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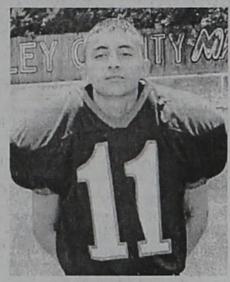
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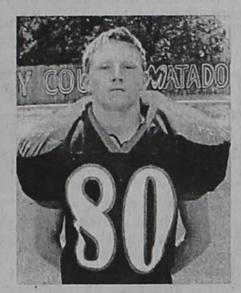
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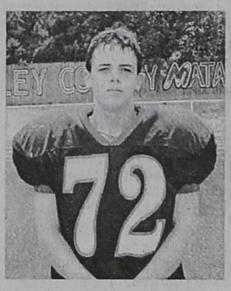
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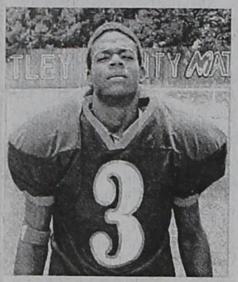
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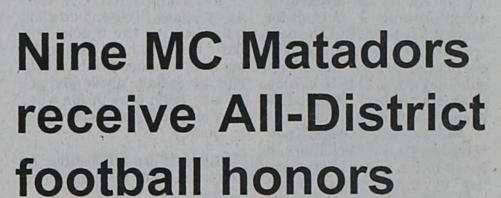
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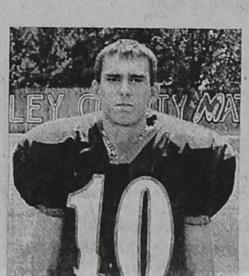


SEAGRAM SIMS JUNIOR 2ND TEAM OFFENSE



Nine Motley County Mata-dors received All District honors for District 2 Football. Senior

Lorenzo Salazar was named to the first team, defense, cornerback.



**CHANCE BINGHAM** SOPHOMORE HONORABLE MENTION

Named to the second team, offense, were Senior, Quinten

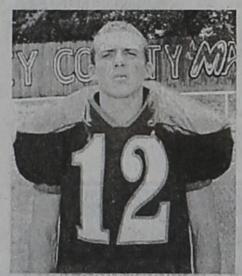
Rose, receiver; Junior, Seagram Sims, running back; and Sophomore, Brandon Gressett,

Receiving honorable mention were Junior, Clay Cooper, quarterback; Sophomore, Chance Bingham, quarterback;

Junior, Matt Henzler, defensive back; Sophomore, Colton Russell, noseguard; and Sophomore, Levi Buckner, defensive back.

Motley County is among six schools in six-man District 2 football. Other teams in the district include Patton Springs, Spur, New Home, Southland and

Coach Rick Cooper extends congratulations to these ath-



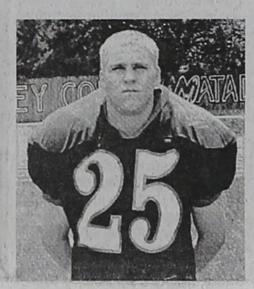
LEVI BUCKNER SOPHOMORE HONORABLE MENTION



MATT HENZLER **JUNIOR** HONORABLE MENTION



**CLAY COOPER JUNIOR** HONORABLE MENTION



COLTON RUSSELL SOPHOMORE HONORABLE MENTION

# 2003 Headlines in Review

This week we continue with a look back at the headlines making news in Motley County in 2003.

July 17

Mayor Williams resigns Matador Mayor, Rodney Williams submitted his letter of resignation when the City Council met in their regular session Thursday, July 10. July 24

Ranch Rodeo spurs new interest in Old Settlers

Annual Chamber Banquet set of August 16

MC Cheerleaders to spon-

sor cheer camp July 31 FFA members receive State

awards at annual convention Chamber Banquet will feature Nostalgia theme

High school registration August 4

August 7 16 teams line up for Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo

Immunizations must be up to date for beginning of the new school year August 14

Matadors begin 2003 season with 2-a-day workouts

Motley County ISD classes will begin Monday, August 18 2003 West Nile Outbreak

ahead of 2002 August 21 Man, Women and Business

of the Year named at Annual Chamber Banquet 2003 Business of the Year, New to You; 2003 Woman of the Year, Dinah Young; and 2003

Man of the Year, Alex Crowder. Mobile Post Office will be set up at Matador Ranch Matador cowboys will meet for annual reunion with his-

torical celebration August 28 Matador Cattle Company celebrates 50 years of owner-

State Rep. Rick Hardcastle will speak at Matador Ranch celebration

Will the Old Settlers Tabernacle survive another year? September 4

80th Annual Old Settlers Reunion draws hundreds to Roaring Springs

Large crowd attends Matador Ranch 50th Anniversary celebration

Over 600 registered at the 50th Anniversary of the Matador Ranch held at the Matador headquarters. Tongue River Ranch gath-

ers herd of awards at Roaring Springs rodeo September 11

Voters urged to say yes to Proposition 12

Motley County August rainfall totals still below normal for

Kid Camp receives dona-

School Board cuts 10% from budget

September 18

MC Matadors victorious over Spur for first home game win

The Healing Field 3,412 American flags were sat out at Kastman Park in Lubbock as a memorial tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. September 25

Matadors get big win over Guthrie 54-8

Motley County graduated found guilty of manslaughter Greenbelt District FFA

meeting hosted by MCISD Motley County FCA hosts area workshop

October 2

New Sign This new road sign, "Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop, is one of two recently erected at the north and south entrance to Roaring Springs.

Local Solider to come home for R&R Leave Local solider Srgt. Robert Fisk is scheduled to come home

this weekend. He has been stationed in Iraq since April." October 9 Motley County ISD awarded Reading First Grant

Rainfall locations affecting status of Motley County's cotton crops

Matadors run over New Home Leopards for 52-0 halftime win October 16

state tax credit 2003 Homecoming to be celebrated this weekend

Motley County qualifies for

October 23

2003 Homecoming Queen Veronica Mendoza was crowned as the 2003 Motley County Homecoming Queen.

Motley County ISD earns state's highest recognition Motley County ISD school

district officials announced that the district received a rating of "superior achievement."

School Attendance Rate at

American Legion to fight for Pledge October 30

First Bale of Cotton Ginned Gary Ford, of Roaring Springs brought in the first bale of cotton ginned in Motley County for 2003.

Motley County ISD lands high financial rating

November 6 Roaring Springs resident

will be honored on 100th birth-Mrs. Vera Mitchell will celebrate her 100th birthday on

November 8, with a party in Roaring Springs. Local Clubs will host annual Christmas Bazaars

Motley County Fire Department raises money for new fire

November 13 Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop dedicated in special cer-

truck

The city of Roaring Springs officially dedicated the Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop, Tuesday, November 11.

Matador Volunteer Fire Department awarded grant Matador Volunteer Fire De-

partment was one of eleven communities in Texas which recently received a grant through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Motley County Veteran's Honored

The Motley County veterans were honored with a special program sponsored by the Motley County ISD student council. "Veterans' Oral History Project announced." Student council members, assisted by American Legion or Auxiliary members and the technology staff at the school will interview every willing veteran in Motley County to obtain an oral history of their

military service.

November 20

Churches will come together for Thanksgiving Community Service

Santa Claus is coming to town! Late Night Shopping in Matador

Nationwide Seat Belt Crack down begins November 27 Quitaque to host annual

Caprock County Christmas Motley County Student Re-

ceives Free Computer
Twelve Motley County ISD seniors attended the Career Expo by South Plains Tech Prep. Out of almost 3,000 name one of them selected was Angie Marvel from Motley County

December 4

Historic building being restored

The historic First National Bank building in downtown Matador is in the process of being restored. Richard and Melea Knowles of Knowles-Taylor Cotton Co. Inc. are having the building restored and will move the company's offices to the location when completed.

Motley County records first freeze November 23

December 11

Motley County Ex-Students Association Seeking donations Dr. Clinton Burns, President of the Motley County Exstudent Association, has received a request from the Motlev County Independent School District for assistance in purchasing a new stage curtain for the auditorium/gymnasium.

Texas Hwy. 70 Association to sponsor 2nd Annual Christmas Lighting Contest Mail Call for Iraq

December 18

Clean-up available to residents for old cars and scrap metal

Danny McCasslan was present for open forum. He will be in Matador doing clean up of old cars and scrap metal for in-dividuals and asked the council for property locations on the list of potential clean-up sites. Local Churches to hold Christmas Candlelight Services ley County Grand Jury in 2002

# County races will be uncontested

letes.

There will be no contested races in the March 9, 2004 Primary election. With January 2 the last day to file for a place on the ballot, the following candidates have filed for re-election. Motley County Sheriff:

James B. "Jim" Meador. Commissioner, Precinct 3: Franklin Jameson. Commissioner, Precinct 1: Ronnie Davis.

Motley County Tax Assessor/ Collector: Elaine Hart. All candidates will be listed

on the Democratic ballot. The General Election will be held in November.

## 2003 sixth consecutive year for below normal rainfall in Motley County

by Earlyne Jameson

If not for the six and seven inch rains in June the total year end moisture in Motley County would not be as registered, because January, February, July and December monthly totals were zero moisture for some and limited rainfall for remainder of months.

We are needing rain now in

the worst way on wheat, feed and pasture land and land that needs to be plowed since the cotton and feed harvest is complete. We have had our share of gusting winds throughout the

However, cotton gins and farmers in the area were surprised by the better turn out than expected, so we are pleased with this report.

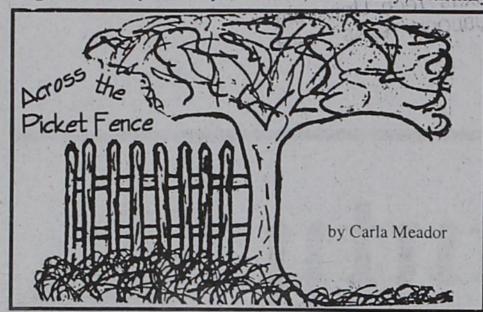
# Jury trial begins in sexual assault case

A jury trial began Monday, January 5, at the Motley County Courthouse, 110th Judicial District, in the Aggravated Sexual Assault case against Jeff Braselton of Roaring Springs. Braselton was indicted by Mot-

on two counts of aggravated sexual assault.

Braselton is accused of sexually assaulting a minor child in

Roaring Springs. Jeff Braselton is a 1980 graduate of Motley County High



I thought this story was good and knew my readers would also like it.

Water Bearer

A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect for which it was made But, the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work and you don't get full value from your efforts." The bearer said to the pot,

"Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path. Every day as we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

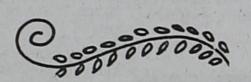
The moral of the story:

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are, and look for the good

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of

Remember to appreciate all the different people in your life!

Blessings to all my cracked pot readers.



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#### **Right Things for 2004**



In this new year of 2004 we will be faced with some decisions that have to be made. These will involve whether or not we should do or not do something. Or should we become involved? Usually a lot of things come into consideration as we make our decisions. There are times that it will require of us great courage not to do a thing as to do it. Here is a simple rule to follow:

It's always right to do right It's always wrong to do wrong It's never right to do wrong It's never wrong to do right

It's always right to do right even if no one is doing it It's always wrong to do wrong even if everyone is

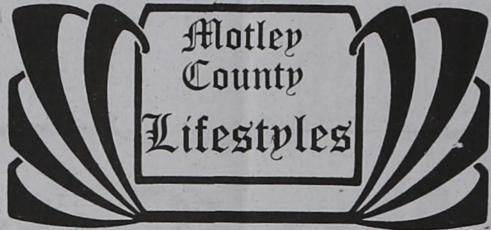
There is no right way to do a wrong thing.

Now, as we face the new year of 2004, put that simple rule into practice. If it's right go ahead. If it's wrong don't do it. That way we will always be found doing the right thing. And that's

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



# Five Lifesavers for the New Year

a problem occurs. This procras-

and colorectal exams can detect

cancerous activity early when

treatment is most effective.

Tests for cholesterol, triglycer-

ide levels and blood pressure,

along with family history, can

indicate if you are at risk for heart disease. People at risk of

developing diabetes can prevent

serious complications or death

if the disease is diagnosed and

often; but again, smoking is bad

for your health. Tobacco use can

lead to deadly diseases such as

lung cancer, emphysema and stroke. When quitting, ask your

doctor if nicotine replacement

products are a good idea, get a

friend to remind you of all the

benefits of being smoke free,

and be patient - many people

quit several times before they

tive behavioral change,'

Sanchez said. "You just may

"Make 2004 a year for posi-

\* Reduce portion size. If you

Drink fewer sodas. Over a

eat out, order smaller portions

or divide your entree and take

year's time, one can of regular

cola a day at 150 calories equals

more than 15 pounds worth of

You may be surprised by the in-

cidental calories - a bag of chips

here, some candy there, really

Substitute dried fruit for candy,

add vegetables to soups, pasta,

stir-fry dishes or casseroles.

Tips for getting fit

mine your steps.

all adds up.

Write down what you eat.

\* Add fruit and vegetables.

Limit snack foods, foods

kick the habit for good.

**Tips for Eating Smart** 

save your life.'

half home.

calories.

add up.

And finally, it's been repeated

managed.

Pap smears, mammograms

tination can be deadly.

It's that time of year when people make resolutions. You know the vows: clean out the garage, keep in better touch with friends and family, save money.

But there are some health and fitness reolutions that could save your life, according to Texas Commissioner of Health Edurado Sanchez, M.D.

"If people would remember to do just five things, they could live longer, healthier lives, Sanchez said.

The five are: Eat smart; get fit; get shots; get checkups and screen; and don't smoke.

Each of these suggestions alone is good for anyone to consider, Sanchez said. But together they provide a solid plan to help a person get healthy and stay that way.

First, more than 60% of the people in Texas are overweight or obese. Preliminary analysis by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) suggests that overweight and obesity cost an estimated \$10.2 billion in 2001 in Texas.

Healthy benefits come, nutritionists say, if people eat five to nine servings of fruit and vegetables a day. Other good choices include eating whole grains; taking smaller portions; selecting lean meat, fish and poultry; and reducing or eliminating fat, fried foods, sugar and

In addition to an improved immune system, people who eat smart may avoid or delay problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol and triglycerides (fats in the blood) that can lead to heart disease and stroke.

Next, are you having trouble getting moving? You are not alone. Urban sprawl means more time in the car for many, and busy schedules make getting fit a challenge.

Think about ways you can start slowly and build you activity level. Just 30 minutes of moderate to brisk exercise daily can strengthen your heart.

"Make it a family activity," Sanchez said. "Try fun runs, walks and other activities that can include family members of

Third, getting shots is some-thing many adults don't think about; but pneumonia, one of the most serious infections for seniors, is easily prevented with a two-shot vaccine. While an influenza vaccine can't always completely cover all strains circulating, it does provide protec-tion, and is especially important for those at risk of serious complications or death.

"Check with your health care provider about what shots are recommended and when," Sanchez said. "Most adults should get vaccinated against pneumonia and flu, especially those over age 65.

Or when is the last time you had a tetanus shot? The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends adults get a booster every 10

Fourth on the list is getting checkups and screens. Many people don't visit a doctor until

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We thank Stan and Dorothy Hanesworth for the subscription to "Time Magazine" that they have given to the library. We know that our patrons will enjoy reading this magazine. And, while I am talking about magazines, did you know that you can check out magazines from the Motley County Library? Thanks to people like Stan and Dorothy, we have several to choose from.

Another gift subscription that the library receives is the Motley County Tribune. It is important for the library to have the local news and we thank Carla Meador for donating this wonderful newspaper to the li-

We appreciate the donation by D.A. McGuire in memory of Bill Koon. Donations such as these help keep the library's collection of books, videos and audios up-to-date.

New items in the library include three books on CD's. We thank John Sanford's The

Hanged Man's Song, featuring the computer antics of Sanford's character, Kidd. We also have the audio version of James Lee Burkes's Last Car to Elysian Fields, featuring Dave Robicheaux. The third CD is W.E.B Griffin's Honor Bound. The library offers these and many other audio books for you to check out and enjoy.

Also on the positive side, the boll weevil eradication program experienced area wide success.

We thank the National Weather Service Volunteers of Motley County for the monthly and total year and moisture reports.

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: Dec. 0.02; 2003 total 16.56 inches. Kelly Meyer, Matador: Dec. 0.04; 2003 total 13.06 inches. Jim Stockton, Whiteflat: Dec. 00; 2003 total 14.27 inches. Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot: Dec. 00; 2003 total 16.11 inches. Betty Simpson, Northfield: Dec. 00; 2003 total 13.98 inches.

#### **NOTE OF THANKS**

Thanks to you all for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, visits and food during and after my stay in the hospital.

Ellis Terry

Thank you for the calls, cards, food and prayers during my hospital stay and since my return home. A special thanks to the Ambulance team, Seven, Mindy, Tony and Sheila for your great work! Once again we realize how lucky we are to have such well trained EMT's. We greatly appreciate each of you!

> God Bless, Jack and Katie Davis

It has been my privilege to serve our customers at the First State Bank of Matador for the last twenty years. During that time I have renewed old friendships and made many, many new friends. My thanks to all of you who have wished me well for my retirement. I will miss seeing everyone on a regular basis, but the memories I take with me will last for a lifetime.

> Sincerely, Myrna Blasingame

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

high in fat or sugar and pro-cessed foods since they have some calories and fewer nutri-\* Take a step in the right direction. Walking 10,000 steps a day (about five miles) helps to maintain a healthy weight. A pedometer will help you deter-\* Go it on foot. Take the stairs instead of elevators, park farther from your destination and Encourage your children to walk to school where feasible, walk or ride a bicycle for short trips instead of taking the car. It Ladies Apparel Petticoat Junction Downtown Roaring Springs 806-348-7056



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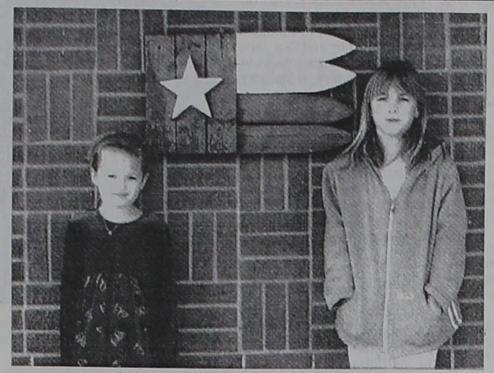


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# THE MATADOR

<u>– SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS –</u>





Top Sales

Katie Barton, left, a member of the local Girl Scout Brownie Troop #724, and Kyla Simpson, a member of the Junior Troop #356, were top salesgirls in the recent Girl Scout nut sale. Katie is a first grader at Motley County ISD and the 6-year-old daughter of Bobby and Brooke Barton of Matador. Kyla is a fifth grader and the 10-year-old daughter of Terry and Tammy Simpson of Matador.

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#### **New "Don't Mess With Texas"** scholarship gives enterprising students a chance to letter in litter

As the Texas Department of Transportations's (TxDOT) Don't Mess with Texas campaign heads into its 18th year, its offering a unique scholarship opportunity to graduating high school seniors reared on its litter prevention message.

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by a do-nation from Dairy Queen, recognizes the achievements of high school seniors who have taken actions to prevent litter in their schools or communities. One \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2004. Applications are due April 3, 2004, and are available through www.dontmesswithtexas.org or Texas school guidance counse-

Who Is Eligible?

\* Any high school senior graduating spring 2004 who cur-rently resides and attends school in Texas.

\* Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two-or four-year college or university (public or private) in What Are the Requirements?

\* An essay of 300 to 350 words identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it.

Two letters of recommendations - one from a school-related source and the other from a non-school-related source.

\* A photocopy of the student's official high school transcript.

\* A completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship applica-

The scholarship is TxDOT's latest effort to generate more youth involvement in the Don't Mess with Texas campaign. TxDOT research shows Texans ages 16-24 are the state's most frequent litterers and they are often the most difficult audience to reach. The second annual Don't Mess with Texas Road Tour will take a truck full of games and prizes to Texas hotspots this summer, and a new Don't Mess with Texas Campus Cleanup (sponsored by Dairy Queen) will kick off at the state's colleges and universities in March 2004.

## Caprock Girl Scouts offers January events

The Girls Scouts of Caprock Council offer several events for the month of January.

Brownie Girl Scouts can participate in Shape Science on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock. This event will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and again from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Girls will be able to make an animal out of paper, explore shapes in nature and create their own paper magic as they fulfill the requirements for the Number and Shapes Try-It. Cost is \$10.00 per girl (includes badge) or \$14.00 forwarkshapes and magazine for the state of for workshop and museum time. Registration deadline for this event is Jan. 6.

Yarn & Fabrics will be held for Junior Girl Scouts on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Lubbock Lake Landmark. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Juniors will learn the basics of weaving as they create their own miniature masterpiece. This event fulfills a requirement toward their Yarn and Fabrics badge. Cost is \$6.00 per girl and the deadline to reg-

ister is Jan. 6 Junior Girl Scouts can also participate in Science Discovery at the Science Spectrum on Jan. 31. Girls will explore the exciting world of science as they experiment with chemicals, light and much more. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and again from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per girl (includes badge) or \$14.00 with museum time. Girls need to be registered by Jan. 15 in order to attend.

Cadette/Senior Girl Scouts will be able to earn their Program Aide Pin by completing the Program Aide Training Core Course on Jan. 24. Held at the Science Spectrum from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., participants will learn about fundamentals of Girl Scouting and how to work in a leadership capacity with other Girl Scout age levels. The course includes safety concerns, characteristics of the three younger age levels, Girl Scout basics, as well as how to plan a meeting. Girls must be in the seventh grade or older to participate in this course. Cost is \$10.00 per girl and registra-tions must be received by Jan.

Non-Girl Scouts are also eligible to register for any of these activities. There is a one-time registration fee of \$10.00 in addition to the cost of the work-

Financial assistance is available upon request. For more information, please call the Caprock Council office at (806) 745-2855 or (806) 296-7295 in Plainview.



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Variety

## January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Motley County ISD is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to communities and schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members

of Texas," said Rick Copp, Superintendent.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education" Copp said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part," Copp said.

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Copp. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," Copp

> The men and women serving Motley County ISD are: Douglas Campbell, President, Service 4 years Shonda Elliott, Vice-President, Service 3 years Tina Brooks, Secretary/Treasurer, Service 2 years Les Woolsey, Trustee, Service 3 years Pat Smith, Trustee, Service 2 years Ted Davey, Trustee, Service 1 year David Stafford, Trustee, Service 1 year

Keep our kids SAFE! Drive carefully inschool zones!



#### TAX TIPS

If you need an additional tax deduction for 2003, there is still time to make an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) contribution of up to \$3,000.00 (\$3,500.00 for individuals over the age of 50). IRA contributions can be made for 2003 until April 15, 2004. IRAs are attractive tax saving tools for numerous reasons. IRA accounts accumulate tax-free until withdrawn. First time homebuyers may withdraw from their IRAs for home purchases without a penalty. Education expenses can also be withdrawn from IRAs without a penalty. Taxes are paid at the time the funds are withdrawn. Taxpayers may begin withdrawing from IRAs when they reach the age of 59 1/2. Taxpayers must begin withdrawing a minimum distribution at age 70 1/2. If you have any questions or would like more information on IRAs, please contact Dianne Washington at Thayer and Washington, CPAs at (806) 455-1087 on Thursdays or at (806) 347-2636.

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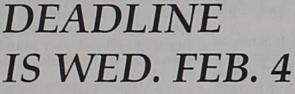
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# News Around the County

#### Roaring Springs News By Lula Swim

Bill and Mozelle Hand had Christmas dinner, December 25, in Lubbock with Duane and Kim Watson and Hanna Alexander

On Saturday, December 29, Bill and Mozelle Hand's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were here celebrating Christmas. Those attending were Trudy Hand of Wolfforth; Bonita and Jason Barton of Magnolia, Ark.; Kim and Duane Watson, Hanna Alexander of Lubbock; Stacy, Krista, Brian, Tyler, and Madison of Tahoka; Ken, Missy, Jay, Laura and Jay Davis of Grandview.

Bill and Mozelle Hand attended the funeral of his cousin, Merle Davidson Nall at McLean, Tuesday,

Visiting Bill and Mozelle Hand were his son and wife, Kelly and Mary of Coppell on Saturday, Janu-

Joyce Smith spent the Christ-mas holidays with her daughter and husband, Don and Michelle Smith in Corinth. They were joined by granddaughter and family, Julie, Brian and Ellie Marie DiPoalo of Houston, and grandson, Chad Smith of Dal-

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock had as their Christmas Day visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited

during the holidays in Lovington,

N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted

Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl

Hester, Kristen and Christopher.

and Justin Peacock and Stacy Strozier and daughter Cecilia of Anahuac, Texas. On Sunday their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Peacock of Midlothian, Virginia and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Adamick of Charlotte, North Carolina visited in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock were visitors with the Bill Peacock's for New Years Day and enjoyed the traditional lunch of Black eyed peas, plus all the trim-

Mr. Steve Saenz of Whittler, California was in Roaring Springs on Tuesday visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and with his Aunt, Lula Swim, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim were in Floydada last Monday. J.T. visited with Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hunter.

Mrs. Pearl Patten came home on Saturday after spending several days in Boyd with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parker. Mrs. Parker had minor surgery while she was

Mrs. Jo Ann Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Paducah visited Mrs. Pearl Patten on Sunday.

Visiting last Sunday with Art

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

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A man was asked if he had a White Christmas. He replied, "To say I had a White Christmas would be the same as saying I wish it would stop raining." Another man said, "When it rains in Motley County it is an accident!"

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The birthday of Billy Don Hughes of Lubbock was celebrated Tuesday night, Dec. 30 at the River Smith Restaurant in Lubbock.

Those enjoying the happy occa-sion beside his wife, Becky and children, Brennan and Baylee were his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes of Flomot; Roger Hughes and Rickey, Tasha and Kendall Hughes of Floydada; Mrs. Marsha Blake of Lubbock; Patsy and Larry Webb of Hale Center and Keith Rogers and grandson, Zack of Petersburg.

Donnie Rogers and daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers of Lindale attended the funeral services of his aunt, Mrs. Merle Nall held in Amarillo Tuesday morning, Dec. 30. Joining them for the graveside services Tuesday afternoon in McLean were Mrs. Nall's sister and husband, B. and Howard Rogers of Flomot; Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary and Ronnie and Richard Rogers of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Shannon and daughter, Nellie were guests Christmas eve of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Shannon of Roaring Springs. They were guests in Farwell Christmas day in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Eubank.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Mrs. Cara Carson were Amy, Cory and Madison Franks and Cary Franks of Lub-Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn

Martin, Friday was Johnney Turner of Lubbock. Visiting them Sunday and Monday was daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Casey and daughter of Lubbock visited Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Higgins, Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy, Tanya and Jackie.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughters, Natalie and Brooke Rogers to the Amarillo Airport Monday for their return trip home to Lindale after visiting the holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Kayla Guest of Turkey visited in Vernon, Saturday with daughter and family, Lucretia and Breck Dockery and Brittany.

## **Anonymous writer pays** tribute to Frank Mitchell

- Anonymous

NOTE: The following article was read at the Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop dedication held in Roaring Springs, November 11. It was left, unsigned, in a resident's rural mailbox.

The FRANK MITCHELL MEMORIAL LOOP. In distance but a few short miles. But mighty enough to hold the memories of untold thousands of those who have gone before 1st Lt. Frank Mitchell, as well as those who have come after.

From the time of General George Washington, who forged a nation with lean, hungry-look-

ing men with rifles in hand, near empty haversacks slung on their backs, battered hats dropping over stern faces, and rags tied around shoes that rotted on their feet. Men marching single file to war, knowing some would not return that night, looking at their general with level eyes. Strong men, and sensible, with the taste of independence in their mouths. And as they passed, gave him an appraising look, and nodded. Just nodded. "Evening, Ginral." "How do, Ginral" 'Evenin', sir." And so a nation of freedom was born. (1)

And on to the time when brother fought brother, and son fought father, yet each with a taste of freedom in their mouths. Through World Wars I and II, men fought with the taste of freedom ringing strong in their hearts.

On November 26, 1950, in North Korea, 1st. Lt. Frank Mitchell led his platoon down the far side of a 5,000 foot mountain, through 10 to 14 inches of snow and in 20 below zero weather. As they reached the bottom, the Chinese enemy opened fire at point blank range, causing numerous casualties. He reorganized his platoon, encouraged and helped his men drive the enemy from his position. Though wounded himself, he led litter bearers through hostile fire to find the wounded. "Evenin', Lt. I knew you'd come." "Hi, Lt. you're here." "It's you, Lt." He then waged a single-handed battle against the enemy, successfully covering his remaining men's withdrawal. He saved the lives of several marines, and inflicted heavy casualties in the enemy. He died preserving the freedom so many others had won. (2)

Standing today on the FRANK MITCHELL MEMO-RIAL LOOP, a few short miles in distance but mighty enough to hold the memories of all those who died before and since his time, we gratefully acknowledge the sacrifices paid by so many, so that we might live in a nation forged and preserved in free-

(1) Adapted from EAGLE'S CRY, David Nevin, a Tom Doherty Associates Book, Chap.

(2) Adapted from the Citation in the presentation of the Medal of Honor to 1st. Lt. Frank Mitchell and the letter written by Colonel James W. Stemple.

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# OBITUARIES

#### **Jerry Watson**

Funeral services for Jerry Ann Watson, 64, of Matador, were held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, at First Baptist Church in Matador with Dr. C.H. Murphy and Rev. Jack Boggs officiating. Interment was at East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Mrs. Watson died Sunday morning, January 4, 2004, at her residence in Matador.

She was born October 22, 1939, in Spur, Texas to H.V. (Bunch) and Anne Williams. She was a graduate of Patton Springs High school. She married James P. (Jim) Watson on July 21, 1961, in Afton. She had been a resident of Wyoming for 11 years, Bakersfield, CA for 9 years, and had lived in Houston prior to moving to Matador.

She is survived by her husband, Jim of Matador; two sons, Chris Watson of San Diego and Darren Watson of Lubbock; her sister, Tommye Keith of Dickens; and six grandchildren, Christopher, Amber, Kayla, Preston, Brooke and Skyler.

Pallbearers were Ronnie



Vandiver, Larry Hoyle, Kenny Barton, Bob Davis, Garland Cartwright and Robin Darsey.

The family suggests memorials to the Motley County Senior Citizens Association.

#### Cora Mitchell

Cora Mitchell, 102, of Amarillo, died Monday, December 29, 2003.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31, in Bell Avenue Church of Christ with Glen Walton officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Cora Ann Phipps was born 102 years ago, November 30, 1901, in Motley County to George W. Phipps and Sara Caroline Vickers Phipps, the eighth child of nine siblings

She lived in Matador for a while, then moved to an area that would later be Roaring Springs. She attended a country school called Dutchman. She was the only person to graduate from that school in June of 1919.

In November 1922 she married Clyde Mitchell, and they had five children. While their three daughters were small, they moved several times because Clyde was a semiprofessional baseball player. They finally settled in Kermit for several years before moving to Pampa in 1940, then to Amarillo in 1942. They moved to Colorado in the early 1950s, where she worked as a hostess at the Martha Lee Dining Room for about 10 years before moving back to Amarillo.

Mrs. Mitchell was preceded in death by her husband in 1964 and two children, Clyda Corrine Nichols



in 1997 and Donald Ray Mitchell in

Survivors include two daughters, Johnie June Lowrance and husband, Cliff, of Amarillo, and LaVoe Thacker and husband, Buzz, of Roaring Springs; a son, Dell Mitchell and wife, Mary, of Trinidad; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Thacker, Jeff Thacker, Randy Lowrance, Billy Lefevre, John Thacker, Brad Thacker, Kyle Minchew and Ivan

#### Julia Godfrey

Spur -- Graveside services for Julia Godfrey, 97, of Spur were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 4, 2004, at the Spur Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Burton officiating. Burial was under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Godfrey was born July 6. 1906, to Hugh (Jack) ad Lenora McClure Luckett in Motley County. She was a graduate of Baylor University. She married Cecil Godfrey. He preceded her in death on July 29,

Mrs. Godfrey was a teacher in Roaring Springs, San Angelo and Spur. She also served as Librarian at Spur Elementary. She was bookkeeper for Godfrey Furniture in Spur for many years. She retired at age 70. She was a Sunday School teacher at First United Methodist Church in Spur for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Ann Godfrey of Humble; her granddaughter, Emily Yeager of Chicago, Illinois and her father, Gary Yeager; 2 nieces, Leadell Martin of Matador and Julia Marie Matusch of Colorado; and 2 nephews, Carter and Jack M. Luckett, both of Matador.

#### **Justine Mullins**

Justine Pearl ended her journey in this earth Tuesday December 16, 2003, and entered into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Justine was born in Matador, Texas on September 25, 1923 to Virgil and Minnie Rattan. She was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband Lewis Carl Mullins, and brothers Lawrence, Truitt and Raymond Rattan. Justine is survived by sisters Velda Meek and Dorothy Heredin: sons Lewis (Skipper) Mullins, Michael Mullins and wife Suzy, Donald Mullins and wife Mandy, and daughter Lou Moyer and husband John; nine grandchildren: Trisha Myler, Shawn Mullins, Amy Mullins,

Lee, Michelle Mullins, Shannon Mullins and Leah Pearl Mullins; seven great-grandchildren; kind and loving friend William (Bill) Daniels.

Justine followed the teaching our Heavenly Father gave to all of us to live our lives by, and was a role model to many. She touched lives even she was not aware of and had a zest for life, spreading joy everywhere she traveled. The accident that required three weeks of hospital confinement still left her smiling at her caregivers each time they entered her room. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Justine was a long time member of First Baptist Church of downtown

#### Merle Davidson Nall

Merle Nall, 91, of Amarillo died Saturday, December 27, 2003. Services were at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2003, in the N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel in Amarillo. The Rev. Thacker Haynes officiated.

Suzie Calarco, Katy Mullins, Rachel

Burial was at 2:00 p.m. in the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Mrs. Nall was born August 16, 1992, in Dumont to James and Dora Davidson.

She cooked for ranch hands on the Ro Ranch in McLean for many years and also at the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie. The family moved to Amarillo in the 70s and has lived here

She worked at Sam's Warehouse and Homeland as a demo lady until retiring in her late 80s. She was preceded in death by

her husband, Elmo in 1992; two brothers and a sister. Survivors include two sons, Ollie

Nall of Amarillo and Shannon Nall and wife, Ellen of Bushland; a daughter, Rosita Nall of Amarillo; a brother, Dale Davidson of Cathage, Missouri; a sister Glena Roy "B" Rogers of Flomot; four grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

#### James G. "Jim" Wade

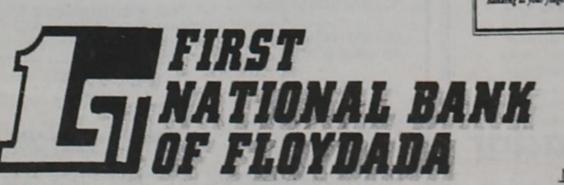
James G. "Jim" Wade, age 82, of Sunset, Texas passed away December 16, 2003, at the Bowie Memorial Hospital in Bowie.

Mr. Wade was born April 3, 1921, in Dayton, TN. He was the son of Lonnie Wade and Ona Collins Wade. He was raised in Northfield. He married Katie Lou Thomas on November 19, 1943, in Durham, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the First Army Division 126th Ordinance Corps. He landed on the third day after D-Day and followed his unit all the way to Berlin, Germany. He worked at the Fort Worth Stock Yards in Fort Worth for twenty-two years as a checker. He was a farmer and lived in Sunset for fifty-seven years. He was a member

of the First United Methodist Church in Sunset. Funeral services were held

Thursday, December 18, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. at the Fry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Wilson officiating. Interment was at the Sunset Cemetery under the direction of Fry Funeral Home.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Katie Lou Wade, of Sunset; two daughters, Kaye Elmore of Aransas Pass and Kathy Wilkins of Decatur; one son, Ike Wade of Dublin; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill Wade of Alvord; two sisters, Dorotha Knight of Wichita Falls and Peggy Heugatter of Sunset; and numerous nieces and nephews.





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# Harvest shows eradication working

Abilene -- As the cotton harvest wound up across the state, some Northern Rolling Plains growers were extolling the virtues of boll weevil eradication.

One grower recently sent the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication

Foundation a photograph he took on his father's farm near Childress.

"Here is personal proof of what Boll Weevil control can do. Never have we made such a beautiful crop with cotton to the very top," wrote Bryan Crook.
"If we had this 20 years ago, I would still be on the farm full time."

The photo shows cotton-harvesting equipment in the middle of a field of wall-to-wall cotton. Crook is employed by the Farm Service Agency.

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Hawthorns, 2 American Red-buds, and 2 Kousa Dogwoods. "These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow,

the Foundation's president,

said. "They will give your home

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and yellow flowers - and also

provide winter berries and nest-

The trees will be shipped

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The ten trees are 2 White

America campaign.

Crook wrote that his father, Don Ray Crook, has never been more proud of a crop

"In our part of the country, there really isn't an alternate crop to replace cotton as a cash crop. And we can produce cotton," Crook added. "We just could not afford to put out all the chemical it was taking to beat back the boll weevils.

... Because of what you do, many families may be able to keep their farms."

Crook wasn't the only one singing the praises of eradica-

Don Rummel, who recently retired from Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas A&M, said that his nephew, Tony Cox, was able to produce three bales per acre on his cotton farm, located

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The Northern Rolling Plains began eradication in 1999. That year, foundation pheromone traps captured more than a million weevils in just the diapause phase Trapping that year began in August.

season's worth of trapping caught more than 3 million weevils. In 2003, only 80 weevils were captured all year.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-August. effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

# **TDH** continues successful rabies fight through

A decade of feeding hungry coyotes and gray foxes in the dead of winter may not have kept these wild animals fat and happy, but it certainly has caused the incidence of canine and gray fox rabies to plummet.

TDH initiated the program in South Texas where canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions and threatened to invade San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an air drop began in West-Central Texas where an epidemic of gray fox rabies had

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to one in 2001 and none since then. Gray fox cases are down as well from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to 61 in 2003 through October.

Appealing to specialized tastes, the customized baits offer a treat of fish meal to coyotes and dog food containing molasses and vanilla flavoring to gray foxes. Each bait contains 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine.

"The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Sidwa said.

logical agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people have touched them, they should not be handled. Each brown bait, which measures 11/4 by 1 1/4 by 3/4 inches, is marked with a TDH toll free number, 1-877-722-6725, that people may call for information.

get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he said.

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Now, with stacks of favorable statistics at hand, TDH is again set to airdrop bait food filled with oral rabies vaccine over portions of South, Central and West Texas. In early January, about 2.7 million baits will drop from four specially - equipped airplanes flying across 47 counties. The first flight takes off Jan. 6, weather permitting, from the Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop will begin about Jan. 15 from the Kimble County Airport in Junction, and the final phase will fly from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton beginning about Jan. 22.

been occurring since 1988. "The Oral Rabies Vaccination Program continues to show excellent results," said TDH weterinarian Tom Sidwa, ORVP

director. "Look at the data: No human cases of rabies in either area since the vaccine airdrop began. No animal cases of either canine or gray fox rabies outside the original zones since the program's beginning. No canine strain of rabies at all in Texas since 2001 and a significant drop in number of gray fox rabies cases."

Because baits contain a bio-

Sidwa emphasized that owners of domestic animals need to

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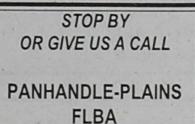
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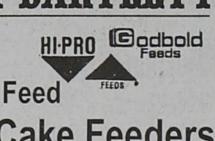
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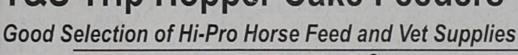
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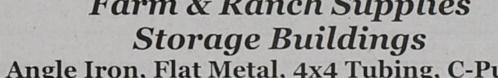
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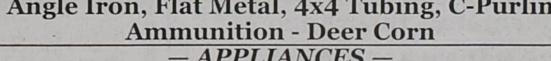


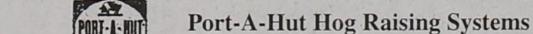














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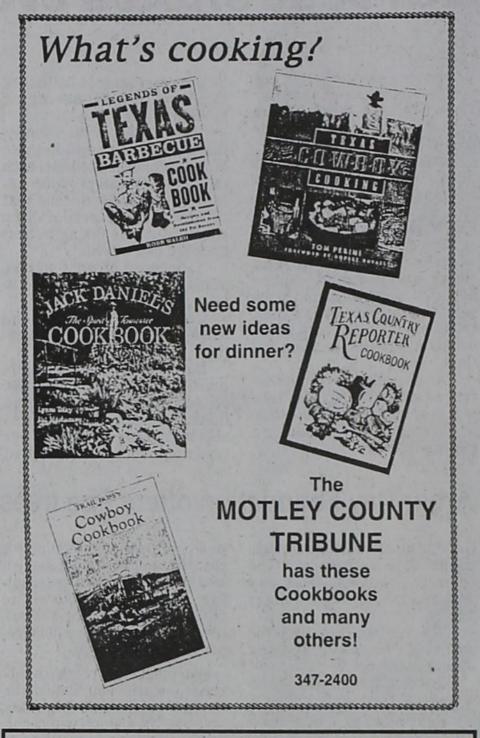
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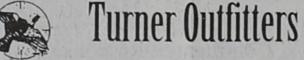
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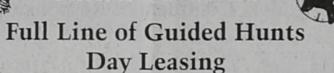
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