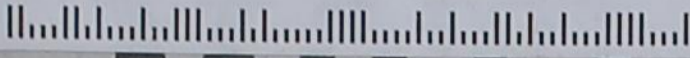


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FFA Members Develop Leadership Skills



By Jim Cooper
Motley County Tribune

After weeks of preparation Motley County FFA members showcased their skills at the District and Area Leadership Development Events at the Greenbelt District and Area I Contests.

Competing at the District LDE'S were; Greenhand Chapter Conducting comprised of President, Natalie Jameson; Vice President Matthew Faulks; Secretary, Mattie Brooks; Treasurer, Thali Quilimaco; Reporter, Marcus

Ortiz; Sentinel, Bryce Brady; and Advisor, Duncan Aumiller.

Radio Broadcasting: Seth Baxter, Annie Hodges, and Cassidy Turner.

Public Relations: Catherine Ward, Shelby Elliott, and Gabby Silva

Agricultural Advocacy: Meagan Ford and Caleb Clary. Senior Creed: Braden Big-ham and Michael Martin.

Job Interview: Brielle Collett. These FFA members exhibited the best of the FFA Motto "Learning to do, doing to learn" and represented

their chapter, their school and their community in upstanding fashion.

Advancing to the Area round of competition in their respective contests were the Radio Team of Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, and Annie Hodges.

Also advancing to the Area Contest which was held on the campus of West Texas A&M University were the Agricultural Advocacy team of Meagan Ford and Caleb Clary.

Congratulations to these FFA members on their accomplishments.

Matadors Overcome Pirates

By Jennifer Lawler
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors beat the Lefors Pirates Friday night November 16, 2012. The game was played at Valley and the final score was 86 - 41 with the game ending in the third quarter by the mercy rule. Coach Bigham commented, "The boys did a good job on the offensive side of the ball Friday night. I really believe that our offense is starting to come together at the right time. Our offensive line did an exceptional job

blocking the Pirate defense. We still have a few things to work out on the defensive side of the ball. This week will be another big challenge for our defense as we face one of the most elusive backs in our Region."

Austin Taylor had three TDs with 118 yards rushing; Juan Flores also had three TDs with 134 yards rushing; Conner Mason had three TDs with 92 yards rushing, and Britt Simpson carried one reception for a TD. In defense Austin Taylor, Conner Mason, and Britt Simpson each had 13

tackles with Juan Flores having 10 tackles.

The coaching staff would like to thank everyone for their support. "It's always nice to be playing football over the Thanksgiving Holidays and know that we have the support of so many families in our communities," said Coach Bigham. The next game will be with New Home in Anton on Friday, November 23, at 7:00 pm. Come out and support the team as they play for another Regional final Championship!

MCISD is rated Superior in Financial Rating System

By Kazmyn Ortiz
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County School Board met the evening of November 12th at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Board Members Rachelle Davis, Don Baxter, Lewis Drum, Lee Jones and Tina Brooks. Also present were Superintendent Mr. Cochran, Principle Gary Waitman and Business Manager Denise Ford. At 7:32 the meeting was called to order and, as usual, they first approved last month's minutes, then approved the financial report. Both passed unanimously with no discussion.

The third item on the agenda was the the Financial Integrity Rating System Texas, F.I.R.S.T. "This is another check and balance system for our finances," stated Mr. Cochran. He also explained that the F.I.R.S.T. report being viewed is always two years behind, therefore this one is from the 2010-2011 school year. It deals with things like reimbursements for board members for training, conflict of interest forms for board members who have businesses that may profit from decisions the council makes, and is judged on 20 indicators. A passing score is 52 and the F.I.R.S.T. score for the 2010-2011 school year was a 67. This rating is Superior, the highest category possible.

The board next reviewed and approved the District Improvement Plan. This document is revised every year and outlines how to improve the district's performance as a whole. Another important part of MCISD's education system which was approved was the Technology Plan. Also approved were the Campus-Parent and the District-Parent involvement Policies.

The board accepted J.D. Russell's resignation due to the fact that he and his family have moved from the area. Accepted was a 60 count desk donation with special thanks to Mr. Waitman for handling

the retrieval and distribution of the gift. Lewis Drum, Don Baxter and Tina Brooks completed Conflict of interest forms as required by the yearly Audit.

A resolution was passed for a MCISD student who has stock animals housed outside of Motley County so that they can show their animals at the major stock shows.

The NCLB Act requires that all teachers be Highly Qualified and that the Districts give a public report based on their qualifications. All teachers at Motley County were determined to be Highly Qualified for the 2012-2013 school year.

Former board member J.D. Russell was MCISD's representative on the Tax Appraisal Review Board, ARB. Mr. Cochran stated, "We need someone to represent Motley County ISD." After some discussion of the position's requirements, Lewis Drum volunteered for the two-year term required of any taxing entity.

A final decision was reached on the iPads and the board agreed on purchasing either iPad2 or iPad3 with the Administrator's discretion. He will also be choosing how many to purchase as the bulk unit pricing will save the school money. In the long run, technology such as this will allow the council to save time and money. Board members discussed longevity and accessibility regarding the iPads and there was an air of excitement regarding the purchase. Mr. Cochran pointed out that technology like this will come with a purchasable warranty that will cover maintenance costs. Many times these are free to educational systems.

An interesting discussion followed when Mr. Cochran mentioned a new Rebate Program for purchasing buses. Apparently there is an eagerness to dispose of the school's older diesel models and replace them with ones that are newer and more energy efficient. Mr. Cochran stated

that the bus that would be replaced will be the 1994 bus on the Flomot route that has over 100,000 miles on it. The bus that will be purchased will have to be at least a 2012 model that is a diesel bus.

The board voted to apply for the rebate. Schools that are selected for the rebate program will be notified in January. The rebate could be anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

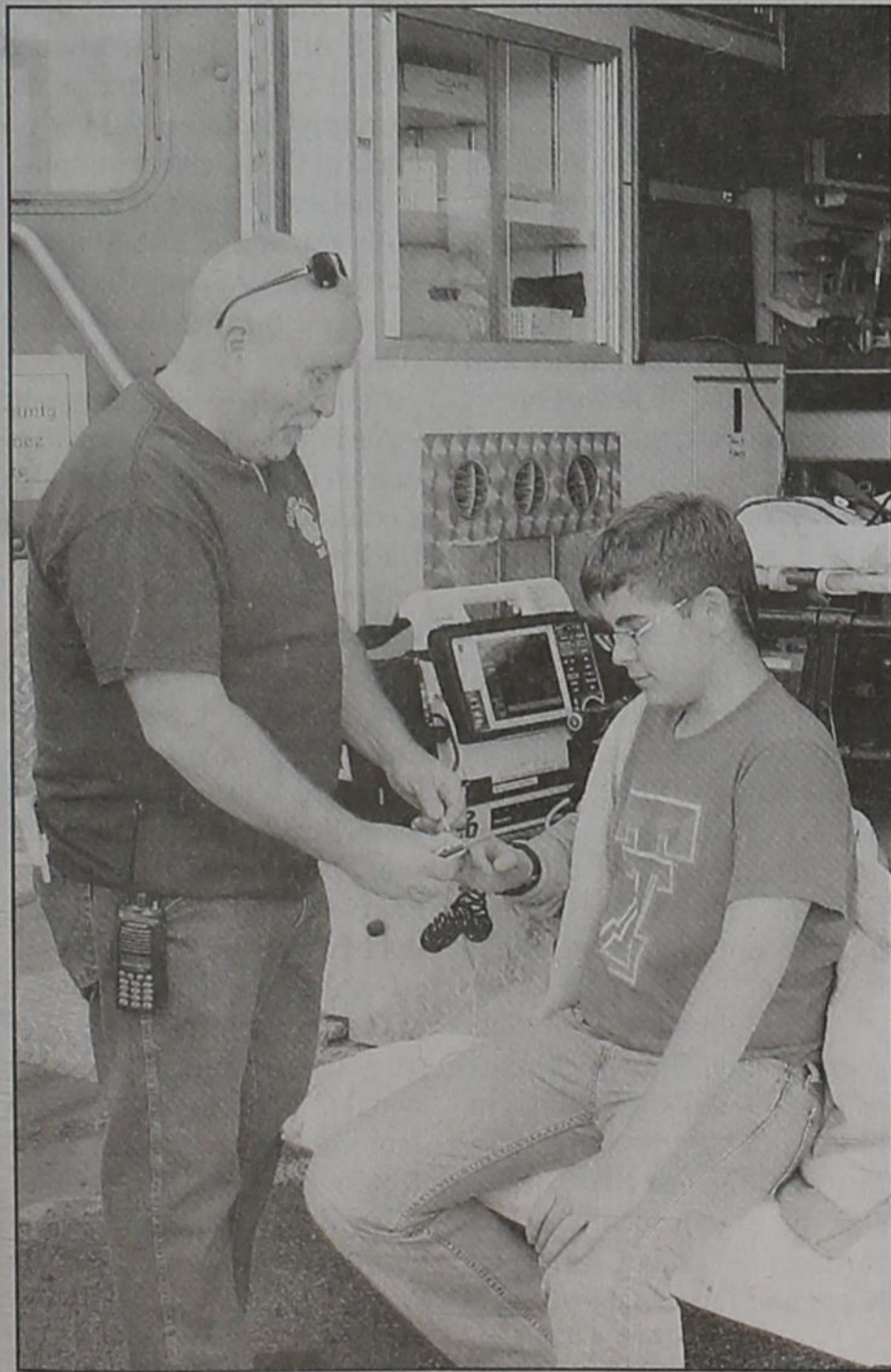
In Principal Waitman's report, MCISD had a 96.96% attendance rate this last month due mostly to sickness. That is just a 1% drop from last month. Enrollment went up, however, to 188 students.

Mr. Cochran's Superintendent's report highlighted upcoming calendar events for the next Board Meeting which will be on December 10, 2012. At that meeting the Board will be highlighting the yearly Audit for those community members who wish to attend). Members are also required to participate in Tier Two training. This team building exercise was scheduled for 6 p.m., right before next month's meeting. While discussing the date for the meeting, many council members expressed concerns of having to miss any basketball games as many of them plan on regularly attending and supporting MCISD athletics. Mr. Cochran then took the time to say in regard to the floor scrubber approved in last month's meeting, "It is great. One of the best purchases we've made."

Tina Brooks remarked, "I've talked to several people who say how great our floors look."

Also announced in the Superintendent's report was that the new drug testing policy for students in extracurricular activities will be implemented in January. Mr. Cochran distributed the Board Member's basketball passes for the 2012-2013 season. The Board adjourned around 8:40 pm.

Health Fair held Library



HEALTH FAIR - Motley County Ambulance Service representative, Tony Rose, EMT, checks Grant Potts' blood pressure at the Community Health Fair held at the Library Annex last Monday. The Fair hosted several area medical associations and made available flu shots and free medical testing. Many area residents attended and took advantage of the services offered. photo by Carla Meador

Luckett Named to All-American Livestock Judging Team

Cade Luckett, son of Kendra and Bill Luckett, and grandson of Betty and Carter Luckett, Matador, was selected to participate in the prestigious All-American Livestock Judging Team based on his scholastic achievements, community service and contest performance.

Cade, a senior agriculture student at Texas Tech University, is a member of the Tech livestock judging team that recently placed fourth at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky. The team finished behind Oklahoma State University, Colorado State University and Western Illinois University. Only 22 points separated the top four teams.

According to the *Avalanche-Journal* (Nov. 15, 2012) the expo included 29 universities represented by 139 contestants. Tech finished second in reasons, second in sheep, fourth in performance cattle and fourth in swine.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
When you have history, you have pride.



By Larry Vogt

The Thanksgiving Day festivities when I was a child were quite happy affairs with many cousins playing games and Aunts and Uncles preparing copious amounts of delicious food. In South Dakota there might be a goodly amount of snow on the ground by that time, and in fact, I remember one year there was an intense blizzard that actually resulted in the cancellation of the holiday for us. There is a photo in my collection that shows my mother with all her siblings bundled up in winter coats and posing for the picture outside of a big farmhouse with at least eight inches of snow on the ground.

In rural communities such as the one where I lived at that time, many or all of the siblings in a family might be living in the same county. Thus it was so that holiday celebrations could include most if not all members of a family, including grandpar-

ents. This year many family members are on opposite ends of the USA or even farther away in foreign countries. So we will have phone calls with best wishes and menu comparisons. Now if I knew how to conference via computer we could "skype" our festivities.

A successful holiday for me is eating moderately. That means one helping of turkey and dressing, and only one each of the desserts. It is still in my memory that at those family occasions when I was still at home I would put away lots of turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and, of course, several pieces of pie with home made ice cream. Being the skinniest kid in town (or so it felt) the women in the family encouraged me to eat enough to founder a cow. Thank goodness I outgrew that tendency although I can occasionally go overboard with the pie.

My favorite activity for this holiday is the practice of gratitude. I have taken to meditating on the joyful moments of the year, like the wedding of my youngest son. As I go through the mental slide show from last Thanksgiving to this one, it becomes clear that there is much for which I can be thankful.

Have a happy and joyous fellowship this Thanksgiving!



District FFA Leadership teams: Back L-R: Braden Bigham, Caleb Clary, Matthew Faulks, Seth Baxter, Marcus Ortiz, Duncan Aumiller, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Shelby Elliott, Michael Martin. Front L-R: Bryce Brady, Gabby Silva, Catherine Ward, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Ford, Annie Hodges, Brielle Collett, Thalia Quilimaco.



CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held their annual Safety Awards Banquet on November 9, 2012 at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. This banquet is held to recognize employees outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries. The Motley County Maintenance employees were recognized for combined totals of 133 years as safe operators and 108 years of no injury. Members of the Motley County Maintenance Section receiving awards are: Shawn Elliott, Jerry Jones, Randy Martin, Crawford Mason, Billy Osborn, Ronnie Pope, Gary Simpson and Terry Simpson. Pictured above, back left to right: Shawn Elliott, Crawford Mason, Randy Martin, Billy Osborn, Jerry Jones and Kasey Osborn. Front left to right: Ronnie Pope, Gary Simpson, Terry Simpson and Mary Marshall.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It has come to my awareness that people are looking for a person or company that will take in strays animals. At the last Matador City Council meeting the *Motley County Tribune* reported that "Council member Shane Jones suggested the city contract with a larger city to capture dogs and take them to shelters in other towns. Mayor Smith said he would call Floydada and Plainview to see if a neighboring city would kennel dogs if the city hired someone to capture the strays."

I would like to suggest that the law is posted about the animal rules here in this county and townships. Then I would like to know how many people would be willing to volunteer to help with the building and running a rescue.

I am 63 years old and on a fixed income but I love animals and I have done nothing but rescue animals off and on all my life. I have raised birds and dogs and cats and horses. I am very good with them. I would like to open a rescue here if I can get help to do so. I do not want to have to put any animal down unless it is the best thing for the animal. I will try to get in touch with the vet's in the area so as to be able to get the proper care for them. This will need help from everyone that wants this here. Please let the Motley County Tribune know if you would like to help and they will get me the information for me to contact you.

The animals that are running loose or are not wanted anymore must have a place better than the street or a bullet. Please help if you would like this.

Thank you,
Jesse Bethard

Motley County Honors Veterans

By Monta Marshall
Motley County Tribune

On Monday, November 12, 2012, the Motley County ISD students and faculty presented a program to honor veterans. There were 26 veterans honored. Several were unable to attend and a list of veterans who had died this year was given.

Sabra Pope read the names and service branch of the veterans as they were escorted to their seats. Representing the four branches of the military, Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy, Veterans present were: Calvin Nimmo, Bill Armstrong, Ed D. Smith, Buzz Thacker, Jim Watson, Don Stuckey, Bobby Witcher, Leo Faulkner, Charley Johnson, Tom Edwards, Bob Davis, Gerald Pipkin, and Robert Fisk, Joan Patton, Steve Hess, Michael Crowley, Bill Manney, Jesse Turner, Carol Taylor, Tommy Bailey, David Billings, Herb Smallwood, Ellis Terry, Melvin Pope, Larry Hoyle, and Robert Smith.

The veterans were escorted by Motley County students. Those veterans who had children and grandchildren in the audience were escorted by them.

Reagan Elliott, Jeffry Reyes, Britt Simpson and Austin Taylor performed the presentation of colors.

Brother Mike Crowley, Minister of the Church of Christ, led the opening prayer. The National Anthem was led by Leighton Talamantaz and Katie Barton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sabra Pope. Ashley Allred gave the welcome.

Coby Cochran read a list of active servicemen and gave their station and rank.

They are: Chase Carson; the

son of Terry and Mary Ann Carson and the late Rex Hamilton, formerly of Matador. Chase has recently been sent to Parris Island to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

Jaclyn Carson, Sergeant in the U.S. Marines, she is the wife of Chase Carson.

Phillip Engle: US Navy. Phillip is the grandson of the late E.A. and Dorothy Day of Matador and the son of the late Pat Engle. Phillip has served in the US Nave for 17 years. He is stationed in the Middle East.

Joshua Palmer: Sergeant in the National Guard. He is currently serving as a recruiter in Oklahoma City. He is the son of James and Pat Palmer and the grandson of Zella Palmer of Roaring Springs.

Jerod Rieger: Captain in the US Air Force. Jerod is stationed in San Antonio. He is the son of Dana Graham and grandson of Bennie D. and Devonne Dillard.

Hilda Rieger: Master Sergeant, US Air Force. Hilda is stationed in Little Rock, AR. She is the wife of Jerod Rieger and daughter-in-law of Dana Graham. She is currently in inactive duty attending nursing school.

Quinten Rose: Sergeant in the US Army. Quinten is stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He is the son of Lisa Rose and the late Kenny Rose and the grandson of the late Doyle and Carolyn Rose and Roger and Linda Ashley.

Gary Stone: Lt. Col. 673rd US Army Medical Corp. Gary is stationed in Ft. Leavenworth. He is the son-in-law of Ken and Wanda Faulkner of Matador.

The Mike Hackler family has several family members in the armed forces.

Tyler Hackler: Green Beret - Army. He is stationed at Fort

Carson Co and is deployed to Uganda. He is a cousin of our students, Wyatt and Emma Hackler.

Adam Jesse: Corporal E4-Marines. He is stationed in South Carolina and is not currently deployed. He, too, is a cousin of Wyatt and Emma Hackler.

Andrew Hackler: Chief Warrant Officer - Green Beret - US Army. He is stationed at Fort Carson, Co. and is not currently deployed. He is an uncle of the Hackler children.

Chelsea Lott: Staff Sergeant - Air Force. She is stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. She is a cousin of the Hackler children.

Brian Lott - Staff Sergeant - Air Force. He is stationed at Ramstein Air Base and is also a cousin to Wyatt and Emma Hackler.

Demi Simpson read a list of Veterans who have died this year. They were: George Wilson, Stanley Hanesworth, U.F. Coker, Jr.; Raymond Eugene Brannon, Billy Paul Simpson, Blake Burl Barton, Jake Goodson, Danny Earl Brandon, Fred (Banty) Brandon and Bobby Fletcher.

Gerald Pipkin played songs of the armed forces and other patriotic songs for the processional and recessional. Jamie Jameson played *Reveille* and *Taps* on the bugle.

Wayde Clay and Kathy Shorter of Flomot sang "The Prayer" which was a very moving prayer of thanksgiving for those who have kept our country safe.

Stormie Guerreo made the closing remarks and invited all to stay for refreshments provided by the 4-H Club, Student Council and the faculty.

Brother Bill Manney, minister of the First United Methodist Church led the benediction.

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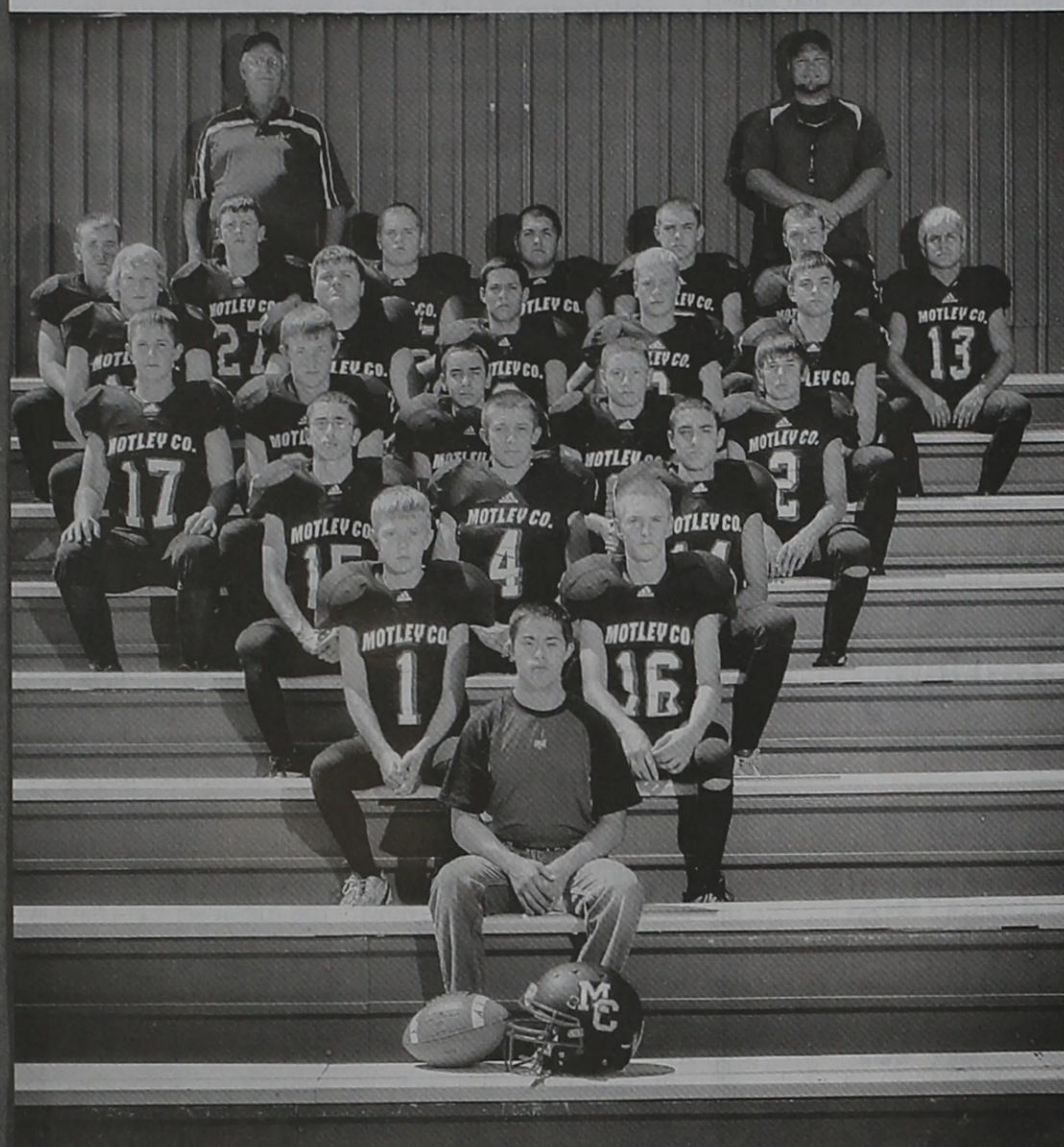
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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Off the cap and over the hills To Memom and Pop's my family will come.

Hoping for turkey and dressing

Cranberry-relish, sweet potatoes and such.

Don't over-do they are stressing.

They will arrive with most of the stuff.

I will bake a cake, rolls and maybe a pie;

We always have food piled high.

We will have fifteen if all arrive.

To feast and catch up on all the happenings

The voices sound like a busy beehive,

While over the grandchildren 'oohing and aahing'.

After expressing our thankfulness for our many blessings,

Someone will say a heart filled AMEN.

Community News

Without a café or central meeting place, there is not a good place to hear news. Each week I wonder what I can write about. Telephoning works but is very time consuming. I would appreciate any news you would like to share; if you call me that works better because I never know who might have news. My phone number is 348-7000.

Morgan Jones is at home and is taking therapy to help her get over West Nile Virus. Joyce Meredith reported that her granddaughter will have home-bound schooling so she can

catch up with her school work while she is unable to attend classes. Morgan and her family live in Lubbock.

Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving service was held at the Full Gospel Church on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. About 30 people attended. Thomas Roland, pastor of the First Baptist Church, brought the message. Jeff Thacker read the hundred and fifth Psalm. Vonda Brendle read a thanksgiving poem. Lyn Montgomery sang *There's Something About That Name*; Bill Manney, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, sang *He Touched Me* acappella; the congregation sang songs expressing Thanksgiving.

Joel and Miranda Rieger celebrated an early thanksgiving with Jared's father, Bruce Rieger and the Jerod Rieger's at Lake Whitney, TX, and also had Thanksgiving with Miranda's family in Seagoville, TX. They attended a Dallas Cowboy Game while in the Metroplex area. They returned home today.

Mac Tucker, brother of Mozelle Hand died. His funeral service was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Childress at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 19. Visitation was held at the Johnson Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon.

Missy Davis the daughter of Mozelle came from Grandview, TX to attend the service and be with her mom.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Count your blessings. No matter how you say it, grace can transform an ordinary meal or day into a celebration of family, love and gratitude.

Celebrates Birthday

Brenda and Darrell Cruse, his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, were in Snyder Saturday to celebrate the second birthday of granddaughter, Paisley Cruse. Her parents, Derrick and Christina Cruse had a family luncheon and a party that afternoon with decorated cake and all the trimmings.

Others attending was her brother, Cash; Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese, Brighton and Cash of Turkey; Leah Cruse and Brian Meyers, Gracie and Evon of Amarillo; Charla and Bennie Marracle, Mrs. Kaycee Shafer and Kason of Snyder, Shahala and Allen Holscher, Braxton and Kinley of Roaco.

Community News

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay

visited last Friday until Sunday in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Tyler and Karlee. They attended Tyler's last football game Friday night and Karlee's basketball game Saturday. They celebrated Karlee's 15th birthday Sunday with a fun-filled time.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Connie and Coy Franks was Barry Pickett of Garland. Other weekend guests were son and family, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston. Hudson remained to visit this week.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the Thanksgiving lunch at Senior Citizens Fund Drive Sunday.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Mrs. Shonda Lee attended the enjoyable Holiday Happenings Friday held at the Civic Center in Lubbock. Granddaughter, Brooke Sehon of Wolforth visited Kathy and Clois from Tuesday until Thursday.

Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

We had a bit of sadness yesterday. The house where our dad and our Aunt Sister were raised was torn down and buried. It certainly needed to be taken down since it had fallen into disrepair and wasn't habitable, but we walked through it and had a final farewell. The shotgun house with a kitchen, bedroom and living room with a sleeping porch seemed much larger to us as children. One of our favorite places to play was the closet with its secretary of goodies. We knew what we could try on and look through and spent hours in the closet playing dress up and make believe. There was never any dust on the furniture and everything was neat and in its place.

Nannie was a scant 5'2" and the cabinets were made to fit her. We always had to bend a little use them. One of the most unique parts of the kitchen was a wooden counter top. It is still there, but family kept me from taking it out - no place to use it. From the driveway to the highway was a garden. She planted "by the signs" and always had a crop. I especially remember picking strawberries, taking them in the house, and rolling them in the sugar bowl before popping them into our mouths. She and Daddy John provided us with some good memories.

It is now a clear, clean space. Nannie would have appreciated that John Douglas neaten up the place and is moving on. It is just a little sad when another part of your past goes away.

We had our son Jason, wife Kimmie, and granddaughters Hannah and Hailey over the weekend. The girls brought a friend, Kate Yost, with them - lots of giggles and playing with dogs.

Ray and Linda Navarre

found Matador last week as they traveled from their home in Pilot Point to Caprock Canyons State Park. She is a fulltime sub in the Mt. Pleasant School, and he manages businesses in Dallas and Houston. They are big-time "preppers" so we had a good conversation about what they were gathering. Interesting.

Hunters returned to the Hotel. Most are making second appearances were Boone and Lindsay Cooper from Scoggins, and the metroplex group of Johnnie and daughter Abby Allen, Mike Caruthers, Garland Head, Butch and Scott Prince.

Mary and Michael Minichino made a return visit. Since they were last here, they have moved from Coppell to Providence Village. They just like to spend some relaxing time in Matador.

Don Weiershausen from Odessa and George Ward hunted on the J bar C during the weekend.

Jessica White and daughters Kate and Abigail visited with Caron and Jesse for a couple of days. They are cute little girls and helped with the perusal of the old house.

Okay, it is time to make pie crust and corn bread, and get the menu set for Thanksgiving. Have a great one, and let me know who comes to see you.

Arlyce Manney recently spent a week in Reno, Nevada, visiting with her sister Ardelle, and brother-in-law Richard Peterson. They had a great time sharing news, and recalling "the old days" in Wisconsin, were they were raised. They also were treated a brief but lovely snowfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter, Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M. visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.



Pictured are sisters Sherry Rose and Carla Meador, admiring Christmas ribbon wreaths, created by Donell Davis. The wreaths were on display at the annual Arts and Crafts Club Fall Bazaar. Local vendors and crafts and art created by club members were on sale at the Senior Citizen's Center on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Donell and Kenneth Davis are new residents in Matador where they opened the Motley Farm and Ranch Supply, formerly Matador Motor and Implement. photo by Carol Campbell



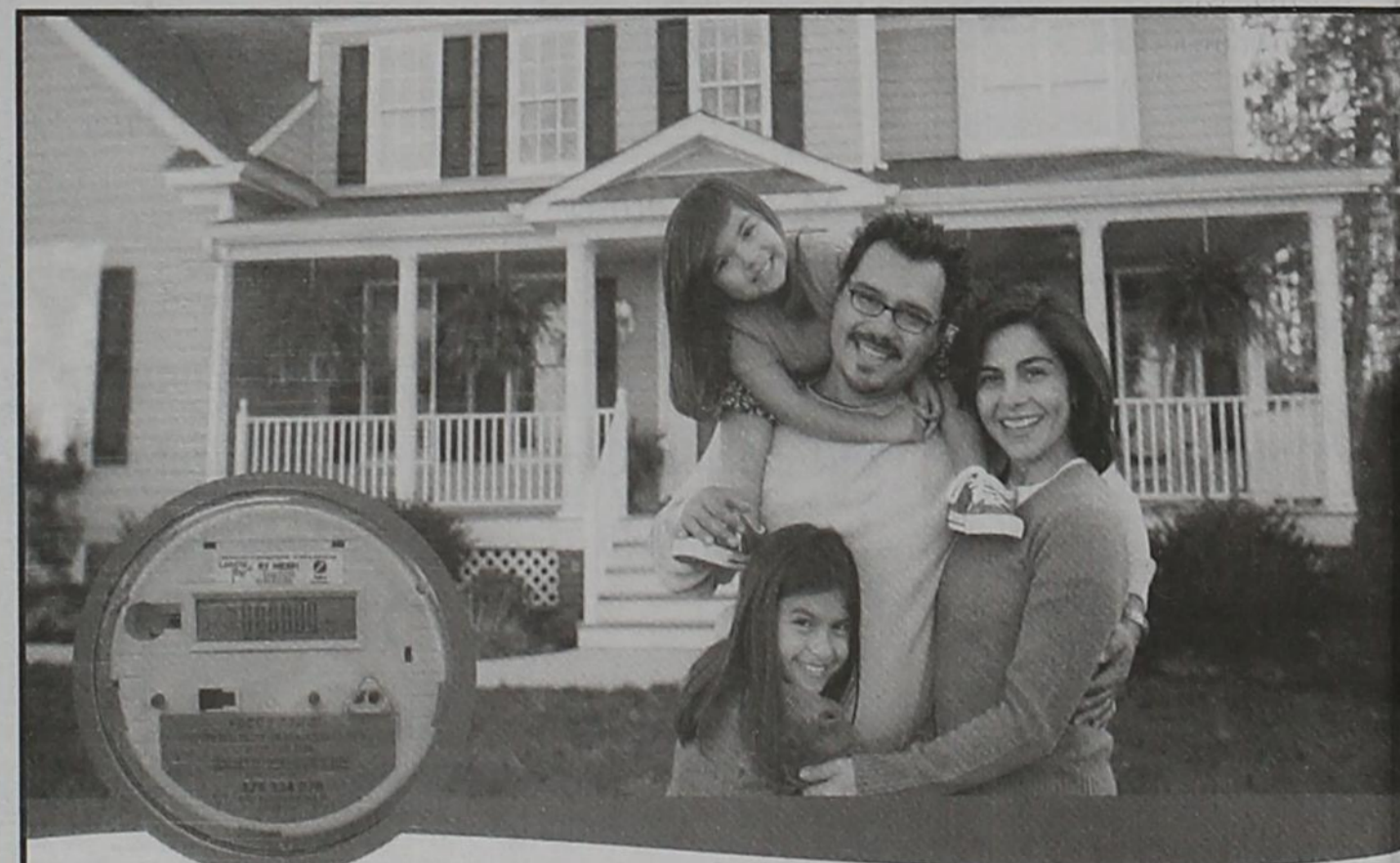
Thacker Jewelry

Wishes everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving!

We will be open for Late Night Shopping this coming Saturday Nov. 24th, until 8:00 P.M. 70% off and other specials throughout the store.

We will also have a box to register for a door prize.





Your electric meter is about to get smarter, Motley County

This year, AEP Texas is upgrading residential and small business meters in Motley County to new digital Smart Meters.

Your new Smart Meter will offer many benefits such as improved reliability, greater privacy with remote meter reading and enhanced customer service. You also can register your Smart Meter online so you can view your daily electricity use and see how your energy-efficient actions save money and energy. Now that's a SMART benefit.

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Late Night Christmas Shopping and Santa Coming to town Roaring Springs Nov 24, 5-8 pm



Brody Rankin was named the 2012 Twelve and Under WRCA Working Cowhorse Champion held in Amarillo, TX on November 9th. Brody competed in the competition on his horse named Willy that was raised on the Tongue River Ranch and has been finished by Brody. Willy and Brody had to complete the working cowhorse pattern and finish by working and roping a yearling calf. Brody was awarded a WRCA buckle set, a pair of Olathe Boots, and a Gift Certificate from National Roper Supply.

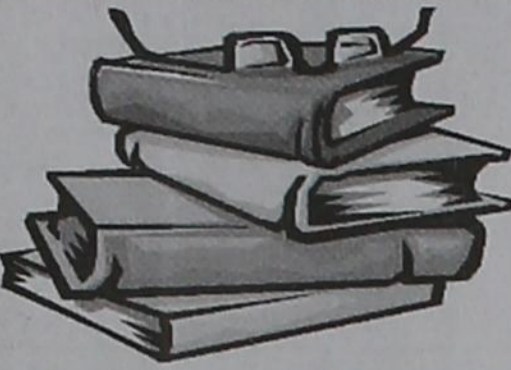
This Week's Local Forecast

						
Thursday Mostly Sunny 72/40	Friday Sunny 65/36	Saturday Sunny 67/36	Sunday Sunny 68/34	Monday Sunny 73/41	Tuesday Sunny 70/39	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 67/38

Weather Trivia	Weather History	Moon Phases
The National Weather Service is under what federal department?	Nov. 22, 1988 - Wet and windy weather prevailed across the western U.S., with heavy snow in some of the higher elevations. Winds gusted to 62 mph at Vedauwoo, Wyo., and reached 75 mph at Tillamook, Ore. Shelter Cove, Calif. was drenched with 4.37 inches of rain in 24 hours.	Full 11/28 Last 12/6 New 12/13 First 12/20

Answers: The Department of Commerce.

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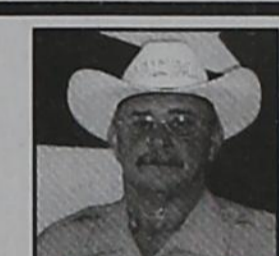
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Sheriff's Desk
by Chris Spence



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! I truly hope that each and every one of you has a wonderfully, blessed holiday. The Library will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving. And, what great things we have to celebrate and be thankful for! We are thankful for our awesome and loyal patrons who utilize the many things we have to offer at the Library. We are thankful that we have such a terrific Library in such a terrific town and county. We are especially thankful for the generous folks who have made donations to the Library! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I am happy to report that our Community Health Fair was a tremendous success! We had 75 people sign our register and we know there are a few who didn't, so we estimate about 80-85 people attended and took advantage of the free medical tests that were offered, the flu shots, the information and gifts. The Friends of the Library served delicious treats and Caprock Telephone provided bottled water. Thank you to everyone attending who took time to fill-out the survey form and thank you for your kind comments.

I would like to thank the participating vendors including the Motley County Clinic and Daphne Meredith, the Motley County Ambulance service, Seven Alexander and Tony Rose, the Crosbyton Clinic with local nurses Brenda Ferguson and Karri Wampler giving flu shots, Acco-

lade Home Health with familiar faces Jo Sandlin and Janie Day, Texas Tech Diabetes Education Center, Rhema Home Medical Supply, the Division for Blind Services, the Crisis Center of the Plains and Hospice Hands. Each of these medical associations provided a great service by participating in our Health Fair. We appreciate each individual representative who gave of their time to be here.

I would also like to thank the businesses who donated door prizes: Main Street Café, Pay-N-Save Grocery, New to You, Main Street Beauty Shop, Matador Ranch Lodge, Hotel Matador, Matador Variety, and the Friends of the Library. I certainly hope I didn't leave anyone out! We very much appreciate your generosity with your donation.

I am so pleased with the turnout and success of the Health Fair, I hope to be able to plan another one for next year!

New DVDs on the shelves this week include *Pharaoh's Army*, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* and 50-movie pack collection of *Mystery Classics*.

Don't forget to stop by the Library and purchase your tickets for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD with a case. Tickets are only \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

The 2012 Texas Capitol Ornament is beautiful and available at the Library for only \$18 each.

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2

Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium set for Nov. 28 in Amarillo

Rangeland management and EPA regulations to be discussed **AMARILLO** - Rangeland management issues will be a primary topic of the 28th annual Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Nov. 28.

The symposium will be in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show Nov. 27-29 at the Amarillo Civic Center. It will immediately follow the 12th annual Texas Commodity Symposium and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Appreciation Luncheon. Registration will be from 12:45-1 p.m. in the Grand Plaza Room.

There is a \$2 admittance fee for the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show and a \$15 registration fee for the Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium, said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

"This year we have something new to address - the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Rule through the EPA," Boughen said. "We know producers and landowners have questions about this regulation, and we want to offer an opportunity to ask specific questions

while remaining anonymous." Other program topics and speakers will include:

- Laws and Regulations, Steven Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture, Lubbock.
- Hog Abatement, Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist for High Plains and Trans-Pecos, Amarillo.
- Brush Management in the Panhandle, Clint Rollins, U. S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service rangeland management specialist, Amarillo.
- Agriculture Market Update, Dr. Mark Welch, professor and AgriLife Extension economist, College Station.
- Regulations for Oil/Petroleum Products, George Caldwell, Texas Farm Bureau, Waco.

The program will offer four Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for pesticide applicator participants: one in laws and regulations, one in general, one-half in drift management and one and a half in integrated pest management, Boughen said. Certificates will be handed out upon the completion of the program; a receipt must be presented to receive a certificate.

For more information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu.

FSA News
By Amy Hackler

Producers in Local Administrative Area #2 began receiving ballots for the upcoming County Committee Election. Please be aware that those ballots need to be returned to the County Office by December 3, 2012. If you have questions please contact the County Office

NAP deadline for 2013 - for those producers wishing to purchase Non Insurance Assistance Program coverage for Grass, Improved and Native please be aware the deadline is December 1, 2012 to purchase coverage.

CROP CERTIFICATION - the deadline to certify Grass and Wheat for Grazing WAS November 15th. Since this deadline has been moved up a month, there is not late certification fee, so if you haven't certified and need to please contact the office so that we may list you on our register and get you in to certify. Please be aware that next year the deadline will be November 15th, but there will be no waiver for late filing after that date. Should you certify anytime after the 15th of November, you will pay a late file fee.

We ask producers to continue to call the office to make an appointment. Especially since the holiday season is upon us, we too like to spend time with family and friends and may have more limited hours than normal. Please call the office before driving to the office to ensure that someone is here to tend to your FSA business.

Super Pee Wee Team ages 6 and under brought home the bronze medal at the Pokey the Clown World Championships in Amarillo, Texas, on November 10, 2012, during the World Ranch Rodeo Championship (WRRRC) Pictured at left: Bronze Medal Winners: Kyler Bell, Haygen Lefevre, Brinley Lefevre, Slydder Bateman

For the month of October, 2012, the Motley County Sheriff's Office received 16 calls from citizens and drove 3,312 patrol miles.

CASES: Cases, 5; cases solved, 4; Cases under investigation, 1; Amount Lost to Theft or Burglary, \$6,000.00; Amount Lost to Criminal Mischief, \$0.00; Amount Recovered, \$5,000.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 2; Assaults, 1; Thefts, 1; Burglary, 1; Criminal Mischief, 0; Criminal Trespass, 0; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Family Disturbance, 0; Livestock Calls, 3; Assist Citizens, 0; Assist Outside Agency, 1; Motorist Assistance, 4; Civil Standby, 0; Suspicious Person, 1; Home & Business Alarms, 1; Welfare Concern, 1; Traffic Hazard, 0; Prisoner Transport to TDCJ, 0; Cruelty to Animals,

0; Questionable Death, 0; Violation of Protective Order, 0; Possession and delivery of drugs to person under 18-years of age, 0. **ARRESTS:** Misdemeanor, 0; Felony, 0.

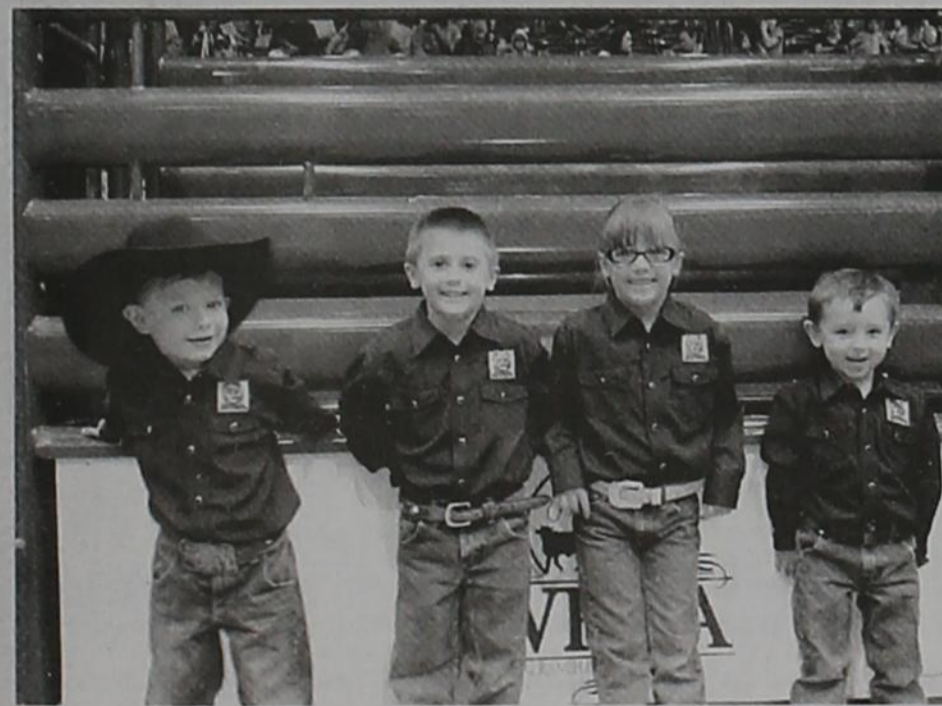
PAPER SERVED: District Court, 0; County Court, 0; JP Court, 1; Out of County Court Papers, 0; Bailiff for Court, 2.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 9; Traffic Warnings, 1; Funeral escorts, 2.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: There have been a couple of break-ins in the area so lock up, especially while you are at the football games. The Sheriff's Office is here to serve the citizens. If you see anything suspicious or someone driving reckless, please call the Sheriff Office at 806-347-2234 or Sheriff Spence at 806-269-3577.



Carley Turner, Llano Bateman, Autumn Perryman, Brody Rankin are the Junior Team at the Pokey the Clown World Championships in Amarillo, Texas, on November 10, 2012,




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Let me close with saying I'm thankful and are you?

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November

- 23 Regional: Matadors vs. New Home @ Anton, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- 26 Jr. High Basketball @ Paducah, 6:00p.m.
- 27 Lady Mats vs. Patton, 6:00 p.m.
- 29 - 1 Lady Mats) Cotton Center Tournament
- 30 Qtr Finals
- 30 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador

December

- 3 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 8 Semi-Finals
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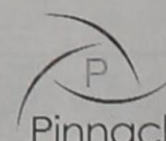
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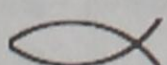
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