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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



BETTYE STEVENS

Bettye Stevens is Business Manager for Motley County I.S.D. She is also Hospital Board Secretary. She grew up in Paducah and graduated from Hamlin High School in 1976.

She and her husband, have two children, Ashley, 13, an 8th grader, and John Wesley, 9, a 4th grader. They live in Matador.

In her spare time, Bettye is involved in her kid's activities, Booster Club, and church activities. She also enjoys walking.

## Thought for the Week

Consider what God has done:

Who can straighten what He has made crooked; When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider God has made the one as well as the other.

Ecc. 7: 13-14 NIV

## Breast Screening Clinic In Matador October 17

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Motley County Clinic, 1224 Main, in Matador on October 17, 1996.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam., mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$70. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 359-4673 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

## Rain and Hail Storm Blasts Area Monday

by Earlyne Jameson

A rain and hail storm with strong winds hit northwest Motley County around 6 p.m. Monday, October 7, followed by electrical outage. Rainfall averaged .90 to 1.50 inches.

Those reporting hail damage were Donnie and Howard Rogers, Mary Ellen Barton, Ronald Clay, Glen and Doyle Calvert and Coy Franks, east of Flomot. North of Whiteflat, James Gwinn reported hail from marble to pea sized that shredded cotton leaves. Other residents in the area reported light hail, but no damage.

# Nine Business Burlarized In Early Morning Sweep Through Matador

In an early Wednesday morning sweep through Matador, burglars broke in to at least nine Matador businesses. At newstime, Sheriff Jim Meador reported that it appeared the person or persons responsible knew what they were doing, and where to go. Reports state that only cash was taken from

most businesses and some merchandise from Guys & Gals.

Sheriff Meador stated that he received a call at approximately 7:00 a.m. from Larry Hoyle of Matador Motor and Implement reporting a break-in. Motley County Auto, next door, had also been broken in to. When

Sheriff Meador arrived he was alerted by Mr. J.B. Cooper of Cooper Oil across the street from Matador Motor that he had also been broken in to. As Mr. Meador proceeded across the street he checked Quality Discount Outlet and saw that business had also been hit.

Upon further investigation around town, Sheriff Meador noticed that Don's Tire & Automotive, Matador Floral, and Motley County Tribune had also been hit. Within the hour he was notified by Billy Green of Country Spice and Carolyn Lancaster of

Guys and Gals that they had also been broken in to.

Sheriff Meador has notified Texas Ranger Leo Hickman of Childress to come and assist in the investigation.

At newstime this was all the information that was available.

## 1996 Homecoming Will Be Celebrated Next Weekend

The 1996 Matador/Motley County Homecoming will be celebrated October 17-19 this year with a big pep rally and bonfire beginning the festivities at 8 p.m. Thursday night, October 17. Activities will begin on Friday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. with registration and coffee at the school until 3 p.m., with the game day pep rally beginning at 3:05 in the gym.

The Motley County Museum will be open Friday from 1-5 p.m. for those who would like to meander through the beautiful and interesting exhibits. Hamburgers will be served, sponsored by the Motley County Student Council, at the football field starting at 5:30 p.m. The football game with the Motley County Matadors facing Sudan starts at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, October 19, registration, coffee, and pastries at the school will begin at 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Special class reunion meetings will be going on at this same time. The Motley County Museum will also be open on Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for those who were not able to visit on Friday.

From 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. there will be a musical jam session in the gym for anyone who wishes to play their musical instruments or sing songs from the 30's, 40's, and 50's. Please join and enjoy this new event! At 2:30 the Annual Homecoming Program and Business Meeting will be held in the gym with Ed D. Smith, Class of 1960, as Master of Ceremonies. Also on the

program will be Marisue Potts and Stanley Martin.

A barbecue supper will be served in the school cafeteria for \$6 per plate from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This meal will be catered by Virginia Sailsbury. Please arrange your class reunion activities so that you can participate in this important function. The annual Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the members of the Volunteer Fire Department, will end this year's homecoming activities with dancing available at the Fire Hall from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Special Class Reunions are being celebrated by the graduating classes of 1926, 1936, 1946, 1966, 1981, 1986, and 1991.

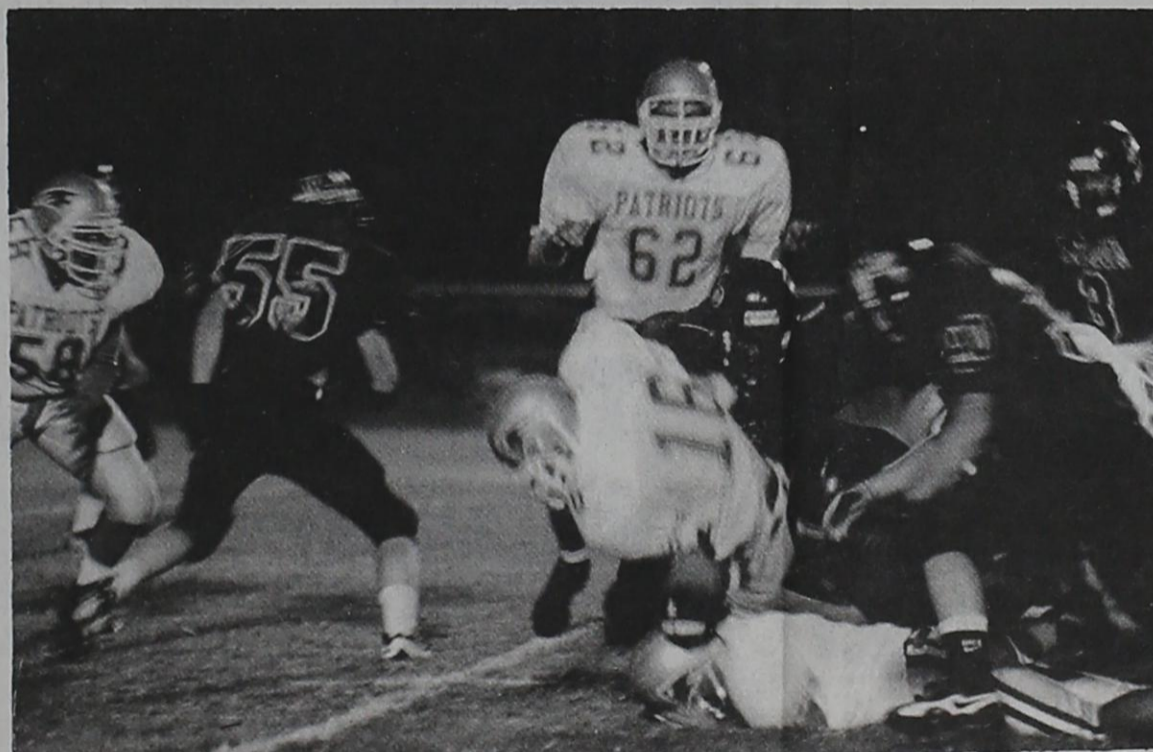
## State Representative Pete Laney to be in Roaring Springs

Speaker of the House State Representative, Pete Laney, will be in Roaring Springs October 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend.

# Matadors Blasts Patriots, 28-20



Defense comes to life as Dayton Grundy, Aaron Green, Joe Mangram and a host of Matadors stop the Patriots short of a first down.

(Photo by James Gillespie)

4; Talon Cruse, 3; Robert Gillespie, 2; Josh Lee, 2; Matt Woolsey, 2; Blake Barton, 1.

Penalties: Motley County, 6 for 45 yards; Valley, 9 for 75 yards.

## Getting Ready For Homecoming



Freshman girls are pictured here in the back of a trailer, taking a break from collecting boxes for the Homecoming Bonfire which will be held Thursday night, October 17. They are (left to right) Llan Barkley, Vanessa Easter, and Candace Marvel in back; in front are Miranda Palmer and Tammy Nipp.

by Billy Green

The first half may have belonged to the Valley Patriots with a 14-0 lead at halftime, but the second half and victory was all Motley County's.

Valley recovered a Matador first possession fumble then drove across the plane to strike first giving the Patriots a 7-0 lead with 6:29 remaining in the first quarter. With 7:19 left in the first half, Valley intercepted a Matador pass and scored their second touchdown ending the first half with a 14-0 lead.

The second half viewed a different, fired up Matador team which took their second possession into the redzone on a 4 yard run by Joe Mangram. Matt Woolsey kicked the extra point and gave the Mat's their first scores of the night.

Valley failed to get a first down on their next possession and gave up the ball to the Matadors on the 50 yard line. The Matadors took it to Valley on

another 4 yard run by Joe Mangram and P.A.T. by Matt Woolsey tying the score 14-14.

In the fourth quarter, Motley County moved ahead when Keane Cruse connected with Aaron Green on a 40 yard touchdown pass and again Matt Woolsey took on another point giving Matador a 21-14 lead. But Valley wasn't through as they marched downfield to score yet another touchdown taking the score to 21-20. Valley apparently decided to go for the two point conversion to regain the lead, but fell short leaving he score 21-20 in favor of the Matadors.

Matador wasn't through either when Josh Lee recovered a Valley fumble on the 28 yard line setting up another scoring drive for Motley County when Joe Mangram scored his third touchdown of the night on a 5 yard drive. Matt Woolsey's P.A.T. was also good. Motley County's great second half effort paid off as they defeated Valley 28-20.

Motley County will face the Kress Kangaroos at Kress, 7:30 p.m., this Friday night.

### STATISTICS (Offense)

Joe Mangram - 20 carries for 163 yards (3 touchdowns)

Keane Cruse - 8 completions for 108 yards (1 touchdown pass).

Aaron Green - 5 receptions for 88 yards (1 touchdown)

Tyler Decker - 2 catches for 16 yards.

Josh Lee - 1 catch for 4 yards.

### Defense (Tackles or Assists)

Quintin Brandon, 14; Dayton Grundy, 11; Joe Mangram, 11; Kyle

Brandon, 10; Tyler Decker, 10; Keane Cruse, 5; Aaron Green, 4; Ty Barclay,

The Motley County Friends of the Library and The Motley County Chamber of Commerce Invite you to a Coffee honoring

John Stevens

Winner of the Blasingame Working Cowboy Award

The Motley County Library, Saturday, October 19, 1996, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.



by: Carla Meador

I learned the most difficult lesson that a new business owner can learn last Tuesday night or more likely very early Wednesday morning, when my office was broken into and robbed, along with most of the other businesses in town. I can't describe the feeling that I feel. I hope the people that took this money from us really needed it bad. I pray for their soul, because they are the ones who will have to answer for this crime, to the most highest, God.

I learned a real valuable lesson through this. One I guess I should have known, never to leave money here! But I'm one of those people who is too trusting. I have always tried to give everyone the benefit of the doubt. I'm one of those people who talks to everyone, even those who look shady or suspicious. And I always feel sorry for people. I don't want my heart to harden through this, but that's a real hard lesson to learn, especially for a new business owner who doesn't have that much money in the first place.

But I am very thankful that nothing else was taken or damaged. My trust in mankind is damaged and I am very hurt in a way that I can't even begin to describe.

I felt this to a certain extent a few years ago, when my son's stereo was ripped out of his car in the school parking lot, while everyone was gone

to a football game. We knew who took it but there was no way to prove it.

Hopefully the person or persons who have done these terrible acts will be found and punished to the fullest extent by law.

To have something taken, that you have worked so very hard for is a real blow!

If whoever has done these terrible acts, is for some reason reading this, I want you to know that I am praying for you. It is my prayer that you will be convicted and God will give you an understanding of what you have done and you will give your life to God.

Well, everyone is getting ready for our big Homecoming celebration next week. There are several classes which will be celebrating their reunions. An interesting note - Dickie Garrison, son of C.D. and Evelyn Garrison, will celebrate his 30th reunion, Evelyn Garrison, daughter of Grace and the late Cecil Shelton, will celebrate her 50th reunion, and Grace Shelton will celebrate her 70th reunion. I thought that was very interesting, and probably unusual for one family to have such substantial reunions all in the same year.

We are planning our Homecoming edition, and hoping it will be special this year.



LIBRARY NOTES  
by  
Suzanne Abbott

You are invited to a coffee honoring John V. Stevens, winner of the Blessingame Award. This coffee is sponsored jointly by the Friends of the Motley County Library and the Motley Chamber of Commerce. This event will be Saturday, October 19, at the Motley County Library from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We hope that everyone will come to shake Mr. Stevens' hand and congratulate him.

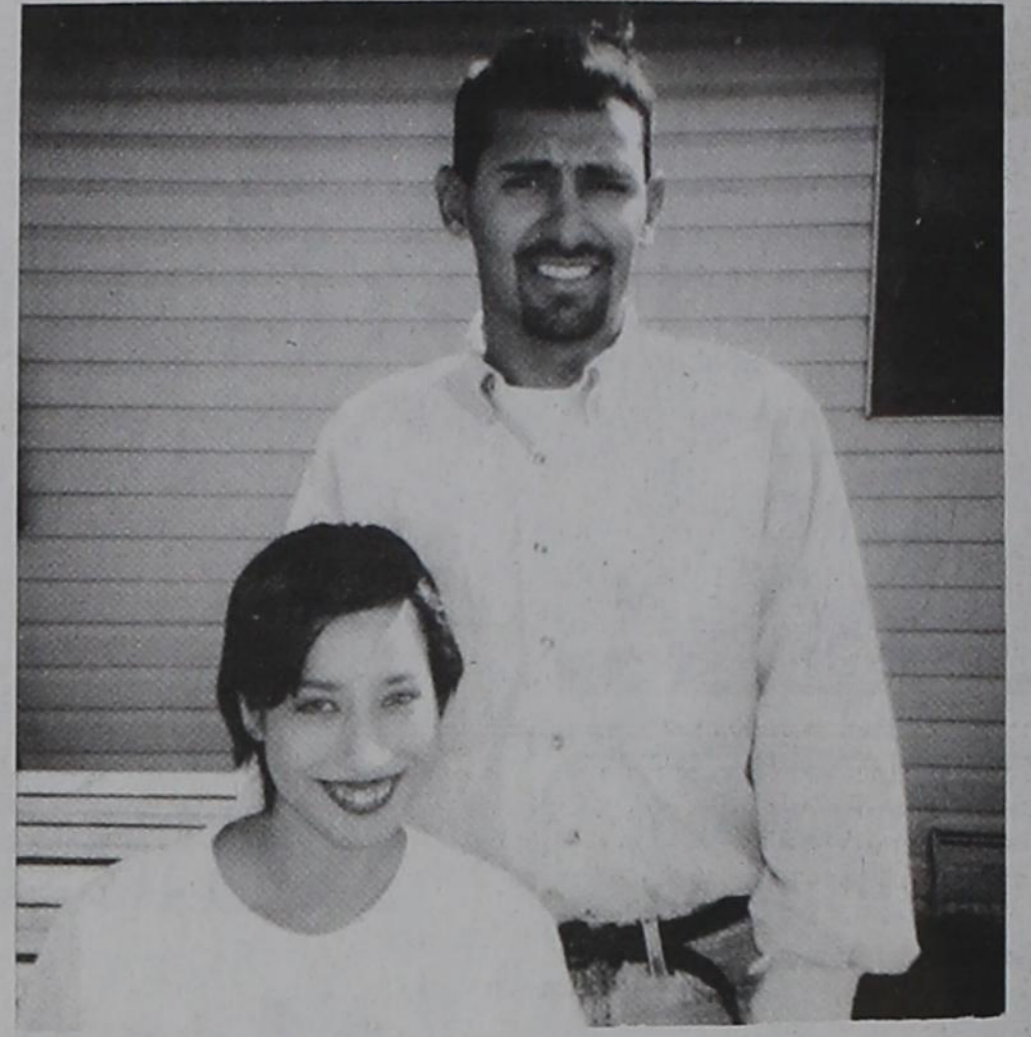
The library has several videos for kids. These are overnight videos and must be returned the next days. However, if they are checked out on Friday, they will not be due until Monday since we are not open on Saturday. Videos that you children will enjoy are "The Berenstain Bears Learn about Strangers," and "The Goofy World of

Sports", which features Walt Disney's cartoon character Goofy. "Willie the Operatic Whale" is another Disney film and includes two bonus videos, "Ferdinand the Bull" and "Lambert the Sheepish Lion".

Another of the videos is the classic children's tale, "Make Way for Ducklings". We have the book of this story, also. "Mickey and the Beanstalk", "Chip 'N Dale's Cartoon Classics," starring those loveable chipmunks Chip 'N Dale, and "Tell me a Story," a collection of stories for children of all ages complete the list of videos for children at the library.

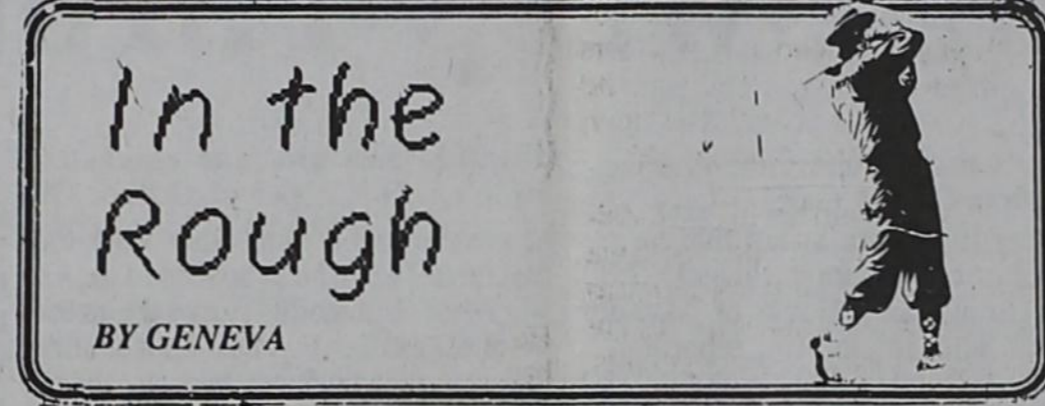
Come by the library and check out one of these videos for your children or grandchildren. They will enjoy them, and so will you.

## Engagement Announced



Jessica Hernandez & Roy Estrada Jr.

Jesse Hernandez of Turkey, Texas announces the engagement of his daughter, Jessica, to Roy Estrada Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smoak of Matador, Texas, and Mr. Roy Estrada Sr. of Austin. The bride-elect is a graduate of Valley High School. The groom is a graduate of Motley County High School and is employed by Jordan Paving Company. An October 26th wedding will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Matador. A reception and dance will follow. Jessica is the granddaughter of Mr. Fabian Hernandez of Matador and Mrs. Santos DeLaGarza of Turkey. Roy is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Refugion Estrada of Austin and Mrs. Sadie Fishback of Austin.



In the  
Rough

BY GENEVA

### TUESDAY SCRAMBLE September 24

Winners:

1st with a score of 29, Ken Marshall, Alan Rogers, Dee Littekin.  
2nd with a score of 30, Garland Cartwright, Howard Edmondson, Roy Stephens.

Kenny Barton got closest to pin on #6, 11 ft.

Others playing were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Chip Smith, Alfred and Louise Barton, Alan Bingham, Roy Grundy, Homer and Cleo Martin, Kenny and Olivia Barton, Bobby Hines.

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No play Thursday, September 26. Work being done on the greens.

### TUESDAY SCRAMBLE October 1

Winners:

1st with a score of 30 were Roy and Dot Grundy, Garland and Judy Cartwright.

2nd with a score of 32 were Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Dee Littekin, Vida Elkins.

Dot got closest to pin on #6, 17 ft.

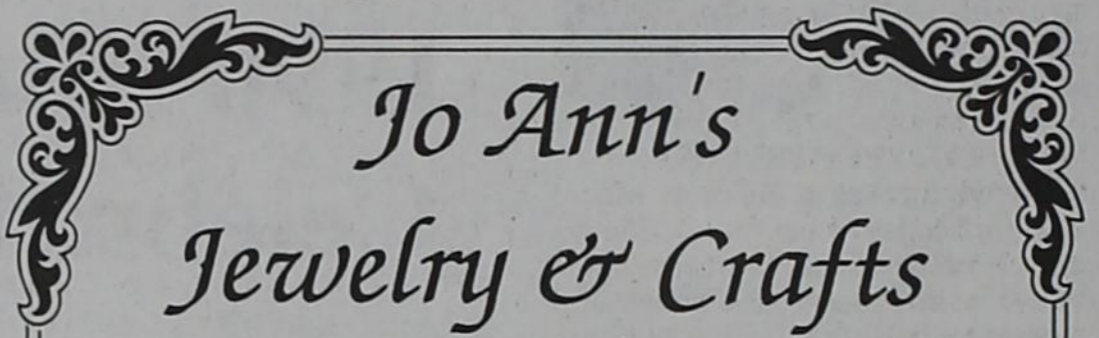
Others playing were Alfred and Louise Barton, Ronnie Vandiver, Gene Brannon, Ken Marshall, Homer and Cleo Martin, Bob Hines, Alan Bingham, Jim Robinson, Alan Rogers, Howard Edmondson.

### LADIES PLAYDAY October 3

Playing 18 holes were Louise Barton, Mary Lou Williams, Geneva Wilson, LaVoe Thacker.

LaVoe won long drive on #7 for 18 holes.

Dorothy Day won long drive on #7 for 9 holes.



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### "IN TROUBLESOME TIMES"

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble (Psalms 9:9)." In the very next chapter of this book of poetry we see the contrast of proud and covetous - "He hath said in His heart, God hath forgotten; he hath hidden his face; we will never see it (Psalms 10:11). However, we learn from this same section of scripture that Jehovah looks down on mankind from Heaven and sees clearly the attitudes and actions of mankind. In Ezekial 8:12 we read about rebellious folks that foolishly proclaimed, "The Lord seeth us not." But God knocked a hole in their walled city and allowed even the Prophet to see clearly what was going on in their hearts.

In times of heartache and trouble, we need to be wise enough in spiritual alertness to turn to our maker. There is no merit in standing alone when our creator has invited us to lean on Him for comfort (Romans 15:4) and relief (1 Peter 5:7). In Psalms 12:6 we see the precious nature of Heavenly communication: "The works of the Lord are pure words as silver tried in the furnace...." Reflecting on this great truth caused the psalmist to exclaim, "I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath dealt bountifully with me." Psalms 13:6.

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
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Percent of School Districts Rated Exemplary or Recognized = 6%

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"As your State Representative, I'll fight the liberals in Austin who think they know more about your children than you do. The personal, social and cultural aspects of a child's life should be left up to parents, not to the bureaucrats in Austin.

Our schools must stress the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. They must teach our children about our Constitution and the true history of America. The liberal bureaucrats won't do it. It's time for legislators to set the basic academic standards for Texas schoolchildren. After all that's their job."

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**FOOD SHOW WINNERS** - Pictured above are first and second place winners in the 4-H Food Show held Sunday afternoon. (Back left to right) Kaci Risser, Kelsi Wallace, Shandra Jones, LeAnnra Wallace, Sherri Thomas; (middle) Kayla Copp, Sabrina Osborn, Stachia Baxter, Shea Rose; (front) Scott Jones and Bradley Baxter.

**New Teacher Feature**

by Misty Easter



**CAROLYN JOHNSON**

Carolyn Johnson has worked for the Motley County Schools for 24 years as an aide and bus driver. This year she began a new job as School Secretary, which she is enjoying very much.

Mrs. Johnson said having this position has enabled her to learn about the different aspects of our school, such as student records, requirements for enrollment and attendance requirements. In addition to this, she has really enjoyed her personal involvement with the students and their parents.

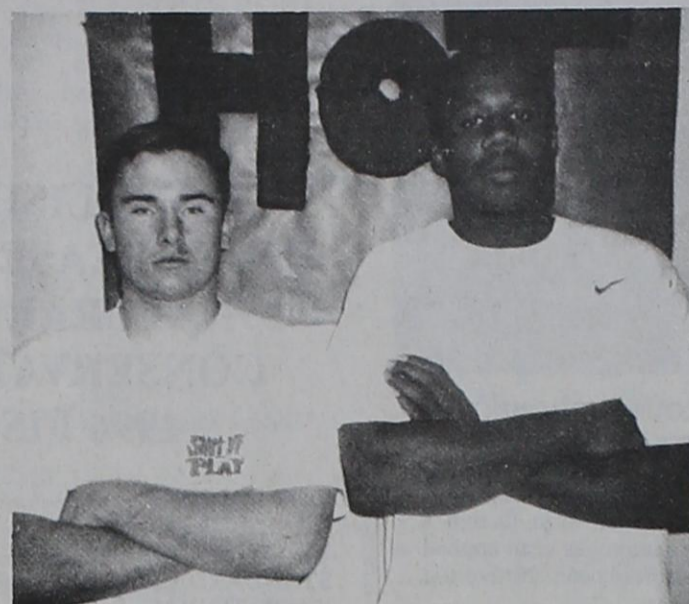
Mrs. Johnson stated "Motley County may be small in size but the caring and concern for each other is overwhelming, and that there are no better students anywhere."

Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Arnold, live in Flomot and have two daughters, Lucretia and her husband, Breck, and granddaughter Brittany live in Vernon, and Kayla lives in Floydada and is an Educational Diagnostician for the Caprock Education Coop.

**MC hall news**

**MATADOR MADNESS**

by Misty Easter



**MC MATADORS Aaron Green and Joe Mangram.**

Aaron Green, #30, is also a Junior. He plays RB, WR, and LB, and also backup QB for the Matadors. He is 5'10" and weighs 185. He is the son of Billy and Cindy Green of Matador. Aaron says what he likes best about football is "scoring and having the Cheerleaders yell for him."

Joe Mangram, #79, is a Junior and plays LB and RB for the Matadors. He weighs 227 and is 6'2 1/2". His parents are George and Clara Mangram of Matador. When asked what he likes most about football, Joe said "hitting people and making plays."

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit, Milk.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Salad, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
Breakfast: Sausage, Waffles, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Macho Nachos, Salad, Corn on the Cob, Fruit Cobbler, Milk.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Dessert, Milk.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Country Steak, Brown Gravy, New Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

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The wise man looks for what is within, the fool for what is outside.

—Confucius

**BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

Booster Club met Monday night October 7th in the fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m. Members discussed how nice the victory bell looks after a much needed facelift. "Thanks" goes to Billy Green, Tony Rose, and Seven Alexander. We appreciate all the time and the giving of their talents to help make this project possible! Jan McWilliams then reported that 21 flags have been sold. We hope to contact several more businesses this week. Our goal is to sell 30 flags. We hope to have these flags for the week of Homecoming. If you have not been contacted and would like to purchase a flag, please call either Jan McWilliams or Linda Jameson. A work day is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is

encouraged to attend this work day to get everything ready for homecoming. We need all the extra hands we can get, so come on down and share your talents! Spirit Dads were chosen for the Kress game and they are Darrell Cruse, Joe Guerrero, and Jerry Barclay. Congratulations guys!

If you have some extra time on Monday nights please come and join us at Booster Club. We need you! Go Matadors - Kick the Kangaroos!

**BOOSTER CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

The Motley County Booster Club needs you!  
Booster Club meets Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings! Support the Matadors!

If you like to have your name included on our Sports pages please give us a call at 347-2400 or 347-2774

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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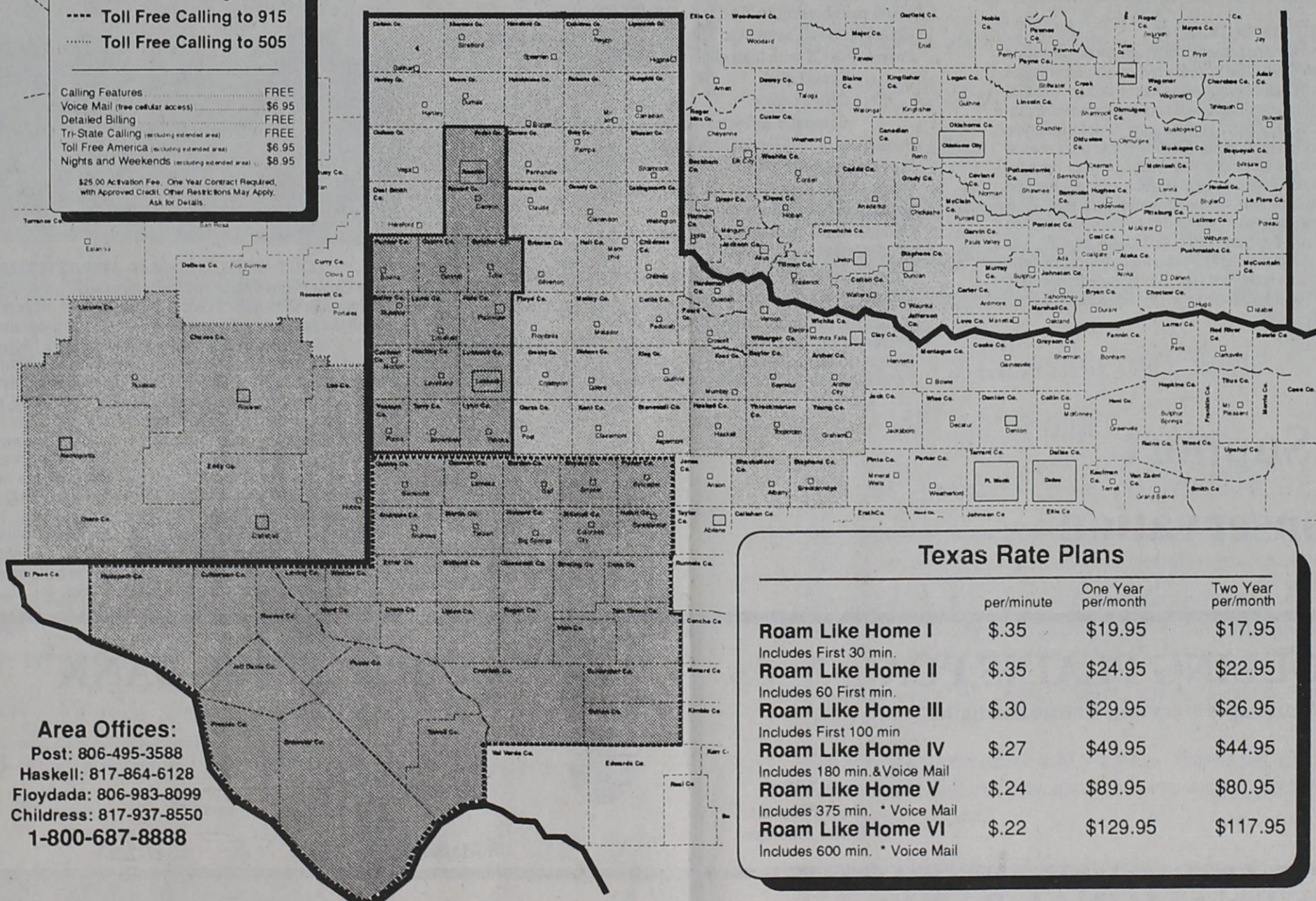
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# ANNUAL REPORT UPPER PEASE SWCD

**Directors:**

H.R. Jameson, James Bearden,  
Coy Franks, Gale Stafford, James Timmons



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MOTLEY COUNTY PRODUCERS**  
Since 1985 conservation compliance has been something that we as producers, directors of the SWCD, and employees of USDA have had to face on a daily basis. The provisions of conservation compliance continue to carry on in the current farm bill and even though a sometimes bittersweet situation much conservation has been applied throughout the district. The long term benefits have been positive and will continue to provide benefits for many years.

Motley County Farmers and Ranchers are to be commended for their success in implementing Conservation Compliance. The Upper Pease SWCD and NRCS Employees have only the highest praise for the efforts extended by local producers to make conservation compliance work on a local level.

**TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

Several years ago the NRCS implemented a management system known as Total Quality Management (TQM). This past year the NRCS in Texas has spent much time and effort providing training to all NRCS employees in TQM. The effort is commendable as the concept within TQM is better service to the customers of the NRCS and the district. We of the Upper Pease SWCD believe that the effort is worthwhile and is effective. It is our desire to provide the best possible assistance to the cooperators of the Upper Pease SWCD and TQM provides NRCS employees the tools and techniques to achieve this goal. Many successful major corporations throughout the United States and major industrial countries use TQM. It is good to see NRCS put customer satisfaction at the top of the list as a priority.



**BRUSH MANAGEMENT**

Total number of acres of brush management were slightly down within the district during fiscal year 1996. The primary reasons being weather and bugs. Early season brush management was hampered by weather conditions with spotty moisture conditions and cooler ground temperature. The exception being the very early applications of defoliant type herbicides which proved to be successful this year. The later season applications were either postponed or delayed until next year because of insect infestations which defoliated trees to the point the application of herbicides would be less than effective. Some mechanical treatments were delayed early in the year due to dry ground conditions but proved to be very effective later in the year after sufficient rainfall was received. USDA cost share programs for 1997 should be in place in time for brush management practices next year. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will be funded for 1997 cost share.



**INDIVIDUAL PLANT TREATMENT**

Brush control through individual plant treatment is fast becoming a leading method of brush control on Texas grasslands. With the cost of aerial application and mechanical treatment of brush species many landowners are directing their control methods to individual plant treatment. Commonly referred to as IPT, this method has shown great success especially when used to follow up other methods of brush management or in controlling encroachment into newly speeded areas. Cost of IPT varies with the density of the stand but normally ranges from \$4 - 18 per acre. There are several methods of application used for IPT the leading, in this area, being foliar. Application equipment ranges from handheld garden sprayers, backpack sprayers, ATV type sprayers, tractor mounted sprayers, to vehicle mounted sprayers. All equipment is acceptable and has proven successful with the right type of nozzle and the right mixture of herbicide. IPT is an excellent method of controlling brush in Conservation Reserve Program fields.



**JACKIE BINDER** has worked for the SWCD Office in Matador for four months. She and her husband, Tom, who works for CSR PolyPipe, and their youngest son, Aaron, who is a sophomore at Motley County, are natives of North Central Texas, and moved here last November. They have enjoyed getting to know the people of West Texas.



**OUT WITH THE OLD - IN WITH THE NEW**

The Great Plains Conservation Program (GP), a steadfast conservation program in the Upper Pease SWCD for over 30 years is now history. With the passing of the new farm bill the GP program was phased out. Over 60% of the acres in Motley County have been positively influenced by the GP program. The conservation efforts of the GP program were both successful and effective. The results of the GP program will stand on the face of the acres in Motley County for many years. The program was born of the need exhibited in the Great Plains area of the United States for conservation of our natural resources. In the most simple explanation possible the GP program was a government program that was good for the land. Hopefully, a new conservation program will be as successful. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) will be available in fiscal year 1997. EQIP was designed to assist both the farmer and the rancher with conservation of natural resources and to improve the overall quality of the environment. EQIP is designed to address the needs of the soil, water, plant, animal, air and human resources of the environment.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UPPER PEASE SWCD AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE 1996 FISCAL YEAR**

FARM POND	-----	1/1358 cy.
GRASSED WATERWAY	-----	4.8 acres
DIVERSION TERRACE	-----	1872 feet
STANDARD TERRACES	-----	93735 feet
BASE TERRACES	-----	5206 feet
PIPE OUTLETS	-----	2 - 15" x 8"
PARALLEL TERRACES	-----	5613 feet
RANGE SEEDING	-----	275 acres
FSA/FACTA CONSERVATION PLANS	-----	524 tracts on 92115 acres

GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION PROGRAM - 10 contracts on 8886 ac.  
ACP/LTA ----- 4 contracts on 7043 acres.  
INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM - 1 on 5291 ac.  
COMPLETED ASSISTANCE on 9 ACP referrals for FSA

**UPPER PEASE SWCD HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES 1996 FISCAL YEAR**

**SWCD ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Sponsored essay contest
- Sponsored poster contest
- Sponsored windbreak seedling program
- Sponsored drip irrigation demonstration and sales
- Sponsored soil moisture monitoring equipment sales
- Sponsored Soil Stewardship activities
- Attended South Plains Association of SWCD's meetings
- Co-sponsored county meetings on conservation provisions
- Co-sponsored Newsletters with NRCS
- Participated in state technical assistance funds program
- Participated in state Subchapter H funds program
- Received maximum state matching funds
- Provide clerical assistance to NRCS staff
- Provide district technician to NRCS staff
- Supported and participated in area awards program
- Sponsor local 4-H awards program
- Actively participate in GPCP, ACP, and FAC meetings
- 100% membership in NACD and state association
- Contributed full amount to State SWCD Information program
- Provide NRCS with high quality equipment:
  - Laser Level
  - Office copier
  - Computer software for publishing newsletters
- Participate in the Goodyear awards program
- Provide grass drill for producers
- Participate in Four Winds RC & D meetings
- Sponsor in Four Winds RC & D
- Completed RC & D projects as submitted
- Published one annual report
- Provided an active information program for cooperators
- Sponsored teacher workshop
- Participate in Conservation Tillage Survey
- Represent the cooperators in the district by direct communications with Congressmen and Senators
- Participated in EQIP development process

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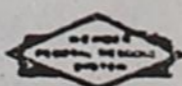
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Rodney Williams - Conservation Engineering Technician

# Letters from the Exes .....

This is probably the most difficult task I've ever undertaken, admitting the impossibility of attending the Homecoming of our high school class...the Elite class of 1946. Our minds have the Spartan knack of gleaming undesirable experiences from the memory bank and retaining only the pleasant ones, thus we can say with sincere conviction that those were truly the best years of our lives. From one facet, I may be fortunate to be absent...in not knowing who The Reaper has taken and not seeing the ill effects that time has so impartially rationed out to the survivors. I can rationalize astronomically but still feel cheated by not being able to attend THE PARTY.

I called the Motley County Tribune yesterday and was answered by the beautiful voice of our very dear Mary Meason, who managed to impart some degree of knowledge to each of us. Tunnel, Gatewood, Doss, White, Thomas, and we must include Doug Meador to our honored list of those who helped to mold our cantankerous minds and CHARACTERS. I am grate-

ful to our teachers, parents, churches, and high school companions for helping to form the foundation of whatever life I have managed to live. A large part of my life was devoted to teaching...aircraft maintenance and navigation electronics, so NOW I can appreciate the preparation and work involved in helping to mold minds. Doug Meador's "Trail Dust" probably had as much impact on us as the text books.

I'm USAF retired, caring for my wife, Cindy (former parachute nurse in Korea), 1st son in Theology and electronics, 1st daughter in cardiology, 2nd daughter in Rollins Corp., 2nd son (youngest) Phd. in microbiology, and founder of LATSU Corp. My prayers are with you and hope the Matador c.o.c. can succeed in all its aspirations. Good Homecoming!

John W. Ketchersid

Dear Hazel & friends,

Thank you and others for sending me a program of the 1996 High School

Exes Homecoming. Since the beginning of the annual homecomings, I have been unable to attend. We have been residents of Washington State for 43 years, and retired for 12 of those years. Now, Audrey is not well, and we are getting well acquainted with the medical facilities and their staff. We have just observed our 55th wedding anniversary. We have no immediate family living in Matador or Motley County for the first time in 71 years, and it seems a little sad.

Enclosed, please find my contribution to the Association. Say Hello to my old friend, J.B. Cooper.

Your friend,  
Vernon L. Chambliss

Hello!

I have enclosed a check for our family's 1996 dues. Our 1946 M.H.S. graduating class has "high" expectations of having a wonderful 50th reunion. We here in Matador hope we won't be disappointed. We wish you and your family the

best.

Lovingly,  
Earlyne

Dear Motley County "Exes" Association,

A big thank you to all of you locally who are there to welcome us back year after year. Your work is appreciated. We plan to attend this year - our 35th - and hope to see other 1961 graduates.

Buddy and Frances Davis

Olivia,

Sorry I can't be there this year. Hope you all have a good homecoming.

Love,  
Ruby Bostick Anders

Olivia,

Here is a check. Thanks for keeping the update on the classes. I know it takes a lot of work.

Joe Dean

Olivia,

Sorry I can't be there this year. I have to be in Ruidoso through the 18th for the Southwest Turfgrass Conference. Maybe next year.

Jill Scaff Taylor

Hazel & Olivia,

I plan to be there. Hope all that can make it will be there also. Have a nice day.

Dearl "Ceasar" McBride

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Thank you and Mrs. Donovan's continued service and work toward the Motley County "Exes" Association.

Yours truly,  
Dewayne Martin

Dear Hazel and Olivia,  
Enclosed are Best Wishes to all of you Ex-Students for a very enjoyable reunion and my dues.

Barbara A. Tilson

Dear Hazel,  
Enclosed is Melvin's dues and donation to help with the mailing cost. We are coming to the Homecoming this year.

Clydene Cooper

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# Motley County Comings & Goings

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Mesdames Pete Ozborn and Billie Roller visited their sister, Mrs. Cleo Watson, Saturday and also called upon Mrs. Roxie Lewis.

Mrs. Algie Groves visited Mrs. Roxie Lewis Monday of last week. The Groves are having extensive repairs and additions made to the house they bought from Mrs. Beth Hinson and hope to occupy soon.

### GUILD MEETS IN GIESECKE HOME

Mrs. Callie Giesecke was hostess to the Guild in her home Wednesday evening of last week. The hostess opened the meeting with a prayer. Chelsea Read, study leader, brought the lesson on "I Am The Door". Darleen Fletcher closed the meeting with a prayer. Present besides those on the program were JoEita Bumgardner, Mary Kelley, Mary Lumsden, Pearl Patten, Lee Peacock, Lula Swim, and Grace Zabielski.

Workers are busy rebuilding the Roaring Springs Cafe which burned several months ago. Rumor has it that the Cafe will

be open November 1.

Friends here were grieved to learn of the death of Pete Hughes the last of the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Hughes. Our sympathy goes out to the surviving members of his family, especially to his sister, Mrs. Tom (Mamie) Yeates, who has lost two brothers, a sister, and a son the past year. Mrs. Yeates lived here until health problems of her and her husband caused them to go to Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney went to Oklahoma Thursday of last week to attend funeral services for her uncle, Mrs. Ben Parker, last member of her father's family.

The mobile member of this news team is in Methodist Hospital where she had knee replacement surgery Tuesday. Her two sons, Lester and Bobby, were with her for surgery. Odessa, optimistically expects to be back on the job in two weeks. Hopefully she will be. She will be home to recuperate in a few days.

Ray Zabielski volunteered his services in getting the local news to the Motley County Tribune office. Thanks, Mr. Zabielski.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### THREE M'S ENTERTAIN AT ALFRED MARTIN HOME

Sylvia Lee and her husband, Alfred Martin, who is under Hospice Care, were pleasantly surprised and appreciative of the Three M's good musical entertainment in their home Tuesday night, Oct. 1. The talented group, Gerald Pipkin, Carolyn Ewing, Sharon VanHoose, Pennie Keltz, Kathy Shorter, and Dr. Pat Williams, played and sang religious popular and western renditions. Adding to the enjoyable courtesy, their daughter, Mrs. Nova Turner served refreshments to those mentioned above and Mrs. Pat (Mary Lou) Williams, Herb and Geneva Martin.

### FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of D.H. Nall and B.F. Folley had a fun filled weekend, Oct. 5-6 at their annual family reunion.

Saturday, they met at the Caprock Canyons State Park that included hiking, bicycling and a hamburger cookout. At the Community Center in Flomot, Sunday they began the day's activities with a pan-

cake breakfast followed by a White Elephant Auction Sale and catered lunch. The 79 family members registered from California, New Mexico, Louisiana and throughout Texas.

### JANICE HUGHES NAMED HISTORIAN OF WIFE

Janice Hughes of Flomot was elected historian for 1997 at the 20th annual convention of Texas Women Involved in Farm Economics held in Olton recently.

Other officers for 1997 include Jo Ann Stroope of Hale Center, president; Doris Howell of Cotton Center, first vice president; Marilyn Higgins of Hart, second vice president; Pat Jones of Lubbock, secretary; Inette Johnson of Tulia, treasurer; Joan Clevenger of Hart, publicity.

WIFE members testify at state and national hearings regarding topics which directly affect the agricultural community. They also work with agricultural and non-agricultural organizations toward the better understanding of mutual concerns.

## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

The nice thing about memories is that they don't spoil no matter how long you keep them!

### IN HOSPITAL

T.W. Jennings was conveyed by Motley County Ambulance to the Mangold Hospital in Lockney, Friday. He had a body scan at the Methodist Hospital in Plainview, Monday. With him during his hospitalization and staying with their mother, Nita Jennings, are their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings and Matt and Ted Jennings of Haskell. At newstime, Mr. Jennings was reported to be improving.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper visited from Thursday until Monday of last week in Amarillo with daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunnam and Kourtney. They attended Kourtney's soccer game and her school football game. Kourtney is a cheerleader. They also enjoyed the Country Peddler Show.

Mrs. Mike (Sharon) Davis of Fritch visited the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner and son, Cobey attended the Tri-State High School Rodeo held in Hereford, Saturday.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon mether mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock, Thursday to attend to business and visit.

## News around the Area

### HEALTH FAIR

Fall has arrived and along with it will be the annual Fall Foliage Tour and Health Fair in Quitaque. This years Health Fair promises to be a success with the largest number of exhibitors in quite a while. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First National Bank. Services available will be flu shots, breast health risk appraisals, mammograms, HIV testing, glaucoma screening, blood pressure, blood sugar and

hemoglobin screening. Agencies participating will include AARP 55/Alive Mature Driving, Alzheimer's Association, Briscoe County Clinic, Columbia Home-care, Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center, Lions Hi Plains Bank, Panhandle AIDS Support Organization, Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, and the American Cancer Society.

## Obituaries

### Jean Pope

Tulia (Special) - Services for Jean A. Pope, 72, of Tulia were held at 2 p.m. Monday, October 7 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Auten, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, October 3, 1996, at his home.

He was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Matador. He married Ava Nell Monk on Aug. 10, 1950, in Flomot. He attended Millsap schools, and he was a

U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist.

He worked for the Texas Department of Transportation in Matador, and worked for the Mill Iron Ranch in Turkey. He worked for the Tulia Feed Lot, Fowler Farms and Swisher County Cattle Co. He retired Dec. 26, 1995.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Randy of Santa Fe, N.M.; his mother Ethel Pope of Childress; two sisters, June Moss of Matador and Shirley Monk of Siletz, Ore.; and two grandchildren.

### David Hughes

Services for David W. "Pete" Hughes, 78, of Lubbock were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 5 at W.W. Rix Chapel with the Rev. Johnnie Williams officiating.

Burial was at 1:45 p.m. Saturday in Afton Cemetery under direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Lubbock.

Hughes died Thursday, October 3, 1996 at St. Mary Hospital.

He was born Feb. 16, 1918 in Bayside. He graduated from Patton Springs High School. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, and he was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic. He married

Bernita Rinnon Aug. 5, 1951, in Lubbock.

He worked for Furr's Inc. as a produce manager for 25 years, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Marilyn Kay O'Neal of Denton, Gayla H. Lawson of Round Rock, Carol J. Weidmann of Aurora, Colo., Lu Ann Stone of Stockbridge, Mich., and Janet G. Hunton of Lubbock; four sons, David Ray Hughes of Marshall, Bill Hughes and Boyd Brooks, both of Lubbock, and Mike Hughes of Carson City, Nev.; two sisters, Hazel Cummings and Mamie Yeates, both of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

### Jean Morvant

Jean Morvant, 57, of Matador died Sunday, Oct. 6, 1996, in Turner Nursing Home in Childress.

Her body was donated to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Nov. 7, 1937 in Erie, Pa. She moved to Matador from Baytown in 1993.

She was a retired injection mold

operator for a plastics manufacturing plant.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Seigler of Matador and Sandra Morvant of Baytown; a son, Kenneth James Smyers III of Pennsylvania; her mother, Marie Dunlap of West Virginia; four sisters; and five grandchildren.

### George Calvert

Memorial services for George Washington Calvert, 84, of Lubbock were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock with Elmore Johnson officiating. Clark Johnson assisted.

Burial was at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Afton Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Calvert died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1996 at St. Mary Hospital.

He was born Feb. 12, 1912 in Whiteflat. He married Jewell Marie Offield on Feb. 12, 1929. He was ordained a minister of the Church of

Christ in 1951. He had served as an elder at 22nd and Memphis Church of Christ.

He became a full-time minister in 1963, and he served churches in Lubbock, Midland and Willow Shade, Ky. He retired in 1977. He owned the George Calvert Garage in Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter Georgia Biggs of Lubbock; two sons, Dennis Lee of Memphis, Tenn., and Alva Gene Sr. of Waxahachie; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Matador News

Mrs. R.L. (Virginia) Sorrels of Helena, Montana, recently visited her sister, Mrs. J.P. (Verdie) Neighbors of Matador. During her stay here, Mrs. Neighbors and Mrs. Sorrels were visited by other relatives, Norman Neighbors of Houston, Barbara Hofack of Big Spring, Mrs. Bill (Wanda) Neighbors of Granbury, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Stone of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wagley of Gran Junction, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rudder of Hereford. During last week, Mrs. Rudder accompanied Mrs. Neighbors and Sorrels on a driving trip to see grandson, Cody Myers and family in Midland, granddaughter, Shelly Shannon and husband in Sonora, and on to other points of historic interest around the state, including Fredericksburg, San Antonio, Austin, Salado, and Granbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green had as their guests last week Richard (Jiggs) Green of Bowie, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Don Green of Shallowater.

Jack and Decima Green were in Lubbock Wednesday for Mr. Green's medical appointment. They spent the night with Chris Davis.

Mrs. Geraldine Key met her sister, Mrs. Barbara West of Amarillo in Childress, Tuesday, Oct. 1 to be with their mother, Mrs. Edna Waybourn at the Turner Nursing Home. She was transferred to the Palo Duro Care Center in Amarillo.

Roberta Jameson, a recent patient at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, is a resident at the Prairie House in Plainview. The address is 1301 Mesa Dr.

# THANK YOU

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Pete Laney State Representative

# Farm & Ranch News



Preparations are underway and tents are going up at the site of the 1996 Texas-Farmer Stockman Show. Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers will be a part of the action again with an exhibit during the three-day event October 8-10.

The show, located 1 and 1/2 miles east of Loop 289 on East 50th Street, will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. each day.

In addition to hundreds of commercial exhibits and equipment demonstrations, the show will provide several opportunities for producers to earn educational credits towards maintaining private pesticide applicator licenses as well as view livestock handling demonstrations.

"We are pleased to once again be a

part of the Farmer-Stockman Show," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "This exhibition offers all producers an outstanding opportunity to keep in touch with the very latest in agricultural technology."

Johnson adds that producers interested in learning the ins and outs of the High Plains Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program should come by the PCG exhibit. There, spray maps showing areas treated during the program's first application will be on display.

Everyone is invited to come by the PCG exhibit which will be located on Lot 6E, across the street from the John Deere exhibit on the east side of the exhibition field.

Activity on the 1996 High Plains

Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program has reached a fevered pitch as program personnel work to complete the program's first diapause application.

"The first round of treatments for this year's program will be covering some 1.4 million acres of cotton and address as strongly as possible boll weevil populations throughout a twenty county area," explains PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "The next round of treatments are scheduled to begin October 10 provided the weather does not interfere with the progress of the first application."

Through the end of September High Plains producers had sent in approximately \$4.4 million dollars to support the 1996 effort, providing enough to fund the first round of applications. An additional \$1.15 million dollars from the United States Department of Agriculture will also support the 1996 program.

"Producer participation is the key to the success of this program," notes Johnson. "Cotton growers can now see that their program is underway, and committed to doing the best possible job."

Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.

—Jerome K. Jerome

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

General Election  
November 5

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Elaine Hart

## Let's Hear It For Fire Safety: Test Your Detectors! FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 6-12

Smoke detectors aren't new. The technology has been around since 1960's. The single-station, battery-powered smoke detector, similar to the one we know today, became available to consumers in the 1970s. But according to a report issued recently by the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System (TEXFIRS), more than half of the 178 residential fire deaths in Texas last year occurred in homes without smoke detectors. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that thousands of people still die each year in home fires where smoke detectors aren't present.

"Smoke detectors help save lives. A working smoke detector can give you time in a critical situation where minutes can mean the difference between life and death," said Gary L. Warren Sr., executive director of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

To emphasize the importance of home smoke detectors, Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed October 6-11, 1996 as Fire Prevention Week in Texas. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the NFPA offer the following advice regarding smoke detectors:

Working smoke detectors save lives. Proper placement, routine testing and regular maintenance of your smoke detectors will help insure that they will alert you if a fire breaks out. Make sure you buy only detectors that bear the mark of an independent testing laboratory. All tested and labeled

smoke detectors offer adequate protection if they are properly installed and maintained.

Make placement a priority. Homes should have smoke detectors on every floor of the home, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with your bedroom doors closed, install a smoke detector inside each bedroom. (Closing bedroom doors when you are sleeping helps to slow the spread of smoke and fumes if a fire develops). Detectors should also be installed in any other areas of your home where people sleep. On floors without bedrooms, smoke detectors should be installed in or near living areas, such as family rooms and living rooms.

Detectors that are wired into the home electrical system should be installed by a licensed fire alarm installer. If your detector plugs into a wall socket, make sure it has a restraining device to keep its plug from being pulled out. Never connect a detector to a circuit that could be turned off at a wall switch.

Since smoke and deadly gases rise, detectors should be placed on the ceiling at least four inches from the nearest wall, or high on a wall, four to twelve inches from the ceiling. This four-inch minimum is important to keep detectors out of "dead air" spaces, because hot air is turbulent and many bounce so much that it misses spots near a surface. Don't install detectors near a window, door or fireplace because drafts could detour smoke away

from the unit. In rooms where the ceiling has an extremely high point, such as in vaulted ceilings, mount the detector near the ceiling's highest point. Maintenance is a must.

It is very important to maintain your smoke detectors by testing, replacing batteries and cleaning:

Testing—The commission and the NFPA recommend testing detectors once a month to make sure they are operating. Test each detector by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm. If you can't reach, stand under the detector and push the test button with a broom handle.

Replacing batteries — If your smoke detectors are battery operated, replace the batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Cleaning — Just as you clean your home, your smoke detectors need to be cleaned. Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions about cleaning.

Dealing with nuisance alarms. Regularly cleaning your smoke detectors and following the manufacturer's instructions may help stop "nuisance" or false alarms.

Smoke detectors are cost-effective.

Battery-operated smoke detectors for the home often retail for less than \$10. Smoke detectors with extra features can cost up to \$25. Batteries cost \$1 to \$2, depending on the brand. A smoke detector for a typical hard-wired system costs \$14-\$18. Smoke detectors for people with hearing impairments cost approximately \$100 each.

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