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MC Matadors victorious over Spur for first home game win

by Amanda Hurt

If you were at the football game Friday night you saw, first hand, and if you weren't there, you've probably already heard how the Matadors defeated the Spur Bulldogs 74-33. This victorious win over Spur was even

more special because it was the first home game of the season.

The Matadors had 415 total yards rushing and 199 passing yards. Total offensive yards were 614.

Seagram Sims rushed 400 yards and scored 8 touchdowns. Lorenzo Salazar received 14

kicking points. Quinten Rose scored two of the Matador's touchdowns. The quarterbacks, Seagram Sims, Cody Cooper and Chance Bingham, threw 13 passes for 212.5 yards.

Leading tacklers for the game were Lorenzo Salazar with 17; Cody Cooper, 14; and

Matt Henzler, not very far behind with 13.

Congratulations to the mighty Matadors on a big win! The Matadors will play Guthrie on September 19, here. Kick-off time is 7:30 p.m. Come out and support our Mighty Matadors!



THE SCORE BOARD SAYS IT ALL! MOTLEY COUNTY WINS!

(contributed photo by Gail Ream)

Local Chamber of Commerce members attend economic meeting

A group of Motley County Chamber of Commerce members attended a very important meeting Monday night, September 15, held in Tulia. The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission, focused on an orientation presented by staff members of the Commission on the Texas Heritage

Trails program. Over 100 attended.

The organizing body of the Trails Program will be evaluating and selecting sites within the 52-county area called the Texas Plains Trail Region, which will be included on the State-designated Texas Plains Trail Map. The marketing effort

done by the State of Texas on all the selected sites of the Plains Trail will attract tourists on a worldwide scale to West Texas.

Site selection will be based on quality and quantity of tourist-attracting resources in each County. Anyone interested in helping with the compilation and submission of Motley

County sites, are asked to call the Chamber office. An inventory of sites must be submitted by the end of 2003. Motley County Chamber president, Penny Pipkin, said, "This is an important economic development opportunity for our County. Let us not let it pass us by."

Motley County School Board meets

by Tina Brooks
School Board reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Rick Copp, Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Kay Bingham, Ginger Gilmore and Lara Ferguson. Mr. Copp led the invocation.

During open forum Kay Bingham asked the board to allow the Jr. High and High School basketball girls to hold a fundraiser in order to purchase basketball shoes. This was put on the agenda for the called meeting, September 16.

Mrs. Hicks reported attendance is holding at 181. There have been a couple of truanancies, after three unexcused absences, this has to be filed; the Judge has been contacted. One

Saturday school has been held.

Next month Mrs. Hicks will be starting benchmark tests to see how the students are progressing for the TAKS test. Mrs. Kautz and Mrs. Moore will be attending training for the Reading First Grant.

Board training will be held next Tuesday in the ITV room at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Copp informed the board that the transmission on the activity bus is on the brink. A motion was made by Brooks, seconded by Elliott to look into selling the activity bus. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Copp is looking into buying a trailer to haul behind the big yellow bus for all school activities, in which equipment will be carried. He is asking different organizations to donate to this project.

The street at the south side of the school has been being locked for children's safety. As of this meeting the cones had

been taken down. Mr. Copp is looking into this matter.

Following this meeting the board will be meeting in Mrs. Cox's room to fill out a technology survey for the school.

Lara Ferguson with First Financial informed the board about the changes in the employee insurance from a 403B plan to a 457 plan. There will be a few differences in the two plans. 403B penalized the employee 10% for early withdrawal, 457 does not. The employee cannot borrow from the 457 plan.

American Legion meeting scheduled for September 22

Members of American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 22, in the Motley County Senior Citizens facility.

This is a regular, covered-dish supper meeting. New officers will be sworn in

The employee that is close to retirement can put in more, up to \$14,000. Employees with the 403B plan do not have to change to the 457 plan. Motion by Stafford, seconded by Woolsey to accept this plan. Motion carried 7/0.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Board President set up a called meeting prior to training for September 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The board did not enter executive session.

MC SPIRIT shirts being re-ordered

The Motley County Booster Club is again promoting Motley County Matadors spirit by selling the newly designed T-Shirts. They are \$10 each and will be re-ordered September 25.

Contact Janie Campbell at 347-2657 after 3:00 p.m. to complete the form, which will be sent home with your school aged child, and return to Judy Cooper at School. All orders must be prepaid.

Support the Matadors, attend Pep Rallies!

Show your support for the Matadors by attending Pep Rallies, each Friday afternoon at 2:45 p.m. in the School Gym.

Come out and support the Mighty Matadors!

Bike-a-Thon set for Saturday

The St. Jude's Children's Hospital Annual Wheels-For-Life Bike-A-Thon will be held Saturday morning, September 20, at 9:00 a.m. at the Motley County School.

St. Jude's, founded by the late Danny Thomas, is dedicated to treating and finding a cure for childhood diseases, such as Cancer, Leukemia and Sickle Cell disease.

Everyone is invited to participate. Community volunteers are needed to help make this event successful. If you would like to help, or need a sponsor sheet to participate, please contact Judy Cooper at 347-2338.

See You at the Pole



Motley County students gathered around the flag pole at school, Wednesday morning for prayer. The Annual National See You at the Pole event was established in Texas in 1990. It is completely student-initiated and student-led.

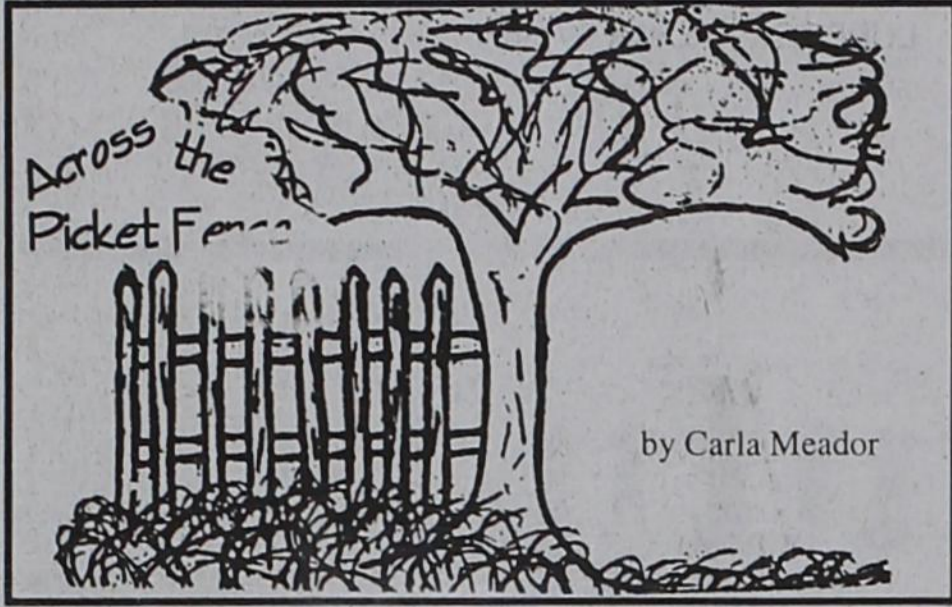
(photo by Amanda Hurt)



The Healing Field

This field of flags at Kastman Park in Lubbock was a memorial tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. 3,412 flags were displayed for several days last week. Thousands came to the park for a moment of remembrance, hope and a chance to express their patriotism. The flags were sold for \$25 each and came with a name of a victim killed on September 11, which made them priceless. This special memorial, known as "The Healing Field" is one of only a few which have been erected in the last two years nationwide.

(photo by Carla Meador)



My mother recently gave this to me. I thought it was so funny, but sometimes true. I thought my women readers would enjoy it and the men might just get some good pointers. I'm going to make sure Jim reads it.

WORDS WOMEN USE

FINE
This is the word women use to end an argument when they feel they are right and you need to shut up. Never use "fine" to describe how a woman looks - this will cause you to have one of those arguments.

FIVE MINUTES
This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football game is going to last before you take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

NOTHING
This means "something," and you should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with "Fine."

GO AHEAD
At some point in the near future, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

GO AHEAD (with raised eyebrows)
This is a dare. One that will result in a woman getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word, "Fine."

GO AHEAD (Normal eyebrows)
This means "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care." You will get a "Raised eyebrow go ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

LOUD SIGH
This is not actually a word, but is a nonverbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "loud sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment, and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "nothing."

SOFT SIGH
Again, not a word, but a nonverbal statement. "Soft Sighs" mean that she is content. Your best bet is not to move or breathe, and she will stay content.

THAT'S OKAY
This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you back for whatever it is that you have done. "That's Okay" is often used with the word "Fine" and in conjunction with a "Raised Eyebrow."

PLEASE DO
This is not a statement, it is an offer. A woman is giving you the chance to come up with whatever excuse or reason you have for doing whatever it is that you have done. You have a fair chance with the truth, so be careful and you shouldn't get a "That's Okay."

THANKS
A woman is thanking you. Do not faint. Just say you're welcome.

THANKS A LOT
This is much different from "Thanks." A woman will say, "Thanks a Lot" when she is really ticked off at you. It signifies that you have offended her in some callous way, and will be followed by the "Loud Sigh." Be careful not to ask what is wrong after the "Loud Sigh," as she will only tell you "Nothing."

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church to ordain Deacons

The Roaring Springs First Baptist Church will hold a very special service Sunday, September 21, at 3:00 p.m., to ordain three new Deacons. Director of Missions, Gene Meachan will be preaching the service for the

ordination. Everyone is invited to attend this special service. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

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"Christian"

There are certainly some private aspects to the Christian's life. Prayer, Meditation, Reading the Scriptures, Memorizing special passages from the Bible, all of these, without controversy, are important activities in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

But, what does it mean to be called a "Christian?" In acts 11:26 we read about those early disciples being called Christians first at Antioch. In acts 26:28 King Agrippa speaks to Paul about almost converting him to Christ. I Peter 4:16 Peter exhorts those who are "strangers" in this world to not be ashamed if they suffer persecution because of wearing the name of "Christian."

There is much more to the Christian Faith than just silent devotion to the Lord. Those early people who were called "Christians" were alive and vibrant with their faith. They were not ashamed of who they were or what they were. Rather, they were engaged in the activity of declaring the Kingdom of God to those around them. From those around them came the name, "Christian." Why? It is obvious. Those early disciples were identified by the other people of their own communities. They were seen as men and women who resembled Jesus in their actions. What is the name that unbelievers in our communities would give us of today?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



Back to school featured theme at recent Flomot Do Gooders club meeting

Back To School Flomot historical data and Senior Citizens exercises were on the agenda at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, August 2 at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert opened the exercise section with a comical oration on aging.

She then proceeded to conduct an exercise regiment for senior citizens when sitting in chairs. Following deep breathing and stretching she had them do a sequence of facial and body movements then ending the session by a few standing up exercises.

Hostesses, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay had Back To School decor with school supplies, old school books, a big apple for the teacher and school annuals that renewed memories. Highlight of the display was a school bell used in 1906 in the Flomot School classroom of Mrs. F.S. Bourland. This lovingly treasured bell was later presented to the Flomot Baptist Church. The hostesses presided at a

table laid with a white cloth centered with a beautifully large bird house made by Mrs. Anna Beth Clay's nephew, Robert Tanner of Tulia. They served chips, dips, watermelon balls and lemonade.

Mrs. Waydette Clay conducted a short business meeting. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse announced that Mrs. Marie Cruse of Turkey, following the death of Mrs. Lawana Cruse, would continue to engage celebrity guests at the Gem Theatre and Jamborees at the Bob Wills gymnasium. She would appreciate everyone's support.

Emily Milam of Petrolia won a Pizza cookbook and Smoothie beverage cookbook at the raffle ticket drawing.

Those attending the entertaining afternoon were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Nada Starkey, Trula Martin, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Judy Stark, Alma Shorter, Tommie Jo Cruse, Mary Jo Calvert, Waydette Clay and Anna Beth Clay. Guests were Emily Kate and Haley Diane Milam of Petrolia.

Cooking Corner

Mushrooms, A New Spin On Chef's Salad

(NAPS)—When the weather is warm and the idea of cooking leaves you cold, stock your refrigerator with basics for main-dish salads—fresh white mushrooms, crisp cucumbers, sweet red peppers, a variety of greens, and a few ready-to-eat ingredients from the deli.

Chef's Salad Italiano combines sliced white mushrooms, smoked turkey strips, provolone cheese, tomatoes, romaine and other tasty ingredients, giving a new twist to this traditional favorite. Choose from prepared roasted garlic or Caesar salad dressing to top off this meal-in-a-bowl.

There's a nutritional bonus when you toss mushrooms into a salad. They are great sources of B-vitamins and other essentials such as heart-healthy potassium and the antioxidant selenium. Adding mushrooms also gives you full-meal satisfaction without weighing you down.

For more creative salad recipes, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Mushroom Salads, P.O. Box 636, New York, NY 10159-0636.

CHEF'S SALAD ITALIANO

- 8 cups romaine lettuce in bite-sized pieces
- 1 pound fresh white mushrooms, thickly sliced (about 6 cups)
- 8 ounces sliced smoked turkey, cut in strips
- 4 ounces sliced provolone cheese, cut in strips
- 1 medium tomato, cut in 8 wedges
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1/4 cup prepared roasted garlic or Caesar dressing

In a large salad bowl, place lettuce, mushrooms, turkey, cheese, tomato and red onion. Add dressing; toss well.

YIELD: 4 one-cup portions

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by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donation to the library in memory of Ralph McLaughlin made by Pearl Patten. We also thank D.A. and Ruby McGuire for their donation in memory of Johnny Stevens. We appreciate the donations by Lindy Stafford in memory of James Meador and Johnny Stevens. We thank James, Kathy, Robert and Brenda Gillespie for their donation in memory of Johnny Stevens.

We thank Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Murphy, Jr. and Nora Bell Dunning for their donations in memory of Johnny Stevens and James "Tootie" Meador. Donations such as these are welcome and necessary to keep the library in up-to-date books and they make a lasting memorial to people who have been special in our lives.

Hopefully, as you are reading this, our new shelves have been

delivered and assembled and the books are being put back on the shelves. It will be so nice to have the library back up and running again. I was really tired of seeing all that empty space. The library is open for book check out and maybe, the Internet use. Certainly the computers are available for word processing and for using the spread sheet. If anyone has a paper to write for school, he may come to the library and use the computers, not only to write the paper but also to research the topic of the paper.

We appreciate everyone's patience throughout this long process. We will have a grand opening when everything is finished so everyone can enjoy the new look at the Motley County Library. Betty Henry's murals for the kids' section are great and we'll have them all on display at the grand opening party.

Pivots & Divots

By Mary

Ladies play day on Thursday, September 4, was for Most Pars on Even Holes. Playing 18 holes were Liv, Louise, Geneva, LaVoe, Jeannie and Francine. LaVoe and Jeannie each had 5 pars on even holes. Dot joined them for 9 holes and had 2 pars on even holes.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Nell, Frances, Judy R., Mary, Tommie and Marihelen. Nell had 2 pars on even holes.

The Tuesday, September 2nd Scramble had 20 players. Gene Brannon was closest to the pin with 6 ft. 1 in. Winning first, with a score of 29, were Ken Marshall, Geneva Wilson, Sut Braselton and Francine Braselton.

Winning second, with a score of 31, were Rob Francis, Shane Taylor, Rusty Norris and Louise Barton.

Winning third, with a score of 31, were Dot Grundy, Gene Brannon, Mark Brannon and James Stephens.

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Corky Marshall, Roncho Grundy, Brandon Moore, Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Kyle Moore and Jim Watson.

The RSRC Championship Tournament was held Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7. Nineteen men and nine women entered the tournament. Winners are:

Men's Championship flight: (ages 8 through 59), 1st., Ken Marshall, 134; 2nd., Robert Osborn, 136.

Men's First Flight: 1st., Alan Bingham, 154; 2nd., Conway Clary, 155.

Men's Second Flight: 1st., Darrell Cruse, 163.

Men's Senior Flight: (ages

60 through 69), 1st., Charlie Long, 154.

Men's Super Senior Flight: (ages 70 and up), 1st., Gene Marshall, 154; 2nd., Corky Marshall, 164.

Others playing were Derrick Cruse, Rick Dykes, Mike Helms, Johnny Harkins, Kelly Keltz, Jerry Long, Shane Taylor, Jerry Johnson, Brandon Moore, Sut Braselton and Buzz Thacker.

Women's Championship Flight: 1st., Liv Barton, 161; 2nd., LaVoe Thacker, 161.

There was a three-way tie for the championship consisting of Liv, LaVoe and Kay Bingham. So, they went into sudden death play-off. Kay dropped out on the second hole and LaVoe on the fifth! Exciting match!

After the championship was determined the other ladies went into low net and low net runner up competition with the following results:

Low Net - 1st., Louise Barton, 130.

Low net - 2nd., Jeannie Johnson, 135.

Others playing were Francine Braselton, Dot Grundy, Geneva Wilson and Tempie Francis.

Ladies play day on Thursday, September 11, was for Low Putts. Playing 18 holes were Francine, Louise, Liv, Jeannie, Geneva, LaVoe and guests Kay Heatly. Dot played 9 holes. Louise won Low Putts with 28.

Playing 9 holes were Marihelen, Judy R., Mary, Frances, Tommie and Tempie. Francis won Low Putts with 13.

Results of the Tuesday, September 9 scramble are not available at this time. I will try to include them next week.

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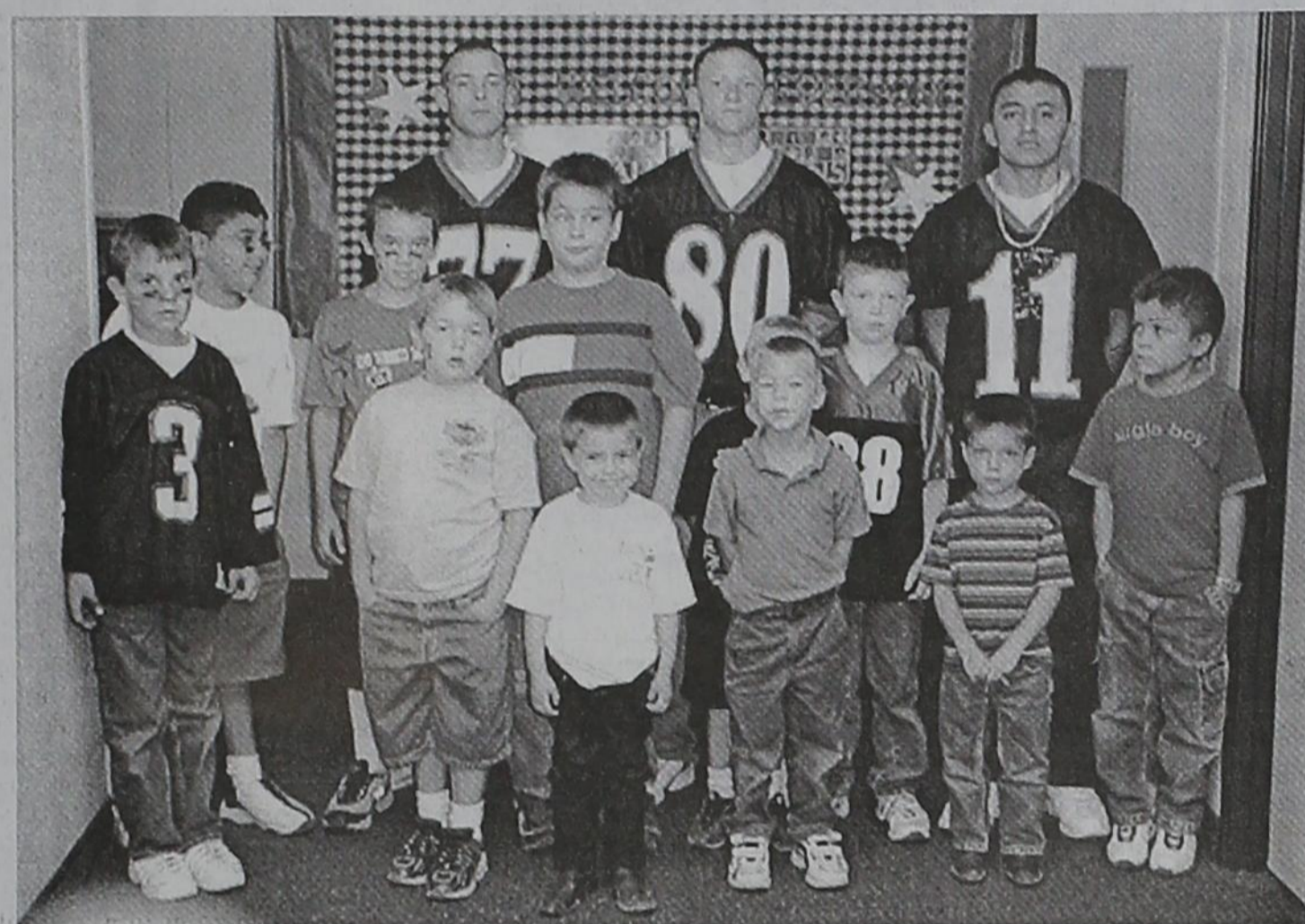
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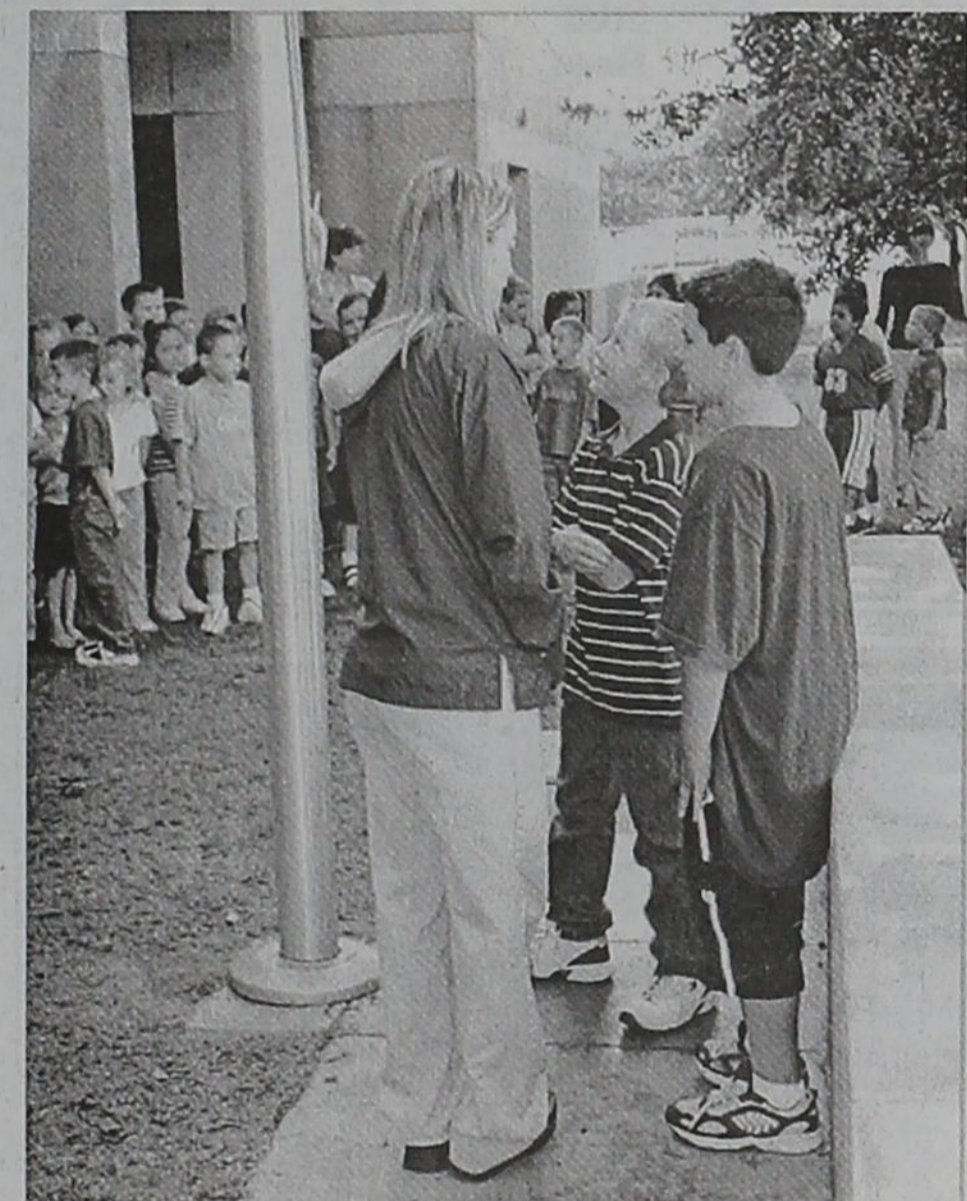
— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



RECEIVE LETTER JACKETS — Friday, Sept. 12, was a great day for everyone. There was a great pep rally, Matadors defeated Spur, and most importantly the athletes from 02-03 received their letter jackets. Pictured above are (left to right) Junior, Sabrina Osborn; Seniors, Angela Marvel and Shea Rose; Sophomores, Colton Russell, Ashley Fonseca, Levi Buckner, Chance Bingham, and Matthew Martin. Each one of these students earned their jackets for the hard work and commitment they put out last year.



WALKING THE VARSITY FOOTBALL BOYS — Continuing with tradition, MC cheerleaders are selecting elementary boys to walk out with Varsity football boys at the pep rallies. At last week's pep rally the boys chosen were (l-r) Christian Brooks, Robert Torres, Chase Buckner, 4th graders; Michael Seigler, Kindergarten; Jay Potts, 5th grade; Brendan Fisk, Pre-K; Duncan Aumiller, 1st grade; Joey Horton, Kindergarten; Seth Baxter, 1st grade; James Thomas Cooper, Pre-K; and Juan Flores, 3rd grade.



9-11 MEMORIAL — On September 9, Motley County students gathered around the flag pole for a September 11 memorial. Mrs. Pernel's fifth grade students, Timothy Ward and Dillon Walker, lowered the flag to half staff. After the flag was raised a moment of silence was observed for the ones who lost their lives.



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Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Ham/Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll/Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage Syrup, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Salad, Pickle Spear, Cookie, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Veg/Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Veggie Sticks, Fruit Fluff, Milk.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ Polish Sausage, Creamed Potatoes, Beans, Pickle, Onion, Bread Slice, Peaches, Milk.

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PTO Plans



by Mary Ann Potts

Monday, September 8, marked the first meeting of the school year for the Motley County PTO. Twenty-one parents and teachers attended this initial meeting to welcome our new PTO President, Wendi Taylor.

The meeting started promptly at 5:30 p.m. with a brief recount of the May minutes by Sec. Mary Ann Potts. Brooke Barton gave a quick treasurer report announcing an account balance of \$3487.16 as of this date.

Fund-raising items on the agenda included a request from Mrs. Hays to assist with the Motley County Beauty Pageant. The PTO responsibilities included coordinating and executing the pageant with assistance from the Theatre Arts class. All profits received would be shared with the Theatre Arts department. At this time, the Motley County PTO declined to participate in the pageant coordination and suggested presenting the option to the Motley County Booster club, Study Club and/or Chamber of Commerce. However, the PTO will reconsider the possibility of participation at the October meeting.

A relatively new idea was presented by Brooke Barton to help parents prepare themselves for the unexpected should a child become lost or abducted. Children I.D. Kits, which will include the child's fingerprints, hair sample, fingerprint sample and photo will be administered by the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department. The PTO will provide the camera and film. Each kit costs \$3.00 per child and 1st grade will be the first class to be documented on Friday, September 19. Plans are underway to schedule the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department to administer the same process to Pre-K through 6th grades.

Box Tops for Education labels will once again be collected by MCS students. Mary Ann Potts, coordinator, requested contest ideas and incentives for this year. Also, Potts informed all about the Box Tops Booster Club and encouraged everyone to register on-line at boxtopsforeducation.com to boost MCS chances at winning 10,000 bonus box tops worth \$1000.

In case you don't remember, last year Lowe's Supermarket launched a register receipt collection campaign that enables participating schools to receive much needed supplies and equipment. MCS collected 81,000 points in register receipts in 2002-2003 which provided MCS with the following supplies

and equipment: U.S. President Board Game, 50 States Board Game, 6 different books, Science Lab Kit (for high school), Science Weather Video (for Jr. High), Math Chase Game, Teacher's Clip Art, Alphabet Phonics School Bus (Pre-K), Reader Rabbit Series Program (K-3), and PE. Equipment. This is definitely a worthwhile project and D'anna Russell, coordinator, informed everyone that eligible Lowe's register receipts need to be dated Sept. 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004. A collection bin will be set up at the school to deposit all receipts.

Russell also announced to please continue saving used ink cartridges of any kind. These cartridges are returned for recycling and in the process MCS receives a check for cash.

Tina Brooks is heading up the Tyson A+ Labels collection program and is asking everyone to continue saving these labels. Each label is worth 24 cents, that translates into needed funds for our school.

Kim Gleghorn is also heading up a collection program, Campbell Soup Labels. Campbell's will grant MCS 500 bonus points each time we participate in Read Across America and the Fire Safety Program.

Wendi Taylor informed everyone that Room Moms and Volunteers must sign a consent form for a background check. Also, the Class Party Rules have been revised and will be distributed at the October meeting.

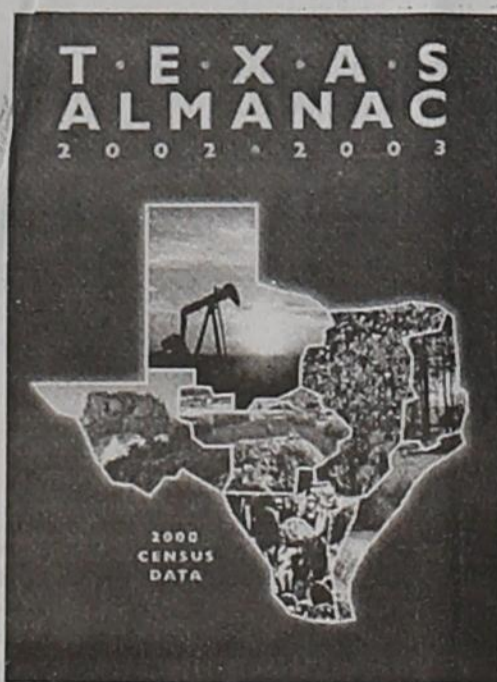
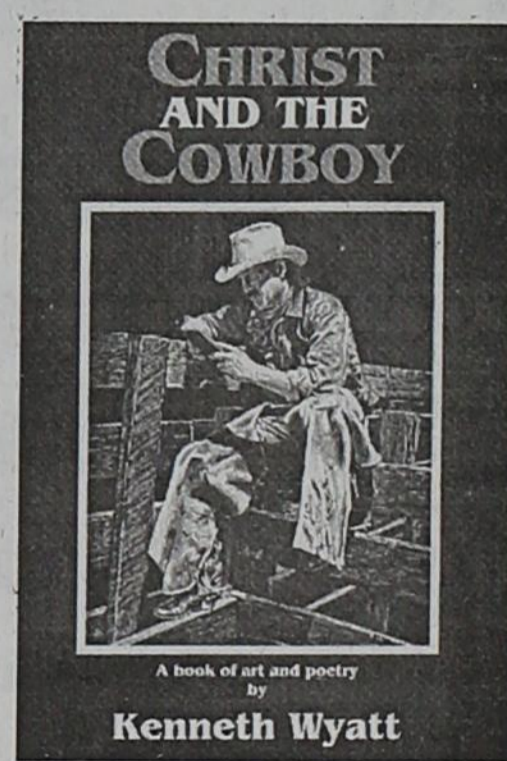
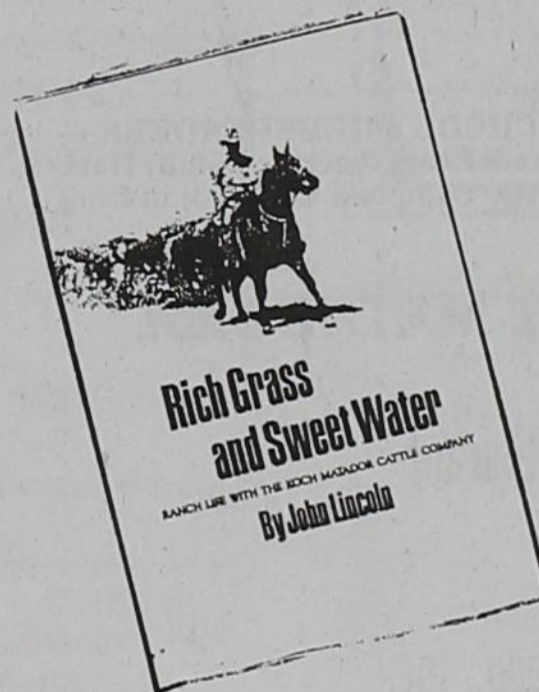
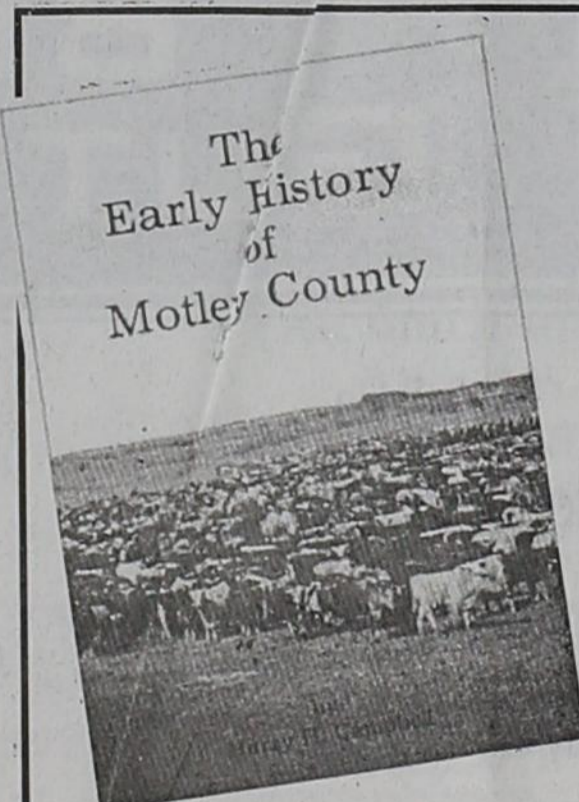
New business was also discussed and included the Fall Harvest Carnival. The carnival is set for Oct. 25, 2003. PTO will participate with a concession stand located in the old computer room. Also, cutting boards will be available for purchase. A great housewarming or Christmas gift.

Please keep in mind MCS Book Fair set for Oct. 14-18. Details will follow.

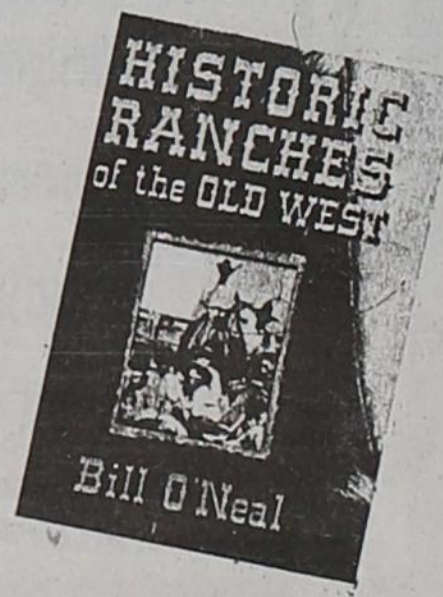
In other business, Mr. Copp, Superintendent, requested assistance in funding the purchase of a 14 ft. enclosed trailer for MCS. The trailer will be used to haul sports and school equipment for different school events. The approximate cost of an enclosed trailer is \$2500-\$3000. Motley County PTO voted to help pay for the trailer. Donation amount will be determined when a suitable trailer and exact cost is confirmed.

Lastly, Mrs. Hicks, Principal, announced the parenting Conference is scheduled for Nov. 6. Everyone planning to attend must register by Oct. 27. For more information please contact Mrs. Hicks at MCS, 806/347-2676.

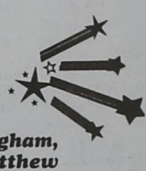
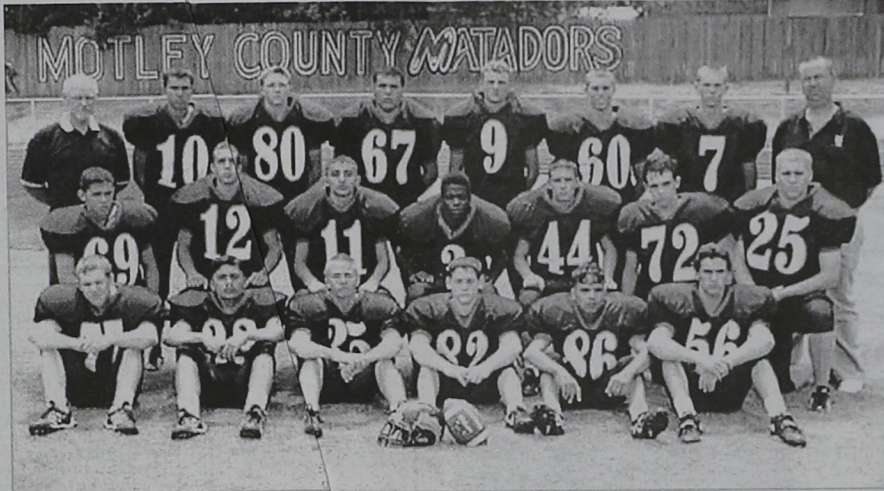
"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."
Ephesians 6:1



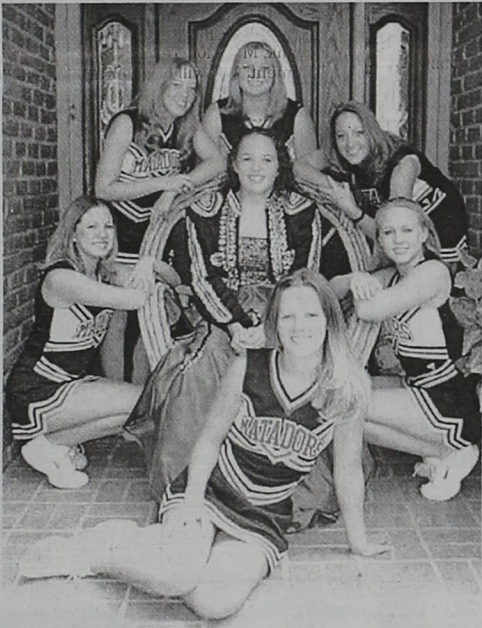
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS FOOTBALL



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Beginning at back, left to right, Coach Cooper, Chance Bingham, Quinten Rose, Brandon Martin, Kenny Johannes, Cody Cooper, Coach Dodson; 2nd row, Matthew Martin, Levi Buckner, Lorenzo Salazar, Seagram Sims, Matt Henzler, Brandon Gressett, Colton Russell; (front) Sam Stapleton, Gene Salazar, Airon Dodson, Cameron Jeffcoat, Jose Ramirez, Martin Walker.



MOTLEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Charli Ream, Angie Marvel, Mandi Ream (back l-r); Emily Hurt, Amanda Hurt, Mascot, and Kittie Campbell (middle); in front is Sabrina Osborn.

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2003-2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| Date: | Opponent: | Site: | Time: |
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| September 12 | Spur | Here | 7:30 |
| September 19 | Guthrie | Here | 7:30 |
| September 26 | Meadow | There | 7:30 |
| October 3 | New Home | There | 7:30 |
| District | | | |
| October 10 | Patton Springs | There | 7:30 |
| HC * October 18 ** | Happy (Saturday) | Here | 5:00 |
| October 24 | Hedley | There | 7:30 |
| November 1 | Silverton (Saturday) | There | 5:00 |
| November 7 | Valley | Here | 7:30 |

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Assessing Iraq

Operation Iraqi Freedom was the most widely covered war in our nation's history. For the first time, reporters and camera crews were embedded in military units beaming live pictures of the conflict back to the United States, providing real time battlefield updates. Yet round-the-clock coverage does not begin to come close to the experience of seeing, hearing and feeling the danger firsthand.

I recently traveled to the Middle East to visit our troops and assess the situation in person. What I found is troubling.

I have often traveled overseas - to Europe and the Middle East - to talk with our troops to better understand their living conditions, their needs and the threats they face.

But what I saw in Iraq was unlike anything I'd seen in the Balkans even at the height of the conflict there. The situation in Iraq is far more treacherous than we anticipated. Conflict continues. The battle has shifted. Following a brilliant conventional military campaign, our troops now wage unconventional warfare. Every day, they defend against guerilla-type tactics.

That point was brought home to me in a profound and dramatic way. I was within five miles of the United Nations compound in Baghdad when a truck bomb killed 23 people, including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq. Our leaders on the ground believe terrorists are coming over the border from Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

It is clear we are stretched too thin in Iraq. We need more troops to help restore order and keep the peace. Not necessarily more U.S. troops; troops from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and nations in the region that have a stake in the success of this mission could be

immensely helpful.

We also need people who can begin the rebuilding process in earnest and for the long term. We need civil engineers, those who speak Arabic, and people with border patrol experience.

My Middle East itinerary included meetings with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and then-Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas.

The escalation of violence throughout the Middle East and around the globe is a clarion call to all nations of the earth. This is not just an American problem. If terrorism succeeds against Western nations, it will be turned on Islamic governments that are not considered extreme enough. Some of our allies in the war on terror are doing their part, but it is not enough. Moderate Arab countries must also join the fight. Standing on the sidelines implies silent support for terrorist actions.

Our country has called our troops to duty and they have readily answered the call. But they are living in very harsh conditions, and they are living in danger.

If we are going to continue the high operations tempo of peacekeeping, fighting a war on terrorism while remain prepared to fight elsewhere, we need more soldiers and the support of other nations in the Middle East. Failure is not an option.

If we don't bring this battle to the terrorists, they will bring it on us - again - on U.S. soil. September 11, 2001, is not a distant memory; it is a constant reminder of the menace of terrorism. We must stamp it out. Peace, security and the future of our civilization demand it.



While on an official visit to Iraq, Senator Hutchison stopped to visit with a group of US Army soldiers from West Texas stationed at Camp Babylon. Pictured are (kneeling, l to r): SSG Roman Moreno (Lubbock); 1LT Manual Avalos (Lubbock); (2nd row, l-r), MAJ Terry Callis (Canyon); LTC Michael Keller (Plainview); Senator Hutchison; MAJ Fred Harmon (Amarillo); SSG Chris Castilleja (Lubbock); (back row l-r), MAJ Chris Black (Lubbock); SPC Sonny Owens (Lubbock); SPC James Cook (Mount Vernon); LTC John Albin (Lubbock); SGT Aaron Flowers (Amarillo); and SGT David Floyd (Lubbock).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Carla,

Below is a copy of a letter recently sent to the Matador Ranch in appreciation of all they did for the community in celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Dear Bob, Wanda and the Matador Crew,

On behalf of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, I want to thank you and convey our appreciation to all of you for the wonderfully successful event of August 30th.

I don't know if you realize how much pride the community felt, both in itself and the Ranch, for the great publicity that our town received, the tremendous turnout at the Open House, and the enriching experience for "old-timers" as well as other "Friends of the Ranch." The opportunity to renew rich memories and endearing relationships was unique, inspiring and unforgettable.

Everyone did a fabulous job in the planning and executing of the events of the day, and the Chamber would like to express our appreciation and thanks.

The Chamber hopes that we can continue to cooperate with the Ranch in future endeavors for the betterment of our community. The future of Motley County looks brighter, indeed, since August 30, 2003.

Sincerely,
Penny Pipkin,
President
M.C. Chamber of Commerce



NOTE OF THANKS

The family of Una Simpson would like to express and extend our sincere heartfelt thanks to all our relatives and friends who sent cards, those who called, sent flowers and especially your prayers during this time.

Additionally, a special warm thank you to Pastor S.W. Keeton of Lubbock for his kind services and words.

We would specifically like to thank the ladies of the community who prepared the food and set a cordial reception after the services.

May God bless all of you.

The family of Una Simpson
Yvonna & Alan Bentz and family
A.B. & Casey Simpson and family
Ida & Leo Sims and family

Thank you to all who helped with the meal at the church, visits to the funeral home, and so many lovely flower arrangements in memory of Zona Ruth Scaff Cammack. She was so very fond of her "hometown" and the roots it provided for so many years.

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Bill Pallmeyer

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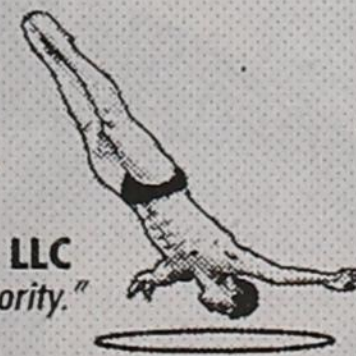
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**Roaring Springs Avon Beauty
Advisor seizes opportunity
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Avon Certified Beauty Advisor Annette Hollinsworth of Roaring Springs keeps aiming higher. That's why she took an extra step to become certified in giving beauty advice on color application and skin treatments.

And she continues to hone her abilities by attending workshops, most recently at Avon's 2003 National Convention in Orlando, Fla. where she learned even more ways to help customers achieve their beauty goals. One of the opportunities available to Beauty Advisors at the conference was to receive tips from renowned makeup artist to the stars, Maria Verel, whose clients include U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton and TV anchor Diane Sawyer.

Avon offers this opportunity in order to provide Representatives the tools to stay informed about beauty trends and better meet their customers' needs.

"The Representatives attending the convention are among our most dedicated. They take their businesses seriously and are on their way to tremendous success," says Angelo Rossi, group vice president of Avon U.S. sales.

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Annette Hollinsworth

The convention attracted more than 4,000 Avon Representatives July 31 through August 2 for three days of seminars, product previews, training sessions and celebrations. Noted figures in attendance also included fitness experts Richard Simmons and Kathy Smith, and fashion critic Leon Hall.

Since becoming an Avon salesperson 5 years ago, Hollinsworth has sold more than \$31,000 annually and been named to Avon's exclusive Honor Society. Since becoming a Certified Beauty Advisor, she has seen her business expand and her customers happier.

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Caprock Community Action Association, Inc. has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME owner-occupied reconstruction program in Motley County. These funds will include all cities and rural areas of Motley County. Applications will be taken beginning September 15, 2003, through September 30, 2003.

Applications may be obtained and will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 1515 Eubank, Matador, Texas. Certain eligibility criteria and documentation will be required. For additional information, call 806/675-7307 or 800/692-4164. Caprock Community Action Association, Inc. is an equal housing opportunity agency.



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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Wesleyan Guild met September 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall with JoEtta Bumgardner as hostess.

Vice-President, Jo Crowder, was in charge and called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was by Mary Lumsden. Minutes were read by Callie Giesecke and approved.

Grace Zabielski gave the devotional, reading from "The Upper Room" publication, entitled "Helping God."

Chelsea Read gave the lesson from a book by Barbara Johnson, "I'm So Glad You Told Me Things I Didn't Want to Hear."

In addition to those already mentioned, refreshments were served to Lea Peacock and Robena King.

John Martin, 14-year-old son of Jackie and Sharon Martin, underwent a tonsillectomy and had a cyst removed from his right sinus at Covenant Surgical Center last Friday. He is recuperating at home.

Matador News

Lindy Stafford visited her mother in Dallas last weekend. While having dinner at Bent Tree Country Club with Richard and Julie Stafford, she visited with Bob and Betty Verplank, nephew of the late Bertha Stearns. The Verplanks

are parents of Scott Verplank, Ryder Cup team member and PGA tour winner. They expressed a deep fondness for Matador and relatives here and look forward to visiting here in the future.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The battle over redistricting in Texas in some ways is all about saving rural lifestyle of our state. Let's hope that Gov. Rick Perry, a small town boy himself, will come to his senses soon and realize that his efforts to redraw the lines of the Texas delegation in the U. S. House have the potential to destroy rural Texas.

How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it.

MOTORCYCLE TOUR

Glen Calvert, Roger and Josh Lee accompanied by members of the Rolling Plains Motorcycle Club returned home recently from a 2000 mile tour that ended in Steam Boat Spring in Colorado.

The cool weather and scenic attractions were enjoyable when riding across the rolling hills of ranch country, the smell of new mowed grass and wildflowers. They camped out along the route and encountered light rain that was pleasing after the hot dry weather in Motley County. I am told the man and his motorcycle become one unit after a thousand miles.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The birthday of Bill D. Washington was celebrated Sunday, September 7, in his home with a family luncheon, decorated cake, gifts, cards and best wishes.

Those attending the happy occasion in addition to his wife, Erma were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and Madison and Cary Franks of Lubbock, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara of Flomot.

ATTEND NAVY REUNION

Mrs. Ray (Tommie Jo) Cruse attended the annual reunion of Veterans and wives of the U.S. Navy, Standard Landing Craft Unit 36 of Boat Pool Baker during World War II held September 10-13.

The late Mr. Cruse served with this unit in the U.S. Navy. His wife Tommie Jo joined friends from throughout the United States at the Ramada Limited in Ruidoso, N.M. for entertainment and renewing friendship.

KATIE WASHINGTON FEATURED PERFORMER

Diane and Seab Washington attended the Quannah Parker Days held in Quannah Saturday. Their granddaughter, Katie Washington of Childress was the featured female performer in the Radio Melodrama presented at the Depot Museum. She is the daughter of Stachia and Todd Washington of Childress.

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

Johnie Starkey and mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey visited last week in Warner, Oklahoma with Bobbie and Royce Hanna and attended the Hanna family reunion. Johnie and

Mrs. Starkey visited Sunday in Lockney with Margie and Homer Cypert.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee enjoyed the Jamboree Saturday night held at the Bob Wills gym in Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Dimmitt and Amarillo, Thursday for her medical appointments. She received a good report.

Brain Sehon of Ropesville visited from Wednesday until Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. His mother, Mrs. Keri Sehon visited Friday and Saturday and accompanied him home.

Josh Lee and Glen Calvert had fun at the Peanut Festival in Wellington, Saturday.

Emily and Haley Milam of Petrolia visited the past week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Their mother, Mrs. Christi Milam visited from Thursday until Sunday and accompanied them home.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and son, Justin Calvert of Amarillo visited Sunday with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Washington arrived Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Edith Washington and other relatives. They will continue to Tulsa, Okla. to visit with daughter and family, Bruce and Melynn Hamilton, in Elizabeth Town, Kentucky with other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hathaway and in Washington, D.C. with son and wife, Todd and Patti Washington before continuing to Zephyrhills, Florida to visit the winter.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock visited Sunday with her parents, Aleda and Tom Ross. They arrived with a luncheon to celebrate the 47th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara were Amy and Cory Franks and daughter, Madison of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Borger, Saturday with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They attended the Arts and Crafts Show at the Silver Dome.

Mrs. Judy Stark visited in Corpus Christi last week with her husband, Lynn Stark who is driving a module truck for Roegan and Talon Cruse during the cotton harvest. She visited in Austin with her daughter, Mindy Stark, a student at Texas University. Joining her there to visit was her son, Wes Stark, stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Del Rio.

Anita and Ken Baldwin of Santa Fe, N.M. visited Thursday afternoon and Friday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Visiting in the Calvert home, Sunday were daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock.

Mrs. Cindy Calvert, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, returned to Warrenton, Virginia this week to be with her husband, Chad Calvert.

Dane, Krystal and Kyler Degan of Crosbyton visited Saturday afternoon with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danielle attended the Valley Junior Varsity football game in Aspermont last Thursday night and the JV football game vs. Meadow in Turkey Friday night.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Degan, Saturday were grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan and Kyler of Crosbyton.

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

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were Baker B. Bristow and daughter, Mrs. Lanette McClean of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin of Midland. They celebrated the 98th birthday of Mr. Bristow Sunday with a luncheon, decorated cake, gifts and best wishes for continued good health.

Mrs. Irene "Sis" Stephens of Turkey visited Mrs. Pansy Spray last Tuesday.

OBITUARIES

Keri Jo DeWild

Memorial services for Keri Jo DeWild, 27, of Sierra Vista, AZ, will be held Friday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m. at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home. Her body was cremated by Desert Sunset Funeral Home in Tucson, Arizona.

Ms. DeWild died Friday, September 12, at 1:40 p.m., at Tucson Medical Center, Tucson, Arizona. She was born December 29, 1975, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She attended Frenship Schools at Wolforth and graduated in 1993. She was a Medical Clerk and worked in ER at Sierra Vista Hospital in Sierra Vista, Arizona, where she had resided for the past 4 1/2 years.

Keri Jo will be remembered in Matador as the little red-headed granddaughter of the late Zona Ruth Cammack.

She was the beloved daughter of Kevin Neil DeWild of Alamogordo, NM and Mary Martha Martin, a former Matador resident, now of Lubbock. She loved her work; she was a very loving person and dearly loved children and her family. She will be greatly missed as a daughter, sister, niece and aunt. With Keri it was hard to say which was brighter, her heart or her gorgeous red hair.

The family will celebrate her life after the Memorial Service at the fellowship hall of the First United

Methodist Church in Matador. Family and friends are invited to share fond memories.

In addition to her grandmother, Zona Ruth Cammack, she was also preceded in death by her grandfather, Clarence DeWild of McPherson, Kansas.

She is survived by her father, Kevin DeWild of Alamogordo, NM; her mother, Mary Martin, of Lubbock; one sister, Kathy Hogan of Lubbock; one brother, Michael Kevin DeWild of Midvale, Utah; two nephews, Zachary Eli Hogan, 5, of Lubbock, and Kobe Michael DeWild, 2, of Midvale, Utah; two nieces, Kaytlin DeWild, 5, of Midvale, Utah, and Alyssa Grace Hogan, 2, of Lubbock; her grandmother, Jo DeWild of McPherson, Kansas; three aunts, Stella Swim and family of Abilene, Jackie Smith and family of Gruver, and Etta Walker and family of DeLeon; one uncle and aunt, Charles and KayLynn Cammack and family of San Antonio. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins of McPherson, Kansas; and many friends of her home in Arizona.

The family asks, "Please do not mourn the passing of our loved one, help us celebrate her life."

A Keri DeWild Educational Trustfund is being established and more information will be made available at a later time.

Una M. Simpson

Una M. Simpson departed this life September 9, 2003, in Poteet, Texas. She was born February 1, 1907, in Raulf, Indian Territory, to the late Andrew Jackson Matlock and Florence May Matlock.

She moved to Northfield, Texas in 1920 and graduated from Northfield High School. She received her Nursing Degree in Wichita Falls in 1958. She married Andrew Baker Simpson October 9, 1925, in Wellington, Texas.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Matador. She lived on the ranch at Northfield for 72 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Benny J. Simpson. She is survived by two daughters, Yvonna Bentz and husband, Alan E. Bentz, of Poteet, Texas, Ida Sims and husband Leo Sims, of Lubbock; one son, Andrew

B. Simpson, Jr. and wife Casey Simpson of Dallas; one grandson, Cody Simpson of Kopperl, Texas; two granddaughters, Alisha Seiders of Austin and Melody Campbell of Lubbock; four great-grandchildren, Jessica Seiders, Wilson Seiders, Kristen Kincannon and Parker Campbell.

Una will be remembered for her art work and her quilts.

Graveside services were held at the Northfield Cemetery, Friday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m. with S.W. Keeton of Lubbock officiating.

Palbearers were Nevada Cook, Randy Cook, Eddie Cook, Carter Luckett, Bill Simpson and Vaden Hays.

Family suggests memorials to your favorite charity or VistaCare Hospice, 5815 Callathan Rd., Suite 102, San Antonio, Texas 78228.

Joyce Bell Dobkins

Joyce Bell Dobkins passed away August 27, 2003, in Austin, Texas.

Joyce was born in Wellington, Texas, September 29, 2003, and was raised in Roaring Springs. She graduated Valedictorian in her class from Texas Tech University while working in her father's cotton gin in Glenn, Texas.

She became the first woman in Texas and the second woman in the world to receive a license to class cotton. In 1944 at the age of 33, she purchased an automobile in New York City and drove by herself to Guatemala on the newly opened Pan-American Highway.

She started her own weaving business of the Maylan culture textiles. In 1959 Joyce and her sister, Carmen Dobkins Drake, moved the business to El Paso, Texas. She started weaving horse blankets in Juarez, Mexico, and they were sold throughout the world. Joyce actively worked in the business until the age of 83. Today the business that was started by this modern and adventurous woman is thriving.

She is survived by her sister, Carmen Drake; nephew James Drake; niece, Pi Crowley; and niece, Glenda Dobkins Hossley.

Interment was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Jean Mize Tucker

Funeral services for Jean Tucker of Amarillo, former Matador resident, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2003, at the Schooler, Gordon Funeral Home. She died Saturday August 30 at an Amarillo nursing home following a stroke.

She was born in Matador, September 28, 1928, and moved to Abilene in 1943 where she graduated from High School in 1946. She mar-

ried Sam H. Tucker in Abilene and he preceded her in death. She was an active member of the American Ex-POW's and Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Larry of Richland Hills and Thomas of Amarillo; one sister, Mrs Juanita Green of Lawton, Oklahoma; two brothers, Amos Mize of Amarillo and A.E. "Buster" Mize of Abilene; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT



by Lonnie Jenschke
Motley County Extension Agent

FALL "QUAIL ODYSSEY" SET

Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a "Quail Odyssey" through eight top West Texas quail-producing counties each Thursday in October.

Dates and counties involved include: October 2, Scurry/Fisher Counties; October 9, Coke/Tom Green Counties; October 16, Coleman County; October 23, Stonewall County; and October 30, Shackelford/Taylor Counties.

Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo based Extension wildlife specialist and odyssey coordinator, said the five tours are intended as a series. To entice return attendees, participants completing the entire odyssey will be eligible to win a donated shotgun or guided Fisher County hunt.

"We'll be touring some of the best quail properties anywhere in the U.S.," said Rollins. Some tour sites are "finished products" while others are just starting, so participants will be able to see operations from planning stages through completion. Each site will offer instructive lessons in quail management for any quail manager.

"Webster defines an odyssey as 'a long wandering or voyage usually marked by several changes of fortune' or as 'an intellectual quest'." Both definitions are appropriate conquests for aspiring West Texas quail managers.

Rollins said the series is intended to be a "brown-bag" affair. As such, there won't be any registration fees. Donations to support ongoing quail research efforts and the Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp will be accepted. Participants are asked to bring along their lunch, refreshments, and a folding chair.

"Quail numbers are up nicely over most of West Texas this year," said Rollins. "This may be the best year we've seen since 1987. Our goal for the tour is to take advantage of this momentum and build on it. Good quail management shines in dry years, not the wet ones. The quail manager's goal should be to sustain quail numbers at huntable numbers through the tough times while the not-so-good managers' hunters are sitting at home watching the Cowboys play football on TV.

Ranches on the tour include: Wild Wings Ranch, Scurry County; Aike Ranch, Fisher County; Bond Ranch, Coke County; Angelo State University Management Instruction and Research Center, Tom Green County; Codorniz Ranch, Tom Green County; Brown and Big 6 Ranches, Coleman County; Snipes and Box P Ranches, Stonewall County; Rio 42 Ranch, Shackelford County; Ramsey Ranch and Hailey Ranch, Taylor County.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG DISCUSSES INSURANCE ISSUES

Following the direction of the Plains Cotton Growers' Board of Directors, PCG Officers Mark Williams, Rickey Bearden and Mike Hughes joined PCG staff at a pair of meetings to discuss insurance issues September 8.

Both meetings involved representatives from Watts & Associates, an insurance consulting firm based in Bozeman, Montana.

Topics discussed included a study that Watts & Associates has been commissioned to perform on behalf of the USDA Risk Management Agency, and to seek ways PCG could assist in the development of a Business Income insurance product for cotton gins.

"As an organization Plains Cotton Growers is committed to the success to the High Plains cotton industry. One area our membership has identified as being key to that success is maintaining the viability of the support structure that allows our cotton to get from the field to the marketplace," explains PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

In regard to PCG's increased involvement in the TCGA's efforts to develop a viable insurance program, Verett notes that PCG's primary motivation is to provide whatever assistance it can and add to the hard work and investment already made by the TCGA.

During the meeting PCG leaders agreed to support the development of a 3-county product assessment that will be used to measure the viability of a gin insurance plan.

The second meeting involving PCG and Watts & Associates centered on a study, commissioned by the USDA Risk Management Agency, to look into the current implementation of skip-row factors in non-irrigated cotton.

PCG representatives note that it is important for producers to be active since these types of studies and the recommendations that come from them impact the number of companies willing to write crop insurance products for this growing region.

Maintaining the availability of affordable insurance products and making sure that those

products are providing the coverage producers need is a critical component of PCG's involvement in this and many other issues.

STRONG STORMS ROUGH UP HIGH PLAINS COTTON

With estimates of affected acreage near the 100,000 acre mark, many High Plains producers are busy assessing damage and weighing options following a pair of late-session hail storms that sliced their way through the southern High Plains earlier in the week.

While definitive tallies of the losses are hard to come by, anecdotal evidence suggests that the storms dealt significant damage and left a lasting impression on those who witnessed the devastation firsthand.

Descriptions of the damage appear early similar even though the fields being described are often many miles apart.

Several producers have reported having fields left with nothing more than empty and broken cotton stalks that look as if they had been mechanically shredded, where a week ago a crop promising one and even two or more bales of production had stood.

On the other side of the coin, some producers are still wondering if the partial damage they received will be too much for the crop to recover from and what remains is enough to justify the added cost of harvest operations.

One thing that is certain is that the heart of the damaged area contained some very promising cotton acreage.

On a broader scale, the High Plains crop was downgraded slightly in the last TASS crop report to an expected production level of 2.15 million bales. This is down from the 2.4 million bales projected at the beginning of August.

The drop reflects the severity of the drought conditions that impacted dryland production regions during the July/August growing period.

Planted acreage for the 1-N and 1-S reporting districts was increased to 3.55 million acres while harvested acreage and yields were also adjusted to derive the 2.15 million bale production estimate.

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First Annual River Ranch Shoot-out is successful

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The South Pease River Ranch Resort would like to thank all who participated and those who helped in any way.

Participants enjoyed great hamburgers and dove cookouts both Friday and Saturday nights. The wind and cool temperatures handicapped the shooters on both courses.

The South Pease River Ranch would like to see everyone there for next year's Shoot-out in September, 2004, making this annual event even bigger and better.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Watching Popeye suddenly sprout muscles after downing a can of spinach is a classic TV moment, but this cartoon has a message relevant to today's society - spinach is a powerhouse of good nutrition and should be part of a well-rounded diet.

Spinach has just 25 calories in a 4-ounce serving and is an excellent source of folate, iron and the anti-oxidant beta carotene. It is also a good source of vitamin A, vitamin C and potassium and even contains calcium. Canned spinach is just one of the many ways to add this superfood into your diet. Many people

choose to use fresh spinach in salads or lightly cooked spinach in pasta dishes, casseroles, quiche and soups.

Consumers should choose spinach with leaves that are crisp and dark green in color with a nice earthy fragrance. Avoid limp, damaged leaves with yellow spots, and rinse leaves thoroughly to remove grit before using. Refrigerate unwashed spinach in a plastic bag for up to three days.

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Cost is \$70 for new applicants and \$35 for renewal applicants.

Ammunition will be furnished. Participants need to bring two magazines for a semi-automatic handgun and driver's license and should not bring handguns to class without instructor approval.

The state-required introductory course is necessary to carry a concealed handgun in Texas and is for first-time and renewal applicants. The course covers use of force/public contact with law enforcement, non-violent dispute resolution, weapons storage and safety practices, range safety, basic marksmanship, handgun use and evaluation, handgun profi-

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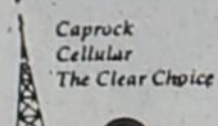
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