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## A Look back in Time

DECEMBER 11, 1947  
Three Navy Planes  
Land at Buzz Field

Heavy weather this morning forced three Navy planes to make a forced landing at Roaring Springs Buzz Field Airport. Pilots of the planes enroute from Illinois to El Paso had passed the field when the weather closed in causing them to return and make the landing.

DECEMBER 11, 1947  
Santa's Plane Will Land On Pavement  
Two Communities Survey Scheduled  
"Santa is going to land in a plane on highway 70 near Bob's Oil Well, Saturday afternoon Dec. 20, when he makes a special "scouting" survey of Matador and Roaring Springs according to present plans for his special pilot, S.J. Braselton of Roaring Springs."

## TRAIL DUST

By  
DOUGLAS MEADOR



Saddle-wear memories are wont to mosey back to the corrals of the heart when holly wreaths hang in the windows and the voices of children are keyed to a cheery pitch. Golden hours that wandered off with the herd of years, return like lost horses, to the feed-lots of happiness; life's richest treasures are found with the light of a Christmas candle.

Science and invention have made great strides but some of their creations seem to clash with the confirmed habits of people. Personally, I will not appreciate a gift of either an electric tooth brush or electric pencil sharpener. These two chores are about all the exercise I receive.

Some year while I am still in the printing business I plan to get my Christmas cards out in July instead of Christmas Eve.

## CHRISTMAS PAPER DEADLINE CHANGES!

The deadline has been changed for the Matley County Tribune Christmas edition, due to the fact that the editor is losing her mind and got her weeks mixed up. The paper was originally scheduled for December 25th, but has been changed to the December 18th issue.

For the past seven years the Tribune has closed one week near Christmas, the week of or the week after, and due to postal regulations, which were already set, cannot be changed at the last minute. This is the only week of the year that our paper is not printed, and the only time our staff can have some time off, without a deadline, to enjoy the holidays with our families.

Our deadline for all special Christmas stories, pictures, ads, Santa letters, etc. will now be Wednesday, December 10. All regular news copy, ads, etc. for that issue may be brought in at its regular time, before Tuesday noon, December 16.

We realize that this all sounds even more confusing than before, and we apologize for that. We do appreciate your cooperation so much!

Our office will be closed December 22-26. We would like to extend to all of our readers and their families, a very happy and joyous holiday season.

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

### Late Night Shopping Thursday Night

The night that everyone looks forward to each year to get them in the Holiday spirit and offers a night of bargain shopping at home, Late Night Shopping, will be held Thursday night, December 4, from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Matador businesses staying open late for your shopping convenience will include The Motley County Tribune, Motley County Library, Rose Garden Floral & Gifts, Jo-Barb-Dee, New to You, Guys & Gals, Country Spice, Matador Variety, The Windmill, Quality Discount Outlet, and Main Street.

Each business will offer special discounts, drawings for free gifts, re-

freshments, and more.

### SANTA CLAUS TO BE IN TOWN!

Santa Claus will be in Matador Thursday, during Late Night Shopping. He will arrive at the American Legion Building (downtown) at 5:30 p.m. and will be there until 9:00 p.m.

Come and tell Santa what you want for Christmas and get your picture made. You can also shop for Mom and Dad at the Kiddie Store while you wait for Santa. There will be Horse and Buggy rides around town, too!

Be sure not to miss this festive night of late night shopping at home.

### Matador First Baptist Church To Present Christmas Cantata

First Baptist Church, Matador, will present its Christmas Cantata, "How Great Our Joy!" on Sunday morning, December 14, at 11:00 a.m. A potluck dinner will follow at noon.

A repeat presentation of the cantata

will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 15. The Children's Choir will also present music at both services.

The community is invited to attend one or both of these special services.

### "Granny's Tea Party" Set For Sunday Afternoon

The Annual Library Fund Raiser, "Granny's Tea Party" has been set for Sunday, December 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador.

This annual event is for girls ages 4 and up, to dress up in their Granny's hats, dresses, gloves, jewelry, etc. and

have tea and cakes at a real old-fashioned tea party. Reservations and a \$5.00 donation are required. Please call Joyce Campbell at 347-2793 to make your reservation.

All proceeds benefit the Motley County Library.



FINISHING TOUCHES — Sherry Rose and Joyce Meredith of Rose Garden Floral & Gifts in Matador put the finishing touches on the Christmas tree in preparation for Late Night Shopping Thursday night.

### County-wide Men's Breakfast Saturday

The County-wide Men's Breakfast is set for Saturday, December 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. This breakfast is non-denominational and for all men of the county.

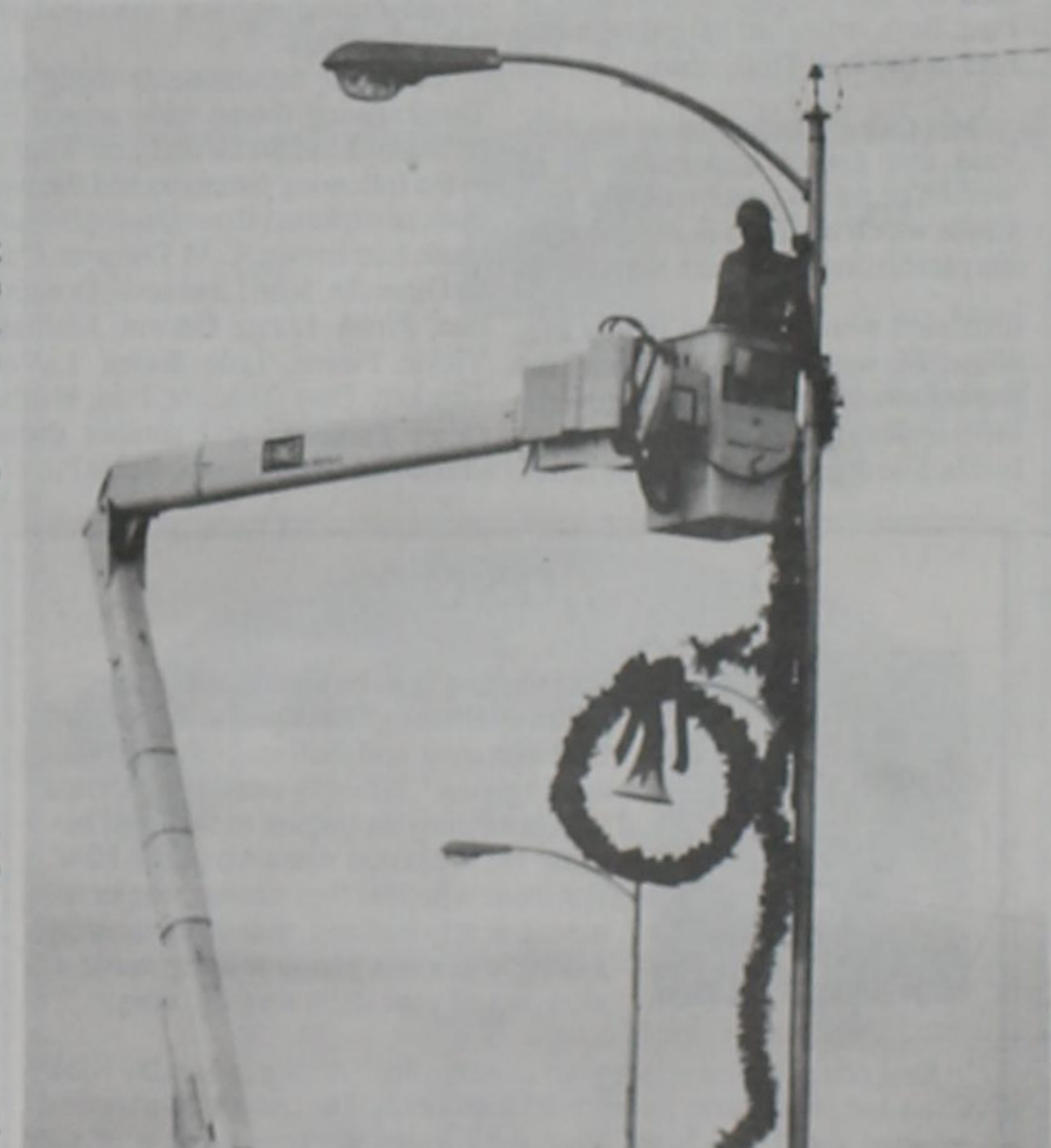
Make plans now to attend and eat a good, hearty breakfast, with fellowship.

### Santa Claus authorizes Tribune to receive letters

Hey kids! Santa has officially authorized the Motley County Tribune to accept letters to him. You can mail your letters to —

Santa Claus  
c/o Motley County Tribune  
P.O. Box 490  
Matador, TX 79244

Letters may also be put in the mail box in front of the Tribune office.



DECORATING THE TOWN — Kenneth Marshall, WTU employee, is pictured here putting up one of the decorations on the light poles in downtown Matador. Kenneth, aided by City Employees, Steve Barton and Terry Carson, decorated the town for Christmas last Friday.



DECORATING ELVES — Shane's Russell and Justin Todd were helpful little elves when they assisted their Moms and other members of the Eternas Study Club in decorating the Gazebo on the Courthouse lawn in Matador. Shane's is the daughter of J.D. and D'Anna Russell, and Justin is the son of Ben and Davonna Grundy, of Matador.

### TxDOT records second year without on-the-job fatalities in almost a decade

(Austin, Texas) — State highway construction and maintenance workers survived fiscal year 1997 without recording a fatality, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), only the second time in a decade that's occurred.

"It means our efforts to educate our employees about work zone safety are working," said Sid Hicks, Childress District Safety Coordinator. "And that Texans are heeding the warnings to 'give our workers a brake' when they drive through construction zones," he said.

FY 1997 zero fatality rate is due

partly, TxDOT officials believe, to the employees in the department's 25 districts and their commitment to TxDOT's safety mission. Two safety campaigns, "Give Us A Brake" which began in May 1996 and "123 Days of Summer," also contributed to the department's safety success record. Both plans are aimed at preventing on-the-job highway construction accidents and educating TxDOT employees and the driving public about the dangers of highway construction work. Hicks stated, "the Childress District met its accident frequency reduction goal for lost-time injuries. Childress Districts'

FY 1997 lost-time injury rate was at its latest level since FY 1994."

That danger is evident in statistics of previous years. In fiscal year 1996, five TxDOT employees were killed in work-related accidents, more than twice the number from the previous year. TxDOT records track safety statistics for department employees only.

"Most people feel safe on their jobs. They wouldn't work at a place they didn't, but for our workers, the roadways are their offices. They deserve to be and feel just as safe on their jobs as

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ONLY 21  
DAYS 'TIL  
CHRISTMAS!





Well, Thanksgiving is over and now it's time to start thinking about Christmas, which will be here before we know it. Am I wrong, or do we just seem to overlook Thanksgiving anymore? It seems like it's just a good meal now, and immediately it's time to put up the Christmas tree and get into all the holiday hustle and bustle.

Do we really stop and pause and think of what we have to be thankful for at Thanksgiving or are we just trying to get this day over with so we can get started with the Christmas shopping. Some people even have their tree up before Thanksgiving, or put it up on Thanksgiving day, after the meal. I admit, I love the Christmas season, but I at least wait until the next day or so to put up my Christmas tree. And as far as the shopping, I wouldn't dream of going to Lubbock or some other city the day after Thanksgiving. Talk about punishment! Radio and TV reports said some shoppers were at the doors of Wal-Mart at 4:00 a.m. the next morning. What could they possibly gain by this. To me, that would just be like throwing myself in front of a truck.

I would much rather shop at home, or mail order what I can't get here, than push and shove through Wal-Mart the day after Thanksgiving! I guess I'm not a true shopper.

But the most important thing I'm stressing here, is shopping at home. We hometown business people need your business! And just stop and think about it, Motley County has a lot to offer for the Christmas shopper. In Roaring Springs there's Thacker Jewelry with a beautiful assortment of jewelry and what they don't have, they'll custom make, or Thacker Supply - that store has a little of everything from fishing lures to fine furniture, and everything in between. Down the street to the Feed Trough Steakhouse, where a gift certificate can be purchased for a fine meal. And on to Vickie's Floral, with a wonderful assortment of gifts and floral items. Crossing the street, I'm sure anyone would appreciate getting a gift certificate from Alexander Fuel, or the laundrymat, then on to

City Grocery, with some of the most delicious meat, deli items and groceries, and movies, too. Next door is the RS Cafe, where gift certificates can also be purchased for delicious buffet lunches and other items.

And in Matador, there's Matador Variety, with toys to T-Shirts, and ink pens to Wranglers; The Windmill with a beautiful array of art work and gift items; Country Spice, with Antiques and unique gifts; Cowboy Boot Shop, with handmade leather items; WTU with appliances; Rose Garden, with beautiful arrangements, gift items, candles and movies; New to You, with quality consignment clothing; Quality Discount Outlet, with great buys on lots of items, from shutters to rugs and chairs; Guys & Gals, with beautiful clothing, belts, purses, and jewelry; First State Bank, from where I'm sure anyone would appreciate a Savings Bond; or Country Spice, where gift items or gift certificates for food can be purchased; Jo-Barb-Dee, with jewelry or a gift certificate for a new hairdo; or City Limits Hair Salon, with gift certificates for nails or hair; Billie Dean's Restaurant, for food gift certificates; Palmer Service Center, or Davis Fuel; Pay-N-Save, and last but not least, the Motley County Tribune, where we offer a good selection of books and office supplies or the ever popular gift subscription. There are also the businesses such as Meredith Gas in Roaring Springs or Marshall Bros. in Matador, where you can purchase a gift certificate for the most necessary propane. And we also have individuals who sell items such as handmade crafts, Avon, or Mary Kay.

If I have left anyone out, I certainly do apologize. When you stop and think about it we have a lot of businesses in Motley County. So let's be most thankful for that. There are a lot of little towns around here that just don't have anywhere to buy anything anymore.

Remember - Late Night Shopping is Thursday night, so do a little shopping at home and have a little fun visiting on an old fashioned holiday night at the same time.



The Library will be open tonight during Matador's Late Night Shopping evening, the coffee pot will be on and you are welcome to come in and check out a book, browse the Internet, or just visit. You will also have the opportunity to sign the Friends of the Library Christmas Card. This is an easy way to send greetings to your friends and family and support the Library at the same time.

At about 9:00 p.m. tonight the Motley County Genealogical Society will give away a beautiful doll. This will make a great Christmas gift for any girl - not matter what her age. Don't miss a chance to win this lovely doll.

A new book in the library is The Capitol of Texas. This book was donated by Pete Laney and was presented by Nelda Laney when she was here in November. The photographs in this book are fascinating, as is the story

about the history, construction, and repair of our Capitol. I know you will enjoy this book, and we thank the Laney's for this donation.

Granny's Tea Party is coming up December 7. Joyce Campbell and her family always host a splendid event which benefits the children's section of the Library. The girls who attend get to "dress up" as well as eat a bounty of delicious food. Contact Joyce Campbell if you know of a young lady who is interested in attending.

New Christmas books in the Library include LeAnn Rimes' Holiday In Your Heart and Andrew Greeley's Star Bright! If you read Richard Evans' The Christmas Box last year, you will be interested in the follow-up book The Letter. These and many other books are ready for you to check out and enjoy. Come by to see us tonight and pick up a good book.

## Look Who's New



### Emmanuel George Wesley Ho-Gland

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Ho-Gland of Roaring Springs would like to announce the arrival of their son, Emmanuel George Wesley Ho-Gland.

He was born November 24, 1997 at 6:58 a.m. in the Lockney General Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 1/2

ounce and was 21" inches long at birth. He has one brother, Ricardo and two sisters, Gracie and Danielle.

Grandparents are Gene and Bertha Wagner of Ozona, Grace Blanco of Lockney and Eugene Saldana of Matador.

### Maegan Kay Jameson Scout Sterling Dodson

Uncle Chance Bingham is proud to announce the arrival of his two new nieces, Maegan Kay Jameson, and Scout Sterling Dodson.

Maegan is the daughter of Bradley and Mindy Jameson of Lake Forest, CA. She was born on October 14 weighing 6 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20" long. She is also welcomed by grandparents Alan and Kay Bingham, Leslie and Linda Jameson, Matador, and Lynn Dodson, Merkel; great-grandparents, Vida Elkins and Billy Dan Bingham, Spur, Pauline Dodson, Merkel, Bob and Jimmie Jameson, Matador, and I.D. Mullin, Turkey; great-great grandparents, R.J. and Miriam Bell and Lena Cook of Matador. Maegan also has one other uncle, Cody Dodson, Matador, and three proud aunts, Brandi Jameson, Matador, and Beth and Alana Bingham, Spur.

Scout is the daughter of Cody and Shea Dodson of Matador. She was born on November 11, weighing 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19 3/4" long. Scout is welcomed by grandparents Merle and Connie Blosser, Lubbock, Alan and Kay Bingham, Matador, and Lynn Dodson, Merkel; great-grandparents, Howard and Jo Sterling, Snyder, Mark and Virginia Flippo, Arlington, Vida Elkins and Billy Dan Bingham, Spur, and Pauline Dodson, Merkel. Scout also has four proud aunts, Brooke Blosser, Lubbock, Beth and Alana Bingham, Spur, and Mindy Jameson, Lake Forest, CA.

### Donna Marie Solt

Haley Solt would like to announce the birth of her sister, Donna Marie, born November 13, 1997 in Roswell, N.M. She weighed 9 pounds 7 ounces

and was 23 inches long. Grandparents are Don and Pat Warren of Matador. Great grandparents are John and Christine Briscoe and Tressie Warren of Matador.

## Couple Exchanges Wedding Vows

Jamie Timmins and Scotty Scott were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 26, 1997 at 7 p.m., in the home of Debra Scott of Matador. Vows were exchanged before Rev. Rickey Lawrence, with Brandi Jameson attendant for the bride and Joe Gonzales, attendant for the groom.

### Get in the Christmas Spirit at

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## Rose Garden



## Wedding Plans Announced



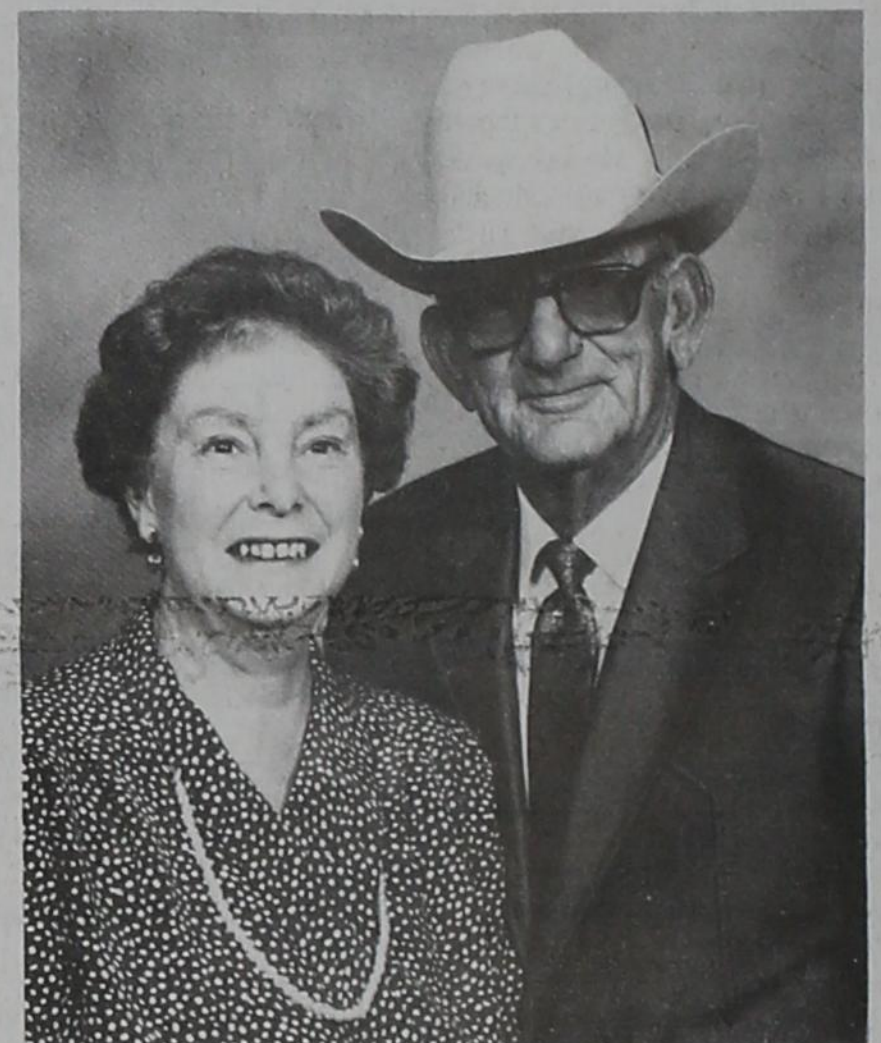
Misty Easter & Lee Jones

Billy and Cory Easter of Roaring Springs would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Lynn Easter, to Clovis Lee Jones, son of Jerry and Shane Jones of Matador. The couple plan to exchange wedding vows in the First Baptist Church of Matador on December 27, 1997 at 5:30 in the evening.

Lee is a 1996 graduate of Motley County High School. He attended Texas Tech University and recently graduated from Texas A&M Fire Training School at College Station.

Misty is a 1997 graduate from Motley County High School. She is currently employed at the Motley County Tribune.

## Couple to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



C.D. & Evelyn Garrison

C.D. and Evelyn Garrison will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary December 11, 1997. They were married December 11, 1947 in Lubbock in the First Baptist Church parsonage by Dr. Ralph Grant.

The couple has three children, Dickie Garrison of Red Rock; David Garrison of Memphis; and Debra Scott of Matador. They have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Roaring Springs Predicta Study Club Meets

Predicta Study Club met Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Roaring Springs Cafe with fourteen members and three guests present. The highlight of the evening was having the Caprock District President, Mrs. Donna Craig of Post, as speaker. She was accompanied by Mrs. Peggy Smith, also of Post. Both ladies are long-time members of the Post Study club.

Mrs. Craig touched on many subjects that are of importance to all women of the Federation of Women's Clubs which has been in existence for the past one hundred years. Some items

discussed were: crises in family life, abuse of women and children, the impact members can have in government issues at local, state, and federal levels. She urged members to be active

in their home clubs as well as district, state and federal levels. One of her goals as Caprock District President is a memorial in Washington D.C. honoring all women who have served in military service. She is striving to get the name of every woman's name who served during any war inscribed on this memorial.

Delicious refreshments using the Thanksgiving theme were served by hostesses Lula Swim and Lou Wittler to the following members and the two guests mentioned above: Janice Brown, Ossie Lee Brown, L.V. Damron, Callie Giesecke, Joan Lawrence, Dorothy Lee, Nona Long, Odessa Mullins, Vickie Pierce, Lula Swim, LaVoe Thacker, Pam Thacker, Lou Wittler, Grace Zabielski and another guest, Christi Fisk, daughter of Vickie Pierce.

## SONG



The Lord is to be worshiped in song. Psalm 69:30 says, "I will praise the name of God with song, and shall magnify Him with thanksgiving." In family worship we should lead our family in singing to the Lord because He is pleased when we praise Him! For those who feel they cannot sing or are not musically inclined, there are resources available to assist you in making music a vital part of your daily worship time.

Sing often the songs that your children are learning in Sunday Bible Class and on other occasions with their peers. The psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs which are often sung in the worship services of the church should also be sung. In fact, if more families sang the praises of God together in their homes, just think how much our congregational singing on the Lord's Day might improve!

Another good idea is to conclude each family worship time together with a song or two. As head of our households, we fathers and husbands need to make sure that we are leading our families in their spiritual and worship development. Primarily the elements available to the father as he leads the family worship are the same as those found in weekly public worship. At a minimum, let us lead our families in song, the study of God's Word, and prayer.

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

## Christmas Savings Sale

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What's happening at school.....

**Booster Club Accepting Donations For Sign**

The Motley County Booster Club is accepting donations for a 3 x 8 ft. vinyl sign to be taken to out of town basketball games. The cost of the sign is \$100. To make a donation please

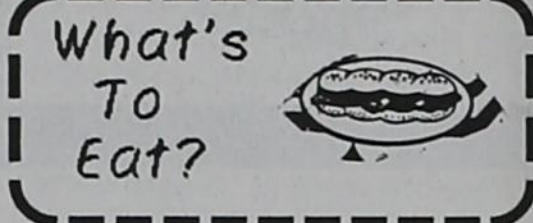
contact Betty Stevens, Kelli Martin, or Billy Green. There will also be a donation can at the Stew Supper December 4.



**STEW SUPPER CANCELED**  
Due to conflicting circumstances Booster Club has canceled the Stew Supper scheduled for Late Night Shopping, December 4. Another fund raiser will be held at a more convenient time.

**FLY YOUR FLAGS**  
Booster Club would like to remind all businesses to show their support for all of our basketball teams by putting out their flags on Tuesday and Friday.

**BOOSTER BUTTONS**  
Parents, remember to save your child's basketball picture so you can have a button made. See Kelli Jackson.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Ranch Beans, Tater Tots, Pickles, Dessert, Milk.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Country Steak, New Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
Breakfast: Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.  
Lunch: Mini-Sub Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple Crisp, Milk.

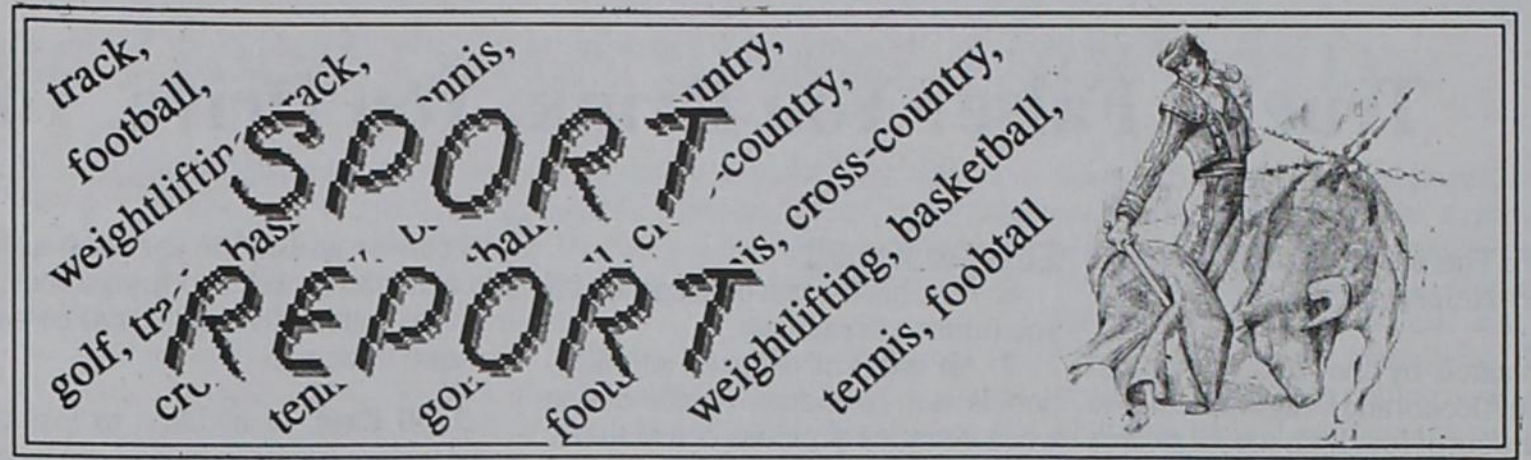
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk.  
Lunch: Frito Pie, Green Salad, Crackers, Vanilla Wafers, Fruit, Milk.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Milk.

**LONE STAR 4**

Hwy. 287 & 83 Childress, TX  
Monday thru Thursday - 7 p.m.  
Friday - 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
Sat. - 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

**DECEMBER 5 - 11**  
FLUBBER - PG  
MAD CITY - PG13  
FAIRY TALE: A TRUE STORY - PG  
SOUL FOOD - R



The Motley County Matadors suffered a big loss to Kress, November 25, losing 80-29, giving them an overall record of 1-2.

Keane Cruse was leading scorer with 16. Ryan Martin added 4; Dayton Grundy, 2; Bobby Fritzlter, 2; Aaron Green, 4; Scott Smith, 2.

Keane was also leading rebounder with 11. Ryan had 3; Dayton, 1; Benji Rodriguez, 1; Bobby, 3; Scott, 2; Brad Marvel, 5; and Jason Barton, 1.

Aaron Green led the team in Assists with 2. Ryan Martin and Dayton Grundy led the team in steals.

The Motley County JV Girls lost to Floydada, November 24 32-55, giving them an overall record of 0-2.

Rabeca Morris was leading scorer with 21. Other adding to the score were Llan Barkley with 6, and Rachelle Renfro with 5.

Leigha Burns was leading rebounder with 3.

Of Rabeca's 21 points, she made 5 three's and was 71% from 3 point land. Rachelle was 3 of 4 from the line for 75%.

The Varsity Girls also lost to Floydada, 44-69, giving them a 1-2 record.

Tonie Bowden led in scoring with 21 points. Kandi Keltz added 10; Blair Thacker, 4; Kristi Williams, 3; Jill Perryman, 2; Kim Ashley, 2; ShaVonne Taylor 1.

Tonie was also leading rebounder

with 8. Margaret grabbed four. Blair had three steals and forced 6 turnovers. Kandi also had 3 steals, Tonie and Blair were each 67% from the field hitting 8 of 12 and 2 of 3 respectively.

The Lady Matadors also lost to Kress, November 25, 37-45.

Tonie was again leading scorer with 14 points. Jill Stanley added 7; ShaVonne, 6; Margaret, 5; Kandi, 2; Kristi, 2; and Blair, 1.

Margaret was leading rebounder with 12. Tonie grabbed 8 and ShaVonne 6.

Jill was 100% from the floor, hitting 3 of 3. Margaret had 4 assists. Kandi had 4 steals and 3 FTO's.

**Top Cooks Named In 4-H Food Show**

Wichita Falls -- New ways to prepare and serve some old favorites joined traditional recipes as 220 boys and girls from 25 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show here Saturday (November 22) at the MPEC Exhibit Hall. Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June 1998. Each received a plaque and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State contest competition. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners can't take part. Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received ribbons and plaques, but do not compete beyond the District level. For Motley County, Kittie Campbell won 4th Place in the very competitive Junior Main Dish Division.

Special cash awards, sponsored by Santa Rosa Cattle Women and Wichita Falls Area Cattle Women were also presented to first, second, and third place winners in Main Dish, Breads and Cereals, and Snacks & Desserts in which beef was an ingredient.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. The dishes were judged by

panels of professional home economists and 4-H leaders. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods, and costs of preparation.

Two invitational features were special Food and Nutrition exhibits prepared by some of the 4-H members from the Rolling Plains as well as news releases specially prepared by various 4-H members in the district. These 4-Hers were recognized with certificates.

This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Elaine Houston, District Director with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods, and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.

Those attending from Motley County were LeAnnra Wallace, Kelsi Wallace, Cassie Campbell, Kayla Copp, Kittie Campbell, and Sabrina Osborn.

**Local Students Included In Who's Who**

A total of 21 students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97*.

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

The 31st Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Local students selected include Blaine Cruse and Leah Cruse of Flo-mot; Tanya Barkley, Bert Darsey, Brandi Jameson, Nesa McFall, Darryn Perryman, Jill Stanley, Kristi Williams, Llan Barkley, Monica Clifton, Robert

Gillespie, Ryan Martin, Ryan Moore, Kaci Risser, Cobey Turner, of Matador; Kimberly Ashley, Jenny Lewis, ShaVonne Taylor, Tonie Bowden, and Kasey Parks, of Roaring Springs.

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**Granny's Tea Party**  
for Young Ladies age 4 - ?  
**DECEMBER 7**  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
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Her inspirational story took her from the convent years in Calcutta to her meetings with presidents, prime ministers and royalty. To make a donation or offer services to the Missionaries of Charity call (718) 292-0019.



# True or False? You Drink. You Drive. You Walk.

NOTE: This article is from the *Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*.

Research by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse shows that one out of four high school seniors has driven while intoxicated on at least one occasion during the past year, and 17 percent have driven while drunk several times during the past year.

That's why TCADA has developed a Zero Tolerance Quiz to help educate young Texans about the state's new zero tolerance alcohol law.

The new law, authored by Senator Royce West, D-Dallas, and Representative Allen Place, D-Gatesville, prohibits Texans under age 21 from having any amount of alcohol in their blood. Minors found violating Texas liquor laws run the risk of losing their drivers' licenses -- whether the offense involves driving under the influence of alcohol or consuming, possessing, purchasing or attempting to purchase alcohol.

State officials said that the greatest declines in alcohol-related traffic deaths and injuries in states adopting zero tolerance laws have occurred when the new law was accompanied by public education and publicity campaigns. The TCADA quiz was devised to help increase public awareness of the law.

### ZERO TOLERANCE QUIZ

(Answers apply to people under age 21)

- Your first alcohol purchase could cost you as much as:
  - \$5
  - \$100
  - \$250
  - \$500
- What is the legal amount of alcohol for you to have in your blood?
  - .10
  - .07
  - .02
  - .00
- How long can you lose your driver's license the first time you are caught drinking and driving?
  - 30 days
  - 60 days
  - 120 days
  - 180 days
- Which of the following are criminal violations?
  - Trying to buy alcohol
  - Using a false ID
  - Drinking alcohol
  - Possessing alcohol
- If you are 17 or older, what penalties could you face for your third alcohol related conviction?
  - Community service
  - License suspension
  - Jail time
  - Fine

### TRUE or FALSE

- Your license can be suspended if you refuse a breath test.
- An order of deferred adjudication is not considered a conviction when counting previous convictions.
- An officer can ticket you for driving under the influence without giving you a breath test.

### ANSWERS

1. \$500. The first time you buy alcohol, you could receive a fine up to \$500, in addition to 8-12 hours of community service, a 30-day suspension of your driver's license, and required attendance at an alcohol awareness course. This is true of all alcohol-related violations that do not involve driving.
2. .00. As of September 1, 1997,

you can be arrested if you have any detectable level of alcohol in your body, even if you aren't driving. This is known as "zero tolerance."

3. 60 days. In addition to losing your license for 60 days, you can face a fine of up to \$500, 20-40 hours of community service, and mandatory attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

4. All of them. Until you turn 21, it is against the law to buy, drink, or possess alcohol. Trying to buy alcohol carries the same punishment as actually buying it. It is also against the law to use a false ID.

5. b, c, and d. If you are 17 or older, your third alcohol-related conviction could result in suspension of your

driver's license and jail time for six months. In addition, you could be fined \$200-\$2,000 and required to go to an alcohol awareness course.

6. True. Your license can be suspended for 120 days the first time you refuse a breath test, 240 days the second time, and a full year for additional refusals.

7. False. An order of deferred adjudication is considered a conviction in these cases.

8. True. Officers can ticket you for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) if they smell any trace of alcohol on your breath. But if you are arrested for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), the officer must ask for a breath test to establish that your Blood Alcohol Content is at least 0.07.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1

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# Yearly Flu Shots Urged For Everyone

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) urges all Texas to get yearly flu vaccinations. The experts also warn that the elderly and those who may be at high risk of influenza and its complications should be immunized even before the flu season begins.

The flu season usually lasts from December through April.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year predicts which strains of influenza pose the greatest public health danger in the U.S.

The vaccine CDC is recommended for the 1997-98 season is meant to combat the A/Wuhan, A/Bayern and B/Beijing strains of the disease. The effectiveness of each year's shots declines with time, therefore, annual immunizations with the appropriate vaccines are recommended for everyone except people with serious allergies to eggs.

People most at risk of severe or fatal complications of the disease include those 65 or older, anyone with chronic respiratory or heart problems, diabetics and children on aspirin therapy.

Influenza kills about 20,000 in the U.S. each year. According to Jim Schuermann, public health technician in the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division,

the elderly are the group hardest-hit by influenza and its complications.

"Fewer than 30 percent of elderly Americans and others in high-risk groups need our regular warning to have yearly influenza vaccinations," he said. "We know that one reason some older people fail to be vaccinated is because of a persistent, unfounded fear that the vaccine can actually cause influenza. The truth is that a vaccinated person may still contract some strains of influenza, but not from the vaccine. If they do become ill with flu, the vaccine usually helps lessen the severity of the case."

Other categories of people who are most likely to develop in influenza complication are:

\* Adults and children with chronic heart or lung disorders, including children with asthma;

\* People under medical care for chronic metabolic diseases, diabetes, kidney or blood problems or weakened immune systems; and

\* Children (18 and younger) who already are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, which can place them at risk of developing Reye's syndrome after influenza.

"We strongly recommend influenza vaccinations for all people in high-risk groups, international travelers or pregnant women," Schuermann advised. "People infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (the virus which causes AIDS) also may be at increased risk flu complications". TDH also recommends that physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians and other health professionals be immunized against influenza to avoid spreading the disease to their patients. Residents and employees of nursing homes and other facilities treating chronically ill patients also should be immunized.

Physicians are advised to offer vaccine to all their patients during routine clinic visits, beginning in September and throughout the influenza season. The vaccine can take two weeks to become effective and about six weeks to reach peak strength. Children younger than 9 who have never received flu vaccine need their first shot, followed a month later by a booster. Adults need only one shot each season.

Schuermann said that the only persons who should not receive the influenza vaccine are those with severe allergic reactions to eggs. Influenza vaccines are produced with virus cultured in eggs.

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'96 Ford Thunderbird V6, white, 38K miles	'95 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra SL V6, 4-door, blue, 51K miles	'95 Mercury Mystique GS 4-cylinder, white, 49K miles	'95 Oldsmobile 88 LS 4-door, V6, maroon, 53K miles	'95 Toyota Avalon XLS Loaded, white, 56K miles	'95 Chevrolet Camaro V6, T-tops, automatic, red, 50K miles	'95 Buick Regal 4-door, custom, 58K miles	'95 Chevrolet Beretta 5-speed, white, 30K miles	'95 Buick LeSabre Custom, 4-door, blue, 11K miles	'94 Toyota Camry LE 4-door, 4-cylinder, green, 75K miles
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'94 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme SL 4-door, white, 16K miles	'93 Chevrolet Cavalier VL 4-cylinder, 5-speed, blue, 47K miles	'93 Chevrolet Cavalier Z-24 Automatic, V6, white, 47K miles	'93 Toyota Camry LE 4-cylinder, automatic, maroon, 55K miles	'93 Ford Taurus GL V6, green, 65K miles	'93 Ford Tempo GL 4-door, automatic, maroon, 53K miles	'93 Pontiac Grand Am SE 4-cylinder, automatic, red, 57K miles	'93 Pontiac Grand Am 4-door, white, 62K miles	'92 Cadillac Deville Leather, loaded, white, 55K miles	'92 Chevrolet Camaro RS V6, automatic, red, 77K miles
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'93 Dodge Ram 250 Conversion van, V6, blue, 76K miles	'93 GMC SLE Pickup Extended cab, automatic, black, 48K miles	'93 Dodge Caravan Short, base, 5-speed, red, 53K miles	'93 Toyota Pickup 4X4, V6, extended cab, 5-speed, blue, 59K miles	'92 Chevy S-10 Tahoe V6, 5-speed, red, 71K miles	'92 Chevy Suburban Silverado 4X4, red, 74K miles	'92 Ford F150 XLT 4X4, longbed, silver, 116K miles	'92 Chevrolet Silverado Longbed, blue, 52K miles	'92 Dodge Dakota Sport 4-cylinder, 5-speed, red, 75K miles	'91 Ford F150 Custom, 6-cylinder, automatic, A/C, 82K miles

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# WTU Offers Holiday Lighting Tips

Holiday lighting with its twinkle and color, adds much to festivities this time of year. To keep your holidays merry and bright, decorate with safety in mind.

"Stringing lights is a fun activity for families," says Paul Valdez, safety consultant for West Texas Utilities Company. "Whether it's along the roof or on a tree, special lighting displays help welcome in the season. But people need to string lights carefully and avoid electrical hazards."

WTU offers the following tips for safe lighting:

**Outdoors**  
\* Use only lights approved for outdoor use with a "UL-approved" label. They are safety tested by Underwriters Laboratories.

\* Check strings and extension cords for damage. Light strings and extension cords can crack and fray. Check all strings, sockets and cords for damage before you plug in your lights. Discard any frayed or damaged items you find. Be sure extension cords are capable of carrying the electrical load you are connecting. Each extension cord carries a rating which indicates its maximum load.

\* Cover connections with plastic wrap and seal with electrical tape and use rubber gaskets in sockets to keep water out. For added protection, hang lights downward from the house or tree.

\* Use insulated staples to attach wires to wood surfaces. Do not staple, track or nail through wiring insulation or the conductor. Brass cup hooks are most convenient to use around the

eaves of your house.  
\* When using a ladder to string lights, always make sure it is clear of any overhead electrical lines. These lines can cause serious injury if you or your equipment should come in contact with them.

\* When working with outdoor lights, make sure your power is off. It is best to control outdoor lighting with a separate circuit breaker.

### Indoor

\* Use only lights approved by Underwriters Laboratories. They will have a UL tag attached.

\* Check all light strings for cracked insulation, frayed cords, wires, or faulty plugs. Replace any damaged strings with "UL-approved" lights.

\* Check and replace damaged extension cords.

\* When stringing lights, make sure the power is off.

\* Don't overload wall sockets. Use a separate circuit if possible or a wall socket that is on a switch by itself.

\* Always unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.  
\* It is best that extension cords not be used, but, if necessary, place extension cords so that they won't cause people to trip. Do not run them under rugs or carpets. Be sure to use only the length of extension cord needed and one capable of carrying the load connected to it.

\* Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles.

\* Don't place hot bulbs inside a container or too near cloth, paper or other flammable ornaments.

# Secrets And Good Government Don't Mix

by Dan Morales  
Texas Attorney General

When does a government employee or a public official have a right to keep secrets from the people who pay his or her salary? My answer is: "Almost never."

Most citizens understand there are times when government secrecy is required, such as in cases involving national security or investigations to determine criminal wrong doing. In fact, there are other reasonable "exceptions" to the requirement of open government, such as the protection of personal records of children who attend public schools.

Nonetheless, most Texans also understand that the principle of open government is more than a good idea. It is a bedrock principle of our democracy. Those of us who serve as public officials and government employees should never forget that we work for the public, to benefit the public, and we should expect our work to be subject to public scrutiny.

Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed a bill making public information about traffic accidents harder to get. The problem they were trying to fix was a legitimate one. Many people felt that certain professionals were engaged in "ambulance chasing" by scrutinizing public accident reports and then calling people who had suffered severe injuries in these accidents in order to solicit their business. These victims were being harassed.

The effort to protect privacy was well intended, but it created a real obstacle to the public's right to know. In one case, the mayor of a Texas city and his wife were involved in a car crash that involved a fatality. The Texas Department of Public Safety, in its effort to follow the new law, refused to release information regarding that accident.

Several Texas news organizations challenged the law, and for good reason. They understood that it interfered with their right to know, and consequently, the public's right to know.

As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association want the Texas Legislature to revisit this issue and find a way to deal with the "ambulance chasers" without infringing on the public's right to know. We support that effort.

In another recent instance, our office was asked by a non-profit organization whether the phone records of the Texas Supreme Court were open to the public according to the Texas Public Information Act.

We drew on a number of court cases which made a distinction between the court records of the judiciary, which are excluded, and the administrative records of the judiciary, which are not, in our view, excluded from the Act. We ruled that while the judiciary was clearly granted an exemption under the Act, the telephone records that were subject to the request were administrative in nature, not judicial.

The state Supreme Court, in what we believe was a good faith disagreement, rejected our ruling, and reading the law very literally, said that all of their records were exempt and they had no intention of releasing any of them.

It will surprise no one that lawyers disagree. We interpret the law differently than the Supreme Court. But that disagreement can serve as opportunity for all of us to look beyond differing interpretations of the law. We must never lose sight of the spirit of our open government laws which articulating


late a moral obligation for Texas government to operate openly in the light of day. We must never lose sight of the plain truth that darkness breeds secrets.

Honest, open government is the essential obligation of every person whose salary is paid by tax dollars. No one is excluded from that obligation, not presidents or governors or attorneys general or judges.

The preamble of the Open Records Act (since renamed the Public Information Act) says it best: "it is the

policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

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The Bureau receives calls occasionally for consumers who have given a post-dated check to a person in a transaction and then can't understand why the check was cashed immediately instead of the recipient waiting until the date on the check. When money is tight consumers may be tempted to post-date a check to give themselves a little financial breathing room. Keep this in mind: checks are negotiable instruments whether they are undated, ante-dated, or post-dated. A check is a promise to pay a specified amount of money. It is not illegal to write, accept or cash a post-dated check. However, if you write one, you do so at your own risk! Both the recipient and the bank may process your check in the regular course of business, regardless of the date. Your Better Business Bureau suggests that consumers think twice about giving a post-dated check especially if money is tight.

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anybody else," Hicks said. Both TxDOT and motorists are responsible for the safety of highway workers, he said.

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# Motley County Comings & Goings

## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins & Roxie Lewis

Mrs. Lorine Jordan is home after having surgery at St. Mary's hospital in Lubbock.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patten over Thanksgiving were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Reagan, Bryce of Quitaque; Veda Kopecky of Palacios; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes of Afton, and Angie Burkes of Lubbock; Natalie Burkes and friend of Amarillo; Todd Reagan of Silverton, Landon Reagan of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burkes and Skee of McKleen; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen, Jared, Darrin, Robert and Robyn of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Matt and Micah of Lovington, N.M.; Brenda Allen of Roaring Springs; Reba Burkes of Matador.

Visiting over Thanksgiving with Venita Sedgwick were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGee and Audie of Lake Somerville; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Sedgwick and children of Claude; Teddy Carl Sedgwick of Branson, MO and Neil Sedgwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins and Eddy Mullins of Hereford, Bobby Mullins of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mullins, Brandy, Michael and Christopher of Lubbock were Thanksgiving day guests of their mother and grandmother, Odessa Mullins.

Enjoying Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand were their children, Trudy Hand of Wolforth, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Adams, Bryan, and Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Hand, Katie, Kasey and Matthew of Lubbock, and local residents, Kim and Hannah Alexander.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Martin from Tuesday to Friday were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. James Gates and Andrew Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Tandy Martin, Brandon and Stormy of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Quin Brooks of Austin, Ross Bird, Rachael and Rena of Possum Kingdom Lake spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Melton Brooks and Carolyn Moose and other relatives here.

Luncheon guests of Lula Swim Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene and daughter Emily, Texas Tech student in Lubbock, and local residents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim.

Ruth Bradford of Madera, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mendez of Carmen, Calif., Dennis Bradford of Sapulpa, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snow of Guthrie, OK, and Mrs. E.M. Goolsby of Guthrie, OK have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Palmer while attending the funeral services of Virgil Bradford at Afton Cemetery.

Veda Lou Kopecky of Palacios visited her grandmother, Vera Mitchell and accompanied her to Paducah to spend Thanksgiving with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayborn Mitchell.

Thanksgiving lunch guests of Cleo Watson were her son, Larry Watson of Austin, granddaughter Paige Barnes of Matador, and Bobby Fletcher, local resident.

Billie Roller and Pete Osburn of Plainview attended graveside services for Polk Cooper Sunday afternoon.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

Alvia Jo Calvert and son, Justin of Dumas, visited Thanksgiving day with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Art Green was accompanied by Mrs. Luella Davis of Childress to Kyle Tuesday and visited until Sunday with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Green, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Campbell and daughters. He had good luck fishing at Green Acres Lake, enjoying antique shops in Fredericksburg and other tourist attractions.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin and aunt, Mrs. Bessie Martin of Floydada had Thanksgiving lunch in Plainview. Visiting the Friday and Saturday were Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell of Turkey and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd were guests Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd and Jason in Memphis.

Guests Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Cary Franks of Amarillo; Cory and Amy Franks of Plainview, Tim and Deana Washington and Lacy, Conway and Caleb Clary of Roaring Springs, Matt Washington of Matador and friend, Ashley of Lubbock, Lance, Sherryll, Colton and Kayla Barclay of Lubbock, and Coy, Connie and Cara Franks of Flomot.

L.T. and Floyd Starkey of Ralls visited during the holidays with Mrs. C.W. Starkey.

Leah Cruse, student at West Texas A&M in Canyon, visited during the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, Keane and Derrick. Guests in their home Thanksgiving day were Charla, Bennie, Shahala and Kaycee Marrielle of Snyder, Mrs. Marihelen Wason and Mark and Kathleen Wason of Matador.

Holiday visitors of Seab and Dianne Washington were son and family, Todd, Stacie, Katie, Cam, Clay and Conner Washington of Childress. They were Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Edith Washington. They visited in Roaring Springs Friday and celebrated the birthday of Dianne's mother, Mrs. Jo Scott. Mrs. Scott was involved recently in a car accident and suffered cuts and bruises. Her car was declared a total loss.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Milam of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Calvert of Lubbock, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter

and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter of Flomot. Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes and Rickie were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes and Mrs. Marsha Blake of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes, Tara and Roegen of Floydada and Bengie Hughes of Nevada, Texas. They also visited in Turkey with Clyde Rogers, who returned home recently from St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Visiting from Wednesday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Lucretia and Brittany Dockery of Vernon and Kayla Johnson of Floydada. They were in Lubbock Friday Christmas shopping. Mrs. James May of Quitaque visited the family during Thanksgiving holidays.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers and grandson, Colin of Lubbock, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and Warren Davis and Donne Rogers of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Rhodes of Irving visited Friday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Michael Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Davis, Michael and friend Josh of Fritch visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Warren Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Aldea were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross in Plainview. Other guests were Stan and Eliza Wigley of Lubbock and Ed and Sherry Davis of Castroville. They were guests Friday night in the home of the Tom Ross family. Aldea returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross to visit.

Dodie Morris, student at Clarendon Junior College, visited during the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rebecca.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Rockwall, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henry Clay of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arrington, Wade, Daggett and Clay of Canadian, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson and Walker and Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey, Julie Clay of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Flomot.

League Clay visited during the holidays in Clovis, N.M. with his son, Coley Clay.

## Matador News

### Friends Return From Trip To England



Mrs. Wason and Mrs. Simpson beside a typical English garden of flowers before touring Edinburgh Castle.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason and friend, Mrs. Vel Simpson of Hereford returned home recently from a trip to England. They were guests in the home of Mrs. Alise McGuire and son, Bobby McGuire of Lakenheath Suffolk, England. There are three U.S. Air Force bases in this area and Mr. McGuire is a retired school principal of the U.S. Schools here. He has been a resident of England for 30 years. He escorted the ladies to historical sites, scenic low rolling fertile countryside and picturesque churches.

Among the ancient historical attractions toured was The Abbey built in 1452 in Edmunds; the crooked and cross timber houses in Levanham; The Round Church of Cambridge built in 1099, St. John, Trinity and Kings Colleges and Cambridge University.

They rode by train to Edinburgh and were delighted with the rich heritage of arts in the old shops along the famous Princess St. Gardens, historic Castle Rock with Edinburgh Castle on top of it and the educational center on the Royal Mile.

Then onto York to Clifford's Tower where the original gates and walls encircle the courtyard. On the bottom floor of the York Castle Museum were medieval Vic-

torian Shops depicting the Queen Victoria era. In New Castle, they enjoyed seeing horses run and the unusual designed thatch roofs on homes.

Each cathedral they toured had its own attractive architectural feature, but they thought the one in Norwich was the most beautiful. Here they walked on ancient cobblestone streets. They saw the castle in Warrick and the castle in Oxborough, which still has the moat and bridge built in 1282.

Highlights in London were the Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Tower of London, British Museum and Hyde Park. They attended the theater play, "The Inspector Comes."

Memories of English literary classes were renewed when they were touring the home and museum of Shakespeare, his wife, Ann Hathaway's cottage and Avon River in Stratford.

When sightseeing The Fens and town of Ely, they were surprised to be at this lowest elevation in England which is below sea level. They were fascinated by the three wheel cars and amazed at the inflationary prices including \$3.18 for a gallon of gas.

They had a "fun-filled" time and hope to return for another visit.

Hazel Stephens, who is a patient at Lubbock Methodist Hospital had her third open heart surgery. She is the wife of the late Earl Stephens of Matador. Cards can be sent to 210 E. Roselawn, Plainview, TX 79072.

Thanksgiving visitors with Mrs. Zona Cammack were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim from Abilene and their daughter, Emily, a student at Texas Tech; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker and daughters from Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cammack from San Antonio; and Mrs. Tom Chisum and children from Lubbock.

Catherine Henderson's nephew, Jay Bird Cornell of Albuquerque, N.M. visited Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week. They also visited their cousin, Will Martin, in Floydada, and had a wonderful dinner.

Jim and Karol King deVries of Austin spent Thanksgiving with her aunt Myra Spears and uncle, Carl King and family.

Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Sis Davis home with two of her children, Ray Baxter and husband Don of Afton, and Buddy Davis and wife Frances of Irving. Grandchildren joining them for great food, fun and fellowship were Don and Colleen Baxter, Bradley, Stachia and Seth of Dimmitt; David and Leslie Baxter, Misty

and Landon Young, Flomot; Kathy Varner and Aric of Lubbock; Paula Baxter, San Angelo; Mike and Joni Davis, Brandon and Justin Thrasher, Holly, Jennifer and Jessica Davis, Bedford; Chuck and Susan Forshaw, Sarah, Rachael, Elaine, of Lewisville.

Last Wednesday, Catherine Scott of Lubbock, took her mother and brother, Elga and Rodger Evans to Lubbock to spend Thanksgiving. The group spent the holiday in New Deal with the Scott family. All Mrs. Evans' children and grandchildren were there and her new great-grandson, Bailey Dougherty. They returned home Friday.

Family members visited during the week in the home of Dewayne and Delores Martin. Some arrived on Tuesday and others on Wednesday. Visitors included their son and family, Robbie and Darena Lefel and daughters, Danielle and Danay of Houston; their daughters, Lorrie Marsh and sons, Michael, Nathan, and Josh of Plainview; and Stephanie Reynolds of Amarillo; Delores' sister, Linda Carey of Village Mills. Joining the family on Thanksgiving Day were Dewayne's sister and husband, Red and Elwanda McCaghen of Petersburg.

## Whiteflat news

by Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
You can always find the brake pedal right after you see a police car on the highway!

**RETURNS HOME**  
Mrs. Juanita Cooper returned home, Sunday from Amarillo where she had recent back surgery. Accompanying her home were daughter and family, Kay, Ken and Kourtney Dunnam of Amarillo.

Weekend visitors in her home and welcoming her were Jodie and Eddie Bradford, Jade and Jacy of Panhandle, Lee and Van Bradford and Rex and Dana Reed, Chase and Chelsea of Gruver, Vee and Harold Gordon of Matador, and Jack Samford of Afton. Lee and Van Bradford remained to visit this weekend with his parents in Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bradford. Other visitors in her home this week are daughter and family, Pat and Lynn Minton of Carmel, Indiana and Cheryl and Elizabeth Rockwell of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner and Cobey attended a Price family reunion held at Possum Kingdom, Friday. Visiting in their home during the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Luckenbach of Silverton and Heather and Scott Blunt of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited from Wednesday until Friday in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Christopher and Kristen. En route home, they visited in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitefield.

Mrs. T.W. Jennings, resident at Lockney Care Center, enjoyed Thanksgiving day in her home with Mr. Jennings and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings of Haskell. Visiting Sunday with Mr. Jennings and in Lockney with Mrs. Jennings were grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Burke Brack, Mitchell, Conner and Pat of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Jennings of Waco and Matt Jennings of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Risser and Kaci of Matador and her mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon visited in Wheeler Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risser and guests, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClusky of Tuttle, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwim, Danielle and Fannin joined family members, Betty Lynch of Lubbock, Mrs. Josie Raetz of McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada in Matador at the Gwinn home for Thanksgiving day luncheon.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Kathryn Martin were children, Sharon, Mike and Kristy Davis of Fritch and Kellie, Hal and Ryan Martin of Matador.

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## Obituaries

### Polk Cooper

Graveside rites for Polk M. Cooper, 92, of Roaring Springs, were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 30, 1997 at the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of the Full Gospel Church of Roaring Springs. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mr. Cooper died late Friday at Carillon Health Care Center in Lubbock.

He was born August 1, 1905 at Roaring Springs, Texas. He graduated from High School in Clayton, N.M. in 1926 and

later attended Draughtons Business College in San Antonio. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe in World War II. He farmed and ranched in the Roaring Springs area from 1945, until his retirement in 1985.

He was married to Lois Smith in 1962. She passed away in 1986.

He is survived by one brother, Gus Cooper of Weatherford, Texas; one sister, Francos Nevenheim of Prescott, Arizona; four step-grandchildren, Dan Brandon, Jan Chadwick, Ann Armstrong, and Lana Thompson.

### Orvil Hollis "Pearly" Gates

Orvil Hollis "Pearly" Gates, a resident of Truth or Consequences for 10 years, passed away on November 24, 1997 at the New Mexico Veterans Center after a long bout with Alzheimer's Disease. He was born on January 11, 1916 to Mary Emma Hooper and Walter Byron Gates in Matador (Motley County), Texas. He was an all-around athlete in Motley County and a football hero in Matador High School.

Orvil acquired the nickname "Pearly" while working for the Oklahoma City Railway as a street car bus driver. He served as a Sergeant in the Marine Corps during WWII at Agana Guam. After the War, he moved to El Centro, California where he was a salesman. Pearly purchased the Continental Air Conditioning, Heating and Cooling Company and served as contractor and president for many years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner and was a member of the Kingston Lodge No. 16 AF&AM in Hillsboro, New Mexico.

He was a fine golfer, devoted to the game and won many trophies. Pearly

married Jeanette Loeffler in 1973 who was his secretary-treasurer and they retired in 1980 and moved to T or C. After moving back to California in 1985, and a brief stay in Texas, they relocated to T or C in 1992.

He was an avid student of the Gospel and preached one on one to many converts.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette of the family home in T or C, N.M.; one son, Gregory Gates of Ft. Worth, from a previous marriage; one brother, Alvin Gates of Oklahoma; a step-daughter, Gale Loeffler of Colorado and two step-grandchildren, Robin and Galen Loeffler of Colorado. He leaves many nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Saturday, November 29, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of French Mortuary. Burial followed in the Vista Memory Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Unit at the New Mexico Veterans Center in his memory c/o New Mexico Veterans Center, P.O. Box 927, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901.

### Virgil Bradford

SPUR (Special) -- Graveside services for Virgil L. Bradford, 80, of Madera, Calif., were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, in Afton Cemetery with the Rev. C.L. Atkinson of Afton officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur. Bradford died November 21, 1997, at his residence.

He was born in Dickens. He married Ruth Goolsby on Dec. 28, 1935, in Roar-

ing Springs. He worked for Griffin Ranchers and Rasco Chemicals Inc. of Kernan, Calif. He was manager for Royal Palms Mobil Estates for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dennis of Sapulpa, Okla.; a daughter, Barbara Mendes of Kernan, Calif.; three sisters, Mildred Woods, Flora Rich and Odessa Goss, all of Dickens; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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# Farm & Ranch News



## Mesquite Management Options Getting Close Look

Vernon -- It may be time, say scientists at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center here, for a new approach to the management of mesquite on southwestern rangelands: development of the mesquite savanna.

This Fall, the A&M Center is observing its 25th anniversary to this area.

The ongoing research suggests that the new option for mesquite management will be cost-effective, ecologically sustainable, and will strike a balance between the needs of ranches and city dwellers.

A savanna can be created and maintained in large part by prescribed fire, Ansley and Cadenhead say. "Strategically placed, controlled fire is one of the more environmentally acceptable and most economically sustainable options for managing woody plants. In most years, fire can be used safely and economically," Ansley said.

Prescribed fire can be used to achieve different goals, the scientists say. Hot, intense fires likely will top-kill mesquite and stimulate resprouting. But low-intensity fires kill some lower canopy foliage and tend to create what appears to be a browse line. Low-intensity fires reduce canopy

foliage so that mesquite competes less with understory grasses for water.

Their research suggests that creating a savanna with low-intensity fires reduce canopy foliage so that mesquite competes less with understory grasses for water.

Their research suggests that creating a savanna with low-intensity fires will take time and should be part of a long-range management plan. "We estimate that three to four fires in a 10- to 15-year period will be needed," Ansley said.

"A mesquite savanna is a grassland that has a light to moderate density of trees," explained Dr. James Ansley, associate professor of brush management with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Dense mesquite reduces grass productivity and makes livestock management more difficult," noted J.F. Cadenhead III, assistant professor and range and brush control specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Traditional herbicide control measures for mesquite are often expensive," he said.

Heavy mesquite infestations of rangeland may also affect urban dwellers, Ansley said. They can reduce the quantity and quality of water from

watersheds which ultimately supply urban areas. And dense stands reduce the diversity of plant species beneath the trees' canopies.

"There is more indication, too, that the presence of some woody plants (on rangeland) isn't a bad thing," added Ansley, who has been working on the savanna concept since 1993. It can provide or improve vital habitat for wildlife. And in the case of mesquite, a legume, it can add nitrogen to the soil.

Wildlife can present an alternative income for ranchers who desire to allow hunting as an additional use of their land, Cadenhead and Ansley agreed. "But the ranchers have to set that as a goal" in developing their savanna, Ansley stressed.

"What we're trying to do is manage the land for something that's the best of both worlds," Ansley said. By managing rangeland for multiple use,

such as livestock and wildlife, a rancher can increase the stability of his income from year to year, he said.

Traditional efforts over the past 50 years to reduce mesquite have not only been expensive and time-consuming, but compounded the problem, the scientists said. These efforts repeatedly killed above-ground parts of the plant, but not the roots.

"Mesquite treated in this way resprouted from dormant buds at the stem bases," Ansley explained. It became multistemmed, regrowth thickened, which are more of a problem than single- or few-stemmed plants of the same height.

"Regrowth plants are more competitive with grasses," Ansley said. "They present more of a visual and physical barrier to livestock management. And they are more resistant to subsequent herbicide applications."



### News from the County Agent

by Motley County Extension Agent - J. Michael Lee

#### MOTLEY COUNTY 4-H CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Motley County 4-H Club Christmas Party on Friday, December 5 at the V.F.W. Memorial 4-H Building starting at 8:00 p.m. and continuing until 11:00 p.m. Each 4-H'er may bring two guests to the party. Everyone will need to bring a canned food item in order to enter the dance. These items will be donated to the Community Action Center for distribution in Motley County. If you want to be involved in the gift exchange, you need to bring a wrapped gift (minimum \$2.00 and maximum \$5.00), to be used in a fun and exciting game. You are encouraged to bring any games and/or music you would like to be entertained by. 4-H will provide the paper goods, ice & drinks. Everyone attending should bring a snack (brownies, cookies, chips, dips, Christmas goodies, etc...). We welcome any parent to come join us for a good time. Hope to see you on Friday.

#### MOTLEY COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, March 14, 1998.

#### LAMB AND SWINE VALIDATION

The Lamb and Swine Validation for the Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, December 20th. If you have not notified Jim Cooper or myself that you have a market lamb or swine project and where it is located, you need to contact me as soon as possible if you intend to show that animal project at the Motley County Junior Livestock Show. If you are still looking for an animal to show and need help finding one, you need to contact me as soon as possible.

#### RABBIT INFORMATION

Anyone who is interested in showing Rabbits at the Motley County Junior Livestock Show needs to contact Jim Cooper or myself as soon as possible.

### COW POKES By Ace Reid



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Thanks again!  
Billy Green and Kellie Martin  
Co-Presidents, MC Booster Club

The rules for the rabbit division have changed. All rabbits must be purchased through the Livestock Show. I have made arrangements for the rabbits and they will have to be picked up during the week of January 5, 1998. All exhibitors must purchase 3 head of rabbits at ten dollars (\$10.00) each. You will only have to show one rabbit at the show, however, you can show all three. We will pay two places in the rabbit show, \$50 for Grand and \$30 for Reserve. There will be no premium paid on rabbits.

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