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## Honored at Chamber Banquet

Special recognition was given to these Motley County citizens at last Saturday night's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. Pictured left to right are Debra Scott, EMS, Bobbie Brown, Extra Mile Award; Seven Alexander, EMS; Billie Koon, Angel Award; Dianne Washington and Charley Johnson, members of the MC Hospital Board; Tina Brooks, EMS; Frances Hobbs, Woman of the Year; Pat Smith, EMS; Ken Abbott, member MC Hospital Board; Seab Washington, Man of the Year. The Motley County EMS received the award for Business/Organization of the Year. Not pictured are EMS members Tony Rose, Director, Lizabeth Estrada, Sheila Womack, Lejeanna Faulks, D'anna Russell; and Gail Ream, Extra Mile Award.



## Matadors defeat Lazbuddie for big district opener win

The Motley County Matadors began district play with a 70-50 win over the Lazbuddie Lophorns. The Matadors ran their season record to 6-0 and remain the 4th ranked team in the Sixman Division II Rankings.

"We played well at times," said Head Coach Mike Bigham. "We are pleased to start off district play with a win, but we know we will have to play better and improve to achieve our goals."

Bradley Brown led the Matador offense with 229 yards on 25 carries. Bradley scored 7 rushing touchdowns, one receiving, and also returned a kickoff for a score for a total of 9 touchdowns for the night.

"Brad's offensive performance was outstanding," said Coach Bigham. "We needed him to step up this week on offense and he did."

Jacob Johannes carried 8 times for 83 yards. Marc Henzler had 5 carries for 17 yards, and Eric Simpson had 8

carries for 22 yards. Stacy Perryman completed two of five passing attempts including one touchdown pass.

"Shane Newman had his best ballgame of the season," said Coach Bigham. "His pressure on their snapper caused them to have several bad snaps during the ballgame. He had some big hits on defense and two pancakes on offense. His effort and performance on offense and defense was just outstanding all night."

Jacob Blanco came up big defensively with 3 interceptions and 2 tackles. Leading tacklers for the Matadors were Bradley Brown with 12, Shane Newman with 9, Eric Simpson with 6, Justin Newman with 4, Marc Henzler and Jacob Johannes with 3, and Gene Salazar with 2.

The Matadors continue district play against the Samnorwood Eagles at home on Friday night. "This is a big ballgame for us," said Coach Bigham. "Samnorwood was picked to win our district; we

will have to play well to beat them. We were pleased to see a good group of our faithful fans

at the Lazbuddie game. We will definitely need our fans' support

## Eternas Study Club will sponsor annual Fall Festival Oct. 28

The Eternas Study Club will sponsor a Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 28. The event will be held in the old school gym and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Queen's Contest.

King and Queen candidates' voting cans have been placed in various businesses in the county. Donations made to the cans count as votes. The candidates with the most votes will be

this week."

The Motley County Mavericks will battle against Paducah this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. The Mavericks have a season record of 3 wins and 2 losses.

crowned King and Queen.

Immediately following the Queen's contest, a Costume Parade will be held, giving the little spooks and goblins a chance to show off their Halloween costumes.

Various booths will be set up for fun and prizes. Those wishing to have a booth should contact Leadell Martin at 347-2686.

## Churches collecting Christmas Shoeboxes

First Baptist Churches, Matador and Roaring Springs, are once again collecting shoeboxes filled with personal items and toys to be distributed to children in poverty-stricken areas around the world. The boxes will then be distributed by Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, as part of its Operation Christmas Child program.

A brochure available at the churches contains detailed instructions and shoebox labels. Empty shoeboxes are also available, if needed.

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## Local exhibitors will display talents at second annual Motley County Fair Saturday

Local exhibitors will display their talents at the second annual Motley County Fair Saturday in Roaring Springs. Categories will include Foods, Needlework, Garments, Quilts, Flower arrangements, Art, Sculpture, Carving, Kits, Collections and Antiques, Photography, Writing and Poetry, Pot Plants with divisions for Children, Juniors, Adults and Professionals.

There is no entry fee and all exhibits must be registered between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20. No entries will be accepted before then. No entries will be accepted on Saturday. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor. Articles entered in the 2005 Fair cannot be exhibited this year. All entries should be clean and if a special case is needed to display an item it must be furnished by the entrant.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded. One Best of Show ribbon will be awarded.

For more information contact Monta Marshall in Roaring Springs at 348-7000.

See page 5 for a list of categories.

## Matador City Council meets Citizen expresses concerns on city clean-up

Matador City Council met October 12 with Council members Terry Simpson, Chuck Ream, Lara Davey and Pat Seigler in attendance. Also present were Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott and Stan Hanesworth. Councilman Bert Darsey was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and asked Pat Seigler to give the invocation.

Matador resident, Stan Hanesworth, then addressed the council in open forum. He expressed his disapproval of Mayor Smith not being able to attend the community clean up. Mr. Hanesworth then addressed the issue of additional houses not being torn down. He understands the city has permission on additional sites and wanted to know why these projects are not being done. He offered to help in anyway he can. Mayor Smith thanked him for coming and stated that he is unable to

address the issues in open forum but would be glad to meet with Mr. Hanesworth at his convenience.

In the Secretary's report, Ms. Scott said the City has been trying to contact Jerry Poe who agreed to do the repair work on the water tower, and have been unable to reach him.

The insurance for the Fire Department building has been added to the TML policy and the city is still waiting to hear from Tascosa Office Supply about the new printer. She checked with Debra Spray at the bank about FDIC coverage and she stated the city has \$500,000 pledged for funds above the \$100,000 dollar coverage. Surveyors started on the water line grant and Kelly McElhorne is ready to submit the second grant Friday.

Council approved the minutes and expenditures.

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## State sales tax collections show 13.7 percent increase

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last week that the state took in \$1.51 billion dollars in sales tax in September, a 13.7 percent increase over September 2005.

Strayhorn sent \$415.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 14.3 percent compared to last October. So far in 2006, local sales tax allocations are 14.7 percent ahead of last year.

September state sales tax collections and October allocations of local tax revenue represent sales that occurred in August. The sales tax growth reflects the overall strength of the

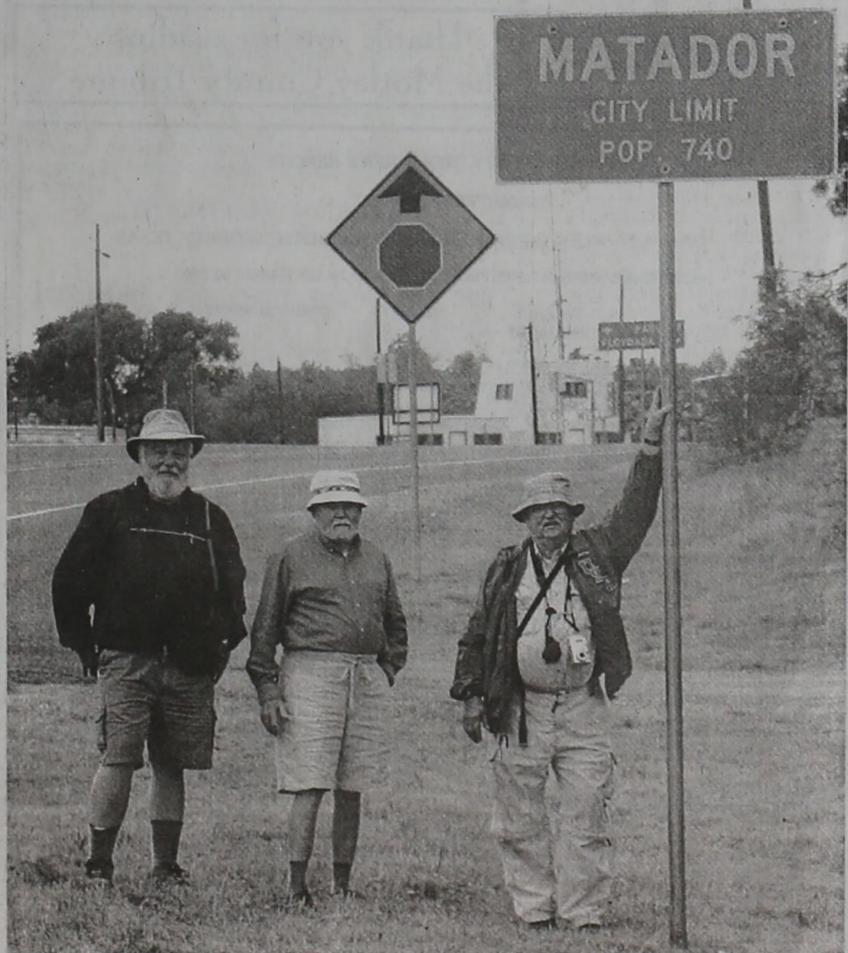
Texas economy. The increase in tax revenue is due in part to August's three-day Sales Tax Holiday that annually packs stores with Texans and out-of-state shoppers who splurge on taxable items along with tax-free clothing and shoes.

Strayhorn sent sales tax allocations of \$282.6 million to Texas cities, 14.4 percent more than October 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 14.2 percent. Texas counties received October sales tax payments of \$25.4 million, up 17.6 percent compared to a year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 16.5 percent higher than last year.

The 110 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$12.2 million in sales tax, up 18 percent compared to last October. So far this year, sales tax allocations to special purpose districts are up 17.3 percent compared to 2005. Ten local transit systems received \$95.1 million in October sales tax allocations, up 12.8 percent compared to a year ago. Year-to-date, transit sales tax revenues are up 15.2 percent.

Matador, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$4,552.74, compared to \$4,356.03 at this time last year, a 4.51% change. 2006 payments to date total \$50,969.99, compared

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## Walk Across Texas

Norm Snyder, Jon McConal and Eddie Lane stand near the Matador City Limits sign as they made their way into Matador as part of their 450-mile Walk Across Texas. The men started at the Oklahoma border, north of Perryton, Texas and will walk to Granbury, their hometown. Mr. McConal will turn the experience into a book, "A Walk Across Texas," about the people they meet and the country through which they walk, its history and towns.



Kay Bailey wrote this charming poem about Homecoming a couple of weeks after the event and I have not had the room to print it. So, I'm giving Kay my space this week, because I thought her Homecoming experiences were worth sharing. Thanks Kay.

**HOMECOMING 2006**  
by Kay Bailey

The Matadors are alive and well, As anyone who attended this reunion could surely tell, Old classmates hugging as they strained to read the name tag of the person they were embracing as if they were the dearest of friends. Some looked the same, while the vast majority bore no resemblance to the handsome football player or cute little cheerleader we anticipated seeing. Lots of white hair, no hair, wrinkles, and bellies to spare, but somehow it made no difference, We were all so happy just to be there... At this age, we are just happy to be anywhere!

The bonfire was great, the pep rally superb, the hamburger cookout was good, and the Mighty Matadors won their game like we hoped they would!

After the game on Friday night, many exes gathered at Tom and Jan Hamilton's home to see old classmates and renew their bonds so tight.

Saturday morning registration, visiting and coffee got the day started right. Then the Senior Citizen's Center catered the wonderful noon meal and the brisquet was good to the last bite!

Next came the program on the stage in the gym, with Gerald Pipkin and his talented group playing and singing hits from the 50's which made us all grin! Kay Norman Copeland from the Class of '58 returned to sing for us, along with Carolyn Ewing, Penny Keltz, Kathy Shorter, Kelly Keltz, Brandt Bearden and Billy Donaldson... even Gerald "Jerry Lee Lewis" Pipkin sang... we were all in awe of these talented entertainers... the best program ever!

Gerald really outdid himself... besides handling the entire production, playing the keyboard, and sax, singing, announcing, and all that... he also furnished a video of the 1954-1959 Matador football teams, cheerleaders and fans.

Display tables were set up in the back of the gym with memorabilia from the 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and 2000's. Kay Rattan Bailey, Carolyn Pohl Limmer, Carol Campbell and Deanie Lynn Edwards added this touch to the festivities.

And, last, but certainly not least, Ex-Students Association President Tom Edwards did an outstanding job getting everything organized and overseeing the entire operation, and Master of Ceremonies Judge Ed D. Smith was delightful as usual in his role. Saturday night the classes went their separate ways for their class get-togethers. The classes of 1958, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63 and '64 met for a delicious outdoor supper at the home of Roy and Frances Hobbs. Frances received a special honor for her contribution to the local school system, and was adopted to be an official Motley County Ex, and a member of the Class of '60. Other classes gathered at Jim Watson's home, and also at Jerry and Shane Jones' home. The classes of 1946 and 1949 all enjoyed reunion get-togethers as well. Sunday morning everyone was invited to Ronald and Kay Bailey's home for coffee and cinnamon rolls on "Beetle's" deck. ALL THE WAY MIGHTY MATADORS!!

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS**  
by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider: "These (said holding up your two hands), these are your best friends."  
-- Chiricahua Apache saying

If your best friends have been busy this year, you have a wonderful opportunity coming up to show that this is so. All manner of items made with your two hands will be on show at the Second Annual Motley County Fair on Saturday, October 21st, in Roaring Springs. Last year was the first County Fair, and the Roaring Springs Volunteers, who organize the event, were not sure if it would be a success and something they would want to repeat. That is the reason they did not call it "The First Annual Motley County Fair." But it was a success, and everyone had a good time.

So now we have a new item on the yearly calendar of events, something more to look forward to in the Fall. And such an annual event is a great addition to the activities in the County. It brings all the people together, and gives them a chance to find out more about what others are doing, what others know, and maybe what one could learn. And it is an event that brings in people to our County, as they learn about life here in the Caprock Foothills. This is good for the County as a whole, and for the businesses here. Motley County is hardly in a position to become a big tourist destination -- where could we put them up? But it is good to have people come for the day, enjoy the hospitality and the surroundings, and then go off to spread the word.

So plan to come to the Fair. If you have used your two hands (and haven't given the result away), enter the item or items in the Fair (submission is free, but the items must be entered on Friday between 4 and 7 p.m.). But that is not the main point. The main point is that you should plan to come, spend some time with neighbors and friends, and perhaps meet new people from surrounding areas that have come out for a day of fun. Saturday, October 21st, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is the date that should be highlighted in your calendar.

**Library Notes**  
by Suzanne Abbott Librarian

We thank D.A. McGuire and George Kline for working in the Annex this week. We appreciate their volunteering to help move this project along toward completion. Notice: The 2006 Texas Capitol Ornaments have arrived at the library. They sell for the same price as last year, \$17.00, even though the cost to us has gone up a dollar. Come in and get yours today. The proceeds go to the Friends of the Library. We have some new books in the library. We have *Emma Lazarus* by Esther Schor. This is the story of the poet who wrote the lines "Give me your tired, your poor." We also have *Queen of Fats* by Susan Allport. This is a book about the importance of the Omega 3 fats. We also have *Sciatica Solutions* by Loren Fishman. This book will be of interest to all of you who suffer from back pain. *Weapon, A Visual History of Arms and Armor* is a book with large, color photographs of every weapon imaginable. *Young Duke, the Early Life of John Wayne* is by Howard Kazanjian and has some interesting photographs of the Duke in his early years. New adult fiction includes *13 Moons* by Charles Frazier, the author of *Cold Mountain*. We also have Dick Francis' new novel, *Under Orders*. Other new fiction includes *Act of Treason* by Vince Flynn, *Finding Noel* by Richard Evans and *Fool Me Once* by Fern Michaels. These and other new books are ready to be checked out from the Motley County Library.

**Floyd County Women's Conference October 21**

Christian women in Floyd County will host the first Women's Conference at the Unity Center in Muncy, October 21. Ted, recently became pastor of First United Methodist Church in Borger. Shelly is single and devotes her time to Arise Ministries, a nonprofit ministry she co-founded to educate and encourage women to develop a relationship with Christ. It was Shelly's own battle with self-worth that has led her to bring her fiery and humorous message of each woman's identity in Christ. Pam Kanally speaks from her personal experience of "having a heart torn apart." For several years Pam has led a weekly Bible class with more than 200 ladies. She is involved with missions all over the world. She writes Bible studies and illustrates them with whimsical stick figure cartoons. She co-hosted live daily Christian radio talk show with Peter Spencer called *Lifeline of Hope* with Peter Pam. The two are currently working on a Christian television talk show. Hilda believes in the influence God has given women. She is a guest speaker to various groups as well as to the Gulf Latin American District of Assemblies of God. Her husband, Raymundo, is the pastor of Emmanuel Worship Center Assembly of God in Lubbock. Tracey Brock testifies of a life full of grief and devastation, of which God brought her joy and redemption. She earned her bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University and has her Masters in Christian Counseling. Tickets to the conference are \$20.00 and will include lunch. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. (for door prizes) and the conference begins at 9:00 a.m., and ends at 4:00 p.m. There will be a concession stand for breakfast and snacks. To purchase tickets email [connie@jointhejourney.org](mailto:connie@jointhejourney.org) to reserve your space. Mail your money to Box 106, Floydada, Texas 79235.

The vision for the conference came from Connie Johnson, of South Plains, but it didn't take long for her to assemble a team to make the conference possible. Any profits from the conference will be used to help with the Christian Women's Job Corp. "God's purpose for this conference," said Connie, "is to strengthen women so as to fulfill His purpose in their lives through a growing relationship with Him. "We have all heard the statement, 'As a woman goes, so goes the world.' In our world today women have taken so many responsibilities and fill so many obligations to family, church, the work place and community that we find our time with God is sometimes limited. "The Conference is built around the idea of refocusing our lives and redefining our purpose." Conference speakers will include Shelly Pulliam, Tracey Book, Hilda Almaraz, and Pam Kanally. Tammy Aten, formerly of Floydada, will kick off the conference at 9:00 a.m. with praise and worship music, followed by Jody Wilson's welcome and introduction of speakers. For the past 15 years Tammy and her husband, Sherman, and two children, Josh and Brooke, have been full time Christian Musicians in the U.S. and internationally. The Atens minister to churches of many denominations through concerts, crusades, family and marriage weekends, retreats and conferences. Jody Wilson is an evangelistic singer and musician and founder and senior pastor of Bethany Chapel. Her husband,

**Christmas Shoeboxes**

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Anyone who is not able to bring a filled shoebox is invited to bring gift items, which the churches' Women on Mission will combine and distribute into boxes. Money may also be donated for gift purchases or to assist with shipping costs. (Suggested shipping donation is \$7 per box). For more information call the Matador church office (347-2345) or pick up a brochure on Sunday or during regular office hours at the Matador church, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In Roaring Springs contact Monta Marshall at 348-7000 or Joyce Meredith at 348-7516. Anyone who cannot go to the church at these times may pick up brochures or leave donations at Matador Motor & Implement or Graham Supply. Filled shoeboxes and other donations should be turned in by Sunday, November 5.

**NOTE OF THANKS**

**Keep Your Fork**  
The old story is based on a common practice at family dinners and church suppers when someone invariably reminds us to "keep our forks" after the first part of the meal in anticipation of luscious desserts, lovingly made to delight each one at the table. As John Merwyn (Sonny) Russell prepared to leave this world, most assuredly his Savior whispered, "keep your fork for the best is yet to come" -- as revealed in Song of Songs, which promises "He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His banner over me is love." (2:4) Thank each of you for commemorating our loved one's recent passing. The delicious food, gorgeous flowers and plants, lovely cards and letters, and the kind words expressed in visits, calls, and e-mails were comforting and uplifting expressions of your love and concern. Now envision with us our sweet Sonny and Pa-Pa marching proudly into the banquet hall on the arm of Jesus with his fork held high -- and remember always to "keep your fork."

Dorothy Russell  
Marilynn Hicks  
Linda Roy  
Caron Perkins  
John Douglas Russell  
and their spouses and children's families

**Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune**

**American Legion meeting set for October 23**

The American Legion Post 337 and Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. A covered dish for dinner will be the cost of admission. All legion and auxiliary members are encouraged to attend.

**City Council**

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Council discussed the disposal of tires at the landfill. They feel like it is better to offer the public a place to dispose of the tires or they will accumulate around town. Charges should be enough to offset the disposal of tires and Council asked Water Superintendent Steve Barton to check into means of disposing of the tires with area landfills. No action was taken. Council discussed the Jetter Services and feel like no changes need to be made. No action was taken at this time. Re-appointments for a two-year term to the 4A Board are Ronda Miller, Ed D. Smith and Pat Seigler. Council approved. Re-appointment for a two-year term the 4B Board are Craig Turner, Roy Hobs, Judy Renfro and Bert Darsey. Council approved. Council will check further into appointments to the Sub-standard Housing Board. Council then discussed the condition of the road on White Street and other dirt roads around town. Council needs to approve any reconstruction or repair done to roads within the City limits. Council then agreed that the dirt roads need to be reconditioned by pulling the dirt from the bar ditches up onto the road and reworking the road. Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the Budgets.

"The Lord our God is right in everything he does."  
Daniel 9:14

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**Tax payments**  
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to \$46,427.29 last year, a 9.78% change. Roaring Springs, with a rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$2,531.29, compared to \$1,291.23 at this time last year, a 96.04% change. 2006 payments to date total \$29,832.69, compared to \$28,445.33 last year, a 4.87% change. The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, November 10.

**PLAY BALL!!**  
By Carroll Sites

It's that time again. Time for baseball's World Series. The Yankees have been beaten in the play-offs. But the Cardinals won. That's my team. Maybe they can get it all together this year and go all the way. What's that you say? You're not a Cardinal fan. Oh, well, that's ok. As a loyal American sports fan you have the right to support the team of your choice. I came across this choice little parable. It says a lot. Read thoughtfully -- and see if you can detect the "hidden meaning" of the parable:  
**A MODERN PARABLE**  
Behold, a team went forth to play a game of baseball. Just as the umpire was saying, "batter up," the catcher arrived and took his place. The center fielder and second baseman didn't show up until the second inning. The first baseman sent his regrets saying he had pressing business. The third baseman was present but only half awake. The left field was visiting another game across town. When the pitcher took the mound there was nothing to do but go ahead and pitch and hope for the best. Some of the teammates began to gripe that the pitcher wasn't doing his job. At the end of the game the team was soundly defeated. So they called on the coaches to fire the pitcher. BEHOLD... A preacher went forth to preach... but that's another story!! Did you? Read thoughtfully that is. Did you find the "hidden meaning?" I thought so. Good...

**ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

**MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT**  
OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 1, 2006 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

FUND	BALANCE July 1, 2006	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE September 30, 2006
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 13,972.86	\$ 162,173.94	\$ 135,021.57	\$ 41,125.23
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 115,000.00	\$	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 31,294.56	\$ 7,613.05	\$ 38,102.42	\$ 805.19
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 34,250.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 39,250.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 1,082.80	\$ 16,120.79	\$ 14,768.25	\$ 2,435.34
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 21,500.00	\$	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 539.89	\$ 20,908.58	\$ 19,886.57	\$ 1,561.90
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 17,550.00	\$	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,050.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 1,057.14	\$ 12,816.84	\$ 11,819.85	\$ 2,054.13
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 54,400.00	\$	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 48,800.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 993.49	\$ 17,832.16	\$ 16,758.78	\$ 2,066.87
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 19,850.00	\$	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,850.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 8,051.96	\$	\$ 5,092.29	\$ 2,959.67
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 26.58	\$ 2,163.63	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 240.21
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 489.00	\$	\$	\$ 489.00
INVESTMENT	\$ 86,050.00	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 92,100.00
<b>COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 406,108.28</b>	<b>\$ 258,378.99</b>	<b>\$ 367,199.73</b>	<b>\$ 297,287.54</b>
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 7,542.65	\$ 16,703.90	\$ 21,036.75	\$ 3,209.80
LIBRARY	\$ 14,228.69	\$ 2,277.68	\$ 4,958.45	\$ 11,547.92
HOT CHECK	\$ 2,598.17	\$ 263.59	\$ 128.59	\$ 2,733.17
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 430,477.79</b>	<b>\$ 277,624.16</b>	<b>\$ 393,323.52</b>	<b>\$ 314,778.43</b>

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.

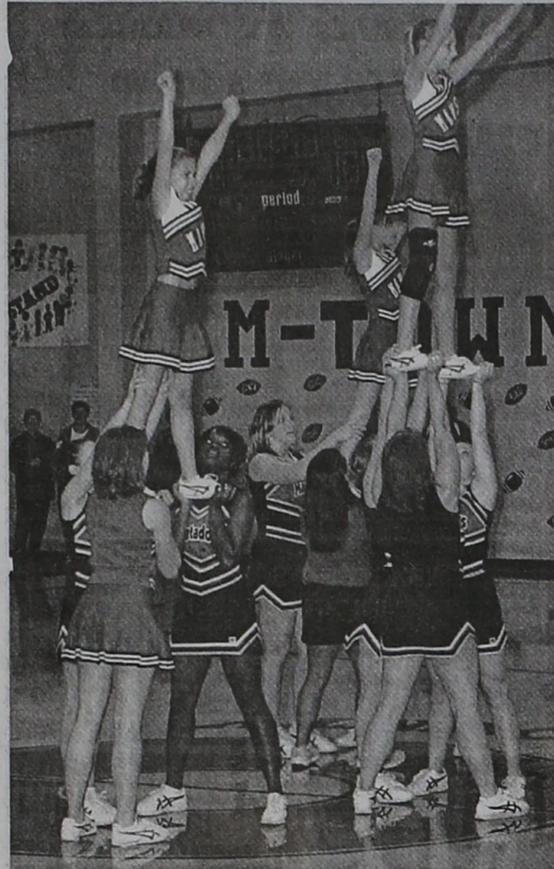
*Eva Barkley*  
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006

*Cheri Lobo*  
Notary Public

Motley County, Texas  
ELAINE WART  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
February 1, 2008

Motley County  
Matador news



**A Cheer Tower...**

Motley County High School and Jr. High Cheerleaders combined for a big pep rally last week at school. Part of their rally included this trio cheer tower. MC cheerleaders are filled with spirit for the Matadors which they demonstrate at weekly pep rallies and football games.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

**Go  
Mavericks!**



**MAKING A RUN FOR IT** — A Lazbuddie Longhorn tries to catch MC Matador #9, Jacob Johannes, as he makes a run with the ball during last Friday night's game at Lazbuddie. The Matadors came out victorious for their district opener, winning the game 70-50. They will face the Samnorwood Eagles Friday night, here, at 7:30 p.m.

(photo by Winfield Davenport)

★ MC MAVERICKS VS. ★  
PADUCAH DRAGONS  
THURSDAY, HERE, 5:30 P.M.

**SUPPORT  
★ THE ★  
MATADORS!**



**4-H'ERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK** — Motley County 4-H members celebrated National 4-H Week, October 1-7.

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7. Don't Advertise! Tell yourself that it costs too much to advertise and that you don't get enough out of it.
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**4-H  
NEWS**

By Shane Newman

Motley County 4-H club members participated in National 4-H Week, October 1-7. To start the week off every 4-H'er was given a green 4-H bracelet. Fifty-three bracelets were given out and I'm proud to say that not one member was without their bracelet all week.

On Wednesday each 4-H'er showed their support by wearing a green shirt or a 4-H shirt.

On Friday, the 4-H'ers were rewarded by their support with 4-H suckers. The national observance was concluded with the MC 4-H Banquet. There was a huge turnout with members getting their year-end awards.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with National 4-H Week. I hope to see all 4-H members at all the meetings.



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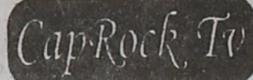
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**ANGELICA MENDOZA**

Angelica is the MC Student of the Month for October. She is the daughter of Ramiro and Christina Mendoza. Angelica is a Senior and an "A" student. She has received the English and Math Awards. She serves as Senior Class President, Student Council Representative and is president of FCCLA. She also serves as a peer tutor in Math and English. She is a member of the Juan Diego Catholic Church of Flomot. She plans to attend WTA&M and train to become a Pediatric Nurse. She thinks the outstanding characteristics of MC School are the dedicated teachers and the friendly, helpful atmosphere.

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**JR. HIGH MAVERICKS** — Beginning at back (left to right) Austin Taylor, Chase Buckner, Augustine Chavez, Cody Martin, Paul Guitierrez, Ky Christopher, Jonathon Osborn, (middle) Coach Bigham, Britt Simpson, Schylar Tomlinson, Colby McCleskey, Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Asst. Coach Jim Cooper; (next row) Mark Quintero, Dominique Quilimaco, Payden Perryman, Ismael Torres, Reagan Elliott, Juan Flores; (in front) Cheerleaders - Leanne Jameson, Alyx Smith, Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, and Sabra Pope.

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# Hackberry Creek Care Center continues to receive donations

by Marisue Potts  
HCCC reporter

The family of John M. Sonny Russell has requested that memorials to Mr. Russell be directed to the Hackberry Creek Care Center or the Senior Citizens Center. The land that our care center is being built upon was owned and made available by the Russell Family. Their support is appreciated as we all deal with the loss of a gentleman who gave so much to the county as a commissioner, to the region as a cattleman of registered Herefords, to the cattle industry with the Beef Council, and our country as a veteran of World War II.

The names of J.D. and Pansy Spray will grace a plaque on the door of one of the new rooms at the Hackberry Creek Care Center as a memorial from their family, Joel Dean and Deborah Spray. Since Pansy often joked that she would be with her friends there, it is fitting that she now has a room to call her

own, one that she will share with many future residents.

The decorating committee, Janie Campbell, Mary Marshall, Shane Jones and Jo Etta Bumgardner, met with the board to discuss furnishings, i.e. dining tables, chairs, bedding blinds, curtains, dishes and silverware. With an estimated date of opening extending into the first or second week of December, the ladies still have a huge job ahead of them. These excellent bargain hunters recently returned from visiting a hospital warehouse with many items that will be needed. It is said that Shane was seen driving down the street with a pickup load of potty chairs. When you see any one of the fearless four, please remember to thank them for their service on behalf of our community.

The office of Steve Moncrief, administrator, is taking shape in the temporary offices near Main and Highway 70. He is accepting applications for employment, searching for a director of

nursing, and assuming responsibility for the purchase of equipment and furnishings. Steve is taking to his job with enthusiasm, good humor, and the attitude of "making a hand." This will be his first job as administrator but he comes to us from intern training at the prestigious Garrison Center.

The following memorials have been received in the last few weeks: LaVoe Thacker by Ken and Dinah Young; Lula Swim by Ken and Dinah Young; Tom Ross by Sammie Phillips; Gid Simpson by Sammie Phillips; Sis Davis by Sammie Phillips; Jo Irwin by Sammie Phillips.

Theda Jenkins made a donation to the care center from Blairsville, GA.

Just a reminder that opportunities still exist to fund the Gazebo, Fish Pond, and Activity Center, as well as patient rooms with name plaques for each commitment.



**GRAND OLE' OPRY** — Frances Hobbs, (standing at left) with the cast of her play "Grand Ole Opry" presented at last Saturday night's Chamber banquet. Mrs. Hobbs wrote and produced the play. Pictured left to right are (standing) Johnny Morris (Old Time Preacher), Deanie Edwards (Minnie Pearl), Paul Westbrook (Grandpa Jones), Charley Johnson (Maytag Salesman from Matador Hardware), Tommie Keith (Ethel, Maytag shopper), Ed D. Smith, DJ for MBS 'Motley Broadcasting System' Radio station), Pennie, Kelly and Kevin Keltz (Keltz Family Gospel singers), (sitting) Jessie T. Simms (Louie Armstrong), Dartha Westbrook, (old time church piano player) and Kathy Shorter (Patsy Cline).

## PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

### THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Part 6)

God is an immaterial Being. This does not mean that He is irrelevant or unimportant! There are two basic types of beings in existence, physical or "material" beings and non-physical, "immaterial" or spirit beings. God is a spirit (immaterial) Being. We are physical (material) beings. Angels and demons are spirit beings. All have life and existence, but the one unique Being that is God differs greatly from other "created" spirit beings. We'll cover that later. As a spirit being, God is invisible, personal, living and active, thus capable of thinking, feeling and willing, but He is not measurable and does not have extension in space.

John 4:24 makes plain that God is spirit, but a well-known T.V. preacher has repeatedly claimed that God has a handspan of about nine and a half

inches, weighs about 200 pounds, and is about 6 feet tall, which is hogwash. No such measurements apply to a spirit being, as the being is non-physical! Likewise, Mormon theology teaches that God was once a man, and that men will become gods. More hogwash, on both counts. God is unchanging, always has been, and always will be, a Spirit Being. Also, man is a created being. God is not - He is eternal, the only being that is!

To say that we are physical material beings means that we have extension in space. But that is not all we are. In this context, we are "two-parters," physical (body) and non-physical (soul and/or spirit) whereas angels are spirit only, as is God (Jesus was a "two-parter," God and Man).

We now turn to two other attributes of God, which we will contrast together, at the outset, for ease of understanding, and

then flesh out. God is both transcendent and immanent. By transcendent is meant that God exists outside of time and space apart from the world. By immanent is meant that, while transcendent, God is universally active in providential activity and with His people in redemptive activity, within the world, and its sustainer. He is thus apart from the world, but also active within it (Orthodox Theism).

It is vitally important that we understand these attributes, as they serve to separate and identify a number of deviant beliefs and false religions which man has managed to dream up. The wrong extremes are these: God is only transcendent (Deism); God is only immanent (Pantheism). From these, spring such wrong-headed concepts as Monism and Panentheism.

Stay tuned.

# Deer present unique challenges to area drivers

Each year, car collisions with deer account for more than 150 human and nearly one and a half million deer fatalities. October through December is the high season for the crashes since it is a time for both wandering deer and shortened daylight hours.

Most collisions with a deer during this time of year when deer are mating and migrating. "Drivers need to be particularly cautious with the season's shortened daylight and deer foraging near roadsides. It's a very dangerous combination," cautioned Ray Palermo, director of public relations for national car insurer, Response Insurance. "To compound it, more drivers are on the road at dawn and dusk, the very time of day when deer are most active."

An adult deer can weigh more than 200 pounds and a car striking one can not only result in the death of the deer, but also

incur, on average, two thousand dollars in damage to the vehicle. Palermo suggested a few basic cautions for drivers:

- Scan a wide swath of the roadside. Slow down when approaching a deer standing near the side of a road and be prepared. If startled, the deer can bolt onto the roadway and into your path. If necessary, honk your horn and flash your lights to try to scare it away.

- Be alert for more deer than you may see at that moment. Where there is one deer, there are often more nearby.

- In many instances, it is best not to swerve around the deer since the deer may move in the same direction. You may also inadvertently hit another vehicle, or go off onto a dangerous shoulder. Unless certain of those road factors, it is often best to simply brake and continue in your lane of traffic.

- Be particularly careful at dawn and dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use your high beams to give you a greater area of visibility and allow you to see the deer's eyes sooner.

- Deer whistles or ultrasonic deer avoidance systems attached to vehicles have never been proven to work by independent studies and may give drivers a false sense of security.

- Take deer crossing signs seriously, particularly those installed specifically for this time of year. Be particularly cautious in wooded and agricultural areas where there is little distance between the road and the woods.

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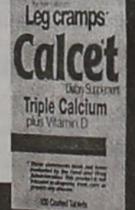


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### She's an Angel ...

Mrs. Billie Koon, right, was presented a special Angel Award, by Motley County Chamber of Commerce President, Annette Hollinsworth, at last Saturday night's annual banquet. Mrs. Koon is very community minded and makes special surprise gifts for unsuspecting recipients to bring a smile to an ordinary day. She is a real Angel.

## OBITUARIES

### William H "Bill" Pharis, Jr.

Fort Worth -- William H. "Bill" Pharis Jr., 82, a retired retail store owner, passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at a local care center. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 7, at St. Luke United Methodist Church. Burial was at Mount Oliver Cemetery.

Bill was born January 17, 1924, in Motley County to Ruby Naomi Plumlee and William H. Pharis. He moved to Fort Worth in 1940. Bill attended elementary school in Matarador and graduated from North Side High School in Fort Worth. He married Jeanne Anne Marti on October 21, 1951. He spent 43 years in retail

business in Fort Worth; 19 years at Leonard's Department Store, 13 years with Myers Department Stores and 11 years as owner of The Cotton Shop. Bill had been a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church since 1961. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Inez Roe.

Survivors include his wife Jeanne Anne Pharis; children, Hank Pharis and wife, Sherry, Kathie Brown and husband, Lee; and grandchildren, Phillip Brown, Rebekah Gillespie and husband, John, Christina Brown, Samuel Brown, Jonathan Pharis and William Pharis IV.

# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

What a week! Rain, the Chamber Banquet and getting to go see Billy Donaldson at the Cactus Theater last Friday night! Billy sang an "Elvis" song, Falling In Love With You. He did a fine job as usual. There were twenty entered in the Talent Showcase. We have not heard who won first and second prizes. He was good ... we hope that he won.

The Chamber Banquet was very enjoyable; the radio show was very clever. It brought back lots of memories of the good ole radio days! Corky felt honored to be in the running for the man of the year. We congratulate Seab and Frances. Having the angel award was a neat idea. Billie Koon really fits the description. Seeing her around always brightens my day.

At our house we had a very good rain. Wasn't it nice to go to sleep hearing rain pelting the roof and feeling the nice cool air?

Little Kagen Keltz, son of Kevin and Lesa Keltz, has been in UMC Hospital in Lubbock since Friday. He is having some upper respiratory problems. He was better today.

J.N. Fletcher has returned to Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. He will have more tests on Tuesday and is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday. Kim Fletcher accompanied her dad and Darleen again this week.

Jeannie Adam's son, Stuart vis-

ited Jeannie and brought her to church on Sunday. I have been seeing Jeannie out more lately. She says that she is feeling better and eating better. I am glad; please continue to pray for Jeannie. Chemo is a hard struggle at best.

The fair will be coming up this Saturday. I hope that you are planning to enter something. Entries will be received at the Roaring Springs Community Center Friday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Remember that Saturday morning will be too late to enter your items. All entries must be received on Friday evening.

The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry or Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. Boxes need to be wrapped (lids and bottoms separately to allow for customs inspections) and then filled. The last date for pick up is November the 20th. There are two pick up places in our area. One is in Childress at the First Baptist Church, 300 Avenue C NW and the other pick up place is at Mardel's in Lubbock. Mardel's is located at the South Loop and Quaker Avenue. Both locations will begin receiving boxes on the 13th of November. Someone will be taking the boxes from Roaring Springs. If you need to have someone take your box, please contact Monta Marshall or Joyce Meredith at 348-7000 or 348-7516 respectively.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it.

**HAS SURGERY**  
Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton returned home late Wednesday following shoulder surgery Tuesday at the General Hospital in Childress. With her during surgery and hospitalization were nieces, Mrs. Marisue Powell and Mrs. Waydette Clay and nephew, Wilburn Martin.

### CELEBRATES 58TH CLASS REUNION

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and members of the Turkey High School graduation class of 1948 observed their 58th class reunion Saturday, Oct. 14. They met at the Bob Wills Center in the Senior Citizens room of Turkey. They enjoyed a covered dish luncheon and had a merry time renewing memories.

Members of class attending were Hilda Huffine of Dripping Springs; Peggy Ellison of Midland; R.E. Bullin and wife, Naomi of Levelland; Bob and Jacquelyn Ham and Christine Brummett of Quitaque; Travis Lyles of Lubbock; Marian Harris and husband, Newton of Hewitt; Ray Corgill of Tulsa, Okla.; Alton Lane and wife, Glo of Alpo, N.M.; Bob Russell and wife, Janice and Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey. Guests attending were Henry Thompson of Dripping Springs; Christine Monsell of Midland; Nelita Green of Plainview; Gene and Anna Lou Hanna of Dallas and Rita Guest of Turkey.

Some of them attended the Gene Watson Concert in Turkey Saturday night.

### ATTEND WEDDING

Mrs. Aleda Ross was a honored guest at the wedding of her grandson, Phillip Wigley and Jeanna McClure held at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Historic Baker Building in Lubbock. The rehearsal catered dinner was held Friday night in the beautifully decorated backyard of his parents, Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock. Jeanna is the daughter of Jim and Denise Thomas of Lubbock.

### FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse were special guest at the first birthday party of their granddaughter, Reese Cruse of Turkey. It was held Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Church of Christ fellowship hall in Turkey. Her parents, Keane and Lacy Cruse hosted the celebration. Reese blew out her one candle on a chocolate and white colorful decorated POODLE cake.

Other special guests were her maternal grandparents, Terry and

Mary Ann Carson of Borger and great-grandmother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey. In addition to friends, other family members attending were Mandy Barclay and Ashton of Borger; Leah Cruse of Canyon; Deidra and Larry Clifton of Elk City, Okla.; Cutter Smith of Floydada; Brand and Jodie Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brason of Turkey and Mrs. Judy Cruse of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited recently in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevin Kleibrink, Tyler and Karlee. They celebrated Tyler's birthday and enjoyed Karlee's soccer game.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited overnight Sunday in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. She had a medical appointment Monday and attended to business.

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

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

Kathy and Clois Shorter enjoyed dinner in Lubbock Friday night and attended the entertaining New Talent Showcase at the Cactus Theater. Billy Donaldson was one of the 20 performing acts.

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada visited Wilburn Martin Wednesday.

Cary Franks and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock visited from Friday until Monday with his parents, Connie and Coy Franks. Connie, Cary and Anissa enjoyed the horse cutting event Saturday held at the Matarador Ranch in which Connie's brother, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs competed. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington during the weekend.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Sunday were Joey and Brenda Lee of Plainview, Kellan Roberts of Waco and Roger and Shonda Lee of Flomot.

Kathy and Clois Shorter and her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Matarador Saturday night. Kathy was a featured performer as Patsy Cline and it was a well presented performance and enjoyable night of entertainment.

M.C. and Barbara Jones arrived Tuesday from Santa Anna to visit at their rural home in Flomot.

Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests of their mother, Mrs. B. Rogers, Sunday.

### WEEKEND RAIN REPORT

Total weekend rain reports, Oct. 14-15 were: Flomot, 3.50 inches; Whiteflat 2.30 inches; east of Whiteflat 3.00 inches; Wilson Barton 4.50 inches.

## Matador News

### TRIP OF A LIFETIME

by Mary Jones  
The following ladies joined a tour group of 34 to visit Philadelphia and New York City: Judy Renfro, Lindy Stafford, Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Pat Warren and Dorothy Johnson of Quitaque. The group flew from Lubbock to Philadelphia at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 11, where we stayed in Peddler's Village which had 67 specialty shops within walking distance - wonderful! We toured Valley Forge, the Amish County, the Liberty Bell, an ancient Episcopal cathedral and other sites of interest. A highlight was a delicious lunch in the home of an Amish family. They sang for us, including one hymn in Dutch (German). Our tour guide was a Mennonite lady who was very informative. The country is beautiful!

We went by tour bus to New York City. The foliage is breathtaking. We stayed at the Sheraton Manhattan located at 7th Ave. at 51st St., just a block from Times Square, and

where we looked straight up to see the sky. I think the highlight of New York was seeing the Broadway show, "Mama Mia." Again by bus, with a wonderful guide, we visited Central Park, Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, from Chinatown to Park Avenue viewing the homes of the rich and famous and many other spectacular sights. Our group of six enjoyed a boat ride up East River and down the Hudson for a closer view of the Statue of Liberty and many other sights. From "Top of the Rock" observation deck, Rockefeller Plaza, we had a spectacular view of New York City.

We flew from LaGuardia International Airport to DFW at 12:00 noon EST and had no bad weather until we reached Texas, so our flight to Lubbock was delayed. We reached Lubbock about two hours behind schedule. We arrived in the greatest place on earth, Matarador, about 1:00 a.m., Monday, October 16. The entire trip was wonderful.

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# Harvesting Machine driving Mesquite-to-Ethanol potential

by Kay Ledbetter  
Texas A&M Ag News

Vernon - Knocking down mesquite hasn't been a problem in the past. Picking it up and getting it off the land has, said a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher.

That will change with a new mesquite harvester for use in wood-to-ethanol production, said Dr. Jim Ansley, Experiment Station rangeland ecologist.

The only one of these machines in existence was demonstrated at the 2006 Range and Wildlife Field Day on Oct. 5 in Vernon.

But Ansley said it won't be the only one for long with commercial production expected soon.

A combination of the U.S.'s dependency on foreign oil and a growing problem for producers with brush encroachment, which reduces grasses and production and water availability, has driven his recent work.

"We're emphasizing mesquite and we're targeting ethanol conversion, although there are other bioconversions that could take place," Ansley said.

He said there are an estimated 51 million acres of mesquite in Texas, with 30 million a crew of moderate to dense mesquite in Central Texas.

Mesquite is drought hardy, fixes its own nitrogen, requires no seeding, fertilization or irrigation, resprouts vigorously after topkill and grows on dry, nutrient-poor soils, he said. Finding a profitable use for it is a win-win situation.

For the past year and a half, Ansley has been working with private industry to build the harvester prototype. The prototype is owned by the Experiment Station and a joint patent is pending, Ansley said.

The patent and commercial production will be carried through Brush Unlimited and Richard Frailey of Altus, Okla. Ansley said he and Frailey already have been contacted by several people in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma who have expressed interest in buying the machines. No commercial price has been established.

A conventional brush-cutting machine such as the Barko 775c or HydroAxe is used to fell or rough cut the trees. These brush cutters have a large ro-

tor in front with what are called hammers on it to knock down the brush.

The new harvesting machine is not self-powered and is pulled through the felled trees with the HydroAxe, Ansley said. It is powered by the HydroAxe with a hydraulic system. With another rotor and more hammers, the felled wood is further broken up and then sucked up a chute and into a hydraulically hinged bin.

From there, the wood can be dumped into trucks and hauled to an ethanol plant, where it would be further ground into a sawdust and entered into the ethanol-production system, he said.

"The Experiment Station didn't have a brush-cutting machine, so that is why we went to cooperative efforts with private industry," he said. "It has taken the involvement of many people to make this happen and represents a good example of university researchers and the private sector working together."

The initial vision for a mesquite harvester was that of Montey Sneed with Texas Ethanol Company of Vernon and Ansley's, he said. Frailey was brought in, along with Larry and John Willis of W.W. Welding in Altus, OK, to help design and build the machine.

The final step was finding an end market. That involved Pearson BioEnergy, Inc. in Aberdeen, Miss., a company that has been developing a process, not yet commercially available, for converting wood to ethanol.

Funding for the project has been provided by a grant from the DOE-State Energy Conservation Office, along with funding from Pearson BioEnergy and the Experiment Station.

Ansley also recently began working with Cameron University in Lawton, OK, which received a grant from the state of Oklahoma to look at mesquite as an alternative fuel in southwestern Oklahoma.

"To develop this industry, there are supply, harvest, conversion and ecological issues," Ansley said. "Here, we're looking at cutting, collecting, baling and transporting the mesquite feedstock."

The new machine was designed for a commercial-size ethanol plant, with the capability to harvest 5 to 10 acres a day,

Ansley said, but it doesn't have to be limited to mesquite harvest.

A smaller version could be used for roadside cleanup or a producer may want to use it as a shredder and a way to remove the debris and thorns from the pasture, he said.

Mesquite is not totally removed, so regrowth will occur, Ansley said. That is important to the mesquite-to-ethanol program. He estimates that in North Texas, at least 10 years of regrowth is needed before mesquite can be harvested again.

His studies show each 10- to 12-year-old regrowth tree has about 100 to 120 pounds of wood. Thus, an estimated 300 trees per acre would produce about 30,000 pounds or 15 tons per acre.

The concept of harvesting mesquite as a biofuel has been around since the 1970s, Ansley said. There have been unsuccessful attempts in the past to build machines designed to cut and collect the mesquite all in one machine.

"Our theory is that is too much for one machine to do," he said.

## OIL & GAS UPDATE

by Thomas Musser



### FLOYD COUNTY:

On Monday morning, October 16, at approximately 11:00 a.m. while drilling ahead through shale the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #1077 started flowing gas. The gas was flowed through the Blooie Line (see definition below) and was flared. The estimated volume of gas was at least 2 million cubic feet per day (2 mcf/d) and increasing to an estimated volume of 4 million cubic feet per day (4 mcf/d). The well was allowed to flow with the gas being flared through Tuesday. Drilling has reached the planned total depth and the well was being shut-in pending completion work. The McIntosh Well #1077 is located eleven miles east of Floydada and 1080 feet north of highway 62/70.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 is continuing to pump fluid.

The pumpjack has been moved from the Apollo Energy Company W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 location to the BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1. BASA Resources will begin pumping the fourth state frac fluid back.

**DEFINITION OF BLOOIE LINE:** The Blooie Line is a horizontal Vent Line (for pipe) extending from the wellhead a couple of hundred feet from the rig floor to a pit, through which the drilling returns are vented during air or gas drilling. In Air Drilling no drilling mud is used. The drilling returns are brought up from the bottom of the hole by compressed air and are blown through the Blooie Line

into the pit. The Blooie Line is named for the noise it makes while venting returns.

A copy of the completion report form W-2 for the Tynor Texas Operating Company Kenneth Brose Lease (68969) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Field has been received from the Railroad Commission of Texas Midland District Office. The completion report was filed on July 27. 13 3/8 inch surface casing was set to 704 feet. 9 5/8 inch intermediate casing was set to 3888 feet. 3 1/2 inch production casing was set to 9620 feet. The listed formation tops include the top of the Strawn Lime at 8420 feet, the top of the Pennsylvanian at 8584 feet, and the top of the Mississippian at 9440 feet. The perforations are at 8654 feet to 8710 feet. The fracture stimulation of these perforations was 1,300 mcf of Nitrogen and 800 barrels of Gel and 82,500 pounds of sand. The 24 hour initial potential test was on March 1, 2006, and reported 10 barrels of oil and 41 mcf of gas and 5 barrels of water. The completion report form W-2 lists the Kenneth Brose Lease (68969) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Field as shut-in waiting on pipeline.

### MOTLEY COUNTY:

A copy of the completion report form W-2 for the Tynor Texas Operating Company R.G. Stephens Lease (68972) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Field has been received from the Railroad Commission of Texas Midland District Office. The completion report was filed on July 27. 13 3/8 inch surface casing was set to 390 feet. 8 5/8 inch intermediate casing was set to 3210 feet. 5 1/2 inch production casing was set to 9500 feet. 2 3/8 inch tubing was set to 8300 feet. The listed formation tops include the top of the Strawn Lime at 8080 feet, the top of the Strawn Congl. at 8258 feet, and the top of Mississippian at 9348 feet. The perforations are at 8300 feet to 8446 feet. The Fracture Stimulation of these perforations was 8,000 barrels of Slick Water and 40 pounds of Gel with 196,000 pounds of sand. The 24 hour initial potential test was on March 1, 2006, and reported 18 barrels of oil and 750 mcf of gas and 2 barrels of water. The completion report form W-2 lists the R.G. Stephens Lease (68972) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Field at shut-in waiting on gas pipeline.

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"The funds allocated for WHIP will help Texas landowners restore and conserve native wildlife habitat," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "The program provides financial and technical assistance to producers applying approved conservation measures that help improve wildlife habitat."

The state habitat priorities for WHIP are based on recommendations from the Texas State Technical Committee. At-risk and declining wildlife species are the primary targets for habitat improvement.

All counties within the state are eligible to participate in WHIP; however, funding priority will be placed on the Major Land Resource Areas (MLRAs) that have experienced a notable decline in native wildlife habitat. Those priority areas can be

found in the Texas WHIP State Plan on the NRCS Texas Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/>.

Through WHIP, NRCS will develop agreements with landowners to install conservation practices that best benefit the wildlife species of concern. Cost-share assistance will be provided for most of the needed practices.

Immediately following the end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

Local NRCS field offices have complete details for this program. Additional information, including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and cost-share rates for all programs, can also be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/).

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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

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### 7-Day Forecast

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 63 Low: 42

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 72 Low: 45

**Saturday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 65 Low: 43

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 64 Low: 41

**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 62 Low: 40

**Tuesday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 68 Low: 44

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 70 Low: 45

### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 63°, humidity of 44% and an overnight low of 42°. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1982. Friday, skies will remain partly cloudy with a high temperature of 72°.

### Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
10/22	10/29	11/5	11/12

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	84	59	79/53	0.07"
Monday	66	54	79/53	0.14"
Tuesday	68	48	78/53	0.35"
Wednesday	71	44	78/52	0.00"
Thursday	58	44	78/52	0.00"
Friday	72	41	77/52	0.00"
Saturday	74	49	77/51	1.37"

Precipitation ..... 1.93"  
Normal precipitation ..... 0.50"  
Departure from normal ..... +1.43"

Average temperature ..... 59.4°  
Average normal temperature . . . 65.1°  
Departure from normal ..... -5.7°

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

### Weather History

**Oct. 19, 1844** - The famous "Lower Great Lakes Storm" occurred. Southwesterly winds were at hurricane force for five hours, driving lake waters into downtown Buffalo, N.Y. The storm drowned 200 people.

### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today ..... 7:51 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 7:05 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 5:32 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 5:52 p.m.

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