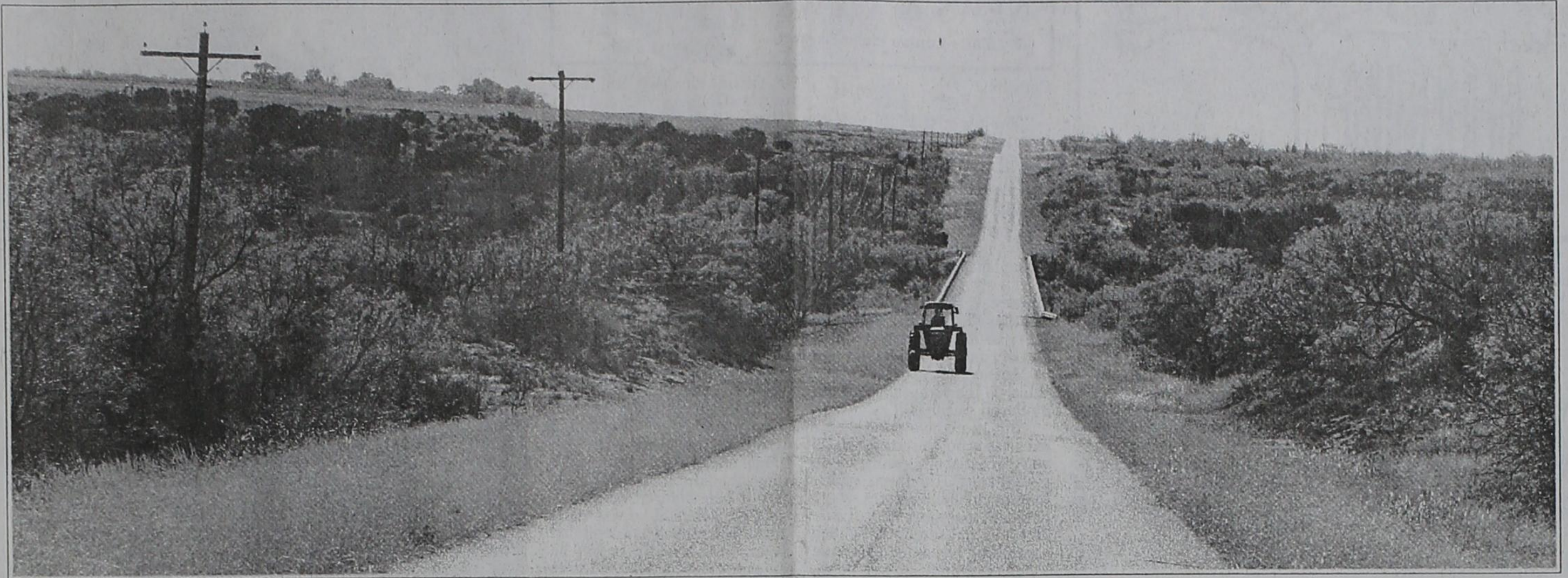


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ROARING SPRINGS ~ FRIDAY, NOV. 25

★ LATE NIGHT SHOPPING ★  
MATADOR ~ THURSDAY, NOV. 30



A farmer drives his tractor over a long lonesome highway near Flomot. Although not visible in this black and white photo, the Fall colors are vibrant as far as the eye can see.

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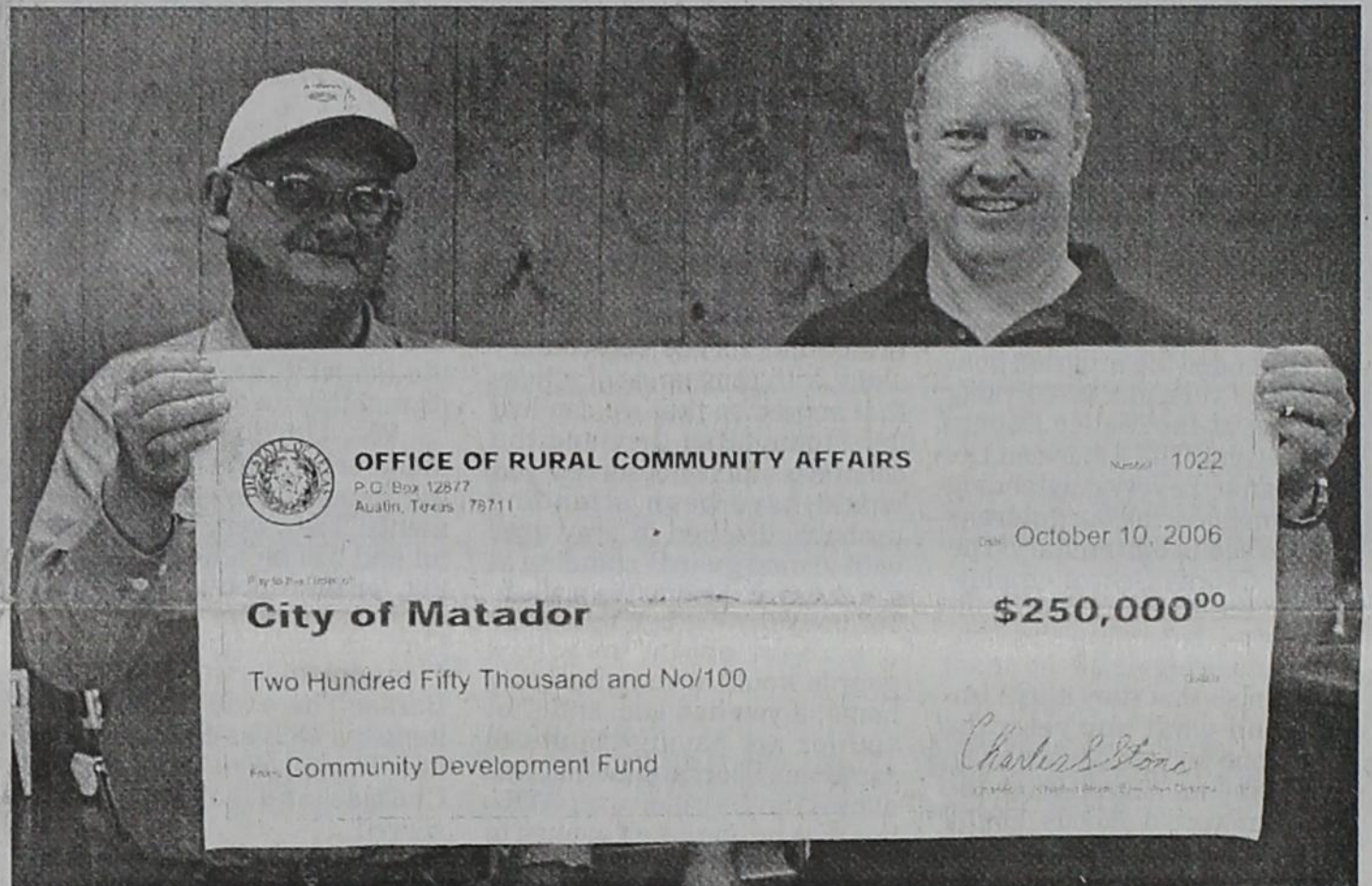
## Matador recognized by state officials for contribution to local project

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) honored the City of Matador on October 10, 2006, at the South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock for having secured a \$250,000 Community Development Fund grant from the agency for new water lines.

ORCA honored the City of Matador as one of 25 grant recipients from the South Plains

area recognized at the event. The recipients received a total of \$2,635,653 in grants awarded by ORCA between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006. The funds supported a variety of local undertakings, including local infrastructure development (planning, capacity, building, water, wastewater) projects, disaster relief, healthcare accessibility enhancements, medical facility improvements, and healthcare professional recruit-

ment endeavors, to name a few. “We commend the efforts of every recipient for their dedication to supporting their rural Texas community,” said ORCA Executive Director, Charles (Charlie) S. Stone. “ORCA was created to assist rural Texans with building their own communities, and I applaud everyone who applied for funding to address the needs of their community.”



Matador Mayor Pat Smith, right, and City Water Superintendent Steve Barton display the \$250,000 check the city was recently awarded as a grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

## Local churches will hold Thanksgiving services Sunday

Local churches will join together for Community Thanksgiving services Sunday evening, November 19. Roaring Springs services will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Full Gospel Church. Rev. Winfield Davenport, pastor of the Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist Churches, will bring the service. The First Baptist and Full Gospel Church Choirs will bring the music.

Community services will be held in Matador at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Matt Crawford, pastor of the Matador First Baptist Church will bring the message.

Everyone is invited to attend one or both of these special services.

## Arts & Crafts Annual Fall Bazaar will take place Saturday

The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club will host their annual Bazaar, Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center in Matador.

Club members will offer a unique selection of handmade gift items and baked goods. Coffee and cookies will be served. Don't miss out on this hometown events.

## Motley County Commissioners meet for November Court Session

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, November 13. Members of the Court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge; Commis-

sioners Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, Russell Alexander, Precinct 4, and Kate Hurt County Clerk. Also in attendance were County

Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador.

Judge Smith called the meeting to order and Commissioner Turner gave the invocation.

The County Clerk read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners, as well as reports from

the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Justice of the Peace and Library. The minutes and reports were approved and all accounts were approved for payment.

Judge Smith opened the sealed bids that were received for the two tractors advertised for sale from Precinct 1 and the town lots that were auctioned off on October 3 with no bidders. Commissioners accepted the

bid for \$5,500 from Jackie Don Tyler for the highest bid submitted for the two tractors. Commissioners approved the sale of Lots 24, 25 and 26, Block 89 to Doyle Rose as the highest bidder for \$800.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to approve the sale of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Lots 23 through 31, all in Block 136 to Paul Westbrook for \$1,200 the highest bidder, seconded by Commissioner Alexander. Motion passed with 3 votes for and 2 abstained.

Deputy Clerk D'anna Russell met with the court to discuss her multi-task position she currently performs. After discussion the court decided to table this matter until next court date.

Judge Smith reminded the court that Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. was the time set for the court to canvass the November 7 General Election.

## Matadors end season in 3-way tie for District Championship

The Motley County Matadors clinched a district championship with a 76-30 win over the Groom Tigers. The Matadors finished district play and the season with only one loss, and finished tied for the district title

with McLean and Samnorwood. The last district title won by the Matadors came in 1982.

“We put everything together tonight,” said Head Coach Mike Bigham. “For the second game in a row we stopped a very po-

tent spread offense. Our offense scored on every possession. It was fun to see the team play so well against a good team. The presentation of the district championship trophy by the school board after the game was

the icing on the cake. This was a special night.”

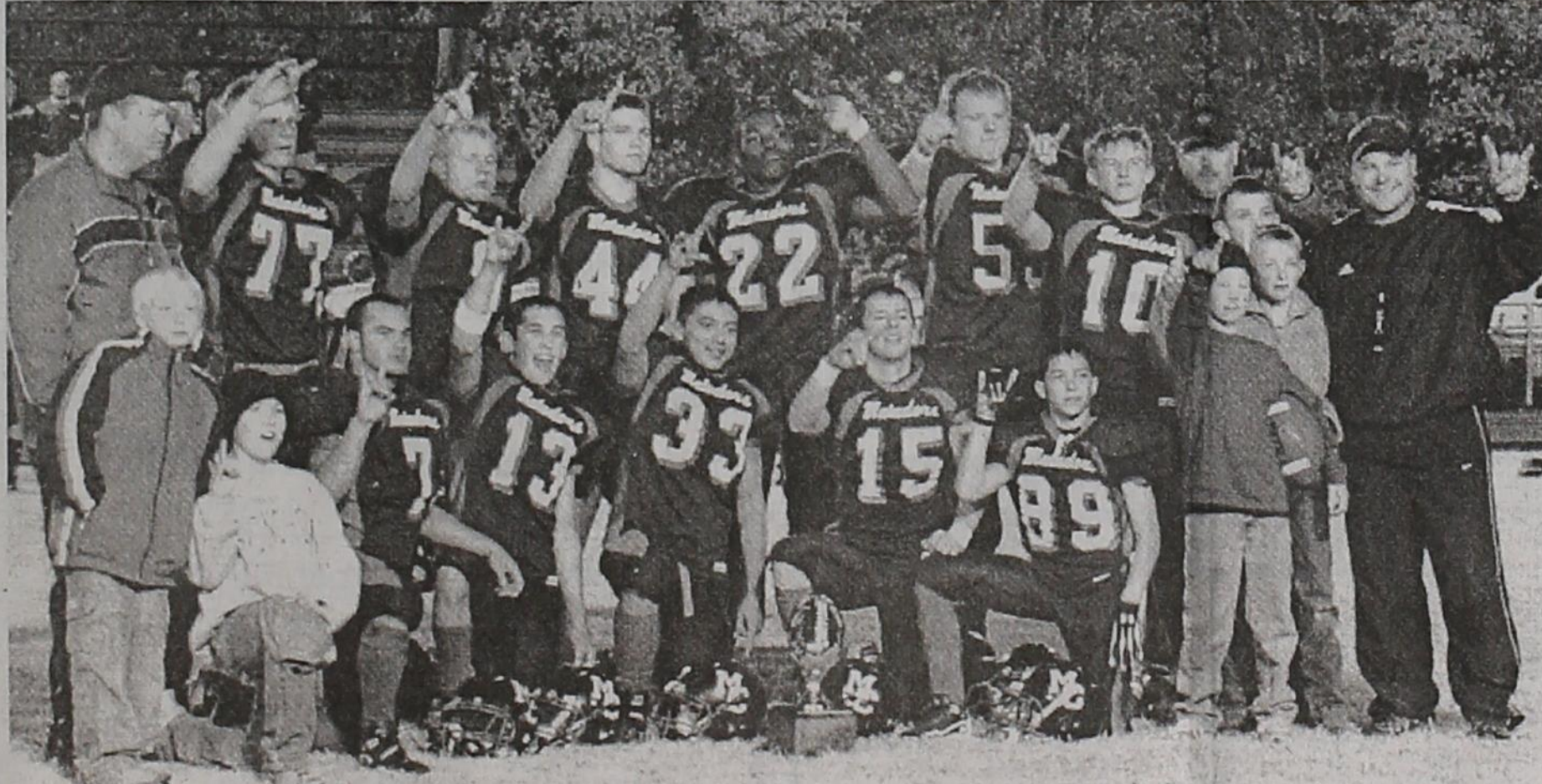
Isiah Archer gained 241 yards on 12 carries and scored 5 touchdowns. Bradley Brown gained 230 yards on 16 carries and also scored 5 touchdowns.

Shane Newman helped pave the way with four pancake blocks and three cut blocks.

Isiah Archer led the defense with 18 tackles. Other leading tacklers for the Matadors were Bradley Brown with 9, Jacob Blanco, Marc Henzler and Jacob Johannes with 6, Gene Salazar with 3 and Stacy Perryman with 2.

Despite only losing one game all season, the Matadors will not get the opportunity to continue playing in the playoffs. The three-way tie for two playoff spots was settled by a coin toss, which the Matadors lost. “Our team was peaking at the right time of the year,” said Coach Bigham. “We feel like we would have had a great opportunity to go very deep in the playoffs. This is very frustrating for us because we never wanted to settle a tie with a coin toss. We proposed a points system at the district meeting in August, but we were outvoted 3 to 2. If the points system had passed we would have been in the playoffs.”

Isiah Archer finished the season with 1,507 rushing yards on 163 attempts and 36 touchdowns. Bradley Brown rushed for 1,512 yards on 156 attempts and scored 34 touchdowns. Isiah Archer was the leading tackler for the Matadors with 120. Other leading tacklers were Bradley

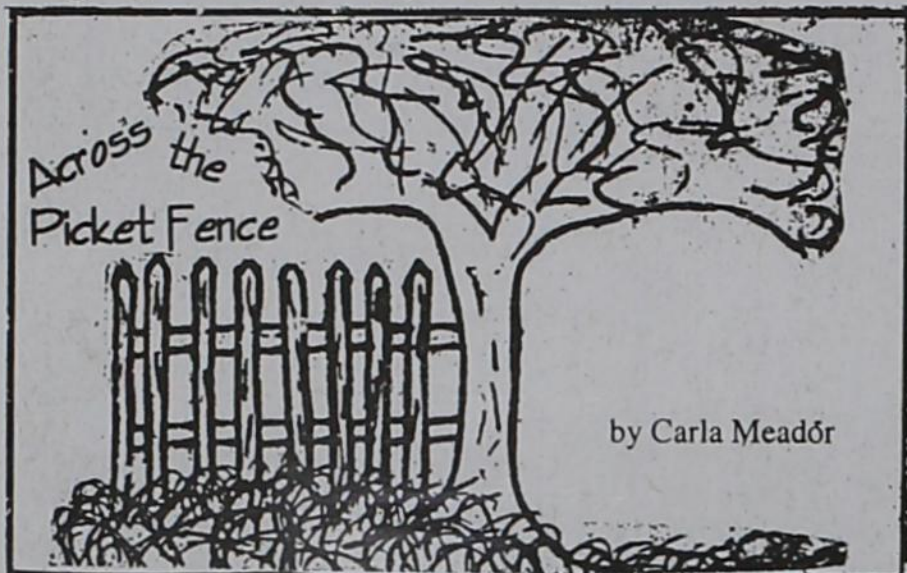


### District Champs

Motley County Matadors after their big win over Groom. The Matadors finished their season with only one loss, and ended in a three way tie for the District title.

photo by Winfield Davenport

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Oh, what a blustery day! I felt like Winnie the Pooh Wednesday morning. The leaves were blowing around in a flurry. If there were wind farms here, they would sure be pumping the electricity today!

Another Fall foliage tip for your Motley County tour: I know it's impossible to see the beauty in the photo on the front page. But the colors are beautiful. That long highway is near Flo-mot. So don't miss driving that direction on your tour.

As usual I'm in a big hurry this morning, so I don't have much time to write this column, but I thought this was a funny little item to share.

**Who's The Boss?**  
A group of kids were asked "Who's the Boss at your house?" This is how some of them replied.

— Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.

— Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

— I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between Moms and Dads?

— Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go

to work at work.  
— Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

— Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

— Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

— Diet. You know, her hair. I'd dye it, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

— She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.

— I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

— I would like for her to get rid of those eyes in the back of her head.

— Mothers don't do spare time.

— To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

— On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

## CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.

— Eric Hoffer

Hard to believe, but it's already that time of year. Thanksgiving is upon us.

Thanksgiving is usually celebrated with turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce, beans and salad, and of course pumpkin pie (or, in Motley County, when the trees do their yearly thing unhindered, pecan pie).

But the whole point of the exercise is not to see how much you can eat at one sitting, but to give thanks. Hhhmmm, giving thanks. School teachers would point out that there has to be an object in that sentence — giving something to someone, giving thanks to whom...So maybe we need to spend some time thinking about whom we are giving thanks to.

And then there is the "for what" part. What are we giving thanks for?

Customs differ. Some people sit down at the table and just dig

in. Others sit down and say a prayer of thanksgiving, and then dig in.

But some people, after saying a prayer, begin the table conversation with the question to all present, "What are you most thankful for?"

If you list all the things you have to be thankful for, it would take all day and night. We in Motley County would have to add, among all the others, such items as the beautiful sunsets, and the small town atmosphere that provides neighbors who care how you are and help you when you need it.

Think about it. What are you most thankful for? What would those at the table with you single out as the thing they are most thankful for? One family asked their children, and the 19 year old son said he was most thankful for living in a capitalist country, since all the bounty he enjoyed in his life followed from that circumstance.

So, why don't you try it. Ask around the table, while the turkey is being distributed, what one thing are those with you most thankful for. You might be mighty surprised at the answers.



MRS. ZACH STENGEL

## Couple exchanges vows in Santa Fe ceremony

Cori Milnes and Zach Stengel were joined in marriage November 4th in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Cori is the daughter of Mark and Gingham Milnes of Big Pine Key, Florida and niece of Ken and Dinah Young of Roaring Springs. Zach is the son of Jack and Nancy Stengel of Rock Island, Illinois. Cori wore a satin, strapless gown with a gold brocade sash she also used as a shawl during the cool evening on the patio of The LaFonda Hotel at the reception. Her bridesmaids were Katy Bailey and Molly Milnes, her sisters. Zach's best man was Scot Stengel, his brother. The girls wore cappuccino colored knee length after dinner dresses of chiffon over satin. The men were in black tuxes with dark bronze satin vests and ties. The flowers were fall colors: burnt orange, purple, yellow, and salmon roses and lilies. A lovely dinner was served in the ballroom of The LaFonda. A classical guitarist played through the dinner then a full band provided music until midnight. It was a magical evening for all.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am disappointed. I attended the program honoring our veterans last Friday morning at the Motley County School Gym. The American Legion planned a very outstanding program honoring our veterans who served in our military. The Motley County School employees and the students did an outstanding job hosting the program and bringing all the small children so that they might understand what our veterans have done for our country. The refreshments served after the program were delicious. For all of this, I say a great BIG THANK YOU!

Now my disappointment - There were only eleven adults other than the Veterans and school staff in attendance. I want to remind everyone that could have been there but didn't make the effort to come, that

you really needed to be there. You needed to be there to show your appreciation to OUR veterans that served our country along with thousands of others that served so that we can live here today. Had they and the countless others not served, you would have been attending probably dressed in gray drab with armed guards standing at the doors and along the walls to be sure you were in attendance. If you were absent the armed guards would have visited your home, if you had one, and shot you for not paying tribute to some vain, glorious nut that was allowed to be ruler over YOU, because no one cared enough to fight for you. Think about it.

Show up next year, if we are still free, and when you see a veteran tell them thanks for what they have done for your freedom.

Corky Marshall



## Motley County Arts & Crafts news

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met November 6 at the Senior Citizens Center for its monthly meeting.

Vee Gordon taught the members a workshop on making beaded Christmas ornaments. They were very beautiful and will be a lovely decoration for the Yuletide season.

President Joy Archer held the regular business meeting. Plans are underway for the Fall Bazaar. There will be many new items as well as the old favorites. There will be a door prize. Cookies and coffee will be served.

Watch for the knit and crochet, paintings, Christmas decorations, stuffed animals, painted tiles, tree ornaments and many more. The date is November 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Winifred Darsey and the Christmas party. See you there!

## Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott Librarian



The library will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

Thanks to the Gates Foundation, the Motley County Library has received two new computers. These computers are powered by Windows XP and have flat-screen monitors. We appreciate this grant from the Gates Foundation.

New books in the library include *Motor Mouth* by Janet Evanovich. In this book the author revisits the world of NASCAR and Barney and Hooker. Another new book is *Night Gardener* by George Pelecanos. The library also offers *On Agate Hill* by Lee Smith, *River Killings* by Merry Jones, *Under Orders* by Dick Francis and *Widow* by Carla Neggers.

Mark your calendar with this upcoming event: Book Signing for Polly Gwinn on December 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the library. Come and meet Motley County's very own author. The Friends of the Library will serve refreshments.

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**I Did It My Way ... Really?**

In reading Luke 9:57-62, Jesus is approached by three individuals as he was about to cross the Sea of Galilee. These three wanted to follow Jesus. But they wanted the following on their own terms.

The first man was a Scribe. He said anywhere you go I am going too. Jesus responded by saying, "The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." The Scribe got the message. No earthly securities when following Jesus.

The second man wanted to go and bury his father. "Let the dead bury the dead." What Jesus told him was, in effect, that the affairs of this life can and would be handled by those of this life not called to the ministry of Jesus.

The third man wanted to say goodbye to those back home. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." Another excuse. Excuses are not new to Jesus. Even during His days on the earth, face to face with the people, there were those who sought to be excused from following Him.

Our Lord understood events and happenings in our lives. But these are no excuse for not finding the essence of Life itself. That is "Fear God, keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

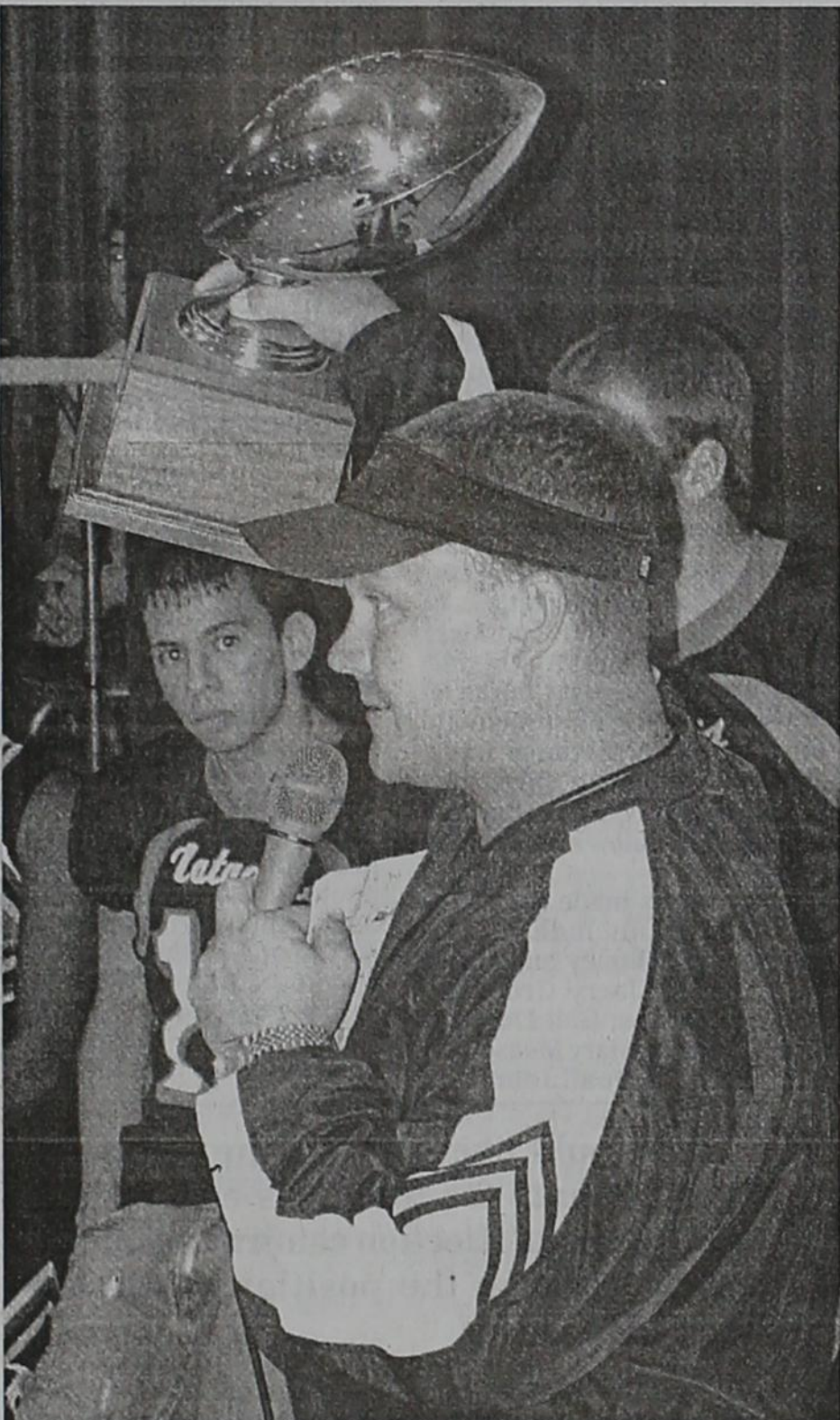
**ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.



# Honor Roll

**"A" HONOR ROLL**  
**Kindergarten:** Tucker Barton, Zackery Brown, Joseph Chavez, Jonathan Flores, Del Fritzler, Rivers Marshall, Ethan Mason, Alycia Silva, Cameron Stafford, Jacie Taylor, Jerimiah Torres, Virginia Torres, Carley Turner.  
**First Grade:** Jasmine Aumiller, Gage Baker, Cade Drum, Bryson Elliott, Brendan Fisk, Mikenna Ford, Dode Gleghorn, Eli Marshall, Samantha Quilimaco, Brody Rankin, Michael Silva, Refugio Torres.  
**Second Grade:** Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Chris Ward.  
**Third Grade:** Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Seth Markey, Macie Marshall, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Thalia Quilimaco.  
**Fourth Grade:** Seth Baxter, Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner.  
**Fifth Grade:** Shayla Clay, Conner Mason.  
**Sixth:** Jaci Zingerman.  
**Seventh:** Keyan Kautz.  
**Eighth Grade:** None.  
**Ninth Grade:** None.  
**Tenth Grade:** Courtney Alexander, Emma Knowles, Jasmine Porter.  
**Eleventh Grade:** Mylissa Gilmore, Savannah Rose.  
**Twelfth Grade:** Angelica Mendoza.

**"AB" HONOR ROLL**  
**Kindergarten:** Mercy Klebahn, Leon Quilimaco.  
**First Grade:** None.  
**Second Grade:** Lauryn Bohn, Ruby Klebahn, Autumn Woolsey.  
**Third Grade:** Duncan Aumiller, Mickey Clary, Matthew Faulks, Joshua Martin, Braden Pope, Michael Seigler, Bryant Taylor, Kaylee Woolsey.  
**Fourth Grade:** Katie Brown, Tanner Bearden, Hayden Davey, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Victoria Hernandez, Michael Martin, Korbyn Simpson, Tristan Tomlinson, Catherine Ward.  
**Fifth Grade:** Virginia Gutierrez, Jacob Woolsey.  
**Sixth Grade:** Kaitlan Perryman, Austin Taylor.  
**Seventh Grade:** Christian Brooks, Braden Mason, Lexi Osborn.  
**Eighth Grade:** Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Jay Potts, Kyla Simpson, Danielle Stewart.  
**Ninth Grade:** Melissa Flores.  
**Tenth Grade:** Shane'a Russell, Kayla Hollinsworth.  
**Eleventh Grade:** Isiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Leatrice Gutierrez, Stacy Perryman, Christy Smith.  
**Twelfth Grade:** Chicagra Brown, Griselda Flores, Shane Newman, Gene Salazar, Tamara Simmons.



Coach Mike Bigham gave a motivational talk at last week's Pep Rally. (photo by Walter Taylor)

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## School Menu

**MONDAY, NOV. 20**  
**Breakfast:** Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 21**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Patty/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk.

**NOV. 22-24:**  
**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!**



**DISTRICT AND STATE PLAQUE WINNERS** — Receiving plaques at the October 4-H banquet were District and State winners, (pictured left to right) Jaci Zingerman, Cassidy Turner, Shane'a Russell, Shelby Elliott, Kyla Simpson, Gabby Silva, Seth Baxter, Taylor Tomlinson and Schyler Tomlinson. Not pictured are Colton Russell, Hayden Davey, Tristan Tomlinson and Kaitlan Perryman.

## MC youth do well in King County Fair

by Shane'a Russell

Shane Newman, Justin Newman, Cassidy Turner and Shane'a Russell exhibited 8 goats at the King County Fair recently. Shane'a came home with a 10th place in class 2 and a 5th place in class 6, while Justin and Shane had a second in class 1, 8th in class 1; 5th in class 3 and 8th in class 3. Cassidy Turner was 6th in class 2, 7th in class 5. Justin Todd was first place lamb medium wool cross, and he had a 6th, 9th, and 10th in class 5 and 9th in class 7 with his goats. Courtney Alexander was 3rd place American Steers in class 1 and 2.

In the Arts and Crafts part of the fair Melissa Flores, FCCLA student, was first in senior youth home accessory and machine embroidery.

Keyan Kautz placed first in landscape junior youth photography and second place scenic, while Jaci Zingerman placed first in digital building, 2nd place digital floral and third place digital other.

Shane'a Russell placed first in senior youth wood work and

★★★★

Shane Newman placed first in senior youth other category as well as Best of Division and Best of Show.

4-H leader, D'anna Russell, was first place decoupage and Best of Division.

Participants were accompanied to the fair by Jeff and Pam Newman, Craig and Cathey Turner, J.D. and D'anna Russell, Dvonna Grundy and Ryan and Jamie Martin.



**FFA MEMBERS COMPETE AT CONTEST** — The Greenbelt District FFA Association held its annual Leadership Development Contests at Valley High School on Monday, November 13th. Seventeen schools from the Rolling Plains area make up the Greenbelt District which is one of six districts in the Area I FFA Association. Members from the Motley County FFA Chapter attended the contest and competed in the Radio Broadcasting event. Casey Carnes, Christy Smith and Shane Newman (pictured left to right), represented Motley County and placed 11th in the contest. Upcoming FFA activities include the Greenbelt District Banquet which will be held at Childress on December 11th, and many other contests and shows which will be held in the spring.

**Early Dismissal**

On Tuesday, November 20, School will be dismissed at 12:30 for the Thanksgiving holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, November 28, at regular time. On Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., UIL awards will be presented to Junior High and Elementary Students.

At 10:00 a.m. the sixth grade theater arts class will present a play called, "A Fairy Tale."

Thank you for reading the Motley County Tribune

## Football

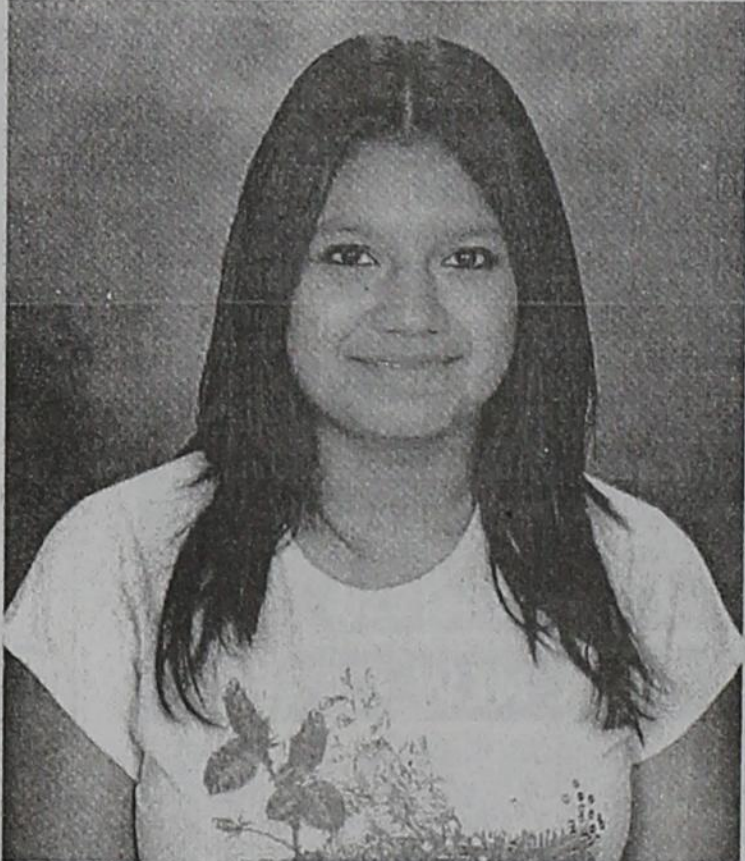
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Brown with 58, Jacob Blanco with 57, Shane Newman with 50, Marc Henzler and Jacob Johannes with 46, Justin Newman with 41, Gene Salazar with 30, Eric Simpson with 25 and Stacy Perryman with 17.

"This was a great season," continued Coach Bigham. "Our team improved so much from the first scrimmage. We worked really hard and had a great time. Winning a district championship is a great accomplishment. I know that the boys learned some important lessons this year that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We would like to thank the cheerleaders and fans for their support, it was just awesome. The coaches would also like to thank the seniors for their leadership and everything they have done. They helped start a tradition this year that will continue for many years to come. The future is bright for Motley County; we have good talent returning at both the high school and junior high levels."

## ★ MC Shining Star ★

### November Student of the Month



Karrie Valdez is the November Student of the Month at MC ISD. She is involved in many activities in School, and feels honored to be selected as Student of the Month. She plays basketball, golf and is the Mascot this year. She is also an active member of FCCLA and a Student Council Representative. Karrie was selected as Class Favorite this year. She works hard and is an A-B honor roll student.

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# Young girl's forgotten gift quilts years together for family heirloom

Juanita (Harmon) Cooper was only 10 years old June 8, 1933, when her mother Dollie Mae Harmon, family and friends presented her with a 25 square Dutch Doll Quilt. Although Juanita thought the squares were pretty, she didn't understand the importance of this family heirloom. The blocks were tucked away in a dresser drawer where they stayed for the next seven years.

Juanita grew to a young woman and graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1940. She met and married Alfred Cooper in 1941 and started a home of her own. The young bride took the

quilt blocks along to her new home and packed them away in a box. Soon the pretty little Dutch Doll quilt blocks were forgotten and stayed packed away for 40 years.

In 1975 Juanita ran across the blocks again and decided to purchase fabric for the strips and lining and had every intention to complete the quilt herself. The blocks, along with the purchased orchid fabric were packed away in a chest, and forgotten again.

This past summer, in June, Juanita's daughter Pat (Minton) was visiting from Granbury. The two decided to take the quilt blocks out of storage. The pretty

Dutch Doll blocks had been packed away 73 years, but were still crisp and clean. Pat took the blocks and fabric back to Granbury where she employed a woman to put it all together and quilt it.

Pat brought the completed quilt back to Juanita earlier this month. Juanita plans to give the quilt to her oldest great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Rockwell of San Antonio, who will be 14 years old December 20, 2006.

Juanita is pleased with the beautiful quilt and admires her pretty little Dutch Dolls, now pieced together to brighten another young girl's eyes, as they did Juanita's as a little girl so many years ago.



**FAMILY HEIRLOOM** — Juanita Cooper displays the beautiful quilt which was packed away for 73 years before being quilted. Mrs. Cooper plans to present the quilt to her great-granddaughter.



**I'LL TAKE THIS ONE, MOM!** Little Cade Calvert seems to like shopping at the Flomot Do Gooders' Christmas Bazaar. He is the son of Chad and Cindy Calvert of Bogota, Colombia and the grandson of Clois and Kathy Shorter of Flomot.



Flomot Do Gooders at their annual Christmas Bazaar held Saturday at the Flomot Community Center. Club members sold tickets for the handmade quilt hanging behind them. Members declare the bazaar a big success.

# Hackberry Creek Care Center continues to receive donations

by Marisue Powell, HBCC Reporter

The Hackberry Creek Care Center is taking on its final appearance as progress continues on finishing touches such as the outside color and trim. The concrete for parking spaces and driveway is expected to be completed this week.

We are always in awe of the help we receive from people who have lived in the county and continue to hold a soft spot for the community. One example is Larry and Lisa Jameson who have helped facilitate the selection of some beds and tables, many of them nearly new, from a warehouse of items retired from Covenant-St. Mary's remodeling project. The savings realized will be utilized in other areas of the care center. This help to our decorating committee is so appreciated.

Another example of home-hearted folks are Bert and Dorothy Wason Schweitzer who have generously added to the amount the Wason Family designated for the furnishings for the sitting room and/or family room.

The France Barton family had a different vision. They wanted to help the cause by providing new residents of the care center with individual televisions that will keep them entertained, informed and independent.

Harold and Grace Campbell started the ball rolling with a donation that was so important at the time. Without it, we could not have proceeded with the necessary ground work on the building you see today. In addition,

we are indebted to Grace for a recent donation.

Gayle Stafford and Lloyd and Tommie Stafford will have a room named in their honor due to the generosity of Lindy Stafford, Bob and Diana Stafford. The donation goes toward furnishing and decorating an individual room.

John M. Sonny Russell, always a community minded person, would have been so pleased to see the many memorials that have come to the care center to honor him: Larry and Donna Hoyle, Bobby and Brook Barton, Fred and Melane Parsons, Ken and Dinah Young, George and Roy Reed, Motley County Farm Bureau, Shane and Wendi Taylor, Jean Cooper, Jerry and Sandra Smith, C.W. and Pat Moore, Johnney and Carol Ann Turner, Motley County Clinic, Chuck and Gail Ream, the Family of Raymond and Joan Watlington, the Family of Skeet and Earlyne Jameson, Robin and Beverly Darsey, Vance and Betty Campbell, Lottie B. Garrison, Motley County Hospital District, Motley County EMS, Stan and June Levell, Marion Woodruff, Devona Smith, Charley and Opal Johnson, Linda Stafford, Texas Beef Council, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, the Family of Steve and Linda Hess, Bill and Kendra Luckett, L.J. and Eva Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse, First Ag Credit.

The First Baptist Church of Matador and the First Methodist Church of Matador have made a donation for the chapel room, to go toward a lighted stain glass window and furnishings.

Memorials made since the last report include: Alma Shorter by Johnney and Carol Ann Turner; Jerry Green by Sammie Phillips; Gail Dove by Lindy Stafford; Mary Meason by Charley and Opal Johnson,

Lindy Stafford, L.J. and Eva Barkley; Billie Ray Slover by Stan and June Levell; Gid Simpson by Marion Woodruff; Sis Davis by Doyle Rose, Alton and Frances Rose; Opal Pipkin by Johnney and Carol Ann Turner; Stan and June Levell, Marion Woodruff, Charles and Opal Johnson, Lindy Stafford, Adele Powell, L.J. and Eva Barkley; Tom Ross by Johnney and Carol Ann Turner; Lula Swim by J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Ronnie and Karen Davis, David and Cynthia Stafford; Katie Davis by Sammie Phillips; Art Green by Ronnie and Karen Davis; Lola Pohl by Sammie Phillips; Pearl Simpson by Sammie Phillips; Charlotte Campbell Richardson by Sammie Phillips.

Donations made to the overall cause are very much appreciated and have been received from the following: Wilburn Martin, J.C. Green, Geneva Martin, C.D. Garrison, Billie Koon, Alan and Kay Bingham, Nathan Shannon, Craig Turner, Patricia Green, Seab and Diane Washington, Bill and Kendra Luckett, Leo and Joyce Archer, Vann and Sondra Francis, The Boondockers, Bob Ham, Motley County Hospital District, and John Warren.

This list is never all inclusive since it is ever changing. If you have made a contribution of any kind and it has not been noted, please let me know. Darleen Fletcher and Sammie Phillips do a wonderful job of keeping up with the donations and seeing that each person or family honored has a page with photo in the memorial scrapbook. All contributions, large and small, are important to the opening of the care center to serve the people of Motley County and surrounding communities.

A big thank you to the voters of Motley County for your support in the November 7th General Election.

Thank you for all of your support the last few years. I will continue to serve Motley County to be best of my ability.

Thanks to all who worked to help make this a great election. I could not do it without you!

Kate Hurt  
Motley County District & County Clerk

Until now, I've never ran for public office in my life, and never intended to. I've never thought much of politicians, but you all know why I took this job - it was a felt duty, but it is not easy, and at times, requires making some very difficult decisions. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your vote and support.

Tom Edwards

Thank you to the voters of Motley County, for your votes and continued support as Justice of the Peace in the recent General Election.

Cora Smallwood

I would like to thank the people of Motley County for the votes cast in last week's General Election confirming me for another term in the position of Motley County Treasurer.

I will strive to uphold your trust and confidence in me by executing the tasks of this elected office in the most competent manner possible.

Eva Barkley

I would like to thank the residents Motley County Precinct 4 for expressing your trust in me with your vote November 7th.

I will continue to serve as Commissioner to the best of my ability and appreciate your continued support.

Russell Alexander

Thank you to the residents of Motley County Precinct 2 for your vote of confidence in the November 7th election.

I will work to serve as your Commissioner to the best of my ability. Thank you for your continued support.

Donnie Turner

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# Texas agriculture producers have say in new NRCS Web tool

With input from Texas agricultural producers, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is developing a customer self-service web portal for users to conduct business with the agency over the Internet.

"More and more people are getting accustomed to doing business on the Internet," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "The ease and convenience it offers our customers, especially in rural areas, makes it the right direction for NRCS to go."

The new customer self-service web portal will allow customers to view conservation plans and practices, view contracts and contract items, apply for a payment, sign up for programs, sign contracts and modifications, and request a consultation. They will also have access to soils information and other interpretations based on land use.

Twenty Texas agricultural producers from the Lubbock and Pearsall areas participated in an extensive interview process to provide feedback to NRCS on the new web portal.

According to James Gillespie, NRCS district conservationist in Matador, Texas, NRCS wants to ensure the web portal being designed meets the needs of potential users. "We

spent an hour or so with each producer asking specific questions about their computer usage and what type of online features would be useful to them," Gillespie said.

While the information gathered during the interviews is still being reviewed, Gillespie said the input provided by producers will be extremely valuable. "We want to design the best product we can up-front," he said.

Producer and Senior Vice President for City Bank in Lubbock Cody Maines participated in the interview process and found the web tool technology interesting from an agricultural business lender and producer point of view. "Producers can benefit from using the web tool site for planning their annual operating loans with banking institutions and other lending departments. The process will allow lenders and producers a better way to acquire information needed for loans. Producers can authorize lenders to access mapping segments and printed maps of their property," Maines said.

Motley County Producer Coy Franks also participated in the interviews and expressed his opinion about its benefits to producers. "People that have computers are going to use the technology. It's going to be a

quicker way to do business and it will save me time and fuel expense," Franks said.

Randy Underwood, NRCS district conservationist from Lubbock has been involved in the process and stated, "The website allows producers to take care of business at their convenience rather than during our office hours. It will be a time saving device for all producers who use it."

The development of the new web portal is part of the NRCS West Texas Telecommunications Project (WTTP), which began five years ago. The WTTP has been supported by U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla, who has served in the 23rd district of Texas since his election in 1992.

A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Bonilla is chairman of the

subcommittee that oversees all agriculture funding. This role enabled Bonilla to secure \$11.4 million in funding through the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee bill for the WTTP.

The funding has been used to obtain new technology, including satellite receivers for internet access, portable printers and computers, which are being used to provide USDA customers with a finished product in the field. This includes conservation plan maps, practice certification, or payment. The WTTP has also been a large part of the development of the web soil survey, which can be found online at [www.soils.usda.gov](http://www.soils.usda.gov).

The new NRCS web portal is in the early stages of development and will be available to the public within nine months to a year.

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## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

BY JOHN BIRD, CED

**CHANGES IN MEASUREMENT SERVICES RATES**  
FSA's rates for measurement services have recently changed. Instead of being charged depending on the type of measurement service, there is a standard fee for farm visits, plus a fee for hours spent on the service. Each measurement service request will be charged a Basic Farm Fee of \$30. Then there will be a charge of \$16 for the first hour and \$8 for every 30 minutes after the first hour. Time estimates will be made when the measurement request is made. If there is a substantial difference in the actual time the service takes the amount charged will be revised. There is also a \$15 fee for non farm visit measurement services.

**NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DEADLINES**  
The Non-Insured Assistance Program is an insurance program available for crops not normally insurable through the Risk Management Agency. Policies are available for crops common in the area such as fruits

and vegetables, grass, wheat for grazing, and haygrazer, and many others.

Please remember the following deadlines for the non-insured assistance program. December 1 is the last day to purchase a NAP policy for grass for 2007. If you purchase a policy on grass, December 15 is the deadline to certify the grass for 2007. If you purchased a 2007 wheat policy, you must certify your wheat crop 15 days prior to grazing or you will get charged the late file fees, which are the same as the measurement service fees described above.

**FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**  
This year's elections are in full swing. If you live or farm in LAA 2 and have received a ballot, please remember that the deadline for returning it is December 4. Ballots will be counted on December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the USDA building.

The election is to fill the slot which was held by Bill Luckett for many years. Mr. Luckett has served the limit of 3 - 3 year terms, and so won't be eligible to run again until 2009. Running for his place is Rob Francis and Kendra Luckett.



**SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED** — Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded Motley County Maintenance employees with service awards. Terry Keener, (right), Childress District Engineer, awarded Jerry Jones (center) for five years and Ben Kautz (left) for 20 years.

## OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, OIL AND GAS DIVISION:**

The Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas has begun placing Oil and Gas Well Records Online within the RRC Website at <http://research.neubus.com/esd-rrc/#results>. This project is just beginning and currently some of District 10 (the Panhandle) are available. Among the 239 District 10 Wildcats listed there are four Briscoe County Wells, one Castro County Well, and one Hall County Well. These online well records include plugging reports (Form W-3). Completion reports (Forms G-1 or W-2) Cementing Reports (Form W-15), Application to Drill (Form W-1), Plats and Well Logs.

**SOZO ENERGY, LP:**

On November 6, 2006, Sozo Energy, LP listed with Energy Spectrum Advisors Inc. to accept solicitations of Farmout Proposals for Sozo Energy's acreage under Oil and Gas leases within Floyd and Motley Counties of the Palo Duro Basin. Sozo Energy Holdings, LLC was formed on May 26, by Managers Nancy L. Shockey and Joseph B. Harker. Nancy L. Shockey is the CEO of La Esperanza Oil and Gas LLC and the Chairman of Shockey Enterprises Inc. and was the Chairman and Registered Agent of

**Legacy Exploration LLC.**

**SWISHER COUNTY:**

Lost circulation problems were encountered while drilling the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. Young Lease Well #1032. A string of casing was set and cemented above the Lost Circulation Zone. PetroGlobe Energy is planning to evaluate upper zones for oil.

**FLOYD COUNTY:**

The Norton Energy Drilling Rig #2 has rigged down off of the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. Young Lease Well #1032 in Swisher County and has moved to and rigged up on the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. Cox Lease Well #1013. Surface casing has been set and Norton Energy Rig #2 is drilling ahead. The Cox lease well #1032 is located 1980 feet from the South Line and 1980 feet from the West Line of Section 13, Block D-5. Denison & Pacific RR Company Survey 2 1/2 miles northwest of Aiken.

**FLOYD COUNTY:**

Well Testing continues on the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #1077.

After working through some mechanical problems the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. is back to pumping the Misener Lease Well #1. The evaluation of the Misener Lease Well #1 continues.

## County Commissioners attend Educational Conference in Vernon

Vernon -- County Commissioners Donnie Turner and Russell Alexander attended the November 2, Rolling Plains County Commissioners Court Conference at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon. Texas Cooperative Extension District III includes Childress, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Foard, Wilbarger, Wichita Clay, Montague, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Wise, Stephens, Palo Pinto and Parker counties. This conference provided a wealth of information for county commissioners. The conference agenda included presentations on No Spill Prevention - Control Countermeasures Plans, Wind Energy - How Does it affect Your County, Pandemic Flu Planning and Legislative Update Affecting Counties. The conference also provided county commissioners an excellent opportunity for networking with their peers on the Rolling Plains and they received six (6) commissioners' continuing educational units. The November 2 conference was co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Continuing Education Department at Vernon College. For more information on statewide programs and services available through Texas Cooperative Extension, Texans should call their local county Extension office.

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Motley County Tribune Weather Nov. 16, 2006

7-Day Forecast		In-Depth Forecast		Moon Phases				
	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 67 Low: 37	Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 67°, humidity of 23% and an overnight low of 37°. The record high temperature for today is 83° set in 1963. The record low is 17° set in 1997. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 69°.		New	First	Full	Last	
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 69 Low: 38			11/20	11/28	12/4	12/12	
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 61 Low: 36			<b>Last Week's Local Almanac</b>				
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 63 Low: 40	Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation . . . . .0.09"	
	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 65 Low: 41	Sunday	63	52	67/42	0.08"	Normal precipitation . . . . .0.28"	
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 62 Low: 38	Monday	74	48	67/41	0.01"	Departure from normal . . . . .-0.19"	
	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 40	Tuesday	80	42	66/41	0.00"	Average temperature . . . . .58.2°	
		Wednesday	86	44	66/41	0.00"	Average normal temperature . . . . .53.1°	
		Thursday	86	45	65/40	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . .+5.1°	
		Friday	63	44	65/40	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas	
		Saturday	57	31	64/39	0.00"	<b>Sun &amp; Moon Times</b>	
							Sunrise today . . . . .7:16 a.m.	
							Sunset tonight . . . . .5:39 p.m.	
							Moonrise today . . . . .3:20 a.m.	
							Moonset today . . . . .3:19 p.m.	

**Weather History**  
Nov. 16, 1988 - A powerful low pressure system in the north central United States produced high winds across the Great Lakes region, with wind gusts to 60 mph reported at Chicago. Heavy snow blanketed much of Minnesota, with 11 inches reported at International Falls.

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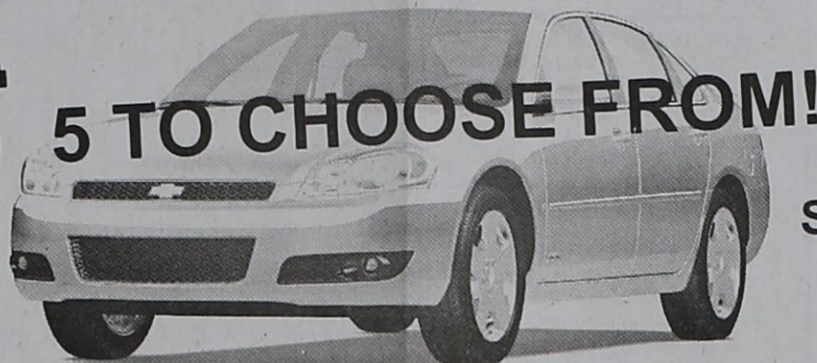
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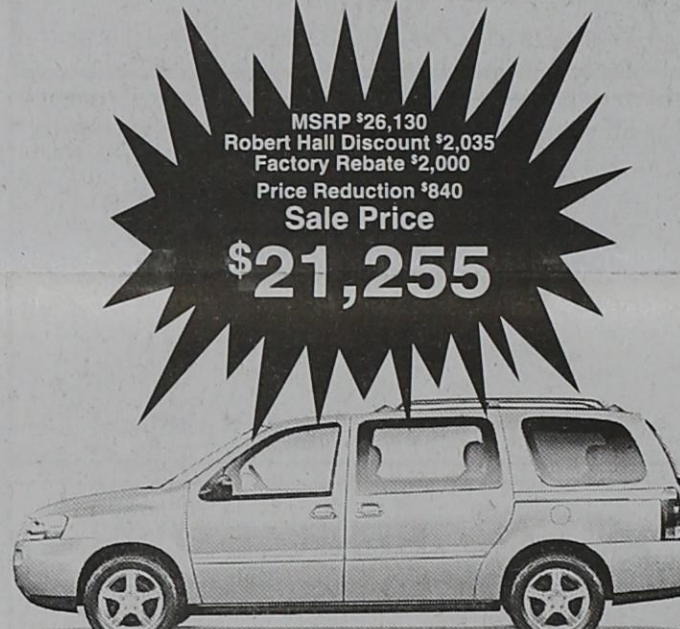
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