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STATE BOUND MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS

The Motley County Matadors defeated the Jayton Jaybirds 64-16 to earn their first ever trip to the State Championship game. The game was ended early in the fourth quarter due to the 45-point mercy rule.

"We played great tonight," Head Football Coach Mike Bigham said.

"Our offense, defense, and special teams really came together," he said. "Our defense recorded three safeties, which is hard to do in six-man football."

"We are so proud of the way our defense is playing; because of them we have a chance to win the state championship," he said.

"Our fans again outnumbered and out cheered our opponent's fans, and that makes a difference."

"We look forward to more great fan support this week in San Angelo," Bigham said.

Bradley Brown rushed for 250 yards and scored five touchdowns on 21 carries. Brown was also 5-of-7 on extra points. Isiah Archer rushed for 159 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries. Jacob Blanco connected with Stacy Perryman for a 9-yard touchdown pass. The Matadors racked up 436 yards of total offense.

The Matador defense held the Jaybirds to 173 yards of total offense. Stacy Perryman, Eric Simpson, and Steven Webb all recorded safeties. Isiah Archer led the Matadors with 13 tackles, one tackle for a loss, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Bradley Brown, Stacy Perryman, and Eric Simpson all had 10 tackles. Steven Webb had nine tackles.

The Matadors find themselves making history again by reaching the State Championship game for the first time in school history. The Woodson Cowboys will be the Matadors fifth and final round playoff opponent. The Six-Man Division II State Championship game will be played on Saturday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. at San Angelo Stadium in San Angelo. The Matadors will be the home team. The Six-Man Division I State Championship game between Richland Springs and Rule will be played at 7:30 p.m.



State Championship Football Game Information

Six-Man Division II
Motley County (Home) vs. Woodson (Visitors)
Saturday, December 15 @ 3:00 P.M.
San Angelo Stadium
San Angelo, TX

Six-Man Division I
Rule vs. Richland Springs
Saturday, December 15 @ 7:30 p.m.
San Angelo Stadium
San Angelo, TX

Pep Rally - Friday, December 14 @ 2:45 p.m. (Pete Christy from KCB News Channel 11 will be the guest speaker)
Send Off - Saturday, December 15 @ 8:00 a.m.

Jim Cooper and Ryan Martin will host a cookout in the parking lot at San Angelo Stadium from 11:00 to 2:00 before the game. All Motley County fans are invited.

Admission will be for both games:

Adults \$12.00
Students \$8.00

State Championship Game T-Shirts will be for sale at the game for \$10.00

The team will eat at Zetner's Daughter Restaurant after the game. Parents and fans are welcome.

A Charter Bus for fans is available. Tickets Cost \$30.00. Come by or call the school office at 347-2676 ext. 2400 to sign up.

Directions - from Highway 67 from Sweetwater Highway 67 will turn into Loop 308

From Loop 308 take the Knickerbocker Exit Turn Left on Knickerbocker

You will go through several lights; you will see the Stadium on your left and Zetner's on your right.



Bradley Brown and Isiah Archer Celebrate with family and friends

Photo by Stachia Baxter

Bus Charter for Football Fans

A Charter Bus for fans to the State Championship game will be available. Tickets will cost \$30.00. Checks need to be made out to Carol Redd.

One bus has been reserved, if enough fans sign up a second bus may be available. The charter bus is sponsored by a local group of fans.

The bus will leave the school parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and go to the cookout at San Angelo Stadium. After the game the bus will go to Zetner's Daughter Restaurant to eat with

the team, and then return to Matador. If enough fans sign up for a second bus, one bus will go to one game and one bus will go to both games.

If interested you can sign up at the school office or call Carolyn Johnson at 347-2676 ext. 2400 to have your name added to the list. Fans interested need to sign up as soon as possible. One bus has been reserved (pre-payment

was required). If a second bus is needed we need to know as soon as possible so we can reserve it before it becomes unavailable.



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FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Laverne Zabielski

What does it take to stay hungry and motivated, to keep on pushing towards one's goals? Since that's what the Motley County Matadors are doing we can all learn from them. I know the saying, "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game that counts." There is wisdom in that awareness. However, there is something to be said for a win, especially a state championship. When my sons were in sports I remember cheering "You gotta want it!" There's no doubt the Matadors Want It!

My apologies to Lucretia Estes Campbell for slightly rearranging her story in the Writing Community section. If you'd like to read the correct version please call or copy by the Tribune office. Also, if you or someone you're connected to has a story or essay they've written let us know.

I received an email from my daughter, Dana Wittler Logsdon in which she included two websites. Thinkfun.com is a great site for educational

games and was a perfect way to order Christmas gifts for my grandsons. She also sent the site, freerice.com, which is designed to increase your vocabulary. I'm not usually one to visit such sites but I decided to check it out. I never heard of half the words, so we've decided to ask for help by listing a couple words in the paper each week. Bring the definition to the office and receive a gift.

While I was at the Tribune office Sunday night I experienced the electricity going on and off several times, then finally not coming back on at all. I have never been in such a dark room. As I groped for matches to light a candle I began to appreciate electricity and began to consider the ways in which I was conserving. The power outage also made me wonder how well prepared I was for an emergency. As I made my way to the car to drive home I noticed several cars driving on the streets. Where were they going? Is there a place for everyone to gather? Sheriff Crutchley's remarks at the Commissioner's Court regarding making a plan are worth considering.

Historically a wholesale business only, this first and only new Glittered Pig retail business is painted bright purple, sporting a pink door with a frontage awning outlined in glittered purple flowers. "With a name like The Glittered Pig, it had to be purple," co-owner Stayce Cochran explained.

NEW BUSINESS IN MATADOR

By Carol Campbell

This little pig went to market,
This little pig stayed home,
and
This little purple pig sprinkled
on silver glitter,
and moved to Matador.

In case you haven't noticed, there is a new business in town, located on the corner of East Eubank and Main Street; and Matador couldn't be more pleased. Late Night Shoppers flocked to the new business, leaving with glittered cutout items from Ballerinas to Sail Boats. In addition to glittered signs, words and letters, the business manufactures wall decorations, wall art, and hanging signs.

The Glittered Pig took residence in the old lumberyard building, where just inside the main entrance, a new wall separates the retail expanse from the studio, where the real work is done. Hidden from view, accommodating almost 3,500 square feet, more than 200 different precision-made items are cut from 1/2-inch thick engineered wood; then glittered with a choice of 29 vibrant colors; and mailed out to more than 600 businesses in the US and abroad.

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The Glittered Pig is a family affair. Stayce's parents, Bill and Sallye Day, and her brother Wes, share in the day-to-day operations of this growing wholesale business. The Days, formerly from Mingus, Texas, just north of Stevenville, now live at Horner Lake.

"We have been fishing and visiting Horner Lake since 1961," Sallye said. "When Stayce and her husband moved to Matador with our grandson, we moved our business to Matador."

Stayce's husband, William Cochran, is the new Motley County high school principal. Their son, Coby, is in sixth grade at Motley County Elementary. The Cochran's have two other sons, Jason of Abilene, and Scott of Lipan, and a daughter, Layce, who lives in Atlanta.

The customized cutouts evolved from Bill and Sallye's western furniture business. For 16 years the Day's traveled to cutting horse shows selling their "good, well-built Western furniture." They became well known in the show circles, and took orders to build furniture for some rather famous people, including the Hurst family. They also furnished three bedrooms in the historic Pappy O'Daniel home in Weatherford, Texas.

"We started decorating the headboards of the beds with cut-outs that were hand built," Bill said. Then about nine years ago, Wes began using a hand lathe to customize specialty items while experimenting with glitter. "We use glitter that does not come off," he said. "It is the same glitter



Sallye Day and Stayce Cochran inside the Glittered Pig retail store photo by Carol Campbell

that is used on bass boats."

In 1998, these "little pigs" went to market. "We do big wholesale markets," Sallye Day said. "We do not do crafts shows or fleamarkets," Stayce added.

This mother and daughter team continue to market their product by attending the largest wholesale market in the world - the World Trade Center in Dallas. There, The Glittered Pig is marketed with so much glitz and glitter, that crowds of buyers follow the girls around; and they "dress the part," Stayce said.

"Our clothes are glittered, we glitter our shoes, we glitter our hair, and people recognize us," she said. "We were the only ones at market with glitter in our hair." In fact, there was such a demand for hair glitter; the girls now sell their own line of hair, eye, lip, and body glitter.

The Trade Center exposure has helped launch The Glittered Pig to markets all over the world, including Aruba, Hawaii, the Bahamas, Alaska, and Guatemala.

"There are two permanent showrooms in Dallas that carry our stuff," Stayce said, "The Koffs and Paragon Designs." They also have merchandise in Kids Space, in Lubbock.

The Glittered Pig has been recognized with several awards, including Best Manufacturer of the Year in Pomona, CA at a toy show; and in Las Vegas at a baby furniture and bedding show, they were awarded "Preferred Customer for Buyers." They also won a 2007 Booth Award, a prestigious award from the Western States Toy and Hobby Retail Association.

Stayce is in the process of establishing a new line of scented lotions; and on the south side of the entrance showroom she has decorated several shelves with what she terms "Shabby Chic," a combination of mixing the old with the new, she said. In addition, the store is featuring a candle company from Gordon, Texas. Morenci Candles in different poignant fragrances are for sale in the retail shop.

Since wholesale is the main business, the Glittered Pig will not keep regular business hours, but will open on special occasions. "We will not be open all the time," Sallye said. But if you can find them open, please stop by and welcome this new addition to our community - we are glad the glittered pigs came home.

By Larry Vogt

Where did all those cars come from? What a pleasant surprise to arrive in Matador for Late Night Shopping and see that most of the parking places were taken. Driving into town with Laverne's mother, Grace, at about 6:30 last Thursday, the intention was to give her a chance to do some Christmas shopping for her grandchildren. She took one look at the cars and made the remark, "There must be quite a few people in town tonight."

The sidewalks were alive with folks and the festive atmosphere was in full swing. There were bargains galore and drawings and Motley County Bucks and door prizes and baked goodies for sale and arts and crafts and just about anything you could desire. Santa

was taking wish lists and several young people had the chance to talk with the jolly fellow.

If you had some kind of nostalgia for home town festivals and street fairs, it was right here in Motley County at the Matador and Roaring Springs late night shopping events.

Thanks to all the friendly folks who stopped by the Tribune office and looked over the selection of books, wearable art, and signed the guest book. The winner of our drawing for a one year subscription was Vicki Swam. Many thanks go out to the Chamber of Commerce, the merchants and vendors and most of all, to all the folks who turned out to have a good time, see friends and neighbors, and get a chance to support our local economy right here in our home town.



The Glittered Pig's new manufacturing plant in the former lumber yard building photo by Carol Campbell



Brianna Silva talks with Santa

photo by Stachia Baxter

RETRO NEWS

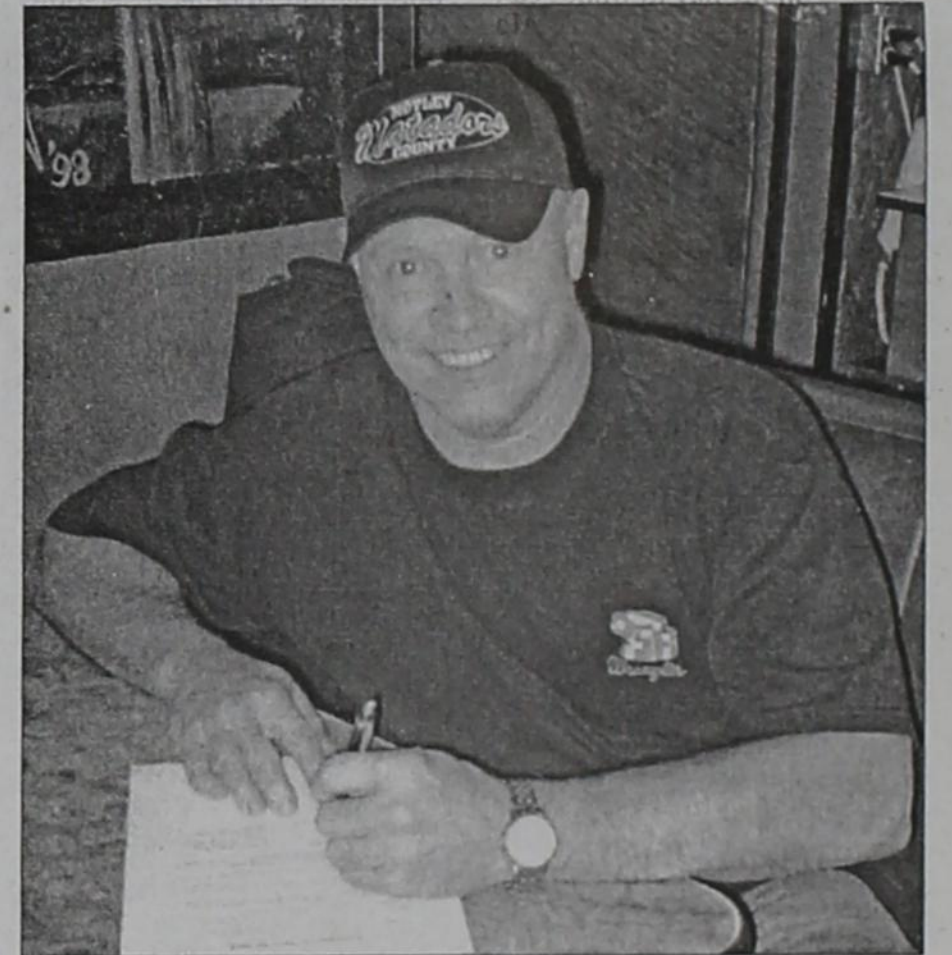
An excerpt from Matador Tribune, November 17, 1949

Bonanza Of Cotton Believed At Crest

Compresses Bogged In White Swamp Of Bountiful Fields

There is no escape. Cotton is everywhere. It is in the ears, the eyes, the voices and the hearts of the people. Weary ginmen are on the streets at all hours like innocent prisoners released from the oars of commerce. The river of cotton moves slowly as more is dumped into it. Most compresses, including Roaring Springs, have expanded to all available territory and are refusing to accept more cotton until what is on hand can be moved.

MAYOR SIGNS PROCLAMATION



Mayor Pat Smith signs proclamation designating Week of Motley County Matador Pride. See page 6 for full text.

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Coaches Jacob Wiederstein, Randy Brown, and Mike Bigham hold the semi-final trophy

photo by Stacia Baxter

WRITING COMMUNITY

Jimi

a story by Eli Zabielski

I hated that midwinter day last year. It remains as a splinter in my mind, eating away at my conscious for the months succeeding. My dog Jimi was lost forever, along with the hope of his return. It is a narrative not to be forgotten.

Jimi was my joy, a sizable, purebred, German Shepherd. He was nearing six years old, and he was smarter than some people I know, a two faced trait. He always brightened up my day after an arduous day. He waited for my return daily to go for a run and some fetch. He always resided at the door when I got home, perhaps because he somehow knew the time I would get home, or maybe he waited there all day in patience for me. I would never know either. I could always count on him to be there for me.

I loved him, and I know he loved me. It was often only me and him when I got home from school, with my parents out working and my brother off to college. My brother and I were very close, but with him less involved in my life, Jimi was filling the gap. I rode the school bus every day that year, the 1st time riding in 7 years.

One frosty morning, sometime in January, just another day so it would seem, my life would change. I boarded the bus knowing this would be another long, 45 minute ride, not thinking about the mistake I had already made that deceiving morning. The cold air stung at my freshly wet hair, as if sending a message of the pain to come. I was feeling good about that day, thinking not of trouble. Ignorance truly is bliss.

The school day events proceeded as normal; block 1, block 2, lunch, block 3, block 4. They were filled with the general drama, mishaps, jokes and assignments, all soon to be in the back of my mind. I would not notice my mistake until I got home. On the way home the sun shined against the dwindling snow on the ground. As I reflected on my day in what I call part of my 90 minutes of 'Me Time' per day, an unknown beast was awaking in my thoughts. I could not identify it, but I believe it to have seeded the splinter currently residing in my mind.

As I approached my front door, thunderclouds were rolling over the peaks, and the wind began to moan, it must've been a sign for me. I unlocked the front door to find an unusual sight, Jimi was not laying there like usually.

"Jimi?" I called.
No response.
"Jimi? Come Jimi!" I called again.

No response again, my mind began to mix thoughts of where he was. I went into the laundry room and shook his food bag hoping that it would surly bring him running. Nothing. I looked in my room, he wasn't on my bed. I looked in the kitchen and living room, not a sight. I looked in the remaining rooms with no luck, but there was no luck involved in this. I

went back outside and called for him thrice more again without

event. My mind began to race. I headed to the back door to double check inside, keys in hand. I held the knob while finding the key, but to my surprise, the door opened; unlocked.

Within a nanosecond I had figured out what happened to Jimi. I know that no one could kidnap, or should I say, dognap Jimi. Jimi weighed more than 120 pounds and knew whether someone was supposed to be in the house or not, he was a beast to be reckoned with. No, he wasn't dognapped. It was my fault. The proceeding evening I took out the trash through the back door and failed to lock it, I also let Jimi out while I was performing this chore. The trash had been a disturbance of my English paper I was working furiously at.

After dumping the trash I quickly returned to my homework. In my absentmindedness, I left Jimi outside. I would not know this until I felt the unlocked doorknob. Jimi ran away, and it was all my fault. I whipped out my cell phone with a certain amount of style, and called my mom at work explaining the whole event, she left work early on her way home. I did the same with my dad, and he left also. While they were coming home I double checked every nook and cranny a 120 pounds dog could possibly fit in, only reassuring my assessment of what happened. My parents and I searched everywhere with

eye of Sherlock Holmes and still without any outcome. We all knew he was not on our property, and was lost. We posted flyer's around the neighborhood.

The next few days were the most agonizing of my life, waiting for someone to call. A day passed, and another. On the 3rd day hope was depleting, but a spark of hope ignited. The phone rang with a call about Jimi. A person in our neighborhood had seen a large German Shepherd three mornings ago running south down the street at about 6:35.

When I was told this information, another revelation clicked in my mind. My bus heads down that street at 6:35 in that direction. Jimi was chasing my bus after waiting outside all night unknown to any of the humans. I know Jimi, he wanted to see me, he knew I was on that bus, but what he didn't know is how far the bus was going. Jimi ran until he couldn't keep up anymore, probably about one or two miles away from my house at that point, and totally lost. Upon this revelation was my breakdown. My life ground to a halt. We posted more flyers, and looked around everywhere. Days went by with no calls. Days turned to weeks, hope turned to emptiness. As weeks turned to a month, hope left a void in my families hearts. I would never see Jimi again.

Jimi was gone leaving a void to be filled with pain. I now fear the thought of that day, and will forever. My message I hope you learn is the ever so overused "You never know what you have until it's lost." This event has no happy endings, no happy reunions, no laughs at the end, only the bare truth.



Notes from the Library

by
Buffy Crutchley

We had a very successful late night shopping event, and I would like to say thank you to everyone that stopped by.

Grant Potts won the Moore Maker Knife, Braeden Moncrief won the Childrens Gift Basket, and Stan Hanesworth won the 2007 Ornament.

Our Silent Auction winners were Ken Jones, Patrick Harvey, Aaron Woodruff and Waylon and Betty Moore.

I need to say a very special thank you to Ruby, P.K., Marihelen, Joanie, Deanie, Suzanne, and everyone else who helped out. I couldn't have done it without you guys!

The 2007 Granny's Tea Party was also a huge success. We had 19 young ladies participate this year. Since it was my first time attending, I wasn't sure what to expect. Joyce and Janie Campbell were so wonderful! We had so much fun! I'm already looking forward to next year, so I can eat more of those delicious peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!!!

Our book sale is still going on, so if you haven't come by, please do so. There is still a huge selection to choose from. We still have quite a few best selling authors in the mix. Plus, there are several brand new music CDs still available.

Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkott

Consider: Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

—Francis Pharcellus Church
The Sun, Sept. 21, 1897

It won't be long now, and Santa Claus will be coming to town. The place to prepare is noradsanta.org, where you and your children will be treated to music, games and the ultimate, the tracking of Santa come Christmas Eve.

After you have watched the introduction, you choose your favorite language, and are treated to a countdown to tracking Santa. The pictured village is like an Advent Calendar, and each shop invites you to play a game.

The page titled "About Santa" tells you about Santa, and you can send him an email. Under, "Is He Real?" you will find a famous letter to Santa and the answer, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

And then, of course, on Christmas Eve, you can watch Santa travel around the world. There are Santa cams placed all

around the world to give you a chance to see him as he visits famous cities with their well-known landmarks.

NORAD?, you may be thinking. That is the North American Air Defense Command. How did they get in the business of tracking Santa?

Well, it seems that, back in 1955, the Sears Roebuck & Company Christmas ad featured a hotline that children could call to find out about Santa's progress.

As can happen, the newspaper misprinted the telephone number, and gave the number of the hotline of the Director of Operations at CONAD, the precursor to NORAD. The surprised military commander had his staff check for signs of Santa making his way from the North Pole, and sure enough, found him. Since then, NORAD has been tracking Santa, using radar, satellites, Santa cams, and jet fighter aircraft. The moment Santa Claus starts on his epic trip, Rudolph's nose gives off the light that the satellites detect, and NORAD tracking swings in to action.

So visit the site at to play the games, find out about Santa, and get ready for the big night. And then, on December 24th, check out Santa's progress around the world as he gets closer and closer to Motley County.

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FSA NEWS AND REMINDERS

Amy A. Hackler, CED

There will be a public meeting regarding the 2005-2007 Disaster Programs on December 19, 2007. This meeting will be held at the County office at 7:00 p.m.

Please be reminded that the County office is taking appointments to sign up for Disaster Programs. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Please remember this is the last week to certify grass acres if they are covered by Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP).

Without a timely filed acreage report, you could be ineligible for program benefits or have to pay a late file fee for certifying acreage after December 15th. Please call the office to make an appointment if you need to certify your grass acres.

County Committee Ballots were counted Monday, December 10th at the Motley County FSA office. Craig Turner was up for election this time representing the Flomot area. Craig Turner and Glen Calvert were on the ballot and with a vote of 38-32; Craig was re-elected to another 3 year term.

The FSA Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This has been a very busy year for the office and we would like to extend our thanks to all our producers in Motley County and all surrounding counties that have made this a great year. We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season.

JAMESON SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Franklin Jameson announces his candidacy for re-election as Motley County Commissioner, Precinct 3. Franklin has been a lifetime resident of Motley County and if re-elected, would continue to serve the people with integrity and dedication for the betterment of our county.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote and influence in the upcoming 2008 elections.



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COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETS IN REGULAR SESSION

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, December 10, in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

Following the reading of minutes, and approval of bills and other reports, Sheriff Michael Crutchley updated the court on the status of a Deputy Sheriff search. He said he was in the process of interviewing a candidate; a retiree from the National Guard, with 26 years experience in law enforcement.

Further, Crutchley said, the county does not have an Emergency Management Coordinator. According to County Judge Ed D. Smith, this position is in the process of being filled.

Crutchley informed the court that in case of an extended power shutdown (as was experienced on December 9), that a "contingency plan" was made with Hackberry Creek Care Center to house about 40-50 elderly with electric-only households. Hackberry Creek has generators for lights and heat.

In a wind energy update to the court, County Attorney Tom Edwards said there was still leasing activity going on in the county, and some interest in the area from some "big players."

"My sense is that everyone is still waiting on the Public Utility Commission (PUC) regarding a decision on transmission lines," he said, adding, "it is still a deeply political process."

The good news, he said, is that at the last meeting of the PUC they were now aiming toward "higher capacity lines rather than lower capacity lines."

According to Edwards, planned and approved projects could very well "max out" the capacity on limited capacity powerlines.

"Large projects like the Shell project in Briscoe County and the Invenery project in Dickens county would "max out" capacity on new limited capacity powerlines that might be built," Edwards said. "This would stifle any additional growth of Motley County and other counties with limited capacity powerlines."

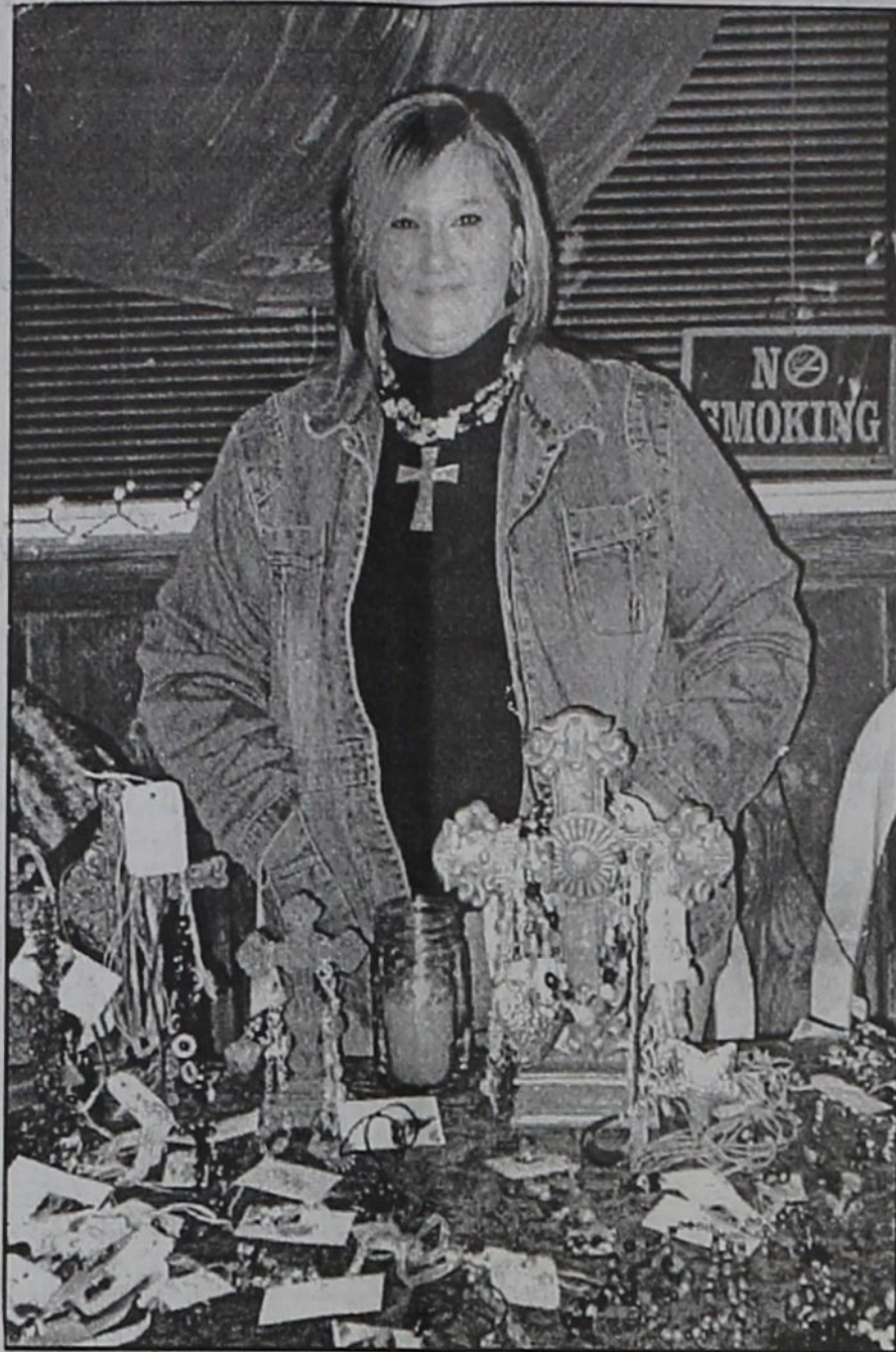
Following the wind energy update, the court recessed to enjoy the annual courthouse Christmas party, then reconvened to discuss and approve the 2008 Holiday schedule. The court approved sixteen county holidays for 2008 unanimously.

In other business, the court unanimously approved the purchase of a dump truck for Precinct 4. Commissioner Russell Alexander said he had looked at a used '91, 6-foot, Ford diesel state dump truck with a tarp for \$8,900.

County Judge Assistant Carol Campbell updated the court on the recent Texas Historical Commission, Texas Preservation Trust Fund Grant of \$30,000. THC will be making a site visit to Matador before the first of the year to discuss the Funding Agreement, and help prepare a timeline for going forward.

The Funding Agreement will be reviewed by the County Attorney and County Judge, and approved by the Court. Architect Hubert Welch will be on the next Commissioners' Court agenda to discuss the bid process for the jail renovation project.

The Burn Ban that was tabled in November, was again tabled until January. According to Commissioner Donnie Turner, the State of Texas may put the whole state under a fire ban. Due to the possibility of cooler weather, rain and ice, the court decided to take a "wait and see" approach to this issue.



ARTIST Lacey Clary offers her work at Late Night Shopping photo by Stachia Baxter

CITIZENS MEET TO DISCUSS TAX APPRAISAL

A group of citizens concerned about the huge jump in tax appraisals on their property met Friday, December 7, in the conference room of First Ag Credit in Matador. Known as the Motley County Oversight Committee, the members have joined together informally to learn more about their state and county government in relationship to taxation.

A number of reports were offered, including the Commissioners' Court meeting of November 12; the Motley County Appraisal Board meeting on November 29; Agricultural Appraisal boards in other counties; and the land appraiser's report given at the Wind Energy and Wildlife seminar in Abilene.

The amount of increase in the appraisals and the cap on increases elicited a lot of discussion, as did the creation of an Ag Appraisal Board for Motley County. Land owners were encouraged to calculate the rate of increase in their appraisals over the last four years. One landowner re-

ported an increase in the market value of pasture land in excess of 110 percent in a four year period.

It was pointed out that hunting leases should not influence the appraised market value. According to the land appraiser at the Abilene conference, wind turbines and transmission lines on a property can lower its value when leasing to hunters or selling to big city people, and the appraisals should reflect this fact.

The group also discussed its goals, focusing on areas where it can have a positive impact, including education and information, farmer and rancher surveys, an ag appraisal board, contact with public officials, as well as other groups across the country with similar concerns.

The next meeting, open to the public, is scheduled for February 6, 4 p.m., at the First Ag Credit conference room. Anyone who is concerned about taxes or wishes to learn more about state and county government is urged to attend.



FANS CHEER MATADORS: Marvina Mason, Amy Neal and Debra Scott photo by Stachia Baxter

Use Safety when Hunting!

School Menu

Thursday, Dec. 13
 Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Ham Slice, Broccoli/Rice, Corn, Celery stick, Hot roll, Spice cake, Milk.

Friday, Dec. 14
 Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple chunks, Vanilla wafers, Milk.

Monday, Dec. 17
 Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Frito Pie, Salad, Crackers, 1/2 apple, Cake, Milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk.
 Lunch: Pizza salad, Pineapple chunks, Vanilla wafers, Milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 19
 Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, toast, Juice, Milk.
 Lunch: Veg. Beef soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Slice Peaches, Milk.

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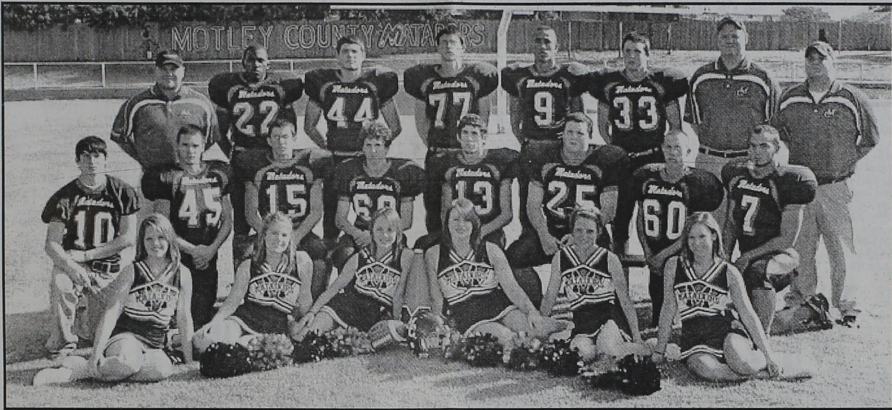
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MAYOR MAKES PROCLAMATION

Proclamation by Mayor Pat Smith On The Week of Motley County Matador Pride

Whereas, the Mayor and Matador City Council, in conjunction with Motley County Matador Supporters, are celebrating the week of Motley County Matador Pride.

Whereas, the Motley County Matadors have proclaimed they are not only a team but also a family. This family deserves recognition of their dedication, faith, and honor they have displayed towards themselves, each other, and community.

Whereas, the hard work and determination the Matadors have put forth are entitled to a week to acknowledge the pride of their success and victories they have brought to our school and community.

Whereas, this week will not only be a celebration of victories, but will prove that the countless hours of hard work, practice, and dedication will not be left unrecognized.

Whereas, this time will also be a week for the community to show that we are committed to paying a tribute to the Matadors by showing true Motley County Pride.

I, Pat Smith, Mayor of Matador Texas, do hereby proclaim, December 15-21, 2007 as the week of Motley County Matador Pride and encourage all fans and citizens to recognize the Matadors accomplishments by showing Matador Pride.

X Pat Smith
Pat Smith
Mayor of Matador

AUTHORS, BILL NEAL AND EARL GRIFFIN TO READ

QUANAH — Two area writers with a history of doing battle in public now find that they make a good team. Not that they ever were true enemies. They're lawyers. Bill Neal and Earl Griffin both have written books published this year. For the second time, they will appear together in Quanah to sign copies — Neal to autograph his nonfiction "Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier" and Griffin to sign copies of his romantic Western novel "Escadara." Their first joint signing was at the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Museum in September.

Griffin is a practicing attorney in nearby Childress. Hardeman County native Neal, now retired and living in Abilene, is a former district attorney who practiced law primarily in Vernon and Seymour during his career.

Hosted by Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts & Sciences — www.3rf.org — and organized by Quanah Historical Preservation, the book signing will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 216 S. Main Street in Quanah's historic commercial district. The authors' session complements other weekend goings-on, including a quilt show at the museum and dances Friday and Saturday nights at Three Rivers Ballroom. Food vendors are expected also to be on hand downtown Saturday, including Nicki O'Neal's Chuckwagon and Pease River Annie.

Neal didn't expect Griffin to turn into a novelist. "Out of the blue, there arrived Earl's first book: 'The Escadara,' is a historical novel set in the nineteenth century frontier in the Palo Duro Canyon of Northwest Texas and the Llano Estacado on west of that in the Texas Panhandle," Neal said in a review of Griffin's book.

"Earl Griffin not only spins an intriguing yarn dramatizing the early settlement of the area but also weaves a fascinating romance into the fabric.

"There's a lot of meat on the bones of this historical novel, and Earl gets all the details right," Neal said.

Raised on a ranch himself, Neal realizes there's a cowboy side to Griffin. "You can smell the horse sweat on the latigo strap when you ride the trails with this Westerner," Neal said.

Indeed, Griffin has ridden the range. "It's set up in

the canyons," Griffin said. "I spent several weeks one summer up there with my brother. He was cowboying We rode over a bunch of that country." Griffin's softer side also comes across in his book.

"What I discovered with amazement was the fact that beneath the battle-scarred hide of this veteran courthouse gladiator, there lurks the heart and soul of a romantic," Neal said.

As for Neal's own book, it has won awards — notably the Western Writers of America award for the best historical nonfiction book of 2007 and the "Book of the Year" award from the National Association for Outlaw and Lawman History. The manuscript for his next book, "Guns to Gavels," is in the hands of the publisher, again Texas Tech. A third book, already under way, will complete a chronological trilogy. Neal's style is to recount colorful tales that describe the development of frontier justice in the part of Texas he knows best — the towns where he practiced law and where he first heard the stories himself. The task of documenting and fleshing out the accounts has made him retrace his steps and then some.

"I've gone into the basements of courthouses, the back shops of old newspapers," he said. "It's like trying to solve a 100-year-old mystery." Even though the stories are true, they have the ring of fiction common to the stuff of legend. "I like to think of myself as a storyteller," Neal said.

And Griffin's book has a ring of truth. "I did some research up in the archives of WT's library," he said, referring to West Texas A&M at Canyon, Texas.

His inspiration to write "Escadara" was a historical plaque at the courthouse in Paducah that says Union and Confederate soldiers both settled Cottle County, he said. "That gave me the idea of a Union officer and a Confederate soldier meeting up to form the ranch up there in the Panhandle," Griffin said. "What kind of relationship would that ultimately form?"

The answer is in the book. Meanwhile, Griffin and Neal are finding out what sort of relationship a novelist and a historian can have in the world of book promotion. Neal's book is for sale in bookstores and from Texas Tech University Press. Griffin's book is at <http://www.buybooksontheweb.com>.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOES

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church is proud to announce the upcoming Christmas production entitled "The Christmas Shoes." The production will be held on Sunday December 16th at 10:30.

"The Christmas Shoes" is a completely original play written by Lesa Keltz but inspired by God. It is a very unique telling of the Christmas story through drama, music, singing and dancing. It is complete with wonderful props and sets, costumes and lighting, and amazing acting, singing, and dancing. The young and the young at heart will enjoy this telling of the Christmas story as they watch many of their friends and loved ones re-enact it.

The cast list is very large and includes, Pastor Kevin Keltz, Casey Caulfield, Jeff Braselton, Dean Willmon, Jennifer Schmidt, Barbara Armstrong, Jennifer Walker, Sam Fletcher, Braden Mason, Ashleigh Jones, Marcus Ortiz,

Ashley Kesey, Tia Freeman, Haley Braselton, Brett Fletcher, Ciara Shaw, Erin Braselton, Jonathan Osborn, Clarissa Zarate, Conner Mason, Crawford Mason, Ethan Mason, Cody Martin, Stacy Perryman,

Brad Brown, Frankie Ortiz, Steven Webb, the Children's Church Choir, with help from Tamara Chunn, PJ Schmidt, Kim Fletcher, June Keltz, Devonne Dillard, and Amy Bearden.

They have all worked very hard for months getting this celebration together. They have practiced long hours and spent many other hours making costumes and painting sets and props. Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church would like to invite everyone to this special event and share in the excitement of the season.

Eternas Study Club Winners

Winners of the Eternas Study club drawing at Late Night Shopping were Denise Ford, the Moore Maker Knife and Linda Jameson, Thacker Jewelry ring.



TOP COOKS NAMED IN 4-H FOOD SHOW

VERNON- 224 boys and girls from 24 counties exhibited their nutritional knowledge and cooking skills at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Food Show here Saturday (December 8) at the Willbarger Auditorium.

Four seniors will advance to the State competition in June 2008. Each received a plaque and ribbon in addition to advancing to the State contest. Second place senior winners will participate in the State event if the first place winners can't take part. Intermediate and Junior Division winners also received ribbons but do not compete beyond the District level.

Winning 3rd Place from Motley County in Junior Main Dish was Seth Baxter; and

Cassidy Turner won 5th Place in Junior Desserts.

In Intermediate Desserts, Hance Davey won 2nd Place.

In Senior Main Dish, Shane'a Russell won 2nd Place; She was also awarded the Senior Main Dish - Beef Award. A certificate was also awarded Shane'a for preparing an exhibit relating to the Foods and Nutrition Project.

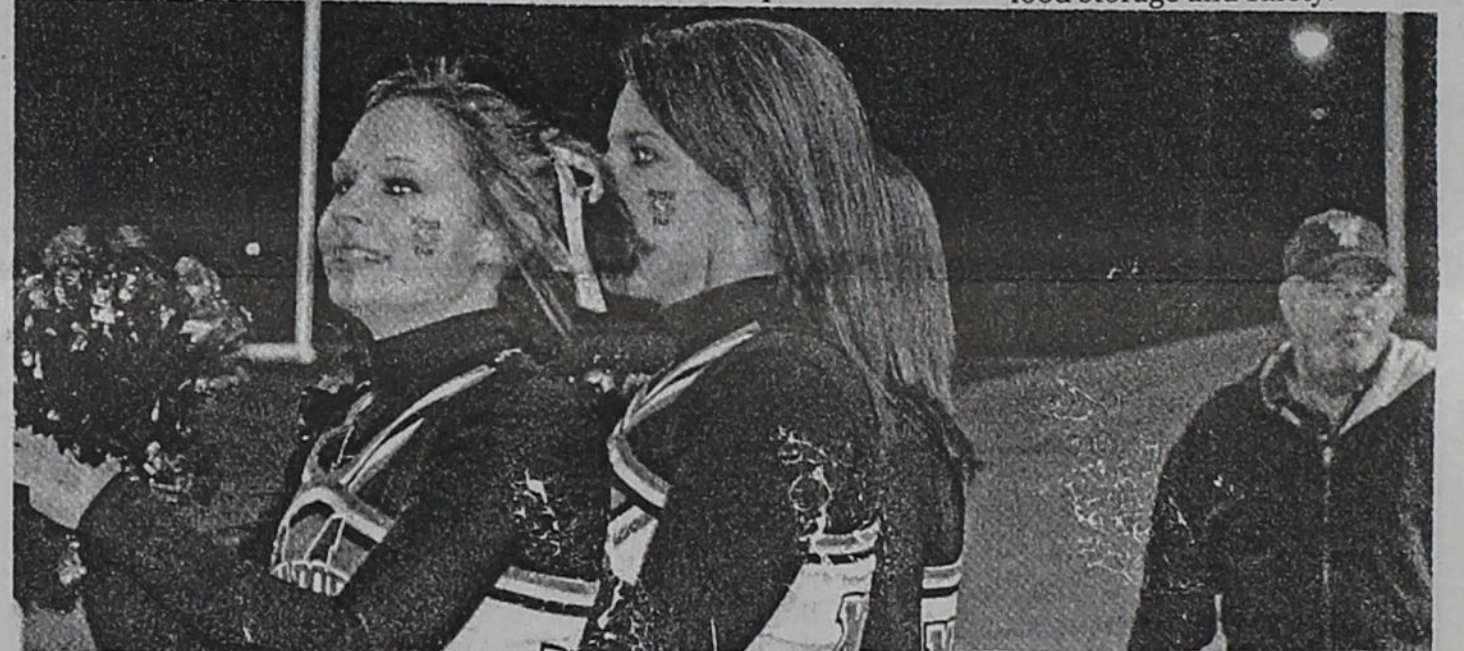
Shane'a's exhibit featured 20 years of beef check-off dollars at work through the Texas Beef Industrial Council.

Each contestant had earned championships in their county to advance to the day-long competition at the District meet. Panels of professional

home economists and 4-H leaders judged the dishes. Contestants were quizzed on nutritional values, preparation methods and costs of preparation.

This show is one aspect of the year-round foods and nutrition project in 4-H, explained Kelli Lehman, Extension Program Specialist 4-H and Youth, with Texas Cooperative Extension. 4-H is the youth development program of Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

She said the project helps youth learn the relationship between science, foods and nutrition, and food preparation, as well as food buying, managing time, use of energy, and food storage and safety.



Mylissa Gilmore and Christy Smith at the semi-final game

photo by Walter Taylor

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION RENEWS PARTNERSHIP

AUSTIN, Texas — They are the dominant landmark in many Texas counties, and to date, more than 40 of the state's historic courthouses have been restored and returned to their original grandeur through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) award winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. The endurance of these grand structures was cemented even further last year through the partnership between the THC and the Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) creating a training and technical assistance program to promote ongoing, regular maintenance of Texas' historic county courthouses. The TLTA recently renewed its support with a generous grant marking the continuation of the THC's Texas Courthouse Stewardship Initiative, meant to sustain historic courthouses by assuring the continued maintenance of their renewed luster.

"We greatly appreciate Texas Land and Title Association's generosity to help grant recipients preserve the splendor of their restored historic courthouses," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "TLTA has taken the lead in this one-of-a-kind, public-private venture and it is incumbent upon the counties to now follow through with this unique opportunity to keep their historic courthouses in the condition they deserve."

As guardians of the records and deeds of ownership of home

and private property, title companies have a long-standing symbiotic relationship with Texas county courthouses.

"The Texas Land Title Association is proud to continue its partnership with the Texas Historical Commission's courthouse stewardship program," said TLTA President Sheri Asbell. "Our grant will facilitate the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of these beautifully restored landmarks that are so important to the architectural landscape of Texas."

The Texas Courthouse Stewardship Initiative had its first successful training workshop in March 2007 and provided courthouse site visits and consultations with THC architects. The workshop addressed issues such as inspecting the protective exterior envelope of the building, how to identify mechanical malfunctions and budgeting for maintenance. Another workshop is scheduled for April 10-11, 2008 in Austin and incentives for courthouses participating in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program will be offered, as well as featured speakers on issues relevant to courthouse preservation.

The Texas Legislature established the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in 1999 and appropriated funding to preserve and protect the historic courthouses of Texas after they were placed on the National Trust for Historic

Preservation's America's 11 Most Endangered Historic

Places. The program has received national recognition and multiple awards, and it has completed four rounds of grant funding with 112 counties participating. The 80th Texas Legislature included \$62 million in bond funding for Round V of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, which will be distributed in January 2008 to assist additional counties interested in preserving their historic courthouses.

The TLTA is a trade association founded in 1908 whose members include title insurance underwriting companies, title agents, companies that provide goods or services to the title industry and individuals employed by member companies. The TLTA grant provides critical resources to counties needing the specialized training required for courthouse maintenance, without which the state could again face the same challenge to preserve these recently restored courthouses in 25 to 30 years.

*Note: Individual courthouse images available upon request

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

TWO PART FORMULA FOR READING

THE MORE YOU READ, THE BETTER YOU GET AT IT, THE BETTER YOU GET AT IT, THE MORE YOU LIKE IT;
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AND THE MORE YOU KNOW THE SMARTER YOU GROW.

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Listen to 96.1 KCTX for live play-by-play coverage as the Motley County Matadors go for the State Championship this Saturday, December 15th! Pre-game will begin at 2:30, Kickoff at 3:00 and all the exciting action to follow. Live coverage on 96.1, KCTX provided by these proud Matador Boosters:

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere I go.

Many decorations have been put up outside this past week. Yards I have noticed here in town lately are: The Delmar Fairley's, Kelly Keltz's, Matt Woosley's, Less Woosley's, Joel Rieger's and Amanda's, Charlie Long's, Margie Payne, Jeff Thacker's, Billy Hand's and Kevin Keltz's.

Several businesses here are decorated. The First Baptist Church is decorated too. On TX HWY 70, Joe and Dianna Martinez' yard is very pretty. We have one evergreen tree lit with colored lights and our white deer are out. One family has already had a get together to make holiday candy! I had better get going; I am already behind.

Devonne Dillard received word that her sister, Ola Fae Carpenter Fish's husband has died. Hughes Fish died on Thursday evening. Services are to be at Womack-Manard Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14, in Crowell, Texas.

The First Baptist Church will have a special Christmas Musical for the morning worship on December 16. Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited.

Johnny Morris left this morning to go to Las Vegas, NV to the National Rodeo Finals. Johnny is involved with the Rockin' W Bristro which is a Christian ministry that feeds the cowboy contestants once a day during the rodeo.

Brad, Westlyn and Charlie Thacker visited his parents, Jeff and Pam Thacker and granddad, Buzz Thacker last week.

James and Pat Palmer are visiting with Zella Palmer.

They are planning to pickup their son at Fort Benning, GA via Shawnee, Oklahoma. They will pick up their daughter-in-law in Shawnee. The ice storm in Oklahoma has delayed them.

Bruce LeFevre is at home and hopefully will not have to have surgery. He is still on a liquid diet. He has another doctor's appointment on Tuesday of this week.

Kenzie McClaran, Carrie Tomlinson and her grandson Trevor were weekend guests of Corky and Monta Marshall. They attended church with them on Sunday. Kenzie is Monta's son's four-year-old granddaughter.

Several have asked how my daughter Kay Miller is doing. She was advised by her doctor that she should remain at home until after Christmas to give her body time to recover. She is feeling better and able to eat a little now.

Gary and Karen Kelly of Nassau, Bahamas Islands hunted with Don Stuckey for four days. They departed on Monday.

Mattie Brooks is still walking with crutches. The doctors have decided that she has a severely pulled muscle but with taking care of it she should be able to be back in gymnastics and athletics soon. She will walk on crutches until she no longer limps.

Joyce Meredith reported that her grandson, Jonah Meredith has a cyst on his knee and is having to be careful with his knee.

Red Ball Gin has ginned 7,000 bales to date. Their yard is still very full of modules and some modules are still in the fields. Being of a farm family all my life, I am always interested in cotton and products made with cotton. I always say, wear more cotton and eat more beef!

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I have often thought about making a fitness video for folks my age. I would call it "Pumping Rust."

A winter storm this weekend caused the cotton strippers to be parked. The cotton harvest is almost complete in the Flomot and Whiteflat area. There was a 4-hour electrical outage in the Whiteflat community Sunday night.

Lori and Kevon Keibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Rickey Hughes of Floydada visited his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes Saturday.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Wilburn Martin attended to business in Lubbock last Monday.

Visitors Sunday of Ms. Erma Washington was son, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs; his grandchildren, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Cary Franks of Idalou and Anissa Huckert of Lubbock.

Kathy and Clois Shorter attended to business in Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. Janice Hughes enjoyed the Christmas Craft Show in Silverton, Saturday.

Johnnie Starkey left Friday for Lebanon, Missouri to attend to business and visit his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Starkey and grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT CIRCULATED AT DO GOODERS CLUB MEETING

The holiday spirit circulated at the Do Gooders' Club meeting Tuesday afternoon, December 4 at the Community Center in Flomot in observance of Christmas.

The refreshment table was laid with a red runner on a white cloth and a Yuletide designed service. The hostesses, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Mrs. Connie Franks had a hurricane lamp with a red candle encircled with poinsettia and greenery as the centerpiece. Adding to the décor a leather boot wrapped in red ribbon held a bouquet of poinsettia. Everyone brought their favorite holiday food with the recipe served with red punch and coffee.

A red and green tree skirt was draped on a table that held a miniature Christmas tree adorned with crocheted snow flakes and candy canes. A colorful array of Christmas gifts was around it. They enjoyed a Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter presided at a short business session. She postponed the election of club officers that will serve in 2008 to Tuesday, January 1 club meeting. So many of the ladies were unable to attend as they were working with cotton modules or at gin offices trying to complete the 2007 cotton harvest.

Members attending the Holiday gala were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Barbara Payne, Erma Washington, Brenda Browning, Geneva Martin, Waydette Clay, Anna Beth Clay and Kathy Shorter.

Cecil B. Pipkin

Cecil B. Pipkin, of Lubbock, passed away at his home on Nov. 27, 2007, with his beloved Jackie, at his side.

The foremost thing in Cecil's life was an unconditional love he held for his family. He was good with words, penning his memoirs and numerous poems.

Cecil was born on Nov. 18, 1915 to Ida (Edmondson) and Charles D. Pipkin, in Motley County. He attended Matador High School where he excelled in track and football. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Bill, Earl, Clyde, and Leslie, and by one sister, Irene.

He is survived by the love of his life, Jackie; two daughters, Donna Bolf of Cedar Park, and Paula and husband Tom Burroughs of Prescott, Ariz; and one son, Gary Bob and wife, Mary, of Salt Lake City, Utah, nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and five great, great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews all of whom he loved dearly.

Cecil served our Country in WWII as a Seaman aboard the Ship USS San Pablo.

On July 13, 1947, he married Jackie (Lambert). Jackie's loving presence at his bedside exemplifies the great love they shared.

Cecil's vocation was the dry-cleaning business. He and Jackie owned and operated Pipkin Cleaners in Lubbock for many years. Upon his retirement he became a school crossing guard, and loved the children he came to know. Even upon retirement from the dry-cleaning business, he and Jackie continued in the business, working for Gristy's Cleaners until 2004.

He loved Jackie's family as his own and considered them his "brothers and sisters". Thank you, Aunt Bobbie, for staying with Mom and giving her encouragement and moral support through a sad and stressful time. Our deep gratitude goes to the Home Health nurses, April, Kelly, Brandi and Lucinda who tenderly cared for Dad during his final days.

One of Cecil's poems was titled "I Hate Goodbyes", so until we meet again, Daddy, we love and miss you and will treasure your precious memory.

Matador News

Dorothy Russell and her daughter, Linda Roy, attended pianist Jim Brickman's holiday concert recently at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater. Performing with Brickman was former Lonestar lead singer Richie McDonald of Lubbock, vocalist Victoria Shaw, and violinist David Klinkenberg.

On the evening of Monday, December 3, Dorothy, Linda, Marilyn Hicks, and Luke Roy, Linda's son, attended the 31st annual Texas Tech Madrigal Dinner in the Tech Student Union Ballroom. As described recently in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, the dinner plays "a major role in ushering in the Christmas season by transporting audiences to a British castle, where royalty in the form of king and queen celebrated the holiday with only their most loyal knights and subjects." Musical performances by talented Tech students and staff entertained guests as they enjoyed a delicious, candlelight banquet.

Marihelen Wason and her daughter, Brenda Cruz, attended the "Good Shoes" play Saturday at the Trinity Church, Lubbock.

Visiting recently in the home of Joanie and Roy Stephens was their daughter Amy and son-in-law Si Causey, from Pampa.

Le Carte Bridge Club met Tuesday in the home of Marion Woodruff for a luncheon, card play, and Christmas gift exchange. Hostesses of the event

were Marion, Dixie Campbell, and Marihelen Wason.

The luncheon menu consisted of King Ranch Chicken casserole, asparagus, fruit salad, spinach salad, and Confetti pie.

Attending in addition to the hostesses were Kay Bailey, Carol Campbell, Joanie Stephens, Mary Jones, Di-Ann Campbell, and Winifred Darsey.

Visiting Dan Barton at Hackberry Creek Care Center during the Thanksgiving holidays were her children and grandchildren: Jan and Tom Hamilton of Plainview, along with their son, Rob Hamilton of Plainview; Cherri and James Karr of Whitney, with their children, Kwen and Dee Karr, Kaci, Ashley, and Grace, of Whitney, Konni Peacock and sons Nathan and Coleman of Weatherford, and Kourtney Karr of Texas A&M University.

Also, Max Barton of Trophy Club with sons and daughter-in-law: Brae and Kim Barton of Flower Mound, and Cy Barton and Dustin Barton of Texas Tech University. The group enjoyed visiting other relatives and friends.

Lucretia Campbell celebrated her birthday December 4 with friends and family in her home. Guests were: Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Billie Koon, Kate Hurt, Di-Anne Campbell, Beverly Vinson, Kay Bailey, and Carol Campbell. The group enjoyed chocolate Hersery bar cake and coffee.

Pep Rally to be held Friday

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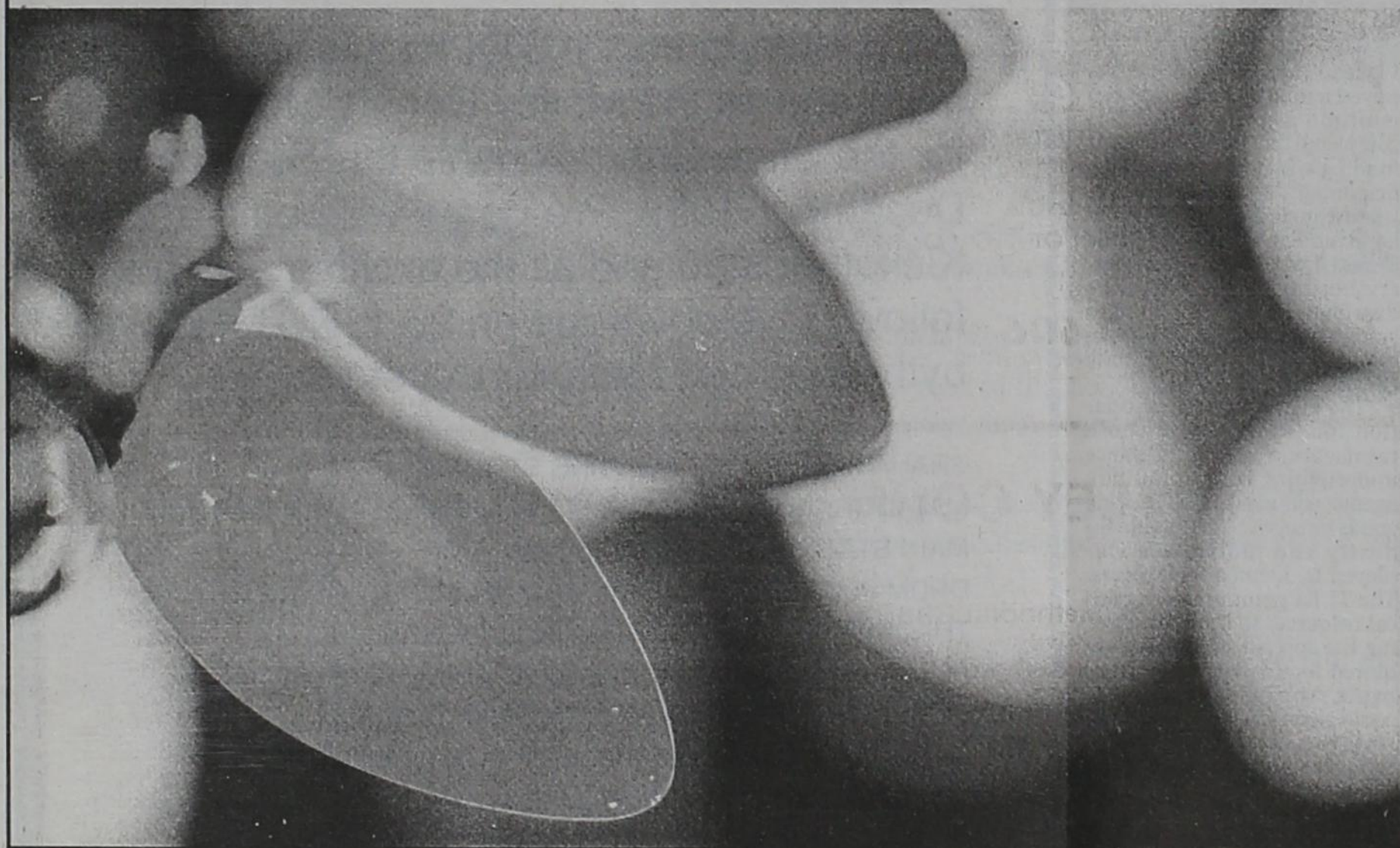
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ROARING SPRINGS HOSTS TOUR GUIDES

Fifty-one tour guides from Oklahoma, representing 24 organizations arrived in Roaring Springs on December 10 for a Christmas tour of downtown.

This four-day familiarization tour allows tour guides to experience first hand travel opportunities available in the Lubbock area.

The group visited Travelers Inn, Thackers Jewelry, and Graham's Supply. They intended to tour the Roaring Springs Ranch, but cold

weather discouraged tromping around the springs area. They also visited the Seven-Bar Ranch, located between Afton and the Caprock to the West.

The travel representatives are clients who use the services of Friends International Tours from Oklahoma City.

Many of the travel leaders represent religious organizations that enjoy leisure fellowship travel, one of the fastest growing segments of group travel in the tourism industry.

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Matador Experiences Power Outage

Matador experienced a power outage Sunday evening, December 9.

Pete Simmering, Supervisor at AEP in Childress, said, "AEP began receiving electronic information from our substation in Matador which indicated a fault (short circuit) on the electric distribution system in Matador."

"These fault indications told our AEP linemen we were experiencing a short circuit somewhere in Matador or outside the city limits," he said. "Customers in Matador saw several 30-second to 1-minute outages before we started isolating the system to find the fault."

"The longer outages were due to isolating portions of the system to track down the suspected fault."

"Through our normal trouble shooting process it was finally determined that there was not a fault on the distribution system, but a faulty relay in the substation breaker," Simmering said.

The substation relay was repaired between 1:00 am and 3:00 a.m. Monday morning, restoring service to the majority of customers in Matador. All service was restored about an hour later.

"Roaring Springs customers also experienced a short outage during the trouble shooting process," Simmering said. "It was this outage that pointed our service men to the substation breaker relay problem and ultimately led to the repair and restoration of service."

STATE-FISH ART CONTEST CALLS FOR ENTRIES

ATHENS, Texas — Texas students in grades 4-12 are invited to enter the tenth annual Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest. Deadline for entries is March 31, 2008.

Contestants must create an illustration of an officially recognized state fish and write a one-page composition about its behavior, habitat and conservation. One Texas winner will be selected from each of three grade levels: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Those winners will then compete at the national level for best of show and art of conservation stamp honors.

Every Texas entrant will receive a fishing lure from Strike King Lure Company. In addition, the Toyota Texas Bass Classic Foundation will provide funding for prizes for Texas winners and for travel expenses for Texas winners and their chaperones to the national expo at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July 2008.

Texas entries are judged at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. For details on the contest and how to enter, visit the State-Fish Art Contest page on the TFFC web site.

The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is a facility of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that incorporates a visitor center, educational programming and a production fish hatchery. It is located 75 miles southeast of Dallas and is open Tuesday through Sunday. For more information call (903) 676-2277 or visit the web site. <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishart>

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Matador, Texas will receive bids for construction of Sidewalk Improvements (TxCDBG #726232) until 11:00 A.M. on December 21, 2007 at Matador City Hall, 706 Dundee St. Mailing address: City of Matador, Attn: Mayor Pat Smith, P.O. Box 367, Matador, TX 79244, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of OJD Engineering, Inc., 502 N. Dowden Rd., Ste. 102 Wolforth, TX, 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301. Documents may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 per set. This fee is not refundable. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Michael Adams, PE.

This bid is a unit price contract. Method of payment to contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payment.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to City of Matador, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company or Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Attention is called to General Condition 309, "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects". The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:

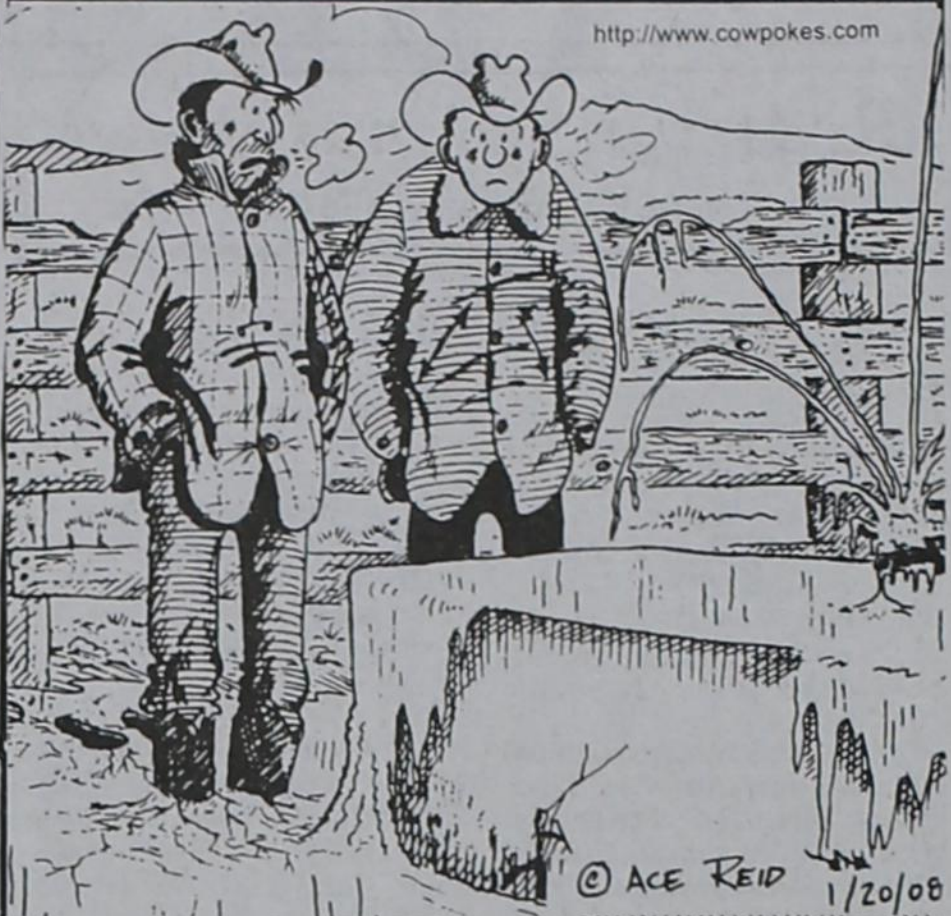
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2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
3. Will not provide any produce of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The City of Matador reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Matador for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

City of Matador, Pat Smith, Mayor, November 8, 2007

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- idea

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- matchlock gun
- dialogue
- association

neonate means:

- mooring post
- infant
- bending
- hemp fiber

OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

FLOYD COUNTY:
The Tyner Texas Operating Company Rushing Lease Well #1 Drilling Permit Expired on 13 December, 2007 without the Wellbore being Drilled. The Rushing #1 was to be located 467 feet from the South Line and 467 feet from the West Line of Section 12, Block D-3, Denison & Pacific Railroad Company/S.I. Rushing Survey, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada. The Location and Drilling Pits for the Rushing Lease Well #1 were prepared and built in December of 2005.

FLOYD COUNTY:
The Operators are in the process of backfilling drilling pits and leveling the location pads on several of the Well Locations in Floyd County. It was observed last Friday that the Apollo energy operating company, LPW.D. Miller Lease Well #1 and the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Jones Lease Well #1 drilling pits had been backfilled and leveled.

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Faith that is tried and proven rejoices in its strength. The conviction of a Christian is renewed when faith leads one through the trial rather than just reacting to it. We, as Christians, must prepare and "train" in matters of faith. The Bible says that "faith comes by hearing the word of God." So one needs to be familiar with the Bible. It is the source of our faith.

There might be some who that view a life of faith as mundane or uninteresting. But practicing Christianity and developing faith is anything but uninteresting. Faith always has been a little scary and it will continue to be so. The Hebrew writer tells us in chapter 11:1 that "faith is the conviction of things not seen." Sometimes faith requires us to get out on the limb and away from the trunk. It can be a little scary.

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Wednesday Evening 7:00

Assembly Of God

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Wednesday Evening 6:00

Macedonia Baptist Church

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Flomot Church of Christ

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Wednesday Evening 7:00

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Wednesday Evening 7:00

First United Methodist Church

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Sunday, 9:30

Roaring Springs First Baptist Church

310 Broadway
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December

- 14 H.S. Basketball w/ McLean Here - 6:30 p.m.
- 14 PIPS Performance Halftime of Girls Game w/McLean
- 15 State Football Championship Game Motley County vs Woodson
- 16 Matador First Baptist Church, Christmas Cantata, 11am
- 17 J.H. Basketball w/ Silverton Here - 5:30 p.m.
- 18 School Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Early Release - 12:20 p.m.
- 22 Christmas Break Begins
- 23 Matador First Baptist Church, Children's Choir, A Night to Remember, 7pm

January

- 3 RS Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30
- 7 School Resumes
- 8 Roaring Springs Volunteers, 6:30, Community Center
- 14 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30

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