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## Merry Christmas!



**CHRISTMAS WONDER** — Little six-month-old Morgan Anne Jones is full of wonder at the sights and sounds of her first Christmas. She was enjoying playing with a Christmas toy when this picture was taken at her home in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Whitney Jones.

### A Look back in Time

DECEMBER 25, 1947  
North Pole

Dear Children,

When I went into the toy shop this morning the elves rushed up shouting: "Santa, it's time to cut the Christmas tree. Shall we go today?"

"Well," I said as I scratched my head. "We have so much work to do that I don't see how we can spare the time."

"Oh, please Santa," they begged. "We'll work extra hard tomorrow. So I threw up my hands. "Be off with you now. No, wait, I'm coming too."

With that we all scrambled into our heavy outdoor clothing and we didn't forget our mittens! Then we hitched! Donner, one of the Christmas reindeer, to a sleigh and off we went through the woods. All the Elves sang as we rode through the crisp air, and the music they made blended with the tiny tinkle of the Christmas bells on the sleigh. "Through the woods we go to get our Christmas," I sang, too.

After a while we reached the deep forest and stopped to pick out a tree. At once, all the Elves rushed to pick out our tree. "Here it is Santa," they cried. "Take this one." "I can't take them all, you Elves. We need just one." So in the end, we measured to be sure we had one just right for Mrs. Claus' living room. We cut it down and loaded it on the sleigh and all the way home we sang Christmas songs."

Love,  
Santa

### Two More Candidates File For Election

Two more Motley County residents have filed for Election for the upcoming March 10, 1998 primary election. Incumbent Motley County Justice of the Peace, Cora Smallwood, has filed for re-election.

New candidate, Donnie Turner, has filed for Commissioner 2. Candidates have until January 2 to file for a place on the ballot.

### Tribune Ends Year With This Edition Early Deadline for New Year's Paper

The Motley County Tribune will end its year with this special Christmas edition. Our office will be closed next week, December 22-26. We will re-open Monday, December 29 and will begin work on our New Year's edition.

There will be an early deadline for that week's paper, the January 1 edition. We must have the paper to the printer's on Tuesday, instead of our regular Wednesday date, so we must ask that all news and ad copy be brought into our office no later than noon Monday, December 29.

We would like to take this space to wish all of our readers a very joyous and blessed holiday.

### Motley County School Board Meets Thirteen Concerned Citizens Attend Meeting

The Motley County School Board met Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

All Board members were present. Also attending was Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Wayne Morren, and Betty Stevens.

A Public Hearing was held for the discussion of the 1996-97 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS). This is a school report card each parent will receive with their student's report card on the school's rating. Motley County is rated Academically Acceptable.

An Open Forum was held with 13 citizens present. Speaking in Closed Session about Community Concerns were citizens, Jimmie Graves, Rex Carson, and Lucretia Campbell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The list of expenditures were approved and financial statements were reviewed.

December 18, 6:30 p.m. was set for the 1996-97 audit report.

Board approved use of the building by Lindy Stafford for a College English class which will begin in January.

January 12, 8:00 p.m. was set for the January Regular Board Meeting.

Board approved Technology Budget Addition, which will enable the school to complete the entire building for Internet access.

The bus routes were discussed. Board voted to leave the bus routes as they are now.

An agreement was approved with

Jayton-Girard ISD to purchase WADA (Waited Average Daily Attendance) from Motley County for continued technology improvements. With this money the school will set up a Distance Learning Lab, which will allow classes to be received from colleges, to hold In-Service for teachers, a video learning lab.

Because of damage done in the hallway of the old school, surrounding the gym, only one door will be accessible to the gym. The key must be obtained from one of the coaches or administration.

The Board went into executive session at this time regarding coaching concerns.

Out of executive session no action was taken regarding personnel.

Superintendent Copp announced these items of information:

The Superintendent Evaluation form will be in January.

The Annual MC Staff Christmas party will be held Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. and will be catered by Virginia Sailsbury.

After these announcements were made the meeting adjourned.

### 4-H'ers Need Help!

The Motley County 4-H Club will be having a clean-up day for the building which once belonged to the VFW and was donated to the 4-H Club.

The Clean-up day is scheduled for Monday, December 22, beginning at 9:00 a.m. 4-H'ers, parents of 4-H'ers,

and any interested party are encouraged to come out and help to get this renovation started.

Renovation will include: Repairing the roof, replacing windows and doors, heating and cooling updated, new furniture (tables & chairs), modernizing the kitchen, and numerous

other plans. If you can't be present to help, but would be interested in helping financially, you may do so by contacting our County Agent, Michael Lee, or the Club Manager, Janie Campbell.

### Matador City Council Finalizes Work For Landfill Acreage Purchase

The Matador City Council met Thursday December 11 at 7:30 a.m. Invocation was given by Councilman Rodney Williams. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gary Lancaster.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Bills were paid.

Council voted to appoint Councilman Don Warren to the County Tax Appraisal District.

A request to erect a street light in northeast Matador was denied because it would only serve one resident.

Council reviewed tax suits filed on behalf of the City on delinquent taxes.

The survey on approximately 37 acres to be purchased for landfill expansion has been completed by the offices of Jamie Johnson of Wellington. Council is waiting on a legal description of the land before purchase. Meeting adjourned.

### TRAIL DUST

By  
DOUGLAS MEADOR



The Spirit of Christmas, invisible as the wind, moves the heart to that station of special happiness in remembering and being remembered by friends and loved ones.

★★★  
Love is one gift that requires no more Christmas wrapping than a smile; no more transportation than a voice.

★★★  
A few favorite people seem to have the Spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the years.

### New Year's Eve Family Night Planned

First Baptist Church, Matador, will host a family night New Year's Eve celebration on Wednesday, December 31, 7:00 p.m. until midnight. There will be food, games, a movie, and ringing of the bell. Everyone is invited.

Bring your favorite games and snacks if you wish.

ONLY 7  
DAYS 'TIL  
CHRISTMAS!





Okay, I admit it, I couldn't resist putting my beautiful granddaughter's picture on the front page of this Christmas issue. She is so full of wonder about this, her first, Christmas season, and what it's all about! Aren't Christmases more fun with a little child around?

Of course I have seen so much to buy her for her first Christmas, and she has so many people who love her and have probably gone overboard this year. She won't even understand, but all us adults, who love her so much, will have so much fun!

We all get so busy during this time of the year, that it's so hard to take time to really enjoy the season, and to think about the real reason we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

I've been telling my little niece, Angelica, about the birth of Jesus and explaining that is the reason for Christ-

mas. She is so full of questions. Little children find it hard to understand the difference between Santa Claus and Jesus at Christmas. But it's a joy to be able to feel them learning about Jesus. What is of more importance that we could teach them?

We had a beautiful Christmas Cantata at Church (First Baptist Church of Matador) Sunday morning. The choir and everyone who had a part in it worked and practiced until they had it perfect. It was very moving. We are blessed to have some very talented people in our churches. I hear the program at the Methodist Church was also lovely.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. I pray that we all will take the time to really feel the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and to thank God for sending us His Son.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!  
Merry Christmas everyone!



We want to thank Keith and Joan Patton for their donation to the Library in memory of George Keith. These donations make lasting memorials and help the Library as well, and we appreciate all that we receive.

A Gala Event, Granny's Tea Party, was held in the home of Joyce Campbell on Sunday. Joyce and her two daughters-in-law, Lori and Janie, and her two granddaughters, JoBeth and Cassie put on a fine party. The young ladies who attended were truly glamorous in their dress-up gowns. We appreciate the Campbells for hosting this event that is fun for all. I took photos of everyone and they are displayed at the Library. Come by and see these dressed-up ladies having tea.

A new video at the Library is "Images of the Masters: A Photography Showcase." Those who have seen this

video say that everyone will enjoy its photographic images. Photographers will learn something from this video, also. It is an over-night video and may be checked out at the Motley County Library.

Look in today's *Motley County Tribune* for the Christmas greetings sung by your friends and neighbors. We appreciate all those who came in and signed the Friends of the Library Christmas Card.

The Library will be closed three days for Christmas - December 24-26. We will open again on Monday, December 29, at 2:00 p.m. We will also be closed on Thursday, January 1, 1998.

Georgia and I send to all the Library's patrons best wishes for the Christmas season and for the New Year.



**FESTIVE WINDOW** — The window at Vickie's Floral in downtown Roaring Springs is festively decorated for Christmas, with a moving Santa Claus and Elves.



### Family and Consumer Sciences News

by Arla Felts,  
Extension Agent

## Couple Announces Wedding Plans

Jarrod Brooks and Tanya Randolph of Lubbock would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple will exchange vows December 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Assembly of God Church, 98th St. and Memphis in Lubbock.

Jarrod is the son of Edwin and Sandie Brooks of Crosbyton. He is a 1996 graduate of Motley County High School. He is Youth Pastor of the Worship Center in Lubbock and employed by Germania Insurance Company.

Tanya is the daughter of Ronnie and Janice Randolph of Lubbock. She is a graduate of Estacado High School and attends South Plains College, where she is a Cheerleader.

The couple will reside in Lubbock after a honeymoon in Dallas. All friends in Motley County are invited to share their joy.

## Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Cora M. Smallwood attended the seminar, held at the Texas Department of Transportation in Childress, on Thursday, December 11, on the new laws the 75th Texas Legislature

passed on HB 981 becoming effective January 1, 1998, to fines relating for traffic offenses in highway or street construction or maintenance work zones.

## Justice of the Peace Announcing for Re-Election

### CORA M. SMALLWOOD

is announcing her candidacy for Re-Election to the office of JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OF MOTLEY COUNTY

"Your continued support will be deeply appreciated in the March 10, 1998 Primary Election"

Political Advertisement Paid For By Cora M. Smallwood

### Bridal Shower Selections for Scotty & Jamie Scott

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  - Christmas Arrangements - 30% off
  - All Other Arrangements - 20% off (Lowest Price Before Christmas!)
  - All Other Christmas Items - 10% off
- Draw for discounts on regular priced items now until Christmas!

Poinsettias and other Christmas plants have arrived!

Holiday Hours — 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday  
We will close at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed through December 27  
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Downtown Matador

### A CHILD'S WORK IS TO PLAY!

A child plays to learn the skills he or she needs to live and grow in his or her world. These skills will help him or her master the challenges of being a productive adult when he or she is older. As a child develops a particular skill, he or she learns more about his or her own capabilities as a unique person. Over time, these capabilities will help our child decide what work he or she wants to do as an adult.

Parents can help their children play so that they learn strong and healthy skills. Here are some ideas:

- Physical skills grow stonger as the child learns to touch, reach, grasp, taste, crawl, walk, run, and climb. Babies need non-toxic toys that are bright and too large to swallow. Lightweight toys without sharp edges or tiny parts are safe to taste and grasp as the baby learns dexterity. The crawling, climbing infant needs space to practice and also safety from cords and heaters. The toddler needs toys for active play - large balls, a small wading pool, and a sandbox will appeal to the curiosity of this age. Pre-schoolers learn balance and concepts of size when they playmake believe in shoes that are too tall or too large. Young children develop small muscle skill when they play with puzzles or blocks and develop their large muscles by running and climbing. Older children refine the skills they learned at an earlier age when they compete in games or ride a bike.

- Children are born with six (maybe more) senses which are developed as the child learns through play. Touch, listening, and smelling are senses that respond to a child's play. The soothing touch of a stuffed animal, the music played at quiet time and the smell of food are involved in a child's play. Banging on a toy piano teaches the toddler that he can act on his world. Playing drums or shaking a tambourine further develops a child's small muscle control. Marching to music or dancing involves kinesthetic movement and teaches balance and control of large muscles. Painting, coloring and shaping clay offer more sensory stimulation as the child's senses of vision and touch are sharpened. The senses of touch, taste and smell are part of a child's play when he stirs a bowl of pudding or spreads peanut butter on bread.

- As a child grows, his or her play develops along with her ability to think and problem solve. Parents watch with delight as their infant's movements make a pattern and the baby deliberately captures a desired toy. The toddler who must match color and shape in order to put a toy together is

learning to negotiate two pieces of information. The pre-schooler who wants a particular toy must consider the best way to approach the child who has the toy. Before age seven, the young child can concentrate so totally on one skill that he will kick everything that is round like a ball. Later, the school age boy or girl who lives to climb must consider the difficulty and danger of a particular tree or group of rocks. This age child has the ability to compare the newest challenge with old successes or failures. Thinking and problem solving are essential parts of playing. While thinking is a skill that is natural, a child's thinking benefits from learning about his or her world.

- Children grow emotionally through their play. From the moment of birth, children are learning emotionally about their world. The sounds and touch of parents helps an infant trust his ability to interact with others. The toddler who is learning to expand his boundaries and learn about himself does this through make-believe play. The pre-schooler builds his or her skills as he or she builds a fort or a birdhouse (with the help of an adult). The school age child further expands and refines his skills as his world becomes more complex. Adults who provide curious children with opportunities for appropriate play help these children learn success. These same adults can help children grow through their failures.

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Jerry & Shane Jones  
Jade & Erin Jones

No gifts please

## To Our Faithful Readers.



This will be our last article for the calendar year of 1997. Where has the time gone for the things which I had purposed to do in 1997? This year will soon be history and belong to the world of things past.

I want to thank all of our gracious readers for the many kind words of encouragement that has come my way. Thank you for allowing this article to be included into your busy week.

It is a fun time of the year for many of us. The excitement felt by the children of our community is contagious. I would like to believe that we all share in their anticipation for the holidays.

For we that are adults, it is also a time of reflection. The months of 1997 have passed and with their passing has gone opportunities, challenges and some heartaches. The year of 1997 has been a good year in which we have enjoyed the rich friendships and relationships begun in 1990.

For Judy Ann, Stefanie and myself may we wish you the best during the holiday season and may the coming year bring you health and happiness.

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Worship  
9:00 a.m.



# What's happening at school.....

## Students of the Month



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** — Keane Cruse, Jerrod Rieger, Aaron Binder (back l-r); ShaVonne Taylor and Tonie Bowden, in front.

Students of the Month for October were Aaron Binder, Keane Cruse, and ShaVonne Taylor

Aaron is the son of Tom and Jackie Binder of Matador. He is 16 years old and is a Junior. He has one brother, Cy, and one sister.

Aaron's favorite color is blue and his favorite food is pizza. He likes the song Push and his favorite movie is Jerry McGuire. Aaron's hobbies include sports and sleeping. He admires Mrs. Gillespie because she puts up with him. He plans to attend Medical School after graduation. Aaron is a member of NHS and is a Junior Class Officer.

Keane Cruse is a 16 year old Junior at Motley County High School and he is the son of Darrell and Brenda Cruse. Keane is from Flomot. He has one sister, Leah, and one brother, Derick.

Keane's favorite color is blue and favorite food is shrimp. His favorite song is Smash and his favorite movie is The Program. Keane's favorite hobbies and activities include playing football, golf and basketball. Keane admires his parents because they support him in athletics and academics.

Keane is a member of NHS and plans to attend college after graduation.

ShaVonne Taylor is a 16 year old Junior and is the daughter of Vince and Laura Taylor of Roaring Springs. She has one brother, Luke.

ShaVonne likes the color blue and enjoys eating shrimp. Her favorite movie is Scream and favorite song is

You and Me. Her hobbies include basketball, shopping, hanging out with friends and her boyfriend. ShaVonne admires Coach Alexander for always standing up for what she believes in and believing in others.

ShaVonne is a member of the FCA, FHA and Student Council. Her plans after graduation are to attend Texas Tech University.

Students of the Month for November are Tonie Bowden and Jerod Rieger.

Tonie is a senior and the 17 year old daughter of Noilene and Joe Bowden. She lives in Roaring Springs. She has two sisters, Lavenia and Desiree and two brothers, Joseph and Lawrence.

Her favorite color is green and her favorite food is Chicken Fajitas. Her favorite song is One Headlight and her favorite movie is Anastasia. Her hobbies and activities include playing basketball, and visiting with friends.

She admires her mother because she is so strong. She always knows the right thing to say.

Her future plans are to attend UTPB. She is involved in FHA and FCA.

Jerrod is a Sophomore and is the 16 year old son of Ross and Dana Graham of Roaring Springs. He has one brother, Joel. His favorite color is red. His favorite movies are Friday and Scream. His hobbies and activities include riding around and being with his friends and hunting.

He admires Tiger Woods because he is great at golf.

## Theatre Arts Class To Perform Christmas Skits

Motley County High School Theatre Arts Class will perform some Christmas skits on Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 12:30 p.m.

No admission will be charged. The public is cordially invited.

## BOOSTER CLUB TO SPONSOR BAKE SALE

The Motley County Booster Club will be having a Bake Sale in front of Pay-N-Save, Saturday, December 20, 9:00 a.m. until ? All proceeds will go to sponsor the All-Night Drug-Free Graduation Party in May.

Come support our youth!

## Toy Safety

by ShaVonne Taylor, Kristi Williams, and Samantha Osborn  
MC Parenting & Child Development Class

Toy safety is a huge factor throughout the year, but Christmas is an especially important time to look for safe toys for toddlers and small children. When choosing toys for children, one should consider age appropriateness, parental supervision, and characteristics of safe toys.

People that plan to purchase toys for children this Christmas need to pay attention to the age specific information on the packages. Many toy-related injuries occur when parents purchase and give toys, but have over estimated their child's ability. An example of this would be to give a one year old a game that includes marbles.

Supervision of small children is important because with one turn of the parent's head, a child could place a small item into his or her mouth and choke. Most people do not realize that anything small enough to fit through the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper is too small for any child who still puts toys into his or her mouth.

When checking the safety of a toy, a few questions that need to be asked are:

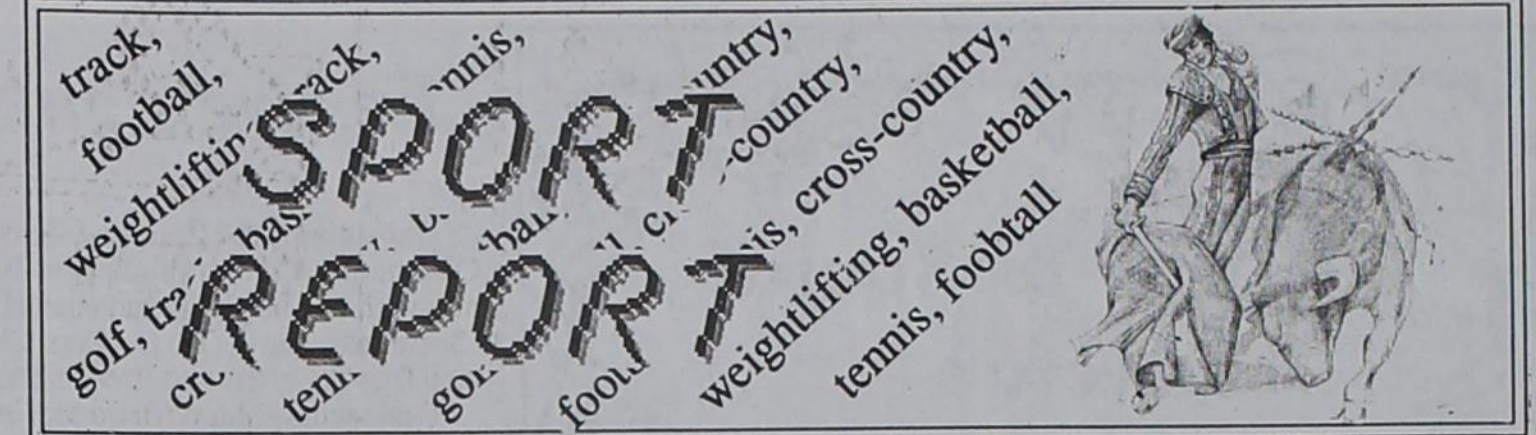
- \* Is the toy sturdy?
- \* Are small parts tightly secured so they cannot cause choking?
- \* Are Edges sharp or pointed?
- \* Are any parts larger than the Federal safety standard of 1.75 inches?
- \* Can they tear the eyes or noses of toys off?

A checklist for consideration after they have purchased the toy includes:

- \* Look for safety messages on the toy packaging and follow all instructions.
- \* Teach your child to use the toy appropriately.
- \* Do not allow a child to sleep with battery operated toys.
- \* Be sure to throw away all toy packaging, such as plastic, cellophane, and Styrofoam.
- \* Teach children to put their toys away, and inspect toys regularly.

Toys are a vital part of a child's learning environment. At each stage of their development, children face new challenges and different risks. By being aware of the kinds of dangers associated with toys, parents can better protect children while ensuring their safe enjoyment with their toys.

Note: Information obtained from Espy, Jodie, and Jennifer Sutherland. "A Holiday Hazard Hits Home". Internet Jan. 1996. "Toy Safety". Internet Sept. 1996.



The Motley County Matadors lost to Memphis, 61-48, December 4, at the Valley Tournament, giving MC an overall record of 1 win and 2 losses.

Aaron Green was leading scorer with 14 points. Others adding to the score were Keane Cruse with 13; Benji Rodriguez, 9; Ryan Martin, 5; Dayton Grundy, 3; Scott Smith, 3; Brad Marvel, 3; and Aaron Binder, 2.

Benji Rodriguez was leading rebounder with 12. Others grabbing rebounds were Aaron Green, 6; Keane Cruse, 6; Brad Marvel, 6; Aaron Binder, 6; Ryan Martin, 2; Dayton Grundy, 2; Jason Clauser, 1; Jason Barton, 1; and Bobby Fritzier, 3.

Keane Cruse had 9 steals. Brad Marvel was 100% from the FT line.

The Matadors also lost to Groom, 67-46, in the same tournament. Ryan Martin led in scoring with 9 points. Keane Cruse added 6; Aaron Green, 6; Brad Marvel, 5; Benji Rodriguez, 5; Scott Smith, 4; Aaron Binder, 4; Dayton Grundy, 4; and Bobby Fritzier, 3.

Keane led with rebounds, grabbing 8. Aaron Green got 6; Benji, 5; Brad, 4; Scott, 4; Ryan, 3; Jason C. 2; Dayton, 1; Aaron B., 1; and Bobby, 2.

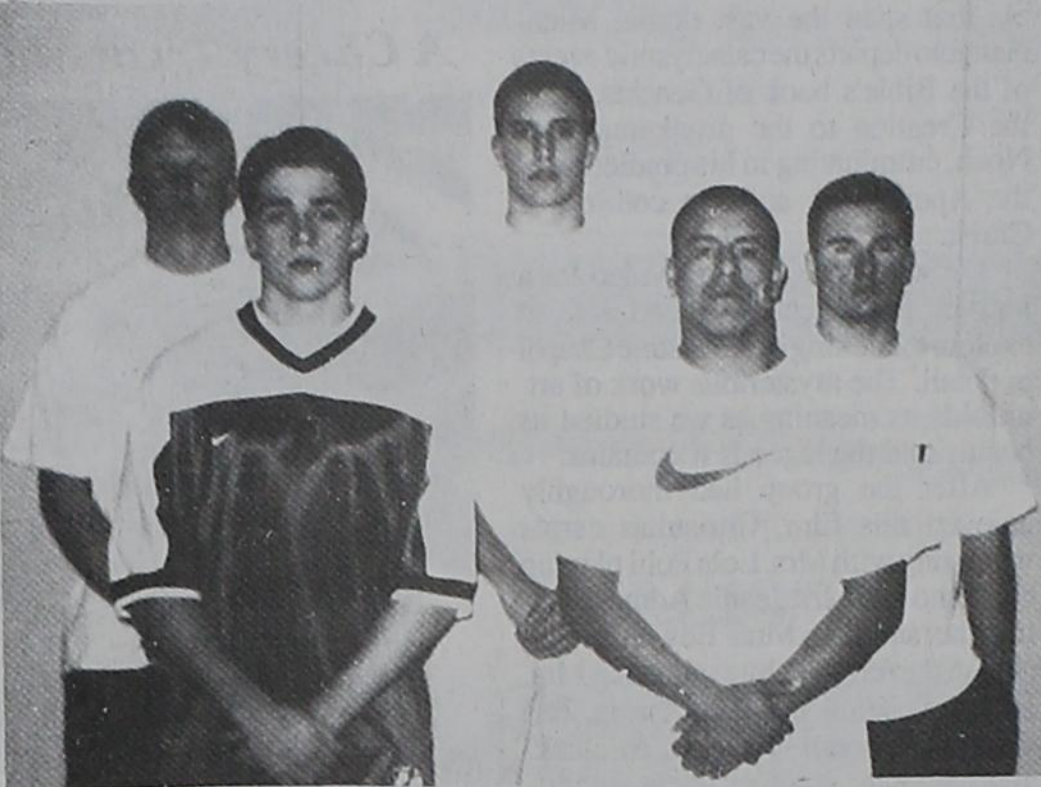
Motley County had a big win over Patton Springs, December 6, defeating them 71-33, giving them a 2-4 overall record.

Aaron Green led in scoring with 14. Keane Cruse added 13; Bobby Fritzier, 8; Aaron Binder, 8; Scott Smith, 7; Brad Marvel, 6; Jason Barton, 5; Ryan Martin, 4; Jason Clauser, 2; Dayton Grundy, 2; and Benji Rodriguez, 2.

Keane Cruse led in rebounds with 13. Dayton grabbed 8; Aaron Green, 6; Benji, 5; Jason Barton, 3; Brad, 3; Aaron B., 3; Bobby, 3; Scott, 2; and Jason C., 2.

Aaron Green shot 100% from the freethrow line. Aaron Green had 6 steals, Bobby Fritzier had 4, and Aaron Binder, 5. Ryan Martin and Jason Clauser led the team in assists. The team only had six turnovers.

The communities can be very proud of the way our athletes behaved. They were outstanding ladies and gentlemen. Way to go Aaron Green and Toni Bowden for being selected All-Tournament.

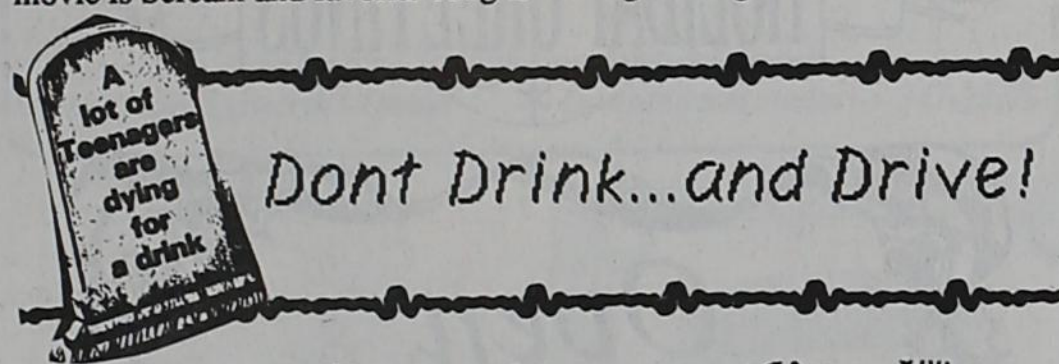


**NAMED TO ALL DISTRICT** — Motley County Matadors selected to the 2-A Football Team are: Dayton Grundy, honorable mention, linebacker; Keane Cruse, 1st team secondary, 2nd team quarterback; Aaron Green, 2nd team flanker; Aaron Binder, 2nd team tight end; and Benji Rodriguez, honorable mention defensive end.

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## Festive sights and sounds of Christmas at annual club party

Christmas in the Country filled the Community Center building in Flomot with festive sights and sounds of Christmas when the Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, December 2. Ornaments glittered in a tree with a colorful array of gifts around it. Highlight of the celebration was the sound of laughter when the majority of the members were surprised when the Secret Pal names for 1997 were revealed.

Hostesses, Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert and Waydette Clay presided at the refreshment table draped with a Christmas designed fabric. The centerpiece was a poinsettia plant complimented on each side with candles ornamented with sequins. Holiday desserts were served with coffee and spiced punch. Mrs. B. Rogers conducted a short business meeting. She announced a new slate of officers will be elected

and Secret Pal names drawn for 1998 at the meeting in January. Members attending were Mesdames Trula Martin, Annie B. Cloyd, Barbara Payne, Judy True, Tommie Jo Cruse, Nada Starkey, Erma Washington, Alma Shorter, Edith Washington, and those mentioned above.

### Motley County Arts & Crafts Club News

by Winifred Darsey

The Christmas Season made its debut for the Motley County Arts and Crafts Club December 1 at the Senior Citizens Center.

The Club met at 10 a.m. They found a beautifully decorated reception room, a unique Christmas tree, tables covered with bright red clothes and the scent of spicy candles and greenery in the air.

The centerpiece on the dining table was a wooden sleigh drawn by wooden reindeer, filled with gold tinted pure canes and was very attractive.

The unusual Christmas tree was arranged on a table against the wall. Surprisingly it was only a half tree. The decorations were traditional with baubles of all colors and fashions, a glowing sight to behold. It had brightly decorated gifts under the tree.

Club President, Lana Copp, presided over a brief business meeting. The results of the Bazaar were discussed, docents were appointed.

The Bazaar fulfilled all expectations. Members were pleased with results. They appreciated the ones who came, purchased gifts or food, and those who enjoyed the hospitality of the club's tearoom (coffee).

Lana Copp and Vee Gordon were teachers for the day. The members enjoyed a session on making a head of Santa Claus using a part of a plastic

bleach bottle for a base, red cap, whiskers, bright shining eyes, a button nose. The result: a whimsical Santa with a bright shining face. This can be used for door or wall decorations.

The luncheon was a traditional menu of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, delicious salads, side dishes of sweet potatoes, vegetables, and an array of desserts.

The party following the luncheon was a gala affair, with much swapping of gifts. The last number drawn has a choice of gifts. Some gifts changed owners many times. It was great fun!

Members present were Joy Archer, Elsie Thacker, Dorothy Knight, Dora Watson, Joyce Meredith, Dorothy Day, Donald Letkeman, Gerri Jones, Pauline Hand, Bonnie Edmondson, Geraldine Key, Betty Simpson, Lorene Lancaster, Vee Neighbors, Loys Campbell, Pauline House, Winifred Lee, Betty Bostick, Lana Copp, Genevieve Gordon, Winifred Darsey and guest little Miss Hannah Rose Alexander.

Lana and Genevieve were hostess for the day - also they had the articles ready for the workshop. Much acclaim was given to them for their effort.

Members adjourned with the spirit of Christmas and for the Blessings of living in this great nation. Merry Christmas!

## El Progreso Club Celebrates Christmas at the Campbell Ranch

The El Progreso Club met December 11, 1997 at the Campbell Ranch for their annual Christmas meeting and program. The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas everywhere, tree with village underneath, mantel with boughs of white and bubble lights, each room fixed for the season.

Mrs. Loys Cambell, club president pro-term presided with the usual business taken care of. Guests were introduced and a poem, THE SNOW CAME, read by Mrs. Campbell to open the day's meeting. She, in turn, introduced Mrs. Marge Edwards as club leader for the day. She presented Mrs. Jo Ann Dickson, Santa Rosa District President, who brought the program. This being the holiday season, she had a video on the Sistine Chapel, "Art & Splendor". The chapel was named for Pope Sixtus IV. Michelangelo would have rather been a noted sculptor than a painter. The ceiling of the chapel has nine panels with the prophets taking up much of the beauty and space. It is a panoply of a multitude of figures. After viewing the indescribable masterpiece, Pope Julius iterated, "Yes, man does have a soul." Michelangelo lived to be eighty-nine years old. There was no school of Michelangelo, nor age of Michelangelo.

The Sistine Chapel was magnificently painted by Michelangelo with the dome being perhaps the greatest single masterpiece of the Renaissance era. In its transcendent beauty, the ceiling merges art with philosophy, religion and the spirit of brilliance embodied by Michelangelo Buonarroti.

This was painted by Michelangelo single handedly over four grueling years, with the Sistine Chapel representing the deepest expression of its

creator's personal vision. In nine panels that span the vast dome, Michelangelo depicts the cataclysmic events of the Bible's book of Genesis, from the Creation to the drunkenness of Noah, culminating in his prediction of the Apocalypse and the coming of Christ.

We were joined in this video for a journey to Vatican City and able to explore the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in detail. The mysterious work of art unfolds its meaning as we studied its beauty and the legends it contains.

After the group had thoroughly enjoyed this film, Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Lola Pohl playing the piano and Mrs. Jeanie Adams leading the singing. Mrs. Edwards concluded the program by saying that Mrs. Dickson, being the poet she is, had written the poem "Matador At Dusk" and read that. Another poem she distributed was "The Night Jesus Came" and that was read. Mrs. Loys Campbell concluded with "The Cowboy Prayer."

The group adjourned to the dining area for goodies of all kinds of both sweet and non-sweet from sandwiches to toasted triangles with olives, bacon and cheese, sausage balls, taquitos and sauce, then to fill the sweet tooth were cookies, cake, and sweets of many kinds, all with hot coffee or hot punch.

Members present were Mrs. Jo Ann Dickson, Mrs. Lola Pohl, Mrs. Patricia Green, Mrs. Marge Edwards, Mrs. Debbie Martin, Mrs. Loys Campbell, Mrs. Winifred Darsey, Mrs. Callie Giesecke, Mrs. Joan Keith, Mrs. Lucetta Campbell, Mrs. Grace Campbell, and Mrs. Beverly Vinson. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Opal Pipkin, Mrs. Ruby McGuire, and Mrs. Freida Burns. New member is Mrs. Jeanie Adams.

## Holiday Entertaining

### A Cheery Treat Made With Tasty Cherries



(NAPS)—A dessert likely to deliver holiday cheer is light and delicious Cherry Angels.

These very special treats are similar to a light macaroon, but feature the added flavor of delectable, canned cherries. Besides tasting terrific, the colorfully topped cookies can brighten any holiday table.

#### CHERRY ANGELS

- 1 can (16 oz.) dark sweet cherries
  - 2 teaspoons butter
  - 3 egg whites
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 2 cups shredded or flaked coconut
  - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Drain cherries; reserve liquid. Bring cherries, 1/4 cup reserved liquid and butter to boil in skillet; simmer over medium heat until liquid evaporates. In mixer bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, while

beating, until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla and salt. Toss coconut and cornstarch together; fold into egg whites. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Make an indentation on mound with back of spoon large enough to hold one or two cherries. Bake at 325°F about 20 minutes or until edges are browned. Cool cookies on a wire rack. Store in airtight container. When ready to serve, place 1 or 2 cherries in indentation on top of each macaroon. Makes 3 dozen.

#### Storage Tips:

- Cooked filling may be stored in airtight container 3 to 4 days in refrigerator.
- Top macarons with cherries 1 to 2 hours before serving for best results.

#### Gift Idea:

- Bake a batch of macarons and pack them in an airtight container. Give the macarons, a can of dark sweet cherries and the recipe as a gift. The recipient of the gift can prepare the filling and serve Cherry Angels to guests at a later date.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

You know how on some Christmas mases you get a gift that stands out and is more special than all the other gifts you go?

Well, that's the way I feel about the gifts of their talent and time that the choir, soloists and instrumentalists of

the First United Methodist Church gave when they performed the Christmas program Sunday night. I feel so blessed to have been there and from what I heard I am not alone.

Thank your for sharing your gifts with me.

Darleen Fletcher

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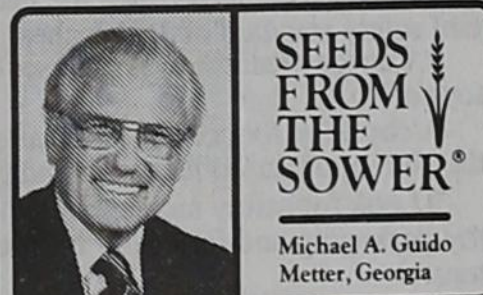


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Before going to bed, Julia begged, "I want a light." "You don't need a light," said her mother. "God's angels will take care of you."

"I don't want angels," cried Julia. "I want someone with a face."

That's what Jesus is - God "with a face." God loving with a human heart, helping with human hands, and walking with human feet.

Sickness was to Him an opportunity for healing, sorrow an opportunity for caring, and sin an opportunity for cleansing.

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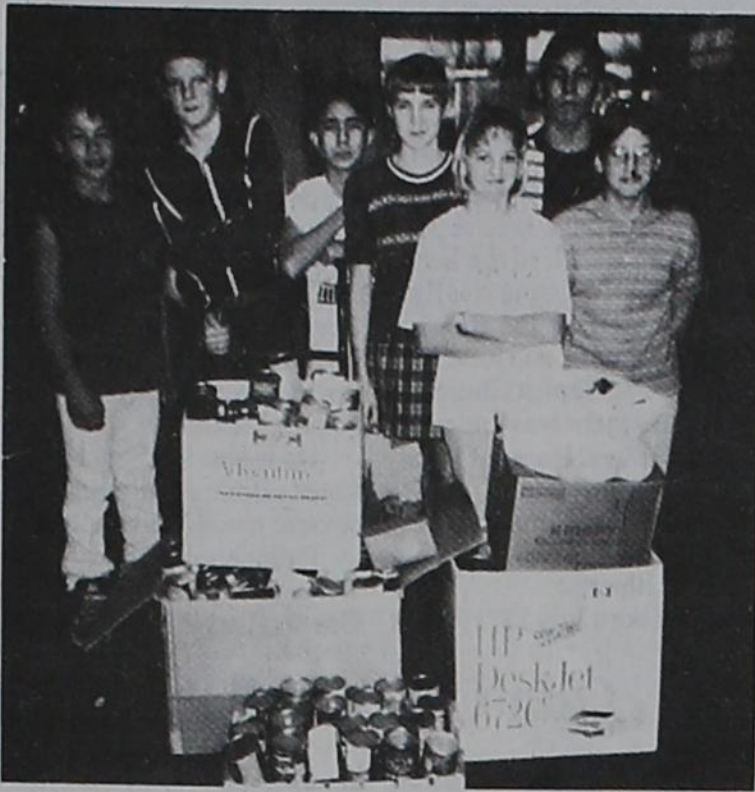


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**COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE NEEDY** — Some Motley County 7th grade students are pictured here with the mounds of can goods that the entire school collected to be given to the Lions Club for distribution among the needy of Motley County. Pictured are (l-r) Bo Long, Clint Cooper, Ricardo Luna, Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Perryman, Marcelino Ramirez, and Brittany Moore.

Dear Santa..



Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. I wood lik a ticket to the new movie Spiceworld and a trip to Best Buy for the idea box so I can get a good present for my dad and mom and I do not haf to spind a arm and a lage. I wood like a picher of you also.

Your friend,  
Cody Byrd

P.S. I wood also like a Kitty cat.

**A Christmas Prayer**  
by Helen Steiner Rice

Oh, Father up in heaven,  
We have wandered far away,  
From the Holy little Christ Child,  
Who was born on Christmas Day.  
And the Peace on Earth You promised,  
We have been unmindful of,  
Not believing we could find it  
In a simple thing called love.  
We've forgotten why You sent us  
Jesus Christ, Your only Son,  
And in arrogance and ignorance  
It's OUR WILL not THINE BE DONE  
Oh, forgive us, heavenly Father,  
Teach us how to be more kind,  
So that we may judge all people  
With our heart and not our mind.  
And, oh God, in Thy great goodness,  
May our guidance Christmas Night  
Be the star the Wise Men followed—  
Not a man-made satellite.

**Seigler Announces  
New Manager**

Pat Seigler, owner of Seigler Funeral Homes in Matador and Paducah, is pleased to announce that Mark Timmons has assumed the position of manager at the Paducah location. Mark, a native of Northfield, brings a wealth of experience to the Seigler operation. He began work at a funeral home in Florida in 1972, and following his graduation from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, he was licensed to practice as a funeral director and embalmer in Texas. In 1985 he was recalled to the U.S. Navy where he served as one of eighteen selected morticians stationed throughout the world. His assignments have included the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland, where he served as the Anatomical Curator and as an instructor of anatomy and embalming; the Navy representative at the Armed Forces Mortuary, Europe, Frankfurt, Germany; and the Navy Mortician at the Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In addition to Texas, Mark holds licenses for funeral director and embalmer in the District of Columbia and in the state of New York. While in Washington, DC, he was employed by the prestigious Joseph Gawlers Sons Funeral Home where he was involved with the funeral of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and other notables. Mark holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the George Washington University. He is certified to perform postmortem eye enucleations for transplant and research purposes. He is a graduate of the Forensic Anthropology Course located at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington. He is certified by the Montgomery County Maryland Literacy Council as a volunteer reading tutor. He is the son of the late Walter and Geneva Timmons of Northfield. He is a graduate of Matador High School. He currently resides in Paducah.

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# Motley County Comings & Goings

## Matador News

**KEITH UPDATE**  
Thanksgiving visitors at the home of Charles and Joan Keith were Marc and Arlene Levin of Colorado Springs, Judi Levin of Northridge, CA, Liz, John, Jack, and Ben Schmalstieg of Georgetown, all in town to celebrate Marc's 40th birthday. Joining them for Thanksgiving dinner were Keith and Joan Patton and Charlie and Viola Keith.

The following weekend found Charles and Joan in San Antonio to witness the Big 12 Championship Game between Texas A&M and Nebraska, and they were joined by Jerry and Patricia Green of Roaring Springs.

This weekend they will fly to Los Angeles to surprise Judi and attend her annual Chanukah celebration, returning home on Monday to prepare for their Christmas jaunt to Georgetown on Tuesday. Charlie and Viola will travel with them to join in the extended family celebration at Liz and John's home. They will return home on the 26th to prepare for their trip to Dallas and the Cotton Bowl, where they will be joined by Liz, John and Jack attending his first Aggie game! And now you know why they haven't had time to put up their annual Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason visited Saturday and Sunday in Snyder with her daughter and family, Charla, Bennie, Shahala and Kaycee Maricle.

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## Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
A case can be made that Christmas is the best holiday of the year. All across this country, people come together to celebrate and recall the best that is in most of our hearts. The ultimate expression of love is fully symbolized with religious overtones.

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Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jennings were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jennings and Ted Jennings of Haskell.

Mrs. Frances Dixon and Mrs. Kathryn Martin attended their Baptist Sunday School Christmas party held Saturday in the home of Mrs. Edna Ruth Green of Matador. Special guest was their teacher, Mrs. Lucretia Estes Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and his sister, Mrs. Marilyn Holcomb of Floydada attended the graveside rites of their aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Redding, 88, of Lubbock Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 9 at the Lubbock Cemetery.

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## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

**HAS SURGERY**  
Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin had surgery at the Hodges Cancer Center at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Monday, Dec. 8. Her daughter, Mrs. Nora Turner of Matador was with her during surgery and recuperation. Mrs. Martin is thankful for the good diagnosis following the surgery.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
The Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains hosted a Christmas party in their home Wednesday evening, Dec. 10 for members of his Flomot Baptist Church congregation.

Those attending the holiday courtesy were Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Special guests were Bro. and Mrs. Ernest Stewart, pastor of the South Plains Baptist Church.

**NAMES OMITTED**  
Names omitted attending the pre-Christmas Art Green family reunion, Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Community Center in Flomot were Marian, Steve, Kylie, and Karlie Green and Roger Browning of Pampa and Kalyn, Chris, and Lacie Bailey of Vemon.

**IN ACCIDENT**  
Ernie Lee of Clarendon, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee and friend, Clint Green, student at Clarendon Junior College, were involved in a one vehicle accident Saturday night, Dec. 13 when they encountered a deer in middle of highway, 12 miles north of Clarendon. Ernie escaped serious injury, but Clint is in ICU at Northwest Hospital in Amarillo. Ernie's pickup had extensive damage.

Sunday with Ernie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joy Lee, Robert and Jason. They also visited in Amarillo with the Green family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, daughter and children, Mrs. Teresa McGraw, Kellan and Kacey of Turkey visited in Clarendon. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter were in Quitaque, Tuesday attending to business. They were in Lubbock, Wednesday for Wayne a neurology medical appointment. They visited H.G. Hunter.

Mrs. Wendell Morris visited last week in Breckenridge with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Morris and Lane. She was in Lubbock, Tuesday for a medical appointment.

Following Sunday morning services at Baptist Church, a sandwich lunch was enjoyed. That afternoon, the members packaged Christmas gifts of videos, calendars and pens and distributed them to residents in Flomot.

Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney, Floyd and L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Mrs. Jackie Davis and Michael of Fritch visited during the weekend with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

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## Roaring Springs News

by Odessa Mullins

**METHODIST GUILD MEETS**  
The Anulo Methodist Wesley Guild met in the home of Grace Zabielski for their Christmas party. Callie Giesecke gave the opening prayer. After singing several Christmas carols, Eugenia Bethard read the Christmas story that is told in St. Matthew and Rev. Monte Wike read the Christmas story as is given in St. Luke. Billie Clifton read a Christmas prayer. Suzanne Abbott gave the closing prayer.

Those attending, besides the above mentioned, were Jeannie Adams, Noma Wike, Lee Peacock, Rita Groves, Dorothy Lee, Chelsea Read, Callie Giesecke and Lula Swim.

A delicious bring-a-dish dinner was enjoyed by all.

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Odessa Mullins visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mullins and attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Another longtime resident of this community, Grady Webb, who passed away last Saturday, will be missed around town and at the RS Cafe. We send our condolences to his wife, Mary.

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## Obituaries

### Grady Webb

Graveside rites for Grady Webb, 89, of Roaring Springs, Texas were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 15, at the Roaring Springs Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, and Rev. Don Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roaring Springs. Interment was under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; one sister, Bonnie Edmondson of Matador; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Corky Marshall, Kenneth Marshall, Noel White, Ronnie Graves, Lewis Mason and Coby Wright.

Mr. Webb died early Saturday, Dec. 13, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

Grady Webb was born July 12, 1908, at Santa Anna, Texas. He moved to Motley County in 1914, and was married to Mary Green January 15, 1935. He lived in Los Angeles, California, and worked for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for 35 years, returning to Roaring Springs in 1970. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

### Oda C. Birchfield

Memorial services for Oda C. Birchfield, 101, of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 12, at Seigler Funeral Home in Matador. Officiating was Michael Crowley, minister of the Matador Church of Christ. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador.

Mrs. Birchfield died late Wednesday at Floydada Care Center in Floydada.

She was born October 15, 1896, in King County. She moved to Matador as a small child. She was married to George M. Birchfield on August 10, 1913. He died April 26, 1976. She was also preceded in death by her son, Nenian Birchfield, in 1929. She had worked as a clerk in a dry goods store in Matador, and was a member of the Church of Christ.

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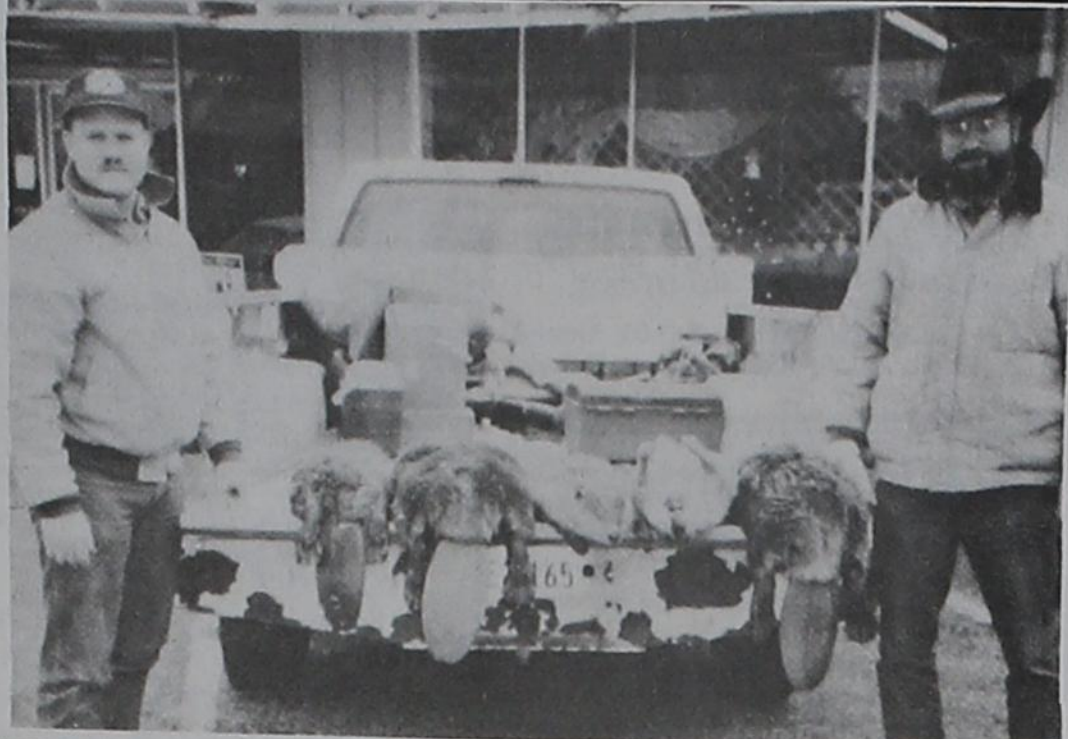
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All our best wishes to you and your loved ones on this joyous occasion.



# Farm & Ranch News



**TRUCKLOAD OF BEAVERS** — ADCS State Trapper James Timmons, right, and Joe Zotter, Wildlife Damage Biologist of Canyon, both with the County Trapping program, trapped seven Beavers from the Roaring Springs Ranch, three at the lake and four from the river. They are still working there. They also recently trapped beavers at Jameson Lake in Matador. As part of the county program, the two flew part of the county in a helicopter last week for parts of two days and killed forty-one coyotes and sixty-one hogs.

## Agricultural and Silvicultural Water Conservation Program Launches Newsletter and Web Site

In order to provide agriculture producers and landowners with information on how to address potential agricultural and silvicultural (forestry) related water pollution problems, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) has established a site on the World Wide Web. The address of the new site is <http://waterhome.tamu.edu/tsswcb>.

"We are excited about the opportunities that the site offers in broadening our message to agricultural and silvicultural producers about new and innovative techniques designed to control and prevent nonpoint source pollution," said Statewide Management Program Director, Bryon Spoons. "We want producers to know we have a voluntary program designed to assist them in determining which conservation practices will best benefit them, their operations, and their management objectives, while at the same time protecting the state's water quality standards."

The TSSWCB also publishes a semi-annual newsletter called "The Water Quality Connection" in order to help producers and other associated with land management keep abreast of the latest developments in protecting the state's natural resources through conservation practices. The publication provides information on where to seek technical assistance as well as on

how to develop a voluntary water quality management plan.

"The Water Quality Connection" newsletter and the web site are funded through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under section 319 (H) of the Clean Water Act to implement activity that demonstrate ways to control and prevent nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Funds for this project are administered by the TSSWCB, with is the leading agency for the state's agricultural/silvicultural NPS management program.

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is a common term for polluted run off that can come from many different sources, such as construction activities, urban runoff, and agricultural or silvicultural activities.

"Because of the diversity in Texas agriculture, we have several demonstration projects throughout the state to address water quality concerns and NPS pollution," said Spoons. "The web site and newsletter are two methods we are using to transfer the technology and data that has been acquired from these demonstration projects to producers and landowners."

For more information on the TSSWCB programs or to receive a free subscription to the "The Water Connection" newsletter, contact Melissa Burns or Bryon Spoons at (254) 773-2250.

## COTTON NEWS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

Research provides the foundation for the future. From a research and innovation standpoint. Texas cotton producers have a very bright future because of the Texas State Support Program. Administered through Cotton Incorporated, this program provides Texas one of the most thorough research and development programs around, according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG officials note that Cotton Incorporated has long been a leader in the development of new technology for cotton producers and the State Support Program will continue this trend.

The State Support Program returns 5 percent of the promotional dollars collected at the time of sale on every bale of U.S. cotton. This goes to the states based on their percentage of total U.S. cotton production. That's meant about \$800,000 has returned to Texas for a variety of projects with statewide and regional focuses.

In 1998, a number of projects are set to begin as a direct result of this highly successful program. The following projects, while only a partial listing of all State Support projects for 1998, are focused primarily on addressing problems on Texas High Plains:

Enhance Cold Tolerance and Maximize Early Season Stand Establishment of Cotton, Dr. Norman Hopper, TTU.

Stickiness in Texas Cottons: Plans Sources and Genetic Variability, Dr. John Gannaway, TAES.

Cottonseed Quality Improvement, Dr. John Gannaway, TAES

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Development of Weed Management Systems in Cotton Using Transgenic Herbicide Resistant Varieties, Wayne Keeling, TAEX.

Nitrogen Fertilizer Management for Dryland Production Systems, Dr. Cary Green, TTU.

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Maximizing Yield and Water-Use Efficiency of Dryland Cotton Production Systems, Dr. Dan Krieg, TTU.

Pricing Analysis for HVI Market Reporting, Dr. Don Ethridge, TTU.

Impacts of Aphid Versus Plant Sugars on Stickiness of Cotton in Textile Processing, Dr. Dean Ethridge, TTU.

Gin Lint Cleaning to Maximize Producer Net Returns, Sukant Misra, TTU.

With most of the 1997 cotton crop harvested, ginned and in the bale, the attention of many producers across the Southern High Plains of Texas has moved back onto the boll weevil.

Yield losses and increased production costs due to the insect have cost

producers, mainly across the southern half of the High Plains, a whopping \$185 million, according to a recently published survey of cotton insect losses. The survey, conducted each year for the NCC Beltwide Cotton Conference, finds that bollweevil accounted for 74% of the yield loss with over 50% occurring late in the growing season. Total yield losses are estimated to be \$120 million higher than last year.

A referendum held in August of cotton growers in the 19 counties that comprise the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone was unsuccessful. Further subdivision of this large zone has been proposed and two public hearings were held by Texas Department of Agriculture this week. Growers in the proposed new smaller zones expressed overwhelming support for developing organized and concerted efforts against this economically crippling pest on a more local basis. A decision to confirm the zones should come from the Commissioner of Agriculture early next month.

Meantime, producers from Lubbock and the immediately surrounding counties met early in the week in an effort to organize themselves to the same ends as their southern counterparts. A newly formed task force is headed up by Lubbock County producers Joe Alspaugh. The group seeks to develop establishment of a third smaller zone to be known as the Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. It would comprise Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn, Crosby, Garza, Motley, Dickens, Kent and Cochran Counties.

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Showcasing the best of the best is the goal of the "Conference on Precision Agriculture in the 21st Century". Scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, the conference will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Bray Implement Co., in Lamesa.

Featured speakers at the conference will be: William T. Lovelady, of Tornillo, National Cotton Council President; Larry Nelson, of Edmondson, Cotton Foundation President; Rep. Charles Stenholm; Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney; State Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock;

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## News from the County Agent

by Motley County Extension Agent - J. Michael Lee

### 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 Jr. Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, December 20. 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 Jr. Livestock Show needs to contact Jim Cooper or myself as soon as possible. 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.

State Representative Gary Walker of Plains; Art Onken, Interim Resident Director of Research, TAES; Jett Major, District Extension Director; and, Mike Tyler, Mayor of Lamesa. Representatives from Monsanto Chemical Co. and the John Deere Corp. will also be taking part in the program.

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**NOTICE**  
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 The Public Hearing will be held at the pavilion in Roaring Springs on the property of the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers at 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 1997. The Volunteers encourage individual citizens and citizen groups to make their views known at this hearing. General information on the application will be available.  
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**THE BLESSED BIRTH** — This Nativity Scene of the blessed birth of Jesus Christ is on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church in Matador.



### About the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree! Today we regard it as a central decoration for our season's festivities ... a focal point around which our loved ones gather. Why, the Tree just seems as if it always belonged to the Christmas celebration! Yet, we find that this cheery heart-warmer has not really been with us so very long after all.

The Christmas Tree originated in 16th century Germany from where this beautiful folktale of its beginning comes.

A poor wood-cutter, his wife and son lived deep in the forest. One stormy Christmas Eve while they were enjoying their simple fare, they heard knocking at the door.

When they opened it they found a cold and hungry little boy outside. The family welcomed the tattered stranger, shared their frugal meal with him, and their young son Hans insisted on giving up his own bed to the pitiful child.

In the morning, the family was awakened by the singing of angels and looking for their young guest they found he was none other than the Child Jesus!

"I have accepted your gifts, and here is mine to you," He said as He broke off a branch from a fir tree and set it in the ground. "This shall always bear its fruit at Christmas, and you will always have abundance!"

To Martin Luther has been attrib-

uted the first putting of lights on the Tree.

One evening, the story goes, Martin was inspired by the stars' reflection on the snowladen branches of a tree. Wishing to recreate for his family the beauty he had seen, he brought home a small tree and affixed lighted candles to the branches.

Because of the linkage with Luther, the custom of the Christmas Tree spread more rapidly in Protestant areas, but we find it all over Europe by the 1800's.

The use of the Christmas Tree first came to our shores during the American Revolution with the Germans.

Christian tradition has endowed the Tree with rich significance. It is an evergreen, symbol of eternal life, and the lights are to be reminders that the Babe in the manger is the Light of the World.

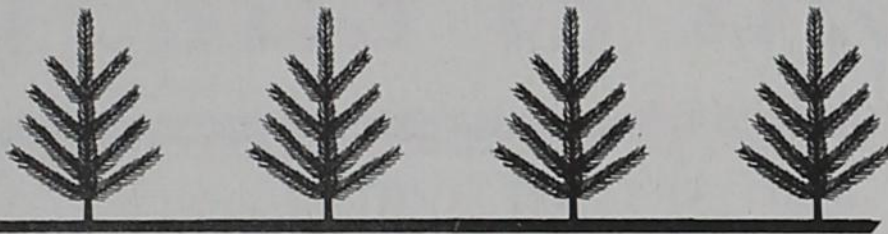
Today in more than two-thirds of U.S. homes, as well as throughout Christendom, the Christmas Tree is a happy part of the holiday tradition!

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Bayberry candles, which are said to foretell goodluck for the coming year

if they burn bright at Christmas, were first made by early settlers in America. They dipped bayberry branches in wax and burned them during the holidays.

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## Stable Shelters The Child As Angels Tell Of His Coming Shepherds And Flocks Bathed In Light Of Star

### Gospel of St. Luke

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away, from them into

heaven, the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad, the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told there by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

Then took him up in his arms, and

blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

When thou has prepared before the face of all people;

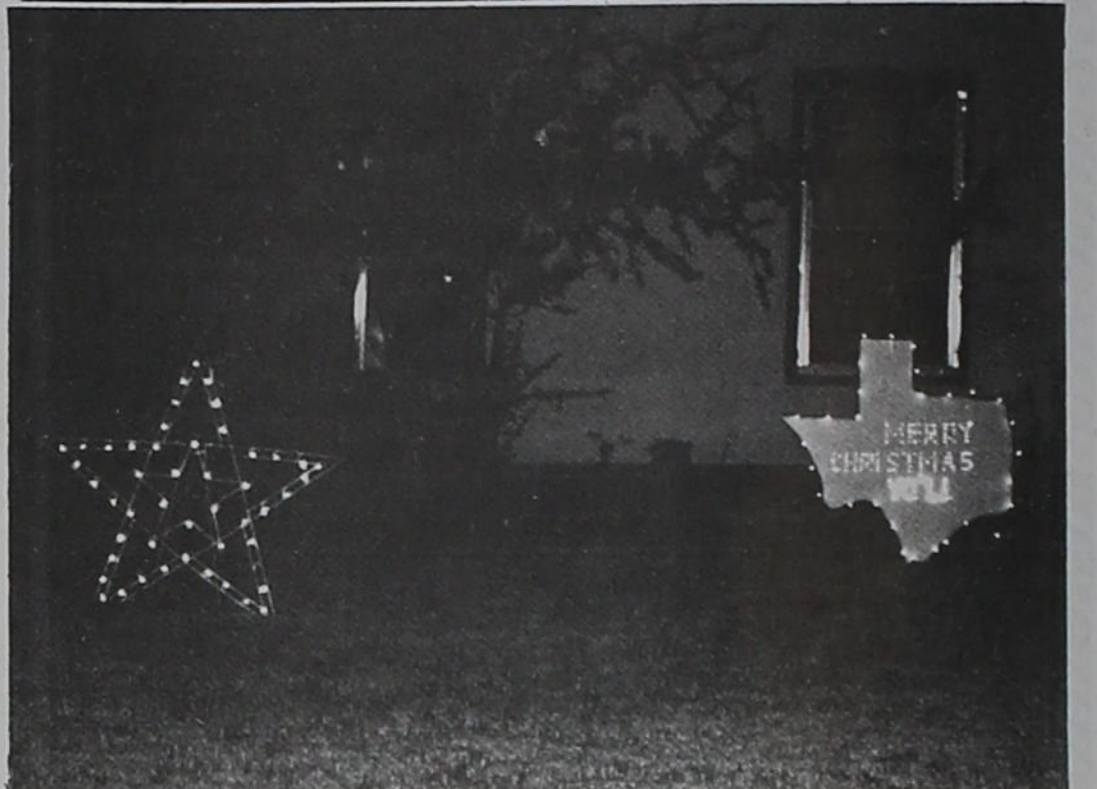
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people in Israel.

And Joseph and his Mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

And Simeon blessed them and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS 'YALL** — The home of Bill and JoAnn Durham in Matador greets passersby with a real Texas Merry Christmas.

### GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

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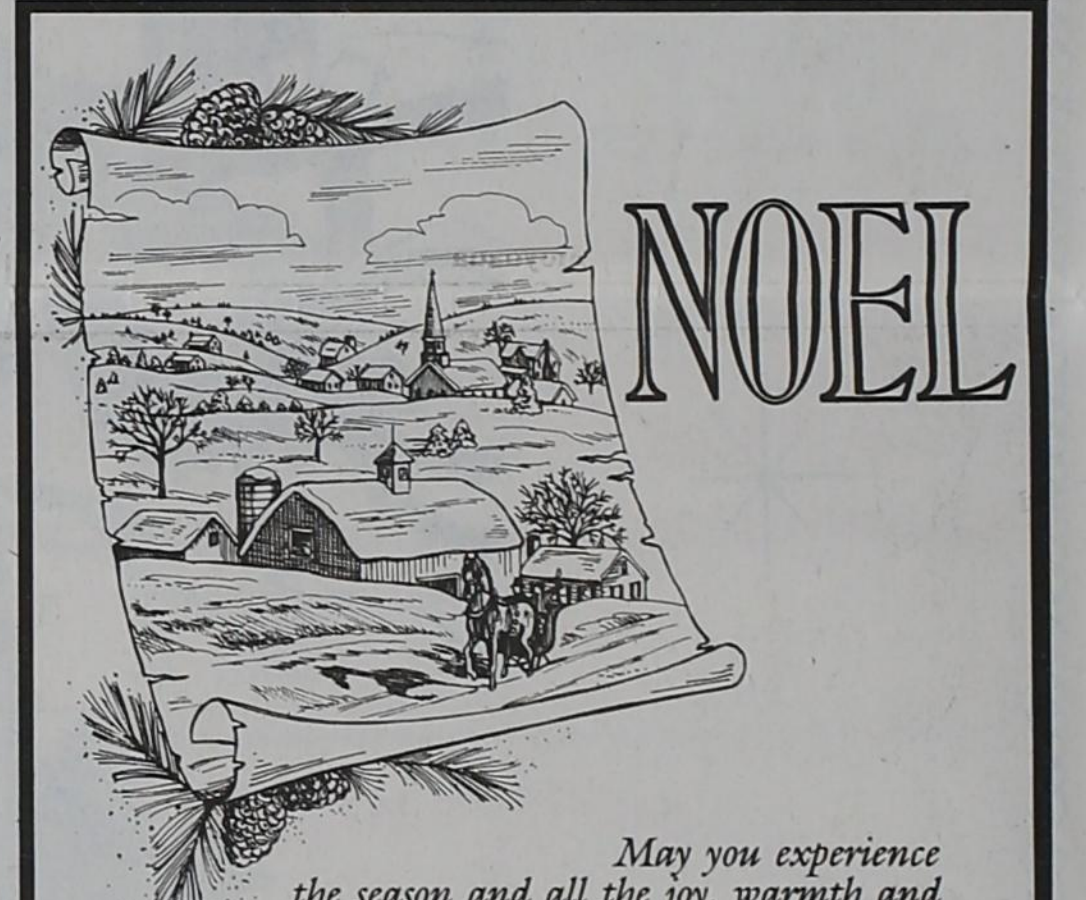


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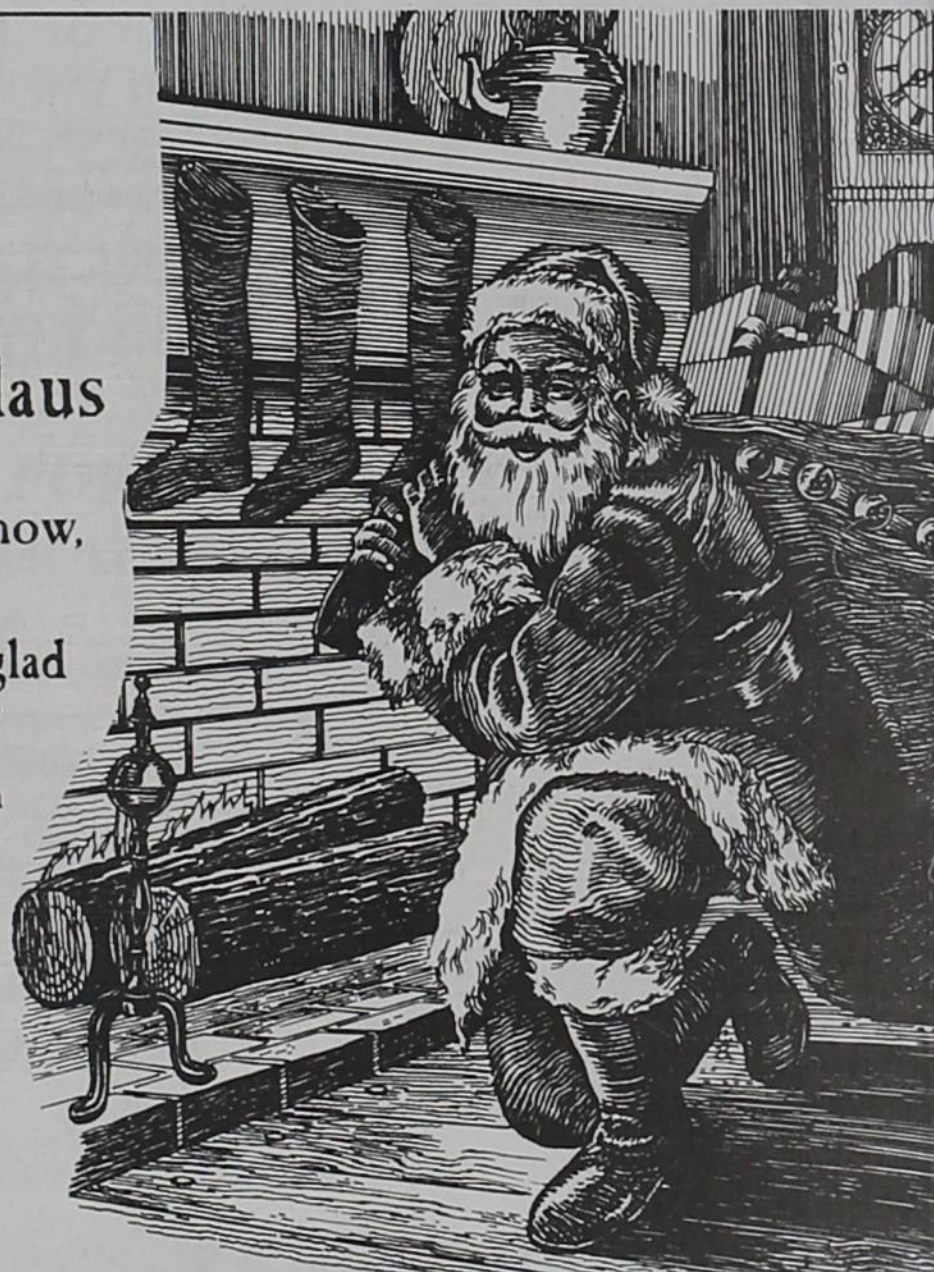
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A poor man's heart through  
half the year  
— Sir Walter Scott

Come, bring with a noise,  
My merry, merry boys  
The Christmas log to the  
firing.

While my good dame,  
she bids ye all be free,  
And drink to your heart's  
desiring.

— Robert Herrick

Capture the Sparkle...  
Capture the Joy!



Happy holidays to all!

### Kathy's

Flomot



May you enjoy all the "fruits" of the season, and all the naturally sweet moments that make Christmas the most loved and looked-forward-to holiday of the year. We're so very glad to have you as our customers and friends. Thanks for showing us such loyal support.

### Pay-N-Save Grocery

Matador



## To Grandmother's House We Go ...

### What Wrath Hath The Mince Pie Raised!



In England, before the Reformation, mince pie was made in oblong form to represent the manger. Often a little figure of Jesus was added to the top. After the Reformation, the Puritans raised a cry against mince pie. They objected only to the shape and use of the figure Jesus, but they were so aroused that the dish itself was attacked, and finally forbidden. When the Puritan regime fell, mince pie returned, in a round shape. But for years after, mince pie was eaten along with qualms of conscience.

For Holiday Traditions, lots of love and aromas that say Christmas! Fragrance can be used to create a feeling of warmth and welcome to create an atmosphere of great elegance and luxury and to create a mood of great gentleness. To maintain constant holiday fragrance, you must layer the fragrances by using a variety of sources.

Oils: for rings, refreshing potpourri, simmering pots, or to dot on cotton balls and place in vents.

Candles: for every room, one large one to be lit for an hour each morning in the entry.

Potpourri: fill bowls full to place throughout the house.

Sprays: located for quick mist before guests arrive.

There are lots of other commercial products such as plug-ins but the most fun of all are those we make ourselves - pomanders; sachets; sliced fruit, dried and sprinkled with spice.

**Holiday Traditions Help Develop Family Unity by Establishing a Sense of Belonging, Especially for Children.**

leisure.

Let little ones cut snowflakes, string cereal, ice cookies, so they may feel a special part of the Christmas preparation.

Read aloud with the whole family, different Christmas stories each night.

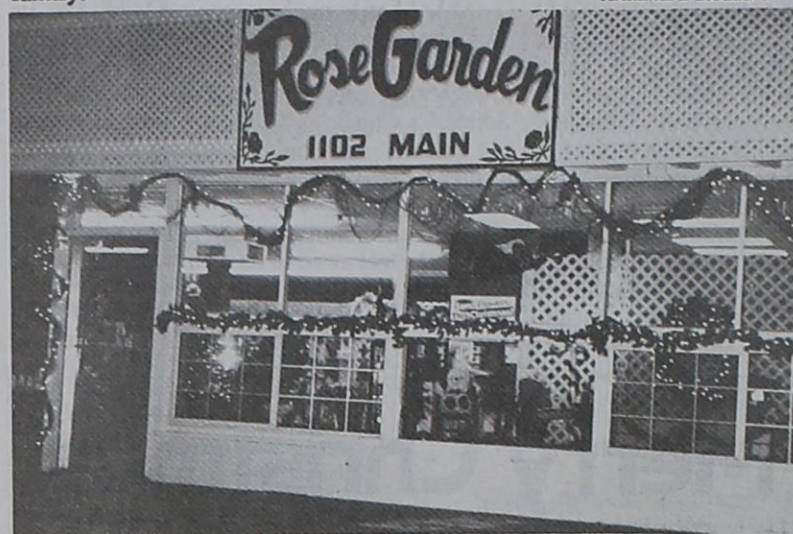
Do something special for a needy family.

Pack New Year's resolutions away with ornaments. It is always fun to see those each following year.

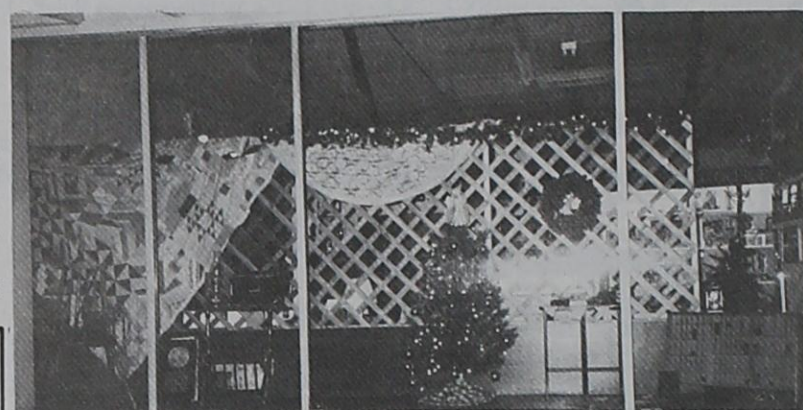
Ask grandparents to share memories from their childhood Christmas. Take notes in a journal to save for your children.

"Toast each other. Reinforce the positive achievements of the past year."

*Alexandra Stoddard*



**DECORATING DOWNTOWN**—Rose Garden Floral & Gifts is all dressed up for Christmas to help decorate downtown Matador.



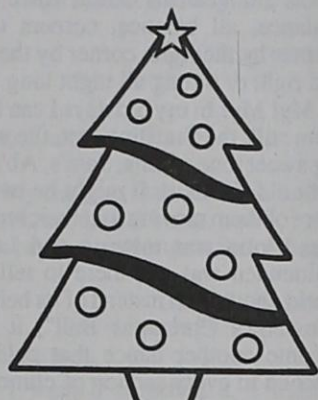
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** The window at the Motley County Tribune is dressed up for Christmas, with antiques, Christmas tree, greenery and lights.

# Merry Christmas

May your holiday be joyous in every way.

## Script Printing

Floydada



Play Christmas music while the whole family shares in the joy of decorating, baking and preparing for the Christmas season.

Run copies of traditional Christmas songs, so each family member may join in the fun of caroling around the piano.

Place cards with different country traditions on each at the dinner table and take turns reading aloud.

Set up games and puzzles to play at



May peace be your gift at Christmas.

### Long Insurance

Roaring Springs



## Yuletide Greetings

We appreciate having you as our customers.

### Vickie's Floral

Roaring Springs



**In the true spirit of the Christmas season, may goodness and peace prevail for all on this precious Earth.**

## MARSHALL BROTHER'S

Propane Electric

Matador 347-2290

### Share The Spirit!

Hoping you experience all the love and joy that is Christmas.

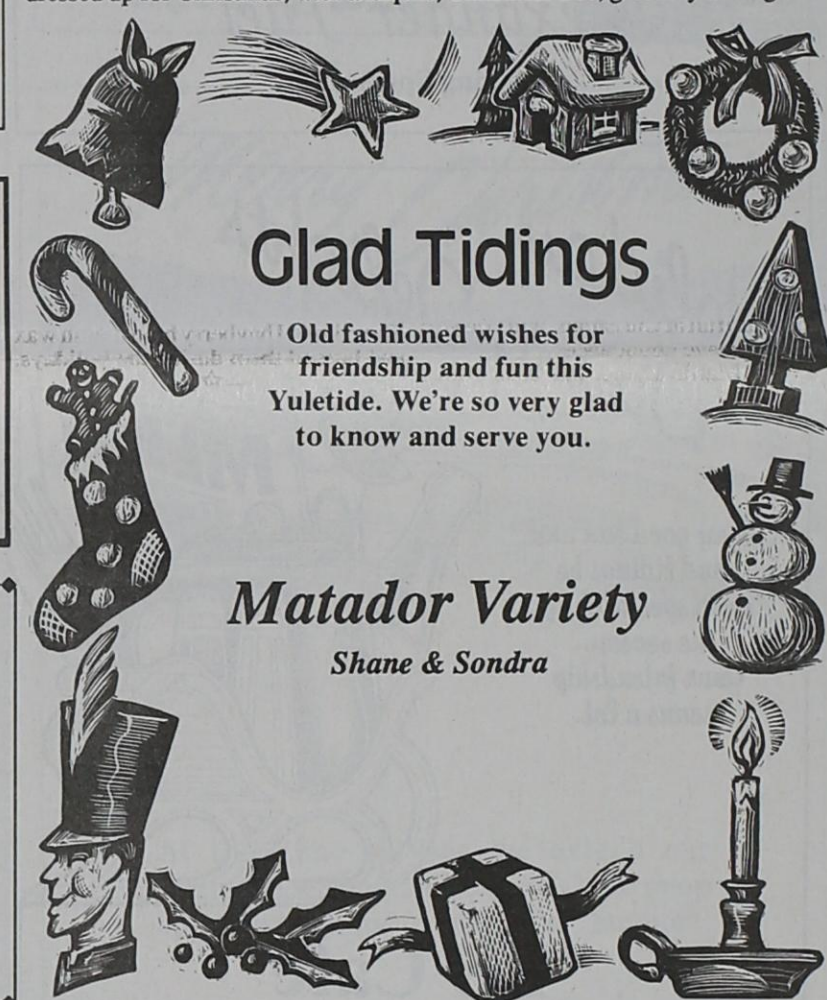


### QUALITY DISCOUNT

Matador 347-2702

Let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God

1 John 4:7



### Glad Tidings

Old fashioned wishes for friendship and fun this Yuletide. We're so very glad to know and serve you.

### Matador Variety

Shane & Sondra

## There's Nothing In The World Like Christmas In The Country

And we couldn't be happier than to share it with such wonderful people. To all of you we wish a season filled with warm fires, good friends, and dreams come true.

### FLOMOT GIN

### Jolly Christmas Wishes

To old friends and new, we happily extend our good thoughts for a season of abounding good cheer and good times.



### Tommy's Garage

MATADOR - 347-2446



# The Cowboy's Christmas Ball

NOTE: This article is reprinted from the Christmas 1986 edition of the *Recollections* column by the late Duff Green, a longtime Motley County cowboy. *Recollections* was printed until all of Mr. Green's memoirs were printed. His niece, Mrs. Jewel Lawrence, now of Roaring Springs, published a book of the memoirs by the same name. It is now out of print.

Texas has known many frontiers and since time in memorial, those frontiers have had dances. "Cowboy's Christmas Ball", "Shindigs", "Soirees", and the like that lasted from one night to as high as three says and nights without a halt.

"The Cowboy's Christmas Ball" of Anson, Texas pulled off in 1885 seems to have taken the cake. Why? Simply because the Poet Laureate of the cattle range, Larry Chittenden, was present

to immortalize it in verse. To perpetuate it through the ages wherever the English language is known. From no other standpoint should it have precedence or preference. Who, but Larry Chittenden could have so aptly expressed the occasion with all of its color and dynamic atmosphere, while the echo returns with its teasing? Who, as time goes fleeting by or silently pauses to catch the answer? No one! Did its merits lay in the crowd's size or its superior music, its duration or the feast of eats form the larder? No! No! the Cowboy's Christmas Ball in Anson, Texas would have long ago become scarcely a memory had it not planted a seed of conception in the fertile brain of a born poet, Larry Chittenden, and I feel awed in its presence after having read the poem many, many times.

"The Cowboy's Christmas Ball" - there was no other, nor can there ever

be another "Cowboy's Christmas Ball" like it!

It is well known that at the time Anson was way out in the cow lands of West Texas and women were few and at a premium while the cowboys were plentiful, though a bit bashful or shy around all women.

"Cowboy Callers" stood in a class to themselves for they fitted verbs, nouns, and adjectives in the cowboy's peculiar phraseology not found in the college textbook.

Read Rollie C. Burns description of the dance, out at the foot of the plans, at the Will Slaughter Ranch-house in 1881 where Mrs. Will Slaughter, the two Joe Browning's girls, Miss Degraffenried, Miss Scarbrough, Mrs. Cooper, and Mrs. Sam Gholson and her two daughters acted as shock absorbers for thirty or more West Texas cowboys and over a period of three days and nights. That bunch of nine women could have made any of our modern Marathon Dancers look foolish and silly. Some of them had traveled a good seventy-five miles to reach that dance and all of them, excepting Mrs. Slaughter had ridden miles. The cats were like the "Loaves and fishes," for they never seemed to diminish at all. Where the refreshments came from that the boys used to wash down the food with seem deleted. But don't you worry, for that too was like Noah's dew, abundant.

Occasions for recreation and de-

version in cowlands were few and far between; but when they came, they were colorful, gay, festive, durable lasting affairs to be remembered a lifetime.

In the eighties and nineties, both the Spur and Matdor ranches gave cowboy balls. Everyone was invited and welcomed to attend.

Men were known to be at those blowouts that came from one-hundred and fifty miles away. Everything was free, furnished as part of the entertainment by the ranches. On each occasion it was a "run for your money" to be long remembered and those dances lasted continuously for seventy-two hours.

Who in this part of West Texas will admit he never heard the rhythmic timing to the sweet tones of the fiddles wail to old Clay Kitchens calling, "four to two and two to four and six around," or in the wee hours of the night when the eyes became sluggish, and the feet worn and tired, to see C.A. McKnight mount one of the benches placed around the wall in the District Court Room of the courthouse at Dickens, Texas and hear his claxon voice say, "Balance, all balance, corners turn, partner by the right, corner by the left and right or wrong all night long."

My! My! In my old days I can hear them still, the shuffling feet, the wailing sweet tone of Elis, Sam's, Ab's, or Sid's old fiddle, or it might be two or more of them playing together; but the Bass Violin was missing and Larry Chittenden was not there to tell the world about it, so instead of its being a "Cowboy's Christmas Ball", it just became another dance that could be reached in every section of clime, up or down the land beyond the settlements, from no-man's land to the Rio Grande.



"The Cowboy's Christmas Ball"

By Larry Chittenden

"Way out in Western Texas, where the Clear Fork's waters flow,  
 "Where the cattle are 'a-browzin' and the Spanish ponies grow;  
 "Where the northers come a-whistlin' from beyond the Neutral Strip;  
 "And the prairie dogs are sneezin' as if they had 'the grip';  
 "Where the coyotes come a-howlin' round the ranches after dark,  
 "And the mocking birds are singin' to the lovely 'meddar lark'...  
 "Where lonesome, tawny prairies melt into airy streams,  
 "While the Double Mountains slumber in heavenly kind of dreams;  
 "Where the antelope is grazin' and the lonely plovers call—  
 "It was there I attended The Cowboy's Christmas Ball."  
 "The leader was a feller that came from Swenson's Ranch,  
 "They called him "Windy Bill" from 'Little Deadman's Branch'.  
 "His rig was kinder keeless, big spurs and high-heeled boots!  
 "He had the reputation that comes when 'fellers shoots'.  
 "His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain height;  
 "His feet was animated, an' a mighty moving sight.  
 "The boys were tolerable skittish, the ladies powerful neat,  
 "That old bass viol's music just got there with both feet!  
 "That wailing, frisky fiddle, I never shall forget;  
 "And Windy kept a singin' — I think I hear him het..."  
 "The dust riz fast an' furious, we all just galloped 'round,  
 "Til the scenery got so giddy that Z Bar Dick was downed.  
 "The boys had left the ranches and come to town in piles;  
 "The ladies — 'kinder scatterin' — had gathered in for miles.  
 "And yet the place was crowded, as I remember well,  
 "Twas got for the occasion at the 'Morning Star Hotel'.  
 "The music was a fiddle, an' a lively tambourine,  
 "And a viol came imported by stage from Abilene...  
 "We buckled to our partners and told 'em to hold on.  
 "The shook our hoof like lightning, until the early dawn.  
 "Don't tell me about cotillions, or Germans, no sree!  
 "That whirl among the cowboys just takes the cake with me.  
 "I'm sick of lazy shufflin', of them I've had a fill,  
 "Give me a frontier breakdown, backed up by 'Windy Bill'.  
 "Oh, Bill, I shan't forget yer, and I'll often times recall —  
 "The 'wimmin folks' looked lovely — the boys looked kinder treed,  
 "Til the leader hollered — 'Let's stampede!'  
 "And the music started sighin' and wailin' through the hall,  
 "As kind of introduction to the "Cowboy's Christmas Ball."  
 "That lively gaited party: "The Cowboy's Christmas Ball."

## Merry Christmas

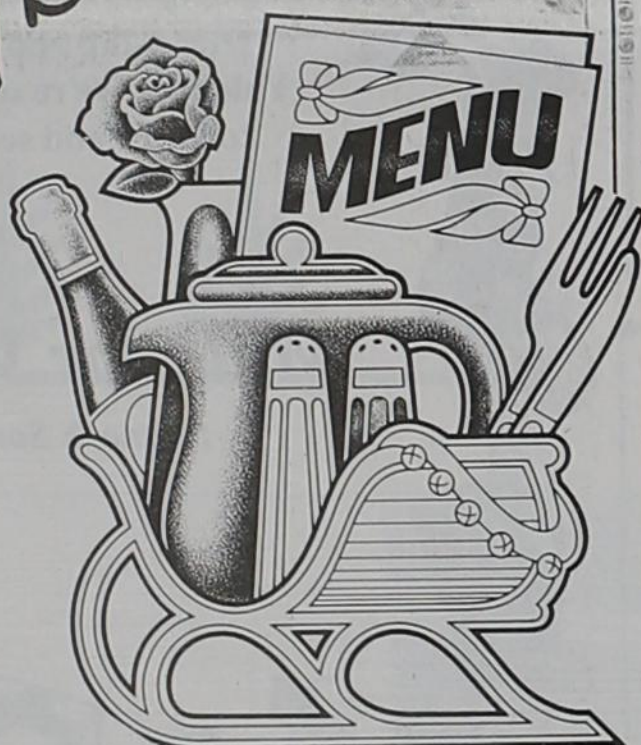
We're tuning up to wish all our many customers and friends a Christmas that's perfect in every way!



Alexander Fuel  
 Roaring Springs

## Holiday Dining Delights

May good fun and good tidings be your specialty of the season. Your friendship means a lot.



RS Cafe  
 Roaring Springs  
 Don & Lou Wuttler

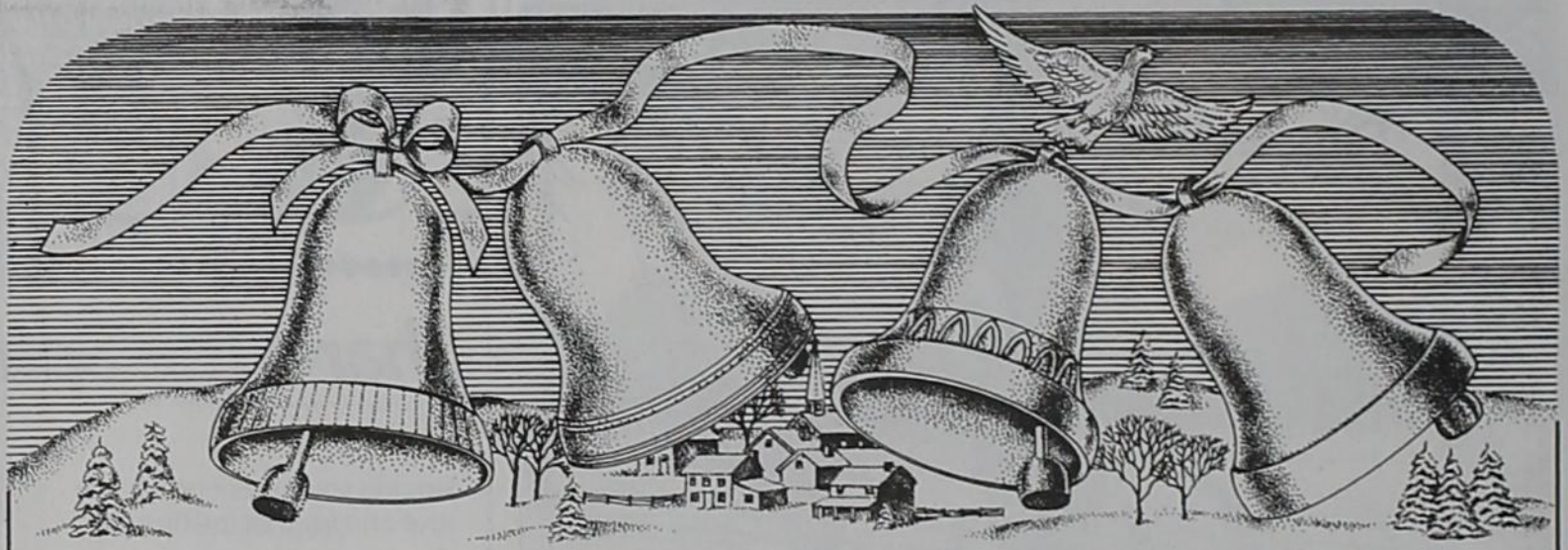
## 'Tis the Season

May you know the pleasure of holiday giving and the joy of friendship. Merry Christmas and many thanks.



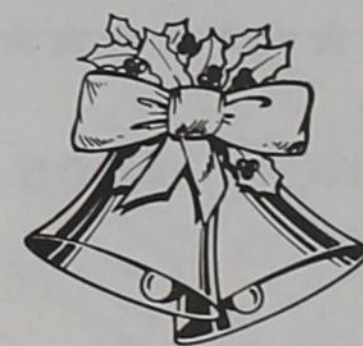
The Windmill  
 Betty & Lewis Bostick

May your Christmas be a Celebration of Love



## JOYOUS TIDINGS

As the Yuletide bells resound, joy and laughter all around, Filling every heart and home with merriment and cheer. What better time for us to say, "Thanks to you in every way. May this Christmas holiday be the start of a great year."



## FIRST STATE BANK

Matador 347-2661

Each depositor insured to \$100,000  
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 FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

## GLAD TIDINGS to everyone!

Have a fine, fine Christmas and keep the joy a-going all the year through.

We greatly appreciate your patronage.



Higginbotham-Bartlett



# Story of the Stockings

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there..."

It's not know how this tradition got its start, but there is a lovely legend about the custom's beginning.

It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings which were hanging by the fireplace to dry.

The gold was enough for the girls' dowry, so they were married and lived happily ever after taking care of their poor father as well.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope great. This year I would like a cowboy hat, new tennis shoes, dump truck, and a computer.

Thank you,  
Jonathan Osborn

Dear Santa,

I want a firetruck, and a motorcycle. And that's all.

Thank you,  
Jay Potts

Dear Santa,

I want a baby stoller.

Thank you,  
Samantha Easter

Dear Santa,

My name is Leanne Jameson. I have been really good this year. For Christmas I want a Barbie Jeep, Doll house,

# LETTERS TO SANTA

and a candy cane. My little brother, Jamie, wants some trucks.

Thank you,  
Leanne Jameson

Dear Santa,

I want a Puzzle Barbie, and a Barbie doll. I love you.

Hailey Blanco

Dear Santa,

My name is Anna. I have been a good girl this year. I want some play-dough, a bicycle, a skateboard, and skates. I love you.

Anna Mcoctozuma

Dear Santa,

How are you? I want a skateboard and rollerblades. I love you.

Ky Christopher

Dear Santa,

My name is Gabriel. This year for Christmas I want boots, cowboy shirt, cowboy hat, and shoes. See you soon.

Gabriel Espinoza

Dear Santa,

I want a skateboard. I want my sister, Hannah, to have a ball, and my brother, Sam, to have a ball.

Thank you,  
Jacob Brooks

Dear Santa,

This year I want a doll. My brother would like a clock. Please bring my sister something.

I love you,  
Belinda Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

My name is Colton Ashley. This year I want a sled, Free Willy the movie, the new Winnie-the-Pooh, a car, a alligator, a boat, a cage. This is all I want. I love you, Santa Claus.

Thank you,  
Colton Ashley

Dear Santa,

My name is Bubba. I want a truck for Christmas. My sister, Ruby, wants a doll. I love you.

Bubba Haney

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? I have been real good this year. I would like a real dog.

Thank you,  
Alyx Smith

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I want a babydoll, some new clothes, and shoes.

Thank you,  
Adrienne Walker

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll, a duck, and stickers. I love you.

Leslie Alvarado

gelica and Katie what they want. We've been good.

Love,  
Parker

P.S. Come to our new house!

Dear Santa,

How are you and Rudolph doing? I have been a good girl this year. Could you please bring me a Little Tikes Desk, Polly Packets, and Swimming Ariel. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Taylor Norrell

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a Big Action Construction Set, a dinosaur, and a Winnie the Pooh Tent.

Tanner Norrell

Dear Santa,

What's up? Not much here! N-E ways I just thought that you would like to know what I want for Christmas.

1. C.D. Walkman 2. Money 3. Wide leg pants 4. Clueless hands free phone 5. Gigger pet (maybe)

Love Always  
Kay



CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

Seigler Funeral Home  
Matador

Merry Christmas

We're coming your way with thoughts of thanks to all our friends.

David's Tire Shop  
Matador

REJOICE

May hearts be filled with the many blessings of a most joyous and loving Christmas!

Velma Walters Moore  
(Mrs. William R. "Bill" Moore)  
and  
Billie Beth Moore

Merry Christmas

Old fashioned greetings for a fun and festive season. Thank you one and all!

Matador Thrifty Shop

Merry Christmas

At this time of year, we extend our warmest wishes and express our deep appreciation for your loyal support.

Motley County Farm Bureau

JOY TO THE WORLD

Tune up for a great holiday! We're glad to express our appreciation for your business and support.

Palmer Service Center  
Johnny & Tammy Palmer  
Matador

Season's Greetings

Wishing you peace and joy at this most magical time of year.

Production Credit Association

Joy and Prosperity to All!

May the promise of Christmas come true for you. Many thanks.

Feed Trough Steakhouse  
downtown Roaring Springs

HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your holidays be merry and filled with the good things in life. Our sincere thanks for your patronage.

Spur Security Bank





**WE LIKE SANTA!** — Lakeem Mays and Chicagra Brown seem to like Santa, although Lakeem was a little hesitant without his cousin, Chicagra. Lakeem is the son of Shandra Mays and Chicagra is the daughter of Tammy Brown. They are the grandchildren of Harold and Bobbi Brown.

Dear Santa Clause

Hello! My name is Zachary Davis. I just wanted to write you a short little letter to let you know that I have been a pretty good boy this year even though I have gotten into trouble. But mommy and daddy say that over all I am a pretty good kid when I want to be.

I thought you might would like to know what I want for Christmas. I would like a bulldozer, a front loader, a motor grader and any other kind of tractor you can find. I also like for mommy and daddy to read me books. Mommy says I could never have to many.

Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Davis

Here's hoping that the joyful spirit of Christmas blooms in your hearts all year long!

For your friendship, loyalty and kind patronage, we offer a sincere "thank you". Have a happy holiday.

**Rose Garden**  
Floral & Gifts  
downtown Matador



and Ginger? Santa, I would like a Gigger Pet. Santa, can I have a red and blue bike? Santa, will you bring me some batteries for my Barbie and Ginger?

From,  
Myliissa  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Are you feeling ok? We will be staying at Dora's house the night before Christmas. I would like an 18 speed bike or a 21 speed bike for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Stacy  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This year I've been nice. I'd like to have Barbie and Ginger and Casey Cart Wheel. I'd like a diary and skates.

Love,  
Karrie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Are the elves working hard? How are the Reindeer? This Christmas I would like Barbie and Ginger, a pocket knife, Precious Metals, and a rock tumbler.

Love,  
Christy  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Are the reindeer doing alright? This year I would like a Play station and a football.

Love,  
Lyle  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Have a nice Christmas Eve. Does Rudolph still have the red nose? Santa, for Christmas I would like 2 Nintendos 64 and the movies called Double Team, Anacondo and Mortal Kombat.

From,  
Magdiel  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a Super Nintendo and Foot ball games. Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? Please give me the movie Men In Black. Would you give me a football?

From,  
Isiah  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Is Mrs. Claus doing well? I would like a Nintendo 64 and games and remotes for the Nintendo 64. A Re-punzel Barbie is the thing that I want the most.

Love,  
Savannah  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I hope you keep the reindeer clean! Are the elves working hard on the toys for Christmas? I forgot a few things that I wanted for Christmas. I want two Beasts Wars for the Christmas and I want a big trampoline and a Madness Football Game 95 for my Nintendo 64.

Love,  
Brady  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nintendo. Are your reindeer doing fine?

From,  
Bradley  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

This year I would like you to eat the things I am going to give you. I want a Polly Pocket and some earings. I am dreaming that you will bring a Casey Cart Wheel.

Love,  
Makayla  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car and a police megaphone. Please send a 64 sega.

Love,  
Ryan  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like to go to the North Pole. I would like a Ninteendo 64, a bike with a water bottle, a race car track, and a movie called Mortal Kombat.

From,  
Mallcomb  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and a Barbie. I also want a stuffed bear.

Love,  
Gracie  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Barbie car, triple babies, My size dancing Barbie  
Shanea Lynn Russell  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie car and a Nanog-ame  
Love,  
Jasmine  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie and a tree, I also want a cat and a dog.

Love,  
Laura  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

You know I asked for a Trampoline but I forgot something I want a mouth piece and a go-mart.

From  
Cagen  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

Barbie triple baby toyhorse jeep  
Kayla  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I would like a Donkey Kong country ! for super nintendo.

Love,  
Justin  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline, some colors, a cheerleader doll (a girl one), and a barbie house. Nothin' else.

Love,  
Bailey Denison  
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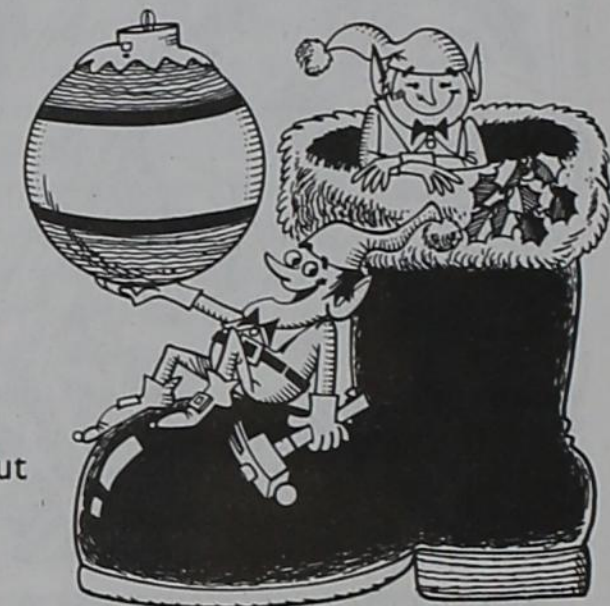
Dear Santa,

I want rollerskates, a cheerleading barbie, and I want a driving car, too.

Love,  
Lexie Osborn  
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Merry Christmas!



May Christmas and all the joy it brings be yours throughout the coming year.

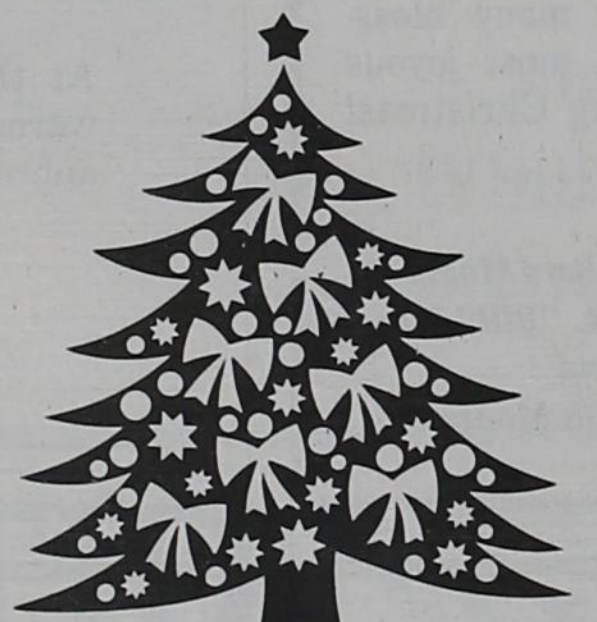
**Cowboy Boot Shop**

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Matador

**Deck The Halls!**

Happiness is... sharing a special holiday with good friends like you.

**Matador Implement**



**Season's Greetings**

It's our pleasure to keep you in touch with those you love. Thanks for your friendship and support.

**Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**



**HAPPY YULETIDE**



We're never too busy to pause and wish you the best for this holiday season. Thank you for letting



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# Dear Santa Claus ..... I want .....

Dear Santa,  
I would like skates, a basketball thing, and trampoline, please.

Love,  
Christian Brooks  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a trampoline, sport stuff, construshun rig tow, a mouth piесе.

From Cagen  
To Santa  
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Dear Santa,  
I love you! Merry Christmas! We have been good in kindergarten (most of the time). We are trying very hard. Here is our wish list.

1. Courtney Moctezuma - bicycle, playdough.
  2. Patrick Ramsey - computer, spideman.
  3. Eric Simpson - set of drums, bicycle.
  4. Ruby Haney - doll, pink horsey
  5. Melissa Flores - doll, cat
  6. Gavin Luckett - trampoline, spiderman web.
  7. Cecil Carson - guitar, batman.
  8. Andrew Martin - horse, boots
  9. Nicholas Sanders - heart by my rabbit, toy car I can drive.
  10. Timothy Ward - absent, please bring him something neat.
- Hope you have a safe trip. Tell Mrs. Claus "hi".

Love,  
Kindergarten Girls & Boys  
1997  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? For Christmas, I want a doll that shoots and makes the basket and a Casey Cartwheel.

Love,  
Hanna

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I want my size Rupunzel. I love kitchen little and Mrs. Potato Head.

Love,  
Tamra  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a scope for bb gun n camouflage clothes n a cap

Cade Luckett  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My car red, toy horse, bear

Love,  
Seraio  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
All I want is a tantraum remote control car

Marcelino Ramirez  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
The only thing I want for Christmas is a 30 computer. And I forgot cloths and shoes that all I want for Christmas.

Your enemy  
Ricardo Luna  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is money, clothes, shoes, more money, and some cd's and tapes and some more money.

Thanks  
Lacy Carson

Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you doing? I am fine. This year for Christmas I want some clothes, movies, books. O yea, I forgot, some money, too! Well, have to go, bye.

Your friend,  
Shea Rose

P.S. I will leave you some cookies, milk.

Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing o.k. at the North Pole. Say hello to rudolph for me. I've been a good little boy. Can I ask you a question? If you said yes, well how do you make all of those trips in one night. For Christmas I would like a C.D. player and a paint horse. That is all I would like for Christmas.

Love,  
Colton Russell  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a C.D. player. Also I would like some new clothes. I would like a computer with disks, and also a CDROM too. My last thing is a giga pet.

Love,  
Ashlee S.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a C.D. player and some clothes. I would also like a computer and a giga pet. I think I have been a good girl this year.

Love,  
Ashlee Green  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a nice little girl and for Christmas I would like to have some roller skates and a telescope so I can see the plannets and a big toy angel.

Merry Christmas!  
Angelica Mendoza Garcia  
\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl. I want a ring with my birthstone and some earrings with my birthstone. A Winnie the Pooh watch. A Selea Shirt. How are your elves doing wrapping presents? How are your Reindeer doing? I hope the North Pole is not cold. I wish you can come to my house.

Merry Christmas,  
Beatriz Espinoza  
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Dear St. Nick  
How's Rudolph doing? This year I want a dirtbike, camouflage coat, guitar, nike tennis shoes, and a football helmet. Have a good trip around the world.

Fannin Gwinn

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very good this year. For Christmas this year I would like a T.V. with a V.C.R. and something else too. I need some advice. What would my mom like??? I was wondering how your reindeer are doing? Plus the elves? Plus the elves?

Your Friend,  
Racheal Bartlett  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like a CD player, a bike, and toys. I hope you have a good trip.

Love,  
Griselda Flores  
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P.S. Asta pronto. Adios aamigo.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I would like a CD player, Porsche, and a nin-tendo 64 and don't forget the shotgun.

Merry Christmas  
John Martin

PS don't forget to tell Leroy the red nose reindeer I got a surprise.

Dear St. Nick

I would like to reply in my stocking. I am looking forward to Christmas. How is Roudolph? I don't want very much. I'm not very picky when it comes to Christmas. Can you make me a skateboard and hatchet.

Your believer,  
Martin Walker  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy this year (KINDA). For Christmas I would like some clothes, and a gocar and the Tantrum that when it flips it goes the other way and a VCR to watch movies.

HO HO HO Please Bring  
Genee Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I have been a bad and good boy. I want that 250 miles per hour remote control car. I want that pistol in the magazine. Good bye!

Merry Christmas  
Marc Henzler  
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Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas this year I would like a dirt bike and a big screen TV plus a big CD player and a 4x4 truck. Also a nintendo 64.

Love,  
Hermon Garza  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I would like a doll that skates and a stroller and clothes and a new church dress. How are your elves doing on those presents. I bet they are doing fine.

Merry Christmas  
Chicarga Brown  
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Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year please bring me a new truck and a race car.

Thank You,  
Michael Brown  
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Dear Santa,  
police mans megaphone 64 sega remotolcar

Love  
Jesse



'Twas the night before Christmas, when  
all through the house not a creature  
was stirring... not even a mouse...

— Clement Clarke Moore

Many thanks for your kind support.

**Thacker Supply**  
Roaring Springs 348-7216

It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best... along with our thanks.

**Matador Post Office**  
Freddie Morren  
Postmaster

*Merry Christmas, Friends*

**Merry Christmas!**

**Best Wishes For A Healthy, Happy Holiday**

Our entire staff is pleased to be here for all of you.

**Motley County Clinic**  
Matador, Texas

.... and wise men still seek HIM

**Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

**JOY TO ALL**

Caprock Cellular

The Clear Choice

We are ringing out good wishes for a wonderful holiday season to our fine friends. Hope Santa's good to you this Christmas.

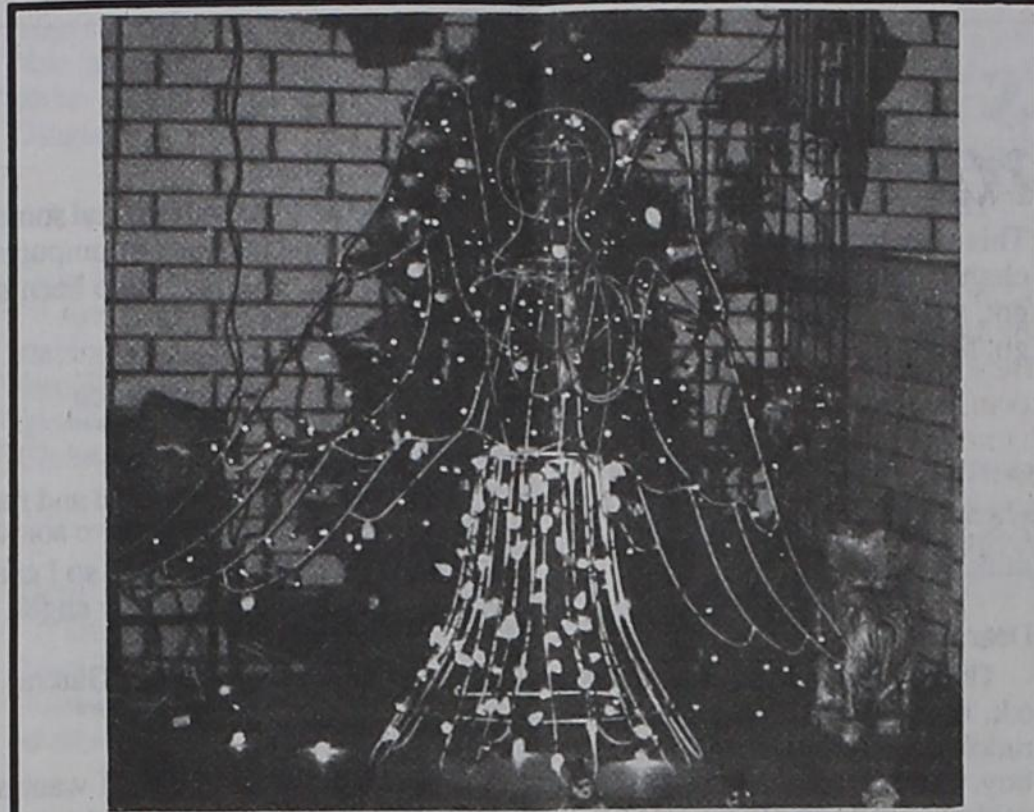
**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
An old-fashioned Christmas wish to all our friends.

**Paymaster Gin**  
Quitaque





**WHAT A PRETTY SMILE** — Hannah Alexander is smiling pretty while sitting in Santa's lap. She is the daughter of Russell Alexander and Kim Alexander, both of Roaring Springs.



**ANGEL IN BLUE** — This beautiful angel on the porch of Magdalena Carlson of Matador, is decorated with beautiful blue lights.

## 'Tis the Season to be Creative

Christmas is such a special time of year, we want to make wonderful memories for our family and friends to cherish for a lifetime!

Be creative this Christmas Season by adding your own special touch to every decoration, package, table setting and loving gesture you have to offer!

Nestle Berries and evergreen in the bows on top of your package. Have a little gift for each and every person who visits your home this year such as soaps, sachets, jellies, coffee creamers, poems, crayons...

Use battery lit wreaths to frame your dinner plates.

Need extra setting for a dinner party? Bring in your outdoor patio furniture!

Display special collections - such as tea cups tied with ribbon to your tree or garland. Display Christmas cards on an easel; changed daily from a basket full of cards, kept under the Christmas Tree.

Use rick rack and ordinary objects from around the house to trim the tree and add special interest to your Christmas decor!

Use rope and cording in place of ribbon!

Top your table with a sweet centerpiece - such as a homemade candycane vase

Create a festive spirit with little gifts at each place setting.

Make an elf bootie with your napkins or tie with fancy ribbon, adding bells, berries, or small ornaments. Spruce up canisters and trays with ribbon, evergreen and berries.

Mix the new and old! You may have all new, beautiful Christmas decorations, which are great! But don't forget about the old ones, which carry all the precious memories with them from Christmas' past. Nestle in those cherished ornaments from childhood!

Allow your children to host their own holiday party - inviting and entertaining their own little friends.

Add fresh evergreen, berries, flowers and mistletoe to your garland, mantle pieces and around your home for an extra charming touch.

Make use of evergreen and shrubs you may have in your own backyard.

## Gift Giving

Gift giving is a form of communication, a way for us to establish and strengthen our relationships. A gift should be something the receiver will cherish and enjoy! The presentation should be a reflection of the giver!

Be creative with your gift giving. Work up a theme and carry it out to the finest detail. Use unusual objects instead of boxes or baskets, and let the goodies drape out of them... objects such as a shoe, hat, wine glass, tool box, toy truck...

Consider the special interests and hobbies of your friends. You can come up with a wonderful and very personal present.

Always be prepared and keep extra gifts on hand.

Offer something that could become traditional fun:

☆ An "I Owe You" note for lunch passed back and forth.

☆ A pretty box that could be filled and passed among the family for years.

☆ Go through "Old Cards" and give them back to the one who originally gave them to you.

Give something special of yours to someone who has admired it.

The "Christmas Thank You Book" — A pretty blank book. Enter the year, names of people there, then as each person opens his gift, record what was given to whom by whom. Rotate being the "gift secretary" annually. Great source for gift ideas, reminder of gifts already given, and of course for thank you notes.

The "Family Tree" — A copy of the family tree, printed beautifully, rolled

up & tied with a pretty ribbon.

The "Family Book of Memories" — A blank book for each member of your family to be passed around at special occasions and written in by each family member. This provides a wonderful opportunity to record family history & share loving thoughts and admiration for one another.

The "Christmas Wish Basket" — A basket filled with Christmas Wishes (a gift that cannot be purchased) written down on individual slips of paper and placed into the basket. Draw one out each day and make their dreams come true!! It could be spending a day in the park, reading a story, washing a spouse's car, a chore....

Make a "Festive Video Greeting Card" and send it to someone far away who cannot make it home for Christmas from all their loved ones back home.

Hang "A Stocking for Jesus" — in the song, "The Little Drummer Boy", gave all he had to the Christ child, he played music for him upon his drum.

Have each member of the family write down on a piece of paper what he will give of himself to the baby Jesus this Christmas. These "gifts" may range from a promise to reading through the Bible during this coming year, to a commitment to work on an area of life that needs special attention. Then place the slip of paper in the stocking until Christmas when you may read your wish out loud and celebrate with a birthday cake for Jesus.

For New Years, give a jar of canned black-eye peas tied with a pretty, festive ribbon.



True compassion began with the first Christmas, and its magnificence has inspired mankind to seek glory in humility. At its knee the great learned the simple truth of love.

Trail Dust by Douglas Meador  
★★★★★

May the hope that was born of love that silent, holy night remain in your hearts through the years, As it has in mine for all of you.

Lila Meador

Merry Christmas from the Edwards family

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE WISH YOU A Sparkling Christmas

Thanks for your loyal patronage. Here's hoping you have a gem of a holiday!

Thacker Jewelry  
downtown Roaring Springs

Happy Holidays

To all our cherished friends and customers. We truly appreciate your business.

Main Street  
downtown Matador

Happy Holidays to all my family & friends in Motley County.

HARRIETT MARSHALL

In the Holiday Tradition...

We're taking this time to say "thanks" for doing business with us. We're pleased to have you as customers and proud to call you our friends. Have a merry Christmas!

City Grocery  
Roaring Springs  
Billy & Cory Easter

Share the Joy!

We're happy to supply our warmest Yuletide wishes to you and yours. Many thanks, friends.

Stockman's  
(806) 347-2845

Your friendship has brightened our lives. Have a very, merry Christmas!

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES  
Matador



# Traditions Around The World

In the Netherlands, Belgium & Luxembourg, People exchange gifts on December 6. St. Nicholas' Day. A man dressed in rich robes of a Bishop represents the saint. He questions the children about their behavior during the year and promises to return during the night with gifts for the good children. The children fill wooden shoes with cookies and candy for the saint and leave them on the doorstep. He takes the goodies and leaves toys and other gifts. In these countries, December 25 is a purely religious holiday.

In Sweden, celebration begins on St Lucia's Day, December 13. Swedish children believe that elves called Jul Nisse help them with holiday tasks. The children thank the elves by leaving food on the table for them at night.

In Norway, Yuletide season starts out St. Thomas Day, December 21. Cakes are baked especially for St. Thomas on Christmas Eve. Church bells throughout the country are rung at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Christmas Eve to welcome Christmas. Norwegian Christmas pudding contains an almond. The people believe that the person who gets the almond in his portion will be the next to be married.

In Finland, the Christmas season leads up to a special Christmas dinner. Traditionally consists of fish, baked ham, stewed prunes, mashed turnips, and rice porridge for dessert.

The people of all Scandinavian countries give food to birds at Christmas, because all seeds, nuts and insects are covered with snow.

In Poland, the people fast the whole day before Christmas then have a feast at nightfall. A vacant chair for the Holy Child always stands at the festive table. Straw is scattered on the tables to remind everyone of the stable in which Christ was born.

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is regarded as Mother's Day. While the Mother sits quietly, the children tie her feet to her

chair, and shout, "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, what will you pay to get away?" She then gives them a gift. The next Sunday, father receives the same treatment with the same happy results.

Children in Russian Villages, formerly celebrated Christmas Eve by going from house to house, shouting and singing, until people came out and gave them food. This custom may have come from a much older one in which crowds of children drew a beautiful girl through the streets on a sled, stopping at each house to sing.

In Mexico, families look forward to the Posada on each of the nine nights before Christmas Day. The members of the family re-enact the Posada in

memory of Mary and Joseph's search for rooms on the first Christmas Eve. They form a procession from room to room, led by two children carrying figures of Mary and Joseph, the children beg to enter, but are refused. When they reach the room containing the altar, the wanderers are admitted.

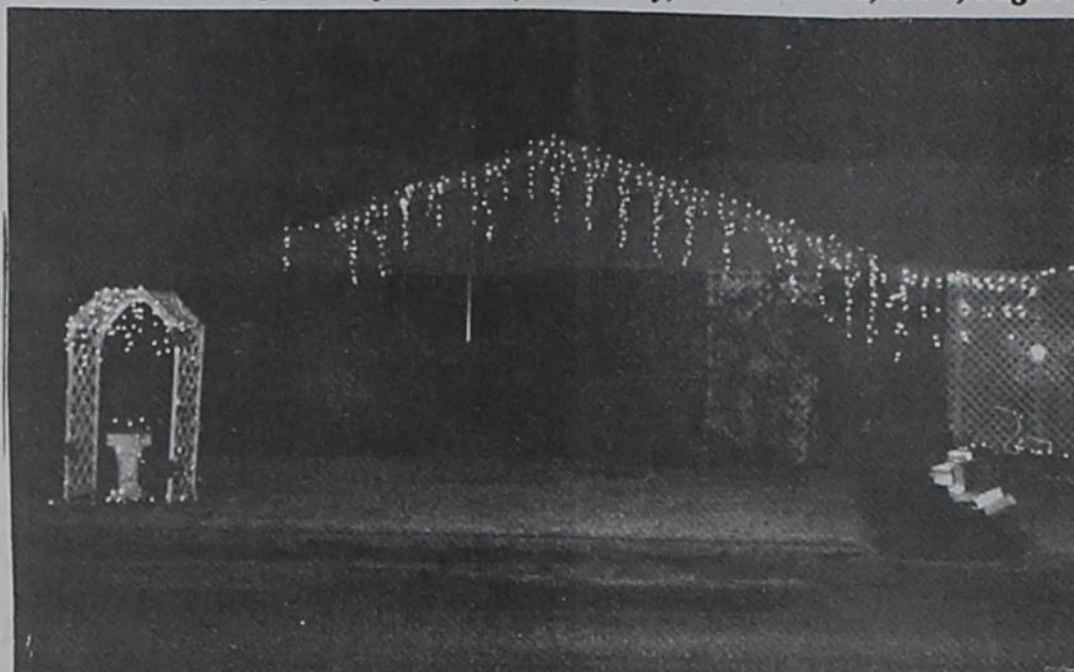
They put the figures of Mary & Joseph in the tiny Stable of a miniature Bethlehem. They do not put the figure of the infant Jesus in the manger until Christmas Eve. The last night of the Posada, the host invites everyone to his courtyard to help break the pinata.

In South America, children believe the Wise Men bring them Christmas Gifts.

In Brazil, children find gifts in their shoes on Christmas morning and on the eve of Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, they leave water and hay on the doorstep for the Wisemen's camels.

In Puerto Rico, many families celebrate Christmas Eve with large suppers, music and dancing. Children usually receive gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany, January 6th.

Traditions have come to us all across the world, and as Americans, we have incorporated a little of each country's beliefs into our own family traditions. The glory of America is freedom...so enjoy and have fun expressing your own traditions and combining bits and pieces.



ICICLE LIGHTS — The home of Mark and Kathleen Wason in Matador is beautifully decorated with hanging icicle lights.

## Some unusual notes on Christmas music

Centuries before Christ's Birth when Bethlehem shepherds heard angels sing, "Glory to God in the Highest," Christmas music had been performed!

Psalms about the Messiah's Nativity were composed many generations before by David, a shepherd boy of Bethlehem (who later became the second king of the Jewish nation).

About Christ we find David singing "Thou are fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips" (Psalm 45: 2) reminding us of the Christmas hymn "Fairiest Lord Jesus."

A favorite modern carol "The Little Drummer Boy" telling of a poor boy who had no gift to give the Child Jesus

except a solo on his drum) recalls to us David, the poor boy-shepherd who shouted out happily, "Unto Thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel!" (Psalm 71:22).

David also gave us a preview of the well-known "We Three Kings" when he sang, "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the king of Sheba and Saba shall offer gifts!" (Psalm 72:10).

These psalms and other canticles from the Old Testament which tell in prophecy of events concerning the Birthday of Jesus Christ can be considered Christmas music in a very real sense!

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

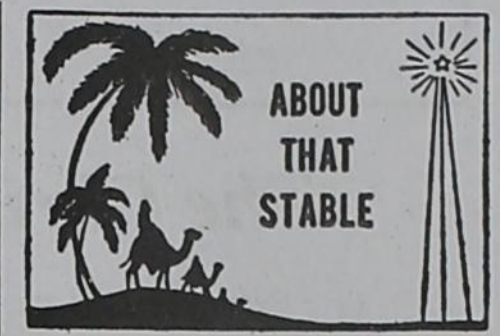
**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**  
Here's hoping your home and heart be filled with joy and good will this Holiday Season.

**TEMPIE HUTTON**  
Attorney at Law

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

May the warmth and wonder of this joyous season embrace you and yours, now and throughout the year. To our loyal friends and customers, thank you for your valued patronage.

**Motley County Judge**  
Laverna Price



Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200.

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights, and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdaining joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Saviour is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.



peace and joy always  
Our three wishes for you: love, health and happiness.  
**New To You**  
downtown Matador

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To all, we wish health, happiness and good cheer, now and throughout the coming year.

**MEREDITH GAS & SUPPLY**

**WARMEST WISHES**

Here's to a bright and beautiful season.

**MOTLEY COUNTY CLERK**  
Lucretia Estes Campbell

**O HOLY NIGHT**

From kings to humble shepherds, the peace and joy of that Holy Night are gifts of love He gave and gives to all.

**MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE**

Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that your Christmas be blessed with joy.

**Motley County Sheriff's Department**  
Jim Meador - Sheriff      Jay Hawkins - Deputy  
Elaine Hart & Terree Donaldson



# Santa's Workshop

Find a special spot in your home to make a workshop where friends & family can come together and build relationships while using their imagination & creativity to make gifts for others.

Have baskets full of projects to work on at leisure, while sharing a cup of Christmas tea.

- Pomanders
- Strings of popcorn
- Sequin Balls
- Addressing cards

Invite and encourage your friends to bring their projects by and you can work and visit together.

Set up children's tables and activities... (have baskets full of glue, scissors, yarn, caryons, etc.)

- \* Play dough
- \* Icing cookies
- \* Christmas cards
- \* Pomanders
- \* Gingerbread house
- \* Puzzles

During the holidays let your children invite friends over to experience all the joy of Santa's Workshop. They can make things to take home for their parents.

**\* Handmade Christmas Cards —** Let your children take turns designing your family's custom-made Christmas Cards. Take their art work to the printer and you'll have a special greeting to send to friends and family

\* Have children bring worn out toys to Santa's Workshop so the elves can give them some love and care. An old doll will be as good as new after a bath and being dressed in freshly pressed clothes. After all the toys have been cleaned up and repaired, take them back to the children and let them give the toys to a needy family or a charitable organization.

In a survey where school children were asked what made a happy family. The children didn't answer a big house, designer jeans, new cars, or CD players. The most frequently mentioned key to happiness was **"DOING THINGS TOGETHER!"**

When children have an opportunity to make presents, they get to use their natural energy and creativity, as well as experience the joy of giving. Gifts kids create are presents from the heart and are treasured down through the years.

**\* Santa's Mailbox —** To be filled with letters of love and praise for those around us, then read aloud on Christmas eve, then forwarded to Santa.

Lots of fun and different parties can be held in Santa's Workshop.

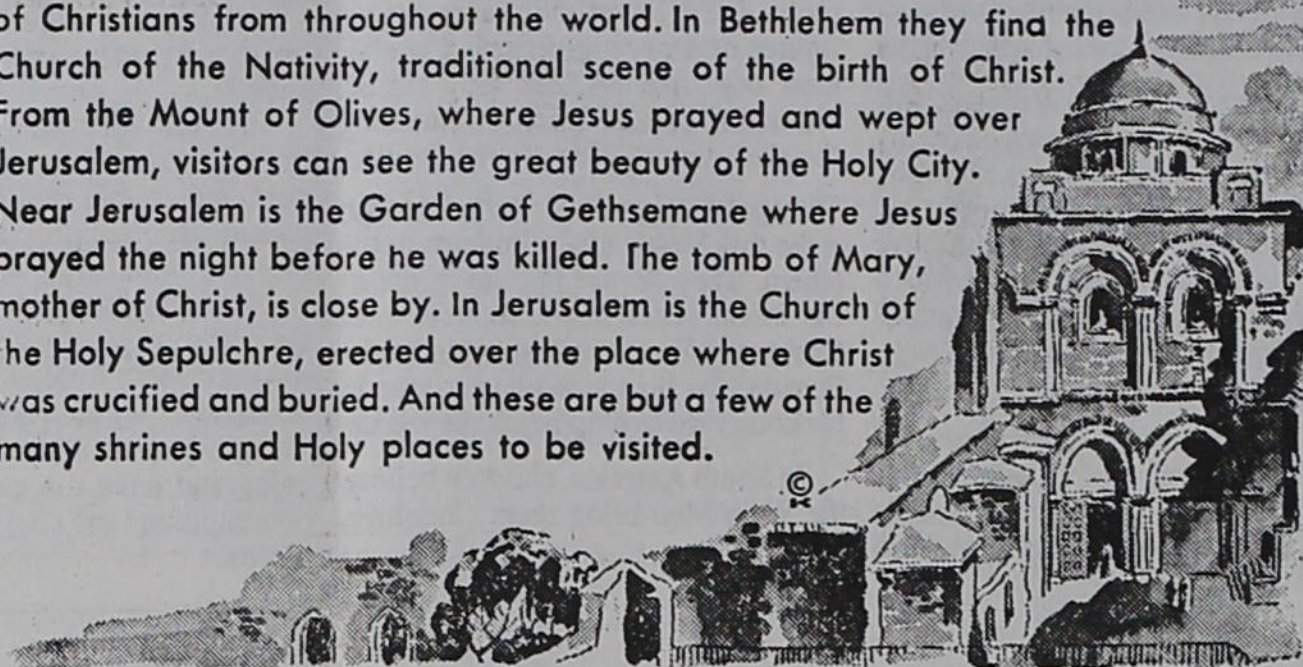
- \* Mother - Daughter Teas
- \* Make it and Take it
- \* Christmas for the Birds
- \* Breakfast with Santa

Let your imagination go wild! "It's not Art, but Heart which wins the wide world over."

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# In The Holy Land

Jerusalem and the Holy Land at this time of the year attract thousands of Christians from throughout the world. In Bethlehem they find the Church of the Nativity, traditional scene of the birth of Christ. From the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prayed and wept over Jerusalem, visitors can see the great beauty of the Holy City. Near Jerusalem is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before he was killed. The tomb of Mary, mother of Christ, is close by. In Jerusalem is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, erected over the place where Christ was crucified and buried. And these are but a few of the many shrines and Holy places to be visited.



## The Christmas Spirit

Every year, you are sure to hear someone say, "I just can't seem to get the Christmas spirit!"

Just what is the Christmas spirit? Here is what some writers have to say about it.

Back in 1897, a famed editorial used the figure of Santa Claus to exemplify the Christmas spirit. "Yes, Virginia," wrote Francis P. Church, editor of the New York Sun, "there is a Santa Claus... He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy."

Charles Dickens captured the spirit of Christmas in his description of Ebenezer Scrooge's overnight change from an unhappy miser to a generous employer: "A merry Christmas, Bob!" said Scrooge with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back. "A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and endeavour to assist your struggling family, and we will discuss your affairs

this very afternoon, over a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob!... Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father.

He became as good a friend, as good a master and as good a man, as the good old city knew or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world."

This transformation of Scrooge's is a dramatic example of how Christmas brings joy to those who are open to its message.

The youngsters caroling for senior citizens at a convalescent home... the shopper who takes time to wish the harried clerk "Merry Christmas"... the church members collecting food and clothing to take to less fortunate neighbors... the co-worker who invites a lonely bachelor to share a family dinner... all these have experienced the joy of reaching out to others that is the core of the Christmas experience, paralleling the love of the Father reaching out to a sinful world through His beloved Son.



## First Christmas Carol

The first Christmas carol composed in America was written in the Huron Indian language, by a Frenchman.

The lyrics were written in 1641 by a native of France, Father Jean de Brebeuf, for his Christian converts. He set the words to a popular French tune, "Une Jeune Pucele."

In his writing, the French priest described the Hurons' reverence for Christmas: "They built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches in honor of the Infant Jesus... Even those who were at a distance of more than two days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child."

After the Hurons were defeated by the Iroquois, they resettled near Quebec, preserving the Christmas carol among their traditions.



## Peace on Earth

May the meaning of Christmas inspire you with gladness, as we express our sincere thanks.



Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church

## Rejoice

May the star of Bethlehem light your way throughout the year, as it did for the shepherds long ago.

**First Baptist Church**  
Roaring Springs  
Rev. Don Jones

## Hallelujah!

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:11,12)*

Just about two thousand years ago a small group of God fearing astronomers, Wise Men, who, at great expense to themselves and in spite of many dangers, traveled a very long distance in search of the new born King of the Jews, whom we know as Jesus Christ. They humbled themselves before this child; born in a stable yet destined to cause the fall and rising of many.

Today, there are many "Wise Men" who seek the child that was born in the stable of Bethlehem. But unlike the travelers of long ago that ventured so far to see the Lord, we need only to bow our hearts in prayer and we are immediately in His presence. Won't you take the journey to see him today? **The members of First Assembly pray God will bless you with a joyous Christmas and Blessed New Year to come!**

**First Assembly of God**  
P.O. Box 536 - Matador, TX 79244 - (806)347-2771 - Rex Krause, Pastor

## SILENT NIGHT

The joy of giving and sharing makes this Holy Season truly the most beautiful.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Matador  
Rev. Monte Wike

## REJOICE

To one and all go our hopes for peace on earth and joy in your hearts.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Roaring Springs  
Rev. Monte Wike

## Blessings Of The Season

May the warmth of his everlasting love inspire you during this happy, holy season, as you experience a peaceful, joy-filled Christmas.

**Full Gospel Church**  
Roaring Springs  
Rev. Rickey Lawrence

## The Angels Sing

We wish everyone a Christmas holiday of peace and harmony.

*The celebration of His birth and the spirit of giving make Christmas the most special time of the year.*

**First Baptist Church**  
Matador  
Rev. Felton Gilmore

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**CHRISTMAS**  
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