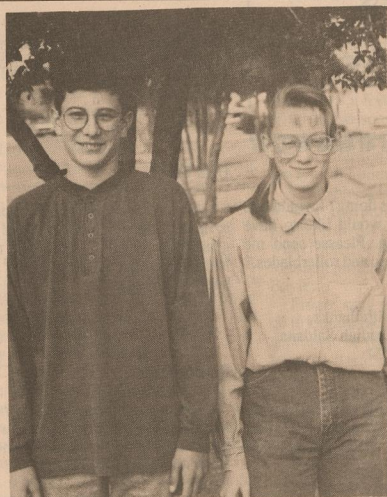
Leading rebounder was Nesa McFall with 5.

Leading scorer was Shella Graves with 9. Samantha Osborn scored 2 points and Kandi Keltz scored 2, also.

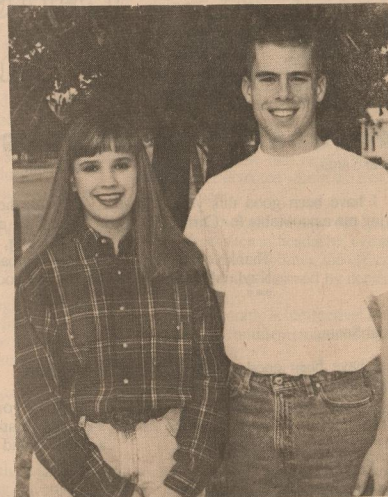
Leading rebounder was Kandi Keltz with 11.

The Motley County 8th grade girls were defeated by Lorenzo 13-56, Monday, December 5, here, giving them a 2-2 overall record, and a District record of 1-1.

Students of the Month



Keane Cruse and Nesa McFall



Laurie Hoyle and Brad Thacker

Junior High Students of the Month for November are Nesa McFall and Keane Cruse.

Nesa is the 14 year old daughter of Bruce and Ann McFall of Matador. She is an eighth grader at Motley County Junior High and has an older sister, Becky, who is a Junior at MC High School. Nesa enjoys watching her favorite movie, "Quigley Down Under" and her favorite song is "Untangling My Mind". Her favorite food is fajitas and her favorite color is green. Nesa's favorite activity is riding horses. She is also an active member of the eighth grade basketball team.

The person Nesa admires most is her father. She says, "He is very resourceful, reliable, a funny man and I will always look up to him."

Nesa plans to attend college, graduate and then work on a ranch with cattle and horses.

Keane is the 13 year old son of Darrell and Brenda Cruse of Flomot. He is an eighth grader at MC Junior High School and has an older sister, Leah, who is a sophomore and a younger brother, Derrick, who is in the fourth grade at Motley

County School. Keane is also a member of the FCA and the Greenbelt Golf Association. Keane's favorite color is blue and he enjoys eating Mexican food. His favorite movie is "The River Wild" and he enjoys listening to his favorite song, "Not A Moment Too Soon". Keane's hobbies include playing football, basketball, and golf.

The people Keane admires most are his parents. He says, "They have encouraged and backed him in everything he does."

Keane plans to attend college somewhere after graduating from Motley County High School.

High School Students of the Month for November are Laurie Hoyle and Brad Thacker.

Laurie is the 16 year old daughter of Larry and Donna Hoyle of Matador. She is a Junior at Motley County High School and has an older sister, Tonya. She is a member of FCA, NHS, FHA, MC Pep Club and the Baptist Church Youth Group. She also plays on the Lady Mats Varsity Basketball Team in her spare time and does a relatively great job playing the piano. Her favorite color is blue and she

enjoys listening to her favorite song, "I Will Always Love You". Laurie's favorite food is fajitas and her favorite movie is "Top Gun". Laurie's hobbies and activities include playing golf, shopping and being with her friends.

Laurie admires her family because, "They are always there for me and back me 100%."

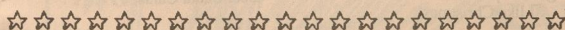
Laurie plans to attend Texas Tech University upon graduating from Motley County High School, but has not decided on her major at this time.

Brad is the 17 year old son of Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs. He is a Junior at Motley County High School and has a younger sister, Blair, who is an eighth grader. He is a member of the Varsity Football and Basketball teams.

Brad is a member of the Church of Christ and is also an active member of the FFA, FCA, National Honor society and Gifted and Talented. Brad's favorite food is steak and his favorite color is blue. He enjoys the movie "Cliffhanger" and he likes listening to "Desperado". Brad is also involved in track and golf during the Spring. Brad's other hobbies include hunting and swimming.

Brad most admires his dad because, "He has always supported me in everything I have done and tried his hardest to keep me out of trouble. He also pushes me to do my hardest."

After graduation Brad plans on attending college somewhere.



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

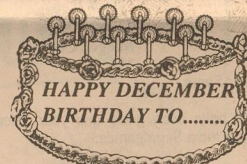
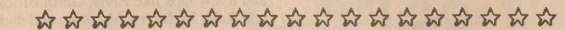


Mrs. Barbara Parks & Coach David Brewer

The National Honor Society has begun a new recognition program at Motley County School. This program is similar to Student of the Month, but will recognize the staff member of the month. Each student will be allowed to vote for their favorite staff member each month. The National Honor Society will furnish this

staff member with a small token of appreciation from the student body for their support.

The staff member of the month for November was a tie. The winners are Barbara Parks, 5th grade teacher, and Coach David Brewer, Junior High Athletics and High School Health teacher.



Students: Kayla Meredith, Joseph Martin, LeeAnn Moreno, Leslie Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Clinton Cooper, Darryn Perryman, Nancy Martin, Angelica Corpus, Angelina Corpus, Monica Clifton, Natasha Ramirez, Becky McFall, Jackie Starkey, Marc Henzler, Crawford Mason, Cody Campbell, Shella Graves, Cody Timmons, Crystal Christopher, David Urteaga, Esmerelda Mendoza, Ty Barclay.

Staff: Clara Mangram, Kim Alexander.

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Ephesians 2:10

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Thank you,
Kayla Meredith

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me rollerblades.

Love,
Colby Ashley

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Sega Game.

Love,
Chance Bingham

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a BB gun for Christmas. Thank you.

Love,
Jose Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a roller blades for Christmas.

Love,
Samantha Davila

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Power Ranger tent.

Love,
Jake Johannes

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a tape player.

Love,
Maigen Combs

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Sega games.

Love,
Zanc Graves

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me some new clothes.

Love,
Ashlee Green

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Power Ranger tent for Christmas.

Love,
Matthew Martin

Dear Santa,
I like you. For Christmas I want a game boy. I also want a computer. Last of all I would like a C.D. player and a radio. I have been good.

Love,
Ben

Dear Santa,
What's up? I would like a black felt hat and a talk boy. Last of all I would like a Nerf Missile Launcher. Have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Clay

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I would like a bike and a helmet. I want a trampoline. I want a pair of loafers. I want a pair of Nike sandals. I want a pair of rollerblades. I want clothes.

With love,
Amy

Dear Santa,
How is your work doing? Are you ready yet? I would like to have Mortal Kombat on Game-boy. Santa, I would like a Nintendo with Duck Hunt. I hope you have a very happy Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
John

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I would like a Sega C.D. and I would like to have Ducky Kong, Santa. Please send me Mortal Kombat II tape and rollerblades. I hope I was good.

With thanks,
Obadiah Saldana

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I want a CD player and a nutcracker, a 22 rifle, a reindeer and a 10 speed. Have a safe trip.

From your friend,
Timmy Bowman

Dear Santa,
Did Rudolph's nose go out? I hope it didn't I would like a Super Nintendo and a Mortal Kombat II tape. I hope I have been good.

Love,
Thomas Rice

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I want a bicycle. Santa, what are your reindeer doing? I love you, Santa. I like Christmas.

Esmeralda Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus, your elves and your 8 tiny reindeer? Do you have a bunch of toys? Is Rudolph's nose still red? I want a CD player, a radio, a Sega Genesis, and a Game Boy. Have a good trip. I like Christmas.

Brittany Moore

Dear Santa,
I wanted to know how the reindeer are doing? I want a game boy. Next I want a computer 1000. Last of all I want a game gear. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Matt

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? I would like to have a CD player. The next thing I would like is a pool table. The last thing I would like to have is art. I hope I have been good enough.

Love,
Sabrina

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. I would like any kind of vest. Please send me some loafers. Last of all I want a play cat that can purr. Have a Merry Christmas.

With love,
Annie Green

Dear Santa,
Are your elves working hard? I would like a Nerf bow and arrow. Then I would like a pair of toy boxing gloves and a felt hat. Last of all I want a bath robe. I've been a good little boy.

Love,
Cody C.

Dear Santa,
What have you been doing? For Christmas I want a doll. I also want a stereo. Last of all I would like a Nintendo game. I have been very good.

With love,
Natasha

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Rudolph doing? I would like rollerblades and a bicycle. Oh and a CD player that does not cost that much. Last of all I would like clothes. Have a Merry Christmas.

With love,
Stacey Ho-Gland

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Have you been working hard? I want a doll that talks and a real horse. Last of all I want a bike. I have been good.

I love you,
Rosemary

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? I would like a Sega, CD and Mortal Kombat II. I would like a Nerf Arrow Storm and a 22 rifle. See you soon.

Your friend,
Seagram

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I would like to have a Sega. Please can I have a game gear? Last of all I would like to have Mortal Kombat II. I hope you have a happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Juan

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I would like a Super Nintendo and a Power Ranger game. Last of all I would like a nerf gun. Have a good Christmas.

From,
Kenny

Dear Santa,
I want a radio active car called r-cachet, rollerblades, and drums. But I'll get other things too, not just what I want. Anyway what have you been up to lately? Have you been making presents with your elves, and kissing my mom under the mistletoe? Anyway have a nice Christmas and don't kiss my mom.

Sincerely yours,
Cole

Dear Santa,
Hi! I'm Quinten Rose. How is Mrs. Clause doing at the North Pole? How are your elves at the North Pole? How are you at the North Pole? I want these things for Christmas: Donkey Kong, Contry, A game gear game, a supper nintendo game, a sega CD, and a sega gineses game, and a Ricochet.

Your friend,
Quinten Rose

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for my things from last year. This year I want a real pony, a dance and twirl barbie, a talk boy tape recorder, and a real calico kitten.

Love,
Aleda Elaine Ross

P.S. How is Mrs. Claus?

Love,
Ryan Langer

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stereo with a balance. I have been a good boy this year. This year I want a bike. I want to know how long it takes you to go around the world, and what you give people in China, Africa, Mexico, and Europe?

Love,
Dumont

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? I am fine. I'm writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. For Christmas do you know what I want? Well I want a Baby Alive, rollerskates, and a twelve speed. That's all. And tell "hi" to Mrs. Claus and Rudolph.

Your friend,
Antwonnette

Dear Santa,
Thanks for my presents last year. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph and the elves? I would like a middle size Stereo and a few taps like Elvis, Garth Brooks, and Reba McIntyre. My mom and dad is getting me a diary and a watch, and yellow curtains. Well I got to go, bye.

P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and Rudolph, and the elves.

Your friend,
Amanda Hurt

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing and the reindeer. Santa, I want a new Grant call and maybe a rifle and a camouflage suit and a yellow vest. But most of all I want a Dallas Cowboy bed cover and a body of a go cart that comes with a motor. Most kids would want a bike, but not me.

Your friend,
Joel Rieger

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Sorry I didn't get to see you. The reason I didn't get to see you is we either ate supper or cut wood. When you come to my house don't give me anything in my stocking just give the rest of my family stuff because they deserve it more than me.

Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
How's Mrs. Claus doing? How are you? I'm doing fine. I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a camera, basketball goal, Secret diary, and a new back pack. Also games for my game boy and new rollerblades because my old ones is to little. Well I guess I have to go. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Stachia Baxter

P.S. How are you're reindeer and Rudolph?

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Susana Mendoza. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing in North Pole? My teacher says that is real cold there. Here winter has just started but snow hasn't fall down yet. Santa how are the elves doing? Are they working hard? Are the reindeers fat or skinny and how are they doing? Mr. Santa and Mrs. Claus probably you are happy because Christmas is coming. Santa the things that I want for Christmas a movie called "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Little Mermaid" movie and a doll a Barbie with lots of clothes a water doll and a teddy bear. Those are the things that I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Susana Mendoza

Dear Santa,
My name is Sandra. How is Mrs. Claus, your elves, and reindeers? We are learning cursive writing today. We are learning the capitul J in cursive. Is it cold in North Pole. I have a dog and three rabbits. For Christmas I want a bird, and a cat and a doll. Last year I want to say thank you for my Christmas gift.

Your friend,
Sandra

Dear Santa,
Santa how do you go around the world in one night? How do your reindeer fly? I want rollerblades and a ball sooka.

Your friend,
Lucas Wayne Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger, gloves, and a puzzle book. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Ryan Langer



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Roaring Springs Recipes & Memories
Trail Dust
Early History of Motley County
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Motley County Roundup and others

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want rollerskates, stack of money, a picture of rudolph, and a surprise. And don't forget my brother. He has been good.

Love,
Shea Rose

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and Dr. Pepper.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm doing good. I want roller blades, a belt buckle, a cowboy hat, a race car, a Sega and games. How many reindeer do you have?

Your friend,
Brett

Dear Santa,
I wonder how many elves you have? But I want to know how old you are? I want a Sega, a T.V. with a remote control and a white ranger sword. I hope you have a happy Christmas.

Your pal,
Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
Mrs. Hoyle is writing you a letter because we can't write too good yet. Here is our list:
1. Crystal Saenz - Make up.
2. FanninGwinn - Power Ranger
3. Chicagra Brown - Make up
4. Isaac Hernandez - Toys
5. Michael Arneel - Go-go Worm Game
6. Efen Chavez - Power Ranger
7. Michael Brown - Power Ranger
8. Armando Mendoza - Power Ranger
9. John Martin - Remote Control Boat
10. Mark Henzler - White Power Ranger Gloves.
11. Martin Walker - Six Shooters
12. Gene Salazar - Remote Control Robot
13. Hilario Mora - Power Ranger Gloves
14. Jackie Starkey - Remote Control Boat
15. Ryan Langer - Pink Ranger
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Texas Alcoholic Beverage Makes Changes

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Monday, November 28, 1994, adopted changes to the agency "happy hour" rule which has been in effect since 1986.

The Commission acted in response to a request from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) who earlier in the year had asked the Commission to consider banning happy hours altogether. While an outright ban was at that time further than the commission members thought to be reasonable in that it interfered with a business's right of free enterprise, it was

apparent that there were certain abuses that needed addressing.

After several months of working with participants from MADD, the Texas Restaurant Association and interested club and bar owners, some compromise language was developed. While no consensus was ever reached, the amendment addressed the major problems that are currently occurring. The main points of the new amendment are: It will allow only one complimentary drink to be served to any customer during any business day; no more than two drinks may be served to

any individual customer at any one time and no bar or club may charge a cover charge and then sell discounted drinks. Since 1986, the agency banned all you can drink for one price schemes. However, recently several clubs around the state sought to get around that prohibition by charging a fixed door charge and then drinks for a penny, nickel, or any coin. This amendment will close that loophole.

Commission Assistant Administrator, Randy Yarbrough, stated that it is the intention of the Commission to hopefully slow down consumption and to get the

obviously dangerous practices under control. It is hoped that by modifying their practices, bars will be more conscious of both the number of drinks that their customers drink and in certain cases be better able to keep tabs on minors that come into establishments to ensure that they are not consuming alcohol. Yarbrough said, "if this will slow people down and keep them from drinking as much and from drinking and then driving, it will go a long way to making our highways and streets safer." The amendment will become effective December 20, 1994, and will be in effect for the Christmas and New Year Holiday periods. Establishments violating the rule may have their licenses suspended or may pay a fine, if convicted.

Created in 1935 by the 44th Legislature, the TABC is the state agency responsible for inspecting, supervising, and regulating every phase of the business of manufacturing, importing, exporting, transporting, sorting, selling, advertising, labeling, and distributing alcoholic beverages, and the possession of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of sale or otherwise.

Members of the Commission include: Roy Orr, Chairman, DeSota; Martha Dickie, Austin; and Steven Baker, Houston.

Seasonal Affective Disorder Means An Unhappy Season For Those Who Suffer

HOUSTON -- For people with seasonal affective disorder, 'tis not the season to be jolly.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), most often a form of depression, occurs with the seasons, especially winter. A psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says SAD differs from the typical holiday "blues."

"The blues are common during the holidays and mostly comes and goes. But people with SAD are often depressed all winter long," said Dr. Ernest Fruge, an assistant professor of family medicine at Baylor.

Fruge says although stress may be contributing factor to SAD, the disorder appears to be related to a low-light environment. It is also more common in higher latitudes.

"As the longer days of spring and summer are replaced with short, dark days of winter, mood changes can occur," Fruge said.

SAD symptoms include fatigue, sluggishness, oversleeping, overeating, and weight gain. Symptoms usually begin during adulthood and appear four times

more commonly in women as in men. It can run in families with a history of alcoholism or depression.

The first line of treatment for SAD is light therapy, which exposes the patient to white fluorescent indoor light for several weeks.

Studies show that results with light therapy are detected within the first week of treatment.

Although light therapy can produce side effects such as headache, eye strain, irritability and insomnia, the effects are mild and can be lessened by decreasing light intensity.

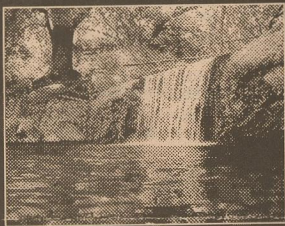
If light therapy is ineffective, a physician may add antidepressants to the treatment regimen.

Diet, exercise and stress management can also help increase energy level, Fruge says, but it is important to seek medical attention.

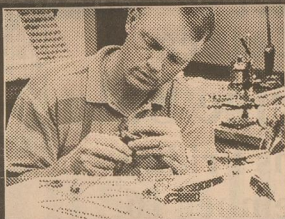
"Before you assume you're depressed or have SAD, get a physical examination to make sure that other possibly more serious problems are not the cause of the symptoms," Fruge said.

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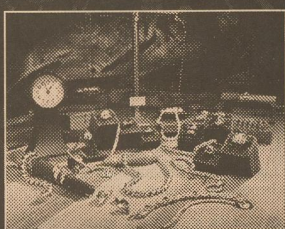


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A Note From
Your Librarian



by Wilda Dixon

Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Odessa Mullins accompanied her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Odell, Brent, Kevin and David of Lubbock to Sam Norwood Friday where they spent Friday until Sunday with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Darrow, April and Justin. They were joined there Saturday by Ross Odell of Dallas. Saturday night they attended the wedding of April Darrow to Shane Goad at the Baptist Church in Wheeler. Kevin Odell served as ring bearer.

Odessa Mullins drove Bess Ferguson to Plainview Thursday to keep a doctor's appointment. Friday she went to Lubbock for a doctor's appointment and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Roller. Mrs. Roller had just returned home from having heart surgery at Methodist Hospital on Monday.

We scribble apologize for our tardiness in extending sympathy to Mrs. Buzz Thacker and her family, including her mother, Mrs. Cora Mitchell and her siblings at the death of her brother. We had not received that sad news until we saw last week's *Motley County Tribune*. We are sorry for the delay.

Mrs. Willard A. Lewis, Jr. fell in their Tulsa home recently and broke the knob

on her hip. She is still hospitalized in St. John's Hospital in Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Miss Lula Swim kept medical appointments in Lubbock on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, being unable to get them the same day.

The Herbert Swinney were Lubbock visitors Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Lee visited from Saturday until Monday with her daughters, Linda Schwarz and Evelyn Lewis and their families.

GUILD HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Guild held its annual Christmas party with twenty-five in attendance at the home of Miss Lula Swim Monday evening. Mrs. Chelsea Read led the program, "Christmas Time". Eugenia Bernhard said the opening prayer, Mrs. Callie Giesecke accompanied the group on the keyboard as they sang Christmas carols. Rev. Ron Kelley said the closing prayer. Gifts were exchanged by drawing numbers.

Refreshments of cake, finger foods, homemade ice cream, spiced tea, and coffee were served.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

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Art Green visited in Plainview, Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Alta Mae Rice.

Ray Cruse returned home, Friday from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock where he was a patient the past week.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were children and families, Mrs. Teresa McGraw, Kelland and Kacee of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee, Robert, Ernie and Jason of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee, Josh and Brandon, local residents.

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY WIDE OBSERVANCE IN FLOMOT

A Holiday Spirit enveloped the community Center in Flomot, Sunday night, Dec. 11 at the Community wide Christmas observance hosted by the First Baptist Church.

The warmth of music kindled harmony in their hearts when the featured guest, Judge Jimmy Burson of Silverton, accompanying himself on guitar, sang Cowboy and Christmas ballads. His musical rendition of "Christmas in Texas" received resounding applause.

The Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor of the Flomot Baptist Church, gave the opening prayer and read the Christmas Story. Wayne Hunter led the congregational singing of familiar Christmas carols accompanied at piano by Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. Those attending joined hands for the final prayer given by Mrs. Nathan Mulder.

The table setting emitted the holiday cheer with creative gold luminaries with candles inside reflecting the Little Town of Bethlehem scene with a gleaming star overhead. They were placed intermittently on wide red ribbon going the length of the tables laid with white cloths. Antique gold angels holding glowing green candles completed the beautiful decor.

A delicious buffet supper was served preceding the program to those attending from Turkey, Quitaque, Plainview, Whiteflat and Flomot.

Mrs. Joe Edd Helms visited from Sunday until Thursday in Houston with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helms, Hayley and new baby son, Zane.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited from Wednesday until Monday of last week in Fritch with daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn David, Warren and Michael. They attended the Farm and Ranch Show at the Civic Center in Amarillo.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter last Saturday and Sunday were Anita and Brad Carter, Amanda Carter and Rikki of Lubbock. Also, visiting them Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Speer of Floydada. They attended the Caprock Country Christmas in Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bond and son, Darron of Tulsa, Okla. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited last week in with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink and son, Kyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starkey, Tonya and Jackie visited during the weekend in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and children.

Visiting Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cruse were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton and children of Silverton, Mrs. Larry Clifton and children of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and children of Whiteflat.

Christi Shorter, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, visited Friday night and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Plainview during the week for Mr. Hunter medical body scans and Mrs. Hunter dental appointments.

Mrs. Lewis Cannon of Tulia visited Mrs. Lucille Monk, Sunday.

HOURS: Monday, 2-5 (open by volunteers) Tuesday & Wednesday, 9-12 and 1-6. Thursday & Friday, 9-12 and 1-5. Saturday, Closed.

The Library has just received six large print mysteries and six large print westerns. We have also just received seven hardbacks by Louis L'Amour. Come in and check out a new book.

1994 dues for the Friends of the Library are now due and may be paid at the Library or given to Mary Meason, treasurer.

LIBRARY SCHOOL is for pre-schoolers and includes storytelling, reading books, watching films and singing. All children, age two and up, are invited to attend the next meeting which will be December 20, 1994 at 10:00 a.m.

The Library Board has authorized the sale of the Apple II computer and game software for Apple and sealed bids. Bids will be accepted at the Library or may be mailed to Charles N. Johnson, Box 323, Matador, TX, 79244 until January 4, 1995. Bids will be opened on January 5, 1995 at 5:00 p.m. during the regular meeting of the Library Board.

The Library Board reserves the right to reject all bids after they have been opened.

Obituaries

Clarence Jinkins

Funeral services for Clarence T. Jinkins, 98, of Matador will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 1994 at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating will be Rev. Ron Kelley, pastor. Interment will be in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Jinkins died Sunday afternoon at a Plainview Nursing Home. He was born March 23, 1896 at Matador. He attended schools in Matador and graduated from Matador High School in the class of 1914.

He was a veteran of World War I, and was recently honored as the last surviving veteran of World War I from Motley county.

He was married to the former Gussie L. Cartwright on December 14, 1919, at

Matador. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Matador and was a retired stock farmer.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Kittie Jeanette Strain, El Paso; four sisters, Ethel Payne, Lubbock, Sadie Bradley, Corpus Christi, Mable Solomon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mary McMahan of Matador; three granddaughters, Sherry Nash, Dallas, Nancy Palmieri, El Paso, and Melody Burns of Las Cruces, N.M.

Serving as pallbearers will be Billy Smith, Joe Campbell, Bill Cartwright, Larry Hoyle, Gerald Pipkin, and Bill Moss.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Matador, or the East Mound Cemetery Fund at Matador.

The time to be happy is now, the place to be happy is here, the way to be happy is to make others so.

—Robert Green Ingersoll

Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Report

by Mary Lumsden

The Roaring Springs Senior Citizens met Thursday, December 1 for their annual Christmas Party. The meeting was opened by singing "The More We Get Together", and "Happy Birthday" was sung to Lula Swim and Ruby Hipp.

Carl Barton gave the invocation. We had a delicious dinner of ham, turkey and

dressing with all the trimmings plus many, many salads, vegetables, pies and cakes.

Old Santa had put all the gifts under the tree, so we drew numbers for our gift and then had show and tell. We sang several Christmas carols before leaving.

Twenty members were present and a very good time of fun and fellowship was had by all.

Matador News

Bradley Jameson Completes Aviation Electrician's Mate Course

December 6, 1994 (FHTNC) -- Marine Lance Cpl. Bradley D. Jameson, son of Leslie C. and Linda S. Jameson of Matador recently completed the Aviation Electrician's Mate Course.

During the course at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn., students

receive introductory instruction required to perform scheduled maintenance on naval aircraft including systems.

He is a 1993 graduate of Motley County High School.

His wife, Mindy, daughter of Kay and Alan Bingham of Matador, is with him.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

It is really difficult to find appropriate Christmas gifts, especially for people we have known for years. We read of an indestructible Holiday Fruitcake made of cement, fruit and water. This could be passed around from family to family for decades without fear of spoilage!

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Chester Cooper of Lubbock was involved in an accident Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Bailey Boiler Works in Lubbock and suffered an injury to his left hand. He had surgery Wednesday night at St. Mary's Hospital where he was a patient until Friday.

With him during surgery and hospitalization was his mother, Mrs. Vesta Cooper and sisters, Mrs. Martha Jo Shacklett and Mrs. Vernell Hanna. Chester is recuperating in the home of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon visited last Sunday and Monday in Wheeler with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risner.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens visited overnight Monday in Tulia with Mrs. Nola Anderson and continued to Amarillo, Tuesday for Mr. Stephens a cardiac medical check-up. They visited in Lockney, Wednesday with Mrs. Juddie Stephens.

Art Green of Flomot and Mrs. Kathryn Martin accompanied her mother, Mrs. Josie Martin of Roaring Springs to Plainview, Friday for an optical appointment.

Mrs. Johnny Turner and daughter, Heather visited in Amarillo, Saturday with her grandmother, Mrs. Laverna Sams of Lockney, a patient in the Northwest Texas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon attended the Christmas Concert presented by the South Plains College Choir in Levelland, Thursday night. Their granddaughter, Kobbie Risser of Matador, sang with the choral group. Also attending was Kobbie's family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser and Kaci.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens attended the funeral services of Mrs. Lena Hinson, 92, held at the First Baptist Church in Spur, Sunday.

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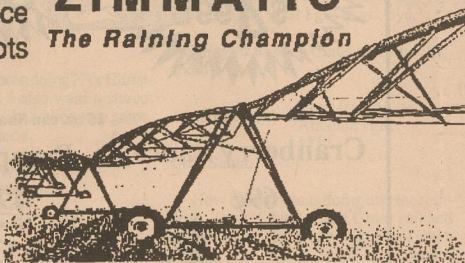
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Modern man is like that when he severs his ties to God and imagines himself to be self-sufficient. God is always the source of our strength and our security.

The Psalmist long ago encouraged the people of his generation and of ours to acknowledge our dependence upon God saying:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2)

Then He preceeded to indicate how God forgives, heals, redeems, and renews us. No one else can do those things for man; God and God alone can supply these deeply spiritual needs.

"The Lord is the strength of His people" (Psalm 29:11)

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Worship - 9:00 a.m.



Cotton harvesting on the High Plains of Texas is still underway. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) estimated volume at USDA's Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing Offices has risen close to the USDA crop estimate of 2.91 million bales.

Wendell Wilbanks, Director of the Lubbock Classing Office, notes that his estimate for the 1994 crop has increased to 2.3 million bales. Projected volume for the Lamesa office is 480,000 bales.

Taken together the estimates indicate a crop of 2.78 million running bales. Converting to 480 pound statistical bales puts the crop of 2.86 million bales based on the classing office figures. A total of 2.14 million bales have been classed in Lubbock and Lamesa through December 1.

"We have been pleasantly surprised by this crop as it continues to prove conventional wisdom wrong," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "In August and September very few people would have considered the possibility that this year's crop would come close to or top 2.9 million bales. Now it appears this year's crop is going to come very close to that level, with quality similar to what we saw in 1993.

"Quality has really become a key goal of producers across the High Plains," adds Johnson. "The last two growing seasons have proven that High Plains producers are willing to do what it takes to produce the highest quality fiber they can."

Classing reports indicate their efforts

have been very effective. Through December 1 the predominant Color grades at the Lubbock and Lamesa offices were 21 (Strict Middling) and 22 (Strict Middling Light So).

Over 50 percent of the cotton classed so far has been in those two Color grades. Strength at both offices is averaging over 29 grams per tex. Micronaire is averaging 3.9 at Lubbock and 4.1 at Lamesa. Leaf grades 2 and 3 are most prevalent at both the Lubbock and Lamesa offices.

The Lubbock and Lamesa Classing Office Growers' Advisory Committees will meet for the last time this season on December 12 (Lubbock) and December 13 (Lamesa). The meetings are open to everyone who is interested in the procedures and equipment used to evaluate the quality of cotton produced on the High Plains.

The Lamesa Cotton Classing Office meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 1994 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the classing office. Agenda items will include an update on 1994 operations, a report on the Module Averaging Pilot Project and a tour of the facility.

The Lubbock Cotton Classing meeting is set for Monday, December 12, 1994. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the classing office. Agenda items will include an update on 1994 operations and a report on the Module Averaging Pilot Project.

Those interested will also be given the opportunity to tour both facilities following the meetings.

High Plains Cotton Crop Records High Price, Cost

LUBBOCK -- Cotton growers on the Texas South Plains, an area that annually produces about half the state's cotton and 20-25 percent of the nation's crop, are rapidly winding up an unusual season with a more usual scenario: Good news - bad news. For many, the emphasis is on the good news: Mills are paying top prices for the lint, as high as 65 to 75 cents a pound.

Despite a long, dry summer with rainfall well below normal, which devastated 1 million of the 3 million cotton acres in the 25-county area, the fields which survived are yielding an estimated 2.7 to 2.8 million bales, said Kater Hake, cotton agronomist here with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Last year the 25 counties produced 3.45 million bales on 3.1 million acres which were harvested.

Quality of last year's crop was very high and this year's quality is equally as good, Hake said.

"But the price from the mill is about 10 cents a pound higher than last year," the agronomist said. "Last year, most growers' top receipt was about 60 cents."

Although many South Plains growers are receiving top price for their cotton this year, there is another side to the coin, says Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and agricultural economist with the Extension Service at Lubbock.

"This may be our highest gross return on our cotton, but we haven't had a more expensive crop to produce, either," Smith said. The long summer drought wiped out much of the dryland crop and meant high irrigation costs for farmers who could water their fields, he said.

Many area growers sell their cotton through the Plains Cotton Cooperative

Association (PCCA) pool, which pays a seasonal average price. "These growers may not be getting the season's highest price, but today's market is improving their seasonal average," Smith said. He noted that, year in and year out, growers in the pool feel they benefit from it. Some growers entered cash contracts earlier in the season which, while bringing a good return, won't equal the current price.

"Many of our growers are in the denim option, which means they sell their lint to the PCCA denim plant at Littlefield and share in the plant's profits," Smith noted. While the current market price may be higher than the price received through the denim option, over the years growers have benefited from the option, Smith said. He said probably 15 to 20 percent of the area's cotton is in the denim option this year.

Hake said the high price mills are paying for South Plains cotton, despite a record U.S. crop, "reflects the strong mill demand for West Texas cotton that has been built by two back-to-back years of excellent quality." He said it means there is a strong foreign and domestic demand for U.S. cotton and optimism about future consumer purchase of cotton goods.

The quality of the South Plains cotton "is virtually identical to last year's record quality," Hake said. "Discounts for low quality this year are very, very slim." He said the reputation established by last year's crop is one reason mills are pursuing this year's South Plains crop.

"Even at the current high price, it still is a bargain (for the mills) because of its spinability," Hake said.

About 98 percent of the 1994 South Plains cotton crop has been harvested.

Social Security Tips

by Terry Richardson

SOCIAL SECURITY IS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY
History repeats itself. On August 15, 1994, President Clinton signed historic Social Security legislation using the same pen that President Franklin Roosevelt had used to sign the original Social Security Act on August 14, 1935.

"For millions of Americans that signature 59 years ago transformed old age from a time of fear and want to a period of rest and reward," the President said as he signed the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994. The act establishes Social Security as an independent federal agency as of March 31, 1995.

Commissioner of Social Security Shirley Chater commented on the nearly six decades since the program was enacted. "When President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act 59 years ago," she said, "it would have been impossible for him to conceive of a Social Security Administration that had 64,000 employees serving the needs of 42 million people.

This institution may have changed in magnitude. And it is now changing in terms of its place on the federal organization chart.

But we still keep faith with Franklin Roosevelt's original vision. Social Security provides a competent, compassionate helping hand to people at the most vulnerable times of their lives. That is a mission we will continue to fulfill."

Social Security has been a part of a larger government agency since 1939 when the Social Security Board became a component of the Federal Security Agency. The Social Security Administration (SSA) was born in 1946. It has been linked with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and its predecessor department (Health, Education, and Welfare) since 1953.

Donna Shalala, DHHS Secretary, said, "With independent agency status, the President is giving a new level of recognition to SSA and to all those who receive Social Security benefits and who support this system through their payroll deduc-

tions." In discussing the relationship between the agencies - past and future - she said, "It has been a long and satisfying relationship.... Many of the relationships and linkages that exist among us will be maintained. There will still be a need to coordinate the services provided by SSA and HHS programs such as Medicare and the programs of our Administration on Aging and the disabled."

Reiterating their mutual commitment to the customers both agencies serve, Commissioner Chater and Secretary Shalala issued a joint statement in which they said, "The close working relationship between SSA and the Department... will be maintained. In particular, SSA will continue to work with its HHS partners the same services through SSA offices. We are committed to serving the American people even more effectively in the years ahead."

The 1994 act continues SSA's responsibility for administering the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. The independent agency will continue to assist in administering the Medicare and black lung programs.

To head the agency, the President will appoint a Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioner, both subject to Senate confirmation. Each will be appointed for a six-year term, with the initial term to end January 19, 2001. The law also calls for a new position, Inspector General, to be filled by the President. The Commissioner will appoint a Chief Financial Officer for SSA.

The act creates a seven-member bipartisan Social Security Advisory Board. This Board is to meet at least four times a year to review "matters of policy" and make recommendations to the Commissioner. The board will not have a role in SSA operations. The President will appoint three Board members; the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate each will appoint two members. The Board members will serve staggered six-year terms.

SCS Renamed Natural Resources Conservation Service To Re-elect Broader Resource Mission

Matador, 12/94 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service has had a name change to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The new agency was authorized as part of USDA's reorganization in October by Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

"Our new name more accurately reflects what we do," said Paul W. Johnson, chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. "Our responsibilities go further than soil conservation. They have for some time."

While the agency has focused on soil

conservation for the past 60 years, it has also been the key federal agency to offer technical help on private lands for improvements to water, wildlife habitat, forest lands, grasslands, and other resources connected to the land. More recently, the agency has worked with the nation's private landowners increase

acreage of grasslands, wetlands and forest lands through the USDA programs. "More than two-thirds of the land in this country is privately owned. Those private landowners are the key to our environmental well-being," Johnson said. "We will continue to build on our 60 years of experience with a unique relationship between federal government and those landowners, as well as our partnership with local conservation districts," Johnson added.

The new Natural Resources Conservation Service will continue to have responsibility for all the programs of the former Soil Conservation Service. In addition, several other programs have been transferred to it: the Wetlands Reserve Program, the Water Bank Program, the forestry Incentives Program, the Colorado River Salinity Control Program,

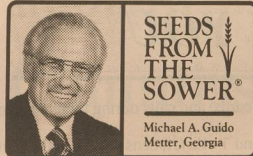
and the Farms for the Future Program.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service will increasingly look at all resources on private lands as its resource conservationists help private land owners on a voluntary basis. "We will continue to be the American people's link to private lands, as helping caretakers of the

land. But we think of land itself as a core constituent. I think we speak for the Land with a capital 'L' -- to go beyond the soil resource," Johnson said. "What's done on our fast acreage of private lands encompasses so much more - our water, our forest lands, our wildlife, our air and our quality of life."

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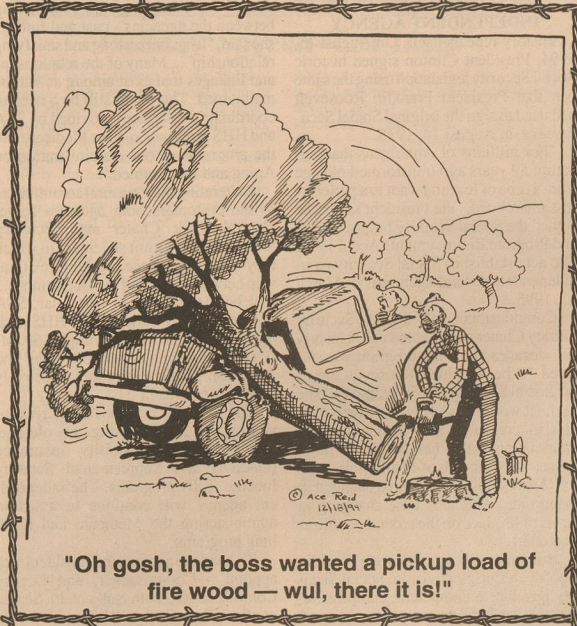
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The Library Board has authorized the sale of the Apple II computer and game software for Apple and sealed bids. Bids will be accepted at the Library or may be mailed to Charles N. Johnson, Box 323, Matador, TX, 79244 until January 4, 1995. Bids will be opened on January 5, 1995 at 5:00 p.m. during the regular meeting of the Library Board.

The Library Board reserves the right to reject all bids after they have been opened.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

METHODIST SENIOR YOUTH GROUP COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE NEEDY.
The Methodist Senior Youth Group would like to remind everyone that we are still collecting foods for the needy. If you would like to give for this great cause, you may bring your foods to Ron or Mary Kelley, Debbie Martin, or any one of the following members: Heather or Cobey Turner, Leigh Pipkin, Lindsey or Kristi Williams, Misty Thomas, Nathan Shannon, Jay Tomison, Don and Joe Martin, Jenny Lewis, or Jeremy or Scott Smith.

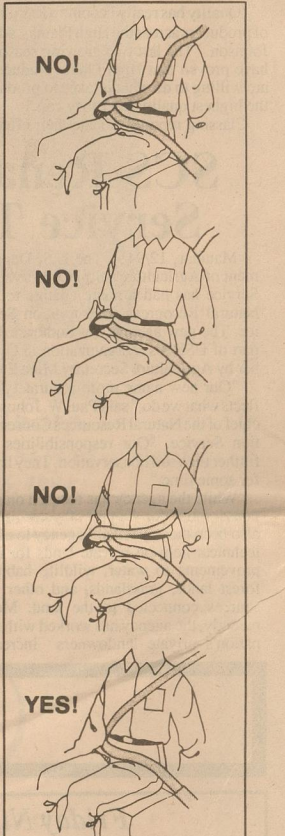
We will greatly appreciate anything that can be given. Thanks from the Senior Youth Group and the Methodist Church.

ROARING SPRINGS EXES' ADDRESSES NEEDED
Please send any addresses of your family, classmates, or teachers who were Roaring Springs Ex Students to Billie Clifton, Box 3, Roaring Springs, TX 79256.

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