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Motley County ISD asks motorists to use caution

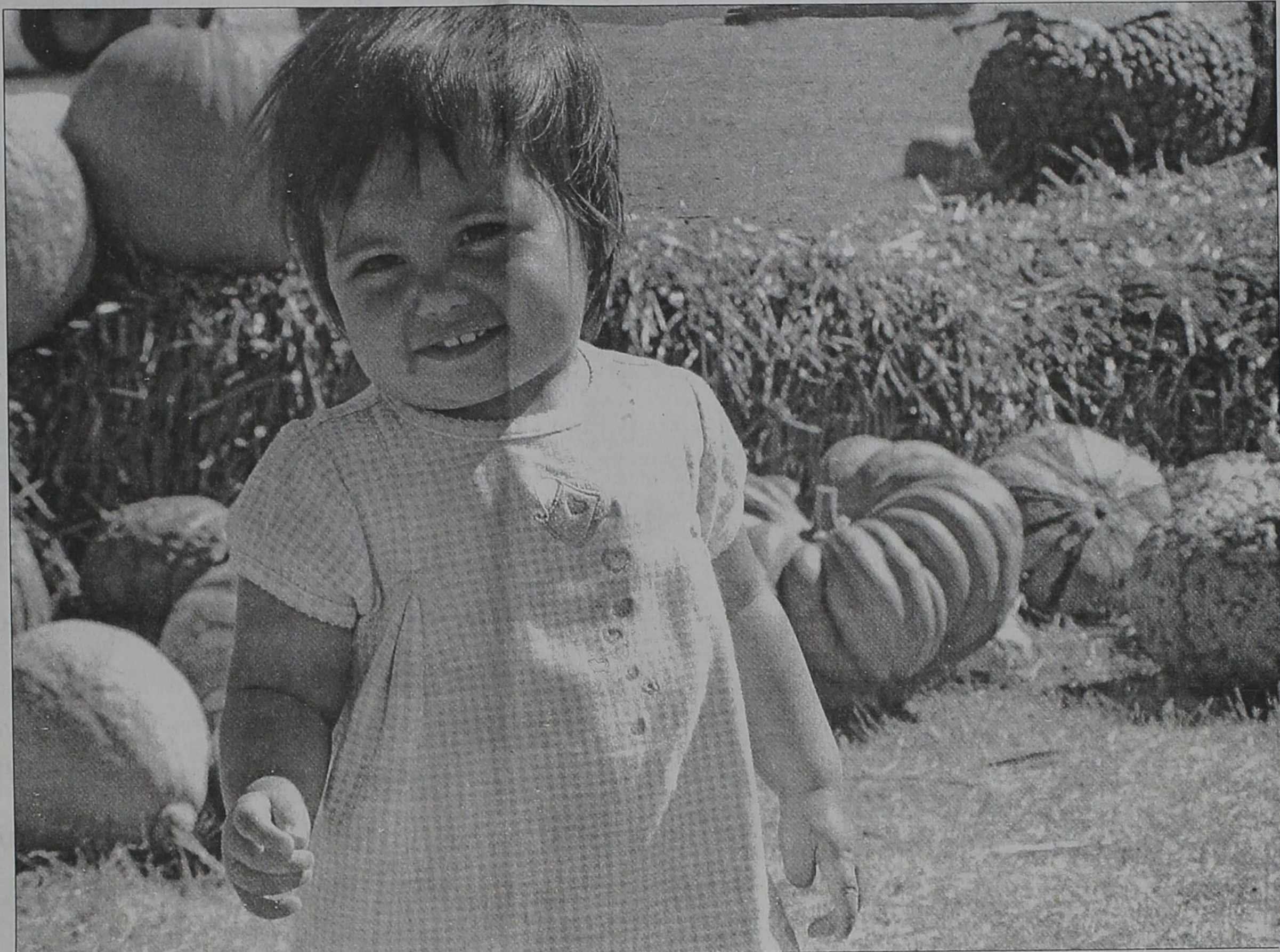
Motley County ISD officials are asking area motorists to slow down and use caution when driving around all school facilities and school buses.

"We have had several motorists pass school buses with flashing lights, particularly in front of the school in the morning. We would like to remind drivers to never pass a bus with flashing lights," said Motley County ISD superintendent Randy Brown.

"We have also had motorists driving extremely fast down Scotch Street, which is the street that runs north and south between the field house and the football stadium," he said.

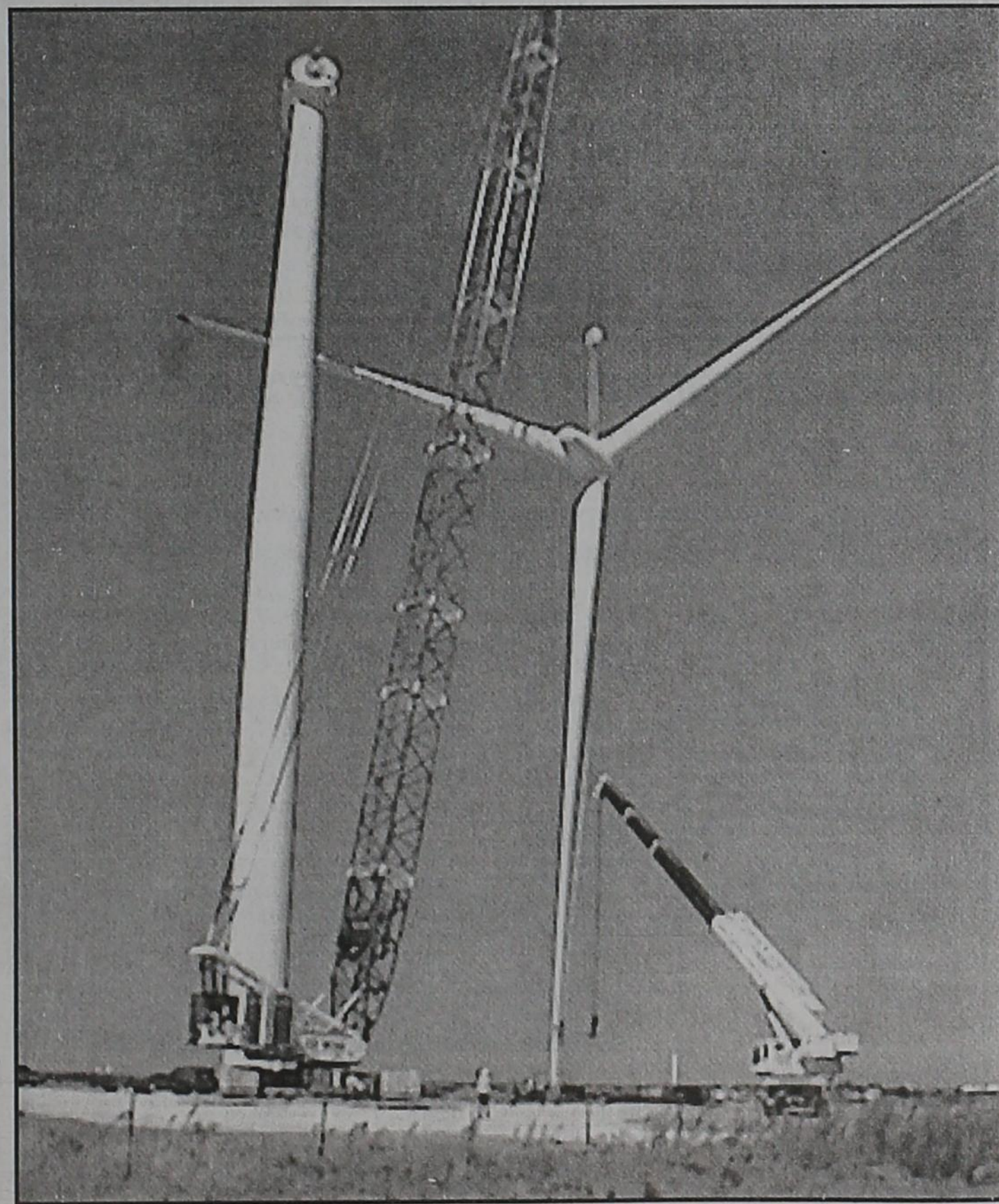
"We have had some close calls that have simply scared the daylights out of us," Brown said. "We are asking all motorists to drive no faster than 15 miles per hour on Scotch Street."

"Children should always look both ways before crossing the street, however, it is the driver's responsibility to drive safely and ensure the safety of our children," he said.



Pumpkin Pickin' fun

Little Edith Lujan had fun picking pumpkins at the Assiter Pumpkin Ranch near Floydada recently. She joined pumpkin pickers from a wide area who visit the ranch each year at this time. Thirteen-month-old Edith was visiting her great-grandpa, Jackie Smith, and Uncle Steve Smith in Matador when this trip was made. She accompanied her granny, Shirleen Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana, and her mom, Amber Lujan of New Braunfels for her trip to Matador.



WIND ENERGY — The first wind turbines in this area were erected last week on the Edith and Norman Muncy land in Floyd County. The turbines can be seen from the highway on US 70 between Matador and Floydada. Twenty-six of the energy making turbines are to be erected at this location.
(photo by Ron Bush)

First Wind Turbines appear on the horizon

About 20 miles east of Floydada, the Caprock horizon has a new look.

The first of 26 wind turbines now dot the landscape in the first phase of a \$100 million investment on 3,320 acres.

According to the *Floyda County Hesperian* the project will generate 59.8 megawatts of electricity, powering about 28,000 households.

The first windfarm in the area to break ground is Renewable Energy Systems-Americas.

RES-Americas is an international wind development company with offices in Austin. The

new wind farm is located on the Edith and Norman Muncy land in Floyd County, just off CR28, North.

Five turbines have been completed, but high wind conditions have slowed the construction of the tower section, turbine and blades.

The massive turbines are manufactured in Denmark, and cost about \$2.6 million each. The towers are 417 feet high.

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County audit shows increase in assets

The Motley County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, October 9. All members of the court were present, consisting of County Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson, Russell Alexander, and County Clerk Kate Hurt.

Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards, Assistant Carol Campbell, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, Betty Luckett, Darlene Fletcher, Marisue Potts-Powell and E.G. Reed.

Dianne Washington, CPA, presented the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 audit report, reporting an increase of \$44,857 in assets. The Audit Report was approved unanimously by the court.

Three resolutions and one proclamation was approved by the court.

Carol Campbell reported that Meadows Foundation did not fund the recent jail grant proposal. While Meadows asked the county to reapply next year, other grant sources are being sought to meet the challenge grant request recently sent to the Texas Historical Commission.

A resolution to support the submission of a project proposal to the Lubbock Area Foundation for \$5,000 for the repair and rehabilitation of the historic 1891 Motley County jail received full approval of the court.

A resolution to authorize a grant for \$104.25 to Tri-County Meals, an organization that provides home-delivered meals to homebound persons in Briscoe, Hall and northern Motley counties, was approved by unanimous vote.

A resolution was approved unanimously by the court authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The county is requesting \$350,000 in grant funds and committing to provide volunteer labor and equipment as a savings toward the construction and project-related activities for a water system improvement program for Flomot.

Commissioner Alexander

made a motion to approve a Proclamation to name the month of November as Home Care and Hospice Month. This motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other business included a report by County Attorney Tom Edwards who gave a Wind Energy update to the court. Motley County is included in the CREZ-2 status by the Public Utility Commission. Edwards is optimistic that this designation will result in significant development for Motley County by 2009.

In addition, the amended Radio Tower Lease from TxDOT was presented for court approval. TxDOT will lease space on the radio tower for \$125.00 per month. This lease by approved unanimously by the court.

Judge Smith presented the proposed State's mileage reimbursement amount of 48.5 cents per mile. Currently, the mileage reimbursement is 44 cents per mile. The increase was approved by the court, with Commissioner Alexander casting the only dissenting vote.

Matador City Council meets Water tower work almost complete

The Matador City Council met Thursday, October 11 for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Council members in attendance were Kay Bailey, Shane Jones, Terry Simpson and Chuck Ream. Also in attendance were City Secretary Debra Scott, Water Superintendent Steve Barton and Mike Hackler.

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Ream called the meeting to order and Terry Simpson gave the invocation.

No one was in attendance for open forum.

Steve Barton reported the water tower should be put back

in service next week. The second pit at the landfill is almost complete and three substandard houses were burned last week. A pre-construction hearing will be held Tuesday on the painting of the water tanks at Roaring Springs.

Minutes of the last meeting and financial statements were approved.

Board appointments were tabled until members can be contacted.

Items to be considered on next month's agenda are uniforms, board member appointments, slowing traffic on Scotch Street.



Fall Festival set for October 27

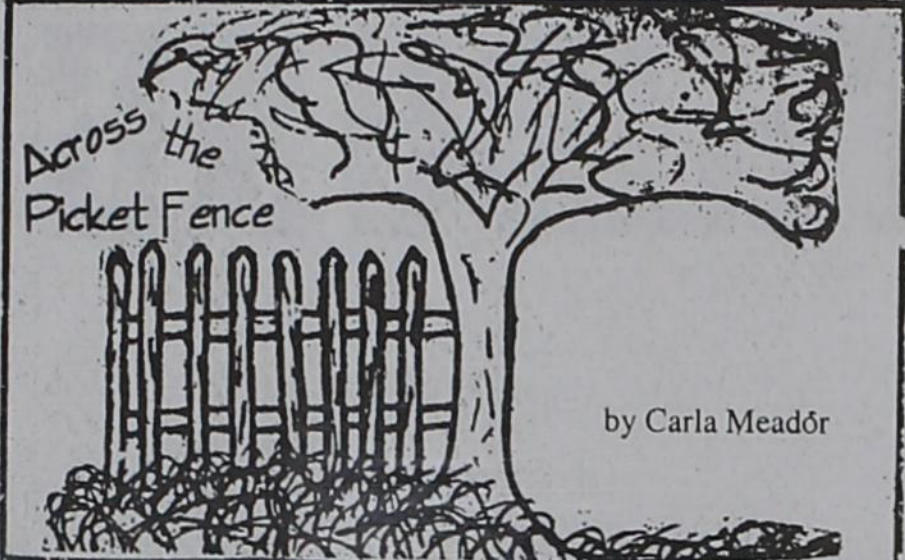
The Eternas Study Club announced this week that their annual Fall Festival has been set for October 27. The much anticipated event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the old school gym.

A Queen Contest will be held to crown a Lil' Miss, Princess and Queen.

Lots of fun activities are planned including Bingo, a Live Auction and several new booths.

Make plans now to attend this fun fall event and enjoy an evening of surprises for all ages!

For more information or to have a booth, contact LeJeanna Faulks at 347-2179.



Not much room this week, so this column will be short and hopefully a little sweet. I'm feeling better and Jim is doing well. Thank you to everyone for your care and concern. Another thank you goes to Walter Taylor at school for the great homecoming pictures. And to Winfield Davenport for the football action shots. I really appreciate having the great photos available for the paper.

and granddaughter Edith, are visiting. Little 13-month-old Edith is a sweetheart. I couldn't resist printing the sweet picture on the front page. She's a little character and very smart. She's just learning to say words, but she already knows sign language. Unbelievable! It's amazing how truly smart children are, even at this tender age. The little darling has brightened the days of family members this week.

There's nothing better to bring a smile to your face than a child. This week my cousin, Shirleen, her daughter Amber

Well, I think I'm out of room. Like I said - short - and I think little Edith made this week's column sweet.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to everyone for the prayers, words of concern, offers of help, flowers, cards, and phone calls during Carla's illness. We also thank you for your support and concern for Jim as he has begun a new adventure and through the years he was Sheriff.

We treasure your friendship and pray that God will bless you abundantly.
Jim and Carla Meador

**You are invited to a
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Staying the Course

One can discern from our Lord's discussion in John 15:1-11 that He not only beseeches us to come to Him, but also He wants us "abiding in Him." Yes, Our Lord earnestly desires for us to be saved, and yet there are also things which accompany a Christian's salvation. It is not enough for one to seek salvation and then have no plans or any desire to live a life for God.

Jesus tells us, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His Love." Our Lord was specific in what is required to abide in the love of God. We keep His commandments.

In reading after what the writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 6: 9, 11, "But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way... And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end..." Here is the point. We are to a people called to stay the course. A people to bear fruit for God and are therefore examples of "staying the course" with Jesus.

The Senior Citizens is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Y'all come to see us.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

Notes from the Library
by
Buffy Crutchley

For the history buffs out there, we are fortunate to have received a very large donation of nonfiction war books. A lot of them are written about World War II, but we did get a few about Vietnam, and some that discuss military weaponry. All the books are beautifully illustrated!

Note to parents: we also have several new juvenile non-fiction books on the shelves this week. We have a whole series of reference books about famous explorers in history, like Magellan and Eric the Red. The books have beautiful illustrations, and are definitely full of interesting facts.

For those of you running out of great fiction books to read, I want to remind you about our Large Print section at the front of the library. This section is the most under-used section of the library. There are some great books in the Large Print section by famous authors. You may have to turn the pages a little bit faster, but the stories are well worth it. Just this week we got in two new Large Print mysteries that look very good: *Only the Cat Knows* by Marian Babson and *Savages* by Bill Pronzini.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

Consider: When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: Those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened. --John M. Richardson, Jr.

It is getting to look more and more as if the future for Motley County includes wind energy, mostly due to the efforts of people who have worked and are working to make it happen.

One of those people is Ryan Martin, who opened the Wind Energy Meeting held October 2 at the courthouse and attended by people who wanted to know what was going on rather than wondering what had happened after the fact.

Martin spoke about different wind energy companies that have become active in the county, and he sketched the plans and activities going on in surrounding counties. He mentioned the blade of a wind turbine that was to be taken to the Pumpkin Days celebration in Floydada on October 13 for everyone to sign - and yes, they are big enough for everyone to be able to sign one.

In addition, he talked about the biggest problem, the transmission lines. There are a number of proposed routes, one of which would go straight through Motley County. This would be the best for us.

Now that a decision about the CREZ zones has been made (as was reported last week in the *Motley County Tribune*, placing Motley County in CREZ -2), it seems that the transmission lines will go through at least part of the county.

Martin said it is just a "matter of time" before our area is developed, maybe three years.

Senior Notes
by Tommye Keith
Director

I truly apologize for being so far behind with all the memorials, sometimes I meet myself going and coming. The Center has had a very busy summer and so far we have survived the cricket invasion. I was talking to someone and they said they had never seen a baby cricket. I thought about it for a short period of time and decided I had never seen one either. Well, now I have seen one, just this week!

A memorial honoring C.D. Garrison was received from Ellis and Geraldine Key, Barbara West, Norma Marrs, and Lorene Lancaster.

A memorial honoring Beth Turner was received from Ellis and Geraldine Key, June Moss, Elsa Cooper and Friends, Norma Marrs, and Betty and Billy Paul Simpson.

Joyce Campbell gave memorials in memory of Joyce Smith, Ruthy Stone, JoAnn Durham, and C.F. Parnell. Marion Garrison gave memorials in memory of C.D. Garrison and Eugenia Barton.

Thanks to Grace Campbell and Jim Watson for their donations to the Senior Citizens Center.

Thanks to everyone for their memorials and donations. This is a great help to the Center for Home Delivery meals and every part of survival around here.

Winter is just around the corner and the yard work will be over so come to the Center and exercise with the girls. At 8 a.m. Richard Simmons and the Silver Foxes will get you wide awake.

The Senior Citizens is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Y'all come to see us.

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MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to applaud the letter from Tom Edwards published in the September 20 issue of the *Tribune*. The discussion of the tax issues in Motley County presented by Mr. Edwards should be part of the conversations of everyone who is concerned with the prosperity and, indeed, the survival of the county.

Motley County may have the lowest tax base in the state. The ability of the county to fund the most basic services needed to care for its inhabitants is almost gone. Since the decline of agricultural activity during the past decades, little has been done to promote or establish other economic activities in the county which could provide the tax base necessary to provide basic governmental services to the county. Fortunately, the tradition in the county has been one of self-reliance. And a few have stepped forward to start busi-

nesses which would bring outside dollars into the economy of the county.

But, in the main, those in the county who, during the past decade or so, have tried to promote the economy of the area have been largely ignored or discouraged. The voices of those who, for selfish or uninformed reasons, try to impede progress in the county have been louder than those of the responsible people who have been trying to plan for a better future in the county.

As someone who grew up in and still loves Motley County, it has been frustrating in recent times to see the decline of the vitality of the county. In view of some of the recent discouraging events, it is very heartening to see Mr. Edwards step up and say those difficult things which need to be heard and acted upon to preserve the County.

Sincerely,
Pat Groves

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune!

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MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT
OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 2007 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

FUND	BALANCE July 1, 2007	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE September 30, 2007
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 1,976.25	\$ 143,483.41	\$ 131,435.53	\$ 14,024.13
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 165,000.00	\$	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 34.32	\$ 3,613.00	\$ 2,888.73	\$ 960.59
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 40,900.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 41,050.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 292.10	\$ 14,558.65	\$ 13,653.57	\$ 1,195.18
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 16,050.00	\$	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 10,250.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 879.78	\$ 22,074.80	\$ 20,793.95	\$ 2,160.63
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 12,450.00	\$	\$ 10,950.00	\$ 1,500.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 911.06	\$ 15,581.42	\$ 14,673.39	\$ 1,819.09
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 45,300.00	\$	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 37,950.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 832.04	\$ 13,768.23	\$ 12,945.11	\$ 1,655.16
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 17,950.00	\$	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 12,250.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 10.00	\$	\$	\$ 10.00
LATERAL RD - Investment	\$ 6,764.54	\$ 76.41	\$	\$ 6,840.95
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 14.37	\$ 2,077.87	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 412.24
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 489.00	\$	\$ 489.00	\$
INVESTMENT	\$ 140,850.00	\$ 5,580.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 143,280.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 450,703.46	\$ 221,561.79	\$ 340,907.28	\$ 331,357.97
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 4.30	\$ 13,897.80	\$ 11,064.50	\$ 2,837.60
LIBRARY	\$ 14,548.25	\$ 3,203.77	\$ 5,487.63	\$ 12,264.39
HOT CHECK	\$ 4,812.78	\$ 1,381.95	\$ 1,996.45	\$ 4,198.28
TOTALS	\$ 470,068.79	\$ 240,045.31	\$ 359,435.86	\$ 350,678.24

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

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 10th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007

Janie Hart
Notary Public

Motley County, Texas

ELANIE HART
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
February 1, 2008

MC Cross Country teams compete at Guthrie and Spur

The Motley County Cross Country teams are off and running for the 2007 Cross Country season. A total of 25 runners are competing this year. The Varsity girls' team has participated in meets at Plainview, Guthrie and Spur; and the Jr. High boys' and girls' teams have competed at Guthrie and Spur. Each of these teams run a two mile race over hills and trails.

None of the Varsity girls placed in the top 15 at Plainview or Guthrie. At the Spur meet the Varsity girls placed third as a team and Kyla Simpson finished 5th, Shane'a Russell was 6th and Courtney Alexander finished 13th. Other members of the team include Hailey Blanco, Karrie Valdez, Alyx Smith, Christy Smith, Savannah Rose, Sarah Ferguson, Danielle

Stewart and Anna Daniell. The Jr. High girls' team placed 5th at the Guthrie meet and Alexis Osborn finished 5th. At Spur, Alexis placed 3rd and Jaci Zingerman was 4th. Also running for the Jr. High girls were Sabra Pope and Brett Fletcher.

The Jr. High boys won the Team Championship at both Guthrie and Spur. At Guthrie Augustine Chavez finished in 2nd place, Jonathon Osborn finished 6th, Mark Quintero was 9th, and Juan Flores finished 10th. At the Spur meet, Augustine won 1st, Jonathon placed 3rd, Mark placed 4th, Juan was 7th, Paul Gutierrez placed 9th, Austin Taylor was 11th, Christian Brooks placed 13th and Britt Simpson was 20th.

The teams will participate in a meet at Abernathy on Oct. 13th and will run in the District meet at Plainview on Monday afternoon, Oct. 22nd.

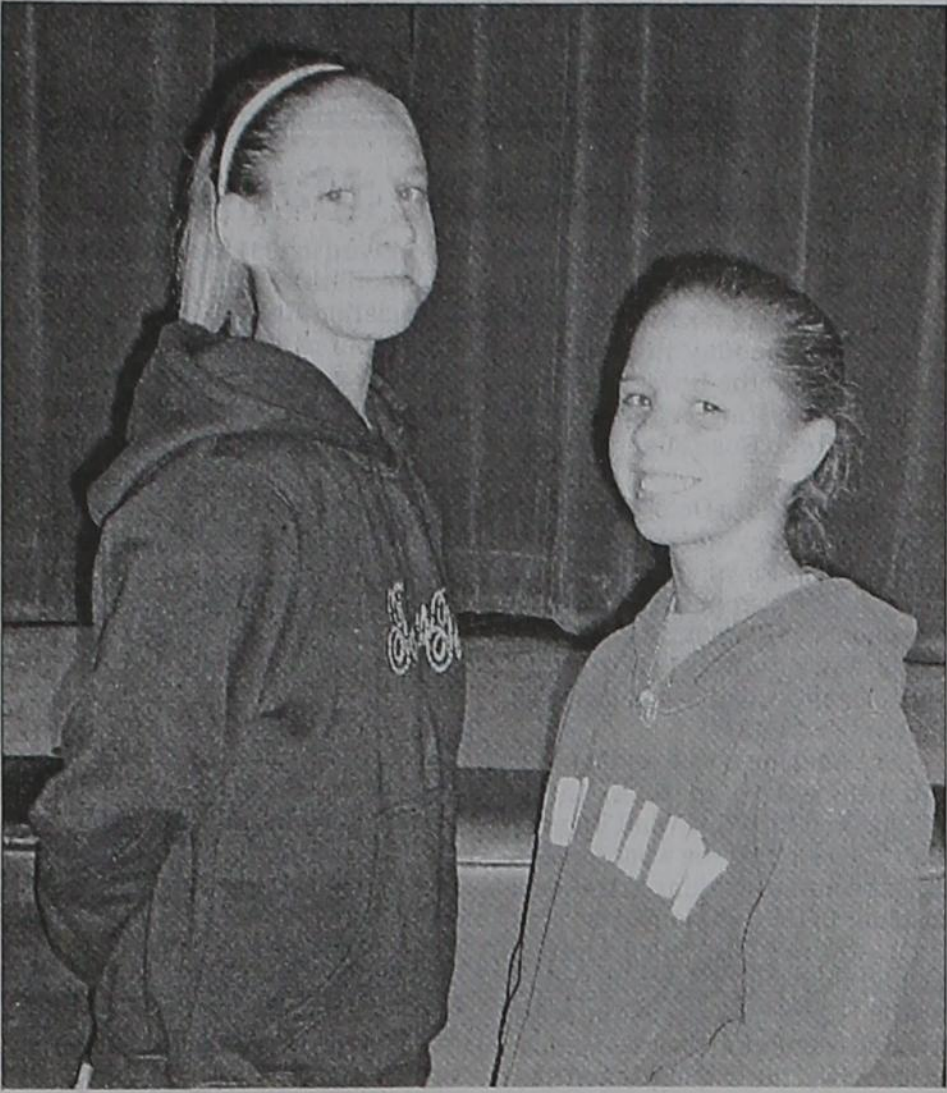
PIP'S Fund Raiser now in progress

PIPs (Players in Progress) is currently conducting a fund-raiser in which they are selling World's Finest Chocolate bars for \$1.00 each. Each PIP is responsible for selling at least 25 bars and should see Cathey Turner or Lacey Rankin to start selling. The proceeds go toward prizes, snacks, and incentives for PIP's.

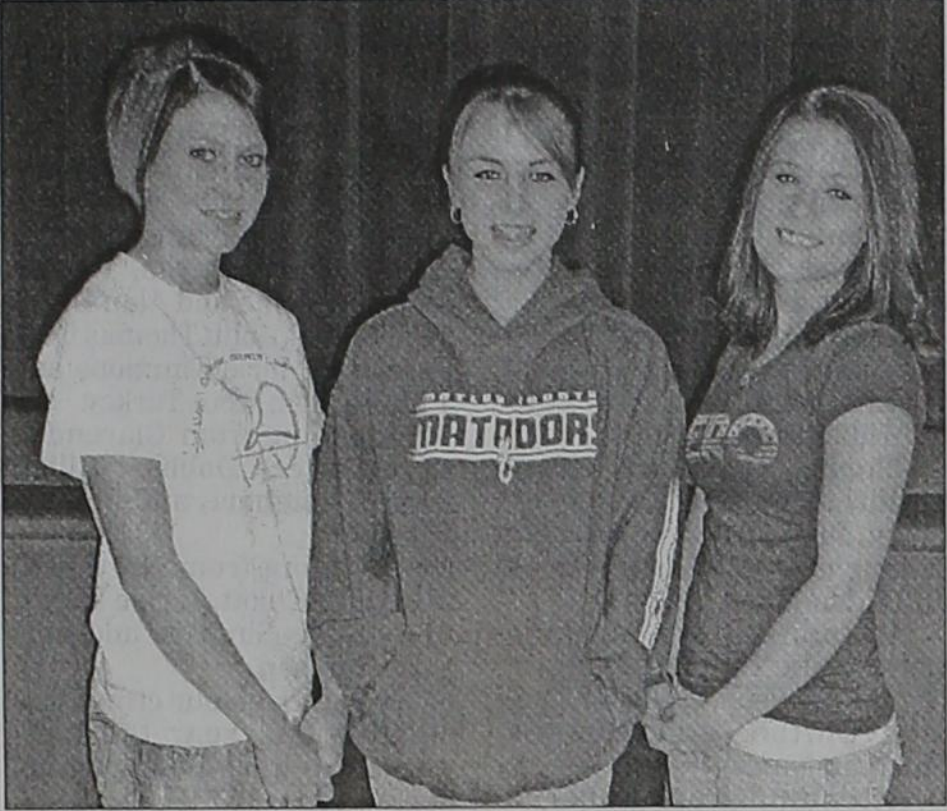
PIP cost will be \$55.00 due on or before October 19th with form.

Start-up Camp with National PIP Coaches will be held November 12th. Check in begins at 3:45 p.m. Camp time will run from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. A parent meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Each child should grab an afternoon snack prior to 4:00 p.m. PIP coaches and parents will provide a light supper during the camp break.



JR. HIGH GIRLS — Jaci Zingerman (left) placed 4th and Lexi Osborn, 3rd at the Cross Country meet held recently at Spur.



VARSITY GIRLS — Placing at the Cross Country Meet held recently at Spur were (left to right) Shane'a Russell (6th), Kyla Simpson (5th), and Courtney Alexander (13th).

Matadors defeat the Longhorns



Motley County Matador, Andrew Martin, #15, carries the ball, while Justin Newman, #77, makes sure no one gets in the way during last Friday night's game against the Lazbuddie Longhorns. The Matadors got a big win over the Longhorns for their district opener game.

(photo by Winfield Davenport)

The Motley County Matadors improved their 2007 football season record to 6-1 with a 50-0 victory over the Lazbuddie Longhorns.

The Matadors led 50-0 at the end of the first quarter and the game was called at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule. The Matadors entered the game ranked #1 in the state in the Six-Man Division II Poll.

This was the first district game played this season. The defense recorded a shutout for the second week in a row.

"We feel like our defense is improving," Coach Mike Bigham said. "It was good to

see that we again played at our level and not the level of our opponent.

Bradley Brown rushed for 82 yards and two rushing touchdowns on eight carries. Brown also returned a punt 46 yards for a touchdown and made four of seven extra point attempts for a total of 26 points scored.

Isiah Archer gained 74 yards rushing on four carries and scored four rushing touchdowns. The Matadors racked up 203 yards of total offense, all on the ground.

Leading the Matador defenders was Stephen Webb with

four tackles and a blocked punt, a sack and a tackle for a loss. Other leading defenders were Jacob Blanco with five tackles and two inside kick recoveries; Isiah Archer with four tackles; and Stacy Perryman with four tackles. The Matadors held the Longhorns to 44 yards of total offense.

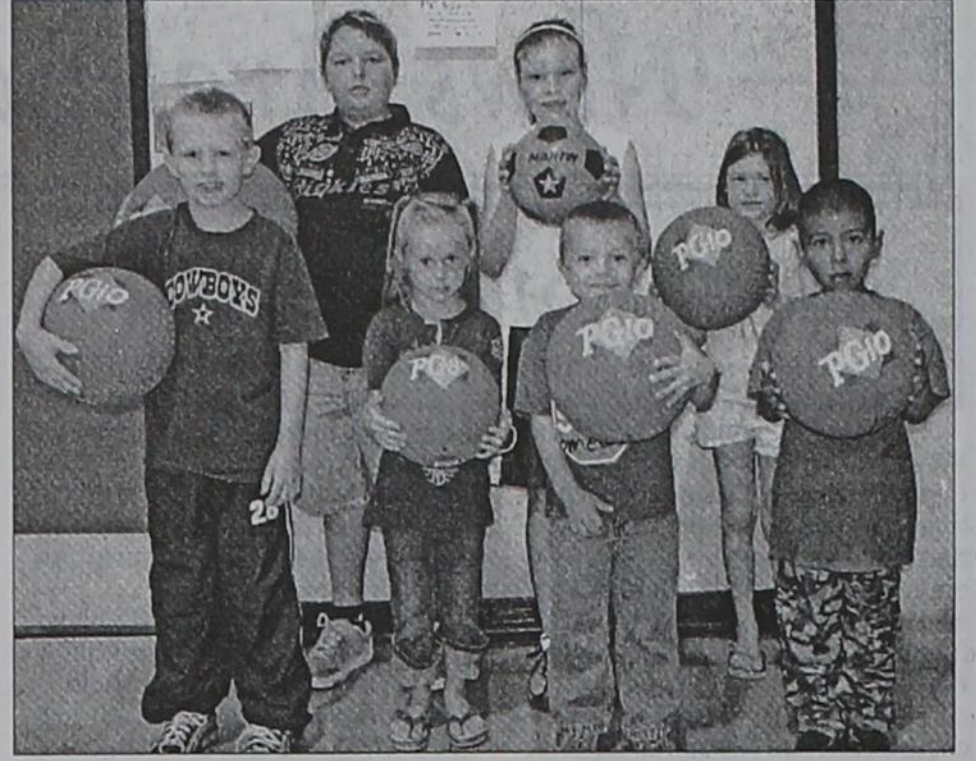
The Matadors will continue district play Friday, October 19, against the Samnorwood Eagles. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Samnorwood.

"We would like to encourage all of our fans to make the trip to Samnorwood," Coach Bigham said. "This is another important district game and a big, loud crowd from Motley County would be a great help," he said, adding, "Fans may want to consider taking lawn chairs as visitor seating is limited."

The Mavericks ran their season record to five wins and zero losses with a 52-0 win over the Lubbock Home School Titans and a 49-0 win over the Chillicothe Eagles. The Mavericks will next face the Paducah Lizards this Thursday, October 18. Kickoff is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at Paducah.



Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune



NESTLE GO PLAY LABELS — Pictured above are students displaying the kickballs received with points from collecting labels. Left to right (back) are Michael Seigler and Cassidy Turner; (front) Wyatt Hackler, Kenzie Clary, Derrick Fisk and Lauryn Bohn. Motley County ISD and the community saved labels last year from Nestle Pure Life water bottles. There were a total of 1,870 labels collected which were worth 2 points each. The points were used for elementary classes. Pre-K - 3rd grade received the kickballs pictured here; 4th and 5th grades received a kickball and soccer ball. The students are excited about the new balls for each class. The school is once again collecting labels from any Nestle Pure Life water bottle. Labels may be sent to school where there is a collection box located near Mr. Cochran's office. There will also be boxes located throughout the community. The goal this year is to collect 5,000 labels by May 2008. All support is appreciated!



JAIL DRAWING WINNERS — These students were recognized for their drawing skills at the Motley County Chamber Banquet held September 29. Students, grades 4-6, sketched their rendition of the historic county jail to enter the contest. Pictured above, left to right, are the winners: Coby Cochran, 6th grade, first place; Thalia Quilimaco, 4th grade, second place; Gabby Silva, 5th grade, third place; and Virginia Gutierrez, 6th grade, honorable mention. Coby also won Best of Show. Each winner received a certificate and a ribbon.

NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

October 21-27

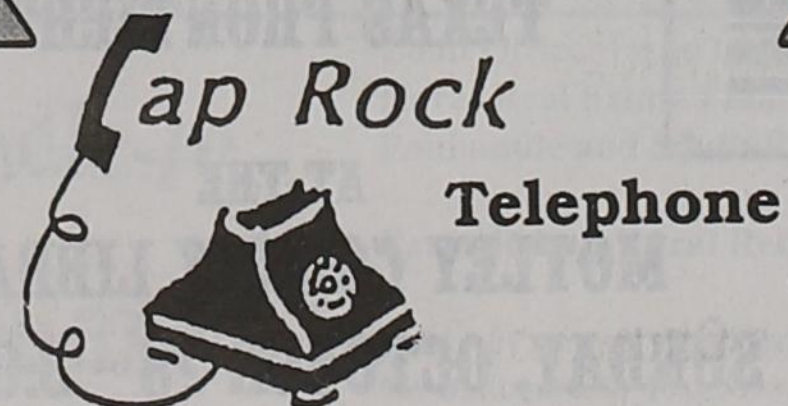


October is Drug Prevention Month

Care About Their Hopes & Dreams

Talk to your child about Drugs

Your child could be learning more than Chemistry and English in school. She could be learning to use drugs. She needs your help to make the right decision. Talk to your kids. See what they think about drugs and the people who use them. Show them the rewards of saying "no" to drugs. Don't let drugs take your child's future away.



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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Louise Perryman is back at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center following some reconstructive surgery. Bill Perryman said that she is doing well. She too would enjoy receiving cards. Her address is: Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center, 925 W. Crockett Street, Floydada, 79235.

Corky and I were honored to be chosen Man and Woman of the Year. We were thrilled and wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce for choosing us for that award.

Don and Billy Stuckey have their yard already decorated for fall and Halloween. It is a "must see." It is very colorful and pretty.

Don and Billy Stuckey accompanied Corky and Monta Marshall to their cabin north of Pecos, New Mexico, last week. The aspens were turning but not in full color. There have been frosts enough to nip the higher leaves. Don enjoyed fly fishing, and we spent time in Santa Fe visiting art galleries. We had a good time and saw many things. A stop at Joe's Boot Shop in Clovis and supper at Leal's in Muleshoe on the way home extended our fun.

Sunday, September 30, was Fifth Sunday at The First United Methodist Church of Roaring Springs. The church hosted the First Baptist Church and the Church of the Foothills with a fellowship potluck dinner. Food and fellowship was enjoyed by more than 40 folks.

Joyce Hunter fell and broke her wrist on Monday evening in Lubbock.

Cody, Leah, Angelica and Jonah Meredith visited with Joe Glen and Joyce Meredith on Friday and Saturday. Angelica and Jonah attended a 4-H Club banquet; they were active in the 4-H Club until their move to San Angelo. Parker Meredith won awards his work in foods and nutrition and in meat goats. Jonah won an award for his work with meat goats. A food and nutrition award was given to Angelica for entries in Food and nutrition.

Weekend before last Joe Glen, Joyce and Parker Meredith visited in Cody's and Leah's home in San Angelo. The boys, Parker and

Jonah got to fish and some pretty big fish were caught. One of their fish weighed about eight pounds. Joyce was not sure what kind of fish they caught but her description sounded like a bass.

Zella Palmer, Pearl Patten and Joy Beeson attended a quilt show on Saturday. The show was held in the old Paducah Depot which has been made into an interesting museum. Zella said there were many who showed their quilts. In fact, the quilts were listed in how many quilts they could display; there seems to be a lot of interest in quilting in that area. I believe there are some who teach quilting at Paducah. Quilting is a relaxing craft to do. It is really an art form. I wonder if our mothers and grandmothers ever considered their quilts, art. I know some really used beautiful color combinations. One of my grandmothers embroidered flour sacks to make colorful quilt blocks. Even if they made "scrap-bag quilts" they arranged their pieces in interesting designs and color combinations. Mama made a tumbling block quilt in shades of green that was very striking. I think she could make smaller quilting stitches than anyone I ever saw. Granny's quilts were all pieced by hand. You have to be a pretty good mathematician and know a little geometry to plan a quilt!

Our outdoor dog, Prissy has lost her best dog friend, Sam, the vigilant patroller of our block is dead. It is really the end of an era because there will never be another Sam Dog. He was one of a kind, but he finally used up all his nine lives. (Although he wasn't a cat, he beat the doggie grim reaper at least nine times). I had written about his escapades last year. He was a noble dog, a good dog who loved Judy

Woolsey and her family for eight years. Sam was an avid tenor harmonizing with the coyotes in their nightly serenades, a child lover and car chaser. Well, Sam, wherever good doggies go, have a happy time. We'll think of you often and wish you were here to continue just being Sam.

MARTIN FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Woodford Martin and Authur G. Martin held their annual family reunion Saturday, September 29, at the Flomot Community Center. They arrived at the Center around noon and enjoyed snacks and beverages, visiting and renewing memories. At 5:30 p.m., hosts Seab and Diane Washington, Travis and Linda Kendall, and Tim and Melissa Kendall served hamburgers with all the trimmings.

More than 45 family members attended from Denton, Amarillo, Quitaque, Canyon, Plainview, Borger, Floydada, Matador, Turkey and Vernon.

Local residents attending were Joy and Leo Archer and Mrs. Marisue Powell of Matador and Wilburn Martin, Ronald and Waydette Clay, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Kathy Shorter, Flomot.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers to Lubbock Thursday for a medical appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Anna Beth Clay attended the funeral services of A.B. "Burl" Jones Saturday morning in Tulia.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Wednesday.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday for Jack's medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital. Meeting them there was their daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis, Fritch. They also visited in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited from Wednesday-Friday in Clifton with daughter and family Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kylene and Karlee. They enjoyed a football game in which Kyle played and his team won!

Janice and Butch Hughes and granddaughter Kendal Hughes, Floydada, enjoyed the South Plains Fair recently. Their granddaughter Reagan Hughes, Floydada, showed her steer at the Livestock Fair Show.

Mrs. Keri Sehon and son Brian, Ropesville, visited overnight Friday

with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. The Shorters and Mrs. Geneva Martin and Everett Shorter visited in Petersburg, Saturday, with Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. They celebrated the 8th birthday of Emily at her party.

Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers visited in Lubbock, Sunday, with Ronnie and Lou Rogers and Richard and Tina Rogers.

Visitors of Wilburn Martin on Saturday and attending the Martin family reunion held at the Community Center in Flomot was daughter, Mrs. Marilee Cooper and Gavin, Borger, and granddaughter Lindsay Martin, Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay and Mrs. Geneva Martin attended the Junior High football game Thursday night in Tulia. The Clay's grandson, Tanner Clay, Panhandle, and his teammates defeated Tulia.

OVERHEARD

The latest food fad I do not understand. Breath mints with caffeine. (I am not making this up!)

ENTERTAINING WEEKEND

Kathy and Clois Shorter had an entertaining weekend. They were in Post Friday night, October 5, and enjoyed the musical at the Ragtime Gospel Theater following the presentation of *Peter the Rock*.

This theater was opened six months ago west of Post by the talented owners, Glen and Chip Polk.

They were in Lubbock, October 6, where they celebrated the birthday of Clois at the On the Border restaurant with a family luncheon and all the trimmings. Those sharing the happy occasion were their daughters and families, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville and his father, Everett Shorter of Flomot.

Sunday afternoon, October 7, Kathy and Clois and their pastor and wife, the Rev. Nathan Mulder and Kathy of South Plains attended the annual Caprock Baptist Association Meeting held at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Members of Baptist churches throughout the South Plains region were represented.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

OBITUARIES

Linda "Lynn" Marler

Linda Marler, 79, died Sunday, September 30, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Floydada Cemetery with the Rev. Anthony D. Sisemore officiating. Arrangements were by Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Lynn was born October 10, 1927, to the late Aubrey and Delia Griffith. Lynn lived in Floydada most of her life, she attended public schools in Floydada and Flomot. She married Orville Marler in May 1941 in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in death on September 29, 1997.

She became a wife and mother and was active in PTA, Little League and the Whirlwind Booster Club. Lynn joined the work force in 1957 as a nurse, working in the local hospital. In 1964, she joined the staff of Dr. Andrew McCulley and remained there until her retirement in 1978. Lynn had a great interest in young people and their education. She received the Distinguished Ser-

vice Award in 1994 and was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Lynn was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Richard Marier; a brother; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Marler and wife Vickie of Wylie and Bob Marler and wife Marilyn of Port Neches; a daughter, Sandra Frysinger and husband Larry of Amarillo; four sisters; Dean Burson and Marty Hawk, both of Silverton, Doris Marler of Irving and Mary Jane Junod, Fort Worth; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; a great-great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorials be made to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, 79105; or a favorite charity.

45th Annual Northfield Homecoming celebrated

Northfield Community held their 45th homecoming Saturday, October 6th, in Matador at the Senior Citizens Center. There was 35 in attendance for the cover dish lunch.

Those on our memorial list were Mollye Simpson, David Collins, and Mrs. Varner McWilliams.

Those attending from Childress were R.E. Hoover, Mary Jones Hoover, Margie Timmons Cook, Nevada Cook and Eddie Cook.

Attending from Amarillo were Montie Timmons Dawson, Donnie Dawson, Billie Jo Thomas Clifton, and Rowena Fulgham Nunn.

Attending from Lubbock

were Ida Mae Simpson Sims, Leo Sims and Rosemary Shanks Webb.

Dale Hoover and Meagan Walters from Canyon, Yvonna Simpson Bentz and Alan Bentz from Poteet, John Thomas from Estelline, Marie Timmons and J.M. Dickson from Turkey.

Attending from Clarendon were Cortez Dobbins Talley, Suzie Thinehart, and Tommy Fulgram.

Attending from Northfield were R.C. Elliott, Jackie Elliott, Betty Davis Simpson and Billy Paul Simpson.

Even though our crowd was smaller this year the exes wanted to have homecoming next year.

Matador News

Tim Shannon had a finger removed at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Wednesday, October 10. He suffered the injury when he got his hand caught in a cattle chute when working with livestock.

Former Motley County resident Sid McFall, resident at the Healthcare Center in Childress, had a leg removed recently when a patient at hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter, Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M., visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Carolyn (Pohl) Limmer and husband Howard Limmer were recent hosts of several Matador guests. Attending a "branding" party in Snyder on Saturday, October 13, were Ron and Kay Bailey, Ed D. and Pat Smith, Roy and Frances Hobbs, Tom and Deanie Edwards, Bundy and Dixie Campbell, and Carol Campbell. Howard had recently completed construction on the "Limmer Outpost" an outdoor museum and patio in his backyard. He invited his guests to bring their "branding irons" to help decorate the cross beams of the cedar post structure. The all-day event consisted of lunch and dinner. For lunch, the hosts served Roll-dogs (wieners with jalapenos wrapped in bacon and rolled with mustard and ketchup in a tortilla); followed by branding the crossbeams. For dinner, the hosts served ribeye steaks, mashed potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, hot rolls, and Carolyn's famous chocolate cake with chocolate icing, served with Blue Bell vanilla ice cream.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

In a preschool summer vacation for grandson Jamie Jameson, Barbara and Bill Armstrong enjoyed a few days sight-seeing in Red River, New Mexico, including a ride on the ski lift to the top of the mountain. On top, the group saw Van and Lee Bradford of Gruver. Another local sighting in Red River occurred when Jamie and Barbara peddled a surrey bicycle around town. They ran into Betty Simpson of Northfield.

A side trip included a drive to Taos, where Jamie crossed the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge. They toured the Kit Carson Museum, ate delicious Taos Mexican food, and enjoyed other sights in the Taos area, including the Taos Pueblo.

Another side trip included a drive to Eagle's Nest and Angel Fire to sightsee the area of the "Enchanted Circle." They stopped at the Veterans Memorial that is built on the side of the mountain, where they not only saw the Veterans Museum, they met a couple from Lockney.

On the trip home, they stopped in Cimarron to tour the 4-story Museum, The Old Mill House, and the Historic St. James Hotel. They also stopped at a western store that had a large selection of Moore Maker knives and tools for sale. As usual, it proves that no matter where you go it is a small world, Barbara said.

ROAD TRIP

Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort drove to Eastland last week to visit Amanda and John Bird, and daughters Bonnie and Lily. The Bird's moved to Eastland last May.

While there, the group attended

the Eastland annual parade and street festival honoring the horned toad, Rip van Winkle. The legend of Rip van Winkle consists of the amazing survival of the famed horned toad after being buried in the cornerstone of the courthouse in 1897. When the old courthouse was demolished and the cornerstone opened 31 years later, he was still alive; thus his name, and the activities to honor him.

The parade lasted an hour, and featured lots of classic cars, as well as marching bands, the area school teams, a man riding a Watasi bull, and, of course, a float with a statue of Rip van Winkle.

Countless booths lined the streets around the courthouse, offering all manner of foods, as well as jewelry, handcrafts, and information about local organizations. While the crowds milled around the blocked-off streets, onlookers enjoyed the traditional dancers from different cultures on the courthouse lawn.

According to Marie-Louise, Amanda and John are doing fine, but they still miss Matador. Bonnie has been known to ask, "When are we going home to Matador?" They hope to come back and visit soon, she said.

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week day at

Motley County Courthouse (location)

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 (date)

and ending on November 2, 2007 (date)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

D'Anna Russell (Name of Early Voting Clerk)

701 Main + Dundee, P.O. Box 660 (Address)

Matador, Texas 79244 (City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

October 30, 2007 (date)

ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA OTRA SUBDIVISION POLITICA

Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el 6 de Noviembre con el propósito (fecha)

TAX RATE ROLLBACK ELECTION

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en

palacio de justicia de el condado de Motley (sítio)

entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre (fecha)

y terminando el 2 de Noviembre (fecha)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

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USDA to host public meeting

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a public meeting to solicit comments regarding the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) on Wednesday, October 24, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M Agriculture

Research and Extension Center located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo.

FSA will consider all comments received during the meeting when the agency prepared a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for ECP, said Janice Pond, Environmental Coordina-

tor for Texas FSA. The purpose of the SEIS is to provide USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the environmental benefits and potential impacts associated with implementing various changes proposed by stakeholders that could enhance ECP.

ECP provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. FSA

county committees determine land eligibility based on on-site damage inspections, taking into account the type and extent of damage. ECP typically provides cost-share assistance up to 75 percent.

Public meeting attendees will have an opportunity to verbally comment during the meeting. Written and electronic comments must be submitted

by the close of business on November 19, to ensure consideration. FSA will consider comments submitted after this date to the extent possible. The pub-

lic should direct comments and requests for draft SEIS information packages to ECP SEIS, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713

Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, VA. 23666-1572; or by logging on to <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

Questions about the public meeting in Amarillo should be directed to Janice Pond at 806-783-5644, ext. 180. For more information on ECP and other

FSA programs, visit the national FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Caprock Canyons State Park to unveil new visitor center

Quitaque, Texas -- Caprock Canyons State Park will celebrate its 25th anniversary and the grand opening of its new \$1 million Visitor Center on Oct. 19-20 at the park with a host of activities.

The public is invited to Saturday's celebration that starts at 9 a.m. with a Dutch oven cooking demonstration, driving tours of the park, children's activities, and a buffalo hunter living history program. There will be a 2 p.m. ribbon cutting for the Visitors Center, followed by tours of the new facilities. Planning on the project began in 1999.

Drinks and food, including buffalo burgers, will be available at Saturday's day long event. On Friday night, the park's friends group is hosting a reception and live auction, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the park or the First National Bank of Quitaque.

The 4,400-square foot Visitor

Center is part of a major park project that also includes a new group meeting pavilion, adjacent bison viewing platform overlooking the Texas State Bison Herd pasture, wayside signage, a parking lot and 24-hour restrooms. Exhibits to be installed later inside and outside the Visitors Center will interpret outstanding park features.

The Visitors Center also includes a State Park Store, storage space, lobby/registration area and park administrative offices. In addition, the project includes a park map with wayfinding information, interpretive panels on bison conservation at the overlook and panels offering in-depth interpretation of park geology, selected park areas and various trails.

"The informative exhibits are being designed to create a concise and cohesive interpretive narrative about the cultural and natural resources of the

state park, the Southern Plains Bison Herd and Caprock Canyons Trailway," said park superintendent Deanna Oberheu. "A new sidewalk connects the center to the bison overlook, where we've installed telescopes to spot the Texas State Bison Herd in its native habitat."

Caprock Canyons State Park features more than 14,000 acres of rugged but picturesque, redrock canyonlands carved by tributaries of the Red River at the doorstep of the Texas Panhandle's High Plains. Highlights include Lake Theo, 29 miles of trails, scenic campgrounds, a 64-mile trailway along an old railroad right of way that runs from Estelline to South Plains and surviving remnants of the only genetically pure herd of the Southern

Plains bison descended from stock once owned by legendary Panhandle ranchers Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight.

Funding for the Visitor Center came from a variety of sources. This includes a significant donation from Buffalo Funds, a mutual fund family managed by Kornitzer Capital Management of Kansas, in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Other monies came from Connally Development Bonds, plus a federal highway grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

For more information, call (806) 455-1492 or visit: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock_canyons/.

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Wind Turbines appear from page 1

RES-Americas is developing a 17 mile transmission line to connect to ERCOT.

Project Director Chris Hills said the lines will be tied into the existing Matador substation.

(Editor's note: Background for this article was taken from the *Floyd County Hesperian* archives in an article written by Alice Gilroy).

Drivers urged to slow down and beware of deer

While it's still warm across much of the country, fall is almost upon us and The Humane Society of the United States wants to remind all drivers to slow down, be aware of wildlife activity, and be especially conscious of deer.

You have reason to be vigilant, because this is mating season when deer crashes can more than double. Deer tend to move more during their mating season, which runs from mid-September to December, because they've one thing on their minds - and, no, it's not you in an oncoming car. In mountainous areas, mating movements are compounded as deer tend to migrate to lower ground in the fall, descending into valleys where it is easier to find a meal, and a mate for that matter.

During the fall season, drivers have less daylight in the evening hours, while wildlife is more active, and that can be potentially fatal combination. There are an estimated 1.5 million crashes involving deer and vehicles every year, with over 200 human fatalities and 29,000 human injuries annually.

The most dangerous time of day is dawn and dusk when visibility is limited and deer blend in surprisingly well.

According to Susan Hagood, wildlife issues specialist for The HSUS, "Deer-car collisions occur frequently from October to December. The peak of mating season, combined with commuters driving home in the dark, results in more collisions. There are also more cars on our roads every year and, unfortunately, they are often driving at higher speeds."

"The deer population," she explains, "continues to grow while suburban habitats encroach upon rural environments, leaving deer little land left to roam. Therefore, they really have no choice but to cross our roads."

Accidents of this nature can often be avoided. The HSUS offers some tips for reducing your chances of having a deer collision:

- One deer often means more deer, as they frequently travel in groups. Where one deer crosses the road, there might be others waiting to

cross. Slow down after the first crossing and watch for others that may dash into the road.

- Deer also tend to collect in the same places over time. If you see deer along the road, that should alert you to the likelihood that there will be deer in that place in the future.

- Most animal-vehicle collisions occur on two-lane roads bordered by natural habitat. Be cautious in these areas throughout the day.

- Slow down when approaching deer standing near the roadside, as they may bolt at the last minute when a car comes closer, often running into the road.

- Don't tailgate. You may hit an animal that the car in front of you mahaaged to avoid.

- Use your bright lights when you can, and turn down your dashboard lights to better enable you to see the reflection of your headlights in the eyes of deer in or near the road.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST
Motley County Tribune Weather Oct. 18, 2007

7-Day Forecast	In-Depth Forecast	Moon Phases
Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 84 Low: 46	Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 27% and an overnight low of 46°. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1972. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 72°.	First 10/19 Full 10/25 Last 11/1 New 11/9
Friday Mostly Sunny High: 72 Low: 45		
Saturday Sunny High: 76 Low: 46		
Sunday Sunny High: 80 Low: 49		
Monday Mostly Sunny High: 81 Low: 52		
Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 50		
Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 46		

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	90	64	79/54	0.00"
Monday	82	59	79/53	0.00"
Tuesday	82	48	79/53	0.00"
Wednesday	86	50	78/53	0.00"
Thursday	78	60	78/52	0.00"
Friday	89	59	78/52	0.00"
Saturday	91	61	77/52	0.00"

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.51"
Departure from normal -0.51"
Average temperature 71.4°
Average normal temperature 65.5°
Departure from normal +5.9°
Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History
Oct. 18, 1910 - Winds as high as 70 mph, caused by a hurricane moving up the Florida peninsula, carried water out of Tampa Bay and the Hillsboro River. The water level dropped to nine feet below average. Forty ships were grounded as a result.

Sun & Moon Times
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NOTICE

PAWA TRADE DAYS - Buy, Sell, Trade Everything from Trinkets to Caterpillars. Old Paymaster Gin, next to Caprock Canyons Trailways. October 26, 27, 28, beginning noon Friday & 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Seab Washington, Ph. 806-269-1578; Todd Washington, Ph. 806-269-7800.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET
An American Legion meeting will be held Monday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens building.

ATTENTION TRICK OR TREATERS

Stop by Hackberry Creek Care Center Halloween night, October 31, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a treat!

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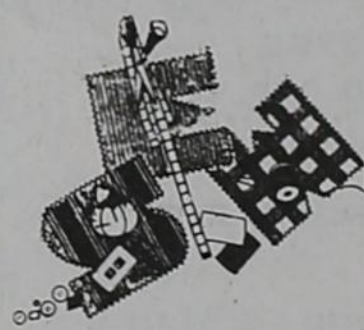
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