The entry gate of the historic Matador Ranch stands stately in the quite 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 cur-rently 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 treatment for leukemia, cancer (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 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 forget to donate blood at the Motley County school multi-purpose room, Tuesday, January 16.

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 an-

nual 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

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

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 Pavillion in Spur, was to inform area ranchers of the benefits of agricultural tour-

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 op-

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

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 busses 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 stimula-

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.

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

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 re-

duced to .445 per mile.

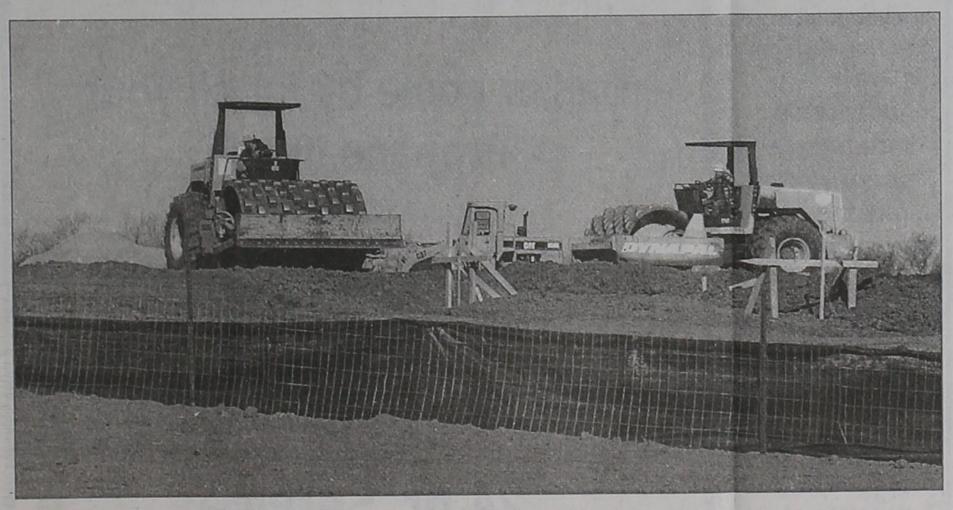
Judge Smith received notice from TTUHSC the price of autopsies has increased from \$1,275.00 to \$2,000.00 per autopsy.

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Matador Lions to sponsor **Pancake Supper**

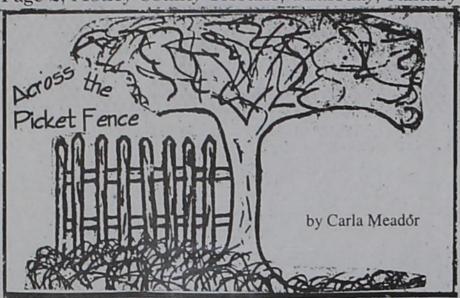
The Matador Lions Club will sponsor their annual Pancake Supper, January 17, at the Matador High School Cafeteria. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 6th grade and under.

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



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 funds are exhausted. concerning the facility.



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

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

 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 consid-

erably faster than a John Deere - Words that soak into your

ears are whispered ... not yelled. Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

— Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.

— It don't take a very big

person to carry a grudge.

— You cannot unsay a cruel

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 Cool-

ers (reduced fat vanilla cookie

with lemon chips), as well as our

latest addition, the Cafe Cook-

ies. These gourmet-style cook-

ies are baked with hint of cinna-

mon spice and are perfect with

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 pro-

gram. Girl Scouts participate in

activities which will teach them

marketing and selling tech-

niques, goal planning, and cus-tomer 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 avail-

able and attendees will be able

to "meet" their favorite cookie!

Girl Scouts from eighteen

Girl Scouts Cookie Celebration

kicks off annual cookie sale

Every path has a few

 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

-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 swaller.

- 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 got.

— The biggest troublemaker 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' - Do not corner something you're a person of some influthat you know is meaner than ence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

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

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

Girl Scouts have been raising

money to fund troop activities through the annual cookie sale.

Girl Scouts have fun while build-

ing strong skills, values and

for everyone; girls enjoy the ex-

The cookie program is fun

For more than 80 years, the

local Girl Scouts troops.

friendships.

Winter Wonderland at

nity 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

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

perience 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 re-alize 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.

"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

Someone has well said that

the one certain thing about life is uncertainty. How true. Listen

-- Psalm 90:10

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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,

LIFE'S CLOCK

we fly away.'

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,

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

We have crossed the threshold of the New Year of 2006.

we shall live and do this or that." - James 4:13-15

To lose one's health is more; To lose one's soul is such a loss That no man can restore. ROARING SPRINGS

CHURCH OF CHRIST Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

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 were

commencement speakers.

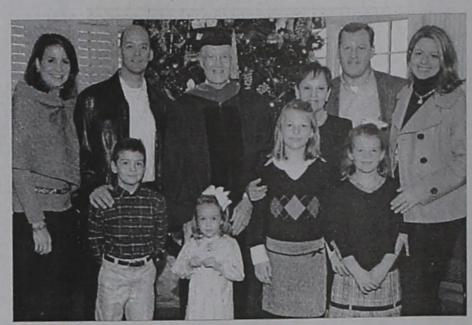
Dr. Murphy received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during the afternoon commencement service. For over forty years, Dr. Murphy has ministered as a pastor and leader in churches and Baptist associations throughout Texas, and until his retirement in 2004, served eleven years as the executive director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

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 cam-pus 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.

WHILIOP 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

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.

Do Gooder's Club meeting

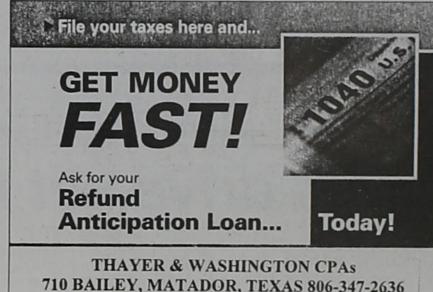
A beautiful Winter Wonderland greeted the Do Gooders' Club members at the Commu-

apple cider beverage.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted the business meeting. cup-towels to the next meeting.

Mrs. Waydetta 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, Waydetta Clay, Barbara Payne and Connie Franks.



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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.

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Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

DUMBING 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 genera-tion apparently unable to focus and learn from a spoken word or concentrate theron. (A byproduct 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 conclu-

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-

Commissioners

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DISBURSEMENTS

Judge Smith informed the court a website was created by CIRA for Motley County. If a County has a website, the Commissioner Court Agenda must be posted along with any tax rate information. Commissioners approved Judge Smith as the County Coordinator for this

The court discussed the Emergency Burn Ban the Judge signed into effect. Commissioners approved extending the Burn Ban as conditions have not improved. The Burn Ban will remain in effect until lifted by the court.

ing. I thank God that's what my daughter-in-law is doing (an 8year 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!

* 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. Grade: Fifth 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.

HONOR ROLL (All grades 80 or above)

First Grade: Armando Chavez, Rumaldo 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, Katie Barton, Caleb Clary, Victoria Hernandez, Shelby Elliott, Michael Martin,

Catherine Ward, Hayden Davey. Fourth Grade: Conner Mason, Parker Meredith, Jacob

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.

> 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

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As of January 1, 2006 Channel 9 KWBZ-WB was added to the channel lineup. Nickelodeon moved to Channel 22 and Boomerang to Channel 18. Prior to this time, Channel 37 Trinity Broadcasting

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

POND	October 1, 2005						December 31, 2005	
GENERAL FUND Operating	5	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		Mary Jakan	\$	31,750.00
_	\$	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
	\$	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
	\$	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
	\$	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	s	9,986.55	s	11,016.80	5	16,866.45	5	4,136.90
LIBRARY	\$	25,555.35		8,779.83		17,277.88		17,057.30
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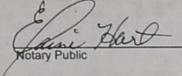
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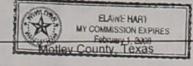
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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2006





News around the County

Roaring Springs News

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. Donalda 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. Donalda 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.

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

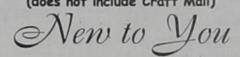
We would like to thank everyone who came to visit, called, brought food and said prayers on our behalf. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all the kind expressions of love we received during our time of loss and sorrow. The support this community gives during times of trouble is something 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.

Aaron Woodruff Marion Woodruff Lou Anne, Travis, Rebekah, and Justin Jameson Whitney, Jeremy, Morgan and Judson Jones

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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

Sheila and Jerry Gilbert and granddaughter, Caitlynn Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama visited her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan from Wednesday until Friday, Dec. 28-30,. Other guests in her home to celebrate the holidays, Wednesday, were Lou and Morris Degan of Medicine Mound and Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary.

Visiting during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Lori, Kevon, Kyler and Karlee Kleibrink of Clifton, Tina, Pat, Walker, Parker and Ryleigh Carson of Turkey, Larry, Angelia, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah Clay of Panhandle, Julie, Neal, Caden, Jaxon and Laney Edwards of Flomot, Mark Clay of Terrell, Randy Wilkerson and Kayla of Tulsa, Okla-

Tom and Aleda Ross visited in Castroville from Dec. 26-29 with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ross, Megan, Cheyenne, Ciara, Annie, Anjoli and Aleda Elaine.

The Matador Lions Club

will sponsor their Annual

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

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"

Johnney 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 Lub-

bock 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 Borger.

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

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 Christo-

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 Scoggins of Nacodoches; Virginia 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.

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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 Mata-

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.



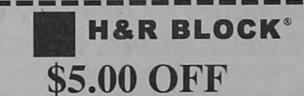
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Local Candidate Receives Endorsements

Friends and Supporters of Tempie Francis for District Judge name Co-Chairmen

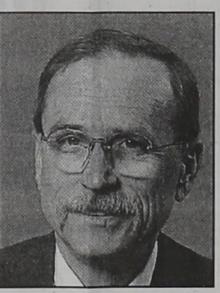
Adrain Helms and Mitch Probasco have been named as the Co-Chairmen of the Friends and Supporters of Tempie Francis for District Judge. They have written the following to you as the citizens of the 110th Judicial District.

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.

The tax payers know an effective court will save them time and money. The best way to be effective is to have a judge that is predictable through an attorney who has courtroom experience, understands the laws and has the ability to base a decision only upon the facts of each case. Tempie has these qualifications. She has trial experience, she will follow the law and her decisions will be based upon facts. We need a judge we can predict. We need Tempie Francis as our Judge.

Please join us. It is imperative that we band 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.



REP. RICK HARDCASTLE



TEMPIE FRANCIS

State Representative Endorses Tempie Francis for District Judge

Local attorney, Tempie T. Francis is running for District Judge. Tempie has earned respect from her peers through hard work and dedication as an attorney and as a local community leader.

For example, Tempie earned a Bachelor's degree in Education in just three years and was elected to three different Academic Honor Societies and graduated cum laude. Tempie began Texas Tech Law School in 1991 where she received two distinguished awards, the Judge Ken G. Spencer Award and Jurisprudence Award. As an attorney, Tempie received the 2003 Pro Bono Award from Legal Aid Northwest for her work with indigent children and families.

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

"I believe Tempie will be conservative and will strictly construe the statutes as they are written. Tempie has campaigned hard and she will work just as hard once in office. She has the legal qualifications to be the District Judge and the practical life experience to make

sound decisions for her district." Rep. Hardcastle has known Tempie and her family for many years. His district includes Motley and Dickens counties.

Pd. Pol. Adv. for Friends & Supporters of Tempie T. Francis, P.O. Box 128 Floydada, Texas 79235, by Mitch Probasco, Treasurer.

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County Agent's News

By Eric Lewis, Motley County Extension Agent

TEXAS FIRE WATCH CONTINUES STATEWIDE

Much of Texas is a tinderbox right now. Texas Cooperative Extension range specialists are advising all Texans, especially landowners, to refrain from lighting any fires during workrelated or other activities.

"There is no question of whether to burn: do not light a fire for any reason," said J.F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist based at Vernon. "Conditions are just too hazardous."

Unseasonably warm dry weather since November has sparked many wildfires in the state, scorching more than 200,000 acres, destroying or damaging more than 200 homes, and causing several fa-

Although prescribed burning - burning under certain conditions for specific reasons to attain certain management goals - is sometimes permitted during burn bans, potential problems caused by burning under current conditions cannot adequately be addressed by these burn plans, Cadenhead said.

"There are recognized environmental needs that must be met before and after a burn for proper rangeland recovery to occur, not to mention the safety concerns and risks to life and property." Cadenhead said.

"The prudent rangeland resource manager is reminded that rangeland health and recovery can be substantially hindered if a burn is done during droughty times on dry soils with no foreseeable moisture. Lack of grass and ground cover accelerates wind and water erosion on unprotected soils.

"Those planning and conducting the burn can only attempt to determine how 'safe' a burn can be if all goes as planned. With the current dry conditions, weather patterns and recent wildlife events causing public fear of any smoke on the horizon, most, if not all prescribed burning should be put on hold until more favorable conditions return."

Robert Pritz, Extension agent in Callahan County, knows all too well the impact of wildfire. He had his holidays cut short when two fires whipped through his county just after Christmas. A fire on Dec. 26 charred 2,500 acres of rangeland north of Baird. Soon after, a second fire roared through

EQIP sign-up continues

The Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS)

in Matador continues to take eli-

gible applications for EQIP. This

will continue through February

17, 2006. Probably the most im-

portant was the increase in the

amount of cost share provided.

With all the increases in fuel and

other cost the local work group

and local office has significantly

raised the amount of cost share

available to the producer. The

rate remains at 50% but the ba-

sis for which the 50% cost share

change is the number of acres

eligible for cost share for indi-

vidual practices. For conversion

of cropland to grassland the

limit is now 320 acres, where in

the past it was 160 acres. For

aerial brush control in the past

the limit was 500 acres and it is

now 1500 acres. Mechanical

brush control has changed from

120 acres to 250 acres. Other

practices have also been

The second most significant

is calculated has increased.

Changes made for 2006

Cross Plains, claiming two lives, destroying more than 100 structures, killing livestock and burning 7,800 acres.

After dealing with these disasters, Pritz is promoting two ideas to limit future agricultural losses.

The first is setting up an animal evacuation plan.

"You should have an evacuation plan not only for yourself, but for your livestock as well," Pritz said. "Know at a moment's notice what to do with your livestock if a fire does come across your place. Do not have a wheat patch or a plowed field to put them in? Whatever it is, give your animals the option to get out of the way.

His second idea is minimizing equipment losses.

Too many people don't consider the potential for losing valuable equipment until it's too late, Pritz said.

"Where are you storing your equipment?" he said. "And put those overhead fuel tanks further away from your buildings. A lot of equipment was lost here, because it was parked in areas vulnerable to fire.

All Texans are encouraged to monitor drought and fire conditions and refrain from any activities which might involve fire. With the dry soil in pastures, burning now will increase the risk of killing grass roots, resulting in bare ground and possible soil erosion, Cadenhead said. Landowners who have a prescribed burn planned in counties with high fuel loads or with recent wildfires are advised to put their plans on hold until better weather conditions return.

"That means no outdoor burning of any kind, at least for now," Cadenhead said.

Texans can monitor the cur-rent drought and wildfire situa-

tion using these resources:
• Texas Emergency Management Situation Reports from the Governor's Division of Emergency Management at: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/ dem/sitrepindex.htm

 Texas wildfire information and reports from the Texas Forest Service at: http:// texasforestservice.tamu.edu

• The Keetch-Tynum Drought Index at: http:// webgis.tamu.edu/tfs/kbdi daily/

* The U.S. Drought Monitor manned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at: http:// www.drought.unl.edu/dm/

ranking process designed to treat everyone fairly and to treat

the most significant resource

concerns. However, for the past

two years the local office has

been able to acquire enough

funding to approve every appli-

two EQIP signups in progress. One is "regular EQIP", and the other is a statewide program

designed to enhance Bobwhite

Quail habitat. The "regular EQIP" is funded from a local

pool of money and the "Quail" is funded from a state pool.

There have been several "Quail

contracts" funded in Motley

EQIP and other programs pro-

viding cost share contact Si,

Rodney or James at the local

NRCS office. The local number

is 347-2263, ext. 3, or additional

information can be found at

www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov click on programs, EQIP and select Motley County. NRCS offers its

For more information on

County in the past.

Currently there are actually

cation for EQIP.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

by John Bird, Motley County CED

TEXAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY SUPPORTS **ESTABLISHING** FIREBREAKS ON CRP

In response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

Although disking CRP ground is not typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to modify CRP contracts to include firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site-specific basis.

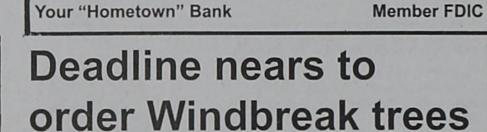
With nearly four million acres of CRP in the state, many of those acres bordering communities and residences. Texas FSA supports efforts to reduce combustible vegetation that

may cause a fire to spread. There is no cost-share for establishing firebreaks and rental payment penalties will not be assessed.

AG DIVERSIFICATION MEETING

An Ag Diversification Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium in Childress. The topics will include landowner liability, hunting, wildlife management, alternative crops, business plan development and financing programs. Senator Robert Duncan has been invited to be the guest speaker. For lunch please RSVP to Childress Chamber of Commerce (940) 937-2567 by February 21, 2006. There is no fee, the lunch is provided by Texas Department of Agriculture, Childress County FSA, Childress County Cooperative Extension, and Childress Chamber of Commerce.

OFFICE CLOSURE The USDA office will be closed Monday, January 16, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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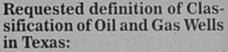
selling windbreak seedlings and wildlife packets.

By Ace Reid

Call Misty at the Upper Pease SWCD at 806-347-2263 or come by the office (USDA Service Center, Matador) for more information. Office hours are 8:00 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Remember the numbers of trees are limited, so the earlier you place your orders the more Water Conservation District is trees you have to choose from.

il & Gas Update

By Tom Musser



The Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas defines and classifies an Oil Well as:

Any Well which produces One barrel or more of crude petroleum oil to catch 100,000 cubic feet of Natural Gas.

The Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas defines and classifies a Gas Well as:

Any Well (a) which produces Natural Gas not associated or blended with crude petroleum oil at the time of production or (b) which produces more than 100,000 cubic feet of Natural Gas for each barrel of crude petroleum Oil from the same producing horizon or (c) which produces Natural Gas from a formation or producing horizon productive of Gas only encountered in a wellbore through which crude petroleum oil also is produced through the inside of another string of casing or tubing. A Well which produces hydrocarbon liquids, a part of which is formed by a condensation from a gas phase and a part of which crude petroleum oil, shall be classified as a Gas Well unless there is produced one barrel or more of crude petroleum oil per 100,000 cubic feet of Natural Gas; and that the term crude petroleum oil "shall not be construed to mean any liquid hydrocarbon mixture or portion thereof which is not in the liquid phase in the reservoir, removed from the reservoir in such liquid phase, and obtained at the surface as such.

FLOYD COUNTY: Pipeline Connection:

Preliminary Discussions have taken place between some Palo Duro Basin Operators and ONEOK, Inc. concerning the possibility of Tapping into the Red River Pipeline and Selling and Transporting Potential Gas from Wells in Floyd County through the ONEOK, Inc. Red River Pipeline System. Work that needs to be done prior to

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Selling Gas through the pipeline include: Drilling additional wells, completing additional wells, laying gas gathering sys-tem, and building the Gas processing (separation and compression) plant.

Apollo Energy Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1. Installing a Pumpjack on Miller #1 to pump test the well for evaluation of potential.

Apollo Energy Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #2 Horizontal. The W.D. Miller #2 will be the next well drilled by Apollo Energy Operating Company.

Apollo Energy Operating
Company LP Ceretha Watson
Lease Well #1. Starting completion work on Tuesday, January
10. Frac Job is tentatively scheduled for January 21.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1. Retrieved the Drill Pipe out of hole, unable to retrieve the bit assembly. Set a plug above lost bit assembly and preparing to drill around, then continuing to drill to planned total depth.

Tyner Texas Operating Company Kenneth Broseh Lease Well #1. Swabbing the Well.

Tyner Texas Operating Company Rushing Lease Well #1. Permitted on December 13, 2005. It has been estimated that drilling operations will begin within ten days.

MOTLEY COUNTY:

Apollo Energy Operating Company LP Cox Lease Well #1. This location has been postponed.

Friday

Sunny

High: 53 Low: 32

Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 35

Sunday

Mostly Sunny

High: 61 Low: 34 Monday

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Tuesday

Partly Cloudy

High: 64 Low: 35

Wednesday

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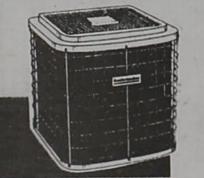
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In-Depth Forecast 7-Day Forecast Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a Thursday high temperature of 68°, humidity of 25% and Mostly Sunny an overnight low of 32°. The record high tem-High: 68 Low: 32

perature for today is 80° set in 1953. The record low is 2° set in 1963. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 53°

Full



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Moon Phases

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Weather History

blanketed with up to 13 and a half inches of Moonset today 6:46 a.m. snow, more snow than was ever previously High: 65 Low: 38 received in an entire winter.

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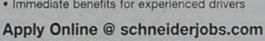
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AEIS Report and Math TAKS The Motley County Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19. The AEIS is an annual rating of state school districts by the student achievement on TAKS exams. This report is available over the internet at www.tea.stte.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/ 2005/district.srch.html.

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).

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