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DISTRICT CHAMPS!

The Motley County Matadors rejoice after being awarded the District Trophy after last Friday night's game against Groom. This is the Matadors' first outright district win since 1982.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Motley County Tribune, will be required to print a day early. All news copy should be submitted to the Tribune no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, November 19, for next week's paper.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Thanksgiving Services set for Sunday

Community Thanksgiving services have been set for Sunday evening, November 18.

Services in Roaring Springs will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Pastor Kevin Keltz of the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will bring the message.

Services in Matador will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Eric Sullivan of the Assembly of God Church will bring the message.

Everyone in the county is extended a special invitation to attend one or both of these services as the community comes together in observance of Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS NOW AVAILABLE

Greetings are now available for purchase to be included in the annual Christmas edition of the Motley County Tribune. A variety of sizes and prices are available. This is the perfect

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War Memorial Exhibit viewed by many

by Carol Campbell

Almost 50 residents viewed Ronald Bailey's war exhibit on display November 7-9 and November 12 at the Motley County Library Annex.

This extensive personal museum represents four decades of collecting and features artifacts and other memorabilia from all seven foreign and domestic wars.

Unusual artifacts included a Republic of Texas \$10 dollar bill signed by Sam Houston, 1838; a model 1878 canteen from the Spanish-American War; a 1905 bayonet, steel helmet, and a 1918 uniform from World War I; and an M3 Trench Knife, 1943, World War II.

One of the most unusual artifacts from WWII was a cocoon sent by Sterling Price to his parents in 1945.

Another unusual piece was a wedding blouse and shoes worn by a Vietnamese nurse serving in a GI Hospital in Viet-



Matador resident, Mary Jones, looks over part of Ron Bailey's military collection which was on display at the library through Monday.

nam. She was engaged to a soldier from Central Texas, and died in mortar fire before the wedding.

Two local veterans donated artifacts to Ronnie's museum. Larry Hoyle, a local veteran who served in Vietnam in 1965-

66, donated a Vietnam Handbook, which detailed how to recognize land mines and tunnels.

Hoyle served in the First Infantry Division in Vietnam.

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Residents ask Commissioners to appoint land appraisal committee

The Commissioners' Court of Motley County met in regular session on November 13 in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Matador.

Agenda items included a request by the Motley County Oversight Committee to appoint an Agriculture Land Appraisal Committee, a wind energy update, a discussion of Senate Bill 387 regarding hauling loose material without a tarp, and replacement of Stalker Radar for the Sheriff's Office. Other business included the selection of a date and time for canvassing of the November 6th vote, and consideration of a "burn ban" for

the county.

Betty Simpson and Marisue Potts-Powell requested that the court appoint a committee to provide representation of landowners, ranchers and farmers, to provide oversight during the appraisal process. This committee will include one person from the ASCS Office, and two or more representatives from the county.

Simpson said the committee should consist of all types of landowners and operators in the county. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity only, as required by law. Commissioner Turner, who has

served on the Appraisal District Board since 1999, said he welcomes the input of the committee, and invited members to attend a public meeting set for November 29, at 6:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

County Attorney Tom Edwards provided a wind energy update to the court, informing the court of a "critical meeting" at the Public Utility Commission, Austin, on November 15 where politics are "in full force to get PUC to change matters already approved," Edwards said. "But we have a seat at the table," Edwards said, adding, "the president of the

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MC Matadors win District title with big win over Groom

The Motley County Matadors won their first outright district championship since 1982 and their first ever six-man district title with a 60-14 win over the Groom Tigers. The game was ended at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule.

"We are proud of the way the boys played," Head Football Coach Mike Bigham said. "We played well on offense, defense, and special teams."

"We would like to thank our great group of fans that made the trip to Groom," he said. "Our fans have always supported us and it was fun to see our kids, parents, and fans enjoy receiving the district championship trophy. We look forward to more great fan support in the playoffs."

Isiah Archer rushed for four touchdowns and 200 yards on 14 carries and was five of seven passing for 95 yards including a touchdown pass. Archer also returned a kickoff 43 yards for another score. Casey Carnes caught two passes including a 26-yard touchdown reception. Stacy Perryman had two pass receptions for 65 yards and Jacob Blanco and Steven Webb

also had pass receptions. Eric Simpson added two rushing touchdowns and Bradley Brown made six of eight extra point attempts. The Matadors racked up 350 yards of total offense in one half of play.

Leading defenders for the Matadors were Isiah Archer with seven tackles and one interception, Stacy Perryman with seven tackles, Eric Simpson with six tackles and two tackles for a loss, Jacob Blanco with four tackles and one interception, Stephen Webb with three tackles, one tackle for a loss, one sack, and one interception, and Bradley Brown with two tackles, one tackle for a loss and one sack. The Matadors led the Tigers to 114 yards of total offense.

The Lefors Pirates will be the Matadors first round playoff opponent. The Bi-District Championship game will be played on Friday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Silverton. The Matadors will be the home team. The winner of the Motley County Lefors game will take on the Southland Eagles in a regional playoff game.

Local clubs will host Christmas Bazaars Saturday

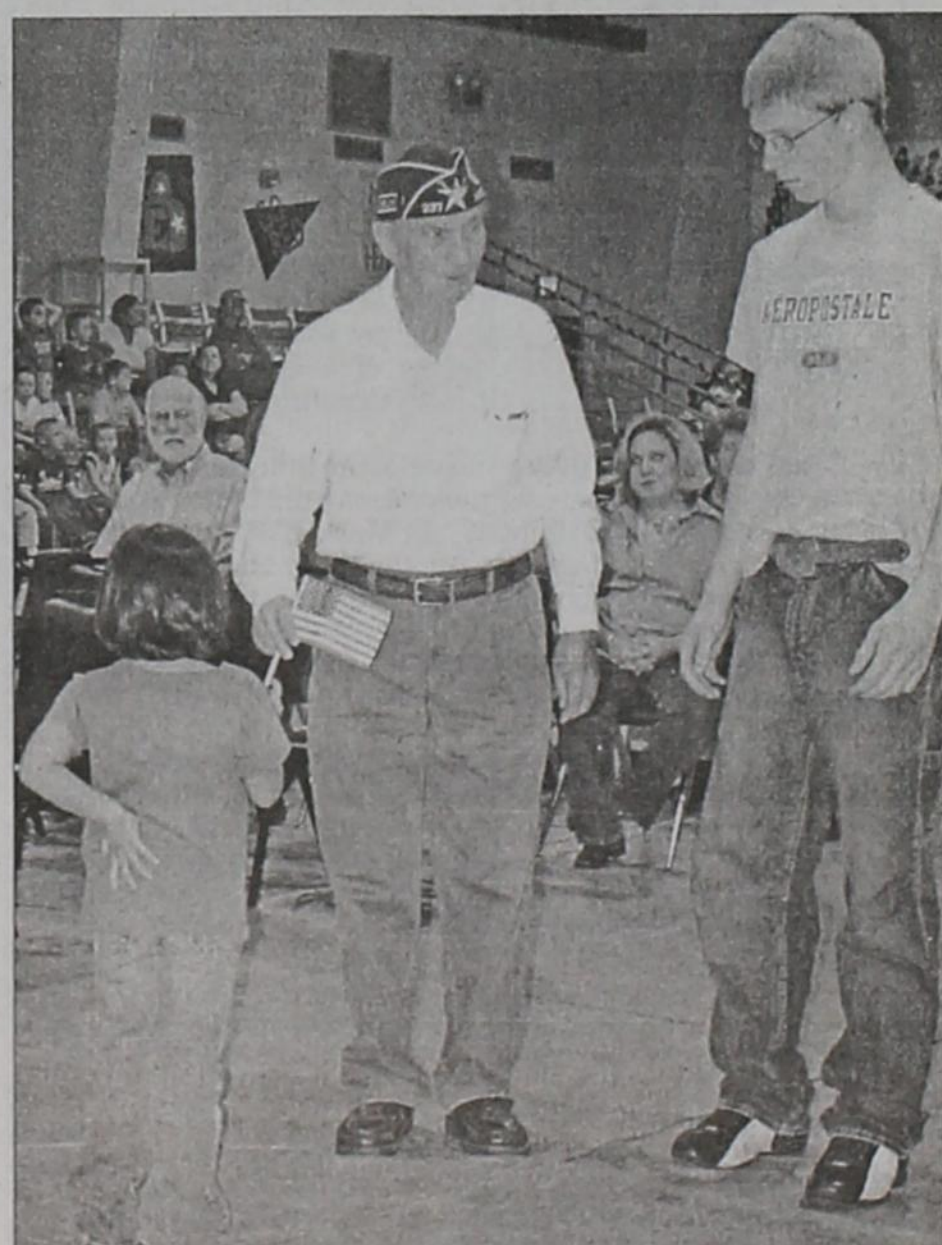
Two local clubs will host their annual Christmas Bazaars, Saturday, November 17.

The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club will offer an array of handmade gift items. Locally made by local artists, these items will make the perfect Christmas gift for anyone on your list. They will also offer baked items, homemade jelly and candy. A tea table will offer delicious goodies for their guests. The bazaar will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot will offer a variety of arts and crafts items, baked goods, leather works, paintings and jewelry, as well as a delicious lunch. A guest author will also be on hand for a book signing. H. Joaquin Jackson, a retired Texas Ranger, will visit with guests and offer his book, One Ranger, for sale. The book is a historical and interesting story about the life of a Ranger. The bazaar will be held at the Flomot Community Center and will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get all your Christmas shopping done early and at the same time support two local organizations.

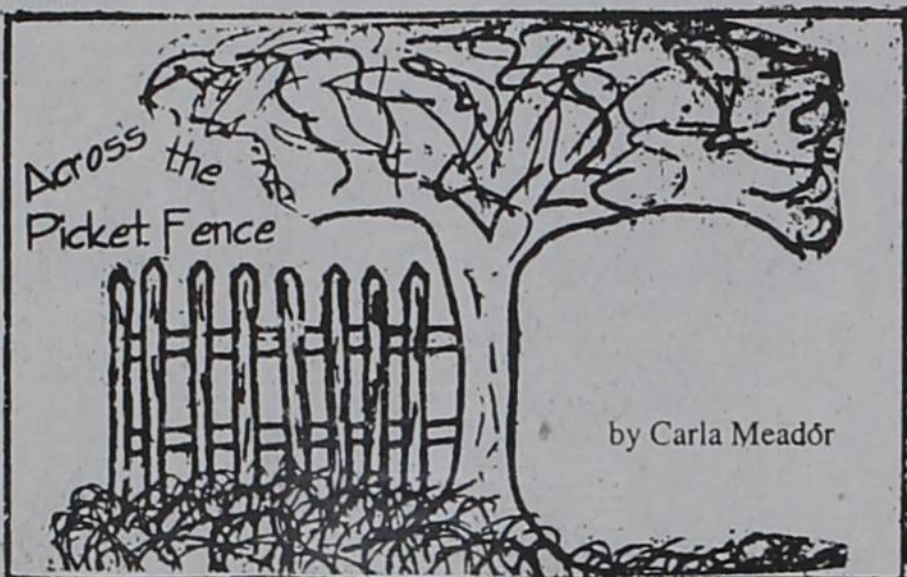
For more information about the Matador show contact Vee Gordon at 347-2752. In Flomot contact Kathy Shorter at 469-5271.



HONORING VETERANS — Motley County Veteran, Walter Trammell, receives a flag from a pre-k student, while being escorted to his seat of honor by high school student, Justin Newman, at Monday's special Veterans' Day program, sponsored the Motley County ISD Student Council.



MODULE LINE — Cotton modules are lined up at Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs. The first bale of the year was ginned October 19 and brought in by James Gwinn. The bale had a lint weight of 465 pounds and a produced 803 pounds of seed, with a 32.5% turnout yield. To date Red Ball has ginned 2370 bales. With Motley County still yet to experience a freeze, some cotton is still green. Gin co-owner, Tommie Cruse, said "The cotton is good, the grades are good and the weather is cooperating. Everything looks great and we're so happy for the farmers having good crops."



Since my heart attack I have tried to make a conscious effort to be more thankful each day, to not be negative, enjoy each minute and smile more.

According to an article in the November issue of *Country Living* magazine, "A smile is a gift that radiates joy not only through the smiler, but also to the smiled upon. Traditionally, Chinese master considered the inner smile so precious and sacred that they whispered it in secret. They regarded negative emotions as low-grade energy. This low-grade energy would drain a person's life force, causing stress in the organs and instability of the mind. A true smile, they believed, produces a high-grade positive, and healing energy, which is easily transmitted to the internal organs, glands and nervous system. Equally important, anyone can transmit this force to another person simply by smiling - and the sender will benefit as much as the receiver does."

The article gives the following instructions:

HOW TO PRACTICE YOUR INNER SMILE...

Begin by closing your eyes. Focus attention on your mouth.

Recall someone or something that brings a genuine smile to your lips. Let the positive energy turn up the corners of your mouth and crinkle up the corners of your eyes.

Radiate that smile up into your eyes.

Radiate the energy up to your left ear then your right one.

Smile into your brain. Smile into your tongue.

Send the smile down into your voice box.

Smile down into your heart. Feel your heart smiling back at you.

Smile into your left lung, then into your right lung.

Smile into your organs, bones, muscles, and nervous system and feel them smiling back at you.

Smile that warm, healing energy to a spot that wants a little extra help today.

Finish by smiling back up into both eyes.



Notes from the Library
by Buffy Crutchley

I want to say a HUGE Thank You to Ronald Bailey for all the hard work he put in getting his military memorabilia set up for display. We had quite a few people come in to take a look. We even had some out-of-towners stop by! It was definitely very impressive display, and I'm grateful Mr. Bailey wanted to share it with us.

We got several new books in this week, so be sure to come take a look. I also am trying desperately to increase our movie collection, and was successful in finding three new DVD's for the library over the weekend! I know that renting a movie in Motley County isn't an easy

task, so don't forget we have a small (but growing) collection of VHS and DVD movies that will be great to watch on those cold winter nights that are fast approaching!

I made it through my 2nd Board meeting last week, and I want to say a huge thank you to Charlie, Marihelen, Deanie, Susan, Ruby, and Patricia. You've been extremely gracious to me as I try to figure out what it is that I need to be doing. Thank you so much.

We still have plenty of 2007 Texas State Capitol ornaments available. Be sure to get yours while you can!



Arts & Crafts news

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met November 4 for its regular meeting.

Nova Dale Turner taught the class a new art form, clay moulding, using polymer clay. It was an exciting time and a notorious lesson-one that will be a part of the former agenda.

Club President Joy Archer conducted a lengthy business meeting. Committees have been appointed to prepare for the Fall Bazaar and expectations are high for a huge success. There will be new items,

Members present were: Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Ray Baxter, Dorothy Knight, Bonnie Vandiver, Joyce Meredith, Jane King Neal, Jo Trammel, Nova Dale Turner, and Winifred Darsey.

Members will meet Friday, November 16, to prepare the Bazaar. See you there!

old favorites, a door prize and best of all, the tea or coffee table with cookies. The members are hoping the good weather will hold and "youall" will come, browse, buy and have fun!

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

If you haven't read Monty Marshall's Letter to the Editor yet, do so, for it is well worth the time.

Monta wrote about the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers, about the work they have done and their situation now.

She wrote about the people who had founded the organization, and all the projects they have undertaken that benefit the county as a whole, not just the folks in Roaring Springs.

She focused on two problems, and raised some questions that apply to other organizations as well, questions that really are in need of an answer. Where are the volunteers today?

What is going on? A number of groups formed some 10 or 15 years ago, groups that have benefited the county as a whole. They survive today with a mere fraction of the membership, and certainly not enough to continue with all the projects they have undertaken in the past.

Kid's Camp has had to be discontinued, because there simply were not enough adults to make it work. The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are going to be able to host a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

And what if there is no more 4th of July celebration in Roaring Springs, with lots of events, topped off by the dinner with free ice cream and crowned by a wonderful fireworks celebration? Would it be missed? Of course it would!

These activities are the life-blood of the county. They make us an ocean instead of lots of little drops. They make Motley County a place people can live, not just a place to camp out in homes between trips to Lubbock.

Monta asked where the Empty-Nesters are, the folks whose kids have left home, so they are no longer booked solid with school events. Other organizations are asking the same thing.

If people do not decide that the county organizations are worth having, and their activities worth being involved with, these organizations will cease to be, and we will all be the poorer for it.

Or are these organizations doing something wrong? Are they not meeting the needs of the county residents anymore?

For the long term health of the county, these are questions that need to be answered before it is too late.

Military Collection from page 1

Harold and Vee Gordon donated an old sword and scabbard, "maybe German-made," Bailey said. "But right now, I don't have a clue how old it is." Bailey is looking forward to researching the donated sword.

In a memorial to all veterans, Bailey left a bit of prose on the sign-in table at the exhibit which sums up his deep regard and dedication to his hobby:

"This display is dedicated to the men and women who answered the call of duty for their country.

"A special remembrance is

given to those who gave the supreme sacrifice-by giving their lives for their country. They live on in the hearts and minds of their friends, family, and loved ones.

"We thank God for the Veterans who returned. The names of the Veterans will be remembered always-because those generations yet unborn will beam with pride when they hear the names of ancestors and relatives who served their country.

"God bless the American Veteran."



"Surrendered" Christian Band members were honored recently with the Golden Heart International Band of the Year award at the Country Gospel Music Convention in October. Band member and former Matador resident, Rickey Green, right, plays guitar. (contributed photo)

Christian Band honored with Golden Heart award

West Texas Christian band, "Surrendered" was honored with the Golden Heart "International Band of the Year" award at the Country Gospel Music Association (CGMA) International Convention held in Branson, Missouri on October 28. The band previously had received the Silver Heart "Central USA Division Band of the Year" award in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in July, which advanced them to the International level. The CGMA International Award nominees were singers, instrumentalists, bands, comedians, reciters, singing interpreters, yodelers, and whistlers from the five CGMA divisions, including the Western USA, Central USA, Eastern USA, Canadian, and

the Philippines Divisions.

"Surrendered" is a 5-member band that is dedicated to bringing glory to the Lord Jesus Christ with their God-given musical abilities. Karen Stoker is manager; lead singer, and keyboard player; Ronny Green plays guitar; former Matador resident Rickey Green plays guitar; Jeff Smith plays drums and sings backup; and Brent Knox plays bass guitar and sings backup. Each member has a special talent to bring to the group that says they were united together by God to do what they do. In the short time they have been together, Surrendered members have written 17 original songs, and have several more in progress. In re-

sponse to the comments from people about the talents of the band, "Surrendered" says "It's not that we're so good, it's that God is so good!"

"Surrendered" is available for special music for churches, family reunions, festivals, etc. on a love-offering/honorarium basis. Contact Karen Stoker at 806-685-0878 or email band@wearesurrendered.com. Website: www.wearesurrendered.com.

Band member and former Matador resident, Rickey Green, is a 1975 graduate of Motley County High School and the son of Nelita and the late Ted Green of Plainview, grandson of the late J.C. Sr. and Leona Mae Green of Matador.

DUE TO CONFLICTING COUNTY ACTIVITIES, THE "SPECIAL" LATE NIGHT SHOPPING AT ROARING SPRINGS

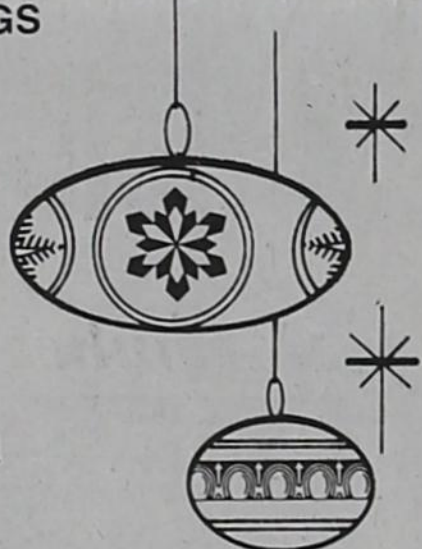
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING (NOV. 24, 2007)

"Santa from the Old West" will arrive about 4:00 p.m.

Along with Santa's arrival there will be a Stick Horse Parade!

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SEE NEXT WEEK'S PAPER FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SPECIALS AND DOOR PRIZES TO REGISTER FOR



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A Back-Up

When natural disasters threaten our environment many times people go to the local grocery store to stock up on food and basic necessities. Some people have entire rooms in their houses set aside for long term storage of necessary items just in case something might happen.

What about us? What are some of the things that we have done in order to prepare for the unseen future? Are we ready for any of life's uncertainties? In Mark 4: 35-41, the writer describes to us one uncertainty that happened in the lives of Jesus and His disciples. A violent storm came up as they were crossing Galilee's sea. Apparently this storm was so violent that the disciples feared for their lives. They cried out to Jesus, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

Jesus calmed the storm that day with three simple words. What about the lives that we are living today? No matter what may come upon us, Jesus can handle it. I believe He can. Let us look to Jesus... the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Yes, when our world seems to come crashing down around us, He can handle it, He is our back-up!

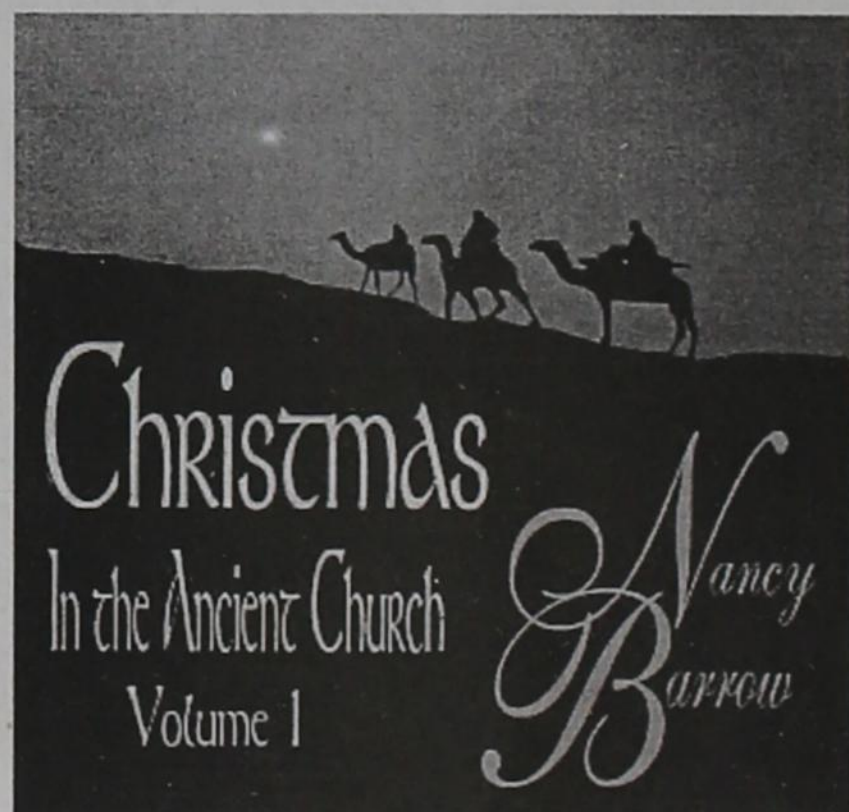
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CAN'T STOP A MATADOR
A Groom Tiger tries to bring down Motley County Matador, #7 Isaiah Archer, during last Friday night's game. The Matadors defeated the Tigers and brought home the District trophy.
(photo by Walter Taylor)



WE'RE NUMBER ONE! Motley County students symbolize their dedication to the Matadors at last week's Pep Rally.
(photo by Walter Taylor)

School Menu

MONDAY NOV. 19:
Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.
TUESDAY NOV. 20:
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY NOV. 21:
NO SCHOOL!
THURSDAY NOV. 22:
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FRIDAY NOV. 23:
NO SCHOOL!

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Motley County
Arts & Crafts Club Annual
Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 17
Senior Citizen Center
Matador - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 15: School Board Training, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
November 16: Matadors Football Playoff Game (TBA)
November 17: Lady Mats Basketball at Jayton, 11:00 a.m.
FFA Contest at West Texas A&M University, 9:00 a.m.
November 18: County Show Steer Validation @ Matador Ranch, TBA.
November 19: Junior High Basketball vs. Patton Springs Here (TBA).
High School Basketball (TBA).
November 20: Early Release.
High School Basketball (TBA).
November 21-23: Thanksgiving Holiday.
November 26: Junior High Basketball at Paducah, 5:30 p.m.

November 27: High School Basketball at McLean, 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
November 29: High School Basketball at Patton Springs Tournament.
November 30: High School Basketball at Patton Springs Tournament.
December 1: High School Basketball at Patton Springs Tournament.

Updates to the calendar can be accessed at <http://www.motleyco.org/Calendars.htm>.

School will dismiss for Thanksgiving holiday

Motley County ISD students will be released from school on Tuesday, November 20, at 12:20 p.m. to begin the Thanksgiving holiday. Students will enjoy three days of holiday, November 21, 22 and 23.

Christmas Greetings

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way to send over 1000 people a greeting for Christmas.

The Tribune is also requesting special Christmas recipes, stories, poems, or old photos to share in the special edition. If you have a special Christmas memory you would like to share or an old photo of Christmases past or maybe a scrumptious holiday recipe, let us share them with all Tribune readers. The deadline to submit these items or to purchase a greeting will be Friday, December 7.

For more information contact the Tribune office at 347-2400.

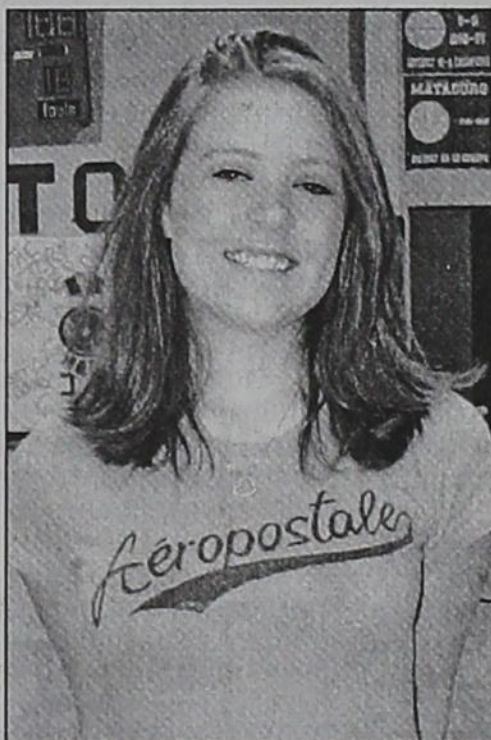
Christmas Has Arrived at Matador Variety!

Stock up now on lights, wrapping paper, decorations, and much more!

The Countdown is on... Only 6 weeks 'til Christmas!

Motley County Stars

November Students of the Month



COURTNEY ALEXANDER

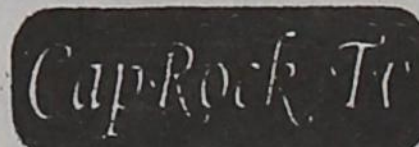
High School Student of the Month is Courtney Alexander. She is the daughter of LeJeanna and Rick Faulks and Jerry and Linda Alexander. Her activities include Cheerleading (Head Varsity) Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Golf, Student Council Secretary, FFA District President, and 4-H. She is also the Jr. Class President, a member of the National Honor Society and on the A Honor Roll

Elementary Student of the Month is Brody Rankin. He is a second grader and the son of Lacey and Ryan Rankin of Roaring Springs. He is the grandson of Harold and Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs and Andy & Vicki Brown of Amarillo and Newell and Toni Rankin of Miami. Brody likes to write stories about his horses and cattle. His favorite subjects are Math and Spelling. He enjoys reading to his brother, Brogan. His activities include JRCA Rodeo member, PIP's and roping his goats.



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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I have been up to Lubbock and the farm three times recently. The fall colors along the roadsides are lovely. So many shades of orange, mauve, tan, gold and deep purple show up in the grasses and weeds. Of course the leaves turning different shades yellow and rust make a perfect backdrop. Monday morning a fog was just lifting so everything was damp and brighter. The cotton fields are being stripped rapidly. Where there is cotton, the fields are so white. Last week before so much had been gathered it was a white world. Now there are cotton module 'villages' landscaped with alizarin crimson 'shrubbery' in the fields.

Chooch Meyer is visiting his parents, Boyd and Laura Long this week. Chooch is recuperating from a tonsillectomy that was done on Friday of last week. He is doing well.

Don and Billie Stuckey visited their daughter, Leandra Whittenbury and their grandchildren, Matt and Kenna in Corinth, Texas this weekend. They returned on Monday.

On Sunday evening, November 18 at 5:00 p.m., the Roaring Springs Community's annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the First Baptist Church. The four churches take turns hosting this event each year.

The First Baptist Women on Mission have been collecting items to pack in shoeboxes for the Shoebox Ministry/Operation Christmas Child. Plans are for the whole congregation to meet on Wednesday

evening at 6:00 p.m. for sandwiches, cookies and coffee and then fill the boxes and label them. Six or seven tied double-fleece blankets have also been made. Pauline House, Dinah Young, Hazel Soltwitch, Genetta Mejjide and Pauline's sister Vivian have been knitting caps and scarves for children. Some will go into the Shoebox Ministry, others into the Shoebox for Kids and Save the Infants in Need Ministries. I would say that the Christmas spirit is getting a head start in Roaring Springs!

Dana Graham was injured in a roping competition in Lubbock on Saturday. She will stay in and let her bruises heal this week. That was a tough thing to happen; she was thrown against some iron gates when her steer made a quick u-turn. The horse was ready but she wasn't.

Genetta Amejjide visited with the Hands and reported that Bill Hand was able to walk a few steps yesterday.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Study Guild met at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship for their meeting on November 7th. Chelsea Read was hostess, Joy Beeson, Jo Elta Bumgardner, Pearl Patten, Callie Giesecke, and Debbie Martin were in attendance. The guild meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Lea and Bill Peacock are adjusting to their new home at 110 Frankford C in Lubbock, 79416.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
As you journey through life, remember it is yours, so make it a good one. Always try to cheer up the other fellow.

BOY SCOUTS SELLING POPCORN
Tim Kendall, Boy Scout Master of Pack 274, announced they are selling popcorn as a fund drive for needed Boy Scout equipment and supplies. There are 11 boys in this troop including his two sons, Jere and Jacob. They are selling throughout the area and will have a booth at the Do Gooders' Club Bazaar Saturday, November 17. They will continue to work with this worthwhile project until November 28, and would appreciate your help.

ATTEND FUNERAL
Glen D. and Laverne Tiffin attended the graveside rites of his aunt, Mrs. Buel Tiffin Savage, 97, of Thadlin, California, held Saturday, November 10 at 2 p.m. at the Quitaque Cemetery. Officiating at the services was her nephew, the Rev. Rex Tiffin of Plainview. Among family members attending were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Simpson of Silverton, Mrs. Ruth Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shannon of Flomot.

Bengie Hughes of Royce City enplaned to Lubbock Airport Friday night and visited until Sunday with his parents, Butch and Janice Hughes. Other visitors Saturday were Rickey and Tasha Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada. Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood,

Oklahoma, visited the past week with her brother, Johnnie Starkey and brother and wife, Jack and Nada Starkey.

Doyle Calvert has been a patient since last Sunday at the Cogdell Hospital in Lockney. Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Doyle (Mary Jo) Calvert and Glen Calvert were Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and son, Justin Calvert of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks and Madison and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, and Clint Cowart of Post, joined Mrs. Erma Washington, Mrs. Connie Franks and Cara Franks and enjoyed the Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo, Saturday. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs rode his working ranch horse in this event.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo last Monday and Nada received a good report following her medical tests last week. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid who had returned home from a trip to Washington and Oregon. They also visited in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium set for November 29th

The 23rd annual Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium will be November 29 at the Amarillo Civic Center, said a Texas Cooperative Extension agent. The event will be in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show.

The Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for November 27-29. Exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 27-28, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 29. A \$2 admission fee will be charged for the first time this year, with all proceeds going to benefit area FFA organizations.

Registration for the farm management symposium will begin at 8 a.m., said Leon Church, Extension agricultural agent in Potter County and moderator for the event.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with Dr. Brent Bean,

Extension agronomist in Amarillo, speaking on weed issues and potential options for no-till or minimum-till wheat and sorghum production.

Other topics will be:
-Chemical modes of action, Jack Lyon, retail account manager for DuPont.

-Future of the bioenergy industry in the Texas High Plains, Dr. Steve Amosson, extension agricultural economist, Amarillo.

-Pesticide laws and regulations, Levon Harmon, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Three pesticide license continuing education credits and three certified crop advisor credits will be offered; one in integrated pest management, one in laws and regulations and one general, Church said.

For more information, contact Church at 806-373-0713.

Proof of the Truth

By Tom Edwards

Exploding the "Big Bang Theory"

The classic statement of many scientists, printed in all sorts of textbooks and, of late, on the "scientific" TV channels, that the "universe exploded into being," is one of the most stupidly absurd statements ever made!

Why? Being is existence. Before something exists or has being, it is nothing. Before the universe existed, it was nothing. From nothing comes nothing, and nothing can't explode!

This raises some very profound matters to ponder. The Bible and science agree that the universe had a beginning. A beginning is an effect, and every effect has a cause. There is no such thing as an uncaused effect, and from nothing comes nothing.

Therefore, if there ever was a time in the past, when there was absolutely nothing, there would be absolutely nothing now. So, something is eternal!

It is not matter. It had a beginning. From the Law of Biogenesis, we know that only life begets life. Therefore, if there ever was a time when there was absolutely nothing living, there would be absolutely nothing liv-

ing now. So, something is eternally living! It is not us. We had a beginning. That eternal living Being is God, the uncaused First Cause!

Finally, there is incredible order in the universe, from the balanced makeup of the atom and DNA molecule to the placement of the sun, moon and planets; to the distant stars and galaxies. Since when does an explosion create order? We all know that an explosion creates more disorder and chaos. As Paul said, "Men are without excuse." We need only to look, to see that the universe is designed, thus requiring a designer.

Robert Jastrow (founder and former director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies) closes his book, *God and the Astronomers* with these words:

"For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has sealed the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians, who have been sitting there for centuries." Enough said?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Matador over 50 years and have always been proud to be a resident of this county. Most people are good, honest, hard-working citizens. But, of course, as with anywhere, there are a few residents of this good county who have no respect for their fellow citizen.

My husband and I have collected Avon bottles since 1963. Before his death in 2001, we enjoyed this hobby for many years. I have had the bottles organized in storage in my own backyard. Someone decided to help themselves to my collection and took several of my prized bottles. In addition to the devastation of losing something I enjoyed with my beloved late husband, the feeling of invasion of privacy is overwhelming.

If the person or persons responsible for stealing these bottles will return them, nothing will be said and no charges will be filed against them. A few Avon bottles may not mean much to some people, but to me they have great sentimental value.

I'm proud to be a citizen of Motley County and hope those responsible for this will think about what they've done to a little old lady.

Thank you,
Evelyn Jackson

Dear Editor,

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers is an organization that was formed in the early 1990's. After noticing that many Motley County children did not have the opportunity to attend a summer camp, several community minded adults started with a day camp in the park for the children.

Pauline Hand, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Venita Sedgwick, Bill and Lea Peacock, Pearl Patten, Billie Clifton, Buzz and LaVoe Thacker, Joyce Smith, Lula Swim, Margie Payne were among the beginning group. They provided sandwiches, Kool-Aid, cookies, crafts, stories, love and fun for the kids. When Jerry and P.K. Green; Kenneth and Suzanne Abbott and Walter and Jo Trammell became permanent residents they joined the group.

After two or three summers of meeting in the Roaring Springs Park this seemed to be something that needed to be continued; however, restrooms, a place to serve meals and more shade was needed. Fund raisers were held—from game nights, supper and singing, raffles, cow patty bingo, garage sales, cookbooks sales and any other enterprise they could think of were held.

Land was purchased across from the Old Settler's Grounds. Ground was broken and a cement slab poured. Vendors were invited to set up there wares concurrently with the annual Old Settler's Reunion. Bill and Lea Peacock brought their camping trailer and stayed there day and night acting as security guards and night watchmen for the event.

The dedication of these volunteers and with grants in 1999 the present building was finished. Kid's Camp was held in

the new building for the first time. Many more activities could be scheduled and hot lunches provided for the children. Again grants were secured, local funds raised to provide play equipment, tables, chairs, kitchen equipment and many other things that were necessary to make a convenient and safe place for the children. Cabinets were donated by Roaring Springs Alumni, Jay and Palma Smiley, a piano by Suzanne Abbott, flags by the Greens. So many were eager and generous to build and equip this nice community center.

Family reunions, church dinners, anniversary celebrations, the Fourth of July activities, dinners for bereaved families are all activities that need a place to happen. The Community Volunteers' building provides facilities to many users.

Sounds so good—but there is a problem in our county and elsewhere; the volunteer forces are dwindling. The original volunteers are aging, several have died, some have moved and some of us are just getting old, arthritic and crotchety!

What will happen when we are gone? Will anyone step up and keep the work begun 10 or 12 years ago going?

Already we have been forced to give up Kids Camp because the task force has dwindled and we are not strong enough to carry that large a responsibility. Last year we didn't have the Christmas tree for the youngsters or the community Thanksgiving dinner.

It's tough work to even get people to come out and eat when we have a fund-raiser barbecue. Everyone likes to come to the fireworks display and ice cream supper that is free and a donation-only affair. There are many who donate for this and that is good; however, that may partially pay for the fireworks but not the electricity, maintenance, water to keep the grounds green enough to prevent fires, etc. Where is everyone when the meal is served to raise funds?

Will the events be missed? Will the building be needed when we are no longer able to maintain it? We desperately need younger folks to join our

group. I know in most every household, both the husband and wife hold down jobs; they have children, school activities, etc. What about the in between empty nesters whose children have left home. Does keeping the community spirit alive in Motley County seem important? Does having family events in our own county have value? Does having a place to meet seem convenient and needed? Do we want our youth to have a place where they can have wholesome fun activities?

Matador is seeking a building for the youth. Plans are being made, a charter and 501c3 tax status for a non-profit organization and purposes and by-laws are being written. It seems to me that the purpose or mission statement for both the Family Foothills Development Council and the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are very similar.

What if both groups merged—the R.S. Volunteers' building and grounds could be used for both groups. The volunteer numbers would be boosted by the Family Foothills Development Council group. It seems to me to be a win-win situation where the whole county could come together to provide recreation for many diverse groups without duplicating. Cost wise it would certainly be prudent.

Now I hear that before my time in Motley County there have been divisions with discord among different groups and even rivalry between Roaring Springs and Matador for generations. Being a relatively newcomer and not being native to Motley County this seems like what my granny called "cutting off your nose to spite your face!" What sort of "bad blood" needs to last for generations? Is there a set number of years before by-gones are really gone for good? Remember forgive that you may be forgiven; that's from our own Lord's Prayer.

I'm not a preacher you can fire—I'm not elected to an office so you can't impeach me—I'm just an interested spectator that envisions a wonderful county when all are pulling at the same end of the rope getting a good job done. You can avoid me and

cut out my column and wad it up but I'll still like you!

Where would the county be if all trespasses are forgiven? The schools consolidated more than 30 years ago, the kids from all communities play on the same teams with gusto and spirit. Why can't the older generations band together and work together and make Motley County the best in the state. If you think about it, the county needs Flomot, Roaring Springs and Matador combined and unified. I would hate to try and get by without any community in the county. They all enrich my life.

I believe some from each community worked harmoniously on Hackberry Creek Care Center. Look what happened—a wonderful place for our elder citizens. The Senior Citizens Center folks work to serve the whole county; it is successful and much needed by our people.

A meeting will be held by both groups on Tuesday, November 13. I hope that lots of folks will have attended; ideas exchanged and steps will have to be taken to pull together to see that we can provide lasting commitments to our children and grandchildren so that they may have the best programs from a unified group and not inadequately piecemealed here and there because of factions.

Respectfully,
Monta Marshall

Matador
News

Kaci Risser of Lubbock visited Friday night and Saturday with her parents, Elaine and Fred Risser. She also visited her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Dixon.

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LUCKY SPURS — World Champion Cowgirls, (left to right) Jacy Cabler, Sierra Fry, Kara Hurt, and Kaitlan Price with Pokey the Clown and a representative of the Amarillo rodeo.



RUSTY SPURS — World Champion Cowboys, (left to right) Garret Fry, Brody Rankin, Jett Cabler and Llano Bateman with Pokey the Clown and a representative of the Amarillo rodeo.

Area Rodeo teams win Pokey the Clown World Championship

Two area teams competed in Pokey the Clown's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo on November 10. Pokey's WRCA Ranch Rodeo became part of the Working Ranch Cowboys Association in 1998 and this year included teams from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. The championships are held in November each year. Teams that compete at the World Finals have qualified at a previous event held in November each year. Teams that compete at the World Finals have qualified at a previous event held in multiple states. At these qualifying events teams compete in the pony express race, the wild cow milking, the doctoring, and the branding. The goal of Pokey's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo is to teach western heritage through events that are used daily on ranches all over the United States; to teach cooperation as

teams and team sportsmanship - but to have fun in the process. The Rusty Spurs WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo Team won the PeeWee division World Championship, beating out eleven other teams. The Rusty Spurs had qualified at two previous rodeos, the Friona Cheeseburger Festival Rodeo and at the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo. The team consists of Garret Fry, son of Becky and Clint Fry; Jett Cabler, son of Jody and Jeremy Cabler; Llano Bateman, son of Marci and Travis Bateman; and Brody Rankin, son of Lacey and Ryan Rankin. At the world championships the teams competed in the pony express race, the wild cow milking and the branding. Points are gained for placing in each event and the points for each team are totaled for the World Championship title. The Rusty Spurs won

first in the Pony Express Race at the championship and received medals. They also won the World Championship in the PeeWee Division and received buckles donated by The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum.

The Lucky Spurs WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo Team won the Junior Division World Championship out of fourteen teams that competed. The Lucky Spurs qualified at the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo held earlier this year. The team consists of Sierra Fry, daughter of Becky

and Clint Fry; Jacy Cabler, daughter of Jody and Jeremy Cabler; Kaitlan Price, daughter of Tonya and Heath Givens and Keith Price; and Kara Hurt, daughter of Shirley and Jay Hurt. At the World Championships the team competed in the pony express race, the wild cow milking and the branding. The

Lucky Spurs placed first in the Pony Express Race and received medals. They also won the World Championship in the Junior Division and were awarded buckles donated by the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum.

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OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

MOTLEY COUNTY:
In their November 8 Third Quarter Report Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. reported they had "finished drilling the Horizontal Leg of the Cogdell '64' Lease Well #1 in the Atoka A. Granite Wash Sand formation. Early results during drilling indicate good natural gas shows from the sand."

compliance with statewide rules.
On November 7, 2007, the Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Division granted PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. authority to flare gas for 90 days during the testing of the McIntosh Lease Well #1077. The testing will allow PetroGlobe Energy to determine the sustained flow of Well #1077 and will aid in determining the specifications needed for the gas processing plant for the McIntosh lease.
PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. did not apply for authority to flare gas off of the McIntosh Lease Well #176 in their request to the Railroad Commission of Texas.

FLOYD COUNTY:
The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease (69148) Well #1 has been assigned a lease number by the Railroad Commission of Texas Oil and Gas Division and is listed on the November 2007 proration schedule as 14(B)(2) extension. This means that the Misener Well #1 is legally shut-in and in

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Commissioners Report

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new Wind Energy Association will be there to represent our interests." Edwards is still very optimistic that there will be major activity in Motley County by the end of 2008.

It was determined by the court that a quorum of the court will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 19, to canvass the vote for the November 6 election.

Judge Smith gave the court a briefing on Senate bill 387, which prohibits transporting loose material on county roads without a cover. The county currently has four dump trucks that occasionally transport dirt, sand, or gravel. Commissioners' said that they had tarps for the four dump trucks, and would make sure they are in compliance.

Sheriff Michael Crutchley gave a briefing to the court on the status of the county radar equipment. The discussion of the court centered on leasing equipment for use by the Department of Public Safety. The Sheriff asked the court to consider continuing the lease for the radar unit. This measure was approved unanimously.

Judge Smith announced a communication from the Texas Association of Counties saying in might be appropriate or necessary "to prohibit or restrict outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of your county." The Commissioners' Court decided to table the issue until additional information could be obtained from the Texas Forest Service. Once a ban is in place, it can exist for 90 days. Violation of a Court's Order prohibiting outdoor burning is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Jo Ann Durham, Deceased, were issued on October 29, 2007, in Cause No. 2574, pending in the County Court of Motley County, Texas, to: Deanna Logan and Barbara Durham.

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 Joe Heflin
Attorney at Law
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