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Send off at field house on Friday at 4:00 Caravan following to the game

Santa Claus is coming to town

The Eternas Study Club has contacted Santa Claus and asked him to come to Matador and visit with all the good boys and girls. The Matador Fire Department has been pretty good so they get to pick Santa up and bring him to Matador Floral at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Santa will not be the only excitement in town. Downtown stores will be open and vendors will be selling their wares on the sidewalks. Vari-

ous businesses will have a Senior Citizens discount from 4:00-5:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. everyone is invited to join in the fun and shop all the specials in town. Shoppers can sign up for various door prizes.

The Motley County Library will be open. Go by the library and shop the book sale and sign up for door prizes. The Library has a door prize just for kids and two door prizes for adults.

Jaybirds Kitchen will be serving Mexican food. Main Street Café will be open serving stew and grilled cheese sandwiches. The proceeds from the food sales at Main Street will benefit the Activities Department at Hackberry Creek Care Center.

Everyone is invited to this annual event. Contact Shane Jones at 806-347-2820 for vendor information.

Christmas Bazaar sets the stage for the holidays

By Carol Campbell

From Buffalo Chip fire starters to works of art on glass and handmade Shelf Dolls, the Motley County Arts and Crafts Christmas Bazaar raised the bar for unique gifting in their annual pre-Christmas sale.

Red tablecloths on banquet tables were laden with arts and crafts, displaying unique gifts and representing hours and hours of work and fun. Scented pine cones filled the air with spices and cinnamon and the Senior Citizens Building was transformed into Santa's workshop on Saturday, November 21, 2009. A table overflowing with baked goods for sale included pecan pies, chocolate cakes, cookies, and other sweets. From the Kitchen of Ray Baxter, decorative jars filled with homemade peanut patties and other "goodies" were for sale.

Loretta Thompson displayed dip-scented pine cones, fire starters made with wax and straw in the shape of "buffalo chips," corn-on-the-cob, and tomatoes. Ivy laden decorative containers with blue and white wax "bluebonnets" were a crowd favorite.

Buffy Crutchley's famous handmade soaps added a blend of lavender, peppermint, strawberry cream and lemon peel to the air. She also displayed signs that read "Matador (or Roaring Springs) is God's Country."

Joyce Archer displayed two tables of unique gifts, including a large display of painted brown and green bottles with images of every icon imaginable from Betty Boop to Raider Red. Painting on glass is a real art form, she said, and the craft is not for some. "It is difficult to paint on glass," she said, "but I love it." Archer paints about two to three hours a day. These labor-intensive works of art are her passion, she said.

Vee Gordon, Secretary-Treasurer of the Arts and Crafts Club, displayed a large table of the Chinese paper art of quilling. "You take 1/8- or 1/16-inch strip of colored paper, roll it, drop it, and let your imagination form a flower or a petal," she said. Beautifully framed quilled works of art included colorful bouquets of flowers. Quilled poinsettias were attached to attractive Merry Christmas hanging ornaments, and gift bags were decorated with the

Chinese art. In addition, Vee also showed wooden crosses and crocheted Afghans.

Perhaps her most valuable work of art was an antique quilt top made by pioneer resident Pete Derickson and re-furbished by Gordon. She added a flower center, and helped Josie Ratz with the finish work. The quilt was raffled off to benefit the Arts and Crafts Club. The lucky winner was Dean Turner, husband of Nova Dell Turner, president of the Arts and Crafts Club.

Jane Neal prepared "Gifts from a Jar" and her creative mixes included a decorative

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MCISD receives Gold recognition from TEA

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, November 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled board meeting. All board members were present except Lewis Drum. Also present were Dr. Andrew Seigrist and Denise Ford.

Invocation was given by J.D. Russell. No one spoke in Open Forum. Action items included unanimous approval of the minutes and expenditures for October, 2009.

Dr. Seigrist announced that Motley County ISD has received Gold Performance Acknowledgements from TEA for Attendance and the Recommended High School Program and Distinguished Achievement Program. The attendance rate was 97 percent for the month of October.

In other business, the board approved the TASB Update 86 with changes as recommended by the school attor-



Queen and King

Allison McCoy and Matthew Faulks

LET US GIVE THANKS



Princess and Prince Addie Guerrero and Bryson Elliott

RS City Council meets in regular session

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session, November 9, 2009, at City Hall. Those attending were, Mayor Corky Marshall, council members, Alex Crowder, PK Green, James McCleskey, Timmy Brooks, Kelly Keltz, and City Secretary, Zella Palmer.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Kelly Keltz gave the invocation and Alex Crowder led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

The October 12, 2009, regular city council meeting minutes were approved, and bills were approved to be paid.

The Resolution of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for funding of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program was passed with a unanimous vote.

Council voted unanimously to contact Grant Works to complete the process for funding of the EECBG Program.

neys. Further, a motion was made by Tina Brooks, seconded by Don Baxter, to approve the new price offer from Energy for Schools, Pool 16, to purchase electricity for the district. The new price will be effective September, 2010.

Other reports approved unanimously by the board included an approval of the Highly Qualified Report for No Child Left Behind for 2009-2010.

The board discussed the new appraisal replacement values for all district properties as performed by Lowell Cobb, of Howard Wilson Claims Service of Vernon, Texas. No action taken.

District basketball passes were handed to all board members. Motley County ISD passed the state health inspection on our facilities.



Little Prince and Princess Kade Wampler and Ryley Everett

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Community, Diversity, Art
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WRITING COMMUNITY

Letters Home from Cross Cultural Solutions in Dharamsala, India

by Stevie Welch, daughter of Steve Zabielski, granddaughter of Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski

Hi Everyone!

My adventures here in India, as always, have been amazing. My latest journey has taken me into the realms of empowerment, self-discovery, and the incredible, yet cruel, beauty of nature.

In a country where nature and people are especially closely linked, the harsh realities of weather can be a brutal reminder of the forces of nature. Here, people and animals alike are exceptionally thin and work extremely hard for what they have. Many times, they are dependant on crops, and livestock for their income; hence, nothing is taken for granted, because it can be taken away in an instant if the weather changes.

This description of the way of life here in the foothills of the Indian Himalayas leads me into my description of my weekend camping trip into the mountains. This camping trip was a test of strength for me and my endurance, but while I endured a difficult trek for two days and one night, this is a way of life and livelihood for many people of this region. It gave me a much better appreciation for their hardships, lifestyle, and strength because I found it extremely difficult to do just a weekend trip!

We left on a Saturday morning at about 6:15 a.m. and the taxi dropped us off at the point where the road was too treacherous to continue driving. We hiked for a couple of hours up steep paths, rocky slopes, and boulder fields. Eventually we made it to our first stop, Triund, and rested for a bit to have lunch and some chai. The view over

Dharamsala was immaculate! With the early morning breeze and the clear view, I knew I was lucky to be able to appreciate this.

We continued on up the mountain, heading for the snow line of the middle range peaks of the Himalayas. This is where we were hoping to find the caves we were looking for and where we would camp. After hiking uphill for another couple hours, we stopped at a hut called the "Snowline Café" where the man that lived and worked there made us dal (lentils) and rice (our last hot meal until we got back to the home base the next evening). He offered for us to stay there but we were determined to find the caves.

We never found the caves. Instead, we crossed two ravines, one of which consisted of an 80 degree angle at which we had to rock climb the other side, and set up camp in a boulder field at the top. The view was spectacular! About 100 meters to the east of us, the slopes of the treeless, jagged, middle-range mountains jutted up into the sky. The western view was the sloping tree-covered foothills of the range. To the north was a steep drop-off where a deep ravine of snowmelt would flow in the spring, and the south of us was the path and ravines we had just trekked across to get to this "campsite."

As the sun started setting, we had a fire going, but it was getting colder and colder by the minute. One guy that was camping with us came over from getting something out of his bag and says, "Umm, guys, I've got some bad news. My stuff has a layer of frost on

it." At that point, we were all thinking the same thing, "We are not going to get any sleep tonight!" And that proved to be completely true!

The fire was no longer keeping me warm enough and I figured I would at least try to fall asleep. I snuggled inside my sleeping bag with my shoes as my pillow, my three pairs of wool socks, and layers upon layers of warm clothes on. To my dismay, sleep did not come to me that night. Instead, I shivered this November night away, and shockingly, my shoes were not a comfortable pillow!

It was eerily quiet where we camped. In the valley, were our home base is located, noise always fills the air. Whether it is dogs barking or fighting, car horns honking, fireworks going off, drums and trumpets sounding, or chanting coming from the distance, there is always some sort of commotion, even in the middle of the night. Here though, was silence-complete and utter silence. The only noise was from each other moving in our sleeping bags. Still, I looked out of my bag where I was cocooned inside, every time I heard one of these noises, just to make sure it wasn't a bear, leopard, monkey, strange person, etc. (all of which were very real possibilities in this area).

Because I did not sleep, I experienced the most surreal night I have ever had. I watched the moon glide across the sky and the constellations were the most brilliant I have ever seen in my life. The Milky Way was vibrantly spread across the sky. There wasn't a cloud in sight, so my view of this real-life plan-

etarium wasn't inhibited at all. I watched the moon rise over the peaks and, as I shivered the night away, it was my time-clock counting down until the time when the sun would rise and warmth would come again. Because I was not sleeping, I saw the first orange light coming from the rising sun, peaking his head over the valley. While, this was just the beginning, and warmth was still a couple of hours away, it provided hope and I could relate to the ancient cultures that worshipped the sun for its life-giving qualities.

Being in such a vulnerable situation where I couldn't control my environment around me by flicking a switch to provide light whenever I wanted it, or turning on the heat in my house when I was cold, made me appreciate the natural rhythms of the environment. I realized why people who relied so closely on its properties deified them and made them into gods in the past to honor them. While Hinduism has only three main gods, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, the natural world around them have been deified as incarnations of these main gods. I can now value this belief system even more because of this experience.

The utter exhaustion I experienced, from hiking for miles, and getting no sleep, was just another reminder of the luxury that I live in and makes me appreciate all that I have even more.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Stevie

TRAIL DUST



MATADOR TRIBUNE
1953

History is a series of crises. This nation has never known a period without seemingly insurmountable difficulties and its strength is focused with the noble metal of courage in the furnaces of calamity.

Except that it is tested at frequent intervals our faith may become valueless like soil into which no seeds are planted. Thunder continued to rumble

after the storm had passed and blue lighting flashed in the dripping cottonwoods. Brown waves of an angry little river, tossed the suspended fence post and the roots of a tumbling mesquite bush lashed the water like a whip. Baby chickens were crying and my mother began collecting them in her apron. With in a few minutes they were in a box on the door of the kitchen range and their cries and then changed to peaceful chirps. By late twilight the creek beyond the house had ceased its roaring, the bawling milk pen calves had received attention and the world became serene. Misty clouds of purple and gold drifted across the western horizon and there was a fragrance of wet earth; of sage and sodden trees. I walked to the gate and returned, allowing the cool mud to push up between my toes, then washed my feet in a pan of rainwater by the doorstep.

Thank you to Motley County School for Veterans Programs

I realize this is late but I went to thank all M.C.S employees and especially the students. The program was so nice for we Veterans and students were so friendly and helpful to all of us. The reception and food was great. I especially want to thank the students who helped me in my chair and loading it. Cassidy, thanks for getting my plate and bringing it to me.

Bill Hand

Be thankful we do not receive what we deserve, but the GRACE we do not deserve.

Matador Assembly of God

RETRO NEWS

MATADOR TRIBUNE
1953

A Queen is crowned

Friday night at the Harvest Festival, Ida May Simpson received the crown at the hands of Clinton Holiman during the respondent court affair, which climaxed the evening's entertainment. Northfield school building had a near capacity crowd taking part in the various games, enjoying the lunch room's excellent chili and pie supper and witnessing the well prepared program. Features in the Tom Thumb wedding, some near professional acting and singing in the Negro minstrel and several brief addresses, principal Gerald Yeates said "the net receipts from the carnival exceeded expectations."

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Fall Festival Candidates



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Back Row: Korbyn Simpson 7th Matthew Faulks 6th Chris Ward 5th Bryson Elliott 4th Ethan Mason 3rd Kade Wampler 1st Front Row: Dawson Baker 2nd Kason Degan K Joe Daniell Pk

Color Guard at Veterans Program



Dayne Butler, Eric Simpson, Justin Newman and Utah Falcon

PIPS Schedule

No practice next week due to gym.
Mon. home games
Tues out early for holidays

"Santa from The Old West" will be at **Thacker Jewelry** Roaring Springs from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 28th.** Come in, look around at all the beautifully crafted jewelry and let your child visit with Santa and register for his prize.

Shop early and Layaway for Christmas!

Register for Diamond Hoop Earrings to be drawn for on December 21st.

75% off selected items

50% off Bulova & Citizen Watches

60% off all other silver, gold, stainless steel and pearl jewelry.

Place your custom orders early!!!



Christmas Bazaar sets the stage for the holidays continued from page one

Christmas jar layered with cranberries and cornbread mix with a recipe for the finished treat; and "Bear Bites" and other layered snack treats. Her Amaretto Brownies sold before the jars hit the table.

Winifred Darsey, reporter for the arts club, has been making "Looking Dolls" as long as she can remember for the Arts and Crafts Holiday Bazaar. Her treasures are usually sold before they can even be displayed. The little handmade "Shelf Dolls" were dressed in hand-stitched gingham dresses with lace and pearls, ribbons and bows, and little hats. Winifred also bakes, but usually fills special orders of cakes and candy

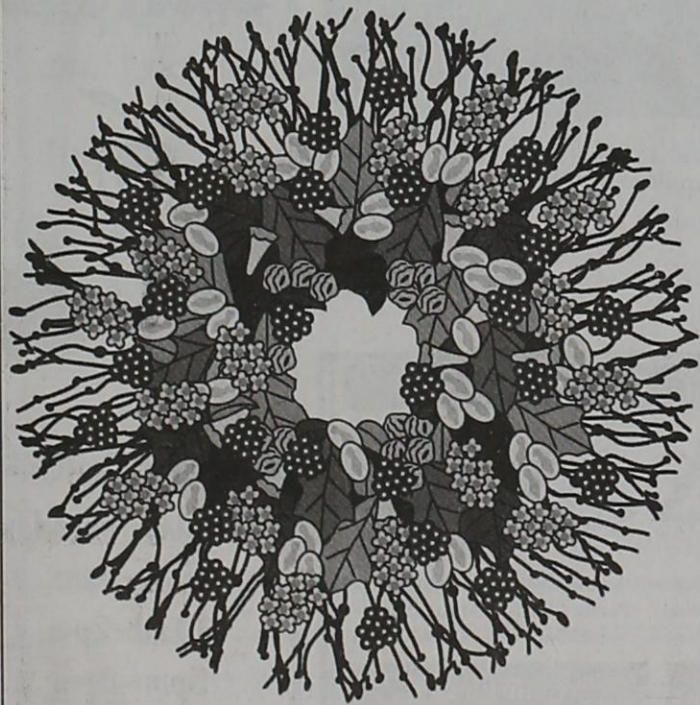
for friends who have come to expect her favorite holiday treats.

President Nova Dale Turner displayed art that she created throughout the year in the Arts and Crafts Club meetings. The group meets once a month, all year long. The show combines the hard work of the group, culminating in the annual Christmas Bazaar. Talented artists provide the lessons for each meeting throughout the year, each focusing on their particular area of expertise. For more information about the club and meeting times, please call Mrs. Turner at 347-2309.



Buffy Crutchley holds a sign declaring Matador as God's Country, sharing the sentiment with Roaring Springs and the state of Texas. These creative signs were customized to sale at the Christmas Bazaar.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I hope that we don't wait to be thankful on Thanksgiving instead of being thankful every day. Our Community Thanksgiving Service was held at the Full Gospel Church this year. Brother Bill Manney, pastor of First United Methodist Church brought a message entitled "Don't Worry, Be thankful" which was a thought provoking message that reminded me I am often remiss in doing just that. What if we all became more aware of our blessings instead of our problems; wonder if we would see more smiles and less hurried stressed out people? I think I'll start today and not wait until New Years' to make that change!

Pearl Patten's daughter, Linda Arnold has taken Pearl back to San Angelo for her follow-up check up. Her daughter Veda Lou and her husband Jerry Hunt of Midland stayed with Pearl last week.

I talked with Dot Hipp today; Ruby Hipp is not doing very well. She is out or the hospital and back at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock.

Doctor Bentley Gwyn, a retired professor at Wayland Baptist University will be the speaker at the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

The drawing for the shot gun being raffled by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will be held Friday evening, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Windmill Café.

Ken Young has an Art Show at the museum that began on Sunday on the West Texas Junior College Campus in Snyder, TX. Ken's photography will be on display for a month at the museum.

About 40 people attended the Community Thanksgiving Service held at the Full Gospel Church. Every church in town was represented at the worship service.

'Chooch' Meyer visited with his parents, Boyd and Laura Long over the weekend.

On Monday evening, the three o'clock coffee drinkers and their spouses attended at dinner at the Travelers Inn. Edith Daniell prepared a delicious dinner of steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, salad, pecan pie and ice cream. Those attending were: Chig and Polly Guinn; Ken and

Suzanne Abbott; Alex and Jo Crowder; Floyd and Diane Carter; Donna Kennedy; Chris Spence; Buzz and Tince Thacker and Corky and Monta Marshall.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 18th, the First Baptist Church was the place to pack shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry affiliated with Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse organization. It was a family affair. Arlyce Manney brought boxes from the First United Methodist Church and helped pack the boxes. Fifty two boxes were packed. The packers enjoyed fellowship, stew and cream of potato/broccoli soup prepared by Zella Palmer. Others brought cornbread and desserts. The boxes of goodies for the children were delivered to Floydada Firsts Baptist Church where they will be picked up and taken to Denver where the boxes are checked before being sent to their destinations all over the world. Kim Woolsey will be going to Denver in a few days to help in this part of the operation. She and several others from Accolade Home Health Care will participate in seeing that there is nothing breakable, nothing harmful or inappropriate in the boxes that the children receive. They also put literature in the language of the recipient telling the children about the love of Jesus.

James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas visited with Zella during the week.

The Lions Club will have their Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 3rd at noon at the Windmill Café. Members will go to Hackberry Creek Care Center that afternoon to play bingo with the residents.

On the evening of December 3rd, the Lions Club will have a booth at Late Night Shopping in Matador. They will be selling raffle tickets on the diamond ring made by Thacker Jewelry. Look for them. They will appreciate your buying a ticket. The ring is being raffled to benefit the new Hope Lodge that is being built in Lubbock adjacent to the Ronald McDonald House. It is a comfortable place for cancer patients and their families to stay during their treatment at no cost who live over fifty miles from Lubbock's cancer hospitals.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Thank you for protecting me from the moment of my birth. Thank you for the beauty around me everywhere, the gentle rain and the glistening dew, the sunshine and the air, the joyous gift of "feeling" the soul's soft, whispering voice that speaks to me from deep within and makes my heart rejoice. Oh, God, no words are great enough to thank you for just living, and that is why every day is a day for real thanksgiving!

Birthday Celebrated

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Wednesday morning for her medical appointment. She was given a surprise birthday party at noon at the Red Barn Steak House in Amarillo with a luncheon, birthday cake and gifts for her 80th birthday. Those attending the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey, Mrs. Courtney Starkey and Kylor of Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest Sunday in Floydada at a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon hosted by Lou and Stanley "Teen" Burleson. Many family members and

friends attended.

Weekend guests of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert of Dumas and Dustin Reed of Lubbock.

Guests of Doris and Roger Vinson at a pre-Thanksgiving observance Sunday were sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison, Elise and Christopher, Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba of Lubbock and his mother, Mrs. Beverly Vinson of Flomot.

Visiting Sunday with Ruth and Orville Lee were his cousins, Mrs. Della Brown of Muleshoe and Mrs. Ollie Ross of Olton.

Weekend visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch.

When stripping cotton Sunday, Donnie Rogers had a basket of cotton on fire. They were able to get it under control and continued stripping cotton.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was conveyed by Silverton ambulance from the Fairview Church services Sunday morning to the Mangold Hospital in Lockney suffering from high blood pressure. Her husband, Butch and sons are at her bedside. Visiting her Sunday afternoon were Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Matador News

Mrs. Grace Campbell fell in her apartment in Lubbock and suffered a broken hip. She had surgery at the University Medical Center in Lubbock Saturday morning, Nov. 21.

She is reported to be recovering just fine.¹⁷⁰

Mrs. R.C. (Callie) Giesecke had hip replacement surgery Tuesday morning, Nov. 17 in Lubbock.

19th Annual Tea Party benefit scheduled

The 19th Annual Grannie's Tea Party for girls four years and older has been set for Sunday, December 6, 2009, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., in the home of Joyce Campbell, 1530 Eubank Street, Matador.

Children are encouraged to come "dressed up" with gloves, high heels, hats, and long dresses. The children

will be instructed in "tea party" etiquette.

All proceeds will benefit the children's section of the Motley County Library. The cost is \$7.50 per child.

Call Joyce Campbell at 347-2793 or Janie Campbell at 347-2657 for reservations. Seating is limited.

You Are Invited to
Jo Ann Dickson's
90th Birthday Celebration
Saturday, December 5, 2009
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Come and Go)
Oakwood United Methodist Church
2215 58th St. - Lubbock, Texas

Hosted by her daughters:
Margaret Stanley & Patsy Tiffin
No Gifts Please

Linda Roy wins HCCC quilt



Linda Roy at Hotel Matador was the lucky winner of a quilt at a drawing at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Hackberry Creek Care Center. Linda is placing the quilt in Medie's Quilt Room at Hotel Matador B&B.

FBCM makes temporary schedule change

First Baptist Church, Matador, has announced a temporary change in its Wednesday evening schedule.

The family worship service (music and prayer time) will continue as usual at 7:00 p.m., followed by GAs, RAs, and Concentric youth for 1st grade through high school students, until dismissal at 8:15 p.m.

However, after the worship service, there will be no other activities for adults or young children for the rest of the evening.

No evening meal will be served.

This modified schedule will continue until January 20.

Thank You
After being attacked with Guillian-Barre Syndrome in March, my world was turned upside down. Not being able to take care of my basic needs, unassisted, was a very humbling experience. My pastor shared a testimony about his children always asking, "Are we there yet?" while traveling, and not embracing the journey. Wow! Because of the love shown to me and my family through prayers, food, cards, calls, visits, flowers, gifts, words of encouragement, acts of service, sacrificial caregiving, physical therapy, caring physicians, and the mercy and healing of Jesus---I WAS able to EMBRACE the journey. What better time to say "thank you" than at Thanksgiving? I will be eternally thankful. May

God richly bless you.
Jane Bridge and Family

| This Week's Local Forecast | | | | | | |
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| Thursday Sunny 61/35 | Friday Sunny 66/39 | Saturday Mostly Sunny 66/34 | Sunday Partly Cloudy 54/31 | Monday Few Showers 54/32 | Tuesday Partly Cloudy 59/36 | Wednesday Mostly Sunny 61/39 |
| Weather Trivia | | Weather History | | Moon Phases | | |
| When did fronts first appear on United States weather maps? | | Nov. 26, 1896 - Snow and high winds hit the northern Plains and the Upper Mississippi Valley, with a Thanksgiving Day blizzard in North Dakota. The storm was followed by severe cold in the Upper Midwest. The temperature at Pokegama Dam, Mich. hit 45 degrees below zero. | | Full 12/2 Last 12/8 New 12/16 First 12/24 | | |
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Jaybird's Kitchen



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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

For all you book lovers...I'm pleased to announce our annual Book Sale is open to the public beginning November 30th. If you're a member of the Friends of the Library, you can shop now! There are even more books for sale than last year, so be sure to stop in and see what all we've got.

New books in this week "The Time of My Life" by Patrick Swayze, in which he details his

life growing up in Texas, his fame, and his battle with cancer. Sure to be a good book. We also have "Ghosthunting Texas" by April Slaughter, which has an entire chapter devoted to the Motley County Jail.

Don't forget the library will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Obituary

Ruth Edwards

1914-2009

Ruth Edwards passed away on November 16, 2009.

She enjoyed teaching Children's Sunday school, and was a very successful proof-reader for UT Press.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Al C. Edwards, Sr. She is survived by son, Al C. Edwards and wife Ulli Edwards; grandsons, Cliff, Bill, Trey, and Will; and by three great-grandchildren. A very special thanks to Hope and Brandon Knight.

The family received friends on Friday, November 20. Funeral services followed at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel North Lamar. Interment was held at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet.

Arrangements were made by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 452-8811. Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com

THANK YOU

Our families would like to thank those who were there for us during our time of need with: prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, memorial donations and food. The funeral for our 102 year old Mother, Viola Keith, went perfectly and in great taste and respect because of the professionalism of Nathan and his staff at Seigler Funeral Home and Rev. Bill Manney at First United Methodist Church. The lunch provided the family after the funeral by the Ladies of the Methodist Church was a special feast that was memorable.

Thank you and God bless you all,
Charles R. Keith and family
David B. Keith and family

Hackberry Happenings

From the Desk of John Vunk

The Holiday Season is upon us and it is time for all of us to give thanks and pray for those that are in need. During our busy lives we sometimes forget about those that may need a helping hand but during the hectic holiday season it is especially important for all of us to stop and take a deep breath and extend a helping hand and remember that we are not on this earth alone. The residents and staff here at HCCC would like to extend a warm greeting to the entire community for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

HCCC held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the center on Friday evening November 20th and we had a full house. Johnny Morris led the prayer before dinner and everyone enjoyed turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings prepared by the Dietary Services Department; and it was fantastic. Shane Jones made the lovely table cloths for the dining room tables and they looked great. The Motley County Volunteer Fire Department lent us extra tables and chairs to accommodate the seating of the extra guests. All the Department Heads here at HCCC worked very hard all day Friday to make sure it was an enjoyable event for all. The Hotel Matador Bed and Breakfast won the raffle for the hand made quilt.

Reminder: The "Big Breakfast" held on Thursdays will not be held this week due to the Holiday but will resume on December 3rd.

Certified Nursing Assistant classes will begin at HCCC on December 7th. Anyone interested in taking the class please call Amy Cruz at 347-2942 to register.

All the Christmas light are up on the building and can be seen from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. every evening. Drive on by to see the beautiful lights. This was made possible by a Donation from the Friends of Hackberry Creek.

We have two new members of our family, Linda Colmenares and Callie Giesecke.

Resident Satisfaction Surveys were sent out on November 19th to family members, please be sure to return these to the facility. The surveys will let us know how we are doing taking care of your loved one and it will also help us improve our service.

On Tuesday, December 1st, HCCC will be going to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo to make a presentation on Hackberry Creek.

Late Night Shopping is on December 3rd and Main Street Cafe will be open from 4:00-to 9:00 p.m. that day for a fundraiser to support the Activities Department at HCCC.

Thank You

For all the things my family and neighbors have done for me while I was ill and in the hospital, I thank you. The cards, phone calls, the prayers, the visits and the food have been deeply appreciated. You have blessed my life and made my illness a lot easier.

Thank you again!

Pearl Patten

Re-Elect Russell Alexander for Commissioner of Precinct #4

I would like to announce my intent to run for re-election for the position of Motley County Commissioner Precinct #4 in the March Primary Election.

Dean and I would like to thank everyone for supporting us for the last 7+ years and ask for your continued support in the future.

I would also like to thank Precincts #1, #2, #3, the City of Roaring Springs, and the Texas Department of Transportation for the great working relationship we have established during our tenure. I look forward to continuing my service to this county.

Thanks again and remember to vote in March.

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November 26th - FSA office closed for Thanksgiving Day

December 1st-Deadline for buying 2010 NAP COVER-AGE for all types of Grasses. At the time you purchase NAP, you will also need to certify grass acreage at that time. Please remember you must have NAP coverage in order to be eligible for any Livestock Disaster Programs.

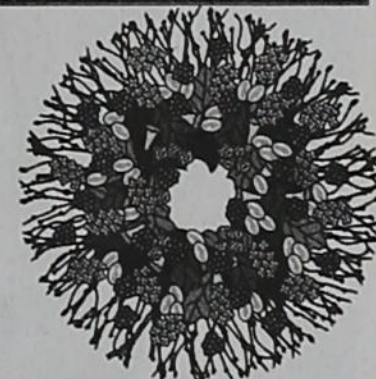
2010 Wheat Acreage Certification-if you purchased NAP coverage on Wheat for Grazing, you will need to certify 15 days prior to turning cattle on those fields. Please make an appointment as soon as possible. If you do not purchase NAP coverage on grazing crops, you will be ineligible for Livestock Disaster Programs.

Producers are now eligible to sign up for 2010 DCP/ACRE program. If you desire to sign a contract for 2010, please make an appointment

with the office. We are asking that you bring all cash leases that are applicable to your farming operation. We may have some on file, but please bring all of them in so that we can double check that everything is on file. Remember, all cash leases must be signed by all owners.

Please bring in all 2009 Sorghum production if you had NAP insurance on it. We need a weigh ticket with an average weight, number of bales, producer's name, and crop year included on this weigh ticket. It also needs signed by the producer. This is crucial to calculating yearly APH's and if applicable a faster payment can be made to you. If you did not mechanically harvest or totally graze the crop out, please let us know ASAP as this will require an adjuster to come out and we need to know this as soon as possible.

All producer's will be required to fill out a new 926, "Average Adjusted Gross Income" certification for 2010.



Congrats Coach on 51 Wins!!!

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Him with thanksgiving." And again in Psalms 107:1, O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever."

If you have nothing to be thankful for, make up your mind that there is something wrong with such attitude. Surely anyone can see that we are all blessed beyond what we deserve. It was D. L. Moody who said:

**Be careful for nothing;
But prayerful for everything;
Be thankful for anything.**

The spirit of thanksgiving was defined by Carlyle, when he stated, "that a man should put himself at zero, and then reckon every degree ascending from that point as an occasion for thanks." We have more to be thankful for than almost any other age in human history. So on this special day set aside for thanks, let us remember that Thanksgiving Day is a "jewel to set in the hearts of honest men," and be careful that we do not "take the day and leave out the gratitude."

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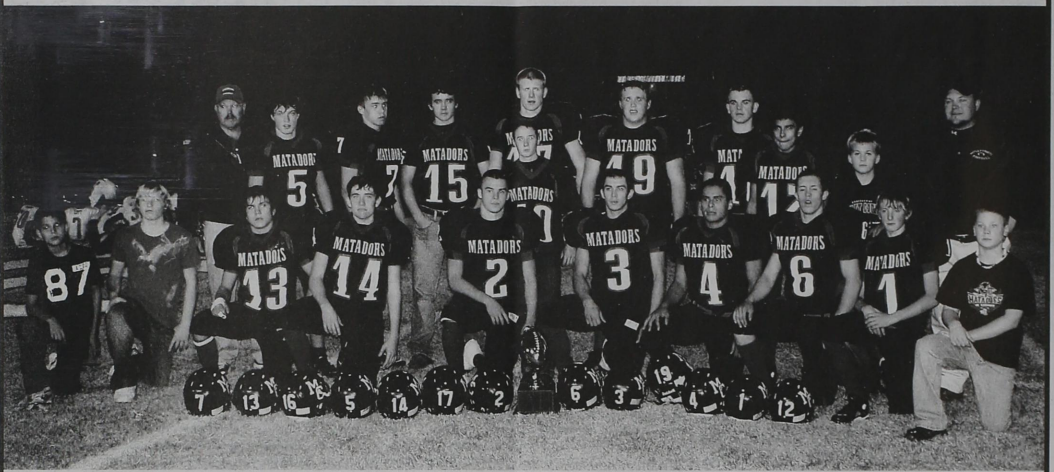
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4th Graders Travel to Memphis for Ag Day Sponsored by Farm Bureau and Extension Service



Fourth graders from Motley County recently traveled to Memphis, Texas to participate in an Ag Day with other schools, such as Clarendon, Memphis, and Valley. Students got to participate in hands-on activities to learn about ginning cotton. They also got to explore different crops produced in our area, such as corn, wheat, livestock, and peanuts. There was an electricity demonstration, as well as a presentation from Southwest Dairy Association. Local high school students gave information about various stock show animals and a tractor was provided for display for students to explore and learn about agricultural technology. Also students saw a presentation about water and soil conservation. A snack and meal was provided by the Farm Bureau Association, and various county agents, home demonstration agents, and ag teachers were on hand to help organize and present to make for a fun day for all the students.

Motley County 118 Guthrie 90

The Matadors put up 118 points in the regional final game to put away all hope for the Guthrie Jaguars. "This was another exciting game for Motley County fans," said coach Bigham. The game ended high scoring from both teams in a contest of who had the best offense. "This was a great win for our program and we are very proud of our boys," said coach Bigham. "The support from our town has been great!" Our next game with Miami will be played at Silverton 7:30PM Friday night for the Quarter Final Championship.

Passing
Austin Taylor 2-4 - 48 yds- 2TD's

Receiving
Andrew Martin 2 Rec- 49yds- 2TD's
Juan Flores - 8-17 Extra Points

Tackles
Andrew Marin-9
Colby McCleskey-10
Braden Mason-1
Augustine Chavez-15
Jonathon Osborn-6
Austin Taylor-9
Juan Flores-21
Britt Simpson -5

Rushing

Jonathon Osborn 29 carries- 569 yds- 9 TD's
Augustine Chavez - 16 carries- 175 yds - 6 TD's

Andrew Martin- 1 interception
Augustine Chavez- 1 Fumble Rec
Austin Taylor- 1 Fumble Rec

Motley County Matadors Named Army Strong Team of the Week

Dave Campbell's Texas Football is proud to announce that the Motley County High School Matadors football team has been named the Army Strong Team of the Week for the Six-Man Division.

The Motley County Matadors were chosen for this honor because of their teamwork, dedication, discipline, personal courage and integrity, values shared by U.S. Army Soldiers.

"Motley County had a tough first-round matchup against

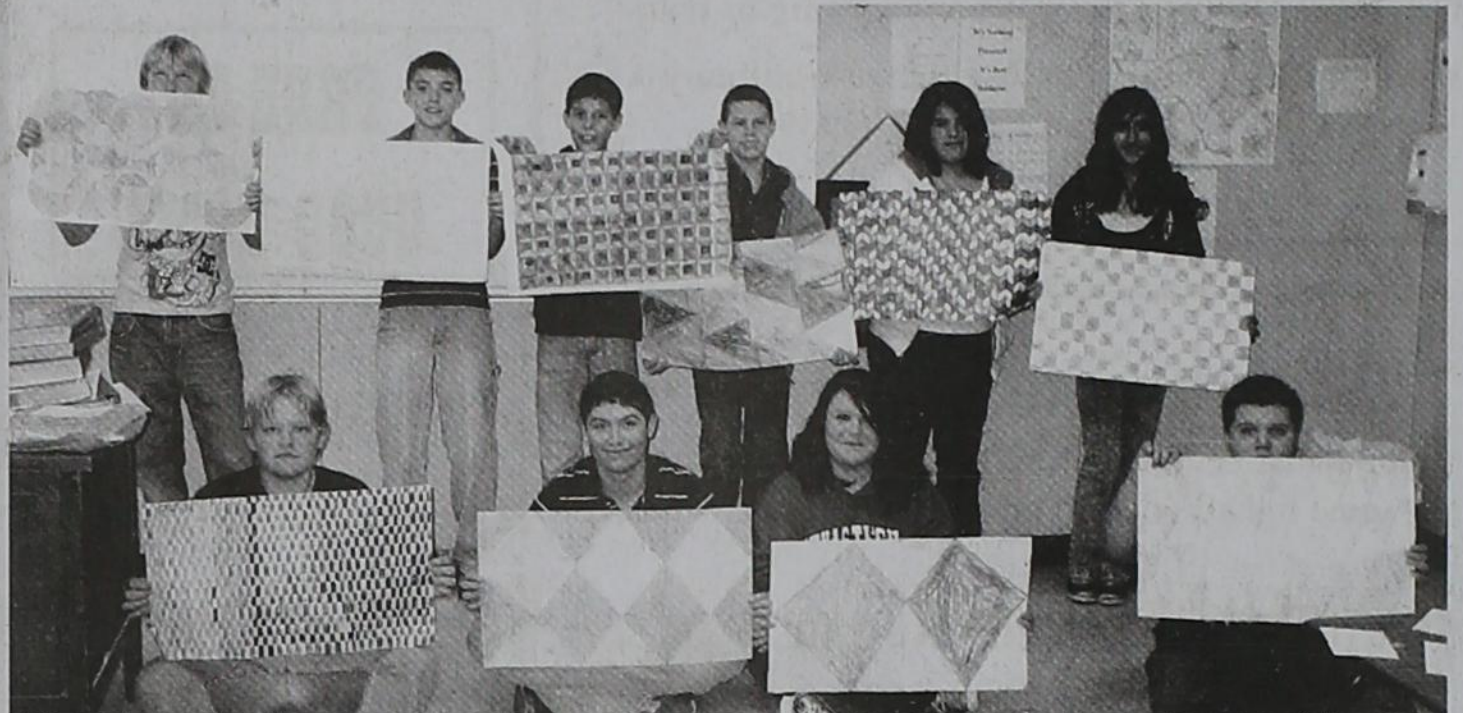
Lefors, number 10-ranked in Six-Man's Division II," said Adam Hochfelder, general manager of Dave Campbell's Texas Football. "The Matadors' offense came out to play though last weekend and helped secure a 96-87 upset win which avenged last year's 72-26 playoff loss."

The award will be presented to the team at a time to be determined later this week by a representative of the U.S. Army.

"The U.S. Army is recognizing the student-athletes at

Motley County High School for demonstrating qualities similar to those exhibited by its Soldiers. Student-athletes and Soldiers share similar values, but more importantly they must be mentally, emotionally and physically strong," said Captain Jay Williams. "We expect to see some of these young men competing at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the college level, or maybe even professionally in the future."

Eighth grade class completes a tessellation project



The 8th grade class completed a tessellation project last six weeks in math class. They had five weeks to complete this and worked on it at home and school. They did a great job and were proud of their results.

Matadors receive Regional Trophy



Second grade "surprises" received from South Korea

Motley County second grade students had nice "surprises" sent to them from South Korea. Senior Master Sergeant Alicia Jacobs, sister of Mrs. Kautz, sent the second graders Korean chopsticks, bookmarks, coins, bags, and an assortment of Korean candy treats. Along with the many gifts, the children were able to view numerous postcards of the famous monuments located in South Korea.

Senior Master Sergeant Alicia Jacobs, is a former Motley County student, who has been in listed in the Air Force for 20 years. Mrs. Jacobs is a war planner for the United States Air Force. Her job title includes equipping the military bases with supplies and personnel. She will be stationed in South Korea for one more year, and then will transfer to San Antonio where she will retire from the military.

Lady Mats Defeat Silverton

The Motley County Lady Mats defeated the Silverton Owls by a score of 62-49 last Saturday afternoon in Mator. Scoring for the Lady Mats were: Melissa Flores-28, Kyla Simpson-11, Alyx Smith13,

Lexi Osborn -3, and Jaci Zingerman with 9 points and 11 rebounds. Simpson had 9 rebounds and Smith had 7. The team was 12 out of 23 from the free throw line.

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26 Thanksgiving
 27 Quarter-Finals

December

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 2 Kids Praise
 3 Roaring Springs Lions
 8 RSCV
 10 Matador City Council
 14 Commissioners' Court
 14 Roaring Springs City Council

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