

MATADOR RANCH

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The entry gate of the historic Matador Ranch stands stately in the quiet of a Winter chill on an icy day before Christmas. This area is known far and wide from the rich tradition of the Matador Ranch and cowboy stories in the rolling foothills of Motley County. (photo by Carla Meador)

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January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

Local drive set for January 16th

Matador donors are encouraged to donate blood at Matador High School on Monday, January 16, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the MHS Multi-purpose room. Donors must be 17 years of age, 110 pounds, and be in good health. Donors must present a picture ID and have a list of the medications that they are currently taking. All donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt, mug, or cap. To schedule an appointment to donate at the drive, please call Kathy Gillespie, 347-2677.

Since 1970, January has

been recognized as National Blood Donor Month (NBDM). To help ensure an adequate blood supply, United Blood Services of Lubbock has joined with AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks) to stress the importance of donating blood.

According to Connie Hollinshead, Donor Recruitment Representative, the need for blood is constant, and volunteer blood donors contributed to nearly all the blood used for patient care in the United States. "If all who are eligible to donate

would do so on a regular basis (three to four times per year), blood needs could be met and shortages could become a thing of the past," said Hollinshead.

Everyone, whether it is realized or not, depends on blood. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Each day, patients across the country receive approximately 38,000 units of this lifesaving resource. This year alone, as many as five million patients will require blood transfusions, as accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and patients receiving

treatment for leukemia, cancer and other diseases.

URGENT APPEAL

United Blood Services has issued an urgent appeal for blood donations. The use by local hospitals has outpaced donations leading to an exhausted supply of O-, O+ and A- are not being filled.

Don't forget to donate blood at the Motley County school multi-purpose room, Tuesday, January 16.

Area ranchers can reap benefits from agricultural tourism

Forming local partnerships for agricultural tourism was the theme of the luncheon hosted by Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative and The Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau Monday, December 19. The luncheon, held at the Swenson Park Livestock Pavilion in Spur, was to inform area ranchers of the benefits of agricultural tourism.

Ranch tours continue to gain popularity as many urban people want to get out of town and see a different way of life. They want to learn about local history, see wildlife and livestock plus meet ranches and cowboys. "Recreational and nature tourism is not the silver bullet to save farms and ranches but its potential as an additional source of income appears to be growing in Texas," said Marcy Jarrett, Executive Director, Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Texas farmers and ranchers are known for their innovation and persistence when making a living off the land and more produces are considering nature and tourism as a new income source to help sustain their operations."

Experienced tourism based ranch operators spoke at the luncheon. The speakers included Phil Barefield of the Pole Canyon Ranch of Quitaque, Marisue Potts of the Mott Creek Ranch of Matador and Virginia Taylor of Circle Dot Ranch of

Floydada.

The most successful businesses are providing "value added" services to a primary activity such as camping, horseback riding or nature tours by offering lodging, professional guides or some "unique experience" that attracts customers.

In small communities it is vital for businesses to form partnerships with each other to pool resources and create products that provide a multi-level experience which is more attractive than any one business can provide on its own. The Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau stressed that this encourages tourists to visit longer and spend more money.

"We are very excited that the Lubbock Convention and Visitors Bureau is looking at rural locations for tour buses to stop and we have many nature tourism opportunities," said event coordinator Barbara Bogart, Member Services Representative, Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative. "Our service area has many beautiful ranches with assets that when marketed can be used as an economic development stimulator."

Other agricultural tourism workshops and seminars are being planned for 2006. If you are interested in learning of these and other opportunities please contact Barbara Bogart at 806-271-3336.

2005 Newsmaking headlines

continued from last week

February 10, 2005:

2005 brings above average moisture for Motley County

February is Heart Disease Awareness Month

Annie and Cindy Green named Mother and Daughter of the Year; Jim, Cody and Clay Cooper named Father and Sons of the Year

Tylee Nicole Barclay is Motley County's first 2005 baby

Plans underway for Project Graduation

February 17, 2005:

Nashville recording artist to

return to West Texas for Lubbock performance ... "Nashville recording artist, Trent Willmon, a former Afton resident, will return to West Texas to perform in Lubbock, Thursday, February 25, at Graham Central Station. Trent is the son of Dean Willmon of Afton and Billie Willmon of Huntsville, and a Patton Springs graduate."

Motley County Matadors will play for Bi-District title February 22

Miss Motley County will be crowned Saturday

February 24, 2005:

65th year for Motley County Livestock Show: 4-H, FFA members will exhibit animals at annual County Show Saturday

Courtney Alexander crowned Jr. Miss Motley County

Operation Clean-Up to get underway in Matador

Bricks for Bob's sent to engravers

March 3, 2005:

March 7th last day to file for May Elections

Prizes awarded to 4-H and FFA exhibitors: Clay Cooper wins Grand Champion in the Swine Show; Cody Cooper wins

Grand Champion in the Steer Show.

Juveniles escape from parent-Adolescent Center

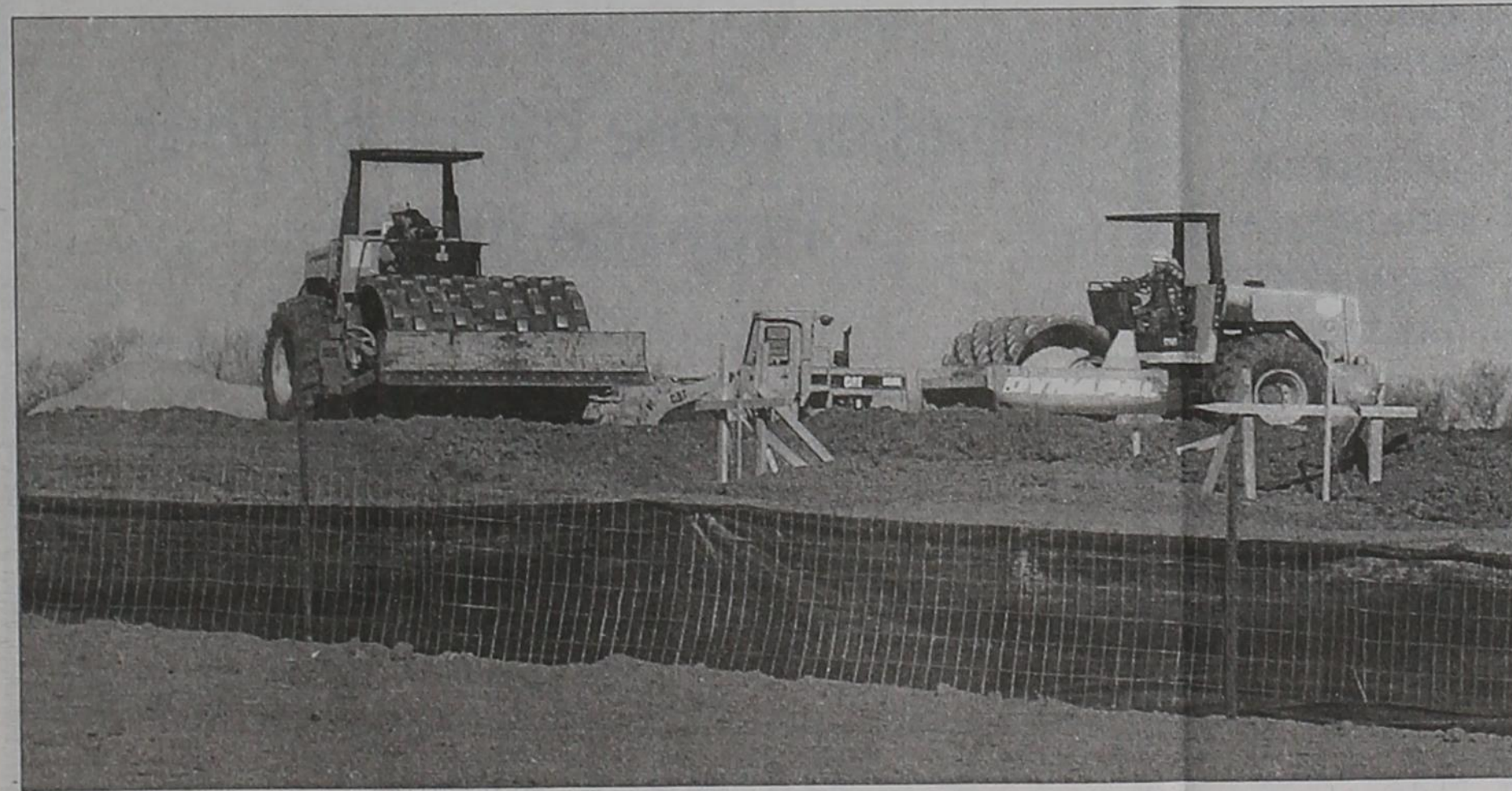
March 10, 2005:

Operation Clean-Up kicks off Saturday

Six candidates will vie for three places on Matador City Council

Motley County experiences wintry precipitation, temperatures in February

continued next week



HACKBERRY CREEK CARE CENTER SITE WORK BEINGS, ANNUAL MEETING HELD Site work has begun for the Hackberry Creek Care Center. The annual meeting was held Monday, January 9 at the Motley County Senior Citizens building. Financial statements for the year were presented by Dianne Washington of Thayer & Washington, Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements show the increase in the assets of the organization. Architect, Paul Rheinlander of Austin discussed the activity of the building site. He reported that the concrete should be poured by the end of January and the projected building complete date is August, 2006. A wish list was presented for items not included in the construction budget. Contact any board member for a copy of the

list. Donations of any type are welcome for these items. Also needed are people willing to work on various projects to help make the facility a comfortable and welcoming place. After much discussion of the committees needed the new board members were elected. Board members whose terms expired this year were Jim Watson, Darleen Fletcher and Seab Washington. These board members were re-elected by acclamation. Continuing directors include Marisue Powell, Doyle Rose, Charles Johnson, Sammie Phillips, Chuck Ream and Paul Westbrook. The Hackberry Creek Care Center belongs to the members and to the community. Please contact a board member to pay dues for 2006, volunteer for a committee, or for questions concerning the facility.

County Commissioners meet

Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session, Monday, January 9. Members of the court in attendance at the meeting were County Judge Ed D. Smith; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3 and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; County Clerk, Kate Hurt. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador. Judge Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jameson gave the invocation.

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

Ben Kautz, representing TxDOT met with the court to inform the Commissioners the State Highway Department will furnish fuel for the Volunteer Fire Department if their fuel funds are exhausted.

Judge Smith informed the

court of HB 914. This bill requires any county official that makes any income from the County on labor or products to fill out and file with the County Clerk a Disclosure Statement.

The Court was informed the State's reimbursement for fuel was reduced to .445 per mile.

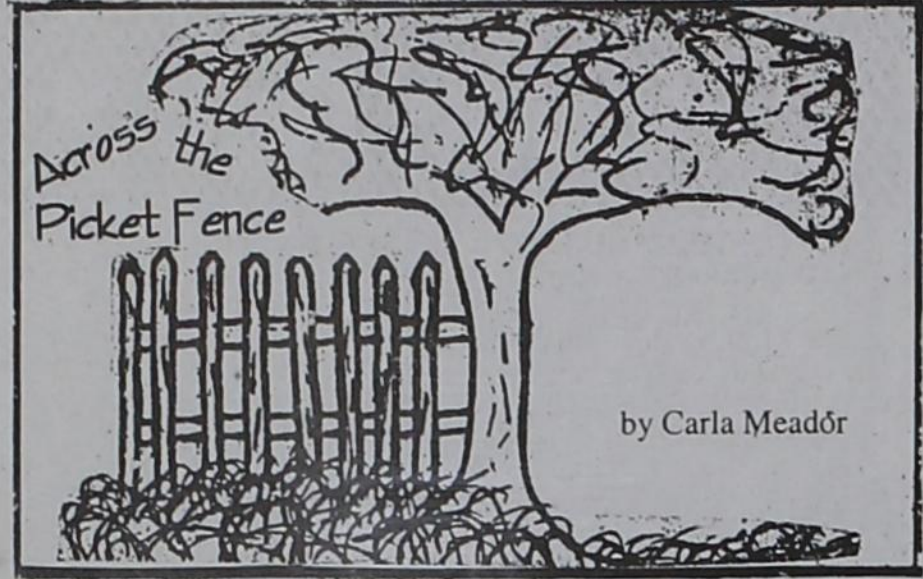
Judge Smith received notice from TTUHS the price of autopsies has increased from \$1,275.00 to \$2,000.00 per autopsy.

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Matador Lions to sponsor Pancake Supper

The Matador Lions Club will sponsor their annual Pancake Supper, January 17, at the Matador High School Cafeteria. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 6th grade and under.

Members invite everyone to come by and have supper and see the Patton Springs vs. MC Matadors basketball game.



With all this warm, windy weather it feels like Spring. Where's Winter? I like seasons. I mean I don't want snow and ice covered roads for days on end like some states are experiencing now, but I do wish we could get at least one good snow to slowly melt putting good moisture in the soil. And thinking of this makes me think of my awful, dry yard. I haven't had time to get out and water everything, and my shrubs are begging for a drink. **PRAY FOR RAIN!**

I was looking through the Old Farmer's Almanac and dreaming of flower filled beds the other day, and was reminded of a bit of advice my sister-in-law had shared with me from an old Farmer's Almanac from years ago. I may have printed this before, but it's good to hear again.

— Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

— Life ain't about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

— Keep skunks and bankers and lawyers at a distance.

— Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

— A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

— Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.

— Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

— Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.

— Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

— It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

— You cannot unsay a cruel word.

— Every path has a few puddles.

— When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

— The best sermons are lived, not preached.

— Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

— Don't judge folks by their relatives.

— Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

— Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

— Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

— The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm.

— 'cause the colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow.

— If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

— It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep.

— Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get out.

— The biggest trouble-maker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

— Always drink upstream from the herd.

— Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta' that comes from bad judgment.

— Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

— If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

— Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Matador native receives honorary doctorate from Dallas Baptist University

Dallas, Texas -- Dallas Baptist University awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees to 397 students during two winter commencement services, which took place on December 16. The commencement ceremonies were held in the Burg Center on the DBU campus, with President Dr. Gary Cook awarding degrees to 254 undergraduates and 143 graduate students. During the services, honorary degrees were awarded to Dr. Charles Ku and Dr. C.H. Murphy. Rev. Frank Matthew and Dr. Tom Vann served as commencement speakers.

Dr. Murphy received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during the afternoon commencement service. For over forty years, Dr. Murphy has ministered as a pastor and leader in churches and Baptist associations throughout Texas, and until his retirement in 2004, served eleven years as the executive director of missions for the Tryon Evergreen Baptist Association in Conroe, Texas.

A native of Matador, Dr. Murphy has served as a pastor throughout Texas, including churches in Parker County, Weatherford, Hedley, Silverton, Memphis, Friona, Lamesa, and Irving. Dr. Murphy has been and continues to be active in several leadership roles in Texas Baptist life. He has been a member of many boards and committees of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, including the Executive Board, Executive Committee, Program Committee, Administration Committee (Vice-Chairman), Senior Adult

Ministries Evangelism Task Force, and the Share Jesus Now Task Force. For eight years, Dr. Murphy faithfully served on the Dallas Baptist University board of trustees, including a term as vice chairman.

Dr. Murphy has also served on boards of the Texas Baptist Prison Ministry, the High Plains Baptist Hospital, and the Montgomery County Youth Services. In addition, Dr. Murphy has preached numerous revival meetings in multiple states as well as Japan and Mexico. He has also led and spoken for many seminars, including Successful Money Management, Praying the Heart of God, Win Evangelism, Building Witnessing Relationships, and Together We Build.

Dr. Murphy's wife, Raynita, is a retired English teacher. They have three adult sons, Michael, Mark and Ken, and seven grandchildren, and they are active members of Dogwood Baptist Church in Athens.

Dallas Baptist University is a comprehensive Christ-centered University dedicated to producing servant leaders through the integration of faith and learning. With its main campus located in the foothills of southwest Dallas, two regional academic centers located in Colleyville, DBU offers 56 undergraduate majors and 13 graduate degrees in a variety of fields, including a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies and Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. DBU provides nationally recognized programs in adult education and online education.



Dr. C.H. Murphy surrounded by family members after the presentation of his honorary doctorate from the Dallas Baptist University.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

1. Book Discussion by Marisue Powell and PK Green, January 24, at 7:00 p.m., featuring the book *Ahab's Wife*.
2. Meeting - Friends of the Library, February 2, 4:00 p.m.
3. Bulb exchange (tulips, cannas, iris, etc.) in February, date and time to be announced. (Save your bulbs and tubers and bring them and trade.)
4. "Buy a Valentine for the Library" - fund-raiser for the Library Annex - more details later.
5. Mad Hatter's Tea Party - date and time to be announced. Everyone must wear a hat - any kind, color or shape.

We appreciate the memorial donations we received this past week. We thank Tom and Deanie Edwards for their donation in memory of Lola Pohl. We thank Marge Edwards for her donation in memory of Lola Pohl. We also thank the Class of 1960 for their donation in memory of Lola Pohl. We appreciate the donation by Grace Campbell in memory of Lola Pohl.

We thank Corky and Monta Marshall for their donation to the Friends of the Library for the building fund.

New books in the library include *Protege* by Stephen Frey, *Turning Angel* by Greg Iles and *Shadow Man* by James D. Doss.

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Girl Scouts Cookie Celebration kicks off annual cookie sale

The Girl Scouts are offering everyone's favorites: Thin Mints (mint chocolate cookie coated in chocolate), Samoas (caramel and toasted coconut), All Abouts (shortbread with a rich fudge coating on the bottom), Tag-alongs (layered peanut butter and chocolate), Do-si-dos (oatmeal cookies with peanut butter filling), Trefoils (shortbread) and Lemon Coolers (reduced fat vanilla cookie with lemon chips), as well as our latest addition, the Cafe Cookies. These gourmet-style cookies are baked with hint of cinnamon spice and are perfect with

Girl Scouts from eighteen surrounding communities will gather at JC Penney's in the South Plains Mall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., January 13, 2006, to kick off the annual cookie program. Girl Scouts participate in activities which will teach them marketing and selling techniques, goal planning, and customer service skills that will assist them in their cookie sales. Everyone present can enjoy a number of activities, games and crafts, and prepare themselves to "Be Brilliant!" this cookie season. Samples will be available and attendees will be able to "meet" their favorite cookie!

your favorite warm beverage!

Over 4,000 Girl Scouts of the Caprock Council, which spreads over an eighteen county area, will sell cookies from January 11th through March 5th. All cookies are priced at \$3 a box, with all proceeds benefiting the local Girl Scouts troops.

For more than 80 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities through the annual cookie sale. Girl Scouts have fun while building strong skills, values and friendships.

The cookie program is fun for everyone; girls enjoy the experience and customers anticipate the sale of the mouth-watering cookies each year. The activity of selling cookies is directly related to the Girl Scout purpose of helping all girls realize their full potential and become strong, confident, and resourceful citizens. Girls learn money management, goal setting and teamwork. For some girls, it's a first time experience with such disciplines.

If you would like to contact a participating Girl Scout troop or want more information on the Cookie Celebration, please contact the Caprock Council office at 745-2855.

Winter Wonderland at Do Gooder's Club meeting

A beautiful Winter Wonderland greeted the Do Gooders' Club members at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday afternoon, January 3.

Hostesses, Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay had hand painted snowmen at each end of a bright blue runner on a table laid with a white cloth that was sprinkled with snow. The centerpiece was a large smiling snowman. They presided at a winter snow designed service and served refreshments of miniature sausages, vegetables and cracker dips, peanut butter fudge and an apple cider beverage.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted the business meeting. They postponed electing officers for 2006 as five members were absent. They discussed improvements needed and to be replaced at the Community Center for 2006 projects. It was noted they were short of hot mats at a recent Center luncheon, so as always when something is needed, the members brought hot mats of every description and color to the meeting. They are to bring kitchen cup-towels to the next meeting.

Mrs. Waydette Clay's name was drawn for the hostess gift and was pleased with a basket of useful items.

Those attending the first enjoyable meeting of 2006 were Mesdames Alma Shorter, Nada Starkey, Geneva Martin, Mary Jo Calvert, Erma Washington, Anna Beth Clay, Suzie Shannon, Waydette Clay, Barbara Payne and Connie Franks.

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LIFE'S CLOCK

"The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away."
-- Psalm 90:10

Someone has well said that the one certain thing about life is uncertainty. How true. Listen to the inspired words of the Bible: "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit;' whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.'" — James 4:13-15

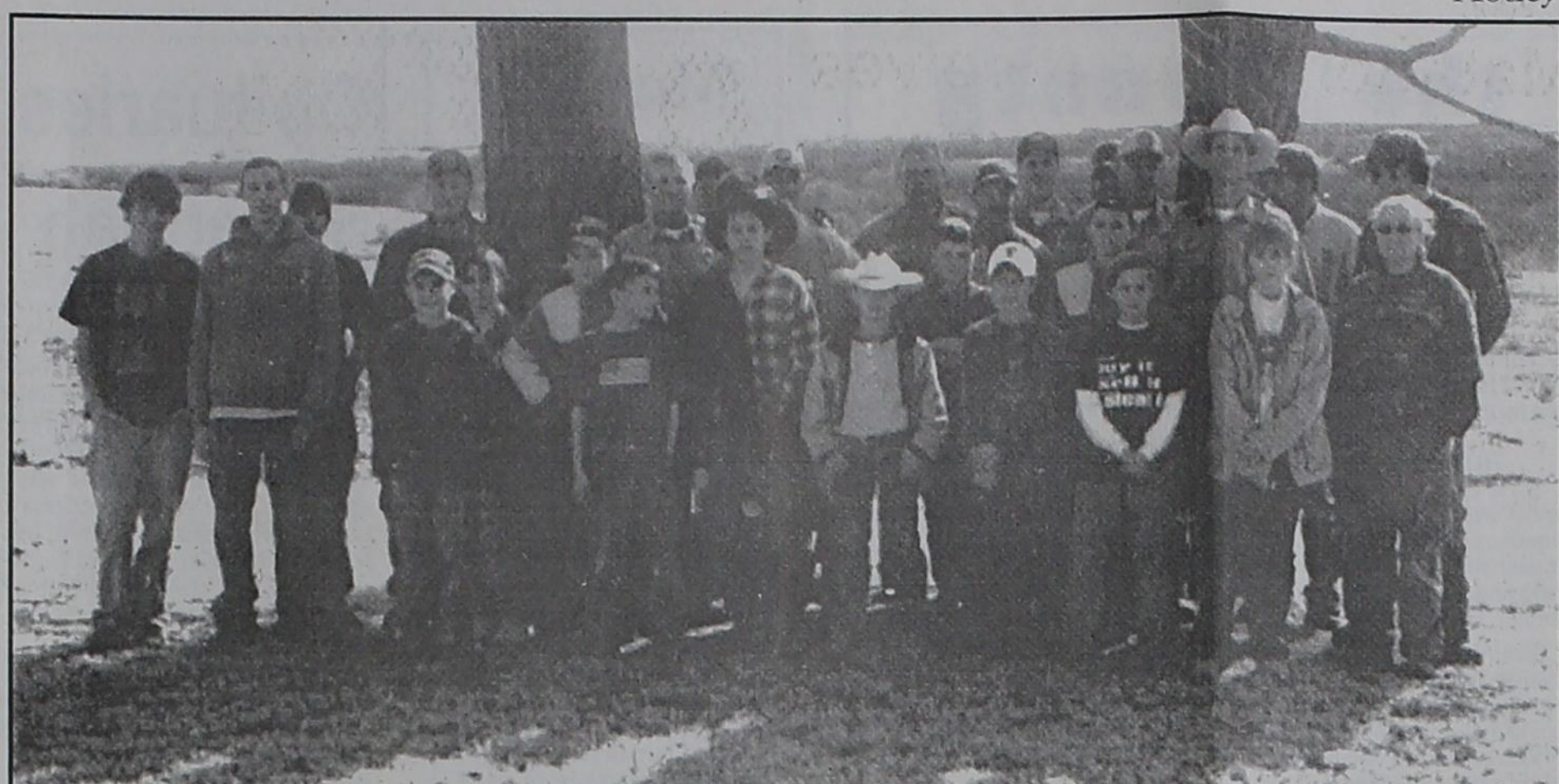
We have crossed the threshold of the New Year of 2006. It is a time of mystery. None of us knows what the days of this year may hold in store for us. As we make plans -- and carry out the daily functions of life -- it must always be, "If the Lord wills..." Someone unknown to me penned the words to the following refrain:

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.

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



MATADOR YOUTH HUNT — Several young hunters had the opportunity for a big hunt day at the Matador Ranch December 29th. Game Wardens, Parks and Wildlife Biologist, Matador Ranch employees and local volunteers helped guide the kids for the one-day hunt. A total of 14 deer were taken and a few wild hogs. This was the first deer harvest for all the hunters. The Matador Ranch fed lunch to the hunters, guides and parents. Local Game Warden, Ted Davey, who organized the hunt, extends his thanks to the Matador Ranch and volunteers.

★ Honor Roll ★

DISTINGUISHED LIST
(All grades 90 or above)

First Grade: Chyanne Aumiller, James Cooper, Tristen Foster, Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Trey Lopez, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Christopher Ward, Autumn Woolsey.

Second Grade: Duncan Aumiller, Mattie Brooks, Matthew Faulks, Natalie Jameson, Macie Marshall, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Thalia Quilimaco, Michael Seigler, Bryant Taylor.

Third Grade: Tristan Tomlinson, Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter, Meagan Ford, Logan Ferguson.

Fourth Grade: None.

Fifth Grade: Jaci Zingerman.

Sixth Grade: None.

Seventh Grade: Kyla Simpson.

Eighth Grade: None.

Ninth Grade: None.

Tenth Grade: Mylissa Gilmore, Savannah Rose, Christy Smith.

Eleventh Grade: None.

Twelfth Grade: Chance Bingham, Ashlee Green, Monica Huddleston, Colton Russell.

Katie Barton, Caleb Clary, Victoria Hernandez, Shelby Elliott, Michael Martin, Catherine Ward, Hayden Davey.

Fourth Grade: Conner Mason, Parker Meredith, Jacob Woolsey.

Fifth Grade: Hance Davey, Payden Perryman, Kaitlan Perryman, Sabra Pope, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor, Ismael Torres.

Sixth Grade: Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Alexis Osborn, Jonathon Osborn, Schyler Tomlinson.

Seventh Grade: Jay Potts.

Eighth Grade: Melissa Flores, Sam Fletcher.

Ninth Grade: Courtney Alexander, Jasmine Porter, Shane'a Russell, Kayla Simpson.

Tenth Grade: Isiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Harvey Garza, Leatrice Gutierrez, Stacy Perryman, Brittany Watson, Adrian Wiltshire.

Eleventh Grade: Chicagra Brown, Griselda Flores, Marc HENZLER, Angelica Mendoza, Gene Salazar, Tamara Simmons.

Twelfth Grade: Brandon Gressett.

HONOR ROLL
(All grades 80 or above)

First Grade: Armando Chavez, Rinaldo Chavez, Ruby Klebahn.

Second Grade: Mickey Clary, Katrina Lopez, Joshua Martin, Braden Pope, Kaylee Woolsey.

Third Grade: Tanner Bearden, Hannah Mason, Korbyn Simpson, Gabby Silva.

FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL
(All "A" Averages for the Semester)

Chance Bingham, 12th
Ashlee Green, 12th
Colton Russell, 12th
Angelica Mendoza, 11th
Mylissa Gilmore, 10th
Savanna Rose, 10th
Christy Smith, 10th
Keyan Kautz, 6th

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

DUMBBING DOWN
(part two)

There's little doubt that our society is, in fact, "dumbing down." Examples abound. Lawyers and judges can't logically think or write. Check-out clerks can't make change. Most pulpit sermons are so shallow as churches are installing hi-tech visual aids and sound systems in order to attract and reach a dumbed down younger generation apparently unable to focus and learn from a spoken word or concentrate thereon. (A by-product of such systems is that they allow the singing of dumbed down 7/11 "praise songs" - that's seven words sung eleven times.) Even the traditional courtroom trial has gone by the wayside. Every good trial attorney knows that even if he has all the law and facts on his side, if he expects to win, he must use all sorts of props to put on a stage production to reach and keep the attention of the probably dumbed down jury he will draw. Even then, there will be a few jurors who simply can't logically think and rightly reason to a conclusion.

This is an epidemic. A few years ago there was circulating an 1817 elementary school graduation exam. In a survey, it was determined that our current college graduating seniors couldn't pass the old test. Little wonder the rise of home-school-

ing. I thank God that's what my daughter-in-law is doing (an 8-year old is studying Latin). But what happened in the public schools? Here's some food for thought.

Last week we noted that something happened in the early 1960's that later produced a degenerate batch of law school graduates in 1980. From 1963: the birth rate for unwed girls 15-19 years of age skyrocketed; the number of violent crime offenses skyrocketed; the rate of sexually transmitted diseases, age group 10-14, skyrocketed; the number of single parent households, female head or no spouse present, skyrocketed; and SAT educational achievement scores plummeted!

This all tracks back, strangely, to something, that occurred in 1963 as a triggering event for what followed.

It was in 1963 that the U.S. Supreme Court officially rejected Biblical Natural Law and struck down the official use of the Bible in public education, after having stricken official prayer in 1962! Just a coincidence?

Next week: Strange Current Events!

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Motley County Treasurer's Report Quarterly Report

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

FUND	BALANCE October 1, 2005	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE December 31, 2005
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 22,435.68	\$ 268,504.82	\$ 280,381.37	\$ 10,559.13
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 735.08	\$ 2,394.00	\$ 2,766.99	\$ 362.09
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 29,150.00	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 31,750.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 2,402.82	\$ 22,110.54	\$ 23,275.59	\$ 1,237.77
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 827.08	\$ 28,164.45	\$ 27,372.65	\$ 1,618.88
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 21,550.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 26,050.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 2,278.48	\$ 26,181.73	\$ 24,625.80	\$ 3,834.41
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 47,200.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 55,200.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 399.16	\$ 27,851.81	\$ 27,879.09	\$ 371.88
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 21,850.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ -	\$ 11,500.22	\$ 3,448.26	\$ 8,051.96
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 152.63	\$ 30,403.43	\$ 30,550.00	\$ 6.06
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 451.50	\$ 37.50	\$ -	\$ 489.00
INVESTMENT	\$ 33,800.00	\$ 33,550.00	\$ -	\$ 67,350.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 206,982.43	\$ 642,048.50	\$ 445,299.75	\$ 403,731.18
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 9,986.55	\$ 11,016.80	\$ 16,866.45	\$ 4,136.90
LIBRARY	\$ 25,555.35	\$ 8,779.83	\$ 17,277.88	\$ 17,057.30
HOT CHECK	\$ 6,137.89	\$ 134.25	\$ 3,883.97	\$ 2,388.17
TOTALS	\$ 248,662.22	\$ 661,979.38	\$ 483,328.05	\$ 427,313.55

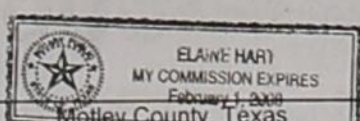
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MOTLEY

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

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Notary Public



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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS
Mrs. Chelsea Read was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild when it met at the Methodist Church fellowship hall on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Debbie Martin was in charge. Mrs. Pearl Patten opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes, which were approved. There was no new business.

Mrs. Jane King gave the devotion on How to Handle Tough Times.

Mrs. Chelsea REad gave the study on the meaning of Mercy and Justice, which is part of the continuing study on Methodism.

Mrs. Read served some delicious refreshments and afterwards Pearl Patten was given a surprise birthday party. She was presented

with a birthday cake and a book on Quilting.

Miss Lula Swim dismissed the group. Those in attendance, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. JoEtta Bumgardner, Mrs. Jane King, Mrs. Donald Letkeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams of Los Angeles, CA visited Mrs. Cleo Watson last week.

Local residents who are patients in the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock are Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mrs. Robena King, and Mrs. Joy Beeson.

Mrs. Donald Letkeman drove Lula Swim to Lubbock on Wednesday to see her heart doctor. She is to return to Lubbock on Monday to have a cat scan of her chest.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
For happiness one needs security, but joy can spring like a flower even from the cliffs of despair.

HOSPITAL NEWS
Mrs. Kathy Shorter, who had recent surgery on her arm, returned to Lubbock Tuesday to put it in a cast. She will wear it for several weeks and then begin therapy treatments.

Mrs. Nada Starkey had cataract eye surgery in Amarillo, Wednesday. Her daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch accompanied her the previous Sunday to visit her and she also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon and Mrs. Thelma Moon. Following her surgery, her daughters, Jackie Lynn and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo accompanied her home on Thursday.

Mrs. Leona Degan accompanied Mrs. B. Rogers to Plainview, Tuesday for a medical appointment and tests for her hearing complications.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited overnight Friday with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Visiting last Friday and Saturday with Wilburn Martin was his granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Amarillo.

Marisue and Ralph Powell of Mott Camp Ranch visited Saturday afternoon with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Johnny Starkey visited in Lebanon, Missouri recently with son and families, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey.

Roger and Doris Vinson of Lubbock bought the former Wayne Hunter residence in Flomot. They plan to remodel and improve the house and location before their retirement from their jobs in Lubbock.

Guests in the home of Wilburn Martin Friday and Saturday were sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt of Granbury and Mrs. Irene Morris of Keller. Visiting Saturday and Sunday was his daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Border.

Mrs. Gwen Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert and Peyton enjoyed the Jamboree in Turkey Saturday night.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry, Blayne, Savannah, Gage and Cash was her father, Ken Pool of Fritch. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry bought and have moved into the former Gin office home in Flomot formerly owned by Mrs. Anita Hunter of Lubbock. They are pleased with the spacious floor arrangement for their family.

Matador News

Mrs. Mary Meason was conveyed by ambulance to Crosbyton Hospital Monday morning, January 2. She was given four pints of blood. She had medical tests in Lubbock, Thursday and was returned to the Crosbyton Hospital where, at newstime, she is a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon visited during the holidays in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher.

Edna Ruth Green had a joyous Christmas and was blessed by having her entire family, grandchildren and great-grandson. Dr. Tim and Dorothy Green, Jolie and Arturo Sanchez, Jordan Green and fiance David Yu, all of Austin; Noel and Pat Scoggins, daughter Allison Scoggins of Cedar Park, daughter Emily Green of Whiteface; Andy and Gay Green of Keller; son Adam and wife, Meredith, and son Ben of Oak Harbor, WA, and daughter Katye Green of Louisville, KY. Edna Ruth and daughter, Virginia spent New Year's weekend with Andy and Gay Green and family in Keller.

Obituaries

Susannah Woodruff

Services for Susannah Woodruff, 41, of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with the Rev. Winfield Davenport, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at the East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home in Matador.

Lois Susannah Woodruff was born May 19, 1964, in El Paso, Texas.

She passed away early Wednesday morning, January 4, 2006, at her residence.

Ms. Woodruff was a graduate of Motley County High School and was a certified beautician and hair stylist. She had been a resident of Lubbock prior to returning to Matador in August, 2005. Ms. Woodruff was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

She was preceded in death by her father, Glenn Woodruff, July 17, 2001. She is survived by a son, Aaron Cole Woodruff and his father, Dennis Dillard, Jr.; her mother, Marion Wingerd Woodruff, and a sister, Lou Ann Jameson, all of Matador; and many other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Justin Jameson, Don Baxter, Vic Read, Bennie Brown, Steven Braselton and Mark Wason.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their care and support during the loss of my husband. I appreciate your prayers and every act of kindness. This is the best place to live with the best people. God bless everyone for their support and help in my time of need.

Linda Mullins and family

We want to thank the Roaring Springs Volunteer Fire Department, the Motley County Fire Department and Precinct IV for their promptness and efficiency in responding to the grass fire east of Roaring Springs on January 3, 2006. By quickly containing the fire, the men prevented a potential property loss for several land owners. Thanks to Commissioner Alexander and Dean Osborn's expertise in operating the motor grader for the fire guards. These men give of their time before, during and after a fire and are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the community. Thanks again to everyone for helping in any way.

Franklin and Susan Jameson

To the people of Matador and Motley County, thank you for all you did for our family upon the death of my mother, Lola Pohl. We appreciate your acts of kindness. The things you did will long be remembered, including the beautiful flowers that you sent, your presence at her service, the phone calls, cards, notes and e-mails, the wonderful food, the visits and the memorial contributions. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Carolyn and Howard Limmer and family

We would like to thank everyone who came to visit, called, brought food and said prayers on our behalf. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all the kind expressions of love we received during our time of loss and sorrow. The support this community gives during times of trouble is something to treasure. Each time we have been faced with loss or hardships our friends and Church families have been there to embrace us with a comforting hug, a smile, offers of help and prayer. What a special place to call home. Thank you so much.

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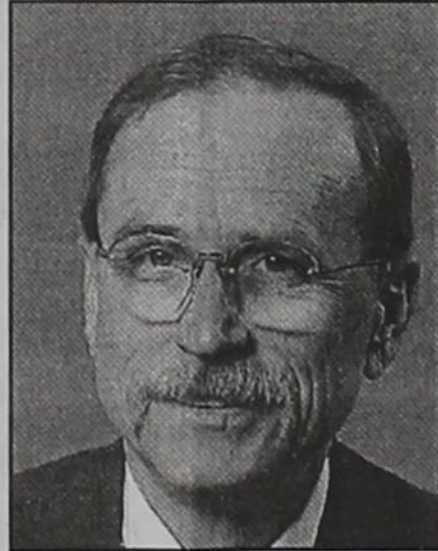
Adrain Helms and Mitch Probasco have been named as the Co-Chairmen of the Friends and Supporters of Tempie Francis for District Judge. They have written the following to you as the citizens of the 110th Judicial District.

We are proud to serve as the chairmen to elect Tempie Francis for District Judge. We send you the following message and many more to come because we believe you can help us in electing Tempie as the District Judge. And, we believe you will help us because you know how important this race is in electing the best person.

Tempie believes in justice for both the victim and defendants. She understands that our citizens have a right to their day in court. Tempie realizes the court should not be bias or show favoritism.

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Please join us. It is imperative that we stand together and to elect Tempie Francis in the Primary Election. We need a show of strength. We need numbers to go to the Republican Polls and vote for Tempie for District Judge. Early voting starts February 21st.



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Texas Representative Rick Hardcastle endorses Tempie and makes the following statement:

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The hearing will give the public a chance to discuss the report with the district site-based decision making committee. Review copies of the report are available as well at the school office.

Discussion will also be held concerning new material to be added to the Math TAKS test at grade levels 6-10 and exit level. The Texas Education Agency is currently evaluating the content eligible to be assessed on the TAKS mathematics tests because of the refinements recently made to the secondary mathematics Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

An online survey has been developed to obtain input as to whether the new TEKS content should be assessed on TAKS mathematics tests at grades 6-10 and exit level. This review and discussion will serve as the basis for a campus recommendation on the proposed content.

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