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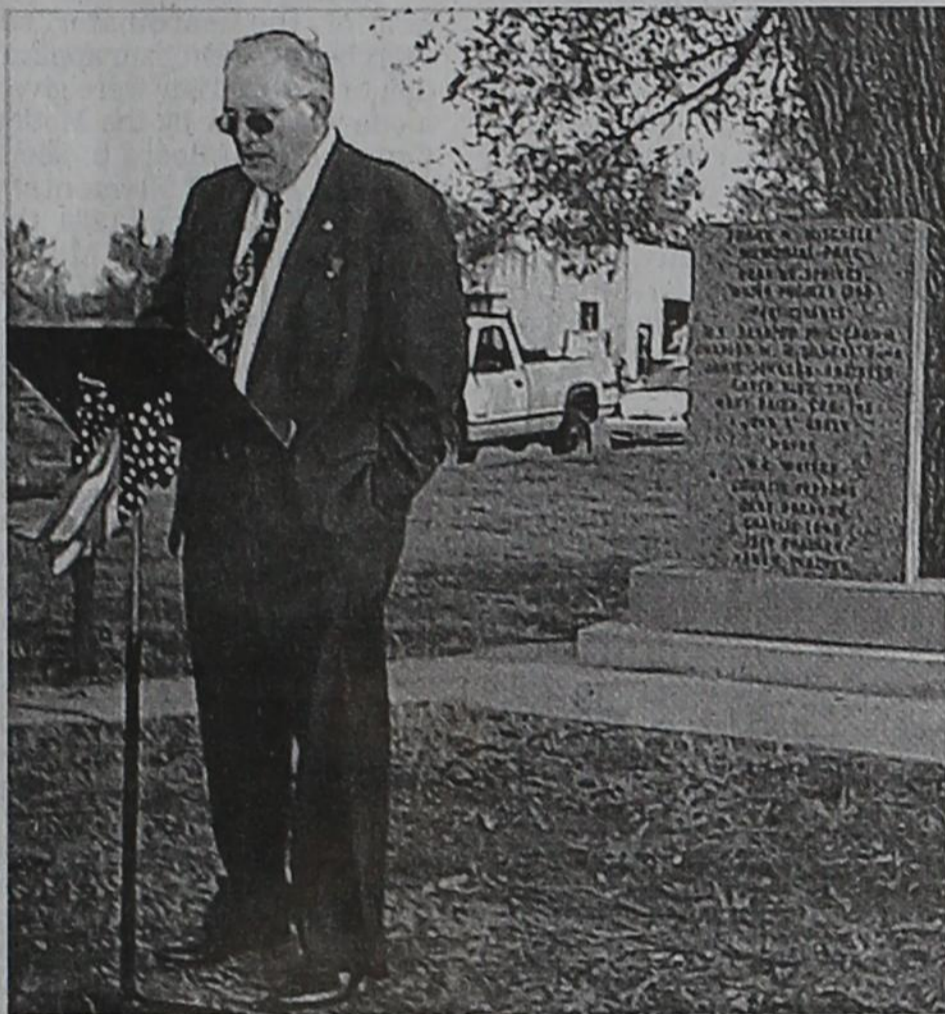
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Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop dedicated in special ceremony

The City of Roaring Springs officially dedicated the Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop, Tuesday, November 11, with a special ceremony. Mayor Corky Marshall welcomed the crowd and introduced Michael Crowley, Minister of the Matador and Roaring Springs Church of Christ, who presented the dedication.

Mr. Crowley presented the following moving tribute:

"The phrase 'Congressional Medal of Honor' causes pause. It causes us to reflect upon all that it means. There is a certain in-take of breath when it is mentioned in the presence of those who understand its meaning.

We are here today to dedicate this loop to the memory of Frank Mitchell. This monument, the highway loop will stand as a mute testimony to the great sacrifice Frank made to guarantee us and his country, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. There will

always be a part of some of you here that will always remember his sacrifice.

And so, we are gathered here today at this place to remember and pay homage to the gallant young man who was so willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

We must however, keep in mind that those freedoms so dearly paid for in blood by our nations' finest, can, unless guarded very carefully, be lost in just one careless generation.

Abe Lincoln - "A nation with no regard for its past will have little worth remembering in its future."

John Adams - "I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means. To those who sacrificed for our freedom, the end was worth the painful means. Where will we be

tomorrow if men and women of integrity do not come forward today and pay the price to insure America's Freedom."

"Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." John Quincy Adams.

"What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a price upon its goods and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated." Thomas Payne, 1776.

It was Theodore Roosevelt that said, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust

and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows." Mr. Crowley added, "The cause is dearer than self-preservation, and who at the worst, if he is to die, dies while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those of cold or timid nature. Who will never know of victory or defeat."

Frank Mitchell was a Marine, and an Officer of Marines. He understood his responsibilities inherent to that role.

Frank exercised leadership initiative by that appropriate action in the absence of orders. He did not compromise his integrity nor his moral courage. He did not forget nor let his men forget that they were professionals.

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DEDICATION CEREMONY

Michael Crowley, Sr., Minister of the Roaring Springs and Matador Church of Christ, presented a moving tribute to Frank Mitchell and all Veterans during the special ceremony to dedicate Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop, Tuesday, November 11th, at Roaring Springs.



MOTLEY COUNTY VETERANS were honored with a special program sponsored by the Motley County ISD Student Council, on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11.

Matador Volunteer Fire Department awarded grant

Matador Volunteer Fire Department was one of eleven communities in Texas which recently received a grant through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response, announced the 242 grants to fire departments throughout the U.S. in the twenty-first round of the program, November 6. The grants will ultimately total approximately 7,000 awards worth \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters. In addition to Matador, ten other communities in Texas were also awarded grants, including Avery, Orange, Howardwick, El Paso, Brazos, Wall, Dripping Springs, Beasley, Glenn Heights and Hutto.

"In California we have seen the benefits of the suppression efforts made by the nation's fire fighters, and it underscores the importance of putting fire grant funds directly into the communities," said Brown. "President Bush, Homeland Security and FEMA are committed to the prevention and preparedness of all fires, as we are to providing firefighters with the critical financial support they need, through the AFG program."

This twenty-first round of grants provides over \$14 million to help local fire departments fund the purchase of firefighting equipment, fund firefighter health and safety programs, enhance emergency medical services programs, and conduct fire prevention and safety programs. To date, over 5400 fire departments have received

over \$380 million to support their role as first responders in the neighborhoods and communities they serve as firefighters.

Grants have been made available to the following fire departments in Texas:

- Matador Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$42,705)

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Motley County School Board meets

by Tina Brooks

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met November 10 for their regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present, with the exception of Ted Davey and Pat Smith, who were absent due to illness. Also present were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford and Tommy Gleghorn.

No one was present for the public hearing for the discussion of the 2003-04 Academic Excellence Indicator System report from the Texas Education Agency. Motley County received the rating of a Recognized School.

No one was present for open forum.

Mrs. Hicks reported that enrollment is at 183 with a 97% attendance rating. Motley County ISD has a goal of 98%.

The progress monitoring tests for the Voyager program shows improvement for all students.

Motley County placed third in UIL competition held at New Home recently. Motley County children did very well in all events.

Mr. Copp informed the Board of training over the Internet. Board members are required to receive training each year. The number of hours required depends on how long the board member has served.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Financial statements were reviewed and accepted.

The textbook committee was reviewed and approved. This committee reviews new textbooks for the upcoming year.

No bids were received for the activity bus.

The Board approved a proposal for traffic patterns and speed zones around the school. This proposal will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

Participation in a purchasing cooperative supported by the Texas Association of School

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Late Night Shopping set for December 4th

It will be here before you know it! Christmas is definitely coming and Matador businesses are getting ready! The date has been set for the Annual Late Night Shopping event in Matador. Early shoppers will get the chance for some old fashioned fun and bargains when businesses will stay open late Thursday, December 4.

Late night specials will be available from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. at participating businesses. A special discount will be given to Senior Citizens 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Santa Claus has been notified of the date and has agreed

to be in Matador to visit with local children and take note of their Christmas wishes. The Eternas Study Club will once again sponsor their Kiddie Store which gives little ones the chance to purchase a special gift for Mom or Dad.

Participating businesses will hold drawings and each person making a purchase will be given a bell with a chance to win a gift. Vendors wishing to put up a booth on the sidewalk are welcome to do so, but are asked to contact *The Motley County Tribune* for more information and in order to be listed in the newspaper. Other great happenings

are being planned for the evening.

Mark your calendars now, save your money and take advantage of this special Late Night Shopping event, sponsored by Matador businesses, to promote 'shopping at home.'

Senior Citizens Center will hold fund-raisers to match grants

The Motley County Senior Citizens Center will be holding fund raisers in the near future to raise funds in order to match grants. The Center is currently applying for a grant, through the County, for an addition to the building to be used for additional kitchen room and storage. A cash match of \$5,400 must be raised locally. An additional cost will be an Administration Share Cost fee that will be paid to AAA in the amount of \$1,724.04.

The first fund-raiser will take place December 4, during Late Night Shopping, when the Center will host a soup and cornbread meal. The menu will consist of soup, cornbread and cake. Donations will be taken for the meal.

Motley County man critically injured in one-vehicle accident

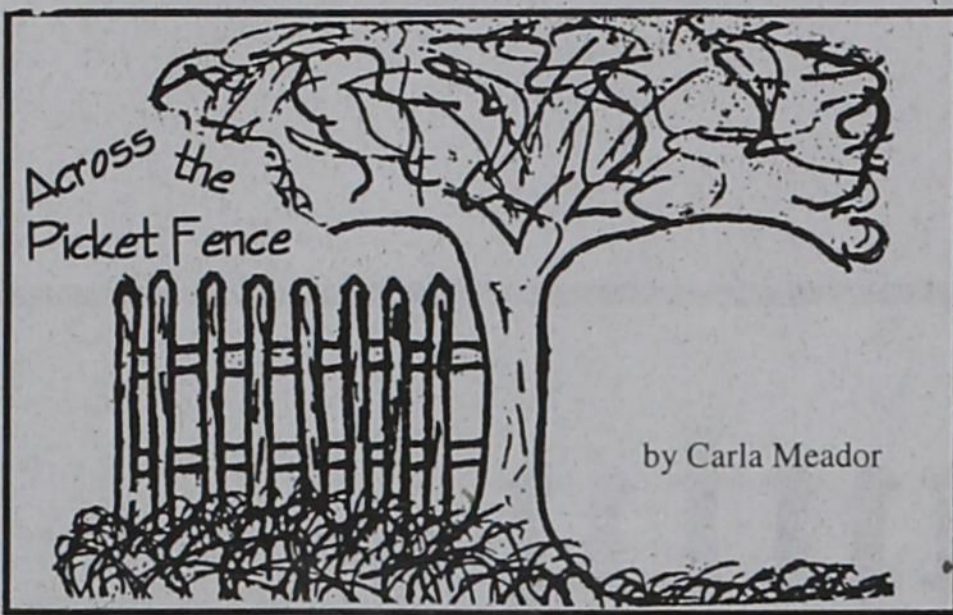
Motley County resident, Steve Stevens, 47, was critically injured in a one-vehicle accident near Northfield Wednesday morning, November 5. Motley County authorities were notified at approximately 10:35 a.m. According to DPS officer Mark Gumaer, Mr. Stevens' pickup left the roadway, approximately 17 miles north of Matador on FM-94, for unknown reasons. When Stevens corrected he was either thrown or fell from the vehicle and received extensive injuries. The vehicle traveled through a fence, rolling two times.

Motley County EMS transported Stevens to Matador where he was air-lifted to UMC Hospital in Lubbock. He remained in Intensive Care until Tuesday afternoon, November 11, when he was moved to Room 300. At newstime his condition is reported to be very serious, but improving.

Basketball Spirit Rally Thursday

Motley County Booster Club will sponsor the Basketball Spirit Rally, honoring Jr. High and High School team members, Thursday (tonight) November 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Gym.

Booster Club members and parents of team members are asked to bring homemade cookies or brownies, etc.



Well, I've said it before, and I will say it again — if anyone thinks there is nothing to do in Motley County — they're wrong!! I was coming and going so much this weekend I think I met myself running.

The Flomot Do Gooders Club held their Annual Bazaar Saturday morning, which was very good. They had all kinds of neat stuff! That afternoon the big birthday party for Mrs. Vera Mitchell was held in Roaring Springs. It was wonderful. There were so many people there. I was so glad to see my friend Becky and other Mitchell family members I had not seen in years.

On Saturday night, the Matador VFD held their annual fundraising barbecue supper. It was delicious and again lots of people!

Sunday afternoon there was a wonderful program at the Library. Marisue gave a very informative presentation on the history of the library's establish-

ment in Motley County. It is printed on this page. And Mrs. Virginia Taylor of Floydada recited a cute poem, which is printed on page 3. Her presentation of the poetry brought it to life.

Work, work, work and a fast trip to Plainview to get film developed on Monday. And then on Tuesday, a Veteran's program at School. I think it's great that our Student Council sponsors this. With the current war taking place, I think our young people are really being made aware of the sacrifices that our soldiers make for our freedom.

The dedication of the Frank Mitchell Memorial Loop was held Tuesday afternoon in Roaring Springs. Mr. Crowley gave a very touching presentation.

Again I say, I just can't imagine anyone not having anything to do in Motley County!

Well, it's Wednesday, the paper will be printed and mailed, and then it's time to start all over again. Isn't life great!

Motley County Lifestyles

Arts & Crafts Club will host Bazaar Saturday

by Winifred Darsey

The Motley County Arts and Crafts Club will host their annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 15 at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Come, browse, be refreshed at the tea table and hopefully find something you want of the homemade gifts. There will be something for everyone, baked goods included.

The club held their regular meeting last Monday with a special class taught by Joy Archer, on etching, an old art form, but always new in interest. Many handsome pictures evolved with lovely proportions and detail. Some of these will be on sale at the Bazaar.

Plans were made for the Christmas Party. Nova Dale will

be hostess. There will be a contest for the best decorated shopping bag and a gift exchange. A covered dish luncheon will be held at noon and a very good time to get the good ole' Christmas Spirit.

The Dutch Doll quilt is on display at the Center. Tickets are one dollar each, or six for \$5.00. The quilt will be given away December 19 at 12:00 noon at the Center.

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Dorothy Knight, Judy Hemm, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Jo Trammel, Nova Dale Turner and Winifred Darsey.

Your reporter omitted from October meeting, Dorothy Day and Kathryn Russell's names.

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar Saturday!



West Texas Library System Coordinator, Nancy Hill, left, is pictured above with Motley County Librarian Suzanne Abbott, at Sunday's program.

History of Library outlined at Open House

Motley County Library held a special celebration Sunday afternoon, November 9, giving patrons a chance to see the new bookshelves, carpeting and murals. A standing room only crowd gathered and heard Mrs. Virginia Taylor of Floydada present a very entertaining 'cowboy poem' (printed elsewhere in this edition), and Ms. Marisue Potts present a history of the Library.

Mrs. Potts stated in her presentation that Librarian Suzanne Abbott had recently related to the Lions Club, "The library of today is not the library of your mothers." What we see today is a modern, up to date facility that uses all the technology that the West Texas Library System can muster out of the benevolence of the state of Texas.

In her report, Ms. Potts, said that the Library was first established in Matador by the El Progresso Study Club in 1929 with each member donating one book. Mrs. Mary Keith served as librarian. The number of volumes grew to 600, but with no facilities available to house the books, the project was handed over to the Matador public schools.

A movement in 1969 was spearheaded by the Eternas Jr. Study Club to establish a county library in the courthouse, but after learning that county taxes would increase 10% to maintain the library, plans again fell through.

In 1980 a survey by the West Texas Library System turned up counties that were not served by libraries, Motley County being one of the few. Coordinator Jim Schwepke met with citizens to garner support for founding a library. A committee of four, Michelle Bearden, Marie Linson, Ronnie Thacker and Syd Pipkin, set up a telephone survey to poll county residents on their interest and received overwhelming support for the project. At the next county commissioners meeting a group approached the court for funding. The committee of four, with the addition of Darla Gwinn, were appointed as board members.

Ms. Potts continued, "To these five board members," related Michelle Bearden Jeffers, "this library meant ever so much more than simply a room full of books. With the reading of books comes knowledge; with knowledge the Board could en-

vision a community of people reaching toward personal growth and enrichment which might actually perpetuate the taste for progress."

The five women, with the help of the coordinator, researched and sent their application to Austin. They were given a one-year trial, by the Motley County School Board to use a room in the old Elementary School. In June of 1981 the board learned that Motley County was the recipient of a \$20,000 establishment grant With the application of Beverly Darsey, a teacher with a Library Science minor, the Library was set.

In October, 1981, the official grand opening honored special guests State Representative Foster Whaley, Judge Billy Joe Whitaker, and Coordinator Jim Schwepke. County funding amounted to \$4,000 in 1981, the City of Matador, \$200; the City of Roaring Springs, \$100; and \$1,000 from Friends of the Library.

After the May, 1984 tornado destroyed the new school, the rooms that housed the library were needed for classes. The American Legion came to the rescue by offering the front of their building and the library was relocated.

In October, 1985, Sarah Hurt took over Librarian duties. Although library board members appreciated the use of the American Legion building, they longed for a home. With funds from the proceeds of the Sesquicentennial celebration, a Roaring Springs Cookbook, History Day at the Ranch, Lions Club light bulb sale, and others, an account to buy a building was established.

Geneva Wilson made available the rock clad county barn, and a trade was eventually made with Sonny Russell for the Commercial Grocery building, which had been used for storage for many years.

After much restoration to the building, January 9, 1988, found another open house celebration.

Ms. Potts said, in closing, "Today we find the library, not that of our mothers, but one specially molded to the needs of a society that is rapidly changing. As Michelle wrote: "That which was just an idea is indeed a reality now. So much time, work and effort has gone into realizing this dream of having a library — is that a grand thing to accomplish?"

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We had a wonderful Celebration here at the library Sunday, and we appreciate everyone who attended. We thank the Friends of the Library for the great refreshments.

New books in the library include Sandra Brown's latest, *Best Kept Secrets*. Also, we would like to introduce a new author to our readers of mystery stories, Stephanie Kane.

Her new book is *Extreme Indifference*, and those who have read it say that it is very good. Both of these new books

and many others are now ready for your reading pleasure.

The Friends of the Library met last Thursday and made plans for the Celebration and the Late-Night Shopping, which will include a book sale, a senior citizen's discount and a door prize. More information later.

Because I don't like to go home in the dark, we will try some Winter Hours for the library. I hope this doesn't inconvenience anyone. And if we don't like it we can go back to the present hours.

Library hours will change for winter

Beginning the week of November 17, the library will observe winter hours. Actually, Monday and Friday hours will stay the same as they are in the

summer. The library will be open as follows: Monday, 2-5 P.M.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12 Noon to 5 P.M.

Storytime with Shea to continue at Library

Shea Rose will continue to host an after-school story time at the Motley County Public Library. Scheduled dates for the story time are:

November: Thursday, 13th & 20th.

December: Thursday, 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Elementary students are encouraged to meet at the Public Library from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to visit the library.

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DO GOODERS — The Flomot Do Gooders club sponsored their annual Fall Bazaar last Saturday at the Community Center. The Bazaar featured several booths with a variety of items for Christmas shopping.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."
Psalm 127:1

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"LOVE ... What Is It?"

Love sometimes is difficult to define. But love is never hard to see. We see the actions that love prompts. Love is an intangible. There are times when the word is used too freely. It is often said, "I love my new car, I love my clothes or I love the movies." When you and I use expressions like these, the word love loses much of its rightful meaning. Love is something we do. It is an action.

The Bible gives us good examples of the definition of Love. For example the ancient Israelites experienced a miraculous rescue from Egyptian bondage. In fact they were given one miracle after another that demonstrated love's actions. These all were from God yet these actions by God were unappreciated and often ignored by those people of old. They had a very shallow understanding of love. Things went very badly for them because of their lack of response to love's actions.

Then the Messiah came. He came to the world to show us a love that would be unconditional and would include everyone and exclude no one. Here we can easily see the definition of love. It is through Jesus Christ that we find God's full expression of His love toward us. When this love is recognized and we respond to it wonderful things begin to happen. God's love will bless everyone and will bring peace, strength, healing and happiness beyond our expectations. Why? God is love. It's His very nature according to the "apostle of love" in I John chapter 4.

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

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



SENIORS RECOGNIZED — Motley County Seniors were recognized when they were escorted by their parents, onto the football field last Friday night before the last game of the 2003 season.

Veterans' Oral History project announced

by C.W. Moore

The annual Veterans' Day Program at Motley County High School was held Tuesday, November 11, 2003. One of the highlights of this year's program was the announcement of a new project to honor Motley County Veterans. The following is the text of the presentation made by Stachia Baxter, President of the Motley County High School Student Council:

For a number of years, the Motley County High School Student Council in cooperation with the local American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 have sponsored an annual Veterans' Day Program to honor the veterans of Motley County. Today we are excited to announce a new joint project to preserve the rich history of military experiences of our veterans. Student council members, assisted by American Legion or Auxiliary members and the technology staff at the school will interview every willing veteran in Motley County to obtain an oral history of their military service. Families of deceased veterans will also be interviewed so that their history can be included. This history will be preserved on CD, DVD, and/or videotape. One copy will be given to each veteran interviewed. A copy will also be given to the Motley County Museum for their archives and to the Motley County Library. Additional copies can be purchased for family members or friends for the cost of a tape or CD. Students will not only be doing the interviews, but will also be learning by assisting in the video editing, and write ups of each interview. A written copy of each interview will be available for publication in the *Motley County Tribune* as they are done. Every veteran is encouraged to participate and should not consider their service "too insignificant." All veterans, not just American Legion and VFW members, will be included.

"They also serve who only stand and wait." And as noted by Ellen Secret, "Unfortunately, there are no medals for them, no commendations for making it through long and very lonely nights. There are no ribbons for coping with the fear and dread of having a loved one far away and in possible danger."

Miss Baxter then asked the spouses and family members of all veterans to stand and acknowledge them for their courage and sacrifices for military service.

Every Veteran will be given a copy of sample questions ahead of time so that they can be thinking of stories to share at the interview. They will also be asked to gather some photographs and other memorabilia, which can be included in the video. A photograph of the veteran in uniform, one of their unit or company, one of their plane, tank, ship, etc. would be great to include.

These interviews and the follow up editing and write-ups will be very time consuming. This project may take several years to complete but the students are very excited and committed to seeing this through and passing it on to future student council members. We really want each and every veteran and family to participate. It doesn't matter if you were a private or an admiral, saw combat or not, your memories need to be preserved for your families and for history. Someone recently viewed a videotape interview of their dad, and mentioned that it was a cherished possession to hear him tell these stories in his own words.

We would like to start with the World War II veterans and then jump to those recently returned from duty while memories are still fresh in their minds. If you are as excited as we are and ready to jump on the bandwagon, please let us know so that we can set up an appointment. If not, we know who you are and where you live and we will be contacting you. Not only did Uncle Sam want you, but the Motley County Student Council also wants you!

Matadors defeated by Valley Patriots to end 2003 season

by Amanda Hurt

The MC Matadors were defeated by the Valley Patriots, Friday, November 7, to end the

2003 football season. The final score was 52-0.

The Matadors rushed for 56 total offensive yards. Seagram Sims was lead rusher with 35 yards. Lorenzo led in defense

with 2 unassisted tackles. Brandon Gresset punted 4 times for 155 yards.

Congratulations to the Matadors on a great season.

School Menu

MONDAY, NOV. 17
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Fried Steak on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18
Breakfast: Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19.
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Syrup, or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Tomato Soup, Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Veggie Sticks, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Rib BQ, Cheese Potatoes, Fried Squash, Bread Slice, Orange Slices, Milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Tamales, Refried Beans, Salad, Tortilla, Chips, Chocolate Brownie, Milk.

?????? WHAT'S HAPPENING

Motley County ISD awarded Tech Prep grants

- Saturday, November 15:** Girls BB Scrimmage at Silverton, 10:00 a.m.
- Boys's BB Scrimmage at Kress at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, November 17:** Jr. High BB at Valley at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 18:** Varsity BB at Chillicothe at 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 19:** RPSSA at MC
- Thursday, November 20:** Varsity BB Tournament at Spade, (TBA)
- Friday, November 21:** VBB Tournament at Spade (TBA)
- Saturday, November 22:** VBB Tournament at Spade (TBA)
- Monday, November 24:** Jr. High vs. Crowell at 5:00 p.m.
- Varsity Basketball vs. Headley at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 25:** Early Out.
- Varsity Basketball vs. Crosbyton at 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26-28: **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!**

Motley County School has been awarded two Tech Prep grants totaling approximately \$4000. These grants will be used to purchase accounting instructional supplies, a digital camera, a scanner and a color laser printer. These grants were written by Cathey Turner with the assistance of Shelley Cox.

Tech Prep is a program that encourages students to take classes that will lead to employability in a timely fashion after

high school. Through the program, students can earn articulated credit in selected high school vocational classes. This means that students earn high school credit and credit at a community college at the same time. These classes are taken and credits are awarded without costs to the student. Motley County ISD is able to offer the following classes for articulated credit: BCIS I and II, Accounting, and Child Development.

MC Family & Consumer Sciences Department will offer Photo Transfer Workshop

The Motley County Family and Consumer Sciences Department is offering a Photo Transfer Workshop at the Motley County FCS Classroom (123). The workshops will be

held on Tuesday afternoons, starting at 3:30. For more information and a supply list please contact Jan Jones at Motley County FCS Department.

The Cowboy

by L.H. Klawitter

(Recited by Mrs. Virginia Taylor)

The cowboy rode wild and reckless
 On a horse as black as night
 And though he bucked and pawed the air,
 The cowboy still stuck tight.

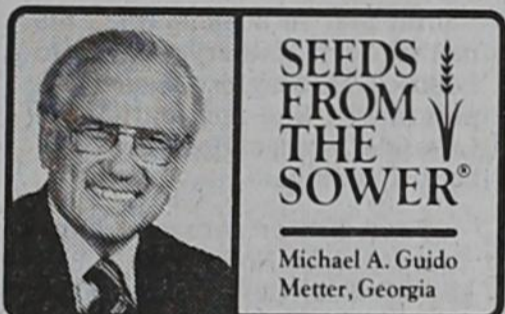
I could tell that he was a cowboy
 Right out of the wooly West
 By the way he wore his hat and spurs,
 His chaps and boots and vest.

A rope was tied to his saddle horn,
 A pistol strapped to his hip.
 And it was very plain to see
 He wouldn't take no lip.

His bronco finally tired,
 Then he turned and looked at me.
 He stepped down light and easy,
 His gun hand loose and free.

He walked with the gait of a buckaroo
 Right to where I sat.
 Then slowly unbuckled his gun belt,
 And then removed his hat.

He looked at me with sleepy eyes
 And said . . . "Grandpa, can I sit on your lap?"
 I said, "Yup!" as I lifted him up,
 'Cause I knew it was time for his nap.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
 Metter, Georgia

One morning a man phoned the hotel clerk and asked, "What time does the bar open?"

"Eleven o'clock," he answered. A little while later the same voice asked, "What time did you say the bar opens?"

Once more he answered, "Eleven o'clock. But," he added, "if you keep this up I won't let you in."

"I don't want to get in," said the man. "I've been locked up in the bar all night. I want to get out."

Your bad habits make you prisoners. Your false pride is the jailer that keeps you there.

But our Lord came "to proclaim liberty to the captives." Let Him forgive you and free you, won't you?

Christmas has Arrived! at Matador Variety



Come see our great selection of beautiful ornaments, decorations, and much, much more!

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Amanda Hurt

Amanda is the daughter of Tommy and Kate Hurt. She is serving as Mascot for the Matadors for the current year. She has been instrumental in the implementation of the Veterans project and program. She is also the Lions Club Queen for 2003-2004. In addition, Amanda was elected Vice President of the Senior Class. During her high school career she has been an FFA officer and video technician for the basketball team. Amanda maintains excellent grades and is representative of the best at Motley County Schools.

All Women's Consignment Clothing

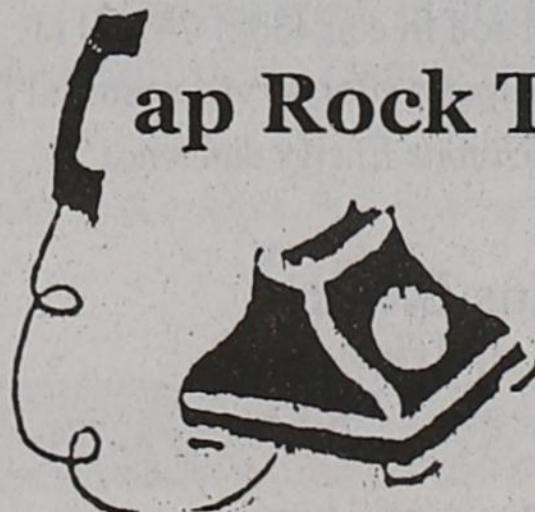
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Visiting Pearl Patten Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hunt, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Palmer and Adam from Edgewood, NM; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes from Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell from Paducah; and Randall Mitchell from Las Vegas, Nevada. They all enjoyed Mrs. Mitchell's birthday party on Saturday.

Zella Palmer and Pearl Patten attended the concert of Gene Watson in Turkey, Saturday night.

HOUSE OF FAITH CHILDREN'S MEETING

Fourteen children and three adults braved the cold last week and came out to the park on Wednesday afternoon. Monta Marshall, assisted by Joyce Meredith, told the Bible story. Activities were cut short due to the cold weather.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

There were thirteen ladies attending the Ladies Bible group, which is taught by Freida Burns. The meeting was held Monday in the home of Miss Lula Swim. Mrs. Virginia Taylor opened the meeting with prayer and Miss Swim said the closing prayer.

Jeff and Pam Thacker went to Amarillo for the weekend. They celebrated their son's, Brad, birthday. Blair Thacker and Pam's sister and mother joined them there.

Mrs. Mary Lumsden is home from the hospital. She had a bout with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Miranda and Steve Burns of Lubbock visited Mrs. Zella Palmer on Saturday and attended the birthday party for Mrs. Vera Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher visited in Amarillo over the weekend with the Marty Fletcher family.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I am thankful to live where I can wave and smile at everyone, because I know at least 50% of them. (Used to be 90%.)

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Linda and Travis Kendall gave a family birthday luncheon, Saturday in their home to celebrate the 76th birthday of her father, Richard March of Quitaque.

Those enjoying the occasion were Fred and Barbara March of Lake Pomm de' Terre, Missouri; Wayne and Pat Mendes and Michael and Mary Mendes of Oklahoma City; Robin March of Hemet, California; Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Conner and Chancey and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob of Flomot.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross Saturday were Lori Andestad of Seattle, Washington, Don Carson of Olton and Joe Edd Carson of Hale Center.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were Mrs. Rosita Nall and Mrs. Merle Nall of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs and Donnie Rogers of Flomot. Rosita, Mr. and Mrs. Hand and Donnie enjoyed the Gene Watson Show in Turkey Saturday night.

Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson. They were guests Saturday night in the home of daughter and husband, Kayla and Neil Guest of Turkey. Kayla was a guest Sunday for lunch in the Johnson home.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Sunday was son, Roger Lee of Flomot and friend, Shonda Davey of Plainview.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mrs. Keri Sehon

and son, Brain of Ropesville, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia and Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Warrenton, Virginia. Keri met Cindy at the Lubbock Airport Saturday and accompanied her to Flomot to visit.

Coy Franks was in Idalou Sunday to compete in the Motorsports Town and Country Races. It was postponed due to wet weather, but Coy enjoyed visiting with friends.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Saturday with Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnnie Starkey.

Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. They attended the wedding of Cara Franks and Chase Carson held at 6 p.m., Friday at the Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Womack of Amarillo and Mrs. Ernestine Payne of Quitaque visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Saturday.

Visitors during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Dan and Sherryn Foster and Mrs. Gwen Mandrell, Shae and Peyton of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Amarillo, Thursday with daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid.

Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A & M University in Canyon, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and daughter, Madison and Cary Franks of Lubbock visited during the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington. The families attended the wedding ceremony of Cara Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, and Chase Carson at the Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs Friday evening.



FIFTH GENERATION

Little 2-month-old Hannah Robertson, a fifth generation, shares a special moment with her great-great grandmother, Vera Mitchell, during Mrs. Mitchell's 100th birthday celebration, held last Saturday. Over 200 family members and friends attended the party held at the Roaring Springs Community Center and hosted by the First Baptist Church. Hannah is the daughter of Mrs. Mitchell's granddaughter, Jennifer Lester of Shallowater.

Neighborhood News

by Rita Groves

Once there was a column called Neighborhood News. That seems to be something that pleased a lot of people. Now, I'm old. At least ninety seemed synonymous with old, especially when used to refer to age.

This was brought smack to my attention, by a young "trick-or-treater" that signed my guest book on Halloween night. There I sat, guarding a tray of treats when a young man asked how old I was, and I said "ninety." He came closer, peered into my eyes and said, "You're not." At the time, he doubted my word totally. That's when I developed this interest in Halloween - All Saints Day.

I don't know what possessed me. My plan for this Trick or Treat night, had been to go to the back bedroom, turn off the light turn on

the TV, and "play dead."

But when the day came, I got in my car, drove to Matador, and bought treats. Come Halloween night, I turned on my porch light, took my seat, and waited, behind the tray of treats. The little goblins, angels, and monsters that rang my bell, found me sitting in front of my door waiting for them. And I loved every minute of it, and sat there until activity in the street came to a stop, or dwindled to a creep, then I picked up my canes, closed my door, and turned off the porch light, fully resolved to have a light put out by the steps leading up from the street to my porch before a next Halloween night arrives. Since then my interest in the celebration of All Saints Day (or night) has grown immensely.

NOTE OF THANKS

A big THANK YOU to all who came and visited and especially to my First Baptist Church family who worked so diligently to make such a special day for me and my family on my birthday, Saturday, November 8. A special thank you to the Daniell family for the use of the Traveler's Inn.

Vera Mitchell
Waybourn (Pug) & Bennie Mitchell
Wanda & Benny Goss
Joe & Gaynell Sasser
Doyle Mitchell

I would like to say thank-you to my family for the great birthday party. Also a big thanks to my friends for the calls, cards and visits.

With love,
Art Green

Matador News

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Art Green was honored on his 85th birthday Saturday with a luncheon at Anna's Mexican Cafe in Matador. Following the luncheon, they visited in the home of Art and a decorated cake and punch were served. He received gifts, cards and telephone calls.

His children and families attending were Steve Green and daughters, Kylie and Carlisle, Liz Hoover and Eli Green of Pampa; Don and Jean Lewis of Vernon; Rhonda McBee and Joan Helms of Quitaque; Hal and Kellie Martin, Ryan, Jamie and Colton Martin of Whiteflat and Billy, Cindy, Aaron and Ashley Green of Matador.

Steve Stevens a patient in ICU at University Medical Center in Lubbock where he was air lifted following a vehicle accident in Northfield, Wednesday, Nov. 5. He is listed in critical condition.

Luther and Edna Ruth Green visited in the home of daughter, Virginia Green of Whiteface the past week and commuted to Lubbock for Luther medical tests. They spent Saturday and Sunday here and en route to Matador, Saturday, visited in New Deal with Jack and Decima Green. They returned to Whiteface Monday and Luther will undergo additional medical tests and treatment in Lubbock this week.

Hal Martin accompanied his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Martin to Lubbock, Tuesday for a medical appointment. She is a patient at Lakeside Covenant Hospital in Lubbock at newstime.

Fred Risser returned home Tuesday night, Nov. 4 from University Medical Center in Lubbock where he had been hospitalized following a vehicle accident. He will be undergoing rehabilitation for some time.

OBITUARIES

John Speer

Floydada (special) -- Services for John Speer, 76, of Floydada were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at First Baptist Church of Flomot with Reverend Nathan Mulder officiating. Burial was in Flomot Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Speer passed away Saturday, November 8, 2003, at his residence in Floydada.

He was born February 4, 1927, to Joe and Effie Speer. He graduated from high school in Flomot in 1944 and from Texas Tech with a Bachelor in Business in 1952. He married Joyce Bilberry on October 16, 1969, in Flomot. He was born and raised in Flomot and moved to Floydada in 1971. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II and Korea. He was a retired rural mail carrier and farmer. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, neighbors and friends. He was a member of the VFW and First Baptist Church in Flomot. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Melva Jo Speer and Alice Montoya.

Survivors include his wife,



Joyce Speer of Floydada; one son, Bill Turbyfill of Corpus Christi; one daughter, Kay Nicoley and husband Ray of Tucumcari, NM; two brothers, Walt Speer and wife Mary and Raymond Speer and wife Dorothy; one sister Jimmie Hunter and husband Wayne; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Hands of West Texas, P.O. Box 1118, Lockney, TX 79241.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF NORMA JEAN (PARTRIDGE) PHILLIPS July 21, 1937 - November 19, 2002 by Kay (Phillips) Skinner

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Its been a year full of suffering and tears
Its been a year of questioning if we missed the signs
that your death was so close and near
Its been "could I have done something to prevent death
from coming for you so early" and "I WISH to God in Heaven
I could have been holding your hand that day,
one last kiss and I LOVE YOU to send you on your way,
to finally meet OUR Lord Jesus, as he walked with you the
rest of the way."
Its been a year of love and prayers too
For my dad, sister, and my family too
Each day we think so fondly of you
I'm so glad that my dad fell in love with you,
and you taught my sister, dad and I, that Jesus loves us, too
I will always try and remember to care for my family, friends and patients
as I have cared for you, as you in return taught us all to do
Mom we miss you so much - we really do!
I know you'll be standing at Jesus' side,
as each of your family and friends takes their turn, too
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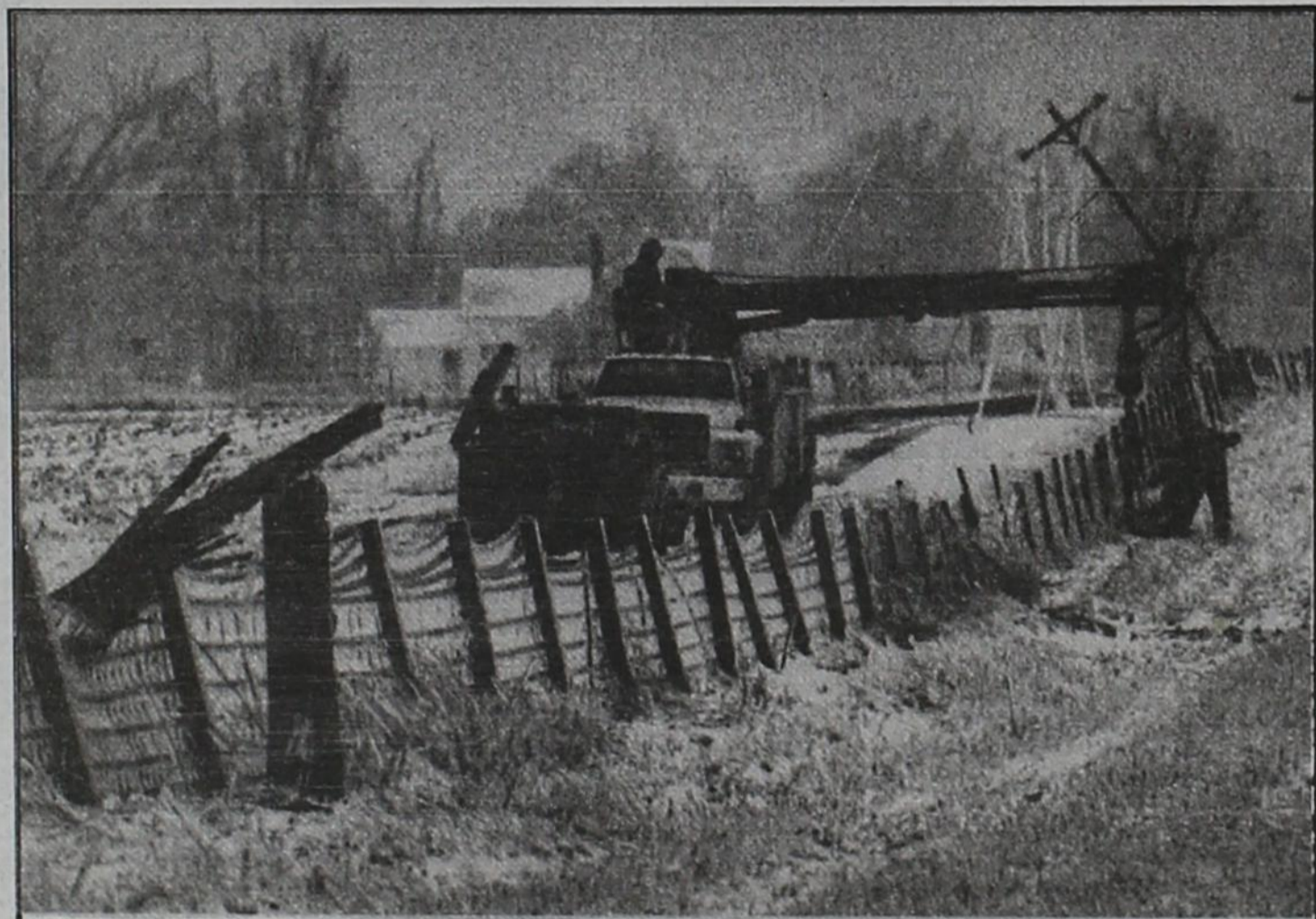


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Motley County Commissioners attend Rolling Plains Conference

Motley County Commissioners and County Judge Ed D. Smith attended the November 6, Rolling Plains Commissioners Court Conference at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, said Lonnie Jenschke, County Extension agent.

Texas Cooperative Extension District III includes Childress, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor,

Archer, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Wise, Stephens, Palo Pinto and Parker counties.

The conference agenda included presentations on dealing with Legislative Changes, Regional Approach to Homeland Security in Texas, How the State Budget Affects Counties, County Regulatory Land Use Authority and Computer Technology Update.

The conference also provided County Commissioners

an excellent opportunity for networking with their peers on the Rolling Plains and they received five (5) Commissioners's Continuing Educational Units.

The November 6 conference was co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Continuing Education Department at Vernon College.

For more information on statewide programs and services available through Texas Cooperative Extension, Texans should call their local county Extension office.



MOTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — Pictured left to right, Franklin Jameson, Commissioner Precinct 3; Donnie Turner, Commissioner Precinct 2; Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1; County Judge Ed D. Smith.



GOOD EATIN' — A large crowd enjoyed the delicious barbecue supper sponsored by the Matador Volunteer Fire Department for the annual fund-raiser last Saturday night. Firemen served brisket, sausage and chicken with all the trimmings.



LITTLE FIREMAN (& women) — Morgan and Judson Jones and Laura Burns (pictured left to right) enjoyed being able to get a close look at one of the fire trucks at last Saturday night's annual fund-raiser supper held at the fire station. Morgan, 6, and Judson, 3, are the children of Jeremy and Whitney Jones of Lubbock and the grandchildren of Jim and Carla Meador and Travis and Lou Anne Jameson of Matador. Laura is the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Burns of College Station and the granddaughter of Clint and Freida Burns of Matador.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Penny Pipkin, President



"Thank-you's" are in order to Sandra and Vann Francis for their assistance in picking up the new, light-weight banquet tables on Friday, November 7, at Sam's Club. They took time out of their busy schedule to brave the crowds and traffic confusion to load the 15 tables and deliver them to the Fire Department Building on Saturday morning, just in time for the Fire Department's fund-raising dinner on November 8.

The tables were purchased by the Chamber of Commerce

through sales of the Mike Groves/Gerald Pipkin piano and saxophone CD. On-going proceeds of CD sales will be used to purchase more comfortable chairs to accompany the new tables.

Anyone wishing to order the \$15.00 CD, please contact The Pipkin Insurance Agency at 347-2747.

The Chamber would like to remind folks of the Motley County Bucks available for holiday gift-giving.

School Board

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Boards was discussed. This cooperative completes the bid process and allows schools to purchase items in a more timely manner and a greater savings.

- Glenn Heights Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$91,575).
- Hutto Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$21,492).

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), administers the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program. The program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission

within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

The cost for joining the cooperative is \$200. The board agreed to join.

A formal dress code addendum was read and approved.

A resolution to join with other districts to pressure the state to resolve school-funding issues was discussed. The cost to Motley County ISD to join the Alvarado Intervenor as plaintiffs in the West Orange-Cove school finance lawsuit would be about \$99.00. The board tabled action on this item until all members can be present.

The Board development plan was reviewed and discussed. This item was also tabled until all board members can be present.

The board did not enter executive session.

Frank Mitchell

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Frank Mitchell conducted himself so as to bring credit upon his country, the Marine Corps and upon himself regardless of personal peril.

We will not forget nor will we allow others to forget this man who sacrificed his life for our freedom.

In the poem, Flanders Field, a dying young officer wrote: 'For if you the living, break faith with us who died, we shall not sleep.'

Honored guests at the ceremony were Frank's sister-in-law, Dorothy Mitchell, and nephew, Dan Mitchell, of Lubbock.

Those attending enjoyed refreshments at the Traveler's Inn following the dedication.

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- City of Orange Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$88,488).
- City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$73,998).
- El Paso Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$107,043).
- Brazos Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety (\$87,021).
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Vance Stevens, Deceased, were issued on October 29, 2003, in Cause No. 2535, pending in the County Court of Motley County, Texas, to: Vann Francis.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Vann Francis
P.O. Box 300
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Dated this 4th day of November, 2003.

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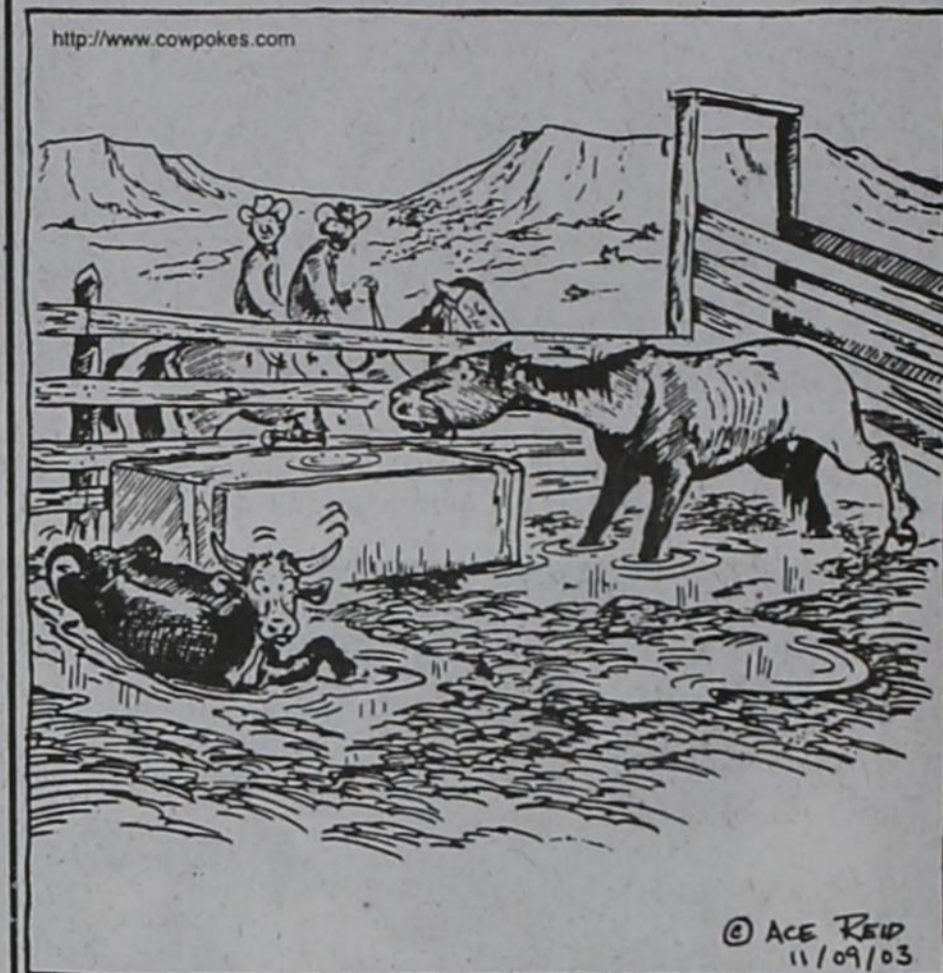
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