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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

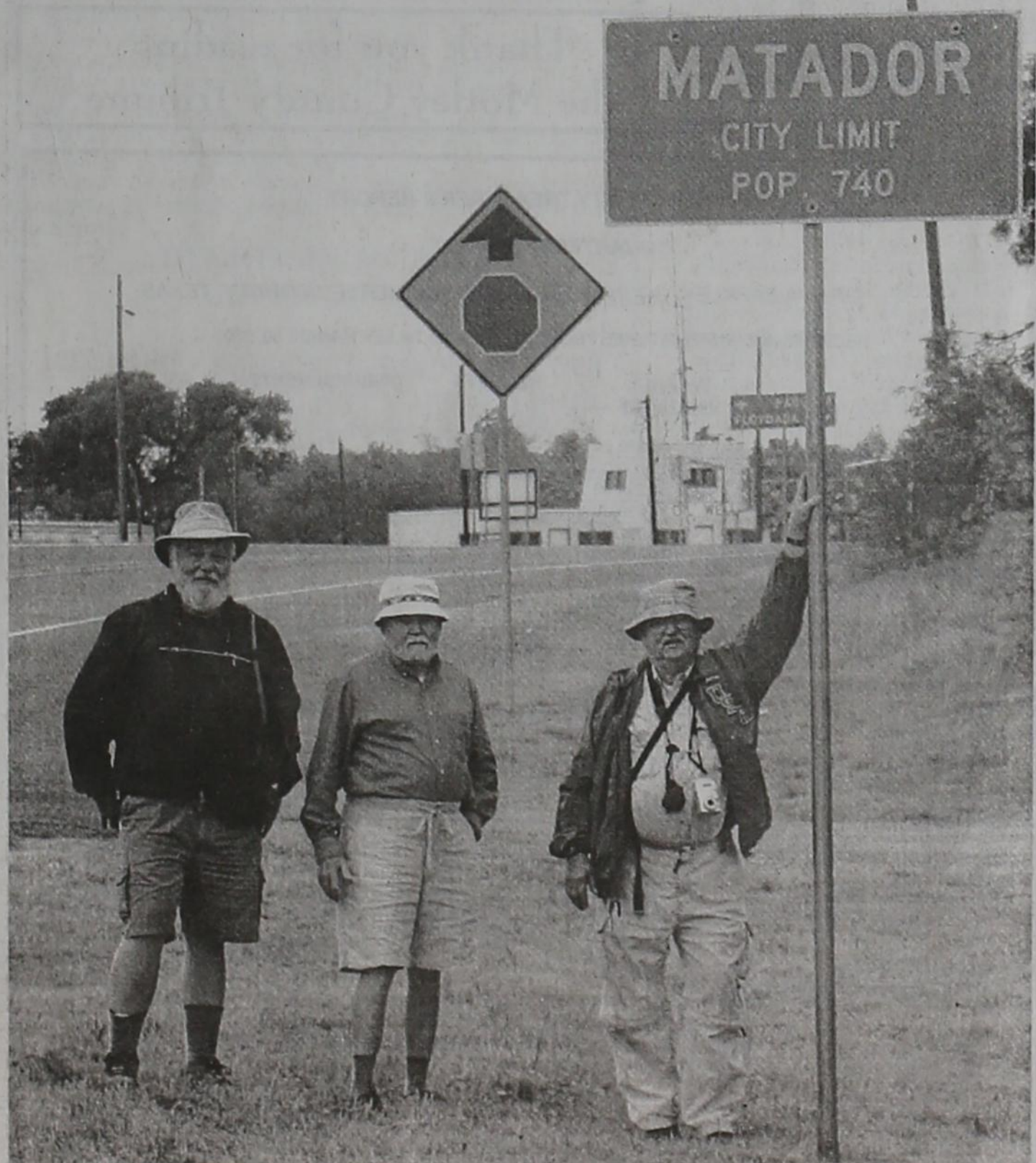
Texas economy. The increase in tax revenue is due in part to August's three-day Sales Tax Holiday that annually packs stores with Texans and out-of-state shoppers who splurge on taxable items along with tax-free clothing and shoes.

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.

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Matador news

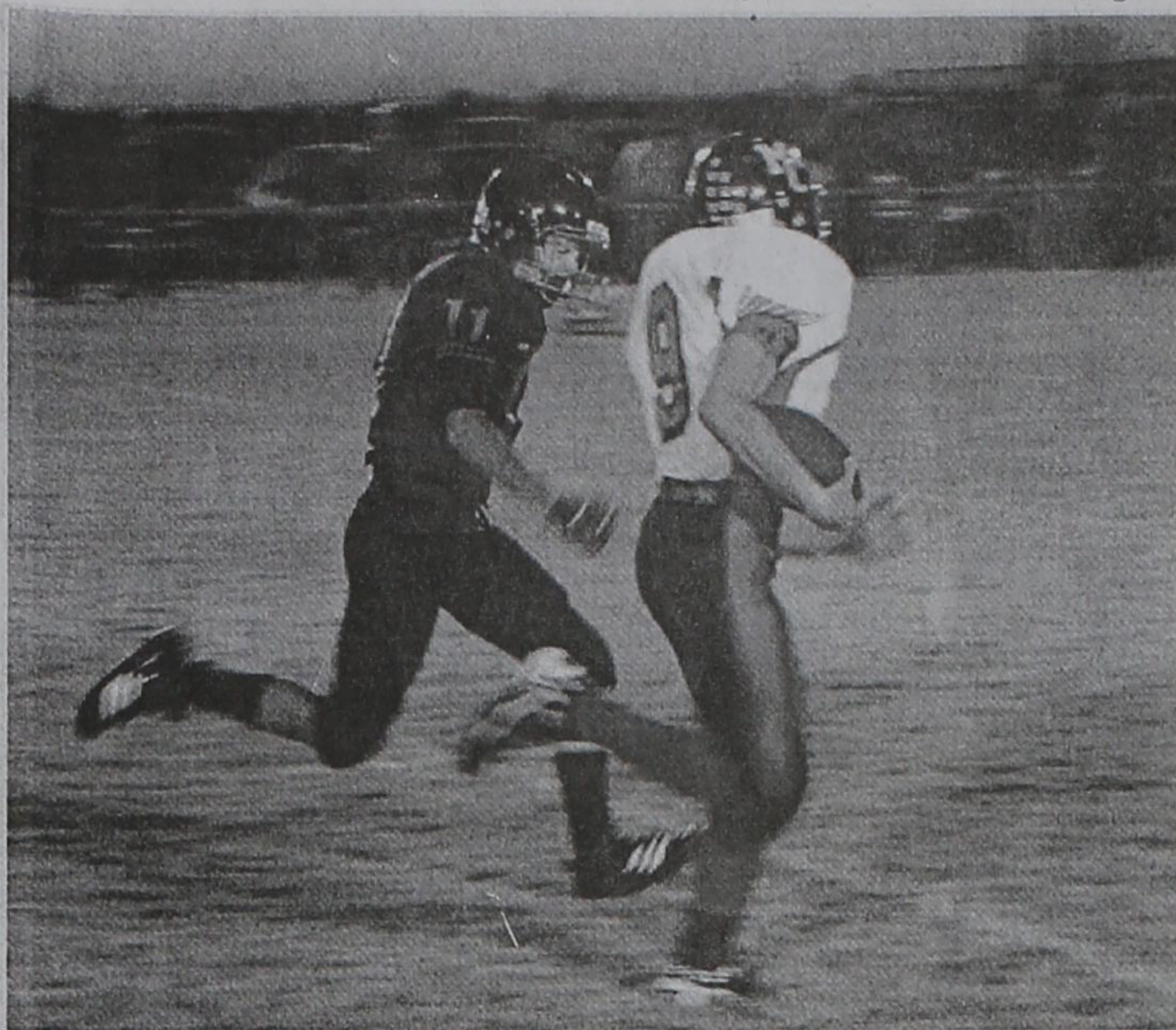


A Cheer Tower...

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)

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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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**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.

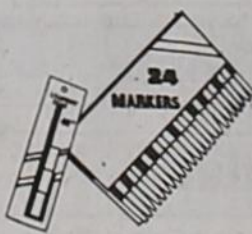
On Wednesday each 4-H'er showed their support by wearing a green shirt or a 4-H shirt.

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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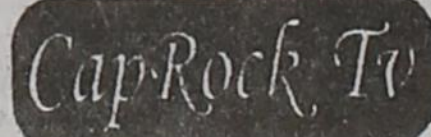
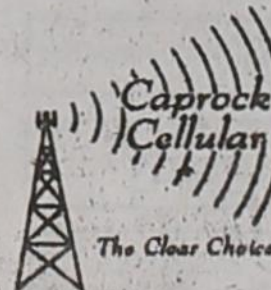
OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



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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MOTLEY COUNTY FOOTBALL

G O M A T A D O R S



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured left to right (back) Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Shane Newman, Marc Henzler; (next row) Coach Mike Bigham, Gene Salazar, Justin Newman, Jacob Johannes, Jacob Blanco, Asst. Coach Randy Brown; (next row) Sam Fletcher, Eric Simpson, Stacey Perryman, Isiah Archer, Brendan Wiltshire, Mgr.; (in front) Cheerleaders - Savannah Rose, Chicagra Brown, Carrie Valdez (Mascot), Christy Smith, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell and Mylissa Gilmore.



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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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.

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, Kyle and Karlee. They celebrated Kyle'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 Matador 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 Matador 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 departed 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 Episcopalian 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 departed 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, Matador, about 1:00 a.m., Monday, October 16. The entire trip was wonderful.

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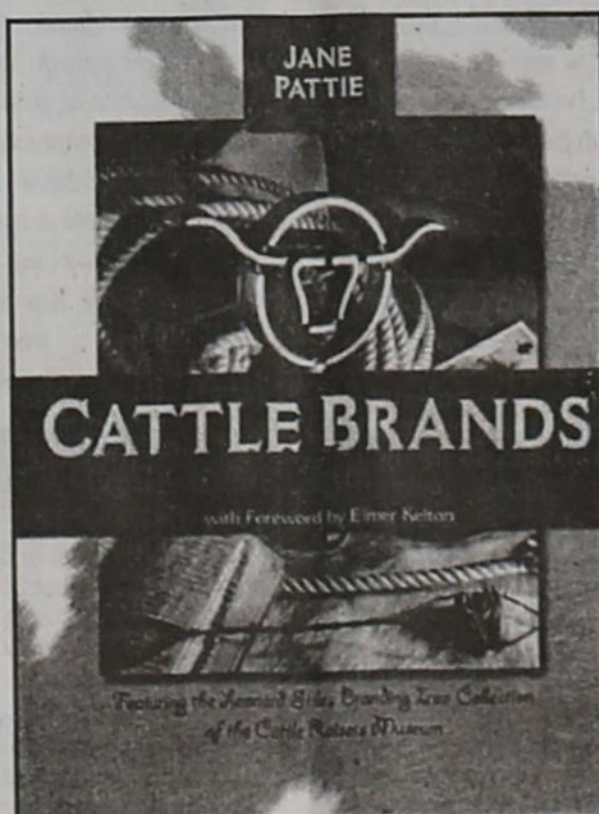
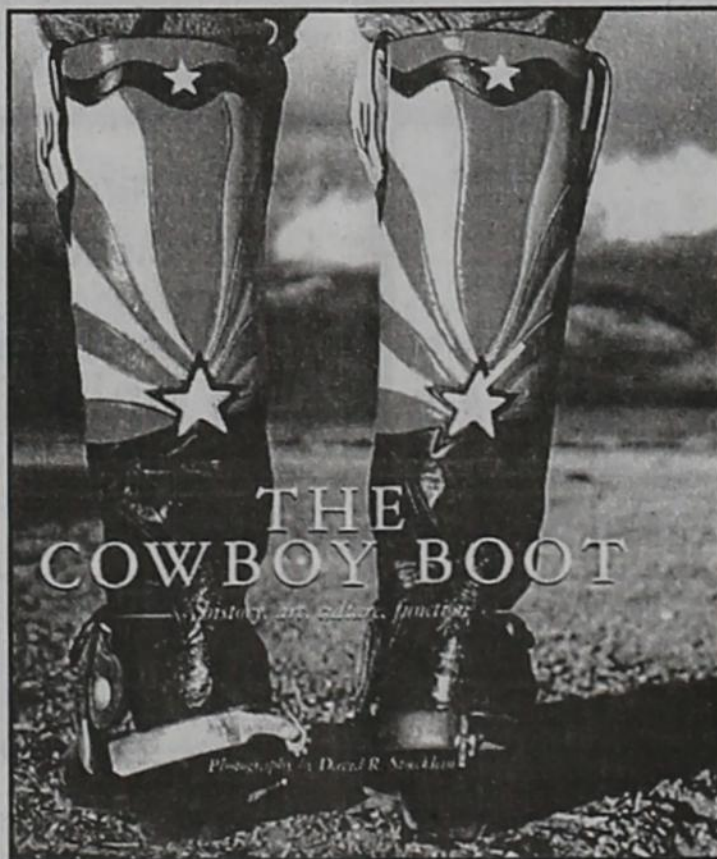
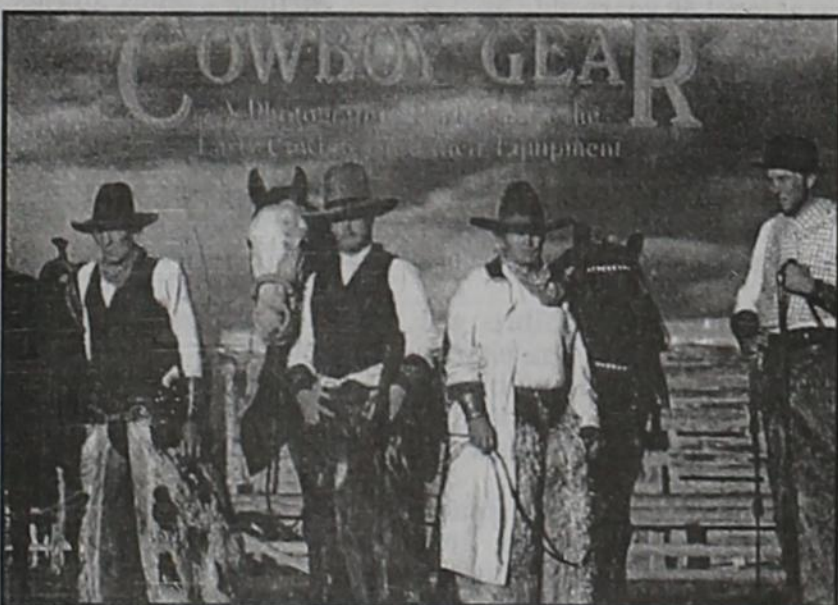
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Harvesting Machine driving Mesquite-to-Ethanol potential

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.

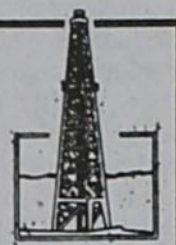
His studies show each 10- to 12-year-old regrowth tree has about 100 to 120 pounds of wood. Thus, an estimated 300 trees per acre would produce about 30,000 pounds or 15 tons per acre.

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 mmcf/d) and increasing to an estimated volume of 4 million cubic feet per day (4 mmcf/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.

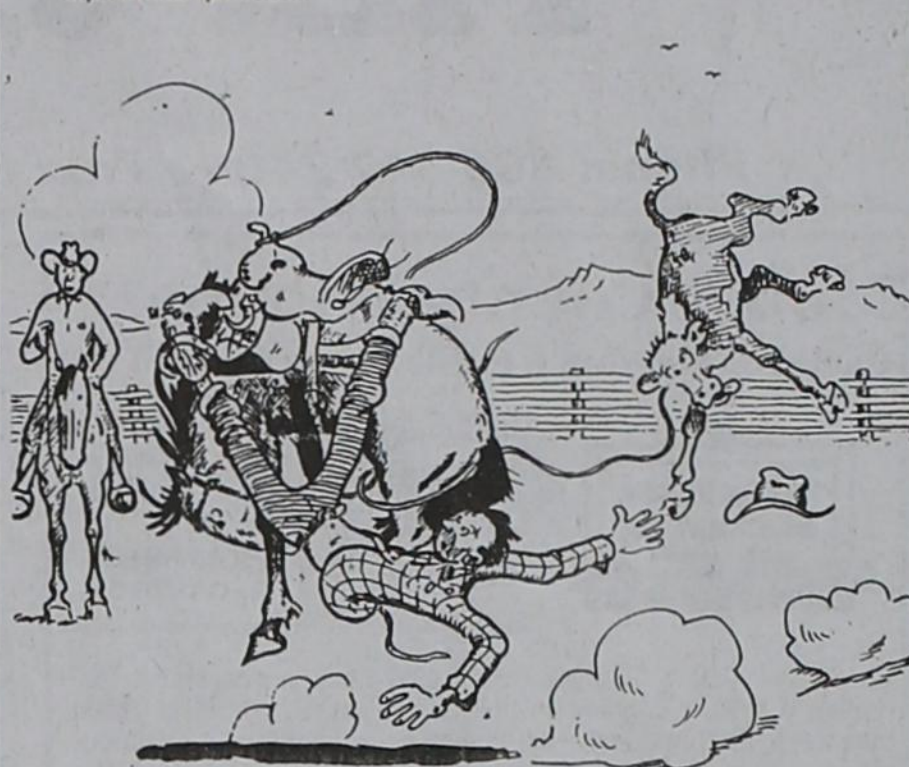
A copy of the completion report form W-2 for the Tynar Texas Operating Company Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Field has been received from the Railroad Commission of Texas Midland District Office. The completion report was filed on July 27. 13 3/8 inch surface casing was set to 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 Broseh 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 Tynar 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 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a Dec. 15, 2006, sign-up deadline for the 2007 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

"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/.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Oct. 19, 2006

7-Day Forecast	In-Depth Forecast	Moon Phases								
<p>Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 63 Low: 42</p> <p>Friday Partly Cloudy High: 72 Low: 45</p> <p>Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 43</p> <p>Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 41</p> <p>Monday Partly Cloudy High: 62 Low: 40</p> <p>Tuesday Isolated T-storms High: 68 Low: 44</p> <p>Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 70 Low: 45</p>	<p>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°.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>New</th> <th>First</th> <th>Full</th> <th>Last</th> </tr> <tr> <td>10/22</td> <td>10/29</td> <td>11/5</td> <td>11/12</td> </tr> </table>	New	First	Full	Last	10/22	10/29	11/5	11/12
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Last Week's Local Almanac										
Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation					
Sunday	84	59	79/53	0.07"	Normal precipitation					
Monday	66	54	79/53	0.14"	Departure from normal					
Tuesday	68	48	78/53	0.35"	+1.43"					
Wednesday	71	44	78/52	0.00"	Average temperature					
Thursday	58	44	78/52	0.00"	Average normal temperature					
Friday	72	41	77/52	0.00"	Departure from normal					
Saturday	74	49	77/51	1.37"	-5.7°					

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