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Motley County ISD earns state's highest fiscal accountability rating

Motley County Independent School District officials announced this week that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Motley County ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of

Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas

Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools FIRST

is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Motley County ISD's Schools FIRST rating," said Motley County ISD Superintendent Rick Copp, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Motley County's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas

school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended-Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended-Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

Area Churches to come together for Community Service

Area Churches will join together Sunday, September 26, for a Fifth Sunday All Community Service in Roaring Springs.

This Community service, which is usually held on the fifth Sunday in August, was re-scheduled for this weekend as the fifth Sunday in August coincided with Old Settlers weekend.

Cody Clower of Amarillo will be preaching at 10:30 a.m. at the Roaring Springs Community Center Pavilion. There will be a pot luck dinner and singing in the afternoon. Any individual or group wishing to sing a special will be welcomed. The First Baptist Church of Matador will be in charge of the song service.

Livestock Directors implement new rules

The Motley County Livestock Show directors met Thursday, September 9, 2004, in order to start preparing for the 2005 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show.

The directors of the show felt that it was time to make some changes in the rules as it seems the show was moving away from its general purpose, which is to exhibit market ready animals. Much discussion was held and the following decisions were made by the board:

A new rule was established to cover all classes of animals in the show. It reads as follows: General Market Rule - All exhibitors realize that this is a market ready show and that any animal showing after market characteristics (age, structure, body condition, etc.) can be penalized at the show judge's discretion. The directors may also choose to eliminate animals not fitting the show criteria during validation or at weigh in. It is not

the intent of the directors to penalize any contestant, but rather protect the quality of the show.

Other rule changes include the removal of the tooth rule in the market goat class and the expansion of the weight limit in the heavy weight market hog class from 265 lbs. to 270 lbs. The weight adjustment was implemented due to the genetic change in the market hogs and the changes in the show date.

The 2005 validations dates were set as follows:

1. Steer - Sunday, November 21, 2004.
2. Lambs, goats, and swine - Saturday, December 11, 2005.
3. Anyone wishing to show a rabbit should contact a director as soon as possible.

Bucket Calf Project:

In order to generate more interest at a younger age, the directors voted to expand the

age limits for the bucket calf project.

Although this leaves a lot to the discretion of the parents, the age limit rule now reads as follows:

"Exhibitors should be of an age and physical condition to be able to handle and exhibit the animal. The upper age limit is not old enough to be in 4-H which would be 2nd grade down."

Other rules for the bucket calf project are the following:

1. Must have possession of the calf by January 1, 2005.
2. Calf must be born between November 1, 2004, and December 30, 2004.

The 2005 Motley County Junior Livestock Show is set for February 26. Students wishing to participate must be a member of the Motley County 4-H,

FFA, or Jr. FFA and attend an accredited school in the county, to exhibit an animal. Any questions or for any help obtaining animals for the show, please contact any director, Craig Turner, J.D. Russell,

David Stafford, Gilbert Guerrero, Mark Seigler, Matt Washington, Jim Cooper - Advisor, or the Extension Office at 347-2733 and leave a message. At the present time, Motley County does not have a county agent, but the job has now been open to the public. For more information regarding the position and for qualifications for the job contact Galen Chandler, District 3 Administrator, Vernon, Texas, or Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith.

Don't forget the 4-H Awards Banquet, Saturday, September 25, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Motley County Cafeteria.

Strayhorn reports highest annual state sales tax growth in six years

Comptroller distributes \$327 million in September sales tax payments to local governments

(Austin) - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced last week that the state collected \$1.42 billion in sales tax in August, up 8.2 percent compared to a year ago. And when the state's 2004 fiscal year ended August 31, general revenue-related sales tax collections totaled \$15.3 billion for the year, up 7.9 percent compared to FY 03, reflecting rising consumer confidence and increased business spending.

"Sales tax grew at its highest annual rate since Texas' 1998 economic boom," Strayhorn said. "2004 was truly an economic bumper crop of a year for Texans."

Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts began their sales tax rebound earlier than the state. Overall, they have now

seen 15 consecutive months of increased sales tax revenue.

Strayhorn today delivered \$327.4 million in September sales tax payments to local governments, a 7 percent increase compared to September 2003. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 8.2 percent compared to the same period in 2003. September's sales tax allocations include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

Strayhorn sent September sales tax allocations of \$222.4 million to Texas cities, up 6.5 percent compared to September 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 8.2 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax allocations of \$19.4 million, up 5.2 percent

compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.2 percent higher than last year.

Another \$9 million went to 87 special purpose taxing districts around the state, an increase of 11.9 percent compared to a year ago. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 6.9 percent compared to 2003. Nine Texas transit systems received \$76.5 million in September sales tax rebates, up 8.5 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are up 8.4 percent.

Matador, with a rate of

2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$4,431.89, compared to \$4,027.92 last year, a 10.02% change. 2004 payments total \$38,822.38 to date, compared to \$28,238.10 at this time last year, a 37.48% change.

Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$623.84, compared to \$6,269.42 at this time last year, a -90.04% change. 2004 payments to date total \$25,262.34, compared to \$26,198.66 at this time last year, a -3.57% change.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made Friday, Oct. 8.

Postmaster General renews pledge of no rate hike until 2006

Washington -- Postmaster General John E. Potter renewed his promise last week that the price of mailing a letter won't go up until 2006.

Potter said the agency has saved \$8.3 billion in spending over the last three years and expects another \$1 billion in cost cuts in 2005.

Chief Financial Officer Richard J. Strasser told the postal board of governors meeting in Boston that the result is expected to be a balanced \$68 billion budget for the agency in 2005, despite declines in the volume of first-class mail and continuing high fuel costs.

Indeed, Strasser said that for the first time, first-class mail is expected to be surpassed by advertising mail as the post office feels the effects of electronic communications both for personal messages and bill paying.

Forecasts of mail volume point to a 2.1 billion-piece decline in first-class mail in the coming fiscal year, which starts October 1, while standard mail is expected to grow by nearly 3.8 billion pieces.

The post office delivered 99 billion pieces of first class mail last year, down from 102 billion the year before. At the same time standard mail totaled 90 billion items, up from 87 billion. Figures for this year are not yet available.

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Members of American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 337 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27 in the Motley County Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

This is a regular covered dish supper get-together. The main topic of discussion

"Since 1999, the Postal Service has reduced total work hours by a cumulative 728 million," Strasser said.

He said career postal employment today is virtually at the same level it was in 1984, just over 700,000, while mail volume has increased by 65 billion more pieces to an additional 48 million new addresses.

The amount of any 2006 rate increase remains uncertain with action stalled in Congress on changes to the law governing postal operations. The post office has been seeking more flexibility in changing rates and service and wants to be relieved of the obligation - not imposed on any other agency - of paying military retirement benefits for its workers who were formerly in the armed services.

Potter has said that without the requested changes a rate increase could be in double digits. A 10 percent hike would boost the price of stamps from 37 cents to 41 cents and a 15 percent hike could increase the cost of mailing a letter to 43 cents.

The post office does not receive a tax subsidy for its operations, though Congress does appropriate funds to pay for free mail for the blind and overseas absentee ballots and to assist the agency with anti-terrorism costs since 2001.

American Legion meeting scheduled for September 27

will be Veterans Day activities in the community.

All Veterans and their spouses and guests are welcome at these meetings.

For more information, contact Post Commander, C.W. Moore at 347-2999.

First District Game, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
MC Matadors vs. Chillicothe, there



Fall is here! It won't be long until the leaves will start turning colors and the foliage will show its glory with hues of brown, orange, red and yellow painted across the countryside. When Fall arrives, and the temperatures are cooler it makes me want to be at home, baking oatmeal cookies or some other

warm treat, to fill the air with the smell of cinnamon. I day-dream of curling up in my big chair with a warm throw on my feet, a cup of tea, a big oatmeal cookie and a good book.

With the thought of baking in mind I thought it would be a good time to share some Fall recipes with you.

Autumn Harvest Popcorn

Ingredients:

- 2 quarts popcorn, unsalted
- 3 cups shoestring potatoes
- 1 cup mixed nuts
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon/pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In large roasting pan, mix popcorn, potatoes and nuts. Combine butter and remaining five ingredients. Pour over popcorn mixture, stir until well covered. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes, stirring once. Cool. Store in tightly covered containers. Great for snacks, or for gifts.

Makes 2 1/2 quarts

Autumn Apple Punch

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 quarts Apple Juice
- 2 Cinnamon Sticks
- 8 Whole Cloves
- 1 1/3 Cup Pineapple Juice
- 1/2 Cup Lemon Juice
- 2 Pints Orange Juice
- 28 Ounces Ginger Ale

Place apple juice in a NON-aluminum kettle; tie spices in cheesecloth, add to kettle, and simmer uncovered 15 minutes; discard spice bag. Mix spiced juice with remaining fruit juices. To serve, place a large block of ice in a large punch bowl, add fruit juice and ginger ale.

Autumn Squash

Ingredients:

- 1 Small Butternut Squash
- 2 Slices Cubed White Bread
- 2 Green Apples
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 medium Onion, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. Pepper
- 1 pinch Rosemary
- 2 Egg Yolks
- 1 pinch Marjoram
- 1/4 cup Heavy Cream
- 1 quart Chicken Stock

Use a small butternut squash, approximately 1 pound unpeeled, cut in half and seeded. Green Apples should be peeled, cored and chopped. Combine squash, apples, onions, herbs, chicken stock, bread cubes, salt and pepper in heavy sauce pan. Bring to a boil and simmer uncovered 30-45 minutes. Scoop out flesh of squash and discard the skins. Return pulp to sauce pan. Puree the squash in a blender until smooth. Return to sauce pan. In a small bowl, beat egg yolks and cream together. Beat in a small amount of the hot bisque, then return to the saucepan. Heat but do not boil.

Motley County Lifestyles

Arts & Crafts members plan upcoming Bazaar

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met Monday, September 13, for a workshop on painting.

Joy Archer, Club President, called the business meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Plans were formulated for the November Bazaar, including the appointments of various committees to perform the arrangements pertaining to each job. The Bazaar will be held November 20 at the Senior Citizens Center. There are many items, old and new, to offer to the public. Baked goods will be available for purchase.

The club will serve cookies and coffee, also, there will be a door prize given away. The members will welcome all to come, browse, and hopefully purchase our lovely gifts and enjoy the tea table.

Joy Archer was instructor for the workshop. The members painted and decorated clear Christmas ornaments. These are lovely and bright to enhance your Christmas tree. It's only "Seventy shopping days until Christmas!" Keep these ornaments in mind, they are lovely. The workshop was enjoyable and fun for those who love to paint. The clear ornaments were donated by Betty Simpson and were appreciated by all.

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Vee Gordon, Lorene Lancaster, Betty Simpson, Nova Dale Turner, Marion Woodruff and Winifred Darsey.

October meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lorene Lancaster will be instructor for a class of oil painting.

Pivots & Divots

By Mary



RSRC ladies golf playday on Thursday, September 16th, was for most bogies. Playing 18 holes were Virginia, Judy C., Louise, Geneva, Dot and LaVoe. Dot won with 12 bogies.

Playing 9 holes were Frances, Nell and Mary. Mary won with 4 bogies. Play yourself ended today, but regular play days will continue!

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Library Notes

by Suzanne Aboff, Librarian

New books in the library include *Thunder Run* by David Zucchini. This is a nonfiction book about the armored strike to capture Baghdad, during March and April, 2003. David Zucchini is the author of *Black Hawk Down*. The library also has Karen Roberts' newest, *Bait*.

In the kids' section of the library we have a new book by Roxie Munro, called *Ranch*. This book shows pictures of all aspects of ranch life and asks the reader to find certain things in each picture. For example, in the first picture, the child is

asked to find a jackrabbit, a coyote and 14 cows.

We thank Dorothy Knight for helping at the library last Thursday when I had to be in Lubbock for a librarian's meeting. And I thank Patricia Green and Marihelen Wason for going with me.

We thank everyone who participated in the Mad-Hatter's

Tea Party at the library yesterday. The program was wonderful and everyone brought such interesting teacups and wore such fun hats.

Look Who's New

Madilyn Paige Barnes

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Barnes of Hawley are proud to announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Madilyn Paige born Monday, September 13, 2004 at the Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She weighed seven pounds, six ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival is her two and a half year old sister, Zoe; grandparents Bobby and Jeanne Williams of Matador

and W.L. and Kathy Barnes of Clyde; great grandmother, Mrs. Cleo Watson of Roaring Springs.



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The most important question for each individual is built around a question. In Matthew 16, when Jesus asks in verse 13, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" there are several ideas offered. But the real question is in verse 15: "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?" He asked.

And what about you? If we've answered that, we need to live like it. If we've not answered it, should we not get busy and do so before it's too late?

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

If there's a Wedding in your future ... the Motley County Tribune has a beautiful selection of Invitations, Napkins, and everything you need to make your wedding special!

Get a jump on your Christmas preparation!

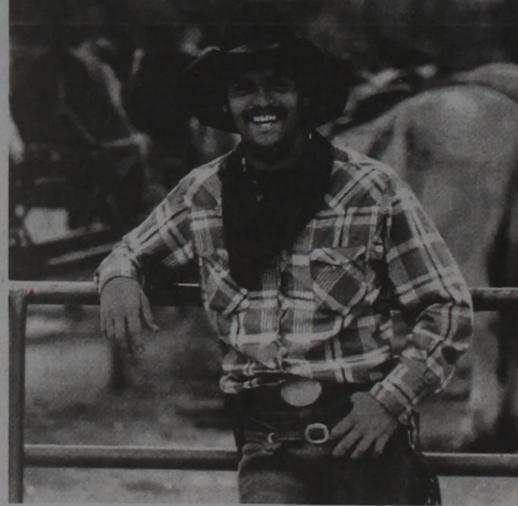
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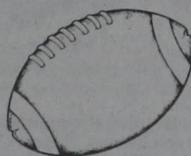


Motley County Matadors prepare for Friday night's game during afternoon practice. The Matadors will face Chillicothe, there, at 7:30 p.m. for their District opener.

(photo by Annie Green)

Six Man Football Scores

Amarillo Trinity, 40 — Patton Springs, 14
 Northside, 55 — Woodson, 35
 Rule, 59 — Crowell, 48
 Spur, 63 — Wilson, 24
 Valley, 69 — Follett, 22



Area Team Ratings

RK	Team	W	L	Rating	CHG	PVS
2	Valley	3	0	203.27	3.31	2
4	Throckmorton	4	0	192.95	3.02	4
5	Paducah	2	1	190.84	2.46	6
8	Aspermont	2	2	188.16	2.88	9
22	Northside	3	0	160.78	0.86	23
35	Chillicothe	3	0	153.06	0.35	33
39	Crowell	1	2	149.75	6.9	44
69	Guthrie	2	1	122.79	0.44	69
72	Spur	2	2	117.55	1.99	73
73	Motley County	1	2	117.2	1.42	72
78	Patton Springs	1	2	107.99	-5.28	75
85	Benjamin	2	1	100.1	1.57	87



Perry renews Texas' commitment to National Child ID Program

Encourages parents to enroll their children in the Program

AUSTIN-Gov. Rick Perry encouraged Texans to help protect their children by enrolling them in the National Child Identification Program. Perry was joined by University of Texas Head Coach Mack Brown; Ed Smart, father of Elizabeth Smart; Kenny Hansmire, executive director of the National Child ID program and Johnny Veselka, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators.

"There is no greater responsibility than ensuring the safety of our most precious and vulnerable citizens: our children," Perry said. "As governor, I believe that government must do all it can to help parents protect their children. That is why I am proud to support a visionary effort such as the National Child Identification Program that is empowering parents, supporting law enforcement and helping protect our children."

The National Child Identification Program was created under the leadership of the American Football Coaches Association in 1997 to provide identification kits that allow parents to collect their child's fingerprints, DNA, and other vital information. The information is stored in the privacy of the home and provided to law enforcement should the need arise.

"Just a few years ago, Texas became the first state in the nation to partner with the Child ID program and today we renew our commitment to this worthy cause," Perry said. "Starting in November, the Texas Association of School Administrators will begin distributing information on the Child ID program to millions of parents and legal guardians of children attending our public schools. I encourage every parent to take advantage of this important program."

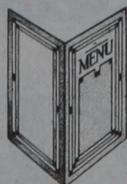
The FBI-approved kits will be made available to thousands of Texas families for a nominal fee of \$7.50. The process is simple, lasts just five minutes, and could directly lead to the safe recovery of a missing child.

Since 1997, the program has distributed more than 14 million Child ID kits at schools, football games, churches, and community events.

"When a child goes missing, every minute is critical. Each piece of identifying information that parents can provide will help law enforcement officials

and their child and bring them home safely." Perry said. "By participating in the National Child Identification Program, we can ensure that many of these terrible stories have a happy ending."

What's Cooking?



Motley County School Menu

MONDAY, SEPT. 27
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Sloppy Joes/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Fish Sticks, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Hush Puppy, Peaches, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Roll/Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

Not Available.

Motley County I.S.D.

A Note from the Office ...



By Marilyn Hicks

The students are in the middle of taking six weeks tests. I need to let you know that the teachers are making sure the grades reflect the student's mastery of the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills). It is not fair for a student to earn a grade merely on effort without knowing required content. Teachers are also making sure that the questions on the tests require thinking and writing. This is the only way we can continue to raise our achievement level.

So many students in our area like to take advantage of the hunting season. It can be a great time to have generational learning. I have caution, however. If students hunt, they must make sure not to leave guns or weapons in their vehicles when they come to school the next day. Any kind of weapon on campus, and we are required to report the presence to local law enforcement and to expel the student. This is a high price for forgetfulness.....so please help our students remember to empty cars and pickups before coming on or near school property.

On Oct. 9, Region 17 is offering a program called "Destination College". This is for parents of students in grades 8-12. Students are welcome to attend with their parents to get tips on "making the road to college smoother, smarter, and profitable in terms of scholarships and time saved". The free workshop will last from 9:30-12:30 at

the Service Center in Lubbock. If you are interested, call Debbie Stennett at 792-5468, ext. 818, to register before October 4th.

We received a rebate check from Target last week. There is no way to know who is using their credit card to give us funding, but we do appreciate it. If you buy something at Office Depot, be sure to ask them to give Motley County credit; they also offer a rebate to the school of your choice. I don't want you going out of town when you can buy here, but if you do buy at these stores, we would appreciate your support. The parents club is helping us by saving Lowe's receipts, Campbell's labels, Boxtops, and printer cartridges. Call D'Anna Russell, Wendi Taylor, Mary Ann Potts or Tina Brooks for more information on these projects.

The parents Club is also preparing a rather nice contest for perfect attendance. Attendance is important for more than the funding; we can't teach 'em if they're not here. They will have details worked out in the next week or so. Remember that attendance also means being on time in the morning and to all classes.

Don't forget Open House and Dinner served by parents of gymnastic students next Monday evening. We will start in the gym at 5:00. The dinner will start about 5:30 and we plan to be through by 7:00. Come on out as you get out of work and pick up report cards, make appointments with teachers, see some kids perform, and have dinner. See you there!!

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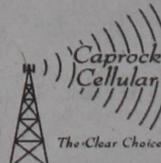
MC ★ Shining ★ Star



Annie Maree Green

The September Student of the Month at Motley County ISD is Annie Maree Green, the 18-year-old daughter of Billy and Cindy Green of Matador. She is a Senior at MC High School and serves as Student Council President. She is also active in U.I.L., is the basketball manager and a member of FCCLA. After high school Annie plans to attend South Plains College and pursue a degree in psychology and sociology. In her spare time, Annie enjoys working at the Motley County Tribune, as well as writing poetry and talking on the phone.

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October 1-2



Matadors vs. Benjamin

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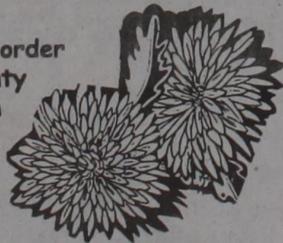
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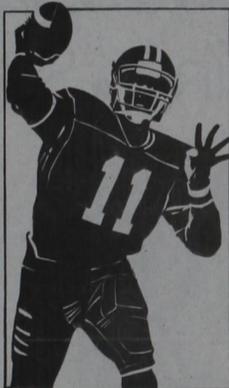


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MC Matador FOOTBALL



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured from left to right, beginning at back, Coach Cooper, Matthew Martin, Bradley Brown, Cheerleader Christy Smith, Kenny Johannes, Cheerleader Brittany Moore, Colton Russell, Cheerleader Mylissa Gilmore, Brandon Gresset, Coach Reiner, Mascot Chicagra Brown; (middle row) Gene Salazar, Ephren Torres, Dakota Meyer, Cameron Jeffcoat, Jacob Johannes, Isiah Archer, Casey Fletcher; (front row) Seagram Sims, Cheerleader Karrie Valdez, Malcomb O'Daniel, Brendon Wiltshire, Stacey Perryman, Cheerleader Leatrice Gutierrez, Chance Bingham.



Go Matadors!

**Beat
Chillicothe!**



District Schedule

District 4 Class A Sixman

Sept. 24	Chillicothe	here 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Benjamin **	here 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Paducah	there 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Northside	here 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Guthrie	there 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Crowell	here 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Patton Springs	there 7:30 p.m.
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Texas Quail study group makes inaugural run

Meeting set for October 6-8 in Aspermont

ASPERMONT- Quail enthusiasts, mark your calendars for the Texas Quail Study Group's inaugural meeting Oct. 6-8 in Aspermont's Stonewall County Civic Center.

"The Texas Quail Study Group will be the highlight of quail educational programming in North Texas this year," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension Wildlife Specialist at San Angelo and a workshop coordinator.

"Participants will tour some of the finest bobwhite quail gurus," he said. "Among these are Fred Guthery of Oklahoma State University and Fidel Hernandez of the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Area at Kingsville. Both men have spent many man hours studying quail in the Southern Rolling Plains region."

The meeting kicks off with a steak dinner on Oct. 6 in celebration of the economic importance quail hunting has to the area. Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension

economist at San Angelo, will conduct a "Show Me the Money" exercise which traces the flow of hunters' dollars through the local economy.

John Parker of Lufkin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department commissioner, will also address the group.

Sessions on Oct 7 include:

- Presentations from Guthery and Hernandez
- Panel discussion by quail-man aging landowners;
- Discussion on the impact of quail management of land values;

- Tours of Snipes Ranch, and
- A "pig in the ground" dinner at the Box P Ranch.

On Oct. 8, sessions will include:

- Tour of Box P Ranch
- Brush Sculpting for quail, and methods of food and water supplementation.

"Hunting-related recreation is the driving force in rural land values across most of Texas," Rollins said. "Nowhere is this more evident than the Southern Rolling Plains. You can justify paying \$100 per acre for most of this country with traditional agricultural economics, yet it's now bringing five times that. Much of the reason for the inflated prices are those 6-ounce feathered 'ingots' we call quail."

Early pre-registration by Oct. 1 is encouraged. Secure lodging early as rooms are few in Aspermont and surrounding areas.

See <http://teamquail.tamu.edu> for more information on the program, lodging accommodations and registration. Five Texas Department of Agricultural continuing education units are available for those who hold a private Applicators License.

Pre-registration for the Oct. 6 evening dinner is \$25; or \$35 at the door. Pre-registration for the Oct. 7-8 program is \$50 per person and includes two meals. Registration after Oct. 1 is \$75 per person. Pre-registration for the entire event is \$75 per person by Oct. 1 and \$110 per person thereafter. For information call Rollins at (352) 653-4576.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I was born and lived in Matador nineteen years. I enjoyed my years growing up there. My wife and I met at West Texas State College in Canyon. We lived in Amarillo for 47 years, but moved to Flower Mound, Texas (suburb of Dallas) six years ago to be close to grandkids. We come through Matador 3 or 4 times each year.

I was given about 20 copies of the Motley County Tribune recently by Ruth Latimer, my sister-in-law. (I subscribed to the paper when I was in Matador).

I was pleased to know that people in Motley County are restoring Bob's Oil Well.

Bob's Oil Well has some good memories for me. My dad, O.V. Latimer, worked there some years between 1935 and 40. He, at one time, was the foreman at a salary of \$18.00 per week. There were six in our family, but I don't ever remember going hungry.

The \$18.00 per week was a step up from the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration) job he had before. He worked behind a big 8 foot wide scoop shovel, (called a Fresno) pulled by two horses, to level dirt and build roads. That job paid him about \$10.00 or less per week.

I was about 8 to 10 years old when my dad worked at Bob's Oil Well. It was a real treat to be able to get to eat a candy bar and drink a soft drink once a week back then.

I vividly remember the monkey that was there. He was fascinating to watch. The only Zoo I saw until I was 18 was the Bob's Oil Well Zoo. When I went into the Navy, I was stationed in San Diego, Cal. across from the biggest and probably one of the best Zoos in the nation.

I would like to see a plaque of some kind in Bob's Oil Well with the names of the men who worked there in the 30's and other times too, along with Bob, Olga, Reatha Rayne and Reatha's daughter.

The men who worked there, according to my brother, Loyd Latimer, were: O.V. Latimer, Charlie Keith, Riley Riggsby, Claude Fletcher, Buddy Cochran, Bill McCaghren, Ox Fulkerson, Arthur Fulkerson, Buford Williams, and a Mr. Huff.

I learned some of the basic principles of operating a busi-

ness working at my dad's Phillips 66 service station in Matador, and by the grace of God, was able to start and operate a successful Chemical business in Amarillo for 34 years.

What made working at a service station back then so interesting was that we had lots of people coming through Matador from New York, North Carolina, Florida, California, and all of the states. This was before the Interstate highways were built.

It was interesting to meet and talk with them because most of them were on vacation. They were in an upbeat and good mood. We filled their tanks with gas, checked their oil, washed all of their windows, aired up their tires and swept out their floor boards for about 10 cents per gallon. A 20 gal gas purchase earned us a \$2.00 gross profit. We also had a lot of interesting local people, I still remember, who traded with us.

I still marvel when I see a nicely dressed woman get out of the car and fill up with gas in the heat of the summer or the cold of the winter. A \$2.00 profit per tank of gasoline was a bargain back then for the customer. Self Service was not progress in this instance. With the cars we had back then, oil and tires did need more checking than they do now.

All tires had inner tubes in them and during the World War II days we would vulcanize or patch tubes that had foot long tears in them. At least 25% of the tires had "boots" in them to cover up the holes. This was before the days of the steel belted tires. You could run over a rock sometimes and it would knock a hole in a tire.

I am enclosing my \$200.00 check to help with restoring Bob's Oil Well. Good luck and thanks to the workers and other contributors. Bob's Oil Well can be made into a real point of interest for Motley County, and a reminder to all of how it used to be.

Murrell G. Latimer

PS. The only thing I know about Carla Meador is what I have read, that she has written in her paper, and allows others to write. She has a tremendous paper that should make all of the residents of Motley County proud. She is a real asset to Motley County.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank all the people who attended Bobby's memorial services. Also, the phone calls and cards and many acts of kindness has meant so much to our family. The Methodist Church ladies provided such a good meal and the minister was a big help in helping me get things done. Bobby and I are so fortunate to have grown up in Matador.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil VanCamp and Mrs. Lovena Sarrett of Amarillo visited in the home of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim. They attended the Swim's anniversary party. Friends and relatives came from Amarillo, Plainview, Rochester, Matador, Lubbock and Roaring Springs.

Trudy Hand of Wolforth visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand Sunday.

Mrs. Joyce Smith is proud to announce the arrival of her great-grandson, Caden, who arrived on August 27 to Brian and Julie DePaolo. He weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces. The family lives in Houston.

There were 20 children attending the House of Faith group that meets each Wednesday at the Park. The adults in attendance acted out a little skit on the Prodigal's Son. Alex Crowder played the Father; Corky Marshall played the part of the younger son; Devonne Dillard played the older son; Joyce Meredith played the servant and Monta Marshall was the stage prop

person. Mrs. Meredith had charge of the refreshments furnished by Lula Swim. Ken Abbott and Mrs. Jo Crowder were also in attendance to help with the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McClaran of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Pug Mitchell of Paducah drove Mrs. Vera Mitchell to the clinic this past week and she received a good report.

Mrs. Billie Stuckey was in Amarillo with her mother who is in the hospital. She returned to her home in Roaring Springs the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim gave their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim, a 65th Wedding Anniversary Party, September 18, at the Roaring Springs Methodist Fellowship Hall. Reba Swim decorated the hall with Imogene's colors, blue and white. There were about 50 people attending.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

I taught the Primary Sunday School class for many years and found each week to be a challenge.

One Sunday was particularly so. A boy was acting up, being very disturbing to both me and classmates.

Finally, I walked over to him, put my arm around him shoulders and whispered in his ear. He recoiled, looked at me fearfully, then sat up straight. He was a model student for the rest of the class.

What had I whispered to him? "If you don't be quiet, I'LL KISS YOU."

ATTEND NAVY REUNION

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse enplaned from the Lubbock Airport to Hot Springs, Arkansas to attend the annual reunion of Veterans who served during World War II in which her late husband, Ray Cruse served. It was held at the Down Town Hotel and Spa.

They attended from throughout the United States from Thursday until Saturday, Sept. 16-18. It was a time of entertainment and renewing friendships. Tommie returned home Sunday night.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Barbara and E.G. Reed were in Wichita Falls Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12 to celebrate the birthday of Barbara. Joining them there for the happy occasion of good meals and entertainment were their daughters, Mrs. Martha Yorston of Fort Worth, Frances and husband, Ike Ferguson of Holiday and Jacquilin and husband Andy Reed of Rotan

Jack and Nada Starkey enjoyed the Maverick, Tolby and Ponderosa Camp Friends musical presentation Friday and Saturday held at the Sandy Beach at Green Belt Lake. Meeting them there for the good entertainment were her brother and families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moon, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Moon of Fritch.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers Saturday night were Bill and Patsy Rucker of Quitaque. Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Sunday were daughter and husband, Donna and Stan Degam of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Anson, Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss, Mrs. LaRay Gilbert and Keith Gilbert.

Louis Shorter of Mansfield visited during the week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter.

Chancey and Conner, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall of Midland, visited from Friday until Sunday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall and uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob. The families enjoyed the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo, Saturday.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes was son, Rickey Hughes and daughter, Kendal of Floydada.

Kelsey and Sarah, children of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay of Panhandle visited the weekend with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay. They attended Valley School Homecoming football game Friday night.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petrolia visited Thursday until Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Kathy and Mrs. Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs were the featured vocalists at the funeral services of Mrs. Lucretia Edwards Campbell held at the United Methodist Church in Matador Friday afternoon. They were accompanied by Gerald Pipkin of Matador on the Keyboard.

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

Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch met her parents, Nada and Jack Starkey in Amarillo, Tuesday where Nada had medical appointments.

END OF TREATMENT CELEBRATION IN CHILDRESS

Saturday night September 18, 2004, family and friends gathered at the Childress Fair Park to celebrate the completion of Conner Washington's chemotherapy treatments. Conner was six years when he was diagnosed with leukemia on May 14, 2001. Treatments were completed on September 13, 2004.

Hamburgers and homemade ice cream were served to over two hundred people. Among those attending were a Christian motorcycle group from Wichita Falls along with friends and family from the area.

While the food was served, Katie Washington, Ricki Whitfield, Nick Barber and Shawn Love entertained the kids with face painting and colorful hair styles. Tammy Wyatt directed the kids in playing games until dark. After dark came the fireworks.

Conner started planning an end of treatment party in June and saved fireworks from the Fourth of July for his big party. Tim Kendall of Flomot added to Conner's plan for a great fireworks display and oversaw the fireworks display. A special thanks to the City of Childress for permission to shoot the fireworks in the park.

Attending from Flomot were Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob, Travis and Linda Kendall and their guests, Chancey and conner Kendall children of Cory and Janet Kendall of Midland, and Conner's grandparents, Seab and Dianne Washington.

OBITUARIES

Lucretia Campbell

Funeral services for Lucretia Edwards Campbell, 66, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Paul Stearns and Rev. Rickey Lawrence. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Campbell died late Tuesday, September 14, at Covenant Lakeside Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born October 12, 1937, at Matador, and had been a lifelong resident of Matador. She was the daughter of Ben and Erma Graham Edwards. She graduated from Matador High School in 1956, and had been a lifelong resident of Matador. She had been active in community affairs, and belonged to numerous civic organizations and committees. Including the Eternas Study Club, Charter Board Member of the Matador Senior Citizens, President

of the Rosa Federated Women's Club, and board member of the East Mound Cemetery Association. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Matador.

She was married to Lyman Bundy Campbell in Las Vegas, NV on June 23, 1969.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Laura Lynn Slover, and husband Bruce, of Paducah; one son, Ben Charles Grundy and wife Devonna of Matador; also, Olivia and Kenny Barton of Matador; and Bundy Hal and Dixie Campbell of Matador; her grandchildren, Dayton and Cole Grundy, Shanai and Cheyenne Slover, Justin Todd, Wendy Taylor, Jennifer Brady, Kimberly Bulls, Koree Price, Brent Campbell, Paka Horen, and Paul Barton; and by 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the East Mound Cemetery Association or to a favorite charity.

Genelle Bourland Lowery

Genelle Bourland Lowery, 83, of Canyon died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 20 in Dreamland Cemetery. Memorial Services were at 11:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Canyon with the Rev. David Lowrie officiating. Arrangements were by Holley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lowery was born Oct. 17, 1920, in Running Water to Lem Standefer and Lola McGowan Standefer. She was a 1939 graduate of Flomot High School. Her father was County Commissioner of Motley County Precinct 2 for four years in the late 1930's. She was secretary at Randall County Courthouse before opening the Merle Norman Studio in Canyon. She was a special

lady who was loved by her family, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Bourland in 1964 and Les Lowery in 1999; two sisters Hattie Henshaw and Ruth Anderson; a brother, Howard Standefer.

She is survived by a son, Ronald "Bull" Bourland and wife, Nancy of Amarillo; daughters Judy Burkett and husband, Ben of Spring Branch, Marilyn Childers and husband, Jim of Canyon and Marilyn Like and husband, Phil of Dalhart; sister-in-law, Edna Ruth Bourland Green of Matador; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Canyon building fund or BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

Eva Jo Hacker

Eva Jo Hacker, 66, went to be with her Lord at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18, 2004, in Bowie, Texas after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, at The River of Life Church with Rev. Chris Dunn officiating, under the direction of White Family Funeral Home.

Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Hacker was born December 15, 1937, in Lawton, Oklahoma, the daughter of Aubrey Lee and Zona Bohannon. She graduated early from Iowa Park High School in 1955. Soon after, she married Cris L. Hacker Jr. of Kamay, Texas on July 4, 1955. She was business manager at Knox City Independent School District when she retired after 25 years of service. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Frankie Lee.

She is survived by her husband, Cris Hacker of Bowie; three sons, Richard Lee Hacker and wife Deena of Schertz, Texas; Russel Lin

Hacker and wife Simone of Decatur, Texas; Rance Wayne Hacker of Kennedale, Texas; and five brothers, Bobby Bohannon and wife Wanda of Lubbock; Aubrey Carrol Bohannon and wife Louise of Wichita Falls; Dean Bohannon and wife Kathy of Lubbock; Dale Bohannon and wife Kitten of Lubbock; Gordon Clark Bohannon and wife Denise of Levelland; four sisters, Darlene Cope of Wichita Falls; Loretta Chandler and husband, Garry, of Wichita Falls; Sharon Kay Trentham and husband, Jerry Don, of Louisville, Kentucky; Gayle Fletcher and husband, Robert, of Henrietta; three granddaughters; five grandsons; and one great-grandson.

Honorary pallbearers were her eight grandchildren: Meredith Hacker, Jordan Hacker, Aston Hacker, Gunner Hacker, Harrison Hacker, Ivie Hacker, Holden Hacker, and Isaac Hacker.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Cope, Don Bohannon, Gary Chandler, Jackie Bohannon, Clint Hacker, Curtis Shiffert.

Ivy Huckabay

Ivy V. Huckabay, 88, of Amarillo died Thursday, September 2, 2004.

Services were held September 4 at First Christian Church in Amarillo, with the Rev. James Cobb, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Huckabay was born February 17, 1916, in Gomez, Texas, to William Walter and Mary Elizabeth Hodges Spears. She moved with her family early in life to a farm near Matador where she attended school and her father farmed.

She married Louis C. (Connie) Huckabay in 1937, and spent most of her adult life in Amarillo where they raised their five children.

She was a faithful member of First Christian Church and Loyalty Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1969, her parents, a brother, three sisters, and a grandson, Ted Clay.

Survivors include five children, Virginia Fuller of Richmond, Va.; Don C. Huckabay and wife Kathryn of Pearland; Tony Huckabay and wife Jo Jean, and Wade Huckabay and wife Terry of Amarillo; and Jerry Huckabay and wife Lanell of Canyon; thirteen grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and six great-



great-grandchildren.

Ivy loved the Texas Panhandle and never forgot her roots in Motley County. She attended the Hodges Family Reunion in Roaring Springs every summer she possibly could since the reunion was organized many years ago, attending her last family reunion Sunday, August 8, 2004, just one week before suffering a stroke at her home in Amarillo. She was one of only two remaining original Hodges grandchildren at the reunion this summer, and was accompanied by her son, Wade Huckabay.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Robert "Glen" Rose

Robert "Glen" Rose, 76, of Roseburg, Oregon, passed away on August 7, 2004.

He was born September 13, 1927, in Grannis, Ark., to Robert and Elsie (Sullivan) Rose.

He enjoyed a rural upbringing and left Arkansas to join the Merchant Marines during World War II. Upon his return, he married his beloved Ozella Roberson in Grannis on June 15, 1947. After traveling through much of the western United States and starting a family, they settled in Oregon in 1948 where they raised their three sons.

During the course of his working life, Glen worked as a milk truck driver, logger, baker, and restaurant owner, before beginning his 28 years working at Umpqua Dairy upon his return to Oregon in 1964.

He enjoyed visiting with family and friends and spending time with his wonderful dog, Chole, and never considered a new acquaintance to

be a stranger, rather an opportunity for a new friend.

Survivors include wife, Ozella; sons, Dennis, Terry and Doug; granddaughters, Summer Neiss and husband Art, Amber Rose and fiancé Jason Wildey; great grandson, Caillou Wildey; four brothers, Alton and wife Francis, Kenneth and wife Joy, Doyle and wife Carolyn, Gene and wife Annell; many nieces and nephews; many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Elsie and a brother, Gerald Duane Rose.

As per his request, no funeral services were held but a "Celebration of Life" party will be held for family and friends in the fall.

In lieu of flowers or donations, Glen's family requests that you spend a little extra time laughing and loving the people around you, for families are the greatest treasures of life and should be celebrated daily.

Matador News

Jack Samford and Mrs. Juanita Cooper drove to Palo Pinto on Sunday, September 19 and attended an 80th birthday party honoring Mrs. Edna Veaty. She worked for Mr. Samford in the tax appraisal office from 1988 through 1993. They returned home the same day.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips, sister and husband, Sherry and Princte Fred of Levelland visited recently in Mineral Wells with brother and wife, Bobby and Shirley Porter. The families attended a Lovell Family reunion held in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson met Mr. and Mrs. Gary Laughlin and her mother, Mrs. Susie Sain of Midland in Lubbock Saturday and celebrate the 99th birthday of B.B. Bristow in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lanette McClain. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin and Mrs. Sain visited her sister, Mrs. Eudrie Holcomb at the Lakeside Nursing Home in Lubbock before returning home.

Billie and Faye Slover visited his cousin, Cecil Slover of Springlake-Earth, who is under Hospice care in Lubbock, Wednesday. When in Lubbock, they also visited their granddaughter, Amanda Luster of Cisco, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock and enjoyed lunch and shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Slover continued to Denver, City and visited his sister and family, Mrs. Betty Reed and his uncle, Jay Noble. They returned home Friday.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips attended the funeral of her cousin, Jean Porter Parks, 69, held Wednesday, September 15 at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. The graveside rites were at the Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner of Lubbock visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bumgardner.

57th annual reunion. It was held at Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers.

It was the reunion of the Battalion in which the late Ted Hester served in World War II. They attended from Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Texas and enjoyed renewing memories and friendships.

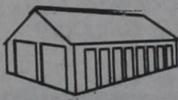
Mrs. Elaine Risser and mother, Mrs. Frances Dixon visited last Monday in Plainview with her daughter, Kaci Risser, who is on the staff at Wayland Baptist University.

Visiting Jack and Katie Davis, Tuesday until Thursday were her two sisters, Mrs. Darrace Josey from Balch Springs, Texas and Val and Billie Robertson from College Station, Texas.

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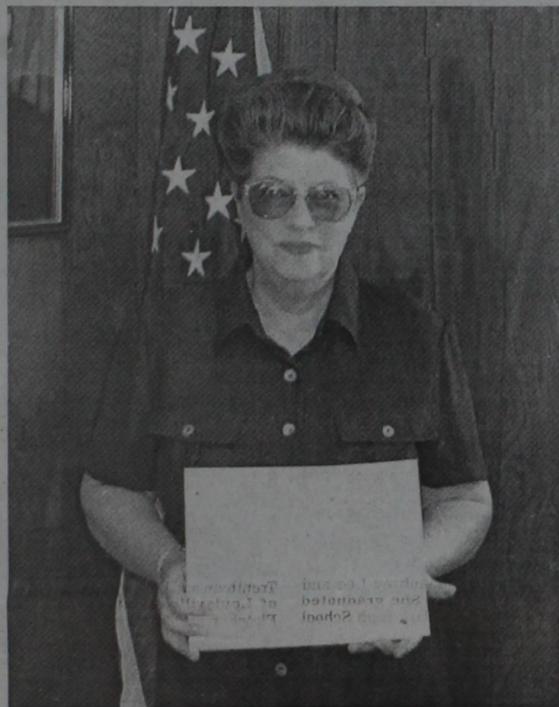
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FARM & RANCH NEWS



Shonda Elliott, Motley County Farm Service Agency employee, received a certificate of merit and a cash award for her hard work and dedication to the local office.



Carolyn Redding, also an FSA employee, received a certificate of merit and a cash award for her hard work and dedication to the local office. Each lady also received a letter from John Fuston, the State Executive Director of FSA.

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



MOTLEY COUNTY FARMERS LOSE FRIEND
The Motley County Farmers and FSA lost a great friend when Mrs. Campbell passed away this month. Even when she wasn't feeling well at all, she would try to come to the county committee meetings and push for the local producers. Just a few weeks ago she called wanting to know when we were going to get some relief for the people that lost their pastures due to drought last summer. We appreciate everything she did for everyone. The committee and the county staff have Mrs. Campbell's family in our thoughts and prayers, and we will all miss her, even though we know she has gone on to a better place.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) and who did not have a crop insurance policy are reminded of the requirement to purchase Buy-Up-Crop Insurance for the 2005 year. If insurance is not available for your crop, you must purchase Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage from FSA. Failure to purchase insurance or NAP requires you to refund the disaster payment with interest.

DCP SIGN-UP STARTS OCT. 1

The DCP sign-up period for fiscal year 2005 is from Oct. 1, 2004, to June 1, 2005. The CCC-509 form, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres, payment yields, producer payment shares, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections and signatures of the producer and county office representative.

The CCC-509 must be submitted by June 1, 2005. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 2, 2005, but before Sept. 30, 2005, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file fee of \$100.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Nominations for the county committee elections were due in the county office by the close of business Sept. 3. The next step in the election process is the mailing out of the ballots, which will begin on Nov. 8. Voters have until Dec. 6 to return their ballots to the county office. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2005.

EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AWARDS

Carolyn Redding and Shonda Elliott each received a certificate of merit and a cash award this month for their hard work and dedication to Motley County FSA over the last year. Along with the certificate they received a letter from John Fuston, the State Executive Director of the FSA, thanking them for all that they do. During the last year, the office staff went from four to two in the space of five months. Shonda and Carolyn managed to get all of the county office work done by themselves for several months. Even though a third employee was hired in February, these two ladies are responsible for twice as many programs as they would be in a fully staffed office. Shonda and Carolyn are a great help to the farmers and ranchers of Motley County.

CALL AHEAD

Each day, programs are getting more specialized and complicated. Because of this, it is getting more and more difficult for the county office employees to share in the responsibility of specific programs. Each employee is responsible for becoming familiar with the forms and computer programs related to their area. Many times, only one person has passwords and access which would allow them to perform a specific function. An example is that only one person in our office has access to the system that allows us to redeem cotton loans. For these reasons, you may want to call ahead to make sure the person you need will be there before you come in.

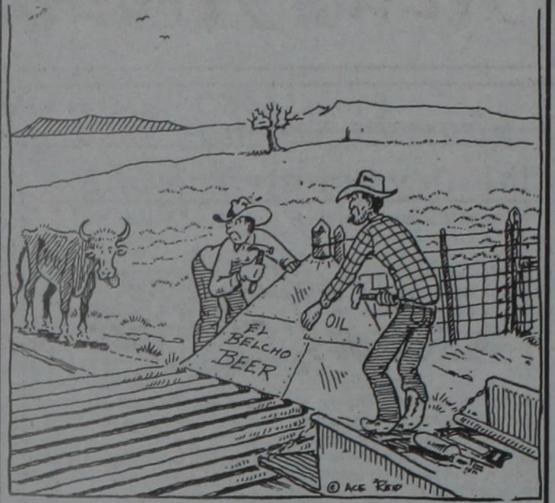
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Texas giving away Gun Safety locks to Hunters

NOTE: Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, has these locks available at his office for anyone who would like to have one.

Austin - As part of a nationwide firearms safety initiative called project ChildSafe, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is giving away 80,000 gun safety locks to hunters.

"We're issuing a free gun lock to each student who takes hunter education," said Terry Erwin, TPWD hunter education coordinator and president-elect of the International Hunter Education Association. "We have already distributed 40,000 locks to staff and instructors, and currently have 40,000 more locks to move."

TPWD will also make the gun locks available to hunters during the department's special drawing hunts on state parks and wildlife management areas this fall, and game wardens will be handing out locks to hunters during routine checks in the field.

Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program that's purpose is to promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key safety education messages and free gun locking devices.

Project ChildSafe is an expansion of the Project HomeSafe program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). It is supported by a U.S. Department of Justice and is a component of

Project Safe Neighborhoods, the nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime to create safe neighborhoods. DOJ selected NSSF to administer Project ChildSafe based on its experience in operating project HomeSafe. NSSF also provides funding to Project ChildSafe.

NSSF, with more than 2,500 members, is the shooting sports industry's largest and most diverse trade association. Formed in 1961, NSSF manages a variety of outreach programs with a special emphasis on efforts to promote firearm safety education to all gun owners.

Project ChildSafe partners with governors, lieutenant governors, U.S. Attorneys, community leaders and law enforcement officials to distribute free safety kits to gun owners in all states in order to promote safe storage of firearms in the home.

In addition to TPWD efforts to distribute the free gun locks, 403 police departments and 88 sheriff's offices in Texas are also participating in the program. More than 15 million free gun safety kits have been distributed in all 50 states during the past year.

More information about Project ChildSafe, including list of law enforcement agencies where you can pick up a free gun lock kit, is available online (<http://www.projectchildsafe.org/tours.cfm>). Information about Texas' public hunting program and hunter education courses is also available on the Internet at (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>)

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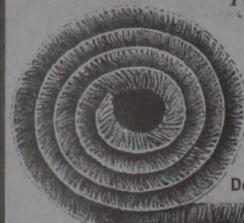
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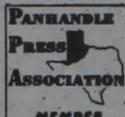
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The Matador High School classes of '57, '58, '59, '60, '61, and '62 will meet for a reunion at the Motley County Senior Citizens building at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 2. Ex-class mates, friends, and teachers are welcome!

CLASSES OF '94 & '95 REUNION

The Classes of 1994 and 1995 will meet for a Reunion, Saturday, October 2, at the Roaring Springs Community Center, beginning at 11:00 a.m. All classmates, friends and former teachers are invited to attend.

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