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Local resident presented 30-year service award

The National Weather Service presented a 30-year service award to Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse in a ceremony in Matador on October 6.

Cruse was honored for her dedicated work as an official National Weather Service Cooperative volunteer since 1977.

According to Jerry English, the Observation Program Leader, at the National Weather Service office in Lubbock, Cruse

has been measuring rainfall and snow data at her home, four miles northeast of Flomot faithfully for 30 years now.

"The report she sends in at the end of each month gets forwarded to Washington D.C. and the National Climatological Data Center at Asheville, NC., English said.

"This data is used by the local cotton farmers and many other businesses and entities all over the nation and globe including the National Weather Service.

During severe weather outbreaks, the weather service uses Cruse's weather expertise as guidance when issuing warning for various forms of severe

weather or flooding. The rainfall data also provides clues as to the amount of cotton or other crops that could be harvested in the local area.

"When Tommie Jo is 'under the weather' her son, Donnie, and daughter Judy, come to her aid to assure that no data are missed," English said. "Even with her many other activities, she still manages to squeeze her official data gathering duties into her busy schedule."

In addition to the 30-Year Award, Cruse received a 30-year federal service pin, and two letters of appreciation from a grateful office and nation.



HONORED FOR SERVICE — Tommie Jo Cruse was recently recognized for her many years of service to the National Weather Service. Jerry English, Observation Program leader at NWS in Lubbock presented Mrs. Cruse with a framed certificate.

Motley County School Board meets School enrollment at 179

by Tina Brooks. School Board Reporter

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, October 8 for their regular scheduled meeting. All board members were in attendance with the exception of Robert Fisk and Don Baxter. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown, Principal William Cochran, and Denise Ford.

The invocation was given by Ted Davey. No one was present for Open Forum.

Minutes of the previous

meeting were approved, as well as the list of expenditures and financial reports.

No action was taken on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (F.I.R.S.T.) Public

No action was taken on the Goods in Transit Tax Public Hearing.

The Goods in Transit Tax Resolution was approved.

The Head Start Application was approved, as well as Update

During the Principal's report, Mr. Cochran reported the

enrollment at 179. He announced that Open House would be held October 16.

During Superintendent's report, Mr. Brown informed the board of the upcoming Community Tax Meeting, which was held October 9. He also spoke to the Senior Citizens October 12.

Mr. Brown discussed the transportation situation of the district. The route bus is still in the shop and it has not been determined when it might be fixed. For now, the Roaring Springs route is using the activity bus. Mr. Brown gave an update from the Foothills Family Development meetings discussing the possibility of a partnership with the school district to renovate the old school and turn it into a community center.

Board members were given an update on board training and sessions to attend. Board Training will be held Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room. The November board meeting will be held Thursday, November 15 at 7:30



MOTLEY COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS recognized for their district and state awards at the recent annual 4-H banquet are pictured left to right: Shelby Elliott, Seth Baxter (Bronze Star winner), Cassidy Turner, Reagan Elliott, Catherine Ward, Christian Brooks, Kaylee Woolsey, Angelica Meredith, Mattie Brooks (Bronze Star winner), Kyla Simpson, Hance Davey, Shane'a Russell (Gold Star winner), Lexi Osborn, and Jaci Zingerman (Silver Star winner).

Matadors defeat Eagles, 86-44

The Motley County Matadors improved their 2007 football season record to 7-1 with a 86-44 victory over the Samnorwood Eagles. The Matadors entered the game ranked #1 and the Eagles entered the game ranked #8 in the Six-Man Division II Poll.

"We would like to thank our great fans who made the trip to Samnorwood," Coach Mike Bigham said. "This was an important district game and it was awesome to have our fans outnumber and out-cheer theirs. We were pleased with our effort and execution and glad to get another district win."

Isiah Archer gained 312 yards rushing on 19 carries and scored five rushing touchdowns, threw a 35-yard touch-

down pass to Stephen Webb, and had a 13-yard pass reception. Archer also returned four kickoffs for 104 yards for a total of 464 all-purpose yards. Bradley Brown rushed for 159 yards and five rushing touchdowns on 18 carries. Brown also made 10 of 11 extra point attempts for a total of 50 points scored. The

Matadors racked up 471 rushing ception; Bradley Brown with six

MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS in action against the Samnorwood Eagles last Friday night. As the scoreboard says, 6-6 in the first quarter, but the Matadors came out on top with a final score of 86-44. The Matadors will face the McLean Tigers Friday for their last home game of the season.

(contributed photo by Shonda Elliott)

yards and 75 passing yards for a total of 546 yards of offense.

Leading the Matador defenders were Isiah Archer and Jacob Blanco with 11 tackles each. Archer also forced a fumble and Blanco recovered a fumble. Other leading defenders were Stephen Webb with nine tackles, Stacy Perryman with eight tackles and an inter-

tackles and an interception; Eric Simpson with five tackles; and Casey Carnes with three

The Matadors will continue district play Friday, October 26, against the McLean Tigers. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Burleson Field. This will be Senior Night and the last regularly scheduled home football game of the season. Motley County High School senior football players, and senior cheerleaders and their parents will be recognized before the game. The Senior Night activities will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The McLean Tigers are undefeated and ranked #5 in the state in the sixman.com Division II poll.

"This will be a good test for our ballclub," Coach Bigham said. "McLean's defense has only allowed 72 points all season. They like to run the ball on offense. We are expecting a tough, physical ballgame," he

NRCS sets deadline for Incentives Program

The USDA-National Re- Motley County are for the imsources Conservation Service has set a November 16 sign-up deadline for the 2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

According to James Gillespie, Resource Team Leader, the program provides incentive payments to producers applying approved conservation measures that help solve natural resource problems.

Natural resource concerns are established in each county by local work groups, who identify the most important natural resource issues in the area. Through EQIP, NRCS also funds projects that address special statewide resource concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee. The 2008 statewide resource concerns identified for

provement of Bobwhite quail

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 as soon as feasible.

The Matador NRCS field office has complete details, including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and payment rates for all programs. For more information contact the Texas NRCS Web Site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs. Contact the Matador office at 347-2263, ext. 3, or come by the service center.

Caprock Canyons State Park celebrates 25 years, Visitor Center Open House

Quitaque, TX- Hundreds of patrons gathered under a bright sun and endured gusty winds to celebrate the grand opening of the long-awaited visitor center and the 25th anniversary of Caprock Canyons State Park on Saturday.

Visitors enjoyed a full day of events in honor of the new center, including park tours, children's activities, Dutch oven cooking demonstrations, a bison burger lunch and more. The day's highlight featured a cer-emonial ribbon cutting to officially open the 4,400-square-foot facility located just inside the park's entrance.

"You know this is one of the largest parks that we have in the state, and it has never really gotten the publicity it deserves. But to now have this new visitor center, to go along with all of the camping, hiking trails and other things to do here, we think folks will start to see all of what we have to offer," said State Representative Chisum. "This is a park that's been underutilized in the past, and that's a shame because there are more stars in the sky here than just about anywhere else. This visitor center will go a long way in helping us make people more aware of this great park."

for park visitors, a state park in the area.'

store, offices for staff, a pavilion, 24-hour restrooms and will eventually display interpretive exhibits which tell the park's unique history.

In the foyer of the center, a plaque and large photo are also dedicated to O.R. Stark, Jr., who was instrumental in establishing this land north of Quitaque, TX, as a state park. he founded the park's friend's group,

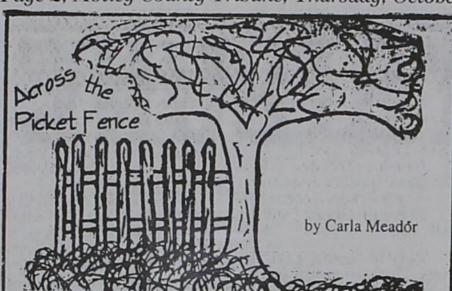
Caprock Partners Foundation, and served as its president until his death in 2000.

"I just think the visitor center was a long time coming, and now absolutely worth the wait," said the State Parks Director Walt Dabney. "It will be a focal place to explain the story of the Southern Plains Bison. And the history of the Caprock country. The new center is bringing this park forward from a park that was partially on-line, to an upto-date park ready to accommodate a lot of visitors as a firstclass destination.'

"It is very satisfying for me, personally, to see this center built because it's been in the works since I've been at the state park," said Caprock Canyons State Park Superintendent Deanna Oberheu. "The new center is very significant, especially to our local community; it's small, rural community and it receives a lot of its income from tourism. And this park is plex houses a registration area the most significant destination



Officials at Caprock Canyon State Park near Quitaque cut the ribbon officially opening the new Visitor Center.



Fall is definitely here! The leaves are falling quickly. My yard already needs to be raked. The foliage is slowing turning colors and it won't be long until Motley County is a profusion of golds, browns, and reds glistening in the sunshine. At this time of the year I always get in the mood to bake. To stay inside and feel cozy. With the last few days, especially the mornings, being so cool, it really brings the changing season to a reality.

I love to smell apples, cinnamon and pumpkin, ginger and peppermint at this time of the year. The scented candles are wonderful for people like me, who want the smell of fresh baked goods in their home, but don't have time to bake them. Just light a pumpkin spice

candle and sit down with a hot cup of tea and a store-bought

Anyway, with the thought of Fall and cooler weather, I wanted to share a recipe with you that I would like to bake. Maybe you'll have time to try it. Let me know if it taste good!

APPLE BREAD

Beat 3/4 cup vegetable oil with 1 cup white or brown sugar and 2 eggs. Stir in 1 1/2 cup chopped, unpeeled apples, 1/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans and 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest. Sift together 1 1/2 cup flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add to apple mixture. Do not overmix. Pour into a 9" x 5" loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 to 60 minutes.

"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

Lamentations 3:25-26

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Hackberry Creek Care Center

September Employee of the Month LYNDEE WARD, LVN



Lyndee is an LVN at Hackberry Creek Care Center. She and her husband, Tim, have six children, Timothy, Leanne, Jamie, Catherine, Christopher and Trinity.

Lyndee enjoys spending time with her family and watching her children in all their activities. She also enjoys scrapbooking in her spare time.

She wanted to thank everyone at Hackberry for voting for her and says she couldn't do her job if she didn't have wonderful co-workers who are willing to help out.

* Congratulations Lyndee! *

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The Cross Would Melt Your Heart

The story of the cross of Christ is the tender love story that portrays God's infinite love for us. Nowhere is that love more forcefully presented than in the death of Jesus on the Cross. "For when we were yet without strength, in

due time Christ died for the ungodly ... But that God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5: 6, 8). Just how much did God love us? "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." (John 3:16). All the providential benevolence of God may be ignored or taken for granted by some, but many have heard and believed the wonderful love presented in the story of the Cross. It is hard to be unmoved by the tender love presented in the story of the Cross. It is hard to be unmoved by the tender love shown therein. This story makes us sorry for sins that brought about the death: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of this world worketh death." (II Cor. 7:10). Many a calloused heart has been melted by this love story, and then glorified "in the cross of Christ" which is a demonstration of our God's great love for us.

As Jesus bore the cross for us, we must be willing to bear His cross before the world. Yes, there is a cross to be borne if a crown is to be worn. What a joy to know that one day we will lay down that cross in exchange for a crown in that home of the soul.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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



Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

I am excited to remind everyone about our upcoming book discussion and signing with author Bill Neal. He will be discussing his new book Getting Away With Murder on the Texas Frontier, a book he recently wrote about the early justice system in the wild frontier. The book is full of true stories about what went on during legal trials of that time. Men have been known to walk free from murder because they owed a man a pair of boots! This book was just chosen by the National Association for Outlaws and Lawman History as the 2007 book of the year, and was nominated by the Western Writers of America for their 2007 Spur Award.

Bill is a retired District Attorney from Quanah, which gave him much insight into the world of the "frontier legal system" as he calls it. During his visit with the Library, he will be sharing with us some of his experiences while doing research for the book, and hopefully we will get to hear why he chose some of the bizarre true events that he wrote about.

If you are a fan of Texas history, or western stories in general, this will definitely be an event you don't want to miss!

Not to mention, the Friends of the Library are going to have lemonade and cookies for us to munch on while we listen to all of Bill's fascinating stories. So put on your boots, and your favorite cowboy hat, and come on down to the Library Annex this Sunday, October 28, at 3:00 p.m.

Retired Texas Ranger to be guest at Do Gooders' Bazaar

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, October 2, at the Flomot Community Center. Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the business session and plans were made for the club's bazaar, Saturday, November 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Flomot Community Center.

The club will welcome author, H. Joaquin Jackson, a retired Texas Ranger, for a book signing of *One Ranger*. The book is a historical and interesting story about the life of a Ranger.

If anyone wants to rent a booth at the Bazaar, they are to contact Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert at 806-469-5212 or Mrs. Kathy Shorter, 806-469-5279. They will have a concession stand serving taco soup, sandwiches, brownies, coffee, iced tea and soft drinks. Posters will be distributed in the area advertising the Bazaar.

Before closing the session, they stressed that the club meeting usually held the first Tuesday of each month would be postponed to Tuesday, November 13, to avoid interference with the November 6th election at the Community Center.

Hostesses, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay and Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, presided at a table with black and orange garlands decorated with sparkling Metallic luster of pumpkins extending the length of the table. The centerpiece was a large pumpkin encircled by small pumpkins. They served refreshments from a Halloween-designed service of cheese, dips and chips, and assorted cookies including an "eye-catching" batch shaped as leaves frosted with yellow, orange and burgundy and a pineapple fruit punch.

Mrs. Suzie Shannon's name was drawn for the hostess gift, a metal and wooden pumpkin plaque. Others attending were Mesdames Brenda Browning, Tommie Joe Cruise, Anna Beth Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington and Ganeya Martin.

Geneva Martin,

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Motley County Tribune

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

CONSIDER

An artist cannot talk about his art any more than a plant can discuss horticulture. -- Jean Cocteau, Newsweek, 5/16/1955.

Okay, so if artists should not be talking about their art, but should let the art speak for itself, there needs to be a way for everyone to see it.

And that is indeed the plan. The Chamber of Commerce is organizing an art sale in connection with Late Night Shopping in Matador.

Artists, not only from Motley County, but also from the surrounding area, are encouraged to bring their artwork and display it for all to see. And the opportunity is not only to see the artwork, but also to be able to

purchase it, if it speaks to you.

There is also the chance that you will find just the right object as a present, for it is getting to be that time of year again, when everyone is looking for just the right things to put under the tree of friends and loved ones.

If you are an artist, from Motley County or from the surrounding area, you need to plan to bring your artwork for display and sale.

and sale.

And if you know an artist anywhere in the area, you need to tell them about this special showing, and invite them to participate. Let them know that there will be no charge for par-

ticipation, and no commission

on sold items.

What kind of art will you find there? All kinds -- fine art is the general label, and will include paintings, sculptures, photography, whatever the artists bring for your edification.

When will it be? Well, as mentioned, it will be the night of Late Night Shopping in Matador, but as yet that date has not been set, because of all the other activities happening around that time. But you can be sure it will be announced as soon as the date has been set, and it will be between Thanksgiving and the first week in December.

If you want to participate, get in touch with Don Stuckey, because he is coordinating the event, and he needs to know how much room will be needed to display all the objects. You can call him at 806-348-7082 or on his cell phone as 806-269-3740. Or you can send him an email

stuckey@commancheriahunts.com.

There are many wonderful artists in our area, and they need to have a way to display their work. That is the reason this event is being planned, and it is hoped that a number of further events can be organized in the future.

For now, concentrate on getting ready for the Art Sale at Late Night Shopping in Matador, and spread the word.





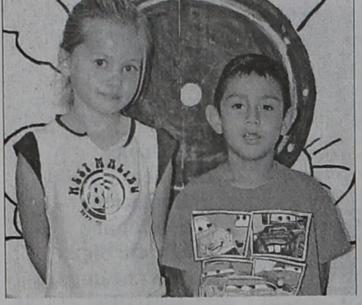


PRE-K CANDIDATES — Krysta Guerrero and Keygen Woolsey.



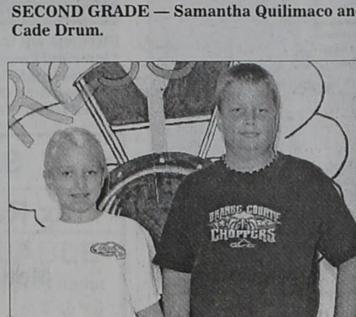


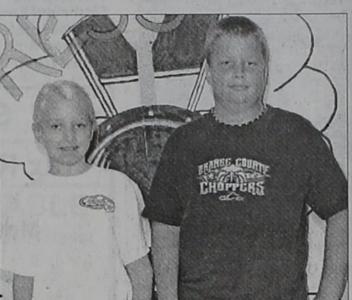
SECOND GRADE — Samantha Quilimaco and



FIRST GRADE — Kenzie Martin and Erin Gonzalez.

THIRD GRADE — Chloe Gleghorn and Andy





FOURTH GRADE — Natalle Jameson and Seth

MC Honor Roll

ALL 'A' LIST

First Grade: Tucker Barton, Zachary Brown, Joseph Chavez, Zane Gary, Erin Gonzalez, Mercy Klebahn, Rivers Marshall, Kenzie Martin, Ethan Mason, Leon Quilimaco, Cameron Stafford, Nathaniel Sullivan, Jacie Taylor, Carley

Second Grade: Cade Drum, Bryson Elliott, Dode Gleghorn, Wyatt Hackler, Eli Marshall, Samantha Quilimaco.

Third Grade: Lauryn Bohn, Mickey Clary, Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Chris Ward, Autumn Woolsey.

Fourth Grade: Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Marcus Ortiz, Michael Seigler.

Fifth Grade: Seth Baxter, Tanner Bearden, Meagan Ford, Michael Martin, Korbyn Simpson, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward.

Sixth Grade:

Seventh Grade: Jaci Quilimaco, Kaylee Woolsey. Zingerman. Eighth Grade: Keyan

Kautz, Braden Mason. Ninth Grade: Simpson, Danielle Stewart.

Tenth Grade: None. **Eleventh Grade: Courtney** Alexander.

Twelfth Grade: Isiah Archer, Mylissa Gilmore, Leatrice Gutierrez, Emma Knowles, Savannah Rose, Christina Smith.

A-B LIST

First Grade: Jonathan Flores, Tadley Pollard, Alycia Silva, Jerimiah Torres.

Second Grade: Gage Baker, Mikenna Ford, Brody Rankin, Michael Silva.

Third Grade: Ruby Klebahn, Andy Torres.

Fourth Grade: Matthew Faulks, Seth Marey, Macie Marshall, Joshua Martin, Bailee Perryman, Braden Pope, Thalia

Fifth Grade: Katie Barton, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Hannah Mason, Tallon Pollard, Gabby Silva.

Sixth Grade: Shayla Clay, Conner Mason, Parker Meredith, Jacob Woolsey.

Seventh Grade: Hance Davey, Kaitlyn Perryman, Sabra Pope, Austin Taylor, Aaron Woo-

Eighth Grade: Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn, Jonathon Osborn.

Ninth Grade: Hailey Blanco, Dayne Butler, Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson.

Tenth Grade: Melissa Flores.

Eleventh Grade: Wichita

Falcon, Jasmine Porter, Shane'a Russell, Kayla Hollinsworth.

Twelfth Grade: Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Stacey Perryman, Karrie Valdez, Brendan Wiltshire.

Mavericks standing at 6-0

The Mavericks ran their season record to six wins and zero losses with a 45-0 win over the Paducah Lizards. The Mavericks will next face the Valley JH squad this Thursday, October 25. Kickoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at Burleson Field.



Matadors are the BEST!!!



Motley County Maverick, #15 Augustine Chavez, runs with the ball during a recent Maverick home game.

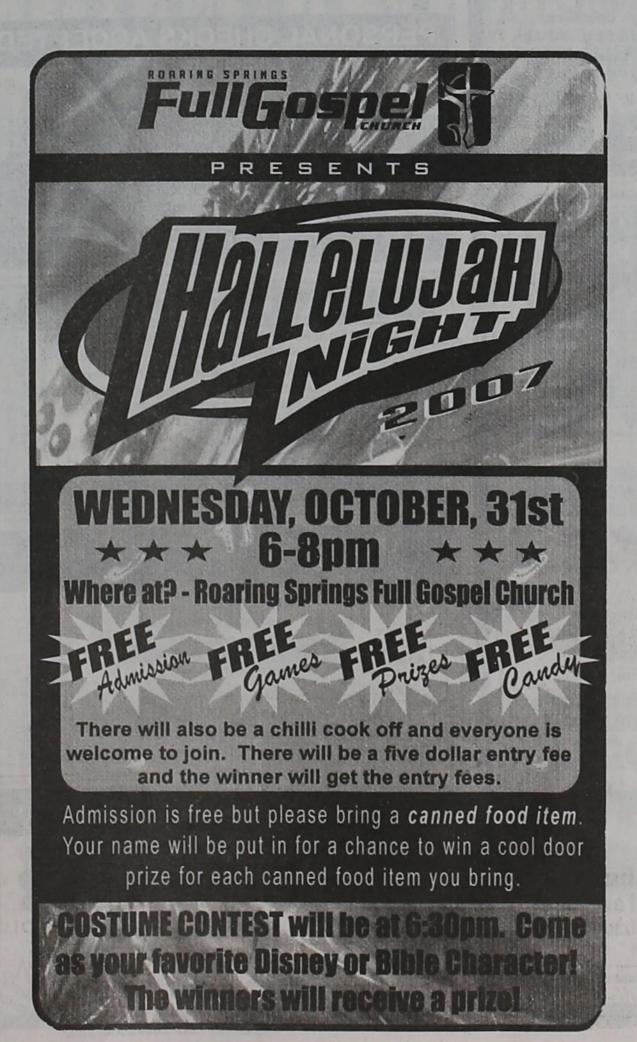
(photo by Walter Taylor)

Fall Festival is Saturday

The students pictured above are candidates for the Fall Festival contest which will crown a Lil' Miss, Princess and Queen. The Queen's contest will begin at 6:00 p.m. and games will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Annual Fall Festival to be held Saturday night at the old school gym. Lots of fun activities are planned. Don't miss out on the fun!
Also candidates, but not pictured are fifth grade candidates,
Meagan Ford and Braden Bigham; sixth grade, Shayla Clay and Cody Cochran; and seventh grade, Kaitlan Perryman and Payden Perryman.



SHOP AT HOME FIRST!

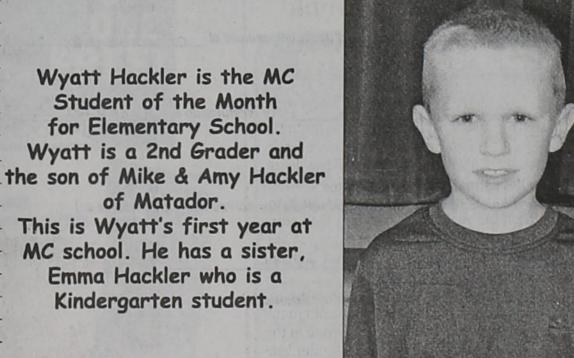


Mosley County Stars

October Students of the Month



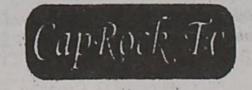
Melissa Flores is the MC Student of the Month for Secondary School. Melissa is a Sophomore and the daughter of Antonio & Alejandra Flores of Flomot. She is active in Basketball, Cross Country, Student Council and was a 2007 nominee for Homecoming Queen. She is also president of the Sophomore class.

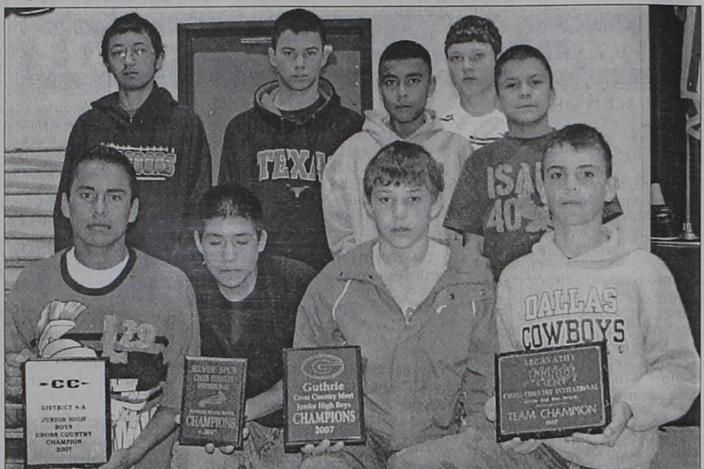


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Cross Country Stars

The Motley County Jr. High Cross Country Team won ev-ery meet they competed in this year. Pictured at left (left to right) are team members, Paul Gutierrez, Jonathon Osborn, Mark Quintero, Britt Simpson, Juan Flores: (front) Simpson, Juan Flores; (front) Augie Chavez, Nayo Santos, Austin Taylor and Christian





HONORED AT BANQUET — Craig Turner was presented a 25 year Emerald Pin and Lori Alexander received the Adult Leader of the Year Silver Spur Pin. Not pictured but also receiving awards were Gilbert Guerrero, Leader of the Year Silver Spur Pin. These awards were sponsored by South Plains Electric.



FRIEND OF 4-H — Francis Taylor and Lowe's Pay-N-Save were presented the Friend of 4-H award at the recent 4-H Award banquet.



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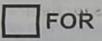
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For

Motley County Independent School District November 6, 2007

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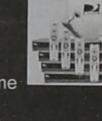
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Stories of days gone by in and around Motley County

LAND VALUES (continued)

by John Duff Green

Later both the price and the interest was divided by two and you were allowed to purchase four sections, if they lay in a radius of five miles of the one you designated as your home section. It was thought a man might be able to weather the storms of adversity and live off the proceeds of four sections of land, and I will be darned if most of us didn't balk on that liberal offer. Just couldn't see anything in it. We let the strangers at our door gobble up most of the cream before we got land hungry and feasted on the whey that

My father was a surveyor and knew where the School Lands lay. When that generous four-section Act became the law of the land, he begged me to file; said he could place me most anywhere in Motley or Dickens Counties I might wish to be. I turned it down and he sadly shook his head and said, "It won't last long." A prophetic prophecy it proved to be.

In the early eighties, a certain man filed on land under the Seven-Section Act. That land was located in the fertile Duck Creek Valley and in what became the old Spur range. As quickly as he could make his proof of ownership, the land was sold to the Spur Ranch people at one dollar per acre, and the party in question moved out of the God-Forsaken country.

Years later, the Western lure got in his system again, if it ever had left it, and he moved back and filed on a small vacant scrap of land as a homestead. He realized his great blunder in selling a league of land for a song and singing the song himself.

When Swenson put the Spur land on the market at from ten dollars per acre and up, C.A. Jones (father of Clifford Jones), the manager, met the man who had sold his land to the Spurs and asked him what he thought of the Spur country. The party being abrupt and plain-spoken said, "I don't think it is worth a damn." Jones seemed rattled, then the man added, "If I had, I wouldn't have sold seven sections of it for a dollar an acre." He realized the joke was on him, not the purchaser of his former holdings.

There isn't anything wrong with owning land. Land is the mother of all wealth. The weakness is in the human side of the equation. Nowadays, some people are land poor because they and their neighbors have crated artificial and unnatural conditions. The earth's inability to produce the required production or the prices received from that production, fails to meet the costs and upkeep on the land. The land is not to be blamed. Nor should the land be held responsible for booms and artificial values placed on it.

to be continued

First PAWA Trade Days set to be held in Quitaque Oct. 26-28

An interesting weekend is tack. planned for Quitaque on October 26, 27, 28, 2007. The first PAWA Trade Days will take place at the old Paymaster Gin yard. The gin is located on FM 1065 on the southwest edge of

wares under the covered module shed on the gin grounds. Various vendors will be setting up Friday afternoon, Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. and again Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Vendors who have reserved spaces will be selling a wide variety of merchandise. Food, cookbooks, caps, jewelry, knives, guns, kitchen items, wooden coolers, Christmas decorations, and furniture are just a few items that are expected to be for sale. Other vendors will be on the grounds with farm equipment, goats, and

Vendors will set up their

Thank you for

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Entertainment is planned in addition to the great items for sale or trade. Pecos Valley bluegrass and Triple L Bluegrass will perform during the day Saturday. Others bands and family oriented acts are invited to signup to perform during the day. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair and just enjoy the music.

Everyone is invited to come browse the merchandise, eat, and enjoy the entertainment. Vendors are invited to join the excitement by reserving a booth and coming for one or more days during the weekend. There will not be a fee this year to participate in this event for either the shoppers or vendors. For more information contact Seab Washington at 806-469-5278 or 269-1578 or e-mail flomot@caprock-spur.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The American Cancer Society supports the cancer research proposal on the ballot now in Texas, Proposition 15. We encourage voters to vote for Prop. 15. As the foremost private not-

for-profit funder of cancer re-

search, we know the impor-

tance of an additional \$300 million a year dedicated to cancer prevention and research in Texas. Nobel Prizes were awarded this month and American Cancer Society researchers won two for scientific breakthroughs, which brings to 42 the number of Nobel Prize winning scientists that have been funded by the Society. We've funded research leading to the first chemotherapy, mammography technology, bone marrow trans-plantation, the PSA prostate cancer test, a host of lifesaving drugs, and discoveries related to genetics and molecular biol-

Despite these advances and those of the federal government's National Cancer Institute, it's not enough. About one-third of the 95,000 Texans who will be diagnosed with cancer this year will not survive. One in two men and one in three women in Texas will develop cancer during their lifetime. No dollar value can be placed on the lives lost and the families disrupted by cancer. New research could provide new discoveries that lead to thousands of lives saved from the ravages of can-

A vote for Prop. 15 could do more for the battle against cancer than any vote ever cast in

Sincerely, Mark Clanton, MD, MPH Chief Staff Medical Officer American Cancer Society, High Plains Division P.O. Box 149054 Austin, Texas 78714 1-800-485-2345

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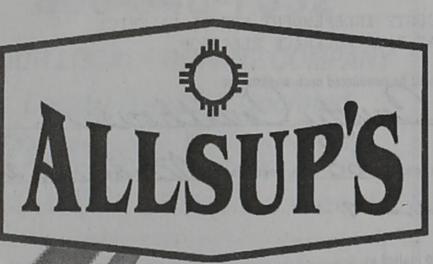
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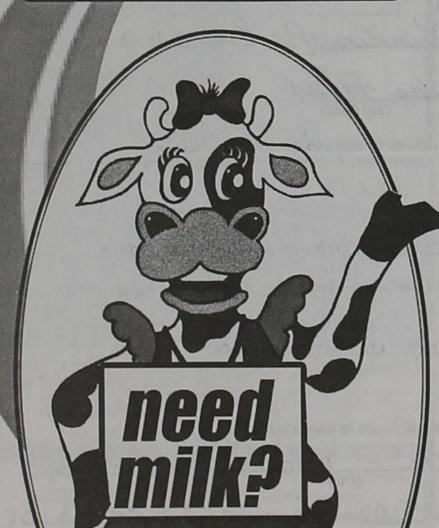


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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

OPEN HOUSE

Laverne Zabielski, writer and artist, and her husband, Larry Vogt, musician and piano tuner, have moved from Kentucky into her mother's house. Danielle Wittler, also from Kentucky, visited for a week to help with the moving and painting. Grace Zabielski will be moving back to her home on October 26. There will be an open house to welcome her on Saturday. Octo-ber 27, from 2-4:00 p.m. Call 348-7041 for more information.

Don and Billie Stuckey were in Amarillo this past weekend attending National Roping Contest and visiting friends.

The ladies of the First Baptist Church resumed their Women on Mission meetings on Tuesday, October 16. They still have a supply of their "Manna and More" cookbooks which would make good Christmas gifts or supply one with lots of recipes for the holiday cooking that is just around the corner.

Zella Palmer had guests for Sunday lunch. They were: Joy Beeson, Jo Scott and Pearl Patten.

Doris Dorche of Houston is visiting in the home of Walter and Jo Trammell this week. Doris is originally from Florida; she met the Trammels during World War II. Walter and Doris' husband were in the same unit in the service. They have nearly 60 years of memories to

Jesse Moehringer is coming to visit his grandparents, Joe and Pauline House this weekend. Jesse has been living in Florida with his dad for a couple of years. Jesse attended Motley County School sev-

Ken Young will be showing his art in Idalou this week and next at the bank in Idalou.

A wandering we did go! We went up to Canadian to see the colors, (they weren't turning much yet), and across northern Oklahoma on the back roads to northeastern Ar- the trimmings. Birthday gifts were and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock. kansas. We visited friends and went presented to the honoree.

to the War Eagle Crafts Fair. This is a huge outdoor affair covering at least 25 acres. There were vendors from everywhere. We saw the War Eagle Mill, an old fashioned mill turned by water that is still in use and bought some cornmeal they ground. We saw beautifully done crafts and art, from wood sculpture, weaving, dolls, decorations; just about anything handmade that you can name. We did not see all of it because it was so large and crowded. To see it all would take 2

I had not been in that area in about 20 years. It was amazing how the towns of Fayetteville, Bentonville and Rogers have about grown together to make a large city. Some of the dogwoods, maples and sycamores were turning near Rogers. We stayed at Beaver Lake. We also spent a good while in Eureka Springs. That is always interesting. We returned via Oklahoma City and spent a couple of hours in the Cowboy Hall of Fame. We needed a lot more time there also.

Buddy Crowder, son of Alex and Jo Crowder has had surgery and has had a setback. Jo is staying with him in Lubbock.

Zella Palmer attended the Patton Springs Homecoming on Saturday. There was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed visiting with friends and old classmates.

Ken and Suzanne Abbott, P.K. Green, George and Pennie Kline went to the Grand Opening at Caprock Canyon State Park dedication of the new visitor's center. P.K. said that the center is beautiful.

Ralph and Ellie Bailiff are back in Roaring Springs for a while. They own the blue house across the street from Billie and Don Stuckey. They spend part of the year here. They live in Tennessee.

Joy Beeson, Pearl Patten, and Zella Palmer attended a birthday for Joy on Sunday. The party was held at the beautiful ranch home of Mina Pellizzari. Guests were served a wonderful lunch of barbecue and all

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

EMPLOYEES OF COWGIRL HALL OF FAME VISIT

Lynn Buchholz and Lisa Fiehweg, employees at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, arrived Friday morning and were guests of Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton (who is in the Cowgirl Hall of Fame), Waydetta Clay and Wilburn Martin.

The group had lunch with Judy Renfro and Dixie Campbell in Matador. They then toured the Motley County Library, Matador Ranch and Variety Store. Marisue Powell met the group at the Motley County Museum for a tour, they were impressed by the mural and the many historical attractions here.

The group then continued to Turkey and were shown the Bob Wills Monument and toured the Caprock Canyon State Park. They were guests at an evening meal in the Waydetta and Ronald Clay home and visited overnight.

Saturday morning, Dude and Wilburn joined them for a sumptuous breakfast at the Clay home, before they returned to Fort Worth. They hope to return soon for another enjoyable visit.

Mrs. Aleda Ross was in Lubbock Friday for a medical appointment and visited her daughter, Mrs. Stan (Elisa) Wigley. When Elisa was taking her morning walk one day last week, a pit bulldog began chasing her. A man in a pickup noticed what was happening and stopped for her to get in the bed of the pickup

and accompanied her home. Kendal Hughes of Floydada visited the weekend with her grandparents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Her father and brother, Rickey Hughes and Kason visited Sunday and accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mr. Orville Lee attended to business in Childress, Saturday and en route home attended the Horse Sale in Estelline.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Erma Washington were Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Cary Franks of Idalou

OVERHEARD

I have three siblings, two sisters and a younger brother. This weekend I was chatting with my mom about how she had changed as a mother from the first child to the last. She told me she had mellowed a lot over the years. "When your oldest sister coughed or sneezed, I called for an ambulance. When your brother swallowed a dime, I just told him it was coming out of his allow-

DO GOODERS' CLUB SELLING CHANCES ON A BAZAAR QUILT

Members of the Do Gooders' Club are selling chances, at \$1.00 each or six chances for \$5.00 for their queen sized colorful floral designed Bazaar quilt. It is hand stitched with the name of each flower embroidered underneath its

The winning name will be drawn for this artistic quilt at 3:30 p.m., the day of the club's Bazaar, Saturday, November 17, at the Flomot Community Center. You do not have to be present to win.

Booths are available for \$10.00 by contacting Mrs. Kathy Shorter at 806-469-5279 or Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert at 806-469-5212.

LYLES FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of W.E. and Nettie Lyles held their annual family reunion Saturday, October 20, at the Lumber Yard Lodge in Turkey. Following a delicious buffet luncheon, family members drew numbers for the wide assortment of gifts brought for the occasion. Adding to the visiting and renewing of memories, Chris Lyles' name was drawn for a framed crocheted plaque with the Lyles family name.

More than 50 attended including six of the original nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Lyles. They were Iona Lane, Leota Johnson and Billy

Lyles of Turkey; Eldon Lyles of Childress; Travis Lyles of Lubbock and Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot. Those deceased are Bernard "Muggs" Lyles, Donald Roy Lyles and Eumas Lyles.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse, her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, daughter, Leah Cruse of Canyon and son and family, Keane, Lacy and Reese Cruse of Turkey, enjoyed the tourist attractions and falling snow in Vail, CO, on Thursday and Friday.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited overnight Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. Their father, Ty Barclay visited Sunday and accompanied them home.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers, visited overnight Wednesday in Lubbock with Ronnie and Lou Rogers. Thursday morning they continued to Artesia, N.M. and attended the graveside rites of Darlene Rogers, 71, held at the Twin Oaks Cemetery

Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Floydada Thursday and Friday to be with her granddaughter, Kendal Hughes. Her parents, Ricky and Tasha Hughes were in Lubbock at the Covenant Medical Center with their son, Kason, who was under medical treatment for asthma and congestion of the lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth, visited Saturday and Sunday with their daughter and family, Melissa and Tim Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob.

B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Visitor Center facility at the Caprock Canyons State Park, Saturday. En route home, they visited in Quitaque with Sherri and Trent McKay.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited last Thursday and Friday in Sayer, OK., and enjoyed the Blue Grass Festival. Saturday they visited in Elk City with Mrs. Mellie Compton They continued to Higgins and visited from Saturday night until Monday with Twana and Jay Kennedy and Jacky and Tonya Starkey.

Orville and Ruth Lee were in Lubbock Friday for Orville's optical appointment.

Connie and Coy Franks and daughter, Cara, attended the funeral of Erma A. Cornell Franks, 99, of Tulia, held at the Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel, on Thurs-



These festive balloons were only a few of the many beautiful balloons at the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

Ladies group attends Albuquerque Balloon Festival

Dorothy Day, Elaine Hart, Pat Warren and Doris Moore joined a group from First Baptist Church, Floydada, to travel to New Mexico to attend the annual Albuquerque Balloon Festival October 11-13.

Following a six-hour delay in Clovis, where one of the Floydada passengers became ill and had to be transported to Lubbock Heart Hospital, the travel in the new church bus went off without a hitch.

Friday morning the 12 remaining members of the tour watched the sunrise balloon launching, consisting of special shapes launching, followed by traditional shapes, and finally a balloon rodeo.

Prizes were given to the balloon pilots for accuracy in dropping markers on targets, and for retrieving flags from poles, which were worth cash and merchandise prizes.

The group took a side trip to Old Town for shopping and then returned to the Festival for supper and to watch the Balloon Glow, which takes place after sunset. The weather didn't cooperate for the Glow, which was canceled, but the show substituted a fireworks dis-

Another side trip on the way home included a trip to Blue Hole, located near Santa Rosa. The water hole is spring fed, 81 feet deep and 60 feet across. Blue Hole is used to certify scuba divers, with a temperature of about 61 degrees.

Matador News

MATADOR NEWS

Jack Samford and Juanita Cooper were in Amarillo three days last week. Juanita had eye surgery and a doctor's appointment. Jack visited with his daughter and family, Ray and Vicki King of Canyon. Juanita visited with her daughter and husband, Ken and Kay Dunnam. On Saturday, they drove to Lubbock to watch Juanita's granddaughter Kourtney Dunnam play volleyball at the United Spirit Arena, with her teammates, the Tech Lady Raiders. Kourtney is the team's Setter. The team lost to A&M

Lance and Sherry Bailey, and son Jason, visited in the home of Ron and Kay Bailey last weekend.

Carol and Lucretia Campbell, and Winifred Darsey, attended the opening of the new Visitor's Center at Quitaque Caprock Canyons State Park, Saturday, October 20. The

group attended a demonstration on Dutch Oven cooking, toured the many exhibits, and made a driving tour through the canyon. The new facility has a large selection of books, gifts, historical artifacts and information. The Center features on-site viewing of the buffalo herd.

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ORDER OF ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Mov. 6, 2007 for the purpose of:

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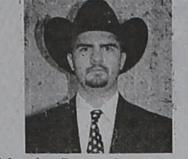
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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent

Motley 4-H Shooting Sports

The Motley 4-H club has started a shooting sports pro-gram. At this time we are in the process of submitting a grant application to the NRA for funds needed to purchase equipment and supplies. A shooting range is also in the works for this program. We will need volunteers to help conduct this program and make it successful If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Extension office. Also, 4-H members, if you would like to participate, please come by the Extension office and fill out a release form and a code of conduct form. We are looking at starting this program sometime at the beginning of November.

Motley 4-H Food Nutrition

There will be a meeting for the 4-H members participating in the Food and Nutrition program on Sunday, October 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the Motley County School. Participants are asked to bring their dish to this meeting for a "not luck" and mosk ing for a "pot luck" and mock interviews will be held in preparation for the county and district food show. The Motley County Food Show will be held on November 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the school. If you have any questions contact D'anna Russell or the Extension office.

2007 King County Fair

The King County Fair will be held on November 3 in Guthrie. If you are interested in participating, please come by the Extension office or see D'anna Russell for entry forms. Entries are due on October 26. Entries are limited to meat goat, sheep, and beef divisions. This is a great opportunity for you to work with your animal in the show ring and practice for the county stock show.

Swisher County Lamb and

Goat Jackpot The Swisher County Lamb and Goat Jackpot will be held on November 10. The lamb clinic and jackpot will start at 8:00 a.m. and the goat clinic and jackpot will start at noon. If you have any questions or want more information, come by the Extension office or see D'anna. This is another great opportunity to work with your animal in a show ring in preparation for the county stock show.

Cotton Producers I recently received an email

from an equipment dealer in Lubbock that has purchased and sold three of the new Case-IH Module Express Cotton Harvesters. These machines are currently running in Terry, Dawson, and Knox counties. If you would like to see one of these machines, arrangements have been made for a Case-IH representative to travel with us to explain the benefits and give us a "hands-on tour" of one of these units. If you are interested, please contact the Extension office so a date can be set to travel to see one of these machines in action.

Rolling Plains Hunting **Lease Directory**

In 2006, a hunting lease directory was developed for the Rolling Plains including Motley County. Several individuals have contacted me wanting this information. If you would like to advertise your hunting lease or business for free, please contact me so I can add your informa-tion to the list. Also, if your information is already on the list, please check to make sure it is correct. You can view the hunting directory at http://motleytx.tamu.edu/Publication.cfm under "Wildlife." If you do not want your information in the directory, please contact me and I will remove it.

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Conditions High For Wildfires

Amarillo -- The grass is high and drying down, the winds are blowing, and unusual lightning storms are taking place - conditions are right and all it will take is a spark to set off a repeat of the 2006 wildfire season, Texas Cooperative Extension officials

"It's setting up to be that kind of year again," said Dr. Wayne Hanselka, professor of Extension range specialist in Corpus Christi. "We've had so much rain, a lot of moisture, and

have grown a lot of grass." He said due to drought conditions, some areas don't have that many cows grazing, which has left a lot of dry grass or fuel

standing in pastures. "If it turns off dry with an early frost, it is setting us up to have another fire season like we had in 2006 and 2007," Hanselka

Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, agreed.

"It might be time for ranchers to make sure their fire-suppression equipment is working and the tanks are full of water,

McCollum said. Already, he said, the Pan-handle and South Plains area have seen a number of fires touched off by lightning this fall, which is a little unusual. A fire on October 18 burned more than 20,000 acres of grassland in Deaf Smith County.

Andy Festal, Extension agriculture education specialist, said major fires were reported in Hall, McCulloch and Llano counties on October 18 to the State Operation Center of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management. All were contained by local responders

"I would say West Texas will be one of the earlier not spots because of the wind velocity there," Vestal said. "The wind dries things out a lot faster."

"One of our big issues around here is CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) fields that aren't grazed," McCollum said. "They have a lot of biomass built up on them. Once one of them gets torched off, you have problems."

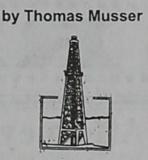
The National Weather Service issued a fire weather watch for several areas of Texas on October 20 because temperatures were expected to climb back into the upper 80's and afternoon humidity was expected to drop.

This combination of conditions has led to increased fire weather concerns across Oklahoma and portions of western North Texas, as well as eastern New Mexico and across the Texas Panhandle, according to

weather service reports.

Both McCollum and
Hanselka said prevention is the best measure for homeowners and ranchers to consider at this

OIL & GAS REPORT



FLOYD COUNTY

On Friday, October 19, PetroGlobe Inc. of Calgary Alberta, Canada issued a 2007 Exploration and Production Operational Update including information on their Texas Operations. PetroGlobe Inc. stated that they were currently testing the McIntosh Lease Well #176 to determine Sustained Deliverability Rate. PetroGlobe Inc. also stated they were plan-ning an Extended Flow Test of the McIntosh Lease Well #1077. After those tests on the wells #1077 and #176 are completed, PetroGlobe Inc. stated they will finalize the design and specifi-cations of the McIntosh Lease Gas Processing Plant.

MOTLEY COUNTY

The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Black 4 Lease Well #1 is currently shut-in after the recent initial completion work on this well.

The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Burleson Ranch "60" Lease Well #1 continues to be test pumped.

The Horizontal recompletion which started the first of September 2007 continues on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1.

The Texas Forest Service advises wildfires are not just a problem for rural homeowners and ranchers, adding that dur-ing the last two years, 85 percent of the wildfires in Texas have occurred within two miles

of a community.

Texas Forest Service officials warned wildfire can strike home unless some steps are taken to protect homes and property. They offered the following tips to lesson the threat of wildfire damage:

- Propane tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegeta-

 Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from

occupied buildings.

— Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

- In rural areas, clear a fire break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.

- Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach the roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water. Place connected garden

hoses at all sides of the home for emergency use.

 Know all emergency exits from the home and neighborhood.

 Create a defensible space of at least 30 feet around your house and outbuildings; closely mow lawns and trees should be pruned and spaced widely apart.

Establish fuel breaks along roadways and between buildings and fields or woodlands.

Keep mufflers and spark arresters on agricultural equipment in proper working order, and watch out for rocks and metal when bush hogging or mowing.

Monitor hay-bailing operations closely, dry hay can ignite within the baler.

 Watch out for sparks when using welding equipment to build fences or repair equip-

 Avoid driving or parking vehicles in grassy areas where tall, dry grass comes into contact with hot pollution control equipment under vehicles.

When debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines down to bare mineral soil prior to lighting your fire.

Burn trash in a burn barrel or other fire-safe receptacle covered with a wire mesh or grid that will help contain burning debris. Stay with the fire until it is out.

 Make onsite arrangements for removal of livestock and protection of feeders, pens, fences, oil and gas structures, wells, windmills, stored hay, barns and other structures.

Refresh or implement More information and tips

can be found at: http://texashelp.tamu.edu/004natural/fires.php http:/

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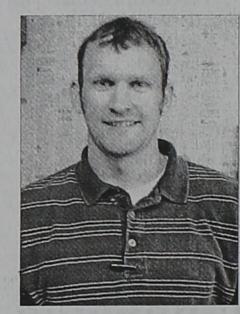
USDA Service Center hires new Soil Conservationist

Jacob Shaffer was recently hired as a Soil Conservationist under the supervision of Mr. James Gillespie at the USDA Service Center.

Shaffer relocated to Matador from Mount Pleasant in East Texas. He earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Systems Management with minors in Agronomy and Business from Texas A&M University at College Station. He recently finished graduate work and will be receiving a master's degree in Agronomy in December from Texas A&M University.

Shaffer enjoys hunting and fishing, trapping hogs, planting foodplots, running, high school football, and Texas A&M athlet-

"I look forward to working here in Motley County," Shaffer said. "I hope I will be an asset



Jacob Shaffer

to the Service Center, as well as the community," he said, adding, "And maybe I will be able to bring a little maroon flavor into town as well."

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Moon Phases

11/9

Last

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First

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7-Day Forecast **In-Depth Forecast**

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a Thursday

Day

Sunday

Monday

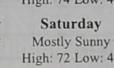
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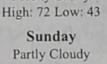
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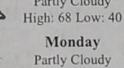
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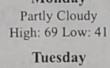
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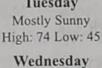
Mostly Sunny and an overnight low of 43°. The record high High: 72 Low: 43 temperature for today is 89° set in 1973. Friday Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with Mostly Sunny a high temperature of 74°. High: 74 Low: 44











Mostly Sunny High: 72 Low: 44

Saturday Weather History

85

73

83

Precipitation 0.26" Normal precipitation0.47" 64 77/51 48 0.00" Departure from normal -0.21" 76/50 0.00" 46 62 76/50 0.26" 75/49 0.00" 42 75/49 48 74/49

Last Week's Local Almanac

10/25

over northeastern Texas during the late evening, Sunset tonight Canada continued to produce showers and gale force winds in the Great Lakes region.

Average normal temperature . .62.8° Departure from normal +3.6° Data as reported from Childress, Texas Sun & Moon Times

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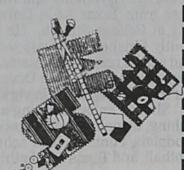
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