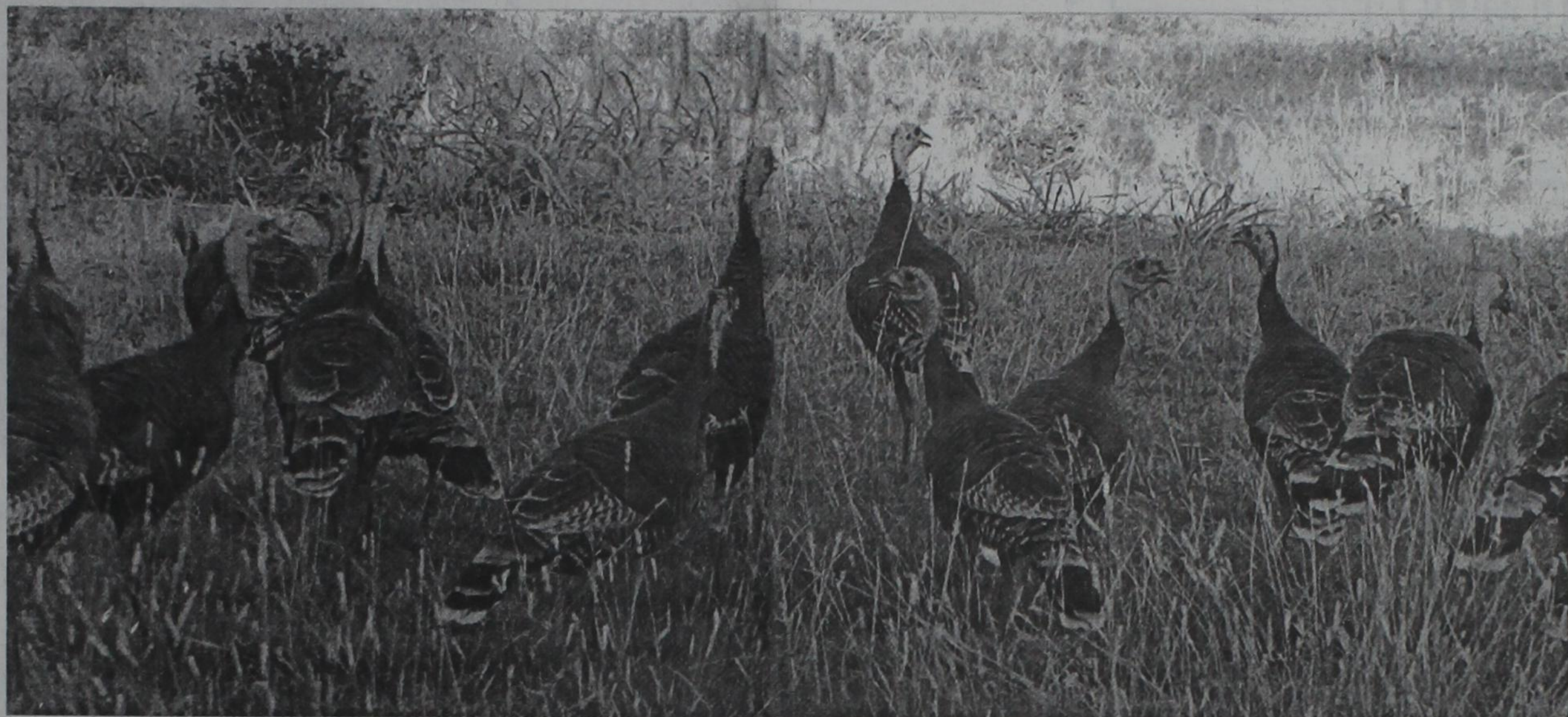


# Happy Thanksgiving



Wild Turkeys are abundant in this area. This group of the fine feathered birds was taken in Roaring Springs near the home of Ken and Dinah Young. (photo by Annie Green)



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### Attention Shoppers:

### Roaring Springs and Matador businesses will stay open late for Christmas shopping

Motley County residents and visitors are reminded they will get the chance to do some early

### Christmas greetings available

The annual Christmas edition of the Motley County Tribune will be the December 16th issue. Each year we strive to make this issue special.

If you would like to have a Christmas greeting in this issue, please call our office, 347-2400, as soon as possible. We have a beautiful selection of greetings to choose from.

Also, Santa Clause has, once again, authorized the Tribune to accept letters to him. We will print those letters in our Christmas edition and then forward them on to Santa at the North Pole.

Santa letters must be submitted no later than December 9. Greetings must be submitted no later than December 8. Thank you for your cooperation and we truly hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season.

Christmas shopping when Roaring Springs businesses will stay open late this Friday night, November 26, for a special after Thanksgiving shopping event. Businesses will stay open until 9:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive in old west style about 5:00 p.m. to visit with children.

Motley County residents will get the chance to shop at home again when Matador businesses will hold their annual Late Night Shopping event, Thursday, December 2.

Businesses staying open late, which have notified the Tribune, will include The Motley County Tribune, Calico Treasures-Decorator's Studio, New To You, Matador Variety, Matador Floral, The Motley County Library, Main Street Cafe, Jo-Barb-Dee Gift Shop, Bar L Designs (located inside New to You) Just Around the Corner and the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. Other businesses may also remain open late. There will also be various booths set up.

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will give away three \$25 Motley County Bucks. The Chamber urges residents to shop at home and support local businesses.

Santa will arrive by firetruck

about 5:30 p.m. and will visit with children at the fire hall. Pictures with Santa will be available.

The Eternas Study Club will sponsor a Kiddie Store which will open at 6:00 p.m. for children to do some Christmas shopping. This store is for kids only and items are priced in their price range.

Don't miss out on these two special Late Night Shopping events. The annual events bring an old fashioned holiday spirit to the area and give shoppers the chance to support local businesses by keeping their dollars at home.

### Granny's Tea Party set for December 5

The most anticipated event of the season has been set for December 5. Little girls look forward to Granny's Tea Party all year as they plan their outfits for the special event.

The annual tea party, which is a Library Fund-raiser, will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Joyce Campbell, assisted by Mrs. Janie Campbell.

Girls are asked to dress up for the day and wear their 'Granny's' favorite dress, hat, jewelry, etc.

Each girl is asked to donate \$7.50 each. All proceeds go to the Library to purchase books for the Children's section.



SHOPPING FRIENDS — Kailin McNeill, 4, left, and Judson Jones, 4, enjoyed browsing at the Motley County Arts and Crafts Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. They were admiring some ornaments when this picture was snapped. Kaitlin is the daughter of Brad and Darla McNeill of Lubbock and Judson is the son of Jeremy and Whitney Jones of Lubbock. The two youngsters as well as many other visitors and Motley County residents enjoyed shopping and refreshments at the club's annual bazaar.

### Motley County School Board meets

by Tina Brooks,  
School Board reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Thursday, November 11 for their regularly scheduled meeting. All

board members were present except Les Woolsey. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Cathy Turner, Jan Jones and D'anna Russell.

Mr. Copp gave the invocation.

No one was present for the public hearing on Campus Safety. There have no violent criminal acts at Motley County.

No one was present for the public hearing on The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System. This is an assessment of Bi-lingual students to see if they are learning on level. Every Bi-lingual student at Motley County passed his or her level.

During open forum Cathey Turner informed the board that the high school students at MC are going to hold a bake sale for Matt Easter. Matt is a former student of Motley County going through a difficult time and the students want to help him and his family out. The bake sale is going to be held Wednesday,

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### Letters to Santa

Mail your Letters to Santa C/O Motley County Tribune, P.O. Box 490, Matador, Texas 79244. Letters will be printed in the Christmas edition, December 16, and must be received no later than Thursday, December 9.

### Local teacher participates in National Science Teachers' Convention

Motley County I.S.D. high school teacher, Kathy Gillespie, participated in the National Teacher Association's Regional Convention in Seattle, Washington from November 18-20. Mrs. Gillespie's participation was a function of her membership in the Leadership Fellows Academy, a National Science Foundation funded grant.

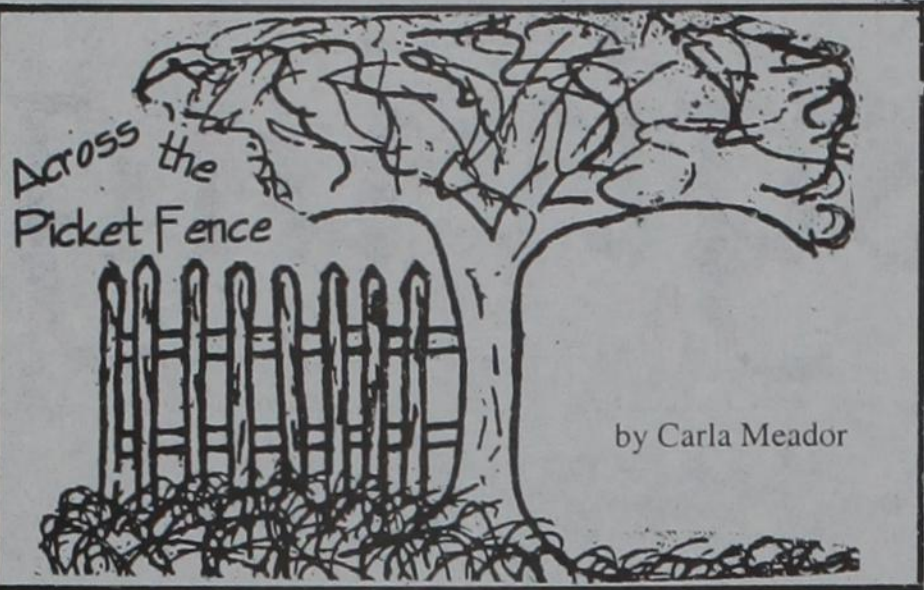
While at the convention, Mrs. Gillespie attended many workshops that she found to be beneficial to her classes and she brought home materials that she can use in her classes. She also attended some workshops and brought back information materials for other MCISD teachers. Further, she gathered some valuable information for

the new math/science grant she is writing, and did in fact, get some material donations for this grant.

Mrs. Gillespie spoke at two of the general meetings. She and her networking partner from Lyford ISD talked of the benefits of rural systematic initiatives, the importance of net-

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Happy Thanksgiving! What a wonderfully blessed year we have had. An abundance of rain-fall and so much more to be thankful for in Motley County. The funding for Hackberry Creek Center, the work and improvements made to Bob's Oil Well, new businesses, new residents to the county and so much more. We in Motley County are truly blessed.

We, as a nation, are abundantly blessed. I really don't think everybody in America understands the magnitude to which we have been blessed. With the war made so public by the media, we have seen the rule in which some countries live under, the poverty, the destruction and turmoil, the complete devastation of entire cities, the loss of innocent lives. We have witnessed some of these things by way of television, that in some wars of past years, were not seen as vividly as they are today.

These horrible scenes brought to life in such reality, should make all of us take notice of the wonderful country in which we live. God has blessed America with His loving favor. We certainly don't deserve it, but He has seen fit to give us special blessings.

Although no one wants war, no one wants to see the destruction, and of course no one wants the loss of lives - of the innocent or our beloved US soldiers, but I believe God has blessed us with a leader who seeks His guidance for direction during this time. Can you imagine the stress in making the decisions that our President is faced with? I certainly wouldn't want that responsibility. I am thankful our President has our lives, our freedom, our safety as his top priority in making decisions

about the war. During this holiday season let's pause to think on the things we as Americans and as Motley County residents have to be thankful for.

God bless you and your family during this holiday season. May you all have a wonderfully blessed and happy Thanksgiving surrounded by your loved ones.

## Teacher attends Convention

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working, and the value of leadership involving new programs in school systems. She told of the need of all teachers to work together for the improvement of the education of all students. She further stated that networking over great distances is possible with the technology available today and is an enhancement to the education of students.

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SELECTION**

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## Thanksgiving ... Some History



"In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires. They found they had enough food to put away for the winter.

The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness, they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress. In 1817 New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom."

The quote was borrowed from Piranha Marketing, Inc. It reminds us again of the why that we celebrate this holiday once a year. We have so much for which to be thankful. A good rule to live by would be: "Don't worry unnecessarily, be prayerful in all things, and be thankful for everything. God has blessed us again!"

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

**BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.**

**WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.**

# Motley County Lifestyles

## Senior Citizens Site Committee meets

by Winifred Darsey

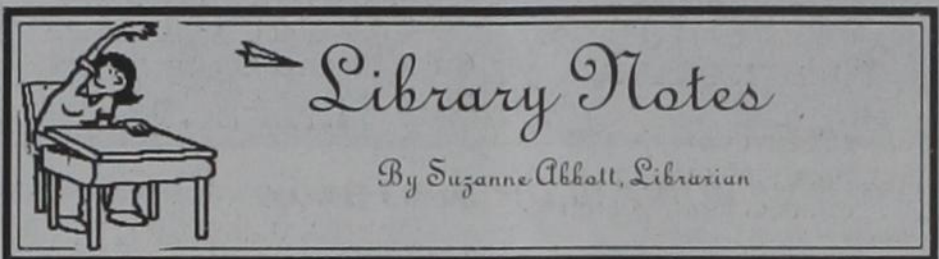
The Senior Citizens Site Committee met at the Center November 2 for its quarterly meeting.

President, Marihelen Wason, chaired the meeting. Plans were made to have an Open House at the Center during the evening of the Late Night Shopping event.

The public is invited to come and rest and enjoy refresh-

ments of sandwiches, cookies and drinks. Games may be played. There will be no charge but donations will be accepted. This is an endeavor to aid the Building Fund for the Center's addition to the present building.

Members present were Marion Woodruff, Ruby McGuire, Vee Gordon, Frances Hobbs, Bobby Brown, J.D. Russell, Elaine Hart, Marihelen Wason and Winifred Darsey.



New books in the library include four, colorful books for children--all featuring animals. We have *Bear Snores On*, a story about a bear who sleeps while all the other animals party in his cave, right under his nose. We introduce *Verdi*, a story about a young python who is yellow, but knows he has to turn green as he grows older. In *The Camel's Lament*, the camel compares his life to the lives of other animals.

We have a beautiful photographic essay about a young fawn who wonders if his mother will come back to get him. He talks to many other animals about his fear that he has been left behind. Suddenly, his mother appears and all is well. This book is called *Lost in the Woods*. These four beautiful books will be found in the children's section of the library. A new adult book on the

shelves is by Stella Cameron, *Now you See Him*. This novel is a romance and will be enjoyed by many of our readers.

Don't forget to come by the library on late night shopping night. We will have senior discounts on our book sale from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with regular prices for the rest of the evening. We have many, many books for sale--something for everyone. Also that night, we will be giving away the painting by Betty Henry, framed by Dude Barton. This is a fund-raiser for the library. Come in and get your tickets.

For the first time during late-night shopping, we will have door prizes for children. Be sure all the little ones come to sign up. The Friends of the Library will be giving, as a door prize for adults, one of the 2004 Texas Ornaments.

## PROOF OF THE TRUTH by Tom Edwards WHAT IS TRUTH?

**WHAT IS RELATIVISM?** "Ism" denotes a philosophy, rather than fact. Relativism, which is by far the controlling manner of thinking in our liberal colleges and universities today, is the philosophy that all is relative and there is no absolute truth. It is absurd, anti-truth, and self-delusional, giving rise to such notions as "Political-correctness." The very statement that there is no absolute truth

is a statement of an absolute. It is inescapable. Truth can only be absolute, and whatever opposes it is obviously false, including relativism, the source of all sorts of crack-pot thinking.

Edwards, a local attorney, is a specialist in Christian apologetics, the technical name for the defense and proof of the core essentials of orthodox Christianity.

## SALE SALE TURKEY FEATHERS



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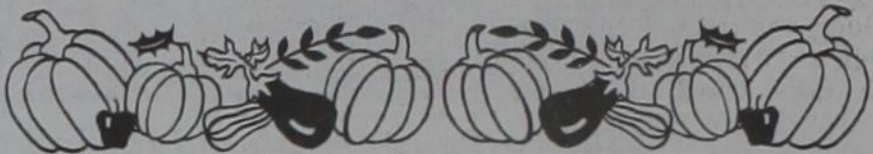
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*and*

*Frank Martinez, Jr.*

*request the honour of your presence  
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*on Saturday, the fourth of December*

*Two thousand and four*

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# THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## Elementary students share Thanksgiving cooking tips

NOTE: Some elementary students were asked two questions regarding Thanksgiving. These are their answers:

### FIRST GRADE

**Kaylee Woolsey**

I'm most thankful for:

1. Everyone
2. Santa Claus
3. Roodof
4. horse

How to cook a turkey:

Give it a shot. Deep fry it. Cleaning. Roast it. Eat.

**Bailee Perryman**

I'm most thankful for:

1. family
2. dogs
3. Rodof
4. God

How to cook a turkey:

Deep fry it. Cook it over a campfire. Give it a shot. Put it in the stove. Skin it.

**Bryant Taylor**

I'm most thankful for:

1. food
2. Santa Claus
3. Roodof
4. self

How to cook a turkey:

Skin it. Put it in the stove. Deep fry it. Cook it over a campfire. Roast it.

**Thalia Mendoza**

I'm most thankful for:

1. frogs
2. Santa Claus
3. cats
4. dogs

How to cook a turkey:

Skin it. Put it in the stove. Cook it over a campfire. Give it a shot. Deep fry it. Roast it.

**Joshua Martin**

I'm most thankful for:

1. cats
2. everyone
3. God
4. Santa Claus

How to cook a turkey:

Give it a shot. Skin it. Put it on a grill. Roast it. Deep fry it.

**Marcus Ortiz**

I'm most thankful for:

1. house
2. food
3. Santa Claus
4. fridge

How to cook a turkey:

I would shoot it with a bowinero. Then hit it with a rock.

**Katrina Lopez**

I'm most thankful for:

1. babies
2. food
3. horse
4. Santa Claus

How to cook a turkey:

Put it on a stick. Skin it. Deep fry it. Put it in the oven. Roast it.

**Joey Horton**

I'm most thankful for:

1. house
2. food
3. God
4. cats

How to cook a turkey:

Skin it. Deep fry it. Give it a shot.

**Mattie Brooks**

I'm most thankful for:

1. horse
2. Santa Claus
3. Roodoff
4. cats

How to cook a turkey:

Put it on a stick and put it over a campfire. Put it on a grill. Put it in the stove.

**Natalie Jameson**

I'm most thankful for:

1. dogs
2. Santa Claus
3. turket
4. everyone

How to cook a turkey:

Roast it. Deep fry it. Give it a shot. Cook it over a campfire. Skin it.

**Macie Marshall**

I'm most thankful for:

1. family
2. Santa
3. house
4. turkey

How to cook a turkey:

Deep fry it.

**Michael Fox**

I'm most thankful for:

1. family
2. self
3. horse
4. house

How to cook a turkey:

Deep fry it.

### THIRD GRADE

**Jacob Woolsey**

I'm most thankful for:

1. food and drinks
2. all of my family
3. God died on the cross for all people and to have good families.
4. for all the things the troops done for us.

How to cook a turkey:

First you buy it. And next you get a needle and put the seasoning in the turkey. Then you get the big fryer and put the turkey in it and put water. Last, after it is done, take it out with a big snapping thing.

**Conner Mason**

I'm most thankful for:

1. Jesus died on the cross for us.
2. I have a girlfriend.
3. My mom, dad, and brothers.
4. And G.W.B. (George W. Bush) won the election.

How to cook a turkey:

Kill it, skin it, then grill it. Now after you grill it, eat it, on Thanksgiving Day! Hay Hay Hay I'm Fat Albert!

**Virginia Gutierrez**

I'm most thankful for:

1. My mom, my dad, my sister, and my brother and pets.
2. for being here in the world
3. my house, school, and food
4. for animals

How to cook a turkey:

Kill it or buy it and then start the oven, I would say about 20 minutes and then put some seas on it.

**Parker Meredith**

I'm most thankful for:

1. guns
2. my dad and my mom
3. my cousins and uncles and ants
4. granparents

How do you cook a turkey?

Buy a turkey. Giv it a shot of butter. Smoke it for a hour thin sprinkle mustard on it. Then let it cook for three mor hours.

**Jamie Jameson**

I'm most thankful for:

1. mom
2. dad
3. Timothy
4. Leanne

How do you cook a turkey?

Buy it. Poot seas on it. Stick it in the oven. Wate. The get it out of the oven and eat it.

### FOURTH GRADE

**Payden Perryman**

I'm most thankful for:

1. my house, family, electric-ity, food
2. dad and mom, books, body, shoes, friends, teachers
3. president, football teams, sports, brothers, sisters, people
4. living things around me, animals, and last but not least, I am living

How do you cook a turkey?

It is very simple. Look you get a pan. Then you grece it up. Then you put the meat on the pan. Then you get the pan and put the pan on the oven. Then you put it how hot you need it in the oven. And let it cook for an hour.

**Kaitlan Perryman**

I'm most thankful for:

1. God
2. Jesus
3. family
4. my 7 animals

How do you cook a turkey?

You shoot it and get the feath-ers off. Cook it. Poot BBQ. You cut it up, bless the food, and eat it.

**Juan Flores**

I'm most thankful for:

1. my family
2. God
3. the people taht are around me
4. the things that God gave me

How do you cook a turkey?

You put the turkey in a pan with grease and put it in theoven for 1:00.

**Taylor Tomlinson**

I'm most thankful for:

1. my family
2. my dog
3. my mother
4. my cousins

How do you cook a turkey?

You go to the tsore and buy. Then take it home. You put it in the oven and set it. Then you take it out of the oven and set it on the counter. And cut the fat out. After that you season it.

**Neal Potts**

I'm most thankful for:

1. my family
2. dog's
3. cat's
4. friends

How do you cook a turkey?

We but the turkey. Then we put it in a turkey frie. Finally we take it out. We eat it.

**Austin Taylor**

I'm most thankful for:

1. the turkey
2. God
3. my parents
4. the pilgrims

How do you cook a turkey?

First you turn on the oven. Next you take the bones out. Then you ste the oven at 3.10 degrees. Next you cook it for two hours. Then and Final thing, take it out and eat it.

**Dominique Qulimaco**

I'm most thankful for:

1. To be here with my Grand-parents
2. free food
3. the people that make the food
4. the fun time I will have

How do you cook a turkey?

Go to a store and by a turky thats all redy fix for you and wen you get home, turn on the oven and put the turky in it and leave it there for 1 minlight.

Motley County I.S.D.

## A Note from the Office ...



by Marilyn Hicks, Principal

Our Family Literacy Night was a success. The only negative comments were asking for the workshops to be longer. There were parents, neighbors, friends, and community members present. The teachers had some interesting activities, and I think that everyone left with a better understanding of what we are doing and the goals we have for the students. We will have another literacy night in the spring.

There is a tentative field trip being planned for Kindergarten through fifth grades. We are making arrangements for the students to attend a private showing of The Polar Express in Plainview on December 1st. All the details are not completed and approved, but it looks promising. There will be permission slips going home when we get back from the Thanksgiving holiday break if we are able to go. The students will read the

book prior to the viewing and be ready for discussions when we return. If you haven't read this book, you might want to do so.

Kathy Gillespie presented at the national science teacher's convention last week. She spoke about the rural initiative and leadership training that Motley County has received. Kathy is an outstanding teacher, and I am proud that she is getting some recognition for the work she does. I think there is an article about the meeting and presentation elsewhere in the paper.

The elementary teachers are beginning to make plans for a Christmas program that will be held on December 17th. In addition to a musical program, the gymnastics students will have a demonstration of their skills. Make plans to be at the school at 2:00 that afternoon. I will let you know more details as they are available.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

## Life Lessons

By Annie Green



I just can't believe that Thanksgiving is already here. It seems like yesterday we were just starting school. Everyone always told me that your senior year would fly by, but I never imagined it would be going by this fast.

I decided to ask this year's graduating class what they were most thankful for. And after some thought and reminiscing, this is what they had to say.

**Sabrina Osborn:** I am most thankful for Trace, my wonderful family, my home and my health.

**Veronica Mendoza:** I am thankful for my friends and family, God, love and happiness, and food.

**Matt Henzler:** I'm thankful for my life, my truck, my parents, and my home.

**Emily Hurt:** I am most thankful for freedom, the air I breathe, friends and family, and food!

**Kenny Johannes:** I'm thankful for my health, my family, living in the United States, and that Bush won the election.

**Daniel Gressett:** I'm thankful for the people I love, the people that love me, God and

all his glory, and my family.

**Amy Easter:** I am most thankful for life, friends, family, and love.

**Cody Cooper:** I am thankful for Jesus, my family, my friends, and life.

**Seagram Sims:** I'm thankful for my son, my aunt, my friends and my family.

**Brittany Moore:** I am very thankful for my family, my friends, my life, and happiness.

**Clay Cooper:** I'm thankful for my family, God, the United States of America, and my health.

There are so many things to be thankful for—we live in a community that takes care of each other, we live in a country where we have the right to worship, everyday we wake up, we have a reason to be thankful. So what am I most thankful for? I'm thankful for my family for loving me unconditionally. I am thankful for my best friend for always giving me a reason to smile. I'm thankful for God because he is my peace. And last but not least, I am thankful for my puppy, Kalee.

## Yearbook sales begin with special price

The Motley County La Arena Staff will begin selling yearbooks November 29-December 3. During the week after Thanksgiving, yearbooks will

be sold at an "early bird price". This special will only be good for one week, so be sure to purchase your yearbook early.

## Thanksgiving Blessings

We're Cooking Up Something Special  
New Items on the Menu  
Chicken or Beef Quesadillas  
and  
Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches

Hours:

Monday - Saturday, 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Closed on Sunday

Billie Dean's Restaurant

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Saturday, December 4, 2004

## Pancake Breakfast

Spur Community Center

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Pay at the door - \$4.00 Adults, \$3.00 under 18  
(regular breakfast/nothing to do with Santa)



## Breakfast with Santa

Spur Community Center/Palace Theater

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tickets available now:

\$4.00 adults, \$3.00 children

Call 271-3143, 294-5228 for reservations/tickets

Hosted by Dickens County Historical Commission



# Holiday electrical safety tips

HOUSTON--To help keep your home and family safe this holiday season, WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips for properly preparing and using electrical decorations both inside and outdoors.

**Home**

- \* Install smoke detectors or, if you already have them, install new batteries and test them.
- \* Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- \* Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.
- \* Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or

start a fire.

\* Follow the use and care instructions included with your electrical decorations.

\* Do not climb ladders, work in high places or put up electrical decorations when you are alone--avoid injury by decorating with friends or family.

**Christmas Tree**

- \* Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources and make sure it does not block any exits.
- \* Never use candles as tree ornaments, even on artificial trees.
- \* Do not use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or

branch coverings. This could create an electrical shock.

- \* Use miniature lights, which have cool-burning bulbs.

**Lights**

- \* Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than three strands linked together.
- \* Examine your old light strings each year, discarding worn ones.
- \* Review the original package for light strings to verify power wattage and voltage.

\* Use a power strip to avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords and to protect your decorations from electrical surges.

\* Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture buildup.

\* Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs.

\* Turn off the Christmas lights and all other electrical decorations when you sleep and when you leave your home. Consider using a timer to automatically turn on and off your electrical decorations according to your schedule.

**Outdoor Decorating**

\* Before using any light strings, animated displays or other electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved by a nationally recog-

nized certification organization and marked "for outdoor use."

\* Never use indoor extension cords outside.

\* Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.

\* Make sure trees decorated with lights are not touching power lines.

\* When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag

around connections and tie ends with teflon tape.

\* Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords. You could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

\* Do not decorate after dark when it is difficult to see electrical cords and easier to pierce one while hanging light strands.

**Shop  
at  
Home!**

**THANK YOU  
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THE  
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## ATTENTION SHOPPERS! LATE NIGHT SHOPPING IN MATADOR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd., 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Take Advantage of some Great Buys at one of these participating businesses!

**SHOP AT HOME!**

Three \$25 Motley County Bucks will be given away!



**Motley County  
Chamber of Commerce**

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10% OFF  
ANYTHING IN THE STORE!

JEWELRY, PURSES,  
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and many  
miscellaneous gift items!



**Santa Claus**

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
AT THE FIRE HALL

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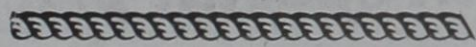


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News Around  
the County

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

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We thank God for those who work hard, care for their loved ones, those who are truly patriotic, those who get tears in their eyes everytime they hear the National Anthem, those who want "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, those who honor the deaths of brave soldiers who have sacrificed in the name of liberty.

This is our moment and our time to thank God for freedom and liberty for all and to prove we are the true voice of America in this time of Thanksgiving.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Vinson were Dana Vinson, Shannon Vinson and son, Andrew of Lubbock and friend, Bill Glass of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle attended the Regional football game in Childress Friday night of Fannin and teammates of Valley School vs. Paducah. This was the best play off match up of the week in a Six Man football regional game. It proved to be an exciting game with Valley defeating Paducah 54-53.

Morris and Lou Degan of Medicine Mound and grandchildren, Stetson and Shane Fisher of Chillicothe visited Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. Visiting her Sunday were son and family, Stanley and Donna Degan of Kalgary and Mrs. Shawna Abernathy and son, Jake of Abilene.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Thursday and Friday. Their daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch met them there and accompanied Nada to optical appointments. Nada is scheduled for eye surgery, Wednesday, Dec. 1st. They also visited in Canyon with son, Micheal Starkey, Julie and John Kemps, Megan and Dustin and Ted

and Cindy Stallings.

Cory Franks of Lubbock enjoyed the weekend visiting his parents, Coy and Connie Franks and brother, Cary Franks.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Donna and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, and Mrs. Shawna Abernathy and son, Jake of Abilene. Melissa and Tim Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Clyde with her grandmother, Mrs. Ottlie Gray. They attended the wedding of Melissa's cousin April Gray and Bud Coats held at the First Baptist Church Saturday afternoon.

Emily and Haley Milam of Petrolia and Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Their parents, Mrs. Christi Milam and Keri and Kevin Sehon visited Sunday and accompanied their children to their respective homes.

Mrs. Ruth Lee visited Saturday at the Care Center in Lockney with Mrs. Margie George and Ruth and James Brunson.

Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the Valley vs. Paducah Regional football game in Childress Friday night. Valley won the well played game and will play Ira football team in Idalou Friday night.

Mrs. Aleda Ross was in Plainview, Thursday for a medical appointment and attended to business.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited from Tuesday until Saturday in Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Marsha Blake who had back surgery Wednesday at the Covenant Medical Center. She also visited with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hughes, Brennan and Baylee, while in Lubbock.

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Joyce Meredith is visiting son and family, Cody and Leah Meredith, Angelica and Jonah in Las Vegas, Nevada this week.

Visiting Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith on Sunday were Jeremy and Whitney Jones, Morgan and Judson of Lubbock, Carla Meador of Matador, and local residents Joe and Joyce Meredith.

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By: Mary Louise Liebe-Harkort

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It's getting to be that time of year again when holiday preparations rise to the top of the list. First off is Thanksgiving, and we at the Chamber wish you a joyous and harmonious feast, enjoy the meal and the special time with loved ones.

Then, the day after Thanksgiving, community-wide Late Night Shopping is on the program. Roaring Springs is starting off on Friday, November 26th, with the arrival of Santa Claus at 5 p.m., and late night shopping. Most of the businesses will be open until 9 p.m. so that you have plenty of time to see their selections and make your choices.

The Chamber of Commerce is supporting this event by donating \$75 dollars worth of Motley Bucks as door prizes. You can win one of the certificates, as well as many other prizes donated by the Roaring Springs businesses. You will be invited to draw for a prize when you spend a certain amount at one business.

There is truly something special about an evening spent as a community going from shop to shop--the festive atmosphere, the excitement of the children, chatting with friends and neighbors, not to mention the refreshments that have been promised.

The shops in Matador will stage their Late Night Shopping about a week later on Thursday, December 2nd, so you do not have to rush from one community to the next on one night. (More information on that event will be forthcoming next week.)

Please remember that the local businesses in Motley County are ready to help out with most all your holiday needs, not just on Late Night Shopping nights, but in all the days before the holidays.

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OBITUARIES

Jack Davis

Funeral services for Jack Davis, 81, of Matador, were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 22, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor. Interment was in Roaring Springs Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Davis died Friday, November 19, in Lubbock.

He was born January 2, 1923, at Spur, Texas, and had been a lifelong resident of Roaring Springs, prior to moving to Matador several years ago. He was married to Katie Stanley, September 18, 1943, at Bryan, Texas.

Mr. Davis was a veteran of World War II. He operated a service station in Roaring Springs for a number of years, and later operated Davis Oil Company in Matador.

He was a deacon in the Baptist Church and a former member of the Roaring Springs City Council, the Roaring Springs Lions Club and the Motley County School Board.

He is survived by his wife, Katie; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Karen Davis of Matador; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Motley County Senior Citizens Organization or the First Baptist Church of Matador.

Pallbearers were Roy Moreno, Roy Hobbs, Roy Gene Stephens, Bundy H. Campbell, Guy Campbell, Ed D. Smith, Charles Gwinn, and Larry Hoyle.

School Board from page 1

November 24, from 8:00 a.m. until 7, in front of the Lowe's grocery store. All proceeds will go to the Matt Easter Love Fund at First State Bank.

D'anna Russell commended the staff on the great job they did representing our school during the recent UIL event held at Motley County. Mrs. Russell also wanted to commend the High School teachers on the hard work they put in preparing the students for the tests they are required to take now. Several students recently took the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) formerly called TASP, and did very well.

Mrs. Hicks informed the board that enrollment is at 163 students with a 97% attendance rate. Elementary and Jr. High UIL was recently held at Motley County. The students represented our school and themselves well. Students competed against students from 6 area schools. Motley County Elementary placed 2nd and overall Motley County placed 3rd. The students and staff that work on UIL have to put in lots of extra effort and the hard work paid off.

Mr. Copp is looking into some different options for phone service. There may be a service that can save the district money.

Mr. Copp informed the board that (AYP) Average Yearly Progress reports will come out on Monday, November 15. It can reflect badly on the school if we do not meet the AYP standards. AYP is a National Standard. We should know more about this on a later date.

After a discussion, the board decided to send a bus 5 miles further up the Caprock Canyons to pick up students from the Floydada area. We have 5 students in that area attending Motley County I.S.D.

There will be a called meeting on Wednesday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m., to look at making an evaluation survey for the teachers. During contracts the board is required to fill out a survey on the Superintendent and certain areas of school operations that the board has no first hand knowledge. The board feels that this is something the staff would have more knowledge of and is more qualified to answer. The board feels we can benefit more with the staff and the board working together.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Lists of expenditures were reviewed and approved.

Board accepted the textbook committee for the 2005-06 school year. The committee consists of 6 staff members.

Board accepted the Option 4 agreement with Guthrie. This allows Guthrie to buy one student from Motley County. This goes along with WADA.

The 2004-2005 budget amendment was approved.

A waiver to allow seniors to be out of the building during the scheduled TAKS testing was discussed. It was agreed that the seniors did not have to be at school on these scheduled days.

Bids for copiers were open and reviewed. The board decided to go with Dankia.

The board entered executive session at 8:52 p.m. and exited executive session at 9:53 p.m.

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS



## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

### Electronic Government Services

FSA Producers can take care of a lot of their government business at home, including applying for LPD's, signing up for 2005 DCP, and keeping track of payments. To do this go to the following site: <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov>

When you go to the site, click on register. Follow the instructions on how to gain level two access. (There is a level one access, but it does not allow you to complete any business.) After you have set up a profile, you will receive an email giving you a user I.D. and some other information.

The final step to gaining level two access is to go to any county office and present a photo I.D. The office employee will then "validate" you, and you will be a level two customer.

### Electronic LDP Service Available

Producers who are connected to the Internet can now stay home and apply for an Electronic Loan Deficiency Payment, or eLDP, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Producers will receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.

To participate in the new service, you must meet eligibility requirements for marketing assistance loans and LDPs for the commodity.

The voluntary eLDP service has stringent security measures to protect your private information. You must have an e-mail address, direct deposit, and set up a customer profile through the county Farm Service Agency office.

To register, you can go to <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov> and complete form CCC-634-E, "Request for Electronic Loan Deficiency Payment Services," or can obtain a form from the county office.

You must also have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> followed by a visit to the county office for identity verification.

Note: Cotton is not yet eligible for eLDP at home, but we can do cotton eLDP's in the office.

### Maintaining Beneficial Interest

An important requirement for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments is that producers must have *beneficial interest* in the commodity on the date the loan or LDP is requested, and, in the case of a loan, must retain beneficial interest for the life of the loan.

What is beneficial interest? A producer maintains beneficial interest in a commodity if all of the following remain with the producer: Control of the commodity; Risk of loss in the commodity; and Title to the commodity. The producer must retain the ability to make all decisions affecting the commodity. The producer must be responsible for loss or damage to the commodity. And, the producer must not have sold or delivered the commodity or warehouse receipt to a buyer.

Remember, once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is no longer eligible for a loan of LDP, even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

For more information, download a copy of the fact sheet, "Beneficial Interest Requirements for Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments" from the Farm Service Agency Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/benint00.htm>.

## Cotton News

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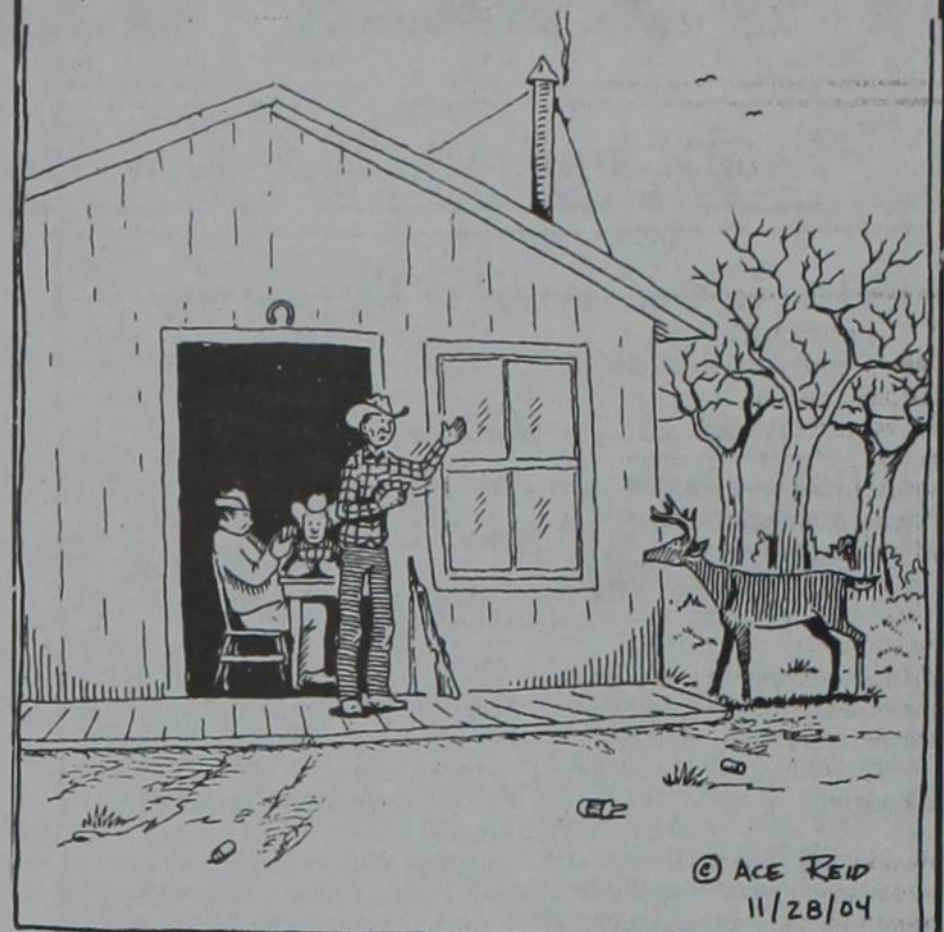
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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

### Motley County Tribune Weather

Nov. 25, 2004

#### 7-Day Forecast



#### Thursday

Mostly Sunny  
High: 60 Low: 37



#### Friday

Mostly Sunny  
High: 63 Low: 38



#### Saturday

Mostly Cloudy  
High: 59 Low: 36



#### Sunday

Mostly Cloudy  
High: 43 Low: 31



#### Monday

Partly Cloudy  
High: 45 Low: 32



#### Tuesday

Mostly Sunny  
High: 46 Low: 31







#### Wednesday

Mostly Sunny  
High: 46 Low: 32

#### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 60°. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1965. Expect mostly sunny skies to continue Friday morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 63°.

#### Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
11/26	12/4	12/11	12/18
			

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	52	44	63/38	1.81"	.....2.72"
Tuesday	60	50	63/38	0.46"	Normal precipitation .....0.47"
Wednesday	63	54	63/37	0.33"	Departure from normal ....+2.25"
Thursday	64	49	62/37	0.01"	Average temperature .....52.9°
Friday	65	43	62/37	0.00"	Average normal temperature ..49.6°
Saturday	54	47	62/36	0.11"	Departure from normal ....+3.3°
Sunday	52	44	61/36	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

#### Weather History

Nov. 25, 1970 - The temperature at Tallahassee, Fla. dipped to 13 degrees, following a high of 40 degrees on the previous day. The mercury reached 67 degrees on Nov. 26, and highs were in the 70s the rest of the month.

#### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today .....7:23 a.m.  
Sunset tonight .....5:36 p.m.  
Moonrise today .....3:48 p.m.  
Moonset today .....4:19 a.m.

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