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Caprock Canyon Panorama

by Ken Young

## OBAMA WINS PRESIDENCY

### Trent Willmon In Concert Saturday

By Jennifer Lawler Moncrief

Trent Willmon will be in concert at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. The tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Age seven and under get in free. For ticket information contact the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733 or Dickens Extension Office at 806-623-5552.

Willmon was born on March 6, 1973 in Amarillo, Texas. The closest dot on the map was the town of Afton, consisting of a post office, an abandoned cotton gin and a school that contained 100 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. There were seven in his high-school graduating class.

"The social gathering was the dance. They have dances in West Texas just like they had

100 years ago. They just look for an excuse to have one. They also have these great cowboy poets and storytellers. Combine that with the great musical heritage I grew up with, and what I do is kind of just a natural thing." (According to cmt.com)

He spent the early years of high school learning about agriculture, but at 16, he was given a guitar, and his interest in music began to grow. By his second year in college, he dropped out to join a bluegrass band. In 1995, he moved to Nashville to start a song writing career, and by 1998 he had a song-publishing contract with Sea Gayle Music. He finally signed with Columbia Records and became a solo artist. He released two albums for the label — Trent Willmon (2004) and A Little More Livin' (2006) — in addition to charting six singles on the Billboard Hot

Country Songs charts. Willmon exited Columbia's roster in 2006, and signed with Compadre Records. His third album, Broken In, was released on February 26, 2008.[2]

Willmon also co-wrote Montgomery Gentry's 2008 single "Back When I Knew It All".

The infectious fun of his hit single "Beer Man" shows one side of this singer-songwriter's personality. But then there's the soaring, aching chorus of "Every Now and Then," an exquisitely painful ballad of loss and regret. Trent sings of romantic joy in "The Good Life" and of dreams that turn to dust in "Population 81." The rocker of small-town life "Dixie Rose Deluxe" contrasts markedly with the waltzing, wistful nostalgia of "Medina Daydreaming." <cmt.com>

### TCEQ announces cleanup date for WWII bombing range

An environmental cleanup meeting was held in the Commissioners Court on Thursday, October 30, to discuss a plan for cleaning up contaminated materials and waste in Motley County from two WWII bombing ranges covering almost 2,000 acres.

Project Manager Jessica Mauricio of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) chaired the discussion that centered on identifying past sites with live ammunitions debris and soil contamination. There were two bombing ranges in Motley County, referred to as Bombing Range #2 and #3, each with 960 acres, and 11 targets.

The primary focus of the cleanup will be Bombing *continued on page 3*

### MC reports high turnout for early voting

According to Kate Hurt, Motley County Clerk, "This is the highest early voting turnout since I have been in office." Hurt reported 297 votes by personal appearance; and 54 ballots by mail. (More details in next weeks paper.)

### RS Full Gospel Church sponsors Halloween program

By Carol Campbell

Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church and First Baptist Church Youth and H-Town Master's Commission, a school of ministry in Houston, sponsored a "haunted" house October 29-31 transforming the old RS high school into "Hell

House." The event was attended by more than 260 individuals, as far away as Midland and Lubbock, organizers reported.

The method of presentation in Hell House included the transformation of old classrooms into stage areas illustrating eight contemporary *continued on page 3*

### Spirit Seekers spend eerie evenings in old Motley County jail

By Joshua Hull | AVALANCHE-JOURNAL Sunday, October 26, 2008

When it comes to hauntings, some places just seem to fit the bill.

Graveyards, churches and abandoned hospitals are common themes for spooky tales. But what about a derelict frontier jail?

It was that curiosity that brought the Texas Spirit Seekers, a group of paranormal investigators, to the 117-year-old Motley County jail in Matador.

Lance Brooks, co-founder of the group, said what originally drew his team to the site was the

lack of paranormal experiences reported in the building.

"We thought it would be a good chance to test our equipment," Brooks said of his first visit to the jail in June.

But he said what he found was more than he bargained for.

Built in 1891, the jail was originally home to a variety of offenders, from drunken card players to horse thieves. The two-story building had four cells total, with three in the main area upstairs and a separate cell at the top of the stairs used for

women or those with mental health issues.

The lower floor housed the sheriff and his family, and that's where many of the Spirit Seekers believe the most paranormal activity is generated.

Odd smells, moving cold spots and eerie feelings are just a few of the strange phenomena the investigators said they experienced on their first trip to the jail. One spirit the investigators believe may be hanging around the jail is Mrs. Smith, a sheriff's *continued on page 5*

**Late Breaking News**

**MCISD chooses Superintendent**

The Motley County ISD school trustees have named Dr. Andrew Seigrist as the Lone Finalist for the Motley County Superintendent.



KEVIN KELTZ (left), pastor of Full Gospel Church, Roaring Springs, and Jarrod Brooks (right), Youth Director, School of Ministry, Houston, pose in front of the Drunk Driving Accident scene recently featured in the Hell House Halloween tour.

### THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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# Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

by Larry Vogt

There must be something inside us that creates a longing as we come towards old age. The longing of which I speak is a simple one: to hold one's own grandchild. Looking into the eyes of your own grandchild at this later stage of life gives some sense of completion, that your genes are passing along, that you can see aspects of yourself, of your own ancestors, and traits from the other parents involved in the transmission of human thoughts and behavior.

In north eastern West Virginia, near the state line with Maryland, lives my daughter Sunshine, her husband Steve, and their children Xavier and Isis. Zavi, is three years old, his sister is six weeks old. The unique characteristic of this young family is their chosen vocation as organic farmers.

They have a 40 acre farm on some gently rolling hills that is situated in an area that gets snowfall (six inches the previous week) and does not have a long growing season.

They are, nevertheless, growing some very tasty produce and marketing it through a couple of farmers' markets, one in Morgantown, West Virginia, and another

in Maryland. They also have their own CSA, Community Supported Agriculture, project. This means that during the growing season they have a list of subscribers who pay a lump sum to receive a basket of produce fresh from their gardens on a weekly basis.

The experience of being with them, playing with the grandchildren, taking pictures, walking through the fields, harvesting some remnants of lettuce and greens, left me with a very fulfilling promise of life and its continuation. The fact that there are young folks out there living out their dreams, willing to work hard, and be part of the food producing chain of life should give us all a hope for the future.

Yes, holding that grandchild can be a very profound experience and can renew your old bones to an extent never thought possible.

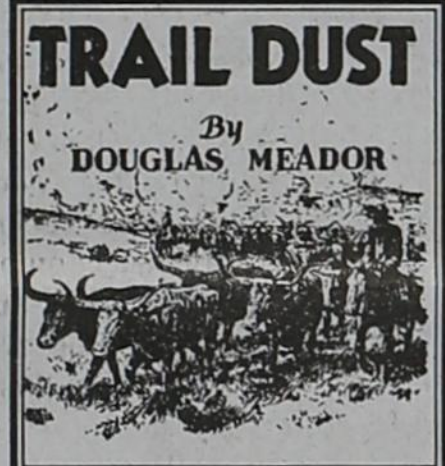
## RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune  
November 7, 1940

### Local Girl to Vie at Big Rodeo

Sponsored by the Matador Lions Club, Mary Ellen Barton, 16, a senior of Matador High School, will represent Motley County at the Fort Worth All American Rodeo and Horse Show, November 15-24. The capable young cowgirl will vie for the honor of All-American Girl of the Southwest, and if selected, will receive a round-trip airplane flight to Hollywood, expenses paid and tours thru the major studios.

Miss Barton has received major honors in the Matador, Spur and Floydada rodeos during the past season and is recognized as one of the most outstanding cowgirls of this section of the cattle country. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Barton of Flomot, and declined an invitation to represent the city of Turkey in order that she might represent Motley County. Funds for her expenses were voted unanimously at the Lions Club director's meeting held in the Magnolia Café Monday morning.



Matador Tribune  
November 7, 1940

After analyzing an séance of national election it is evident that democracy has possibly survived in spite of it, in order to exercise the ingenuity of future politicians.

Life passes thru the newspaper press like raw ore into the smelter. Birth and death are recorded in the same tympan with romance and adventure. The good and evil of a quailing world are crushed with equal pressure to drive them into the sheet. The dreams and hates, the loves and fears of humanity are fodder for the press.

Gray clouds at dawn are the lost and wandering souls of kind deeds and words, denied parenthood.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## WE THANK YOU, FATHER

By Jessie Powell

(100 year-young Resident of Hackberry Creek Care Center)

We thank you Father, that you created us the way that we are: people who have needs. Most of our joy comes from meeting our own needs and the needs of those around us.

If we did not get hungry, we'd never know the pleasure of eating good food. Because we need clothes and shelter, we enjoy dressing attractively and making our homes a welcome haven. We shouldn't say, "Thank you Lord, for a delightful rest" if we were not tired.

We are grateful for our need to touch the lives of others: our family, our friends, and those in need. We remember the kindness and thoughtfulness of our neighbors and especially of our Christian friends. Our need to procreate has given us our children in whom we place our hope for the future.

We acknowledge that our lives have been touched by a host of people: your servants who have faithfully recorded the words you would have us know; others have given us enduring literature; while some have composed beautiful music.

We thank you that you have made us a people of choice and that we are never hopeless victims of circumstances. We realize that much of the music that has been published is not inspiring and that some of the things that have been written shouldn't be read. But we have the freedom of choice. We can select only that which nourishes our minds and our spirits.

We thank you for the past. Through it we have learned what is good and what is bad. All through this day you will be by our side if we so choose. We thank you for tomorrow in which we place the hope for a better way of life. Thereby, we always will have a goal to try to achieve.

Note: Jessie Powell, who was a resident of Midland for over 60 years, now resides at Hackberry Creek Care Center where she is petted by the staff. She is the mother of one son, Ralph Powell, and one grandson, Ralph, Jr. She was a "second mother" and teacher to hundreds of second graders and taught Sunday School to several generations of Baptists. She ran a tape ministry from her home and lived by herself until she was 99 1/2.

Jessie likes to stay busy and writes four page letters to her (younger) friends. Each year she prepares the information for her income tax report and then sends it to a CPA to be filed. This year she caught her CPA in an error.

She loves to read big-print books from Motley County Library and works a daily crossword puzzle to keep her mind active. Jessie is a big Dallas Cowboys football fan and if they lose, her son related, she goes into a tail spin.

She loves to sit on the sunny patio and visit with Jack Green, and likes nothing better than to have a lively conversation at breakfast with the ladies at her table. Jessie has a strong faith built on a lifetime of study and experiences. She believes strongly that the Lord knows exactly what he's doing, if we will only get out of his way.

Marisue Potts Powell, her daughter-in-law.

## OPINION EDITORIAL

### Leaders could do with some shopping trips

By Hembree Brandon  
Farm Press Editorial Staff

This country might be better run if all the members of Congress, those in high government office, corporate CEOs, and others in exalted positions would do weekly grocery shopping.

When one dines at fine restaurants, either on an expense account or with a lobbyist picking up the tab, or has cooks or hired help to do the grocery shopping for the occasional home meal or entertainment, one tends to be divorced from the realities of escalating costs that the "average American" contends with.

We all recall how George Bush The First, during a photo-op at a supermarket, was amazed by checkout scanners - he hadn't a clue that the technology even existed; heaven knows if he'd ever set foot in a grocery store to actually shop for something.

Granted, it'd be cost prohibitive (hordes of security people, vehicles, etc.) for a president to go to the local Safeway for bread, eggs, milk, TP, and a six-pack of Bud, but the ex-

perience could be eye-opening for all those who develop policy, impose taxes, set prices, and otherwise make decisions that affect the lives of the general populace.

There is perhaps no better way than regular visits to the supermarket to be aware of the inflation - both visible and hidden - that is taking place. I've always liked going to the grocery store. I enjoy wandering the aisles and marveling at the array of products, even in my small-town supermarkets, and poking around in a big city grocery is an adventure, but now there's sticker shock at every hand.

Potatoes that not long ago were 69 cents a pound are \$1.19 (recently, one store priced them at 88 cents per potato!). Lemons that were 49 cents a pound are 49 cents each, other citrus equally dear. Milk, for some time, has been almost as expensive per gallon as gasoline. Meat, poultry, fish - well, you might need a sub-prime loan.

Then there's the hidden inflation when manufacturers keep the same size package, but put less in it. From time to time, I buy Peppercide Farm chocolate chip cookies.

Not long ago, a bag contained 12 cookies. Then, only 10 cookies, but the bag remained the same size. Last time I bought 'em, only 8 cookies rattling around in the same size bag, and to add insult to injury, the price had increased.

A "pound" of bacon now may be only 12 ounces, a half-gallon of ice cream only 1.5 quarts, a bag that held 12 ounces of potato chips may now contain only 10 ounces, paper towels and TP have fewer sheets per roll - and on and on.

When Congressman Travis Childers, D-Miss., said at a recent meeting, "I personally go to the grocery store, and I know firsthand how the price of eggs, milk, and everything else is going up," I wanted to say, "Right on, dude! Keep shopping \$ and persuade your fellow members to do likewise."

Acknowledging that most of the food price inflation is the result of energy and transportation costs, Childers noted, "I don't know of a farmer anywhere who's getting rich as a result of high grocery prices."

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### Trick or Treat at HCCC



More than 45 students, grades 1-4, invaded Hackberry Creek Care Center on Halloween for "trick or treats." Pictured with Dorothy Turner, who is recuperating at the care center from a broken hip, is Emma Hackler.

## Harvest Festival 2008

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# Days Gone By

## Bombs Away Over the Caprock! World War II Bomb Target Sites in Motley County

(From Motley County Roundup c. 1991 by Marisue Potts)

Part 2 of 2

The worst air disaster for the area occurred just 2 1/2 miles west of Floydada on March 26, 1944. A B-24 Liberator out of Peterson Field in Colorado Springs, Colorado, developed engine trouble. A mid-air explosion and the loss of a 30 foot wing tip followed. The bomber plunged to the ground on the Lee Trice farm.

A violent explosion scattered plane parts and the dismembered bodies of nine crew members over fifty acres and created a 100 foot slit in the earth, four feet deep. The Floydada unit of the Texas State guard patrolled the perimeter in below freezing temperatures until a company arrived the next morning from the South Plains Air Base, Lubbock. The air corps investigation was not made public.

A good relationship was cultivated between citizens and soldiers. During a Motley County war bond drive in the summer of 1943, a group of soldiers and equipment were diverted from maneuvers on the Caprock to the rally in Matador while an aerial display flew overhead. At local dances where country bands such as the "Sons of the West" played, the soldiers

created quite a stir among the young ladies of the county.

In late 1944 civilians were warned that, although most bombs hit the target areas, emergencies sometimes dictated releasing bombs over open spaces. They were cautioned not to touch bomb fragments found in outlying fields or pastures. Explosive devices did not always explode upon striking the ground and posed a real threat to the curious. In short order two Roaring Springs boys, Connie Bearden and Joe Johnson, detonated "spotting shell powder" found in a bombing range by putting the powder in a stove. The resulting explosion gave the boys painful, but not serious burns.

With victory secured and war missions completed, in early 1946 a Childress Army Air Field range, fire and crash station, located six miles east of Matador, was offered for sale. Items up for bid included: a 14x30 foot building, scrap frame toilet, two creosoted antennae poles, and a frame-scrap shed.

Eleven years later, in the summer of 1957, a U.S. Army Engineer Range Clearance Team of twenty soldiers was ordered to clear eighteen bombing targets built

during the war in Motley and the four surrounding counties.

By walking about three feet apart, the crew combed through rugged sandhill country covered heavily by by catclaw, shinny, and mesquite. The team located at least 20 "hot" or live bombs and 3,620 old bombs over 1900 acres. The hot bombs were detonated by high explosives in the bed of the Middle Pease.

Souvenirs delivered to the team members by local residents included a live 37MM shell, a 20MM high explosive shell with tracer element, and 50 caliber machine gun bullets, all considered potentially dangerous.

Though piles of rocks might still be evident in remote ranch pastures, by 1989 the last remnants had been removed of the bombing target on the plains pasture that once belonged to A.B. Echols and later his daughter Ruth and husband Green Bostick. For years farmers had plowed up bomb fragments surrounding the landmark target site near the old Fairview community in Floyd County, a reminder of a time when the country was at war and bombardiers shouted, "Bombs away!" over the Caprock.

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### TCEQ announces cleanup date for WWII bombing range

Range #3. The TCEQ wants to make sure the site is as safe as reasonably possible to humans and the environment, for current and anticipated land use.

The expected cleanup date for Bombing Range #3 is the end of March to early April 2009, after hunting season. Expected time for clean up will be about a week or less.

In addition to staff from TCEQ, attending the meet-

ing were County Judge Ed D. Smith, County Attorney Tom Edwards, Patience N. Nwana, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth; Barbara and Jimmy West, Key West Ranch (Range #3); Geraldine and Ellis Key, Key West Ranch (Range #3); Brian Jordan, chemist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Eric Quinteca, TCEQ, Region 2; and Dan McCrummen, TCEQ, Region 2, both of Lubbock.

issues with live actors. For example, tours with a "demon" tour guide and two volunteer security guards led groups of 10 through the portrayals of domestic violence, drinking and driving, and suicide, ending with a trip to "hell." The trip to "hell" was followed by a trip to "heaven" where visitors were led to a counseling area staffed by adult leaders promoting the mission of the outreach program through literature and video. "We want to show that God will never tempt us, but the enemy will," Full Gospel Pastor Kevin Keltz said, adding, "This is an evangelism tool for the gospel."

The transformation of the old school took "a couple of months," Keltz said. "We probably took eight trailers full of metal and garbage out of the school." Cleanup efforts were spearheaded by Full Gospel

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### RS Full Gospel Church sponsors Halloween program

Church and included about 15-20 volunteers. There were about 50-65 people involved in the nightly production, Jarrod Brooks, Youth Director of the Master's Commission, said. "This is a better way to reach more kids." Brooks has been sponsoring this production for about seven years, he said. "The first year we ran one in Wichita Falls, we converted 846 people," he said. "This is a very powerful outreach tool."

Organizers for Hell House in Roaring Springs sent out about 250 letters to area churches. "The event went way above my expectations," Keltz said. "We had 79 salvations in those three days. I've talked to old timers in the community, and they said there had never been a revival in their memory that has done more. This was huge for Roaring Springs," he said.

## Veteran's Day Program at MCISD on November 11

The Motley County ISD Student Council in conjunction with American Legion Fleming Post 337 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 337 will host the annual Veterans' Day Program on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

The program will be held at the Motley County ISD

gymnasium and will begin at 10:00 am. A hospitality room will be provided after the program.

All veterans are urged to attend as well as members of our communities so that we may honor all of those who have served and protected this great country.

### Cross Country teams run District meet

The Motley County Cross-Country teams competed in their District meet Oct. 28th at Copper Breaks State Park near Crowell. In the Varsity girls division Alexis Osborn finished in 2nd place which earned her a trip to the Region II meet to be held Nov. 8th in Arlington. Also finishing in the top 15 in the Varsity girls division was Melissa Flores-13th place, and Shane'a Russell-14th place. The other members of the girl's team were Kyla Simpson, Courtney Alexander, Alyx Smith, Britany Nutter, Danielle Gwinn, and Brett Fletcher.

The Jr. High girls did not have enough runners to make up a full team, but Jaci Zing-

erman finished 2nd in the race. Others running in this division were Sabra Pope, Virginia Gutierrez, and Shayla Clay.

The Jr. High Boys won the team competition to become the District Champions. Those contributing to this accomplishment were: Austin Taylor-1st place, Connor Mason-3rd place, Juan Flores-4th place, Dillon McCleskey-5th place, Britt Simpson-14th place, and Coby Cochran-18th place.

All of the runners competed very well and everyone improved their time from previous meets. Congratulations to these fine athletes.

## Trail Fixin's

By Dorothy Pope

4 T. flour  
1 cup. Dairy sour cream

This week I'm going back to my cowboy cookbook for an original recipe. This came from Denver Cattleman's Hotel, Denver, CO, an 1891 English cook.

### Pot Roast and Sour Cream Gravy

One 4-pound beef pot roast  
3 T. cooking fat or grease  
1 beef bouillon cube  
1 cup boiling water  
4T catsup  
1 T. Worcestershire sauce  
1 T. onion, minced  
1/2 clove garlic minced  
2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. celery seed  
1/2 tsp. black pepper  
1 small can mushrooms

Brown roast in fat in a Dutch oven. Pour off drippings. Dissolve bouillon cube in the cup of boiling water; add to roast. Add catsup, Worcestershire sauce, onion, garlic, salt, celery seed, and pepper. Cover in kettle over low heat for 2-1/2 to 3 hours until meat is tender.

Remove meat from kettle, blend flour and mushroom liquid (reserve mushrooms momentarily) and stir into remaining beef liquid to make gravy; add mushrooms. Remove kettle from fire, stir in sour cream. Serve slices of pot roast with gravy.

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The Lord is to be worshiped in song. Psalm 69:30 says, "I will praise the name of God with song, and shall magnify Him with thanksgiving." In family worship we should lead our family in singing to the Lord because He is pleased when we praise Him! For those who feel they cannot sing or are not mus-

ically inclined, there are resources available to assist you in making music a vital part of your daily worship time.

Sing often the songs that your children are learning in Sunday Bible Class and on other occasions with their peers. The psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, which are often sung in the worship services of the church, should also be sung. In fact, if more families sang the praises of God together in their homes, just think how much our congregational singing on the Lord's Day might improve!

Another good idea is to conclude each family worship time together with a song or two. As head of our households, we fathers and husbands need to make sure that we are leading our families in their spiritual and worship development. Primarily the elements available to the father as he leads the family worship are the same as those found in weekly public worship. At a minimum, let us lead our families in song, the study of God's Word, and prayer.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It seems that anytime I pick up a magazine it mentions 'going green' and what their staff is doing to be 'green'. Most of us country folks of a certain age were certainly 'green' before green was cool! Just think about your growing up years, plastics weren't heard of; paper sacks and bread wrappers were certainly saved and recycled often more than once.

Our mothers would never have considered discarding an old sheet. The part that was worn out might make soft bandages for cuts, and in earlier times were rolled for bandages for World War I and World War II. (I never saw a band aid until I was 10 or so; my grandmother could make the neatest bandages for our 'hurties' that stayed on even on a finger from old soft rags. With that and a little Watkins Carbo Salve, my cuts healed quickly.) The sides of the sheet were made into cup towels and the selvages might be rolled up to be used as string. Old Levi's and khakis were patched and might even be patched on patches if necessary, really old ones might be used as filling for homemade potholders. Shoe leather was saved to repairing other things or maybe making toys.

I remember sling shots Daddy made us that used old shoe tongues to hold the rock and old inner tubes pieces were the straps. I saw a few gaskets made from boot and shoe leather too. School clothes and Sunday clothes and shoes were changed immediately after returning home to keep them nice for as long as possible. Then when we outgrew them they were passed down to younger family members or cousins.

Boxes were never thrown away, especially apple and orange wooden boxes. I remember a large tall wooden basket grapefruit came in that was our dirty clothes hamper for years! Wooden boxes might turn up as a playhouse cabinet your mother crafted and painted or a wagon when wheels and a tongue were added by your dad when you weren't looking for your Christmas present. Scrap

iron was saved and sold or donated during the war for recycling for the war effort. Even tin foil was saved. Almost every family had a large ball of string so that if we kids needed a string to pull a toy or even build a kite we had some. Of course it had to be knotted together at pretty close intervals. It was good to spin tops too made from thread spools.

Cold biscuits and jelly were after school treats. Left-overs were eaten or made into delicious soups and what little that was left made good chicken or hog feed. One of my grandmother's sayings was "that a woman could throw more out the backdoor in a teaspoon than the husband could bring in the front door!" I never thought of us as poor but maybe we were at times — it may be time to save and make do again.

JoAnn and Bryce Reagan of Quitaque visited with their mother and grandmother, Pearl Patten on Saturday.

Zella Palmer was taken by ambulance this morning to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock with a severe headache and high blood pressure. At noon she was undergoing test to find the cause of her discomfort.

Brad, Alyssa Daniell and girls, Alexis and Autum of Plainview visited with Brad's grandparents, Glennard and Edith Daniell on Saturday. Anna Daniell accompanied them to take the little girls trick or treating.

Alicia Michelle Thompson former basketball star for the Lady Raiders visited Johnny and Connie Morris during the weekend. Alicia spoke at the Sunday morning Service at the First Baptist Church giving her Christian testimony, telling how her grandmother, mother and God influenced her life and urged her to be the best she could be. Alicia was inducted into the Lady Raiders Basketball Hall of Fame in a ceremony Sunday afternoon. Johnny and Connie attended the ceremony. They have known Alicia since she was in elementary school. Alicia now lives in Arizona.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

I love this country and I pray every day for wisdom and courage to face and speak the truth for all of us, but especially for our leaders and our media!

### LYLES FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of W.E. and Nettie Lyles held their annual family reunion Saturday, November 1, at the Lumber Yard Lodge in Turkey. Following a delicious buffet luncheon, family members drew numbers for a wide assortment of door prizes for the occasion. They enjoyed visiting, renewing memories and meeting new family members.

Among those attending from Amarillo, Childress, Lubbock, Dumas, Turkey, Flomot and Stephenville included four of the original nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Lyles and their families, Mrs. Iona Lane and Mrs. Leota Johnson of Turkey, Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot and Eldon Lyles of Childress.

Kathy and Clois Shorter and his father, L.E. Shorter visited last weekend in Fort Worth with brother and wife, Louis and Jennifer Shorter. Joining them there to visit were Mrs. Alene Barner of Terrell, Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas, Mrs. Opal Kirtley, Mrs. Judy Rhodes and Russell Rhodes of Cypress.

Mrs. Sherrilyn Foster of Lub-

bock, after attending the Lyles family reunion Saturday in Turkey, visited overnight Saturday with her family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

The Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains, Kathy and Clois Shorter and L.E. Shorter enjoyed the performance at the Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post Friday night.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were Cory and Amy Franks, Madison and Hudson and Cary Franks of Idalou.

Mrs. Cally Sperry and son, Cash attended to business in Plainview, Thursday.

Jack and nada Starkey visited overnight last Sunday with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey of Canyon. They had medical appointments in Amarillo, Monday. Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Starkey were Michael and Virginia Davis of Lovington, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were in Panhandle last Thursday night to cheer grandson, Tanner Clay and J.V. football team to victory over Bushland.

Jerry Barclay visited in Lockney, Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Geneva Barclay.

Gene and Debbie Bass of Kress visited Janice and Butch Hughes, Sunday. Butch received an encouraging medical report following his cat scan in Lubbock, Tuesday.

## Flomot DoGooders Club

### sponsor Fall Bazaar

The Flomot DoGooders Club will sponsor a Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 8th from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the Community Center in Flomot.

A large variety of arts and crafts, quilts of all designs and sizes, clothing, leather works, paintings, flea market items, and jewelry will be available

to the public.

A concession stand will be serving taco soup, sandwiches, dessert goodies and soft drinks throughout the day.

All profits from the Bazaar will go for future improvements to the Community Center.

Booths are still available for \$15.00.

## Matador News

Matador residents Elaine Hart, Doris Moore, Carolyn Ewing, Dorothy Day, and Pat Warren met Louis and Kathy Shorter, and L.E. Shorter, all of Flomot, along with pastor Nathan Mulder and wife, Floydada, to attend the Ragtown Gospel Theater in historic Post, Texas, on Friday, October 31. The program was closed with the Brother's Gospel Trio in a production of "Joseph the Carpenter."

Carol and Lucretia Campbell traveled to Denton Saturday to visit Charise and Craig Christian, and daughter, Caitlin, to attend a bridal dinner in honor of longtime family friend, Stanley Myint and his new bride, Erica. The couple, dressed in tradi-

tional Burmese wedding gowns, were announced and warmly received by about 20 guests, including family and friends from Kentucky, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Dallas. The meal was catered and served outdoors around a swimming pool area surrounded by mini white lights and Tiki flares. White linen tablecloths were decorated with bouquets of fresh red roses displayed in crystal vases set on reflecting mirrors. Other family members attending were Cameron Christian and her fiancé, Brian Welter, Denton; Michael Richardson, Dallas, and his guest, Carolyn Smith, Albuquerque, and Amy Hill, Garland.

## OBITUARY

### Elva B. Brandon

Elva B. Brandon, 85, of Friona died Friday, October 31, 2008 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona, Tx. Funeral Services were held November 4, 2008 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, with Reverend Rick Burton, Pastor officiating. Interment was at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, Tx under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors, of Hereford.

Elva Bell Stephens was born July 13, 1923 in Matador, Tx to Joe and Judison Allen Stephens. She married C. R. Brandon, Jr. on December 18, 1938 in Hereford, Tx. They moved to Hereford in 1964 and lived there until they moved to Kingston, Ok in 1982. She moved to

Friona in 1994 from Kingston. She is survived by one son, Ramey Brandon of Tumwater, WA; five grandchildren, nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, her husband, C.R. Brandon, Jr. in Aug. 1994, and by her daughter, Marilyn Watson on July 16, 2006.

The family suggests memorials in Mrs. Brandon's name may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 East 15th Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Tx 79105.

To register on line or send condolences, please visit [www.rixfd.com](http://www.rixfd.com).

### FARM BILL MEETING FOR PRODUCERS OF MOTLEY COUNTY

NOVEMBER 13, 2008, 8:30 A.M. LIBRARY ANNEX  
The items that will be discussed include: changes to the NAP program (Non-Insured Acreage Program), DCP and ACRE, SURE, and Payment Limitation.  
Amy Hackler, CED of the Farm Service Agency along with Cooperative Extension Agent, Ryan Martin will put on an informative meeting to discuss new changes to programs that directly affect Motley County Producers.

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# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Is it just me, or does everyone have premature Christmas Spirit?? It's all I can think about!

Since my one track mind can't focus, I have just a few quick things to discuss this week:

1. Don't forget to purchase your 2008 Texas Capitol Ornament. They're flying off the shelves, so hurry in before it's too late. (And there are still a few of the previous years that are available for only \$10. Great stocking stuffers!!)

2. Still have several of the "Limited Edition" Motley County Library bags available. I even had one lady call me from out of state to have me ship one to her! I use mine daily, and am thinking of pur-

chasing a 2nd one before they sell out.

3. The library will be closed for Veteran's Day, Tuesday November 11, so stock up on reading materials before then.

4. The Motley County Arts & Crafts Club is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a handmade quilt, and they have asked the library to display the quilt for a little bit so everyone purchasing a ticket will be able to see what they're trying to win. It really is a lovely antique quilt. Come in and take a peek!

5. New books in this week by Michael Connelly, Stuart Woods, Vince Flynn and Nicholas Sparks, just to name a few.

## Japanese Bookbinding at the Library November 15, noon to 4pm

## continued from page one Spirit Seekers

wife who, legend states, spent most of her day running up and down the stairs to check on the inmates.

"This has been the most active place I've ever been," said Chris Travis, technical manager for the group.

And when they were given the chance to investigate the building for a second time Oct. 18, Brooks said he was more than happy to have another chance to see if his team's experiences the first time would be repeated.

"We try to repeat things three times," he said. "We try to alleviate people's fears or we try to help them understand it if something's there."

Armed with video cameras, sound equipment, temperature recorders and infrared monitoring systems, Brooks said he and his team look for changes in the environment to either explain or record what may be considered paranormal activity.

Carol Campbell, founder of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail organization, said she used the Spirit Seekers' second trip as an opportunity to

raise about \$600 to restore the deteriorating building by raffling off a chance to take a tour of the jail with the investigators.

In groups of two, the winners and Campbell were taken through the jail with two investigators to explore the musty jail.

The tour started on the first floor but quickly moved upstairs, where a lot of activity had been reported. The scene inside the jail was quiet, even as investigators spoke aloud to try and provoke a response from any possible inhabiting spirits.

It stayed quiet. But when the second tour was brought in, things started to get a little more spooky.

"Did you smell that?" Travis questioned while standing at the top of the stairs. "Mrs. Smith, is that you?"

It was the rose-scented smell the team had encountered the first time. The smell grew stronger, then disappeared, often followed by a cold breeze.

Try as they might, the investigators never got Mrs. Smith to speak aloud, but that doesn't deter the team from believing

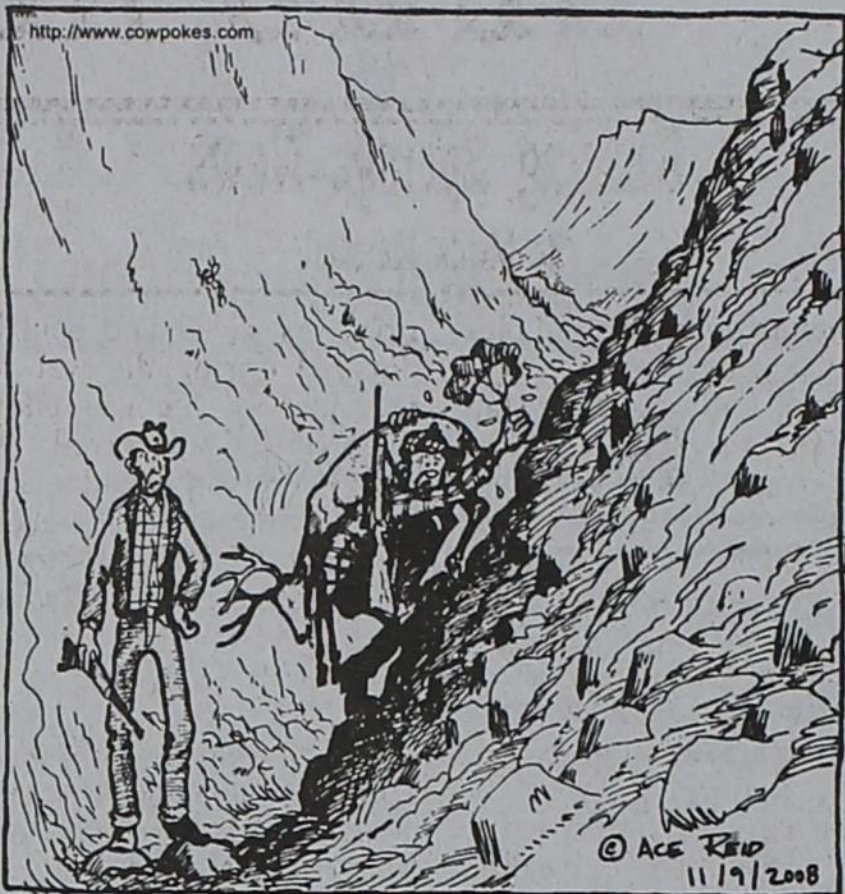
# Motley stomps Amherst



Eric Simpson is shown with one of his carries, he scored 1 touchdown. Augustine Chavez had 12 carries for 5 touchdowns and Jonathon Oxborn had 12 carries for 4 touchdowns. Justin Newman threw 3 passes with 1 completion by Will Butler for a 31 yard touchdown. The final score was 79 to 34, Matadors winning.

## COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



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## October weather report for Motley County

By Earlene Jameson

October temperatures vacillated with some days above average and others below. A nip of frost was October 23-24. Rains were reported October 6 and again October 15 with most of the area having adequate moisture. Had our share of north winds with 35-mile gusts of winds October 22 and October 26.

Cotton acreage that was saved from hailstorms is being defoliated and stripped. Later planted

sorghum and baled feed continues to mature. Wheat fields vary from fair to excellent. Cattle and pastures in good condition, but cattle market are lower than last year.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for October: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 3.93 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 3.90 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 3.90 inches; and Clois Shorter, Flo-mot, 2.96 inches.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

**THURSDAY, November 6:** BBQ Chicken, corn, broccoli, bread, pickles, and cinnamon applesauce.

**FRIDAY, November 7:** Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, wheat rolls, and oranges.

**MONDAY, November 10:** Taco salad, Spanish rice, peaches, cookies.

**TUESDAY, November 11:** Baked pasta, tossed salad, bread sticks, and pears.

**WEDNESDAY, November 12:** Chicken salad with roll, potato chips, tossed salad, chocolate pudding.

she's real.

The investigation continued well into the early hours of the next day.

Sherry Rose, who won a tour with the investigators, said she was skeptical when the night started. But after hearing a growl and smelling the rose scent, things changed.

"It was really neat," she said. "I didn't really believe it at first, but now I do."

Her son, Sean Rose, maintained his skepticism, even after claiming to have felt something touch his arm while touring the jail.

"I'm the type where seeing is believing," he said. "There's not enough evidence for me not seeing anything."

While the investigators said they plan to go over the hours of infrared video and sound recordings with a fine-toothed comb to make a final determination of whether the jail is haunted, Brooks said his second experience brought more of the same and has left him convinced an intelligent entity resides in the building.

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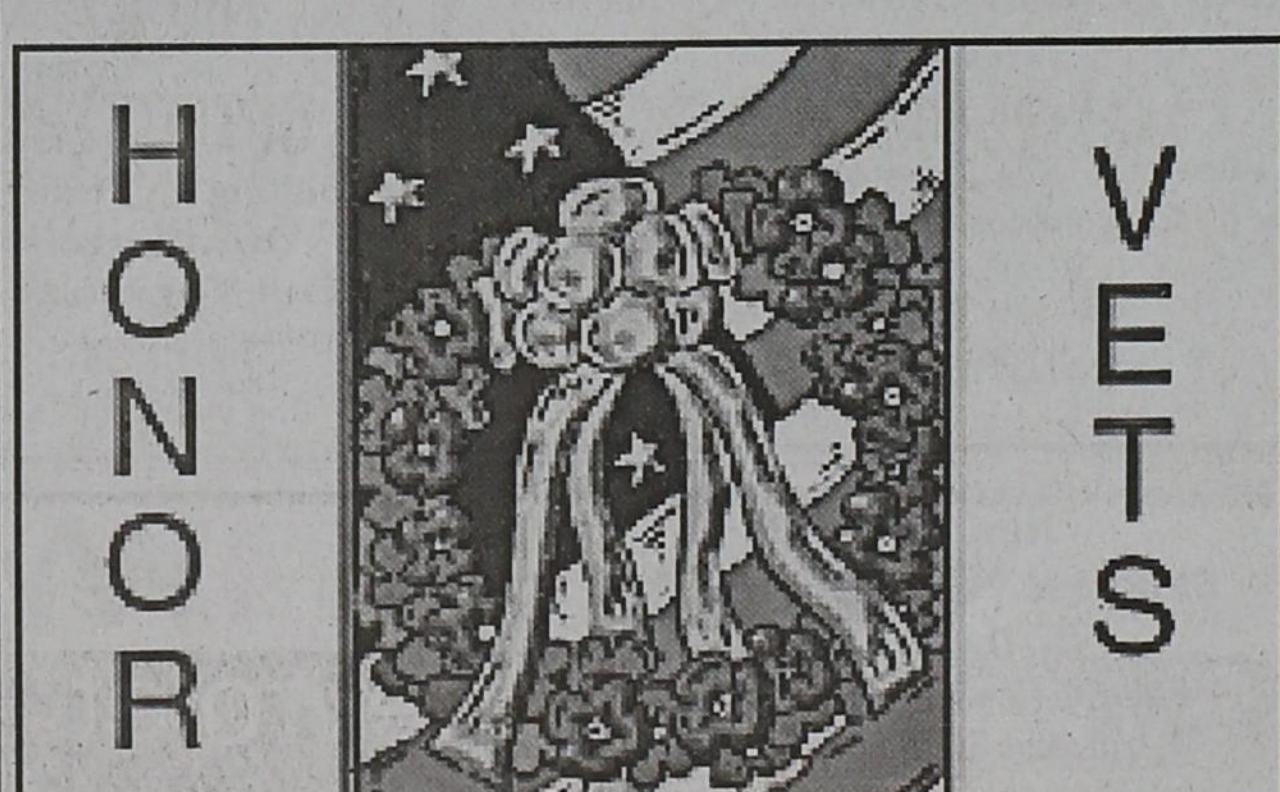
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- 6 MCISD JH, Lazbuddie, Home, 5:30 pm
- 6 Friends of the Library Meeting, 3:30pm
- 7 Turkey FD/EMS Cornbread Supper, Valley School, 5:30-7pm
- 7 MCISD vs Lazbuddie, Away, 7:30 pm
- 8 Fall Bazaar, Flomot Community Center, 9-4 pm
- 8 Trent Willmon Concert in Roaring Springs 7pm
- 8 King County Fair in Guthrie
- 10 Commissioners Court, 9:30
- 10 Roaring Springs City Council, 6 pm
- 11 RS Community Volunteers, Pearl Patton's home, 7:00 pm
- 11 MCISD Veterans Day Program, 10 am
- 12 Leadership Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
- 13 Matador City Council, 6:30
- 15 - District 4-H Food Show - Vernon
- 15 Japanese Bookbinding w/Laverne at Library
- 16 Turkey FD/EMS Chicken Dinner, Donations, Bob Wills Cafeteria
- 17 MCISD School Board Meeting, 7:30
- 18 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 18 Chamber Meeting, 5:30
- 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 22 Arts and Craft Bazaar, Senior Citizen Center

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- 3 Kids Praise

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