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Motley County Fair only one week away

Anticipation is growing and organizers encourage Motley County residents to get their entries ready for the first Fair to be held in Motley County in many, many years. The big event is only one week away and will be held Saturday, October 15, 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 & DECOUPAGED 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.

Motley County qualifies for 2006 SIA tax credit

Motley County is included in a list of 131 Texas counties eligible for a limited-purpose SIA designation. Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn released a list of 216 counties, Friday, Sept. 30, where businesses can apply for hundreds of millions of dollars in franchise tax breaks next year. The list includes the counties in hurricane-ravaged southeast Texas.

"Each year I review the economic health of every Texas county and designate those that are eligible for franchise tax credits for economic development," Strayhorn said. "All southeast Texas counties were included on this year's list, even before Hurricane Rita brought widespread economic disruption to that region."

"Though these tax credits are not specifically intended for disaster relief, they could help some southeast Texas businesses offset the cost of rebuilding after Hurricane Rita," Strayhorn said. "The tax breaks are available to companies that are located in designated counties and create new jobs or invest in new equipment."

"I encourage business owners in southeast Texas and all other counties on this year's list to see if they qualify," Strayhorn said.

The franchise tax credits for economic development were enacted in 1999 by the 76th Legislature and have saved taxpayers more than \$130 million on their 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 franchise tax reports. The tax breaks include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

The research credit is available to companies that perform qualified research activities in Texas. It is based on the firm's increase in research activities during the year compared to a base amount.

Five percent of qualified research expenses will be credited for tax reports originally due in 2002 and after. The amount of the company's credit may be as large as 50 percent of its franchise tax liability. Unused credits may be carried forward for a maximum of 20 years.

Additional credit is available for qualified research activities conducted in certain qualifying counties.

Companies that create jobs in certain counties may qualify for a job creation credit equal to 5 percent of the wages paid to workers holding those jobs. The credit is 5 percent a year for five years beginning with the year the jobs are created.

To qualify, a corporation must create at least 10 new full-time jobs, pay at least 110 percent of the county's average weekly wage, pay health benefits and be engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services, research, agricultural processing, or central administrative office.

The credit is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability in the year that the credit is claimed. Unclaimed credits may be carried forward for a maximum of five years.

Corporations that invest at least \$500,000 in machinery and equipment can qualify for a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5 percent of that investment. The credit is available in five equal installments over five years. The investment must be located in qualifying counties and in the industries listed for the job creation credit.

This credit, too, is limited to 50 percent of the firm's tax liability, and any unclaimed credits may be carried forward for a maximum of five years.

The Strategic Investment Area (SIA) is a collection of counties and sub-county areas where job creation, investment and research activities by businesses can earn franchise tax credits. The SIA is determined each September by the Comptroller's Office, and the determination is effective for business activity in the following calendar year.

Comptroller Strayhorn determined that of the state's 254 counties, 216 fall wholly or partially in the state SIA for calendar year 2006.

Of those counties, 83 qualify for full-purpose SIA designation based on their relative unemployment rate and per-capita income.

The SIA designation allows a research credit bonus and permits companies engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, agricul-

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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.

Mother Nature was good to Motley County in September

Cotton crop shows good potential

BY: EARLYNE JAMESON

Mother Nature, for the most part, was kind to Motley County compatriots in agriculture with rain, warm days and cool nights in the month of September. 49 degrees was recorded the night of Sept. 28. The harvest moons appearing in the sky were beautiful.

The cotton crop has a good potential and the livestock market and ranchland are in good shape.

RAINFALL TOTALS

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report total September moisture for 2005: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 3.91 inches; Brian Marshall, Matador, 3.58 inches; Jim Stockton, Whiteflat, 2.10 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 1.30 inches and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot, 2.90 inches.



TRUCK ACCIDENT — This truck, loaded with cow feed, overturned west of Matador Monday afternoon. No one was injured. The accident was the second in Motley County in three days.

Motley County accident sends two Amarillo residents to hospital

A traffic accident, occurring Saturday night, October 1, at approximately 10:30 p.m., sent two Amarillo residents to the hospital. Motley County emergency personnel responded to the accident, a one-vehicle rollover, 6 miles north of Matador on Texas 70.

The vehicle was occupied by one male and one female. Both were injured and conveyed by Motley County ambulance to Turkey, where one of the injured

was then picked up by a flight for life helicopter. The other patient was then conveyed to an Amarillo hospital by Motley County ambulance.

DPS Trooper Chad Overton investigated the accident. Alcohol may have been a factor.

On Monday, October 3, at

approximately 5:07 p.m., emergency personnel responded to a truck accident 1/4 mile west of Matador on US-62. The driver was not injured. The trailer, loaded with cow feed, veered to

the west bound lane causing the load to shift and in turn causing the truck to roll on its side.

Speed was a factor in this accident.

Highway 70 Band to perform at Turkey's Gem Theater

Don't miss Pat Seigler and the Highway 70 Band on October 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the downtown Turkey Gem Theater. This is a great band, including Pat Seigler, Lee Smith, Gerald Pipkin, Billy Donaldson, Kelly Keltz and Brandt Bearden. Special guests will be Gary and Justin Williams on fiddles and

Baxter Vaughn on steel guitar. This should be an exceptional show and a full house for only \$10.

This is the night of the Turkey Reunion, so the show will start at 8:00 p.m. to give everyone time to visit before.

For more information call 806-423-1420 or 423-1113.



COTTON CROP — This healthy cotton crop has benefited from the moisture Motley County has received in the past months. This crop, located north of Matador, sprawls across a vast field, with the old West Texas Gin pictured in the background.



The little boy was suddenly transformed into Tarzan of the Jungle and cried out his call as he climbed the branches of the old oak tree. His father before him had also climbed through the sprawling branches of the old tree.

If the tree could talk, the stories it could tell. Probably of many other little boys who had climbed and sat in the branches, talking and telling stories, or young girls playing dolls in the cool shade, and possibly of Indians dancing around its enormous trunk, or of cowboys tying their horse and resting for a nap under the rustling leaves blowing in the wind.

The old stately California Live Oak tree seemed to be wise and almost aware of the little boy climbing and pretending as he held on to the big beautiful branches. And with its thick, sprawling limbs, some almost touching the ground, it seemed to say, "Hop on," and then cradle the little boy as he talked and played.

After moving to another state, the boy visited the tree every year and always made a climb as he reminisced of playing Tarzan and calling through

the wild.

The old oak did its job well, providing a cool shade for the backyard of the boy's aunt and uncle and making a home for hundreds of birds through the years. The tree stood strong as the little boy grew to a man.

The big tree seemed to smile as its branches cradled another generation, when the man's children climbed and laughed and played Tarzan of the Jungle.

"Did you really climb this tree when you were a little boy, Daddy," the children asked. And the daddy replied "Yes, I really did," as he fondly remembered his Tarzan days.

Last year's climb will be the last in that old oak tree, as it fell after a big wind storm this summer. According to Jeremy's Aunt Rosalyn, the experts said the tree was 300 years old. But Aunt Rosalyn and Uncle Bob plan to promote another oak tree on their property in Saratoga, California, to become the Tarzan tree.

Who knows, the new Tarzan tree may cradle Jeremy's grandchildren and maybe even another three generations.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



We thank Joan and John for their donation to the library to purchase some large print books. I have already ordered some and they will be here soon, hopefully. We also thank Regina Moss, Sharon Allen, and Regina Sheffield for helping out at the library in recent days.

A new audio CD in the library is Sarah Vowell's *Assassination Vacation*. On this CD, the author explores the political murders in America and "the myriad ways they have been used for fun and profit and for political

and cultural advantage." This should be an amusing CD to listen to as you are driving to Amarillo or Lubbock or just to enjoy in your home.

Another new CD is *Dark Voyage* by Alan Furst. This story tells about the spy wars of World War II. A book new to library shelves is *The Blue Nowhere* by Jeffery Deaver. This book is a scary novel that explores the world of cyberspace hackers who invade the computers of other people, business and government agencies.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

THE UNKNOWN AND THE UNKNOWNABLE FACTOR

Many have asked my opinion on the President's nomination of Judge Roberts to the Supreme Court, and have been surprised at the answer. It is: "I'm reserving judgment. It remains to be seen. He's not who I would have selected." Here's why.

Judge Roberts is a "stealth" candidate, meaning that he doesn't have a sufficient written track-record of opinions to get a handle on how he would probably rule on cutting edge issues, e.g., abortion, and can't be forced to state, in advance, how he would rule. This may be one of the reasons for his selection, but it is a gamble. At any rate, it has driven liberal relativists (mostly Democrats) quite nutty. They didn't know what to do with him or how to vote. The focus was the road.

But, and here's a larger problem, we don't know what he will do either. He clearly reveres the Supreme Court (I don't), and that's a natural human reaction. He worked there. The bottom line question is this: Will his reverence for the Court cause him to reaffirm past wrong decisions by the Court? If past Justices blindly followed that approach, we would still have segregation. The Court has also upheld slavery. Judge Roberts has called the "right" to an abortion

"settled law." We don't know what he meant by that. "Settled" doesn't mean "correct," but it could mean "a done deal."

Here's the rub. Nobody likes to admit they're wrong, and certainly not the Supreme Court, but in the areas of morality and Church/State separation, the Court has rarely gotten it right in the last sixty years. It won't do to just stop the slide into degenerating moral relativism. Many past decisions must be outright reversed. This is similar to the Christian Doctrine of repentance - not just a stop, but a reversal of direction. Will Judge Roberts do it? I don't know. And then there's the issue of power. The Court didn't even have the Constitutional jurisdiction to decide many of its most repugnant cases, except its own say-so that it did. Will the court (and new Justices) voluntarily relinquish power? Don't bet on it.

I hope Judge Roberts becomes a pleasant surprise. I'd have gone with Michael McConnell and Janice Rogers Brown. We know where they stand. But our President is crafty. We now have a new "stealth" candidate in Harriet Miers. I know her, having served on the State Bar of Texas with her. She's smarter than Roberts, works like a Trojan, and will drive the Libs over the edge. She's a more critical nominee than Roberts. But, we don't know how she will rule either. But I'll bet the President does!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Austin -- October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the American Cancer Society is increasing awareness of the importance of early detection. As the second leading cause of cancer death in women, breast cancer will claim an estimated 40,000 lives in Texas this year. Many of the lives lost to breast cancer could be prevented through early detection. When breast cancer is detected early the survival rate could be as high as 97%.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following screening guidelines for the early detection of breast cancer:

Yearly mammograms beginning at age 40; Clinical Breast Exams about every 3 years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and older; Breast Self Examination (BSE) is an option for women starting in their 20s; Report any breast change promptly to health care providers.

Women at increased risk should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammography screening earlier, having additional tests or having more frequent exams.

Maintaining a healthy body weight, staying physically active and limiting alcohol consumption may lower the risk of breast cancer.

Physician clinical breast exams a health care can sometimes identify a problem that a woman may have overlooked. Though most breast lumps are not can-

cerous, only a physician can make a diagnosis.

The Texas Department of State Health Services Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening program offers free mammograms, breast examinations, and Pap tests to women who qualify. In addition, Medicare helps pay the cost of a mammogram for women 40 or older with Medicare Part B.

On October 11, a wreath ceremony will take place in Austin to kick off National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, recognize breast cancer survivors and honor those who have lost their lives to the disease. First Lady Anita Perry, along with breast cancer survivors will speak urging women to take the appropriate action in fighting breast cancer.

For those who are diagnosed with breast cancer the American Cancer Society offers Patient Service programs such as: Reach to Recovery, Road to Recovery, Coping with Breast Cancer support group, Dialogue support group and Look Good, Feel Better as well as online support and resources through Cancer Survivor's Network at www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

TEE TIME

by Judy



Ladies Play Day, Thursday, September 29th, Greenie on #6 and #15. Playing 18 holes were Louise, Jean H., Geneva and Liv. No one had a Greenie. Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Judy R., Tempie, Nell, Tommie, Marihelen and Frances. No one had a greenie. The September 27th Scramble had 15 players. Alan

Bingham won closest to the pin on #6.

Winning first place, with a score of 30, were Cody, Alan and Garland.

Second place, with a score of 30, were Ken, Paul, Dartha and Corky.

Others playing were Kenny, Liv, Tempie, Clovis, Stan, Frances, Tommie and Darrell.

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Arts & Crafts news

By Winifred Darsoy

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," was said by a poet long ago. It's true today, to the members of Arts and Crafts. Every lesson that has been taught to the club ends with a beautiful painting or craft. The club met September 12 for a lesson on painting taught by club artist Lorene Lancaster.

The members painted and decorated a plain yardstick. It became an object of beauty being enhanced with buttons, beads, cording, flowers. It will be a pretty addition to any room, sewing room or otherwise. Look for these at the Club's Fall Bazaar on November 12th. The Bazaar will be held at

the Senior Citizens Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Many new items will be on display, also many of the old favorites.

The Club dined at noon with the Senior Citizens and enjoyed subway turkey sandwiches, broccoli with cheese sauce, tossed salad and bran muffins.

Members present were Vee Gordon, Jo Trammell, Nova Dale Turner, Dorothy Knight and instructor Lorene Lancaster.

The October class will be taught by Jo Trammell to paint on enamel cups with acrylic paints. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. See you there!

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Members in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding, In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- Proverbs 3: 5, 6

The Coffee Mug



While traveling across the country last week to observe my son-in-law's promotion, I had the opportunity to see many things at different layovers. One of the things to catch my eye was a coffee mug with the inscription, "Never Under Estimate The Power of Stupid People."

At first glance I wondered if mug should be on display. But, as I thought on that mug more, I came to realize the truth contained on it. In reading Psalm 14:1, the Bible says that "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God." The ancient word for fool conveys the idea of "bereft of the ability to learn." That means, in every day language, "stupid." Remember... one "fool" was all it took to remove prayer from our schools and other public functions. "Never underestimate the power of stupid people."

If in fact the Old Testament word "fool" means stupid, there is another "fool" on the scene of American history. This one wants to rid our country of the concept of "one nation under God." This "fool" seeks to do this by deleting the words "under God" from our pledge of allegiance. Make no mistake about it, the courts will hear this and we that believe that this nation is "under God," could be the losers. That inscription on a coffee mug is somber warning when one gives thought to it. So perhaps we will, "never underestimate the power of stupid people." The "fool" hath said in his heart, there is no God.

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

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

Kayla Copp named to Dean's List

The faculty and staff of the College of Agriculture and Life Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, has named Kayla Copp, a Senior Ag Journalism major, to the Dean's Honor Roll. Students must have compiled a GPR of 3.75 or better to receive this honor.

Kayla is the daughter of Rick and Lana Copp of Gatesville, Texas, formerly of Matador. She is the granddaughter of Jackie and Edna Duke of Floydada, Sandra Copp of Lubbock, and Bill and Margie Womack of Haskell.

Planning a wedding?

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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!

Friends of the Governor's Mansion to sponsor High School History Contest

Austin -- Friends of the Governor's Mansion, a Texas nonprofit organization, will host its second annual History Presentation Project Contest for Texas high school students. The "It's Your History" contest encourages students in the study of local history and enhances computer skills in conjunction with state curriculum.

Students must create a PowerPoint presentation on a topic concerning their county's history. The entry form and complete guidelines are available at www.txfgmcontest.org. Participants must register online no later than Tuesday, October 11, 2005. The deadline for submitting completed projects is Tuesday, November 15, 2005. The winning entries will be announced in mid-December.

Each winner's school will receive a \$500 award in honor of the winning student(s) and the teacher who certified the project. Categories include best overall presentation by an individual, best overall presentation by a group, best use of audio, best use of images and best use of text. Additionally, the winning students and their teachers will be invited to Austin for an awards presentation.

Jane Barnhill, chairman of the education committee of Friends of the Governor's Mansion and vice-chair of the Texas

Historical Commission (THC) helped develop the contest.

In 2004, winners were selected from more than 110 contest entries. Prizes were awarded to Calallen High School, Graford High School, Lake Worth High School, Liberty High School, Stamford High School and Zavalla High School.

"The student submissions were quite impressive, both for the technical computer skills displayed as well as the sound historical content," said Texas Historical Commission (THC) Architecture Division Director Stan Graves, who served as one of five judges for the 2004 contest.

Friends of the Governor's Mansion was founded in 1979 by Gov. and Mrs. William P. Clements, Jr. to benefit the Governor's Mansion and its collections. The organization also provides educational programs for the public about the home and its history.

For more information contact Jane Karotkin at 512/474-9960 or visit www.txfgm.org.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

School Menu

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Frozen Yogurt, Milk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Breakfast: Biscuits, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: BBQ Ribs, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eye Peas, Cornbread, Jello.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Salad, Cake, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Breakfast: Cinnamon French Toast, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Finger, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

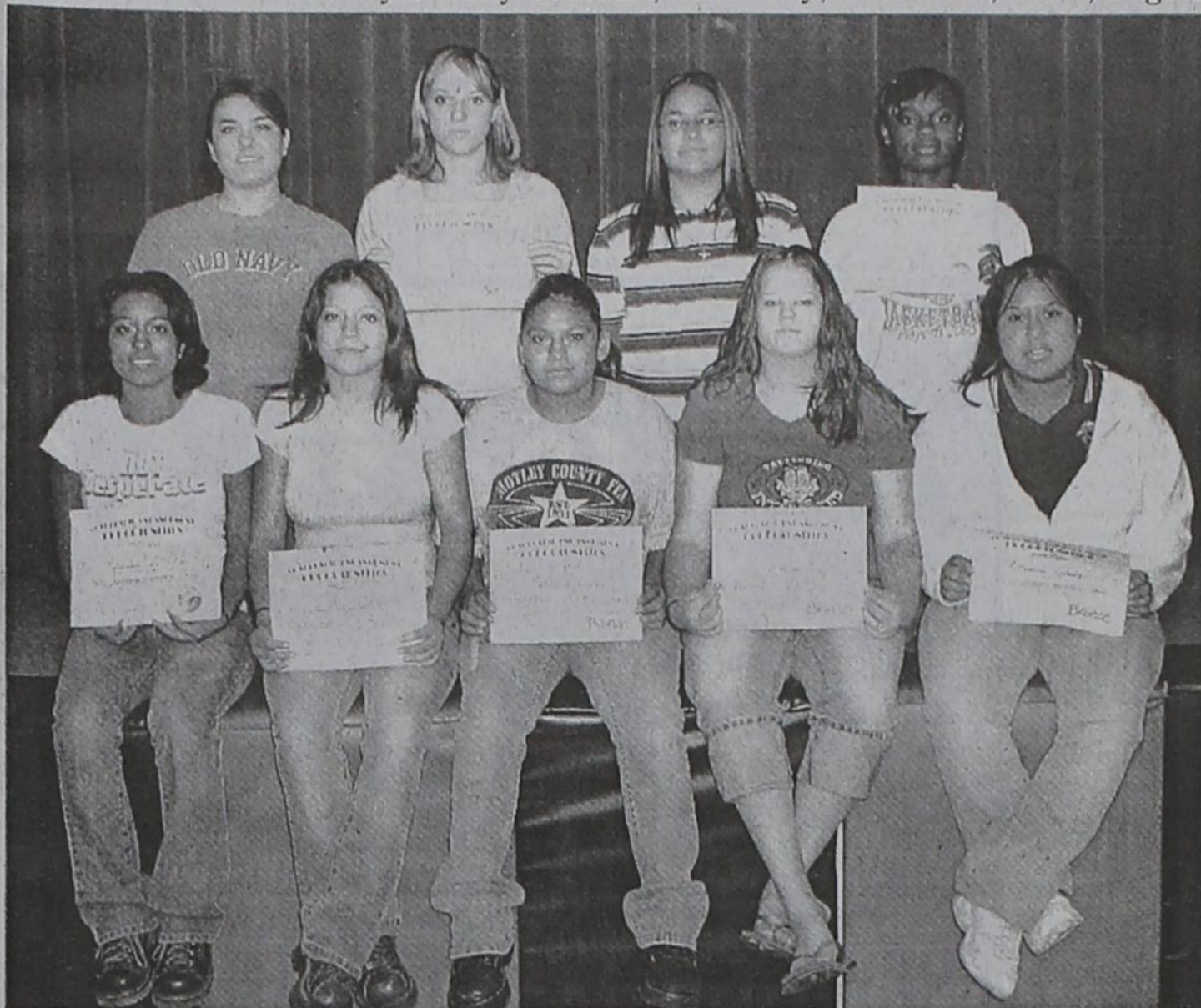
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Motley County FCCLA Chapter Hosts Area Leadership Workshops

Motley County FCCLA Chapter hosted an area meeting on September 28th. Members from Valley, Guthrie, Quanah, New Deal, Crosbyton, Frenship, Paducah, and Motley County attended the meeting. One hundred energetic members had an exciting time participating in various leadership workshops. Motley County FCCLA members, Ashlee Green and Ashley Fonseca, lead a workshop that targeted teamwork building strategies. Members also received Leadership Enhancement Opportunities awards. This event is a great opportunity for leadership development and members were able to network with other chapters. Motley County members participating in the Leadership workshop are pictured above, left to right, beginning at back: Ashlee Green, Savannah Rose, Ashley Fonseca, and Chicagra Brown; (front) Angelica Mendoza, Griselda Flores, Karrie Valdez, Tamara Simmons, and Amanda Chavez.

Girl Scouts of Caprock Council Coordinate Fall Nut Sale

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council have begun their area-wide fall nut sale, "Going Beyond Your Best". The sale will end and all products will be delivered by November 11 - just in time for holiday gift giving.

The items offered are all produced by Trophy Nut Company and include snacks such as mixed nuts, fruit mix, butter toffee peanuts, peanut brittle and chocolate candies.

"Going Beyond Your Best" is a fund-raiser for the Girl Scout troops that choose to participate. Each troop gets to keep a

portion of the sales price of each item sold, and that money will help to fund troop activities during this Girl Scout year. Selling nuts in the fall gives girls the opportunity to increase their self-confidence, develop values to guide their actions, leadership skills, and improve their people skills.

The girls are asked to focus primarily on selling the products to close family and friends. If you need assistance locating a participating troop, please call the Council office at 806-745-2855.

"An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins."

Proverbs 29:22

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— Max Lucado

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Daniel 9:14

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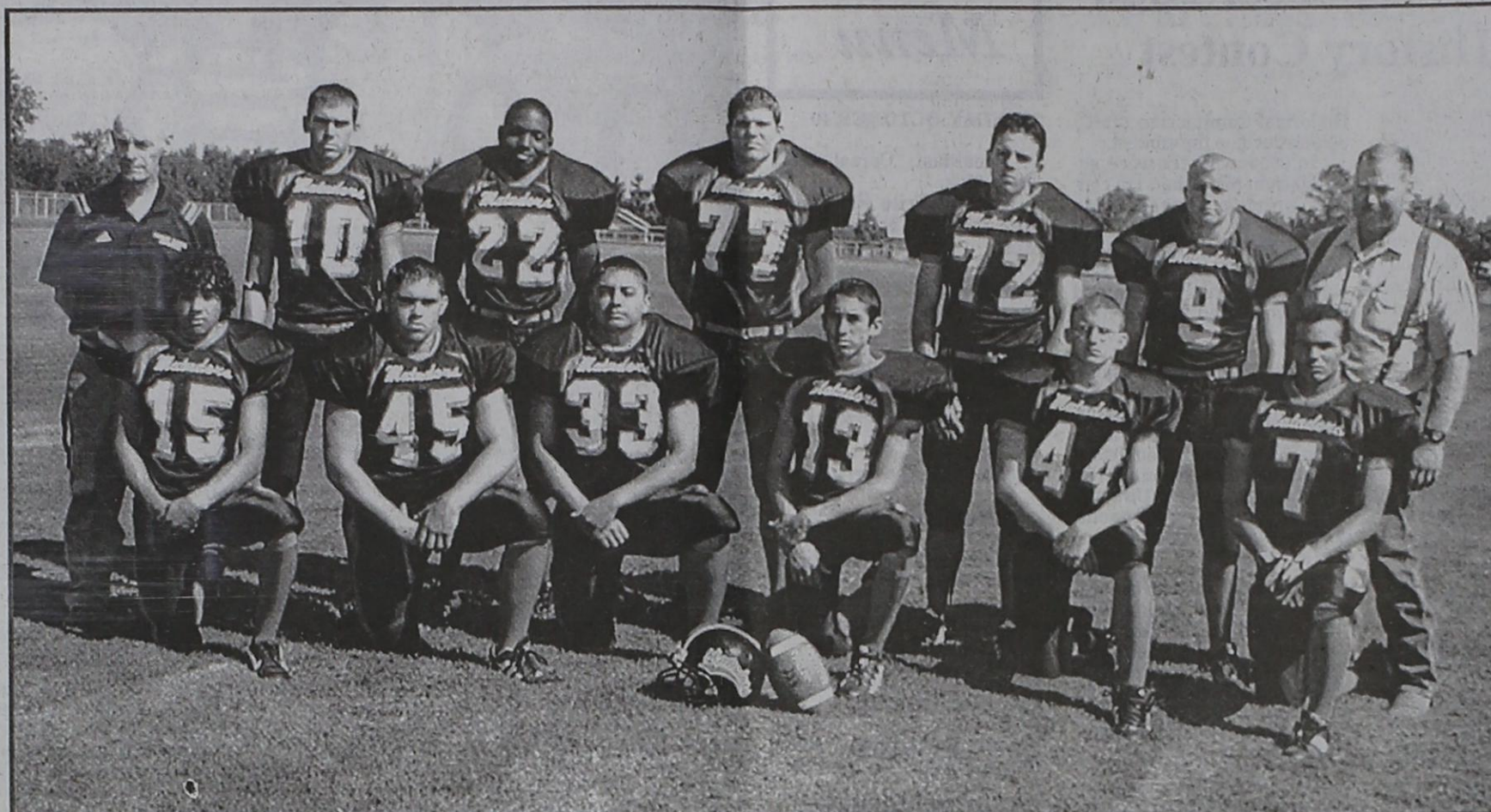
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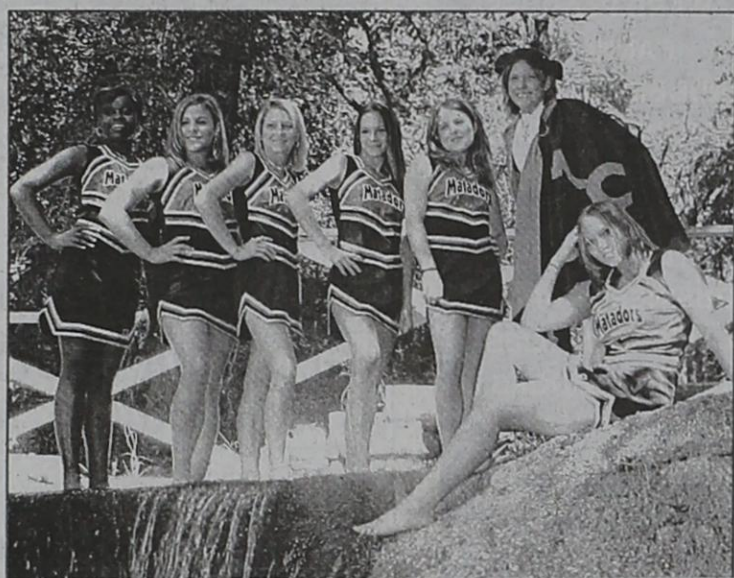
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured left to right, beginning at back - Coach Cooper, Chance Bingham, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Brandon Gressett, Jacob Johannes, Assistant Coach Chuck Ream; (front) Harvey Garza, Matthew Martin, Gene Salazar, Jacob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

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

photos by Walter Taylor



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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New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit will be available soon

After more than two years of preparation, the new Medicare prescription drug benefit will be available beginning January 1, 2006. Many of you may have already received information from companies about plans that offer Medicare prescription drug coverage.

All 42 million Medicare beneficiaries are eligible to receive this benefit. But, as is true when considering any other purchase, people need to be good consumers.

First everyone needs to understand that the Medicare prescription drug coverage is a voluntary benefit. No one is requested to take it. You may already have drug coverage from another source, such as an employer or a union. If you are satisfied with your current coverage, you can choose to stay with your current plan.

If you decide you want to sign up for the new benefit, you will still have to choose the best plan for you. Unlike most of what the government has to offer the Medicare prescription drug benefit is not a "one size fits all" program. It is insurance offered by private companies with government paying part of the cost. And, there are many plans from which to choose. In Texas, 20 organizations have been approved to offer Medicare prescription drug coverage plans in our state. Beneficiaries will also be able to acquire Medicare prescription drug insurance as part of more comprehensive plans that include health care services along with drug coverage.

The companies offering these plans are in competition with each other as to both benefits and cost. All companies authorized to offer the drug

plans must meet Medicare's minimum requirements. They are required to cover all medically necessary drugs and to contract with pharmacies in the areas where beneficiaries live. But, with so many plans available, retirees need to do some careful shopping to choose the plan that works best for them.

As with most insurance, the prescription drug benefit will involve premiums, deductibles, and other costs. The prescription drug benefit does not make medicine totally free. But, it will make prescription drug coverage available to help the millions of older Americans pay for medicines. The White House estimated Medicare prescription drug coverage will save an average retiree \$1,300 a year.

The benefit should be especially helpful to those faced with very high drug expenses. Under the standard plan, once a beneficiary's out of pocket drug expenses for one calendar year reaches \$3,600, they will be re-

quired to pay just 5 percent (or a small co-payment) for the rest of their drug purchases that year. All of their other drug purchase costs will be covered by the plan.

There is also extra assistance available for those with a low income. For Medicare beneficiaries who meet the eligibility guidelines, the savings on drug purchases will be substantial. Millions of low income Medicare beneficiaries could pay no more than \$5 per prescription.

To make the decisions that are right for you, a little study probably will be necessary. Information is likely to come to you from many sources. A good place to start is the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov or the toll-free number, 1-800-MEDICARE. If you are currently on Medicare, you should soon receive a booklet in the mail called "Medicare & You 2006." That booklet will provide information about the drug benefit.

MOTLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

As someone has said, "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and you can fool some of the people all of the time; and those are pretty good odds."

Saturday, October 15th will be a pretty poor date to choose to try to fool anyone, since the Motley County Fair in Roaring Springs is the event of the day, there will be well qualified judges on hand to choose the best in all the competing categories, and they will not be fooled.

You have probably read all about the upcoming Fair in this newspaper, and are hard at work on your entries, if you have not finished them yet. Keep at it, for there are lots of categories for you to enter, and anything you make or bake will be fit into one category or another.

We sure are lucky to have such energetic organizers in our county, and this Fair is a wonderful addition to the yearly calendar. And an addition it is sure to be, if this goes well, since then it will be a yearly event far into the future. That makes this the 1st Annual Fair, but calling something the First Annual seems a bit immodest, so the organizers are holding back and hoping the event is a success.

What can you do to ensure the success of the Fair? Come one, come all! Participation is word one, since the Fair will only be a success if lots of people contribute their work to the judging, and come to see all the things that will be going on. Remember, admission is free, both to the competitions and the Fair itself. And once you are there, you can help out, too, since there will be lots to do on the day of the Fair. You could help with the set-up or the taking-down, of the displays. And there will be the inevitable clean up afterwards.

The organizers said they will "only" be giving ribbons to the prize winners. But winning in your category is surely enough recognition, with a ribbon as an added bonus. The point of the Fair, after all, is to show what we all can make, and get together and have a good time.

And of course you should bring the children - there will be lots for them to have fun doing, too, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.... (Items for the judging have to be submitted between 8:30 and 10 a.m., and then the judging begins at 10.)

So pick up one of the category lists at a variety of businesses around the county with the rules for entry, and plan to take part in the Motley County Fair on October 15th.

Caprock Canyons State Park October events

The following events are planned for October at Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway near Quitaque.

★ Canyon Walk & Talk, October 8, 10:00 a.m. Take a walk with the park interpreter and learn about the geology and natural and cultural history of the area.

★ Ramblings of a Buffalo Hunter, October 14, 7:00 p.m. Listen to the story of a buffalo hunter from the 1800's and learn

about local history and folklore.

★ Dutch Oven Cooking Demo, October 15, 10:00 a.m. The Pan-Handlers Chapter of the Lone Star Dutch Oven Society will be on hand to demonstrate cooking in a dutch oven.

★ Buffalo Gals, October 15, 6:00 p.m. Relax in the amphitheater and listen to the story of two women from the 1800's, including Mary Ann Goodnight. Mary Ann will tell you the story of how she came to be the proprietor of what is now the Texas State Bison Herd.

★ Texas State Bison Herd Update, October 15, 6:00 p.m., Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's bison herdsman will give us an update on the Herd size and status.

★ Canyon Walk and Talk, October 22, 10:00 a.m.

★ Evening Program, October 22, 7:00 p.m. In honor of Archeology Awareness Month, the evening programs will be related to archeology of this area.

Tax Credits

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tural processing, central administrative office, computer services or research to apply for job creation and investment credits.

Another group of 131 counties qualifies only for a limited-purpose SIA designation based on population. Corporations engaged in agricultural processing in these counties can apply for the job creation and investment credits.

Two sub-county zones — Bexar and El Paso — qualify for the full-purpose SIA designation because of their status as federal urban empowerment zones.

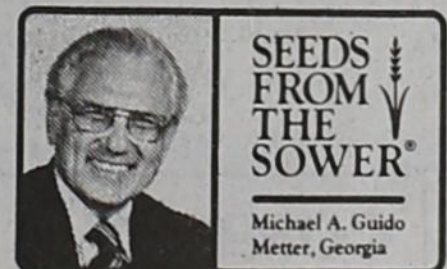
Based on El Paso County's unemployment and per-capita income, the entire county is included in the SIA. Bexar County is included in the SIA only to the extent of the sub-county zone boundaries.

Beginning January 1, 2002, those areas designated as Defense Economic Readjustment Zones qualify for full-purpose SIA treatment. The three Defense Economic Readjustment Zones in the state are located in Bee, Bexar, and McLennan counties.

Bexar and McLennan counties are included in the full-purpose SIA only to the extent of the sub-county zone boundaries. All of Bee County qualifies for full-purpose SIA designation, making credits available countywide.

"Businesses should be eager to take advantage of this generous tax credit plan which will create good-paying jobs for hardworking Texans," Comptroller Strayhorn said.

For more information about available tax credits and eligibility, contact the Comptroller's Franchise Tax Division at 1-800-252-1381, or visit the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/>.



A friend asked, "Why be good?" "Try these three reasons," came the answer.

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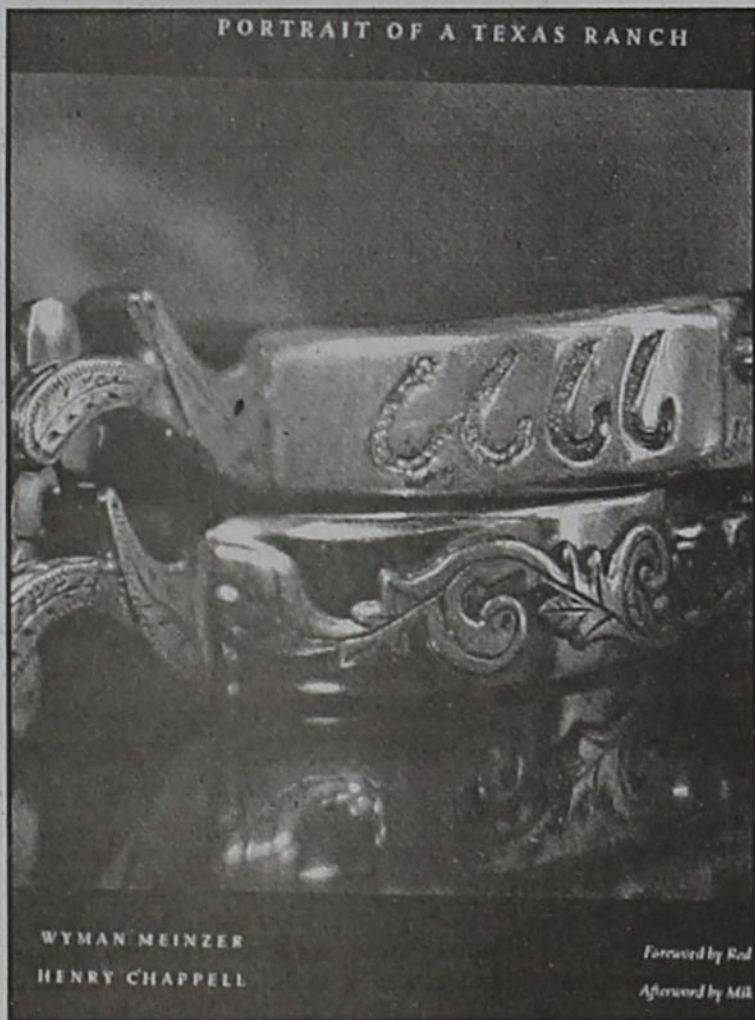
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

ATTENTION ROARING SPRINGS 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, Sept. 28. Monta Marshall

gave the Bible study. Other adults helping were Corky Marshall, Diane Carter, Joyce Meredith and Jo Crowder.

Mrs. Ruby Nichols, two of her daughters and one grandson visited Rita Groves on Saturday.

Mrs. Dorothy Lee was taken to the hospital in Lubbock this past week. She is undergoing tests.

Mrs. Suzanna Abbott, Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Joy Beeson, and Lula Swim attended the Red Rover Society Meeting at the Library on Thursday, Sept. 29.

Matador News

Following an accident in her home, Friday, Mrs. Kathryn King suffered a broken hip. She had surgery in Lubbock, Saturday. With her is her brother, Wilson Barton of Flomot.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon were in Lubbock, Wednesday for her medical appointment. Her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. met them there for lunch and to visit.

"Texas Attitude" has roots in Matador

With the recent release of his first CD, "Forgotten Country," Matador born, Jerry Alvin Jackson, is well on his way to reviving a music career that began at the age of 16, when he first performed at a small "honkey-tonk" on the Colorado-Wyoming state line.

"Revive" may not be the right word, for Jerry's love of country music never waned, as he continued to sing and play his music over a twenty-five year span in establishments in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. While others might have retirement in their future, Jerry has no such plans...not when it comes to his music. He is taking his music one step further...all the way to Tennessee to record his classic country sound. He recorded his first CD in June and his second CD is due to be released in mid-November, 2005.

Jerry was born in Matador, Texas, the son of Jim and Norma Dale Jackson. He grew up in Amarillo, where he now resides, but was a frequent visitor to Matador. His fondest memories are of family reunions in Matador. He attended Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, before serving in the U.S. Army. In 1982, Jerry's interest in country music led him to local radio station, KDJW (1010) in Amarillo, where he became a Disc Jockey. Jerry also served as

Disc Jockey at various clubs from 1982 to 1992.

Jerry's 1992 has been a means for him to use his talent in helping others. From 1982 to 1986, he helped organize the MDA benefit for the Texas Panhandle. In the 1980's, after Matador was struck by a destructive tornado, he organized and performed at a benefit to raise funds to replace Matador Athletic Department.

While Jerry's "Forgotten Country" CD is being played by radio stations and sold in music stores, he is busy assembling a new band, which he has registered as "Jerry Alvin Jackson and Texas Attitude." Jerry has never forgotten his Matador roots. When he needed a "steel man" for his new band, he chose Dwight Cook, a well-known musician, with roots in the same area of Texas. Dwight, who now lives in Amarillo, was born in Childress, but spent his early years in Northfield. He is a pioneer of western swing, and a 2001 inductee into the Western Swing Hall of Fame. Scheduling for the band has begun, as requests have already started coming in from across Texas.

One of Jerry's biggest fans and his most dedicated supporter is his wife, Irene. Jerry's dedication on his first CD, "To my wife, Irene, for giving me the chance to live my passion," says it all.

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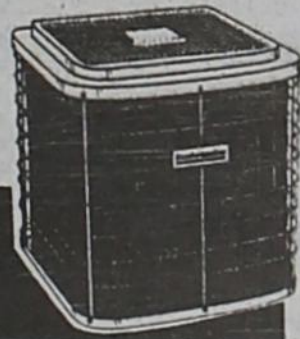
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Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Ask a teacher: What is the pinnacle of success for which we teachers yearn? Just the reward of their dedication, children eager to learn.

APPEARED ON TELEVISION

Mrs. Tim (Gwen) Mandrell of Lubbock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, appeared on KCBD, channel 11 in Lubbock, Sept. 27-28. She was on the Karin McKay television program Health Wise.

Featured was Mrs. Ashley Rodriguez, a KCBP news reporter. Gwen was shown assisting Dr. Duncan Burkholder with the check up of Mrs. Rodriguez who is expecting her first child. Gwen, a LVN has been an asset to Dr. Burkholder's medical practice for seven years.

HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Joan Helms, a patient at Baylor Hospital in Plano, had back surgery Monday, Sept. 26. She will enter Baylor Rehabilitation in Dallas and will have treatments until Oct. 12. The family is pleased with her successful surgery and ask for your prayers.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Maihelen Wason of Matador was honored on her birthday Saturday night in her home with a family dinner, decorated cake and all the trimmings.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were her children and families, Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot, Charla and Bennie Mairle of Snyder, Mark and Kathleen Wason, son, Dalton and friend, Jessie, Mrs. Shahala Holsher and Kaycee and Ain Schaefer of Lubbock, Leah and Derrick Cruse of Canyon, Lacy and Keane Cruse of Turkey and her brother, U.S. Marine Chase Carson, who returned this week from serving in Iraq.

Mrs. Donna Browning, mother of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, a resident at Rising Star Nursing Center, 411

South Miller, Rising Star, Texas 76471 will celebrate her 95th birthday Thursday, October 6. We wish her the best of everything.

The Do Gooders' Club had a good turn out Monday at Community Center in Flomot when working on their Bazaar quilt.

Jerry and Sandra Barclay visited in Borger Saturday with son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane. They enjoyed the Pee Wee League football game in which Lane played defensive end.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were daughter and son. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Micheal and friend, Virginia Segovia of Fritch.

Stanley and Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary visited Sunday with her family. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers. Their son, Dane Degan of Crosbyton is to have an office at Knowles-Taylor Cotton Co. Inc. in Matador. He was formerly working in Lubbock.

Among those from Flomot attending the Jamboree at the Gem Theatre in Turkey Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin. Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and their sister and friend. Mrs. Carolyn Ewing and Mrs. Edna Ruth Green of Matador. Mrs. Waydette Clay and friend, Mrs. Cora Gail Trent of Albuquerque, N.M. were among the featured talents singing enjoyable duets.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry attended the graveside rites of her grandmother. Mrs. Pat Thomas of Plainview, 78, held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at the Plainview Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary were luncheon guests Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan.

43rd Annual Northfield Homecoming celebrated

by Betty Simpson

The 43rd Northfield Homecoming was held at the Senior Citizens' Building in Matador, Saturday, October 1. We had a smaller crowd than usual but a wonderful meal and a good visit. The oldest man and woman living at Northfield is R.C. and Jackie Elliott. They were also the oldest in attendance.

Others attending were Rowena Nunn, Billy Joe (Thomas) Clifton, Donnie Dawson, Montie (Timmons) Dawson, all from Amarillo; J.W. Tipton, Rush and Delores Timmons, all from Childress; Leo Sims, Ida Mae (Simpson) Sims from Lubbock; Marie (Timmons) Cruse and J.M. Dickson from Turkey; Clem Timmons from Tell; Bruce Hoover and Kevin Hoover from Iowa Park; Dean Watson, Brenda (Moore) Watson, David Watson from Dougherty; Reagon Ramsey and Reese

Ramsey from Crosbyton; Vaden Hays, Calvin Nimmo, Virginia (Moore) Nimmo, and Harold Campbell, all from Matador; Jerrel Nimmo, R.E. (Bub) Hoover, Mary (Jones) Hoover, Billy Paul Simpson and Betty Simpson, all from Northfield.

On our memorial list this year are J.T. Chambliss, Juanita (Bethany) Curlee, Joaquin Hays, Gladys (Smith) Timmons, Lena Pistole, Elizabeth Hays, and Mrs. Truman Dobbins.

We want to say thank you to everyone who donated to the Cemetery Fund. Several years ago our community established a cemetery trust fund and we have been trying to add to it every year. Some years we have been able to add a small amount and other years it is not possible to add to it. Our hopes for it is that some time in the future the interest each year will help buy some chemicals and to hire someone to mow.

Floydada Punkin' Days set for Saturday

If you've been looking for something fun for the whole family to participate in, Floydada's Punkin Day celebration can provide it. This year the harvest party will be held October 8th and heralds Floydada's claim as Pumpkin Capital U.S.A.

Lots of Arts and Crafts and food booths will be open for business beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the manicured lawn of the Courthouse. It will be a great time to do a little early Christmas shopping. Local merchants will also feature great buys at downtown stores.

Smaller children will enjoy the special pumpkin games created for them, including: stick horse races, a pumpkin drawing contest, pumpkin rolling race, the great pumpkin toss, pumpkin bowling, Hop Squash, and a tricycle race through a maze of hay bales. Kids games begin at 9:30 a.m.

Those a little older can partake in a timed carving contest, seed spitting contest, blindfolded wheelbarrow race, and a pumpkin pie relay race. Older games begin at 1:00 p.m.

The person who guesses the weight of the pumpkin piled in a trailer will win \$50.00 for first place and \$25.00 for second place. Or, win prizes totaling \$1,000 in the Cow Patty Bingo.

Pumpkin games include motorcycle skills with pumpkins. Motorcycle enthusiasts can also enjoy a bead run, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Entry fee into the bead run is \$5.00, and the winner takes home 50% of the pot. There is also a 5K and Fun Run beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic Cars will also be on display in front of Oden Chevrolet on Main Street.

For more information call the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, at 983-3434 and talk to Rachel Castillo.

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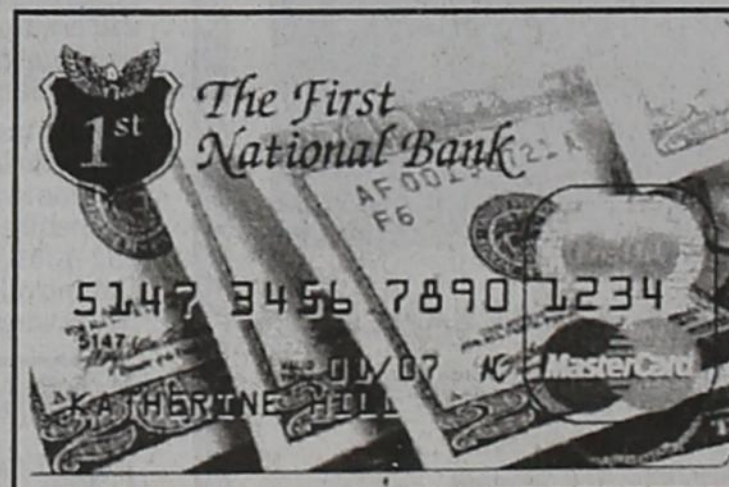
Proverbs 9:10

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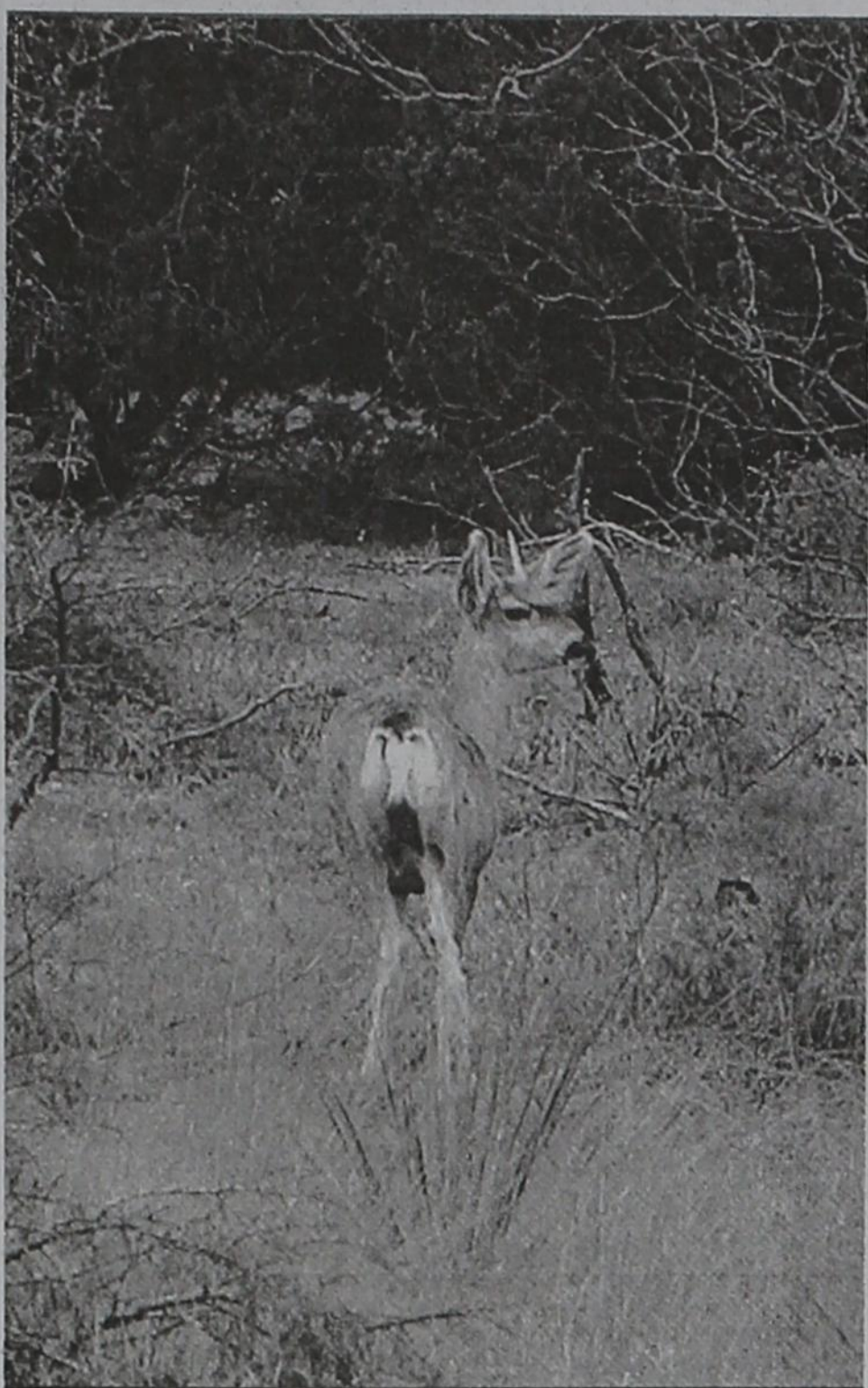
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MOTLEY COUNTY WHITETAIL — This photo of a Whitetail deer was taken west of Matador. Deer are usually numerous west and east of Matador. (photo by Carla Meador)

Whitetail and Mule Deer Management Conference to be held in Clarendon

Clarendon -- Make your plans to attend the Whitetail & Mule Deer Management Conference to be held Friday, October 14, and hosted by the Texas Deer Association & Mummie's, Inc. The conference starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Bairfield building at the Clarendon Jr. College in Clarendon, Texas. Hear some of the top speakers in the deer industry discuss a variety of topics such as whitetail and mule deer nutrition, supplemental feeding programs, deer management permits available to landowners in Texas and how to apply for these permits, land economics in relation to hunting

and high fences, food plot systems designed to maximize antler development, and other deer management topics. There will be numerous sponsors on hand at the event as well, such as John Deer, Stay-tite Fence, Federal Land Bank, American Hunter Outdoor products, All Seasons Feeders, Tecomate, and Flap Air Helicopter Services. To RSVP for the event please call the Texas Deer Association at 210-767-8300. For more information contact Scott Hohensee at 210-288-2956 or email at scott@nummesinc.com

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

Johanns Announces Proposal To Modernize The Farm Service Agency

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, 2005 - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced today that he is opening a dialogue with state and congressional leaders to discuss how best to modernize the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to ensure it meets the needs of farmers and ranchers in the 21st Century.

"FSA is an agency with a strong record of service to farmers and ranchers," said Johanns. "To continue that tradition we must examine our future course with vision and an understanding that producers' needs are changing.

"Our FSA state directors are engaging stakeholders, local, and state congressional leaders to develop proposals that will help us chart the course for the agency's future. My hope is that we can agree on a plan that will make it possible to invest in equipment, technology and our employees. We want to ensure that top notch service is provided to our farmers and ranchers long into the future," Johanns said.

The FSA dates back to the 1930s when one in four Americans lived on a farm and it was necessary to maintain a presence in virtually every rural county to administer farm payments. Agriculture and rural America have changed dramatically since that time, as have

farm programs, while the structure of FSA has undergone fewer dramatic changes. While many farmers are equipped to conduct business via the Internet, FSA technologies do not fully support web-based services.

Nationally, the agency has 2,351 county offices across the country. More than 400 of these offices are within 20 miles of the next nearest office. And, the cost of delivering services varies widely, ranging from less than 1 cent for the delivery of a dollar of program benefits to more than \$2 in expenses for every dollar of benefits delivered.

FSA state executive directors are currently reviewing analytical information for their respective states. This data includes workload assessments for each office, location of offices in proximity to one another, farm lending volume and density of agricultural activity. The state executive directors will work with stakeholders, local, state and congressional leaders to consider local needs that might not be reflected in the data and submit consolidation proposals by November 15.

The ultimate goal of the modernization proposal is to create a network of state-of-the-art FSA offices by upgrading equipment, investing in technology and providing personnel with additional training. Minimal, if any, net reductions in personnel are anticipated.

Cotton Profitability Workshops will begin in October at Lubbock

Lubbock - Cotton producers can get a leg up on planning their management strategies for 2006 at any of four cotton profitability workshops sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"We will take a long, hard look at higher production expenses and how that may affect your operating strategy," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist based at Lubbock. "We know producers will face higher energy costs for irrigation, fertilizer, fuel and ginning. We will also examine rental arrangements, how energy prices have affected them and how they might need to be adjusted."

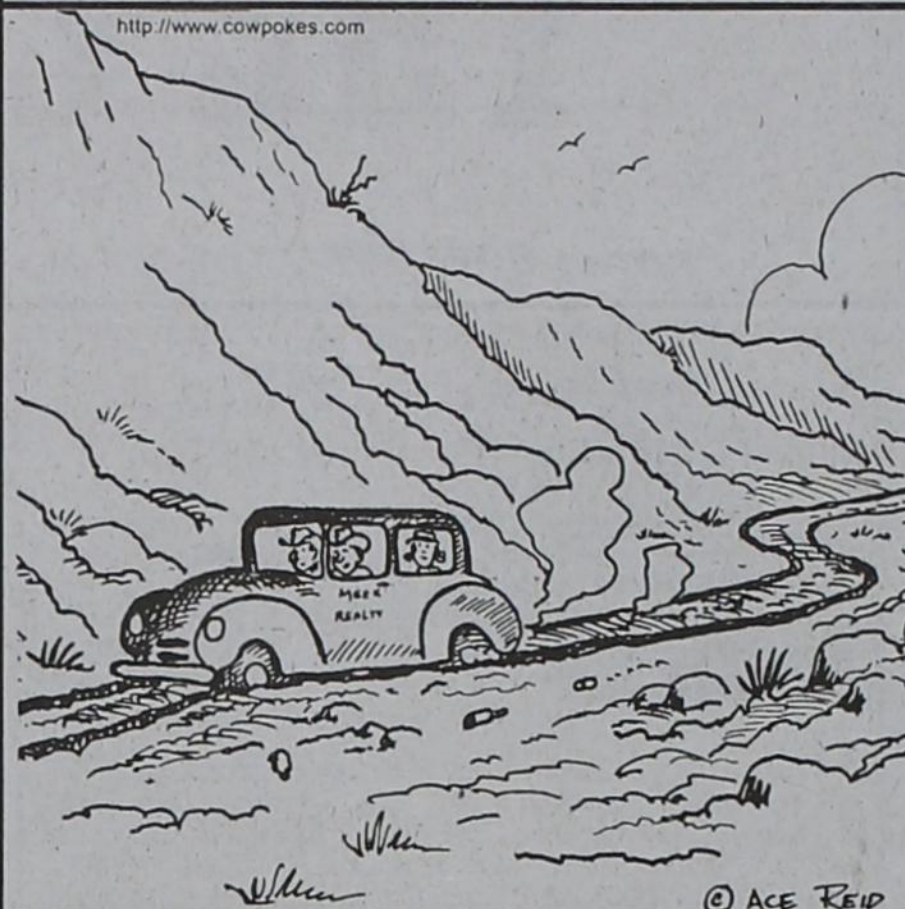
The first workshop is slated for Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the auditorium at the Texas A&M University System Agriculture Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. The center is one-half mile east of

Interstate 27 on FM 1294. Three subsequent workshops are scheduled for Dec. 20 in Plainview, Feb. 22 in Muleshoe and March 23 in Plains.

Jeff Pate and Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialists based at Lubbock, will provide an outlook for fuel, fertilizer, other farm inputs and crop prices for 2006. They will also discuss farm program payments and possible production budgets for irrigated cotton. Smith will examine equitable crop-share rental arrangements, focusing on how tenants and landlords can share the risk and investment in an equitable. He will also discuss cash leases.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact Smith at (806) 291-5267; Bailey County at (806) 272-4584; or Yoakum County at (806) 456-2263.

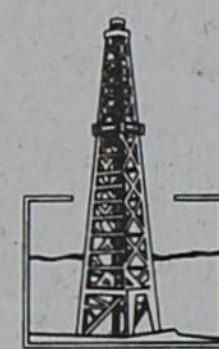
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Oil & Gas Update



By Tom Musser

Banker's Petroleum (US) Inc.: A drilling rig is being refurbished in the Houston area for Bankers Petroleum and is scheduled to be brought to the Palo Duro Basin in late October, 2005, to start the Bankers Petroleum drilling program. Bankers Petroleum expects to use this one drilling rig in its initial drilling operations scheduled from October, 2005, to March, 2006.

Floyd County: Apollo Energy Operating, LP, W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 set 9 5/8 inch intermediate casing to 4,093 feet.

Floyd County: BASA Resources, Inc., L.N. Johnson Lease Well #1 was plugged and abandoned on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

Floyd County: BASA Resources, Inc. has delayed the drilling of the Smitherman Lease Well #1. BASA Resources, Inc. has allowed Tyner Texas Operating Company to Sub-Contract Patterson-UTI drilling rig #494 to drill the Kenneth Brose Lease #1.

Floyd County: Bass Petroleum, Inc. has received a drilling permit for the Year #2 Lease Well #2. This well will be located in the Southwest quarter of Section 19, Abstract-215, Block D-2, GC & SF RR Com-

pany Survey, Nine miles Northeast of Lockney. This will place this well approximately one mile Northwest of the Year #1 permitted location, and approximately one mile Southeast of the Smitherman permitted location. The application and the drilling permit incorrectly list this well as in Block D-1 and nine miles West from Lockney.

Floyd County: Bass Petroleum, Inc. has received a drilling permit for the Year #3 Lease Well #3. This well will be located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 48, Abstract-2266, Block D-3, El & RR Company/Wilson, T. Survey, four miles east of Lockney. This will place this well 1,282 feet West of the November 14, 1969 plugged location of the Cockrell Corporation, D.H. Moss Lease Well #1. The application and the drilling permit incorrectly list this well as nine miles West of Lockney.

Floyd County: Tyner Texas Operating Company has Sub-Contracted Patterson-UTI drilling rig #494 to drill the Kenneth Brose Lease Well #1. The Kenneth Brose Lease Well #1 was spudded at 8:23 p.m. Sunday, October 2, 2005. 13 3/4 inch surface casing has been set to 704 feet.

County Agent's News

By Eric Lewis, Motley County Extension Agent

The Motley 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held Saturday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Motley County school cafeteria. 4-H members will be recog-

nized and honored for their work in various projects, as well as the top honors, such as Gold Star. 4-H members and their parents are invited to attend.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Oct. 6, 2005

7-Day Forecast

- Thursday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 64 Low: 46
- Friday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 70 Low: 49
- Saturday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 77 Low: 52
- Sunday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 55
- Monday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 85 Low: 56
- Tuesday**
Partly Cloudy
High: 81 Low: 54
- Wednesday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 53

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 64°, humidity of 51% and an overnight low of 46°. The record high temperature for today is 92° set in 1963. The record low is 40° set in 1952. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 70°.

Moon Phases

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

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	101	62	83/58	0.00"	0.00"
Monday	85	63	83/58	0.00"	0.56"
Tuesday	89	56	83/58	0.00"	-0.56"
Wednesday	94	63	82/57	0.00"	0.73°
Thursday	72	51	82/57	0.00"	0.69°
Friday	82	51	82/57	0.00"	+3.3°
Saturday	94	60	81/56	0.00"	

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Oct. 6, 1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. Severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed the lives of about 180 people.

Sun & Moon Times

- Sunrise today 7:41 a.m.
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