

# Northfield Homecoming



"The Mean Little Kids at Northfield." A 1916 school picture at Northfield: (left to right, beginning at back) Lillie Pistole, Sam Martin, Ethel Courtney, Bud Simpson, Ruth Simpson, Arthur Courtney, Altha Cryer, Frank Martin, Elsie Bethany, Carl Bethany, Roe Simpson, Richard Cryer, Georgia Mae Seigler, Ruth Garrison, Royce Florence, Jim Dobbins, Joe Moore, Boone Simpson, Macy McCoy, Bake Simpson, Hollis Courtney, Elsie Booth, Paul Carter, Hobb girl, Ethel Timmons, Thera Hayes, Lena Howard, Ollie Fuller, Adeline Martin, Iva Hays, Grace Simpson, Sunny Bennett, Elmo Jeffers. At left, Mr. Walter Carpenter, Curtis Cryer, Bill Nelson, Maud Smith, Lema Timmons, Minnie Bennett, Alta Timmons, Gladys Knipe, Heath boy, Alta McCoy, Eva Adams, Fuller boy, Homer Chandler, Wyman Seigler, Boyd Florence, Delmont Hays, Paul Adams, Bowman boy; kneeling at left and front row: Robert Carter, "Coon" Jeffers, Robert Cook, Alton Seigler, Ea and Iva Adams (twins), Jim Ward Jeffers, Oleta Howard, Lauren Hays, Fay Odis King, Lloyd Pistole, Earl Chandler, Fay Tipton, Grady Timmons. Northfield exes and friends will gather for their annual reunion Saturday.

(photo and information from *Of Such As These, A History of Motley County* by Eleanor Traweck)

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### Report says Motley County ISD in good financial shape

Motley County ISD is in good financial shape, according to a report from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. Motley County received a Superior Achievement rating.

School Superintendent, Randy Brown, said "Our school is in good shape. There are only 10% of schools in a chapter 41 status (wealthy). The other 90% of the schools, big and small, are just like Motley County."

"We do not have a deficit balance and we're putting money back into a fund balance," he explained.

Mr. Brown said that almost every school in the state is experiencing a drop in enrollment. A lot of those schools have older facilities and are now having to pass bonds to build new facilities.

"We're fortunate to have such good facilities, Mr. Brown said. We won't have to worry about replacing anything for a long time. Our school should be in good shape for at least another 30 years."

This financial report is a yearly state report. The report presented 21 questions, with a yes or no rating, as follows:

Was the Total Fund Balance Less Reserved Fund Balance greater than zero in the General Fund? Yes

Were there no disclosures in the Annual Financial Report? Yes.

Was the Annual Financial Report filed within one month after November 27th or January 28th deadline depending upon the District's Fiscal Year end date (June 30th or August 31st)? Yes.

Was there an unqualified opinion in annual financial report? Yes.

Did the Annual Financial Report not disclose any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls? Yes

Was the percent of total tax collections (including delinquent) greater than 96%? Yes.

Did the comparisons of PEIMS Data to like information in annual financial report result in an aggregate variance of less than 4 percent of expenditures per fund type (data quality measure)? Yes. (Note - PEIMS is a system for data management to track drop-outs, etc. Motley County has no drop-outs).

Were debt related expenditures (net of IFA and/or EDA allotment) < \$770.00 per student? (If the district's five-year percent change in students = or > 2%, or if property taxes collected per penny of tax effort > \$100,000, then answer this indicator yes) Yes.

Was there no disclosure in the Annual Audit Report of Material Noncompliance? Yes.

Did the District have full accreditation status in relation to financial management practices? (e.g. No Master or Monitor assigned) Yes.

Was the percent of operating expenditures expended for instruction more than 54%? Yes.

Was the aggregate of budgeted expenditures and other uses less than the aggregate of

total revenues, other resources and fund balance in general fund? Yes.

If the district's aggregate fund balance in the general fund and capital projects fund was less than zero, were construction projects adequately financed? (To avoid creating or adding to the fund balance deficit situation) Yes.

Was the ratio of cash and investments to deferred revenues (excluding among equal to net delinquent taxes receivables) in the general fund = or > 1:1? Yes

Was the administrative cost ratio less than the standard in state law? Yes.

Was the ratio of students to teachers within the ranges according to district size? Yes.

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### Monday is last day to make nominations for Chamber Banquet

Monday is the last day to make nominations for this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held Saturday, October 22 in the high school gym.

Nominations are being accepted for Man, Woman and Business of the Year, as well as the Extra Mile Award. Anyone wishing to make a nomination may do so by calling the Chamber office at 347-2968, the Chamber President, Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388 or boxes are set up in Matador Variety, New to You, the Senior Citizens' Center and the Bank in Matador, and at Graham's Supply in Roaring Springs. Please write the name of the person you wish to nominate, as well as brief explanation of why that person deserves the recognition.

Motley County has many deserving individuals and businesses who have contributed to the betterment of the County, or have gone the 'extra mile'.

Winners will be recognized and honored with plaques at the banquet. Also featured at this year's banquet will be the business fair, which has proved to be a success in years past. Each business setting up a display will feature what they have to offer. Door prizes will also be given.

Make plans to attend the annual banquet and if you haven't yet paid your Chamber dues, there's still time. For more information contact Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388.

### Local DPS Trooper, Game Warden on patrol in hurricane stricken area

Local DPS Trooper, Chad Overton and Game Warden, Ted Davey, have joined 100s of other Texas DPS Troopers and Game Wardens from all over the state to patrol and help maintain order and safety in East Texas, particularly in southeastern counties hardest hit by Hurricane Rita this past weekend.

Overton and Davey have both been in contact with Motley County Sheriff Jim Meador. Both men have told of the devastation the hurricane left behind, cases of looting, rescue operations and supplying aid to victims.

About 100 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens normally stationed in East

Texas worked throughout the weekend responding to calls for assistance and patrolling areas impacted by the storm. Another 50 wardens stationed in the Beaumont-Port Arthur region focused on that hardest hit area. And close to 50 game wardens from across West and North Texas have also been called to East Texas. All Texas agencies working Rita response are being coordinated through the Governor's Emergency Management Office.

State Troopers and Game Wardens have special training to aid in search and rescue. Game Wardens have boats and equipment to aid in flood rescues, but maintaining law and

order has emerged as another key task in Rita's wake. Communities left mostly empty by evacuations and the lack of fuel, water and power for lighting had increased the possibility of looting.

An additional 50 game wardens were deployed Sunday to four storm-ravaged counties where local officials had expressed public safety concerns: Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and Tyler.

"There was a concern that looting would increase at nighttime," said Lt. Col. Craig Hunter, who helped organize TPWD's efforts from the state emergency center in Austin. "We had a report of a bank bur-

glary Sunday morning in east Texas, and there were some reports of localized looting."

On Saturday afternoon, game wardens, sheriff's deputies, state troopers, and local fire rescue workers evacuated some 1,500 people from housing subdivisions below Lake Livingston dam north of Houston, where Rita's waters had compelled authorities to release a high volume of water, causing flooding. Game Wardens ferried nine boatloads of evacuees to safety in the area late Saturday.

Texas state parks suffered widespread facilities damage across East Texas, although no

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### Motley County School Board meets Financial report reviewed

by Tina Brooks  
School Board reporter

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, September 12, in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were in attendance with the exception of Les Woolsey. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Eric Lewis, and Walter Taylor. The invocation was given by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Taylor expressed concerns about the yearbook. Yearbook sales have not completely paid for the expense of the yearbook. He felt the board should be aware of this problem and see if the board has any suggestions.

The board accepted the minutes of the previous meeting with corrections.

Finance reports were reviewed and discussed. Board accepted the list of expenditures.

No one was present for the public hearing over the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. Mr. Brown informed the board that Motley County ISD received a superior rating. Stafford asked if the results

could be posted in the *Motley County Tribune* so the public could better understand how the school is rated on this system.

The board met with County Extension agent Eric Lewis to discuss Mr. Lewis being an adjunct faculty member. This allows Mr. Lewis to take children to functions during school hours without it going against their absences. Board approved.

Mr. Lewis also wanted to ask the board to consider the 4-H organization for extracurricular purposes. Board approved.

The Faculty Use Agreement that was tabled at an earlier meeting until lawyers could be consulted was discussed. The lawyers felt that the agreement needs to stay as is. Board accepted the Faculty Use Agreement.

TASB was contacted about the Telecommunications Policy discussed at a previous meeting. It was recommended leaving the policy as it. The Board accepted the Telecommunications Policy.

Northfield residents, exes and friends will gather Saturday, October 1, for their 43rd annual homecoming celebration. The get-together will be held at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

There are only a few families left in Northfield now, but the town was once a lively place with a good sized school.

The G.W. Seigler family once recalled that when they moved to their ranch on the North Peace River, there was no

school in reach for the children. During the fall and winter, 1903-1904 there was a subscription school taught by Miss Jo Maxwell in the H.K. Jones half dug-out on the Seigler land. In 1904 the Lambert School District was organized and a school house built on the south side of the river.

In Northfield the first two terms of school were taught in a dugout with split logs for seats. Two other early schools at Northfield, Foster School and Northfield School, were sometimes referred to as the East

School and the West School. In order to have enough children to qualify for a teacher, little four-year-olds were often allowed to attend. Some of the early day teachers were: Mr. Gregory, Mrs. Guy Seigler, Carroll Bourland, Vera Carpenter and Ora Givens. Students of former days recalled that Curtis Cryer, another of the teachers, drove the "school bus," a covered wagon which gathered up all the children at certain stops and took them to school - or more accurately - bumped down the road while "most of the kids

ran behind." A longtime resident, Una Simpson (now deceased), once told of how the teams on that wagon usually got a rest. "Kids were strung out half a mile in either direction from that wagon - some running behind throwing sticks and stones - and some running ahead to wait for the wagon to catch up."

Early day facilities were primitive. At recess the girls used one canyon - and the boys another. One Northfield man

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I have very little space this week, but that's okay because I'm still suffering with low-brain fuel. My rushing and rushing has somehow depleted my inspiring thoughts for this column, as I explained a couple of weeks ago.

I wonder if there's a pill I could take for this? Wouldn't that be great? Just take a little medicine and all your brain power would return! I know there are certain herbal remedies for cases like this. I've heard of people taking certain herbs for brain power, memory loss and energy. I've always been a little leery of herbs. But, I would probably forget to take them anyway, so I guess that would defeat the purpose.

Anyway, my few thoughts this week are a longing for cooler, fall weather. This week has been hot! I'm ready for that crisp tinge to the air, to see the foliage changing colors and wearing something besides flip-flops.

Flip-flops - that's another story. Those little 'barely-there' shoes have made a big comeback. Now you can buy them with rhinestones or in leather - you can spend \$1.99 or \$89.99. That's amazing! I have lot's of fond childhood memories of my Grannie and flip-flops, but I'll share those at another time. In the meantime, I'll be looking for that miracle remedy for some brain fuel.

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



The library has two new DVD's. One is Monster's Ball with Billy Bob Thornton and Halle Berry. The other is Gangs of New York with Leonardo DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz. The library has a few other DVD's along with an extensive collection of VHS tapes.

If you still have a tape deck in your car, as I do, you will enjoy some of the library's new audio tapes. We have books on tape by John Grisham, James Patterson and Sandra Brown, just to mention a few. We have Dan Brown's the DaVinci Code

on tape also.

In the Texas Collection for Kids, the library has a series called The Lone Star Journals. One of these journals is the Hurricane Diary of J.T. King, The Great Storm. J.T. King, a young boy, recounts his days leading up to, during and after the hurricane of 1900 in Galveston. I recently saw a documentary of this storm and much of this diary was documented in that television show. This and many other fun and interesting books about Texas await kids of all ages in the library's Texas Collection for Kids.

## Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

### THE SUPREME COURT MOVES JEFFERSON'S "WALL" AND CREATES A NEW "WALL OF SEPARATION" BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE

Here's an attempt to connect it all. Jefferson's "Wall of Separation" mirrored the Constitutional scheme whereby the Federal Government (precluded from lawmaking on religion) was by itself on one side of the wall, whereas the State's (reserving lawmaking power on religion) were together with the Church on the other side of the wall, just as the First and Tenth Amendments provided and the Framers intended and understood.

Then the 1925 Supreme Court announced the "Incorporation Doctrine," and held that the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause "incorporated" the First Amendment as "binding" upon the States. This extended the First Amendment's "no-jurisdiction" lawmaking preclusion, "Congress shall make no law," to the States, abolished the State's Tenth Amendment reservation of power over First Amendment subjects, extended Federal Court power to rule on matters of religion (and other First Amendment subjects) involving solely State action, and made possible 1947's Everson ruling. The very act of making the lawmaking preclusion binding upon the States had the effect of moving the States from one side of Jefferson's "wall" to the other.

Everson imposed a nationwide "high and impregnable wall of separation between Church and State" in place of the clear federal lawmaking preclusion the Framers intended (no federal jurisdiction-matters reserved to the States), and that Jefferson understood and metaphorically described. The Everson Court ignored Jefferson's meaning (while using his words) and created a new "substantive," rather than "jurisdictional," "wall of separation" between ALL government and "religion," and absurdly held the No Establishment

### Local Eastern Star has Special guest at recent meeting

by Winifred Darsey

Jane Ann Roby, District Deputy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, District 2, Section 5, Grand Chapter of Texas, made her official visit to Matador chapter, #66, September 22.

The meeting was held at the Matador Masonic Lodge and met at 6:30 for a lovely dinner held in the banquet hall.

The regular meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with a ritualistic opening by the officers.

Mrs. Roby gave a discourse on the chapter and work presented at Grand Chapter for the ensuing year to the members, also, a message from the Worthy Patron for the year. The order is doing well under their supervisor. All members are urged to attend.

The official visit and school for District 2 and Section 5 will be held at Spur on October 11 with a Banquet on October 10. A number of Matador Chapter members will serve as officers.

**Northfield** from page 1 once told a story of forever being humiliated by the knowledge that as a four year old first grader, he was "so little he had to go with the girls."

The two schools were later combined and were moved to land donated by Ben F. Simpson. In 1917 the community built a new two story school. The building which was built in 1934 was used as a community center for many years.

Note: Information from *Of Such As These, A History of Motley County*, by Eleanor Traweek.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mock (nee Kellen Morrow)

## Couple exchanges wedding vows in Summer ceremony

Kellen Nicole Morrow of Arlington and Paul Ross Mock of Abilene were united in marriage July 2, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Weatherford. Rev. John Risse of Murfreesboro, Tenn. officiated. He was assisted by Jason Nadasky and Cliff Dubose. Music was provided by Amanda and Christine Slate. An outdoor reception followed at Chandor Gardens.

The bride is the daughter of Allen and Lisa Morrow of Benbrook, formerly of Arlington. She is the granddaughter of Greta Smallwood and the late Leon Smallwood of Matador. The bridegroom is the son of Scott and Kathy Mock of Abilene. He is the grandson of Frances Bertone, Virginia and Gary Adolphson, Dale and Doty Mock, Roger and Beverly Wiseman, all of California and Wayne and Nancy Burris of New York.

The bride was given in mar-

riage by her parents and escorted by her father. Maid of honor was Abby Martinson of Vacaville, Calif. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Martin, Jessica Vick Lewis and Sarah Vick. The houseparty included Mandy Blackman, Sophia Kindred, Kiki Dallao and Heather Sheets. Flower girl was the groom's niece, Brianna Mock. Best man was Griffin Rozell of Harlingen. Groomsmen were Josh Adams, Jason Campbell and Clint Owens. Ushers included Dale Mock, Charles Mock, Bryce Morrow and Dillon Cobb.

Both bride and groom are 2005 graduates of Abilene Christian University where she played volleyball and he played football. She received a B.A. degree in History and he received a B.S. degree in Exercise Science. After a honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, the couple will reside in Livingston, Texas where they will teach and coach in the Livingston ISD.

## Matador First Baptist Church calls Interim Pastor

Evening services resume at new time

Dr. Glyndle Feagin recently accepted the invitation to become interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Matador, and began his ministry here on Sunday, September 18.

Dr. Feagin, an Associate Professor of Religion at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, where he teaches New Testament and Greek, will preach on Sundays at the 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. worship services, and will also assume other pastoral duties as needed,

until the church calls a new pastor.

In addition to morning and evening worship, everyone is invited to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Classes are available for all ages. A nursery is available during both worship services for children through 2 years of age.

Please note that the meeting time for the recently resumed evening worship has changed.

## TEE TIME

by Judy



Ladies play day on Thursday, September 15, was for Most Bogies. Playing 18 holes were Geneva and Liv. Liv had 9 bogies.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Marihelen, Judy R., Nell, Frances, Mary and Tempie. Tempie had 5 bogies.

The September 13th Scramble was canceled due to rain.

The RSRC Championship Tournament was held Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18. Twenty men and nine women entered the tournament. Winners were:

Men's Championship flight (ages 8 through 59) - 1st., Ryan Buxkemper, 144; 2nd., Rodney Huffacker, 144; 3rd., Chance Bingham, 146.

Men's First Flight - 1st., Robert Osborn, 153; 2nd., Alan Bingham, 153; 3rd., David Mead, 159.

Men's Second Flight - 1st., Jeff Thacker, 161; 2nd., Darrell Cruse, 162; 3rd., I. Archer, 166.

Men's Third Flight - 1st., Billy Hughes, 167; 2nd., Shane Taylor, 171; 3rd., Steve Buxkemper, 175.

Others playing were Conway Clary, Bill Hoover, Charlie Long, Brandon Moore, Garland Cartwright, Gene

Marshall, Mike Hancock, and Jerry Chatwell.

Women's Champion Flight - 1st., Kay Bingham, 150; Liv Barton, 151.

Senior Flight - Jean Hoover, 142.

Low Net - 1st., Shonda Elliott, 139.

Others playing were Joy Allen, Geneva Wilson, LaHonda Huffacker, Judy C., and Olivia Osborn.

The Ladies Golf Association sponsored closest to the pin on Sunday on #3. Winning the Ladies was Shonda Elliott, 19 ft. 5 in. Winning for the Men was David Mead, 11 ft. 1 1/2 in.

Ladies Playday on Thursday, September 22, was for Most Pars on Odd Holes. Playing 18 holes were Jean H., Geneva and Louise. Jean H. had 2 pars.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Marihelen, Frances, Nell and Tommye. Frances and Tommye tied with one par each.

The September 20th scramble had 17 players. I do not know who won first place as I could not find the cards. Playing were Brandon, Jack, Tammy, Louise, Garland, Judy, Clovis, Tempie, Jim, Paul, Darrell, Cody, Billy H., Alan, Stan, Jerry, and Linda. Darrell won closest to the pin on #3.

## "Called Christians"



In the Book of Acts, Luke reminds us that "the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). There was a reason for that. The disciples were not part of society that characterized weird behavior, but rather their behavior was based upon an internal motivation. That motivation was their belief and steadfast conviction that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Therefore, He was their Lord and Savior and they had given their lives to being identified with Him.

It was not the church's idea at Antioch to so identify themselves as "Christians." It was the people in Antioch that recognized their behavior as being Christ-like. They then used the name to refer to all those who "belonged to" or were "a part of" Christ. That is what the "ian" means when attached to the word "Christ."

The name is really a great compliment. The people of Antioch called it like they saw it. The disciples at Antioch were identified as a people who talked and lived like Christ Jesus.

Here is our point: People will identify us today and characterize us based on the behavior which they see modeled in our daily lives.

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

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

## YOU ARE INVITED

What: FALL GOSPEL MEETING

Where: Matador Church of Christ  
Matador, Texas

With: Carroll F. Sites, Evangelist  
of Higdon, Arkansas

In a Series of Biblical Lessons entitled  
"A Look in the Book"  
from Isaiah 34:16

When: Sunday, Oct. 9 - Oct. 13

Sunday Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. - "Lord Teach Us to Pray"  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - "Colors of the Cross"

Please stay and enjoy a potluck meal with us following the morning worship service.

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. - "Did Christ Die in Vain?"  
Monday Evening - 7:30 p.m. - "The Water Test"  
Tuesday Evening - 7:30 p.m. - "Salvation ... Where?"  
Wednesday Evening - 7:30 p.m. - "Real Discipleship"  
Thursday Evening - 7:30 p.m. - "The Last Invitation"

A Warm Welcome Awaits You!

## Motley County school to sponsor local Blood Drive

### Area residents urged to donate blood

In an effort to stock local hospital shelves with blood and assist United Blood Services centers in Louisiana and Mississippi if needed, Matador's blood drive, sponsored by Motley County High School/Community will be 11:00 a.m. to 3:00

p.m., Monday, October 3, at the high school in the Multi-purpose room.

Potential donors may call Kathy Gillespie at 347-2677 to make an appointment to donate at the blood drive. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. All donors must have a list of any medications that they are taking and a picture ID. A portable CD player with AM/FM radio will be given away as a door prize.

## Good education starts with learning to read

by Linda Anderson  
Texas A&M University

College Station -- Remember Dick and Jane and Sally? Spot and Puff? Remember going to school and getting that first book with words as well as pictures? For very young students, learning to read can make the difference between being a little kid and a big one.

But it's a lot more than that, said an expert from Texas Cooperative Extension.

"Learning to read and write are skills that are essential to a child's success in school and later life," said Dr. Stephen Green, Extension child development specialist. Green is also editor of the on-line Connection series of newsletters for Extension.

It's also a process that starts long before the first day of school.

"For decades, many researchers, educators and parents operated under the assumption that learning to read and write were processes that began with formal school-based instruction in kindergarten or first grade," he said. "However, we now understand that the preschool years serve as a foundation for developing these essential literacy skills."

During these very young years, children first learn that language has sounds and those sounds are put together into words, Green said.

When they get a little older, they become familiar with letters and learn that these letters represent sounds, he said.

Young children learn that books are full of words made of letters, and they can make these letters for themselves, Green said. As this process continues, a child's vocabulary and ability to use that vocabulary increases.

Parents, caregivers and other adults can help children through this process and into reading and writing through some specific activities, he said.

First and foremost, Green said, read aloud to children.

"Many experts believe that the single most important teaching strategy for promoting children's early literacy development ... is reading aloud to children in an interactive style,"

he said. Reading aloud "stimulates children's imaginations, enhances their vocabularies and print awareness, introduces them to components of stories and provides them with useful information about the surrounding world."

Set aside a special reading time with the children, Green advised. When reading to children, show enthusiasm. Ask the children questions about the story. Read each character in a different voice.

Teach children about books and other print materials and how to handle them properly, he said. Show them how words go from left to right across the page and how the front of the book is different from the back.

Help them learn the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that each letter makes, Green said. Show them the difference between capital and lowercase letters and how to print their own names.

Keep children's books around the house. Let the kids pick out which ones to read. Keep a selection of children's books at home for them to choose from.

Take children to the public library often; let them explore. Get them their own library cards if possible.

Encourage the children to write by making paper and pencils, crayons and markers available for them to use.

"The only way that children will learn about the sounds of language is when they are exposed to language," Green said. "The moment they are born, children need relationships with caring adults who engage them in frequent verbal interactions that support their oral language development."

"By making a conscious effort to talk to, sing to and play with children, you facilitate their oral language abilities and lay an important foundation for later literacy learning," he said.

For more information about this and other child development issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "Families." For more on early literacy, click on the link to the Family Child Care Connections newsletters.

## School Menu

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

**Breakfast:** Egg/Cheese Omelet, Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Beef Tips/Rice, Spinach, Biscuit, Honey, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Pears, Milk.

**Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Breakfast:** Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

**Lunch:** Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread Sticks, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

**Lunch:** Hamburger, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Potato Chips, Fruit, Fluff, Milk.

## Kid's Praise October 5

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children of the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, October 5, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all. Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.

## School in good financial shape

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Was the ratio of students to total staff within the ranges according to district size? No.

(Note - Mr. Brown explained that the reason for this 'no' answer is that the state considers the Rolling Plains Shared Services personnel to be part of Motley County ISD, although they cover several schools in the district, they are counted in Motley County).

Was the total fund balance in the general fund more than 50% and less than 150% of optimum according to the fund balance and cash flow calculation worksheet in the annual financial report? Yes.

Was the decrease in undesignated unreserved fund balance < 20% over two fiscal years? Yes.

Was the aggregate total of cash and investments in the general fund more than \$0? Yes.

Were investment earnings in all funds more than \$15 per student? Yes.

Mr. Brown said that the Motley County Administration and School Board are very pleased with the results of this rating. "We want the community to know that our school is in good shape and going strong," he concluded.

## School Board

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The board will attend a Parliamentary Procedure Training given by Jim Cooper at the school October 10.

Mrs. Hicks reported the enrollment is at 162. She also informed the board of the Motley County Parents Club meeting. This was a very important meeting to discuss what parents would like to see at school as far as Sex Education.

Mr. Brown reported that a company had sprayed several different areas with weed and grass killer. This is just one of the many steps that are being taken to improve the appearance around the school.

The board has been discussing purchasing a vehicle to transport staff and students in the near future. Mr. Brown has been looking into options.

## Homecoming October 21

## Parent's Club plans & projects

by Mary Ann Potts



On Monday, September 12, administrators, parents and teachers gathered for the first M.C. Parents Club meeting of the 2005-2006 school year.

The main topic of discussion was a presentation from the Health Advisory Committee on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Gail Ream, physician assistant, at the M.C. Clinic, stressed the importance of STD education among pre-teens and teenagers. Mrs. Ream stated, since there are already confirmed STD cases in Motley County, a snowball effect of future cases is possible. The Health Advisory Committee consisting of Marilyn Hicks, Jan Jones, Ginger Gilmore, Mary Ann Potts and Tommy Gleghorn (not present) distributed STD brochures to parents for viewing and comments. With parents encouragement, MCS will organize a presentation emphasizing abstinence, but also educating pre-teen and teenagers about STDs. The Health Advisory Committee recommended the "Worth the Wait" program for MCS Jr High and High School students, but will conduct a parent's presentation first before presenting the program to students. Should any parent object to any material being presented, a signed release form will excuse the student from the presentation. The date and time of "Worth the Wait" will be announced. Mr. Brown, school superintendent, recommended to the Health Advisory Committee to follow-up on any possible speakers

considered to insure an appropriate person is chosen for the presentation. Also discussed was the possibility of combining with area schools to defray cost of presentation.

And one last note from the Health Advisory Committee, the Food Pyramid has been updated and a parent's guide "healthy habits for healthy kids" was handed out to all to review and take home.

Moving along, the Perfect Attendance Committee has been assembled and consists of Yolanda Kautz, Lori Alexander, Cathey Turner and D'anna Russell. Remember each student who has perfect attendance for each 6-week period will receive a reward. Reward possibilities are being considered and selected for the end of our first 6-week period.

Also, the M.C. Parent's Club is considering creating a hand-out highlighting all the activities the club sponsors, promotes or assists with during the school year. Any suggestions and/or help in creating the hand-out is greatly appreciated.

Please keep in mind the football concession stand needs parent volunteers for its continued success. Any time you can give to help is welcome and appreciated. Next home game is October 7, when the Matadors will play Paducah.

**Mark your calendars with the following dates:**

Lowe's Register Receipts - Save all receipts dated between Sept. 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006. Collection bin at MCS (Box Tops Bin). Receipts are redeemed for

much needed school supplies. Last year these receipts purchased a rotary cutter with a variety of cutting blades perfect for creating school art projects.

Book It - Oct. 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006. Mrs. Kautz, coordinator, encourages students to set a monthly reading goal. Students reaching their goal receive a free Pizza Certificate. A Book It celebration will take place sometime in March, 2006.

Scholastic Book Fair - Oct. 10 - Oct. 14, 2005. Brooke Barton is coordinating the event and needs volunteers for each day. Great classics will be available as well as new additions.

Labels for Education - Collect and Save all year. Collection bins at V&S Variety, M. C. Senior Citizens Center and MCS.

Box Tops Contest - Collect and Save labels all year. Collection bin at MCS and soon to be one at M.C. Senior Citizens. Elementary prize is a Red, White and Blue Celebration. Jr High and High School will have a choice between a Gas Card, M.C. Bucks and Driving a Sprint Car.

The last topic of the evening was Room Parent assignments. Brooke Barton is our coordinator this year. If you haven't received a room parent packet and signed up to assist your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher or Brooke Barton by leaving a message in the Parent's Club school box.

The next M.C. Parents Club meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

## Cheerleaders selling reserved stadium seats

The Motley County Varsity Cheerleaders are selling reserved stadium seats for football games. The cost is \$10 per seat. For more information contact Rebekah Jameson, Cheerleader Sponsor, at 347-2676 or after 4:00 p.m. at 347-2473.

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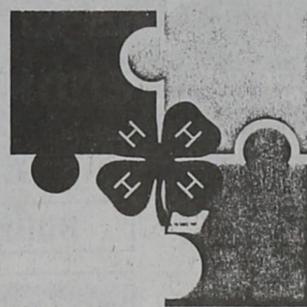
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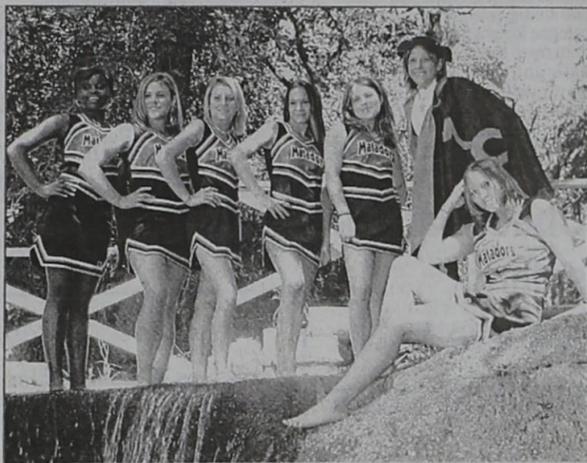
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# MOTLEY COUNTY FOOTBALL



**MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS** — Pictured left to right, beginning at back - Coach Cooper, Chance Bingham, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Brandon Gressett, Jacob Johannes, Assistant Coach Chuck Ream; (front) Harvey Garza, Matthew Martin, Gene Salazar, Jacob Blanco, Stacey Perryman and Isaiah Archer.



**HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** — Pictured left to right, Chicagra Brown, Christi Smith, Shane'a Russell, Mylissa Gilmore, Courtney Alexander, Mascot - Kyla Hollinsworth, and Savannah Rose.

photos by Walter Taylor

## MC MATADORS

### 2005 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 30	Benjamin	There	7:30
Oct. 7	Paducah	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Northside	There	7:30
Oct. 21	Guthrie	Here	7:30 ***
Oct. 28	Crowell	There	7:30
Nov. 4	Patton Springs	Here	7:30

\*\*\* Homecoming



**JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS** — Standing left to right, Leanne Jameson and Lexie Osborn; in front left to right, Alexis Guerrero, Kyla Simpson and Alyx Smith.

## MC MAVERICKS

### Jr. High Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 29	Benjamin	Here	5:30
Oct. 6	Paducah	There	5:30
Oct. 13	Northside	There	5:00
Oct. 20	Guthrie	There	5:30
Oct. 27	Crowell	Here	5:30
Nov. 3	Patton Springs	There	5:30

**JR. HIGH MAVERICKS** — Pictured left to right, beginning at back - Paul Anthony Guterrez, Andrew Martin, Eric Simpson, Cody Martin, Timothy Ward; (middle) Leonardo Torres, Ky Christopher, Christian Brooks, Colby McCleskey, Keyan Kautz; (front) Jonathon Osborn, Schylor Tomlinson, Mark Quintero, Sam Fletcher, Braden Mason, Reagan Elliott.

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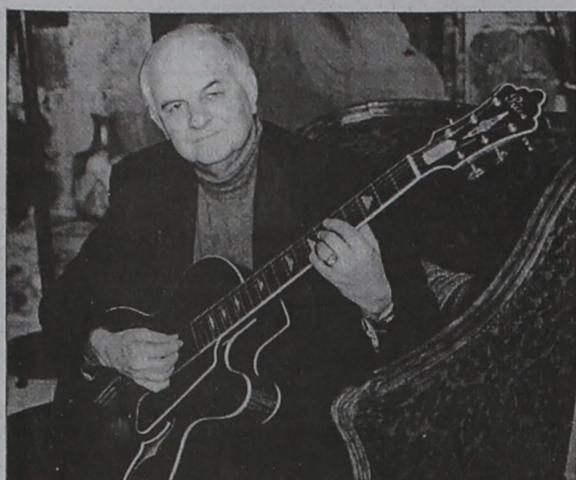
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Joe Settlemires, a native of Northfield, is a talented musician who is featured in many Halls of Fame.

## Northfield's son included in Halls of Fame

by Robin Brown

Joe Settlemires, a former Motley County resident, was born in Roundhill, Oklahoma, a son of Milburn and Annie Settlemires. The family moved to Northfield, Texas in 1946 when Joe was four years old and lived on a farm there until he was 10. During those years Milburn grew cotton on forty acres where Joe would help his dad hoe and pull cotton. Even at a young age, Joe loved music and displayed a musical inclination. He would write songs while in the cotton fields at Northfield and dream of playing on stage. Since he started school at Northfield, there are a few in the community that Joe still remembers after all of these years. He remembers being in Petye Timmons' class, knowing Gerald and Glen Nimmo. He even recalls Joe and Charlie Lane who owned the grocery store in Northfield. In about 1952 the Settlemires decided to leave Northfield and returned to Oklahoma. Joe said goodbye to all his friends and to Motley County. Since they had no relatives in the area, it was unlikely they would ever return.

In 1954, at the age of twelve, Joe started playing guitar and he advanced so quickly he began playing professionally just two years later! He was soon 'drawing crowds' at the clubs in the stockyards of Oklahoma

City where people came especially to hear the 'teenage guitarist sensation'. A week after graduating from high school, Joe Settlemires went on the road with Merle Lindsey and the Ozark Jubilee Band. Then at 19, Joe was hired by Bob Wills and became a Texas Playboy, replacing Tag Lambert who was out with pneumonia. He recalls with nostalgia wearing the playboy uniform and riding Bob's big bus. Through the years, Joe has played with the best of the best in every field of music, including Hank Thompson, Ray Price, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Della Reese, Bob Hope, Chet Atkins and the Wilburn Brothers. He has even been a guest artist with the Oklahoma City Symphony. While he still plays Western Swing and Jazz professionally, today he finds time to give private lessons in his home at Blanchard, Oklahoma. Settlemires is also a noted educator and currently teaches guitar and composition at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He also directs the Showband there. Joe Settlemires is the president of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 375-703 and he is also president of the Southern Conference of the AFM, which covers 18 states.

Many awards and honors have come Joe's way, including being inducted into Western Swing Halls of Fame in Sacra-

## Childress district TxDOT helping with Hurricane Rita clean-up efforts

Childress - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District moved out Friday, September 23, at approximately 3:00 p.m. to travel to areas affected by Hurricane Rita.

Thirty TxDOT personnel in 14 pickups transported 13 fuel trailers loaded with 3000 gallons of fuel and a truck with 600 gallons of water to Fort Worth to a staging area.

As soon as the storm passed on Saturday, they relocated to Bryan, Texas to another staging area. "Due to the heavy traffic, it took four hours to travel from Waco to Bryan," said Brent Foard, Hall County Maintenance Supervisor in charge of the operation.

On Sunday, the 2 men crews from each of the thirteen counties of the TxDOT Childress District began moving east into the Woodville and Jasper areas to begin fueling TxDOT equipment. "Due to the affects of the storm, there was no fuel available in that area. Our crews brought in fuel to the TxDOT equipment removing debris from our state maintained roadways," continued Foard.

Monday, they relocated to the Beaumont District Office to

mento, Seattle and Oklahoma City. More recently Joe has played with the Texas Playboys during Bob Wills Day in Turkey (for the past four years), alongside Truitt Cunningham and other former Playboys. He has a Western Swing Guitar CD available and will soon be releasing a Jazz CD. Although Joe Settlemires has been around the country and lived in Los Angeles and Las Vegas since leaving this area fifty years ago, he still calls Northfield, Texas "his childhood home!"

drop off unleaded fuel there and will be taking 1200 gallons of diesel to Orange.

Due to the uncertain conditions they may face during the trip, the 2 men crews from Briscoe, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Hall, Childress, Hardeman, Motley, Cottle, Foard, Dickens, King and Knox Counties, who volunteered for this assignment, took sleeping bags, air mattresses, and personal provisions with them. "We are eating Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and had to sleep outside and in our pickups due to power shortages, but the moral is still high and TxDOT is ready to help in any way we can to aide cleanup efforts from the hurricane," said Foard.

TxDOT volunteers are: Billy Downing, Bobby Crabtree, District Shop, Mark Hightower, Bill Thompson, Childress County; Scott Martin, Mike Ritchie, Donley County; Greg Cheyne, Paul White, Dickens County; Shawn Elliott, Crawford Mason, Motley County; Mike Cox, Jackie Ray, Knox County; Monte Elliott, Arty Tucker,

Cottle County; David Seal, Oscar Huerta, Hardeman County; Jeff Smith, Wendell Reed, Briscoe County; Rick White, Daniel Castor, Collingsworth County; Tony Kidd, David Martinez, Wheeler County; Mike Williams, Randy Swearingen, Foard County; and Brent Foard, Carl D. Bowman, Monty Rowland, Phillip Mackey, James McIntosh, Clayton Galyean, Hall County.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project can call Clyde Harper at 940-934-7185 or Barbara Seal at 940-937-7145.

## MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

MacDonald opens ... with a quote from Antayana that is always relevant, most especially today: "Fanaticism is described as redoubling your effort when you've forgotten your aim." Idealists and utopians, being fanatics, are always redoubling their efforts because they, too, always forget their aims.

- Bob Wallace

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Word is out about the Chamber of Commerce Banquet - it will take place on Saturday, October 22nd at the school. So check that your calendar is marked, just to be sure that you can be there.

What will you find at the Banquet: Well, aside from a delicious dinner, and the awards for the Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, and the Extra-Mile Award (nominations for which you still have time to submit at the boxes at stores around the county), the Trade Fair is back. There will be booths and displays informing you about the businesses in the county.

The Trade Fair is important, since you need to know what services and selections are available in your own county

before you go rushing off to bigger towns for what you need. You will have time to look around at the displays and find out about new businesses, too, that you may not have realized are here.

To make sure you remember these businesses, they are donating door prizes. These will be samples of their merchandise or gift certificates to try out their services, and these door prizes help you remember what all they have, so aside from pleasing the recipients, they are a good way to make their offerings widely known.

Setting up booths can begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday of the Banquet, and since the dinner will begin at 6:30, they will have to be done before then.

It is obvious that setting up these booths takes time and effort, and so we appreciate the work these businesses do to contribute to the Banquet, and we are glad to offer them this forum to make their activities better known.

So come to the banquet, and we hope you win a door prize that suits your needs. You have to be present to win, and there will be lots of neat things, all displayed at the start of the booths of the donors, so come check them out. Good luck!

## Trooper, Game Warden

from page 1

one was hurt. About 30 families were evacuated from Lake Livingston State Park shortly before high winds and heavy rains began lashing the area late Sunday. Park peace officers and game wardens evacuated the families to a school that had been converted to a shelter nine miles away.

"Most of those families were hurricane evacuees who were road-weary and worn out after plowing through traffic from Houston, and many of them did

not want to leave, but I was certainly glad we did evacuate the park," said Brent Leisure, state park regional director for eastern Central Texas. "There were many, many big trees that blew down all over that park and several downed power lines."

Five state parks near the storm's direct path were heavily damaged. These include Sea Rim, Sabine Pass, Village Creek, Lake Livingston and Martin Dies, Jr.

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# News around the County

## Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

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### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday, September 21, with the President, Mrs. Debbie Martin, in charge. Callie Giesecke read the minutes. Lula Swim gave the devotional, "With God We Always Have a Glorious Future."

Chelsea Read gave the study on Methodism. She taught a lot about the life of John Wesley.

Debbie was hostess and she served some delicious refreshments.

Those attending in addition to those already mentioned, were Robena King, Lee Peacock and Jane King.

### HOUSE OF FAITH CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

There were seven children attending the House of Faith children's fellowship which met at the Park Wednesday afternoon, September 21. Mrs. Monta Marshall gave the Bible story. Other adults helping were Corky Marshall, Alex

Crowder, Diane Carter, Steve Byrd and Lula Swim.

Parents and children are reminded that the House of Faith meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruston Swim and Jacob of Lubbock visited in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim. Lula Swim joined the group at the Hitchin' Post for lunch.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Plainview on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Peacock over the weekend.

The Matador Methodist members had a pot luck lunch Sunday and the Roaring Springs Church members were guests. There was a large turn out from both churches.

Word was received that J.T. and Lula Swim's cousin, Elmer Van Camp of Amarillo, was found dead this past week.

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEETS

The Ladies Bible Study group met in the home of Lula Swim on Monday morning, September 26. There were 12 ladies present. Mrs. Virginia Taylor led the group in the absence of Freida Burns. Minnie Collett gave the opening prayer.

Hanna Alexander of Lubbock visited in the home of her dad, Russell Alexander, and with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand.

## Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Fear can keep us up all night long, but faith makes a fine pillow. Happiness seems less a matter of getting what we want than of wanting what we have.

### HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Brenda Browning honored her husband, Lee J. Browning on his birthday with a bountiful cook-out supper at their home Saturday night. The fun filled time included a decorated cake and all the trimmings.

Those enjoying the festivities were Brandi and Bud Ham, Roegan and Talon Cruse of Turkey, Christie Dubois of Floydada, Judy and Donnie Cruse, Cally and Will Sperry, Glen Calvert and Josh Lee of Flomot.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Emily Milam, daughter of Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg, celebrated her birthday with a party in her home Sunday afternoon. She blew out her six candles on a beautiful decorated cake, opened her gifts and she and friends enjoyed playing games.

Special guests were her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter, great-grandparents, Alma and Everett Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville and Mrs. Cindy Calvert and son, Cade of Bogota, Columbia.

Visiting last Sunday with her Brenda and Darrell Cruse was her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and sister, Mrs. Charla Marrice of Snyder. They attended the baby shower given for Mrs. Keane (Lacy) Cruse Sunday afternoon held at the Senior Citizens Room in Turkey.

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada visited Sunday with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers were grandson and family, Richard and Tina Rogers and son, Jerrod of Lubbock. Visiting them Sunday were son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Quitaque Thursday and again Saturday with the D.M. Gilbert children, Jerry and Sheila Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama, Mrs. Judy Heiskell of Pottsboro and Mrs. Kathy Blanton of Graham.

Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Cypress, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.E.

Shorter, visited in Fort Worth during the hurricane with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter and Megan. Her son, Russell Rhodes and twin daughters, Katherine and Kristen of Cypress were in Austin during the hurricane.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg, visited Friday night and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Visiting them Saturday night and Sunday were daughter and son, Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Jessica, Jason, Malcolm and Whitney, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Browning visited the weekend in Childress with their grandmother, Mrs. Virgie O'Daniel.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson, Cary Franks and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock and Mrs. Cara Carson of Flomot.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited overnight Sunday in Canyon with son, Michael Starkey. Jack had a medical appointment at Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, Monday. Nada had a medical appointment in Amarillo, Tuesday. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid when in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee visited in Quitaque, Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ellen Skinner and with her houseguests, Shannon and Earl Jones of Carlsbad, N.M. Among the many family members visiting were Walter and Kay Skinner and daughter, Alexandria of Quitaque.

## Obituaries

### Kathryn Martin Russell

Graveside services for Kathryn Martin Russell, 79, of Canyon, formerly of Matador, were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 23, 2005, with Rev. Jack Boggs officiating. Mrs. Russell passed away Wednesday, September 21, in a Canyon nursing home.

She was born on December 9, 1925, in Flomot, Texas, to Claud and Florence Martin. Kathryn owned and operated the Motley County Abstract Office for over 30 years in Matador before her retirement in the

late 90's. She spent her life in Floyd and Motley Counties before moving to Canyon in 2004.

Survivors include her daughter, Kay Watson of Canyon; one grandson, Brady Watson and wife Jody of Amarillo; one granddaughter, Libby Cagle and husband Steven of Canyon; two great-granddaughters, Shaylee Watson and Emma Cagle.

The family suggest memorials to the Motley County Senior Citizens Organization.

## Matador News

Ron and Kay Bailey spent the night in Brownfield last Thursday with their son and family, Kevin, Sherry, Dillon and Kolton Bailey. They attended Dillon's 7th grade football game. Inez Bailey accompanied them to Brownfield where she was an overnight guest of her

daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Dick Hamm.

Lance, Sherry and Jason Bailey of Lamesa, spent the weekend in Matador with his parents, Ron and Kay Bailey. They also visited Lance's grandmother, Inez Bailey.

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## Turkey Jamboree will feature talents of area musicians

The Turkey Jamboree will be held October 1 in the Gem Theater in Turkey. Entertainers performing will be Don Herriage of the Dallas area, Cora Gail Trent of Albuquerque, NM, formerly of Flomot and Childress, Waydette Clay of Flomot, Roger Denton of Amarillo, grandson of Dot Arnold of Turkey, the house band, Turkey Gems and also a Talent Show-

case. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free. Donations are appreciated.

A brisket meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. for \$4.00 per plate.

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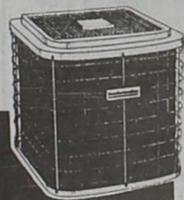
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# Researchers hope cotton screening will stop bacterial blight in its tracks

by Tim W. McAlavy  
Texas A&M University

Lubbock -- If an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, what is a pound or a ton of prevention worth? For High Plains cotton producers, the answer could be an entire field or an entire crop when bacterial blight rears its ugly head.

"Bacterial blight typically shows up on the High Plains in July and August," said Dr. Terry Wheeler, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station plant pathologist based at Lubbock. "The culprit is a bacteria that survives on plant debris littering the soil. Wet field conditions - for example, two to three rain showers in a month - triggers it."

"It spreads wildly, because the bacteria can be blown by the wind from field to field. The first symptoms are dark-colored leaf spots. It spreads across leaves, causing them to fall off. If it reaches the boll, it can infect and damage the seed inside. There are no seed or foliar treatments for it."

A major outbreak occurred on the High Plains in 1997. Damaging, but local, outbreaks occurred in 1998 and 1999, Wheeler said.

High Plains cotton farms typically range from a few hundred to a few thousand acres. An acre is roughly the size of a football field, minus the end zones. Dryland yields in this region range from one-half to one bale per acre, while irrigated acreage normally produces one and one-half to two 480-pound bales per acre.

An untreatable disease that takes out an acre of one-bale cotton could rob a producer of more than \$200, given a market value of 50 cents per pound. Even a little bacterial blight in the region's 3.7 million cotton acres could have significant economic impact.

Widespread concern from cotton seed companies and producers led the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., the state's leading cotton producer association, to fund the blight screening

project from 2000 onwards.

"We raise our own bacterial blight inoculum in the lab here at the Lubbock research and extension center," Wheeler said.

It takes two days to raise enough blight inoculum in the lab to spray 10 acres. Research technician Michael Petty spends about one month spraying plots of cotton at several different locations.

"We start at the cotton nursery maintained by Dr. John Bannaway, Experiment Station cotton breeder at Lubbock," Wheeler said. "Then we branch out to nursery acreage owned by different seed companies."

"We mix the inoculum with a special sticking agent in a clean 50-gallon tank and apply it through large nozzles in a four-row sprayer mounted behind a tractor. It's a slow-speed application because we cover only about one acre with each 50-gallon tank mix."

Two to three weeks after each spray application, the researchers return to the field and rate the cotton plants for symptoms of bacterial blight. Because the screen affects only a few leaves on each plant, and does not spread to other areas of the field, it has been very well received by seed companies, Wheeler said.

"When we finish a screen, we come out of the field with a resistance/tolerance rating for each variety," Wheeler said. "Then we share that information with the seed companies and producers. The screening project is a service component of our plant pathology research. Research was used to develop this procedure, but now our time is spent executing the procedure for everyone's benefit."

"Bacterial blight is a 'sleeper' that we don't want to forget. We know it's out there, but we don't know when or where it might explode again. Our goal is to get the seed companies the information they need to breed and select for better blight resistance as they develop new varieties. Prevention is our best protection."

# FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

## How does Oil and Gas Drilling affect CRP?

Before you allow a company to drill on your CRP you must notify the FSA office. There will be no action taken by FSA at that time. After drilling, if any portion of the CRP cover is determined by FSA to have been damaged, either the oil company or the owner of the CRP will be responsible for restoring the grass cover.

If oil or gas is found and permanent structure will be set up, FSA will determine the acreage within all roads and under all land used by the oil and gas company. The CRP contract will be reduced for that amount of acreage, and payments for that amount of acreage must be refunded by the owner going back to the beginning of the contract.

## Mowing of CRP is Prohibited

According to law, mowing of CRP for cosmetic purposes is not permissible. Annual mowing for weed control is prohibited.

Mowing of CRP may only take place under the following circumstances:

1. It has been approved in your conservation plan.
2. It must be conducted outside of the primary nesting season, which is March 1 to July 1

in Motley County.

3. The location of the mowing must be changed from year to year.

CRP owners, however, are held responsible for controlling noxious weeds, especially tumbleweeds that are near cropland.

## Controlling Weeds on Cropland

According to the regulations of the 2002 Farm Bill, participating producers that fail to control weeds on either DCP or CRP cropland will be penalized. This will especially apply to tumbleweed growers as we get closer to the cotton harvesting season. Our office will strictly enforce this rule this fall and winter. Please control your tumbleweeds before you receive a letter from the office.

## Reminders

If you have planted wheat, you must certify it 15 days prior to grazing. If it is not to be grazed it must be certified by May 15.

2006 NAP policies for grass must be purchased by December 1, and if you purchase NAP on the grass, the grass must be certified by December 15.

It is too late to purchase a NAP policy on wheat for 2006.

# County Agent's News

By Eric Lewis, Motley County Extension Agent

## MOTLEY COUNTY EXTENSION & MOTLEY 4-H UPCOMING EVENTS

**September:**  
Thursday, Sept. 29 - 100th Anniversary Celebration - Chillicothe Experiment Station.

**October:**  
Saturday, Oct. 1 - Quanah Pig Sale.  
Sunday, Oct. 2 - Saturday, Oct. 8 - National 4-H Week.  
Saturday, Oct. 8 - Motley 4-H Banquet.  
Saturday, Oct. 22 - District 3 4-H Quiz Bowl at Vernon.

**November:**  
Wednesday, Nov. 9 - District 3 4-H Roundup.  
Monday, Nov. 21 - District 3 4-H Gold Star Banquet at Haskell.

**December:**  
Wednesday, Dec. 7 and Thursday, Dec. 8 - Master Horse 4-H Volunteer Training at Canyon.

Saturday, Dec. 10 - District 3 4-H Food Show.

**January:**  
Tuesday, Jan. 10 - North West Texas Ag. Conference at Vernon.

Monday, Jan. 23 - Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference at Spur.

**February:**  
Thursday, Feb. 9 - Range Training at Paducah.  
Saturday, Feb. 25 - Motley Junior Livestock Show.

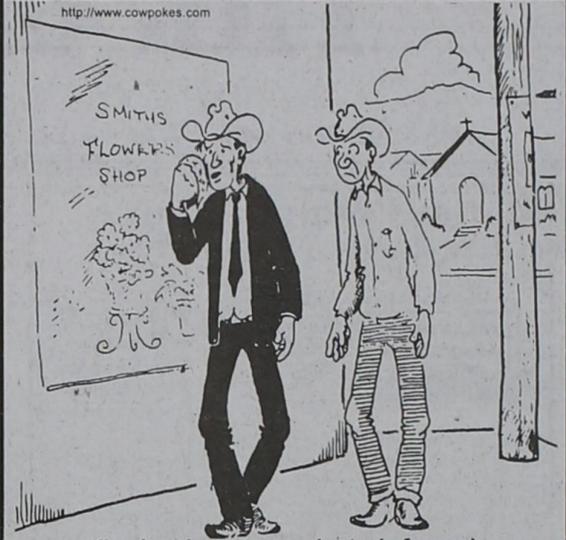
**April:**  
Thursday, Apr. 20 - Cow Calf Clinic at Jayton.

Other days and events will be added at later dates. Most Ag. Conferences and tours will provide CEU's for pesticide license holders.

For more information contact the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733 or visit our web site at <http://motley-tx.tamu.edu/> and click on the events tab.

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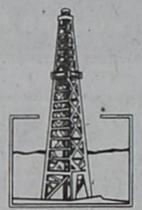


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# Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser



**Correction for Sept. 15 update:** Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #494 did not drill the Legacy Exploration LLC, D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Well #10-01 as reported in the September 15 Oil and Gas Update. Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #496 drilled the D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Well #10-01. Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #494 drilled the Echols "2" Well #1 and the M. Burleson Ranch "60" Well #1. This correction provided by Mr. Steve McClaine.

**Floyd County:** Grey Wolf Drilling Company Rig #861 has moved onto the Apollo Energy Operating, LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1. This well is located four miles northeast of Floydada in AB&M Survey, Block 1, Section 24. On Tuesday Morning 27 September were running 13 3/8 inch surface casing to a depth of 700 feet.

**Floyd County:** Apollo Energy Operating, LP has staked their next well location on the Kay Watson Land (Ceretha Watson Lease). This well will be located in Block 1, Section 4 on the South side of Highway 70, 15 miles East of Floydada and 2 miles Northeast of Dougherty.

**Floyd County:** BASA Resources, Inc., L.N. Johnson Lease Well #1 reached total depth of 9500 feet on Monday morning, September 26. Tuesday they were running logs and will be evaluating the well.

**Floyd County:** BASA Resources, Inc. has received a drilling permit for the Smitherman Lease Well #1. This location is four miles Southeast of South Plains in GC&SF RR Company Survey, Block D-2, Section 15. The location has been prepared and BASA Resources, Inc. has stated they anticipate moving on this location on Thursday, September 29 and anticipate spudding on Friday, September 30.

**Floyd County:** The Tyner Texas Operating Company, Kenneth Brose Lease Well #1 location has been prepared, the drilling pits await to be dug. This location is awaiting a drilling rig.

**Motley County:** Tyner Texas Operating Company is currently analyzing the R.G. Stephens ease Well #1. Tyner Texas Operating Company expects the analysis to be complete within two to three weeks, then the well completion work will proceed.

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# LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

## Motley County Tribune Weather Sept. 29, 2005

### 7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 78 Low: 51
- Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 80 Low: 56
- Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 85 Low: 57
- Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 85 Low: 59
- Monday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 88 Low: 58
- Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 86 Low: 55
- Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 85 Low: 56

### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 78°, humidity of 38% and an overnight low of 51°. The record high temperature for today is 100° set in 1977. The record low is 38° set in 1967. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 80°.

### Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	93	70	85/61	0.00"	Normal precipitation . . . . .0.59"
Monday	94	65	85/61	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . .-0.59"
Tuesday	95	67	85/60	0.00"	
Wednesday	93	65	84/60	0.00"	Average temperature . . . . .79.1°
Thursday	95	62	84/59	0.00"	Average normal temperature . .72.1°
Friday	91	62	84/59	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . .+7.0°
Saturday	92	64	83/59	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

### Weather History

**Sept. 29, 1927** - An outbreak of tornadoes from Oklahoma to Indiana caused 81 deaths and 25 million dollars damage. A tornado cut an eight-mile path across Saint Louis to Granite City Ill., killing 79 persons. The damage path at times was a mile and a quarter in width.

### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:59 a.m.
Moonset today	5:58 p.m.

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**AUCTION** to be held in October. Farm Equipment, Trailers, etc. If you would like to add farm and ranch equipment to be sold, contact Terry Simpson, 347-2202.

## Correction

The entry fee for commercial exhibitors for the Motley County Fair to be held in Roaring Springs October 22, is \$15 instead of \$25 as reported in last week's paper.

**MATADOR HOUSING AUTHORITY** Is now accepting applications for newly rehabilitated one and two bedroom apartments. Applications can be picked up at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, or for more information call 347-2255.



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The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Dodge Plan rooms in Lubbock and Amarillo and The Reproduction Company plan room in Lubbock.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from The Reproduction Company in Lubbock (806) 763-7770 for a check deposit of \$150.00 per set, made payable to Rheinlander and Associates, Inc. Contractors will be responsible for all shipping and handling. Any Bidder, upon returning the contract documents promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the deposit.

Hackberry Creek Care Center reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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**MATADOR HOUSING** is accepting bids for yard work at the Matador Housing Authority apartments. Deadline for bids is October 14, 2005. For more information contact City Hall, 806-347-2255.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Men's Breakfast Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, October 1, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. The breakfast will begin at 7:00 a.m. and all men of the county are invited to attend.



**News deadline Monday, 5:00 p.m.**  
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