

# MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

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Photo by Johnny Davenport, Dec. 18, 1958, Cow Hollow Tank, Matador Ranch

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## Oil Companies meet with County Commissioners

Russell Henzler, representing Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. met with Motley County Commissioners, Monday, October 10 at their regular court session, to present Bankers' interest in laying pipeline in Motley County. The line will connect to an existing line in Floyd County. Bankers is the third company that has requested the Commissioners' approval to cross county roads or run parallel along the ditches where needed.

Dwayne Sneed, representing Apollo Energy also met with the Court for the second time to request approval to lay pipeline in Motley County.

The Court informed Mr. Henzler and Mr. Sneed that they are very much interested in working with any company that will install this line to further economic development and productivity in the county. Commissioners Court requested any

proposal ultimately be in writing.

Members of the Court present for this regular session, were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and County Clerk Kate Hurt. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Jim Meador and Roy Gene Stephens.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the Peace, Library, and County Agent. Commissioners approved reports and payment of all bills.

Diane Washington, CPA, informed the court that the 2003/2004 audit will be ready for their

approval in November. The Court had reviewed the completed 2002/2003 audit report. Commissioners approved the 2002/2003 audit report submitted by Thayer & Washington CPAs.

Judge Smith reported he had visited with a representative from Hart Intercivic while attending the County Judges and Commissioners Meeting in Lubbock. Motley County will receive a grant of \$85,058.00 after it has purchased the DRES'. The quote Judge Smith received from Hart is \$91,888.75 to bring the county into compliance with the Federal Government.

Galen Chandler and County Agent Eric Lewis met with the court to give an Extension Service update and report coming events. Eric reported that 66 young 4-Hers were recognized at the annual banquet October

8, 2005. The enrollment is up this year in the 4-H program. The program is striving to get the shooting sport event restarted. The court thanked Mr. Lewis for his work with the program.

Judge Smith presented the bond for new County Chief Deputy Tax-Assessor Collector, Sherry Rose. Commissioners approved the bond.

The Commissioners discussed combining precincts 1, 5 and 6 for the November 8, 2005 Amendment Election. This will be for this Amendment Election only. All three precincts will vote at the courthouse on Election Day. Commissioners voted to combine the precincts for this election.

November 18, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. is the date set by Commissioners Court to canvass the Amendment Election.

## Motley County Fair set to go on Saturday

The time is finally here - the Motley County Fair is set to go on Saturday, October 15 in Roaring Springs. Organizers encourage Motley County residents to get their entries ready. The big event will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center. The Fair is being sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers and they encourage all teachers to have their students enter art, drawings or other projects in the various divisions and categories that are suitable for their age groups.

There will not be any show animals this year, but FFA, FHA and 4-H Club members are urged to participate in other categories.

Information sheets are available in several businesses, including the Motley County Tribune, Matador Variety, the Library, New to You and Matador Implement in Matador; and Graham Supply, Thacker Jewelry, the Hitchin' Post Cafe, HP Feed & Seed and Petticoat Junction in Roaring Springs.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Community Center. Workers will be available to help fill out entry forms and exhibit forms. Workers will also help in placing exhibits in the proper category. Entries will be judged and remain on display until 5:00 p.m. and all entries should be picked up by 5:00.

Divisions include: Children's Art (Pencil, Charcoal, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Crayon, Oil Pastels, Water Paints, and other);

Miscellaneous (Toy Collections, Arrowhead collections, Stamp collections, Post card collections, and other); Antiques (Glassware, China, Textiles, Photos, Furniture, Dolls, Vignettes, Tools, Toy);

Crafts & Hobbies (KITS - Model cars and planes, Needlework, paint by numbers, and framed puzzles; SCRAPBOOKS - photo, memorabilia, travelogues; HANDMADE DOLLS - Cloth, Costumed purchased dolls, Wooden, China, Corn Husk, Dried Apple, and other; CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - Tree skirts, Ornaments, Wreaths, Vignettes, Christmas Floral Arrangements, Garlands, and other; STAINED GLASS - Windows, Ornaments, Sun Catchers, and other; BIRD HOUSES - Hanging, Gourd, Free Standing, and other; HANDPAINTED & DECORATED ARTICLES - Tole ware, Boards, Gourds, Flower pots, and other; FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS - Purchased items, Natural arrangements (native - found or grown by the entrant), Combination (purchased and native); POTTED PLANTS - Dish gardens, Potted plants, Terrariums, Mixed potted plants; HANDMADE WOODEN ARTICLES - Toys, Furniture, Miniatures, Bowls, and other; PROFESSIONAL DIVISION - Any professional work that you have done for exhibit only \*\*

\*\* Professional items are items that you get paid for making or items made by someone who teaches others how to make the items displayed.

Hot dogs, Chili Dogs, Popcorn and Soft drinks will be sold by the Community Volunteers. Commercial vendor booths are available for \$15 each by contacting Monta Marshall at 806-348-7000.

Train rides will be available for the children, and a bounce house has tentatively been scheduled.

The day should provide lots of things to see and lots of fun for the entire family. Make plans now not to miss this exciting event.

## RCHA Cutting to be held at Matador Ranch

Local cowboys will compete for chance to advance to Nationals

An RCHA (Ranch Cutting Horse Association) event will be held at the Matador Ranch Saturday, October 15, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend the Cutting, which will be held at the 'round pins.' Matador cowboys and their horses will be competing with other cowboys and horses from around the state.

The RCHA was formed to fill a void left by the specialization of the horse industry. In the past, ranchers used cutting events to showcase and market their ranch-raised and ranch-trained horses. However, horses used on the ranch every day typically can't compete with professionally trained horses at other cutting events. RCHA sanctioned events provide a format for a working ranch's family or employees to showcase their horses used for day-to-day activities on the ranch.

Contestants must be owners or employees of a ranch. Their immediate family members are also eligible. Horses cannot have NCHA, ACHA, or NRCHA earnings, or AQHA points in cutting or working cow horse. Horse trainers are not eligible for RCHA membership.

"We have strict membership requirements to keep RCHA exactly what it was designed to be - a place for cowboys to show ranch horses," says Cindy Burkett of RCHA. Members of RCHA hail from over 60 different working ranches, representing almost 2.5 million acres, over 50,000 cows and nearly 150,000 yearlings.

RCHA cuttings follow a modified version of NCHA rules. "The variation in rules pertains only to scoring as it relates to reining a horse," says Burkett. "Judges should recognize the need for cowboys to be able to

handle the horses from time to time." RCHA sanctions 10 to 15 cuttings each year, and concludes the year with the finals in October.

All of these events provide a way to promote ranch horses to a ranch market. They are action packed and are not high-pressure competitions. These events are not driven by money. Sure, the jackpots give contestants the chance to earn their entry fee back, plus a little more. But money is not the only reason to compete. People do it for the fun of the sport.

Matador Ranch manager, Bob Kilmer, is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for RCHA. Other members of the board are Jim Rounsaville, Chairman; Barret Clark, J.R. Coody, Ron Lane, Kim Lindsey, Sam Dove, and Butch Robinson.

Contestants have 2 1/2 minutes to complete their run. The

ten highest point total contestants plus any ties in each the junior and the senior divisions will advance to the finals in Fort Worth. They must have attended three RCHA sanctioned events during the year to be eligible. Points for the finals will be counted from the contestant's top 10 placings in the 2005 season.

Performance divisions consists of Junior (horses), 5 years old and younger; and Senior (horses), 6 years old and older.

RCHA point standings in the Junior division, to date, are as follows:

- 1 - \*194 points - Cutie Sandino, Jim Rounsaville;
- 2 - \*192 1/2 points - Say Hey Rey, John Welch;
- 3 - \*188 1/2 points - Miss Matador Budha Bar, Tim Washington;
- 4 - \*183 1/2 points - Tams Lil Haida, Jake Murray;
- 5 - \*180 points - Shining Blue Star, Tommy Parker;
- 6 - \*175 points - Sierra Sunrise 003, Shawna Dodson;
- 7 - \*174 1/2 points - TS Miss Four Zero, Bill Smith;
- 8 - \*169 points - Lenas Royal Doc Bars, T Richardson;
- 9 - \*161 1/2 points - Marty Sandino, Jim Rounsaville;
- 10 - \*156 1/2 points - High Brow Senor, Mike Seago;
- 11 - \*141 1/2 points - Chicolano, Randy Wilson;
- 12 - \*134 points - Ms Matador Hickory, Gilbert Guerrero.

The National Finals will be held in Fort Worth, October 22. The top ten in each division will be eligible to compete.

## Sr. Citizens to hold Sunday Dinner fundraiser

A Sunday Dinner fundraiser for the Senior Citizens Center will be held October 16, 12:00 until 1:30 p.m. at the Center.

Everyone is invited to attend and to give support to the Center. The Site Committee is in charge of the food.

## Texas Marriage Proposition on November 8 ballot

A proposition providing that marriage in Texas consists only of the union of one man and one woman will be included on the November 8 ballot. There will be nine amendments on the ballot. Early voting for the election will begin October 24 and continue through November 4 at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Amendments read as follows:

No. 1 - "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

No. 2 - "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

No. 3 - "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

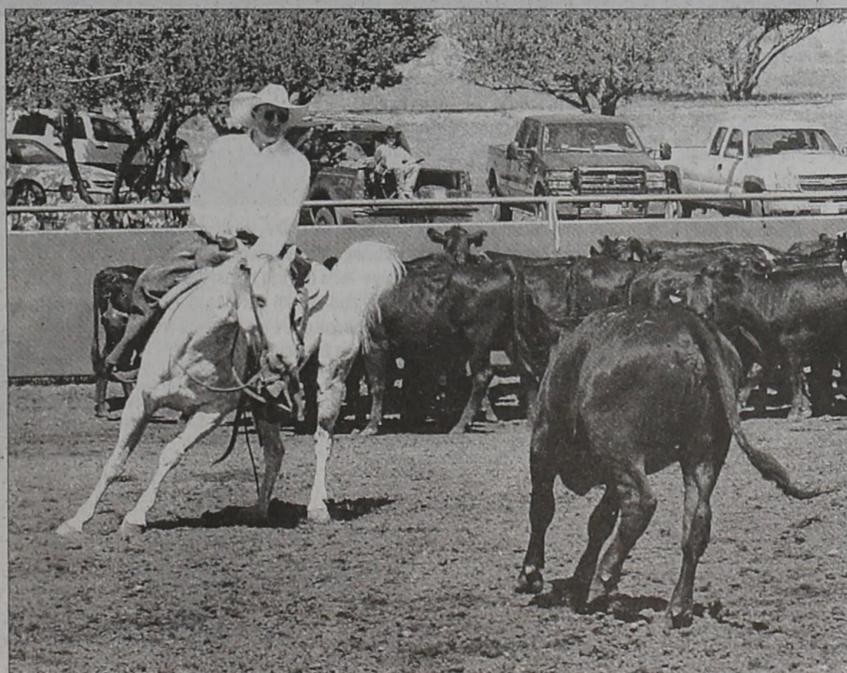
No. 4 - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

No. 5 - "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

No. 6 - "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

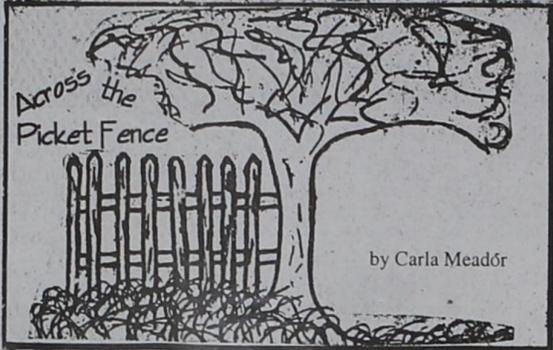
No. 7 - "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

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Tim Washington and his horse, Miss Matador Budha Bar, at a Cutting competition in Alpine recently. Mr. Washington, as well as other Matador cowboys, and competitors from all over the area will compete in a Cutting at the Matador Ranch, Saturday, October 15.

(photo by Laren Sellers)



This past Friday night was a very special one for me and my grandbabies. We had the opportunity to attend the Broadway play, "Peter Pan," which is on tour and performed in Lubbock. Morgan and Judson and I had such a wonderful evening. The play was magnificent.

As long as I can remember being old enough to know about plays, the ballet and stage performances, I've always wanted to attend a Broadway play. I hope to someday be able to take Morgan and Judson and attend a real Broadway play in New York, but until that time, the wonderful performances that are available in Lubbock are great.

We usually attend the Nutcracker ballet at Christmas. That has become a tradition for us and makes the holiday season very special. Now, I hope we will be able to attend more of these touring Broadway plays.

We even got to meet Peter Pan (aka Cathy Rigby) after the performance. She signed our programs and gave us some ferry dust. I say "us" because I, along with many other adults, stood there in childlike awe as we anxiously awaited to meet a real 'star'.

I remember watching Ms. Rigby as she performed her gymnastic talents at the Olympics several years ago. I had to hold myself back from being one

those obnoxious, excited fans. I wanted to say things like, "Oh, Ms. Rigby I remember watching you in the Olympics!" But, I just politely said, "The play was wonderful. You were wonderful," with a fake air like I was a seasoned attendee to Broadway plays and the like. But, I think my excitement in getting her autograph and some real ferry dust may have shown through. I guess she's probably used to that.

Morgan, Judson and I had a lot of fun after the show and the next day pretending our ferry dust and a few happy thoughts could make us fly. And Jud had fun pretending to be a pirate with his gruff "Arrrg, Meme, I'm a pirate, where's Captain Hook?" And Morgan with a "tingle, tingle, tingle, I hear Tinker Bell."

It's so much fun to pretend. Pretending and playing with children makes everything okay. The sadness and tragedy in our world today goes away for awhile. Wouldn't it be great if we could all just pretend to like each other and get along with everybody. Maybe it would eventually take hold and everyone would really get along and live happily together. Maybe if we all think happy thoughts, we can really fly - up and beyond the hate that fills our world, and we can "tingle, tingle, tingle" with a melody in our hearts.

### Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

Why the hue and cry over Supreme Court nominees?

It's politics, plain and simple - and the fate of the Nation may well hang in the balance. We've seen just how powerful the Supreme Court has become, dictating practically every aspect of our lives. As the Senate hearings on Judge Roberts have clearly revealed, especially in the Senators' comments, it is a war over competing philosophies. Thus, the judicial philosophy of the nominee is of paramount importance.

There are many ways to describe the two views: relativist vs. absolutist; liberal vs. conservative; evolutionist vs. originalist or strict constructionist, but it boils down to something very simple. On one side is the idea that the Constitution is a "living" document that we can "evolve" and reinterpret to say whatever we want it to say, thereby making it the supreme social-engineering tool, while the other side is committed to the proposition that the Constitution says what it says and the framers intended and understood, and that's that. As we've seen, the former is dead wrong, and the latter is absolutely correct. But, unfortunately the wrong view has maintained a majority on the Supreme Court for more than sixty years, during which time the country has decidedly shifted conservative and in the White House and Congress. This has taken liberal relativists out of power everywhere except in the

Federal Courts. Hence, their resort to those courts to get what they could never have gotten through Congress. Witness the success of the ACLU, and the exit of God, official prayer, and the Bible, from our public schools, along with the recent declaration of a "Constitutional right" to homosexual conduct. And then there's abortion. It's all degenerating moral relativism.

The Senator Kennedys and Diane Feinsteins of the world want to keep the Supreme Court doing just what it has been doing - runaway corrupt social engineering, which is out of step with mainstream America, and allowing vocal minorities to trample the rights of the majority.

Judge Roberts simply replaced a great conservative strict constructionist, the deceased Chief Justice, and won't alter the voting majority, even if he stays conservative, but Harriet Miers will - if I read the President right. He has always been underestimated and is dumb like a fox. This may be the supreme slam-dunk. Conservatives wanted a record-demonstrating originalist, and a fight if necessary. Instead, we have another "stealth" candidate that strips the liberal's gears. Ms. Miers has been in the middle of the judicial selection process, and you can bet that the President (the opinion that counts) knows where she stands on most everything. May he be right.

### Listening



How often have you heard this phrase? "It can be a struggle sometimes to listen, to really listen to what someone is saying." One of the reasons that make it difficult to listen is that we find ourselves constructing what we are going to say next, and doing it while the other person is speaking. We can be good listeners when we stop formulating responses and just listen.

Our Bible study habits can sometime mirror our listening habits. Instead of taking the time to slow down and really listen to what God has to say we find ourselves "skimming" rather than thoughtful reading of the sacred text. Maybe it's just because we feel like we have to be "moving on" with our lives.

Is this what God wants from us? I think not. Instead, God wants us to listen to every word of Jesus. He wants us to live by these words. In Mark 9:7, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." Also in John's gospel chapter 12 and verse 48, Jesus tells us that "the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day." Let us be a people who listen to the words of Jesus ... really listen.

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

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

## Couple exchanges wedding vows in Roaring Springs ceremony

Stacy Diane Stroher and Patrick Justin Peacock, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage October 2, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs, Texas. Rev. Winfield Davenport officiated with music provided by Callie Giesecke.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Strother of Anahuac, Texas and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Strother of Louisiana and Earl Carden of Pasadena and the late Helen Caden.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peacock of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Wright of Virginia. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock of Roaring Springs, and Mrs. Arnell Scott of Littlefield and the late Buck Scott of Dickens.

The church was decorated in blue along with a pair of peacocks adorning the altar.

The bride followed the tradition of something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Something old and borrowed were pearls belonging to the groom's grandmother's aunt, something new and blue was the bride's dress and accessories. She carried a nosegay of blue, yellow and ecru flowers to complete her ensemble.

The bride was escorted to the altar by Pat Peacock. The Maid of Honor was Kourtynee Bogus, sister of the groom, of Gulfport, Mississippi and the Best Man was Dustin Bogus of Gulfport, Mississippi.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. Both are graduates of Anahuac High School. They are making their home in Lubbock where both are employed.



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Justin Peacock



Joshua Piercy & Amanda Hurt

### Engagement Announced

Tommy and Kate Hurt of Matador are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda Jane, to Joshua Allen Piercy, son of Ken and Rhonda Williams of Sudan.

Amanda's grandparents are Thomas and Dora Hurt of Matador and the late Manley and Ruby Thompson.

Joshua's grandparents are John and C.A. Williams of Sudan and the late Bud and Caroline Piercy, and special late aunt and uncle, Tom and Sylvia Piercy.

The couple will wed December 17, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

The library received a shipment of new books last week. We have *Chill Factor* by Sandra Brown, *Cinnamon Kiss* by Walter Mosley and *Eye of the Wolf* by Margaret Coel. Also in the shipment were *Polar Shift* by Clive Cussler, *Origin in Death* by J.D. Robb and *Tyrannosaur Canyon* by Douglas Preston.

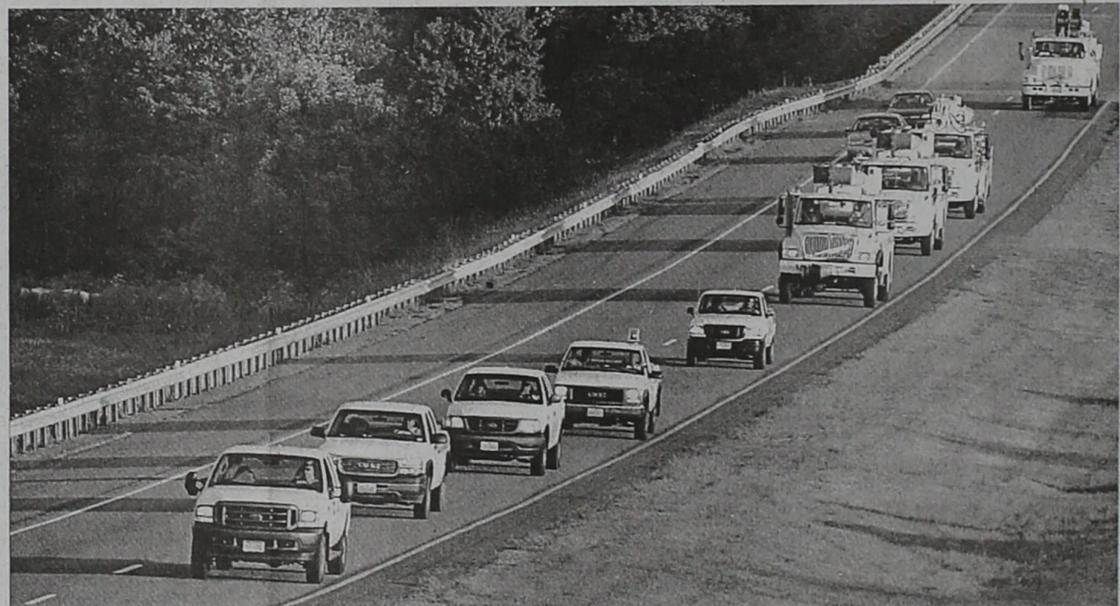
We have a Dave Robicheaux novel, *Crusaders Cross* by James Lee Burke. For the romance fans we have Candace Camp's *An Unexpected Pleasure*, Carly Phillips' *Summer Lovin'* and *The Cinderella Hour*

by Katherine Stone. These books and many more are ready to be checked out at the library.

It's Fall Ya'll at the library. Come see our pretty pumpkins, decorated by Betty Henry. Also, Betty has loaned the library two paintings that are now on display. One is an oil and one is a watercolor. We thank Betty for continuing to make the library look pretty.

I had to be out last Thursday and again Tuesday. I thank Ruby McGuire and Patricia Green for filling in for me and for keeping the library open those days.

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Non-emergency utility work in our home communities may slow down for a time while we contribute resources to this staggering task. We ask for your patience and understanding. We are inspired by the AEP Texas employees and contractors who have been willing to put their own lives on hold to join the relief effort. We thank all of the area businesses and organizations who have provided us with all types of assistance. And we thank the families of our workers who have taken on the added burdens of life while their loved ones are away. The dedication and sacrifice of these workers and their families make us proud to say, AEP Texas...Connected to You, Connected to Texas.

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## A Note from the Office ...



by Marilyn Hicks

It finally feels like fall, and I can hear the grass and fields almost smiling because of the moisture.

The football team had a great game on Friday night even though the score didn't come out in our favor. The effort certainly made Paducah know that they had been against a good team. We catch Northside in Vernon two days this week. The junior high will be Thursday, and the varsity on Friday.

The students will have a holiday on Friday. Teachers earned this day off by attending summer workshops.

Cathy Turner is in Austin this week to help write and review upcoming TAKS tests in middle school math. We are proud and pleased that she has been chosen for this task. We have some outstanding teachers, and it is nice when the state recognizes that also.

Sophomores and Juniors are testing this week for PLAN and PSAT. These are tests that are offered on campus to use in future planning. The Seniors will be going to Lubbock on Thursday for a Career Expo.

Hopefully, they will come one step closer to making after-graduation plans.

We put calendars out in town at various places, but if you didn't get one, you might want to know that we will have a school open house on October 25th. We will have a general meeting and then break up into interest sessions like we did last year. This was very successful, and the teachers will offer some interesting presentations.

One other event that is coming up in November is our Thanksgiving dinner. We are going to ask parents to come and eat dinner with their children on November 10th. There will be a schedule of lunch times in the October newsletter. If you need to give your boss advance notice ... mark this date on your calendar.

We will have homecoming activities next week. It would be a good opportunity to come for the pep rally. At this time, it will still be at 12:00, but if it is changed, we will send a note home with students. The cheerleaders and their sponsor, Rebekah Jameson, are doing an outstanding job. Come on out and see the show.

## School Menu

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Vegetable-Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwiches, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, Lettuce, Tomato, Potato Chips, Cake, Strawberries, Milk.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
**Breakfast:** Egg, Cheese Omelet, Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Pears, Milk  
**Lunch:** Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Hush Puppy, Fruit, Milk.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.



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**Homecoming October 21**

# ★ Honor Roll ★

### DISTINGUISHED LIST (all grades 90 or above)

**Kindergarten:** Cade Drum, Mikenna Ford, Dode Gleghorn, Tristan Perryman, Brody Rankin.

**First Grade:** James Thomas Cooper, Tristen Foster, Chloe Gleghorn, Chyanne Aumiller, Trey Lopez, Thalia Mendoza, Sage Guerrero, Ruby Klebahn, Grant Potts, Chris Ward, Amber McKinney, Autumn Woolsey.

**Second Grade:** Duncan Aumiller, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Joshua Martin, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Thalia Quilimaco, Bryant Taylor, Kaylee Woolsey.

**Third Grade:** Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Megan Ford, Victoria Hernandez, Allen Martin, Michael Martin, Hannah Mason, Gabby Silva, Korbyn Simpson, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward.

**Fourth Grade:** Parker Meredith.

**Fifth Grade:** Jaci Zingerman.

**Sixth Grade:** Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason.

**Seventh Grade:** None.

**Eighth Grade:** None.

**Ninth Grade:** None.

**Tenth Grade:** Savannah Rose, Christy Smith.  
**Eleventh Grade:** None.  
**Twelfth Grade:** Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green, Colton Russell.

Perryman, Neal Potts, Austin Taylor, Ismael Torres.

**Sixth Grade:** Christian Brooks, Augustine Chavez, Alexis Guerrero, Alexis Osborn, Bernardo Santos, Schyler Tomlinson, Cody Watson.

**Seventh Grade:** Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Colby McCleskey, James Potts, Kyla Simpson.

**Eighth Grade:** Melissa Flores.

**Ninth Grade:** Courtney Alexander, Jasmine Porter.

**Tenth Grade:** Isiah Archer, Harvey Garza, Mylissa Gilmore, Stacy Perryman, Karrie Valdez.

**Eleventh Grade:** Griselda Flores, Angelica Mendoza, Gene Salazar, Tamara Simmons.

**Twelfth Grade:** Ashley Fonseca, Brandon Gressett, Monica Huddleston, Matthew Martin.

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**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
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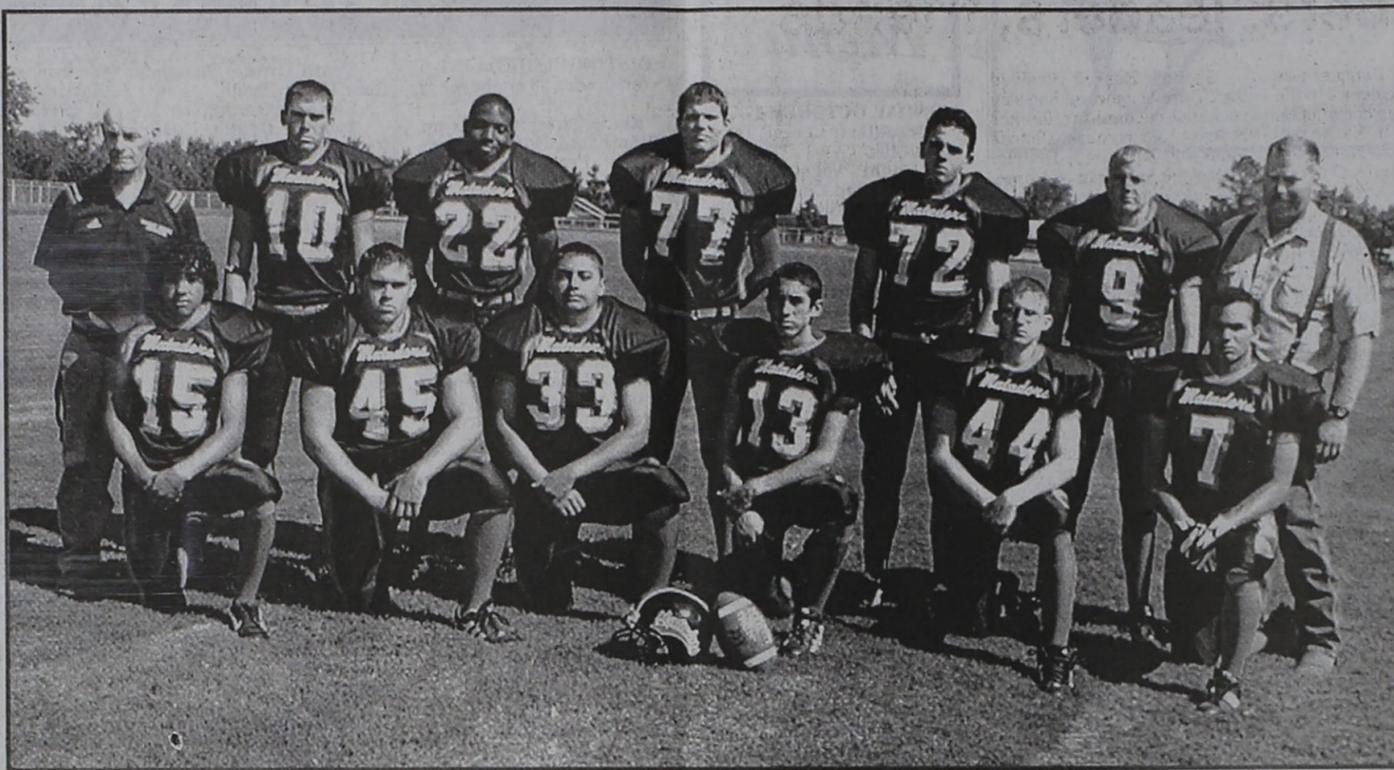
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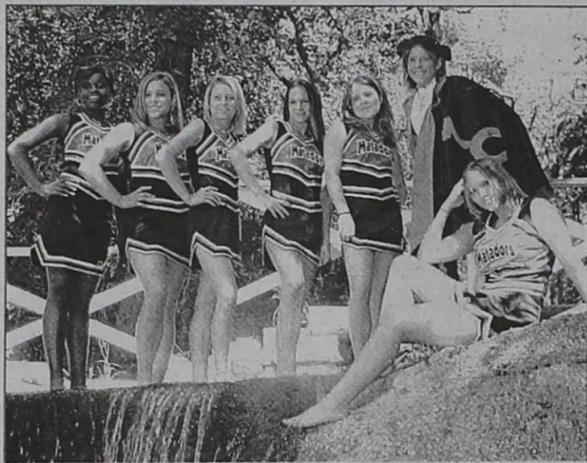
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# MOTLEY COUNTY FOOTBALL



**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.

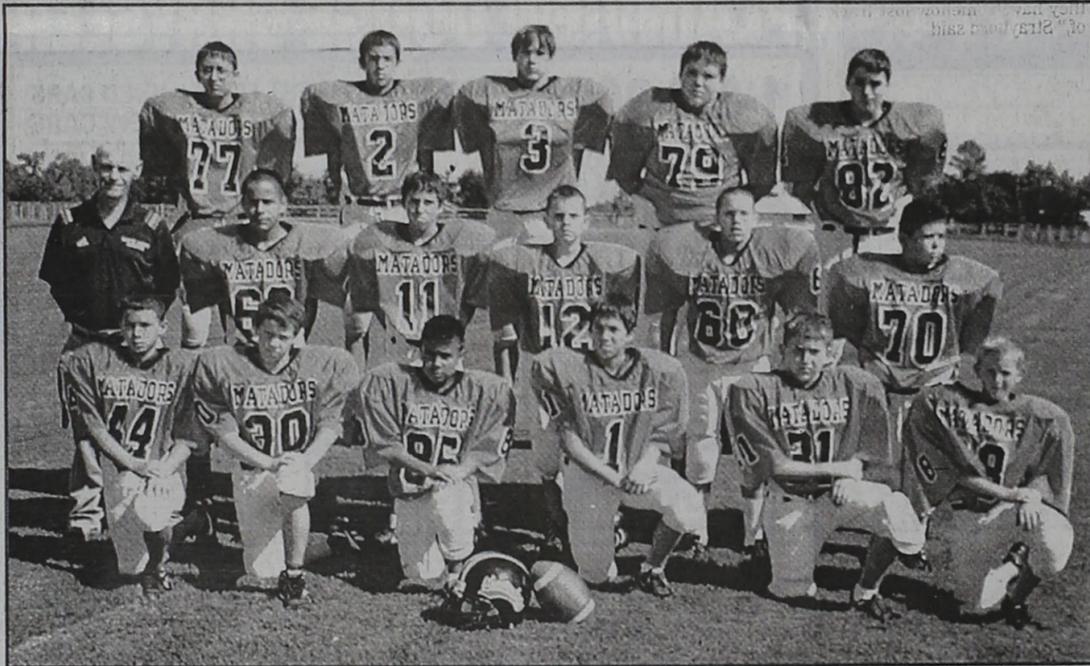
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## MC MATADORS

### 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 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.



**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

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# Annual Banquet honors 4-H members, leaders, friends

The 2005 4-H Banquet was held Saturday, October 8 in the School Cafeteria in conjunction with the last day of National 4-H Week. There were 65 club members, parents, leaders and guests present to hear Judge Ed D. Smith give encouraging words from the Commissioners Court for the hard work the 4-H members are doing and the memories they are making.

State and District winners received plaques as they were recognized for their accomplishments this year.

Shane'a Russell received the I Dare You award. She also received recognition for her District Record book, District Food and Nutrition, District Photography, District Horse, and State Horse.

Colton Russell received recognition for his District Record book, District Horse, State Horse, and State Photography.

Taylor Tomlinson, District Food & Nutrition.

Christian Brooks, District Food & Nutrition.

Jacy Zingerman, District Food & Nutrition, District Pho-

tography.

Brett Fletcher, District Food & Nutrition.

Cory Durham, District Food & Nutrition, District Photography.

Courtney Alexander, District Food & Nutrition.

Hanna Alexander, District Photography.

Alexis Osborn, District Photography.

Reagan Elliott, District Photography.

Hance Davey, District Photography.

4-H members receiving certificates for their projects were Keyan Kautz, Kyla Simpson, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Colton Russell, Schylor Tomlinson, Shane'a Russell, Hanna Alexander, Connor Mason, Braden Mason, Britt Simpson, Hance Davey, Reagan Elliott, Jacy Zingerman, Lexie Osborn, Courtney Alexander, Alyx Smith, Leanne Jameson, Taylor Tomlinson, Colby McCleskey and Dillon McCleskey.

The Friend of 4-H plaques went to Harold and Barbara Parks of HP Feed & Seed and Larry Bozeman of Bozeman Machinery and Tire. Jim Cooper was recognized as a 20-year Adult Leader; D'anna Russell, 10 year; and David Stafford, 5 year.

Adult leaders of the year were Tammy Simpson and Shawn Elliott. This award is elected by the 4-H members.

Members are currently conducting a Meat Fundraiser. If you haven't been contacted, call 347-2733 or a 4-H member.



**HONORED AT BANQUET** — Motley County 4-H'ers receiving recognition for their projects at the annual 4-H Banquet held last Saturday, were (back left to right) Keyan Kautz, Kyla Simpson, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Colby McCleskey, Colton Russell, Schylor Tomlinson, Shane'a Russell and Hanna Alexander; (middle) Connor Mason, Braden Mason, Britt Simpson, Hance Davey, Reagan Elliott, Jacy Zingerman, Lexie Osborn, Courtney Alexander; (front) Alyx Smith, Leanne Jameson, Taylor Tomlinson, Jamie Jameson, Dillon McCleskey. (contributed photo)



**FRIENDS OF 4-H** — Harold and Barbara Parks of HP Feed & Seed (left) were presented a plaque for being named as Friends of 4-H at last Saturday's 4-H Banquet. Also pictured (left to right) are Jim Cooper, 20 year Adult Leader; Larry Bozeman of Bozeman Machinery & Tire, Friend of 4-H; D'anna Russell, 10 year Adult Leader. Also receiving recognition, but not pictured, was David Stafford, 5 year Adult Leader.



**DISTRICT & STATE WINNERS** — Receiving plaques for their projects advancing to District or State at last Saturday's 4-H banquet, were (back left to right) Jacy Zingerman, Christian Brooks, Colton Russell, Shane'a Russell, Courtney Alexander, Hanna Alexander; (front) Taylor Tomlinson, Reagan Elliott, Hance Davey, and Lexie Osborn. (contributed photo)



**ADULT LEADERS OF THE YEAR** — Tammy Simpson and Shawn Elliott were presented a special gift as being named 4-H Leaders of the Year. This award is elected by 4-H members.

## Comptroller Strayhorn wants to return forgotten money to rightful owners

(Austin) - More than 182,000 Texans could find their names in the newspapers on Sunday, Oct. 16, when Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn publishes her annual Unclaimed Property List.

"The Texans on this year's Unclaimed Property List could reclaim about \$80 million that they have somehow lost track of," Strayhorn said.

"The list published in the newspapers includes the names of Texans with property valued at \$100 or more that was reported to the state within the last year," Strayhorn said. "When you include people who have less than \$100 and the millions of dollars that remain unclaimed from previous years, our total unclaimed property is \$1.3 billion that belongs in the pockets of hardworking Texans."

Unclaimed property reported to the state within the past year includes:

- \$27.5 million in unclaimed wages,
- \$8.9 million from dormant bank accounts,
- \$4.9 million in uncashed checks,
- \$12.8 million in insurance

proceeds,

- \$2.6 million in utility re-funds,
- \$4.8 million in mineral royalties and
- \$11.8 million in other valuable assets.

Banks and businesses are required to turn unclaimed cash, safe deposit box contents

and other assets over to the state, if the owners cannot be found, but the rightful owners can reclaim the property at any time. Since taking office, Comptroller Strayhorn has returned about \$426 million to its original owners.

Strayhorn urges Texans not only to check the Unclaimed

Property List in their newspapers, but to search the complete unclaimed property database

on her Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/up](http://www.window.state.tx.us/up). The rightful owners of unclaimed

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**MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**QUARTERLY REPORT**

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 2005 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

FUND	BALANCE July 1, 2005	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE Sept. 30, 2005
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 4,759.94	\$ 122,047.76	\$ 104,372.02	\$ 22,435.68
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 81,000.00		\$ 65,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 1,516.89	\$ 18,455.19	\$ 19,237.00	\$ 735.08
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 29,150.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 2,155.38	\$ 14,284.63	\$ 14,037.19	\$ 2,402.82
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 21,500.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 17,000.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 2,679.05	\$ 14,512.58	\$ 16,364.55	\$ 827.08
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 26,550.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 21,550.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 3,398.55	\$ 12,101.93	\$ 13,222.00	\$ 2,278.48
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 50,200.00		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 47,200.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 2,233.21	\$ 13,128.59	\$ 14,962.64	\$ 399.16
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 16,600.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 12,600.00
LIBRARY	\$ 26,688.35	\$ 4,453.70	\$ 5,586.70	\$ 25,555.35
LATERAL ROAD	\$			\$
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 1,553.13	\$ 7,299.50	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 152.63
COURT COST & ARREST FEES	\$ 9,644.65	\$ 11,378.20	\$ 11,036.30	\$ 9,986.55
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 451.50			\$ 451.50
HOT CHECK INVESTMENT	\$ 6,412.89	\$ 896.00	\$ 171.00	\$ 6,137.89
INVESTMENT	\$ 28,300.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 33,800.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 311,393.54</b>	<b>\$ 236,658.08</b>	<b>\$ 299,389.40</b>	<b>\$ 248,662.22</b>

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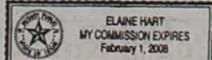
BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

*Eva Barkley*  
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005

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# News around the County

**MOTLEY COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
NEWS & VIEWS**



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

## Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

**ATTENTION  
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RESIDENTS!**  
Out-of-town subscribers are requesting more RS news. If you have news to report, please contact Lula Swim at 348-7926 or the Tribune office at 347-2400.

There were 14 children in attendance at the House of Faith meeting at the Park last Wednesday afternoon, October 5. Mrs. Jo Trammell presented the Bible story. Other adults helping were Corky and Monta Marshall, Alex Crowder, Diane Carter and Lula Swim.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips drove Lula Swim to Lubbock on Friday. They met Rev. and Mrs. Monte Wike for lunch. They were in Lubbock having a checkup. He found that he is going to have a valve replacement.

Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Joy Beeson and Lula Swim were in Turkey on Saturday night to hear the Highway 70 Band. They were performing at the Gem Theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder attended his high school class reunion at Sweetwater on Friday and Saturday. They returned home on Sunday.

The Roaring Springs Methodist Church was honored by a special Ten Thousand Angels, presented in

song by Bailey Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport, Rev. Winfield Davenport's parents, of Friona, and his little niece, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray of Floydada. Mrs. Gray played the piano for Bailey. Mrs. Jack (Patricia) Nichols, was also a guest in the church service.

Mrs. Sammie Phillips visited Mrs. Katherine King at UMC Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Thacker and baby of Amarillo and Miss Blair Thacker visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker for the weekend. They also visited grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker.

Mrs. Jack Nichols of Pampa visited Mrs. Rita Groves for the weekend. She is Rita's sister-in-law.

### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

The Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild met at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Wednesday afternoon, October 5. Pearl Patten and Debbie Martin were hostesses.

Callie Giesecke read the minutes, which were approved. Mrs. Martin gave the devotional, "God's Boxes," and she was in charge of the meeting. Chelsea Read gave the study, "Who are the People called Methodist."

In addition to those already mentioned, refreshments were served to Robena King, Jane King, and Lula Swim.

Mrs. Patten dismissed the group with prayer.

**OVERHEARD**  
What is a weed? It is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.

### BOOTHS AVAILABLE FOR BAZAAR

Rental booths are available at \$10 per booth, for the Do Gooders' Club Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Community Center in Flomot. For reservations or more information call Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, 806-469-5212 or Mrs. Alma Shorter, 806-469-5325. At present they have many booths sold. RAFFLE TICKETS for the Bazaar Quilt are on sale for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. The name of the winner will be drawn the day of the Bazaar and you do not have to be present to win. Call any member for tickets.

### BABY SHOWER

Mrs. Cally Sperry and baby son, Cash were honored with a baby shower from 2:00 to 3:00 Sunday afternoon at the Fellowship room at the Baptist Church in Flomot. Hosting the courtesy were members of the church.

Blue was the featured color with a blue and white cake decorated with miniature blue baby bottles and rocking horses. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, punch and coffee were served. Special guests were grandmother and daughter, Mrs. Jackie Sperry and Scarlett of Quitaque, sister-in-law, Mrs. Joy Pool of Lubbock and Mrs. Bud Ham of Turkey.

### CLASS REUNION

Mrs. Mary Jo Lyles Calvert and Mrs. Tommie Jo Browning Cruse of Flomot joined 1948 Turkey High School graduating seniors for a class reunion Saturday at the Turkey Homecoming. They enjoyed visiting and renewing memories. They attended the Highway 70 musical at the Gem Theater Saturday night.

Those attending were Marian Hulen Harris and husband, Newton of Hewitt; Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Bullin of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ham and Christine Edwards Brummett of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Frank Guest of Waco; Ray Corgill of Tulsa, Okla.; Frank Shepherd of Channing; Linda Lane Ferguson and Harold Ham of Turkey; Hilda Huffine Lawrence of Dripping Springs; Dovie Richmond McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynn of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lane of Alto, N.M.

### HAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited from Tuesday until Thursday in Ris-

ing Star. The 95th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning was celebrated Thursday at the Rising Star Nursing Center with decorated cake and all the trimmings. Her son, E.J. Browning of Rising Star with his guitar sang her favorite songs. She was very appreciative of all the birthday cards she received from everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Henry Clay of Royce City visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay. They visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were Deidra and Larry Clifton of Cisco, Skylar Clifton of Odessa and Monica and Tanner Smith and son, Cutter of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma visited during the weekend with Johnie Starkey and attended the Turkey Homecoming.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited overnight Saturday with sister and husband, Trula and Wilburn Martin.

Leah Cruse of Canyon visited the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were granddaughters, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg. They and Kathy met their mother, Mrs. Christi Milam in Plainview and enjoyed entertainment before their return home.

Brandon Lee of Plainview visited Sunday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Higgins Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy, Tonya and Jackie. They attended the football game in which Jackie played.

Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, daughter and son, Mrs. Pat Carson and Parker of Turkey enjoyed Pumpkin Festival in Floydada, Saturday.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Representing the Flomot Baptist Church at the Baptist Association Meeting Sunday night held at the First Baptist Church in Matador were the Rev. Nathan Mulder and wife, Kathy of South Plains, Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Judy Stark of Flomot.

Consider:

If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world.

-- J.R.R. Tolkien  
(1892-1973)

Seen thus, Saturday, the 22nd, will feature a contribution to a merrier world, for it is the date of the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. There is still time to decide to come and get your tickets, since food, cheer and song will be on the program at the Motley County school gym.

Starting right after the dedication of Bob's Oil Well (which is slated for 4:30 p.m. at Bob's Oil Well), and using Bob's as the theme, the Banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. Visitors to the dedication are most welcome at the Banquet, and you can reserve your tickets by calling (806) 347-2424 or mailing a check to the Chamber, P.O. Box 788, Matador, TX 79244.

The Banquet is being catered by Stafford's, so no doubt the food will be splendid, featuring BBQ brisket and sausage, beans, and potato salad, with cobbler for dessert.

Then there will be a program called "Sentimental Journey," structured along the lines of Old Time Radio Shows of the '30's. The talent will be provided by Motley County celebrities and Lou Burleson of Floydada and the History Teller. Can't tell

you more about it because it is supposed to be a surprise, but the general feeling is that it will be enjoyed by all.

Local businesses are setting up booths presenting their area of expertise, and they have also donated lots of door prizes, so winners of all these gifts will be drawn from among the ticket holders present.

Yes, and the music will not be sold short -- Music of the 30s will be provided by Gerald Pipkin for your listening pleasure.

And then, finally, come the awards for the Woman of the Year, the Man of the Year and the Business of the Year, as well as the Extra Mile award (which singles out people who have provided services above and beyond the call of duty).

Tickets are available from Chamber Board members, as well as at local businesses including New to You, Matador Variety and Washington CPA. They cost \$10 for adults, and \$6 for children 10 years of age and under. They will also be available at the door on the night of the Banquet, but we urge you to purchase them beforehand, since that helps the caterers be sure to have enough food on hand to feed everyone.

So get your tickets (or call and reserve them) and come to the Banquet - an evening devoted to making the world a merrier place.

## Driving skills earn Motley County TxDOT drivers Truck Rodeo honors

Childress - The Texas Department of Transportation, (TxDOT) recently sponsored the annual Truck Rodeo at the Childress Airport. Every year as part of the fleet safety program at TxDOT, commercial driver's license holders compete against each other to test their driving abilities. A perfect score is 350 points. The employees in this drive off are the same ones that maintain our highways by doing various jobs year round and drive snow plows in winter. The

participants in the district rodeo represent all of the maintenance offices in the 13 county district, as well as the district shop, striping crew and special jobs.

The driver with the top score in each work group is eligible to compete in the finals. The additional high scoring TxDOT drivers also returned to participate in the finals.

Motley County TxDOT drivers returning for the finals were Shawn Elliott and Jerry Jones.

## Obituaries

### Danny Fleming

Funeral services for Danny Alton Fleming, 54, of Little Rock, Arkansas were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was James Martin and Scott Latham. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Danny was born August 11, 1951, in Gorman, Texas to Alton W. and Joyce Harris Fleming. He married the former Karen Koon on May 29, 1976, in Abilene, Texas. Mr. Fleming was a pastor and counselor for the

Compassionate Care Mental Health Services and for Corphealth, Inc. He had lived in Little Rock for the past 9 years and was an Elder of the Little Rock Conference of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Little Rock, Arkansas; his daughter, Amanda M. Fleming of Little Rock, Arkansas; one brother, Jack Fleming of Amarillo; one sister, Lisa Fleming Carmony of Slaton; his parents, Alton and Joyce Fleming of Clyde; and his mother-in-law, Billie Koon of Matador.

## Texas Amendments

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No. 8 - "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in

Smith County."

No. 9 - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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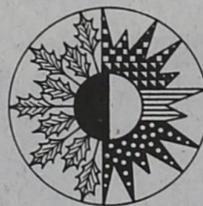
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# Quail hunting outlook bright for parts of Texas

Austin - Quail hunters have enjoyed the rewards of ideal range conditions and above normal bird production during the last couple of years. Although hunting prospects are still favorable heading into the 2005-06 season, they probably won't measure up to recent years in a few locales where it has gotten dry over the summer.

Except for the Rolling Plains region, which continues to shine thanks to lush habitat and above normal bobwhite quail production, expectations this season should be tempered, according to state wildlife biologists, due to hot and dry conditions throughout much of the southern and central parts of Texas.

"I think we got spoiled the last two years with cool, moist summers and we're not likely to have that again for awhile," said Robert Perez, quail program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Given the base of birds, with carryover from last year, we should have an average year. But, an average year in Texas is still better than most anywhere."

The statewide quail season runs from Oct. 29 - Feb. 26. The daily bag limit is 15, 45 in possession. Legal shooting hours for all non-migratory game birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

The bag limit is the maximum number that may be killed during the legal shooting hours in one day.

Ideal quail production occurs in years that remain wet and cool during the spring and early summer months because it extends the window of opportunity for reproduction, according to Perez. He noted hens typically would make as many nesting attempts as conditions allow until they pull off a successful clutch. This year, conditions became hot and dry from late spring through September over a good portion of the state, which could have an impact on extended nesting success.

"Based on field reports, Texas had a regular spring with moisture and quail paired up on time," he noted. "Emily provided some needed moisture in July, but that moisture didn't stay around long. I wouldn't say it's been an extended hatch, but we had a hatch."

South Texas is truly a semi-arid region where much of the annual variation in bobwhite quail populations can be attributed to the timing and amount of rainfall. Over much of South Texas, especially the western half, there was not enough soil moisture (significant rainfall events) to result in successful nesting, Perez noted. The eastern and northern portions of the region did receive enough spring moisture for normal spring nesting to occur and in areas under proper range management should have huntable numbers of bobs. TPWD field

staff reported very little production in the mid to latter parts of the summer.

"Based on numerous reports, the best bobwhite hunter opportunities will be found in the pockets of good quail habitat under proper range management, which received adequate rainfall," he said. "I would recommend looking for healthy stands of native bunch grasses and an abundance of forb."

Much of the Rolling Plains region of Texas experienced excellent range conditions for the majority of the spring and summer. There were also a good amount of carry-over birds from last season and nesting conditions remained good to excellent over most of the summer. There are plenty of forbs (weeds) and insects (chick food) on the ground and hunting conditions should be excellent. Numerous field staff reported seeing different size classes of broods throughout the summer, indicating a significant reproductive effort.

Bobwhite hunter opportunities should be plentiful, especially in the southern half of the region, which received the most favorable weather conditions.

In addition to the Rolling Plains region, the Trans-Pecos has received a third year of timely spring and summer rains. As a result, the number of scaled quail observed during annual TPWD quail counts in the highest for the region since 1981. Field staff report excellent production over the better part of the summer and are expecting an excellent season.

The western edge of the Edwards Plateau transitions into the Trans Pecos in an area called the Stockton Plateau where above average scaled quail production has been reported, as well.

Elsewhere around the state quail numbers in the Cross timbers increased slightly from last year but still remain far below the long-term average for the region. During the past decade, cumulative effects of changes in the quality and quantity of bobwhite habitat have negatively impacted the abundance of quail at the regional level. However, there are certainly hunting opportunities at the local level where good quail habitat remains, especially in the westernmost counties of the region.

TPWD quail surveys also indicate bobwhite numbers in Gulf Prairies (south of Victoria) where there are still larger landholdings of native rangeland. According to field reports these areas should have an above average quail crop.

For those who don't have access to private land or are on a budget there are ample opportunities to take part in the upcoming quail season on public land. Wildlife biologists at the Chaparral and James Daughtrey Wildlife Manage-

ment Areas in South Texas predict there will be quality quail hunts early in the season. The Matador and Gene Howe WMAs in the Rolling Plains are predicting above average public hunting opportunity.

Public hunter opportunities can also be found at Elephant Mountain and Black Gap WMAs in the Trans Pecos. "If you did not get a chance to chase some blues last year, you definitely have another shot at it this

year," said Perez. "Sturdy boots, dog boots, and a lot of stamina are recommended."

Access to hunting at these WMAs and others is available with the purchase of a \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit, which can be bought wherever hunting licenses are sold, online at [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/licenses/online\\_sales/or/by\\_calling\\_toll\\_free](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/licenses/online_sales/or/by_calling_toll_free) (800) 895-4248. There is a \$5 convenience fee for online and phone purchases.

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

### CRP CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Producers with CRP contracts expiring in 2007 through 2010 will have an opportunity to re-enroll the contract or extend the contract. Offers will be ranked to determine eligibility. A site visit will also be conducted to determine if the existing cover in the contract is in compliance with the conservation plan. This includes the control of weeds, etc... Producers will not be eligible for cost share to get back into compliance, and will not be eligible for extensions if they are not in compliance. More information will be made available to us in the future.

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The final 2005 Direct payment should be made by the time this is in print.

We will begin signing up the 2006 DCP contracts soon. It is your responsibility to sign up. If you don't you will miss out on the payments.

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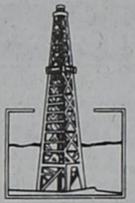


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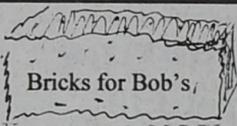
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### Motley County Tribune Weather Oct. 13, 2005

#### 7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 71 Low: 54
- Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 76 Low: 52
- Saturday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 79 Low: 50
- Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 71 Low: 45
- Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 73 Low: 46
- Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 78 Low: 44
- Wednesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 76 Low: 45

#### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 53% and an overnight low of 54°. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1952. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 76°.

#### Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
10/17	10/24	11/1	11/8

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	90	66	81/56	0.00"	0.50"
Monday	89	69	81/55	0.00"	0.56"
Tuesday	90	69	80/55	0.00"	-0.06"
Wednesday	89	55	80/55	0.42"	Average temperature . . . . .68.1°
Thursday	58	49	80/54	0.08"	Average normal temperature . .67.3°
Friday	66	48	79/54	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . .+0.8°
Saturday	70	45	79/53	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

#### Weather History

**Oct. 13, 1846** - A great hurricane tracked across Cuba, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania. The hurricane inflicted major damage along its entire path, which was similar to the path of Hurricane Hazel 108 years later.

#### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today . . . . .7:47 a.m.  
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