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Motley County joins nation in mourning Patriotism displayed throughout county

Motley County residents join Americans from all over the world as they experience the shock, sorrow and sadness of the tragic events of last Tuesday, September 11. As the death toll rises everyday and the chances of finding a survivor lessens with each day, residents continue to feel the pain of this attack on America.

Motley County business and individuals have also joined those around the country by showing their patriotic spirit and the love of our great nation by displaying flags at their businesses, homes and cars. Some residents know someone who was closely connected to the events of that day. A Flomot couple's son-in-law was in Washington, D.C. at the time of the attack on the Pentagon.

At this sad time in our history, more and more are turning to prayer. A prayer at the beginning of last Friday night's Homecoming football game brought applause, as those at-

tending gave their approval of this past event which was once a part of every sporting event in this area.

Motley County residents also have the same questions, the same anger and anxiety of what's next. What will we as a nation do to fight back. President George Bush vowed that America would "lead the world to victory" over terrorism in a struggle he termed the first war of the 21st century. "My resolve is steady and strong about winning this

war that has been declared on America," the president said. "It's a new kind of war... This government will adjust and this government will call other governments to join us."

Several Motley County residents gathered at the Senior Citizens center in Matador on Saturday afternoon, September 15, for a Town Meeting hosted by U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry. In the absence of Rep. Thornberry, who was in Washington due to last week's tragic events, two aides from his Amarillo office were available for questions and comments. Several questions about the tragic situation and concern about U.S. readiness and capability were expressed. Concerns about how current events might affect the Farm Bill and the economy were also expressed.

Rep. Thornberry apologized for his absence in a letter which was given to each one attending the meeting. In the letter, Rep. Thornberry stated, "There is no fitting way to properly describe the shock, horror, grief, and anger we all felt watching the tragic events of this week unfold. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families, to those who are trying to rescue those who may still be trapped, and to those who are working to bring the cowards who committed this crime to justice."

He continued, "America's resolve has not been broken. In fact, I believe our resolve is stronger now than ever before. We are resolved to fight terrorism. We are resolved to defend freedom. And we are resolved to put this tragedy behind us and continue down the great path of democracy that our Founding Fathers charted for us more than 200 years ago."

Rep. Thornberry had left the Pentagon about 20 minutes before an airplane crashed into the building last Tuesday, September 11. He and his staff left the building, when police evacuated it, about 9 a.m.

see THORNBERRY on page 6



Proud to be an American

This large flag, which hangs over Marshall Brothers' building in Matador, is only one of many displayed in Motley County. Several Motley County residents and businesses are showing their devotion and love of America in wake of last Tuesday's tragic terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., by displaying the American flag.



HOMECOMING QUEEN — Courtney Hayes was crowned the 2001 Homecoming Football Queen before last Friday night's game. She was escorted by Ysef Alvarado. Courtney is the daughter of Vaden and Carrol Hayes of Matador. She and Ysef are Seniors at Motley County High School. Other candidates were Shandra Jones, escorted by Bradley Baxter; Brenda Gillespie, escorted by Justin Jameson; Chasity Holman, escorted by Frankie Martinez; Sabrina Osborn, escorted by Tony Salazar; Brittany Donaldson, escorted by Clint Cooper; and Mandi Ream, escorted by Shawn Marvel.

Motley County ISD receives grant to expand Pre-K program

The Motley County Independent School District has received a grant of \$29,279 to help expand the half-day Pre-Kindergarten program into a full day. Superintendent Rick Copp reported to board members in their regular meeting on September 10.

Superintendent Copp also reported that the high school has earned a "Recommended Rating" for the second year in a row from the Texas Education Agency. In addition, as determined by the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, the entire school was rated "Academically Acceptable."

An update was given on a Repair/Renovation Grant from TEA that Mr. Copp is preparing to secure funds to repair the roof on the West Campus building. The Construction Management team of DSA, Inc., an architect, and consultant Marlin Dobbs are assisting the Superintendent with the preparation of the data for the grant, including cost projections and a survey. The building, formerly the grade school, houses the Future Farmers of America program and the practice gymnasium, and has long been in need for funds for repair.

Another possibility in connection with this school repair and renovation grant, the new RFA #701-01-033 for technology activities, was presented during open forum in a public participation session. This grant, if received, could provide the needed dollars to add internet connectivity

to the West Campus, a great benefit to the FFA program that is more and more geared to the information highway for research, manuals, and activities.

Encouraged by a suggestion from the *Motley County Tribune*, the board directed Principal Herrrell to begin work on criteria for selecting and publishing a "Student of the Month" to be reviewed at the November meeting. A report was given on student participation, with an update on the condition of T.J. Christopher who received a concussion during the Meadow game. Christopher was doing well and expected to play in the Smyer game.

Under action items, the Board approved the minutes of the two previous sessions on August 27 when all

board members were present: a called meeting to adopt the general operating budget of \$1,941,634, followed by a called meeting to set the tax rate of 1.3012 for the 2001-2002 school year.

Next, the board reviewed the financial statements and approved the expenditure report. Approval also included the updated operating guidelines for the Rolling Plains Shared Services Co-op.

The school board members agreed to let out for bids for a small portion of land located on the west end of the parking lot at the north end of the football field. They made their first budget amendment to transfer funds from one function to another to cover an unexpected rise in elec-

tricity costs.

All board members, with the exception of Marisue Potts who was in Dallas, were present. Also attending the meeting were Rick Copp, Bettye Stevens, Sonja Herrell and Motley County staff member Ginger Gilmore.

Membership drive underway for Hwy. 70 Association

A Membership Drive is currently underway for the Hwy. 70 Association. Membership fees are \$25 for businesses and \$10 for supporting individuals.

Business memberships will be included in the brochure, which is in the planning process.

Those wishing to become a member of this new organization which is dedicated to promoting tourism and business for the towns along the highway 70 corridor, may mail their name, address, and membership fee to: Darlene Fletcher
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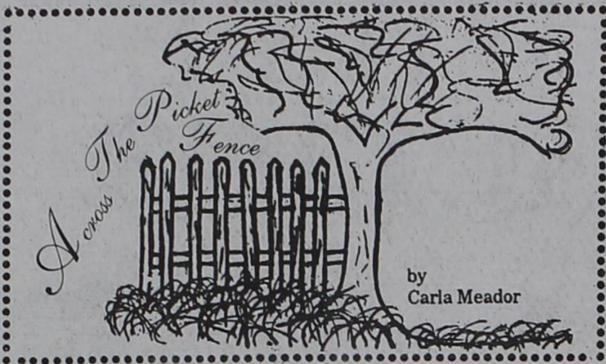


COMING HOME QUEEN — Winifred Darsey, of Matador, was named the first ever Coming Home Queen during last Friday night's Homecoming game. Mrs. Darsey is a 1933 graduate of Matador High School. She was Valedictorian of her class and was head cheerleader that year. She served as a Matador cheerleader for two years. This new honor was created by the Motley County Pep Club and Cheerleaders and will honor a Matador or Motley County graduate attending the Homecoming game.

Chamber Banquet tickets available

Tickets are now available for purchase for the upcoming Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which has been set for October 6.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office located at the Museum, the First State Bank, Matador Variety, Calico Treasures, or the Motley County Tribune.



The tragic events of last Tuesday are still so prevalent on my mind and on the minds of most everyone in this nation. Some who have never prayed, have fell upon their knees at this tragedy. I heard one man in an interview on TV say that he had never been religious, but he has prayed everyday since last Tuesday.

That little four-letter word - PRAY - is one that is being used more now around our country, by reporters on TV and radio, and others, than I remember hearing expressed in my lifetime. A mighty awakening to God is taking place. Praise God! He is in charge!

Much emphasis has been put on how to explain this situation to children. God bless the children - they are so precious and so innocent. How can they possibly understand what

has happened. How can we possibly explain the terror that has been inflicted upon this nation. We certainly need to reassure them and to let them know how much they are loved. One mother said that while talking with her 6-year-old son, and trying to explain the events of last week and who Osama bin Laden is, he said, "Mommie we need to get that man some love."

That pretty much says it all. While we feel much hate and anger against those responsible, we must remember what God has instructed us in His word, to pray for our enemies. As hard as that is at a time like this, that is what they need most. Yes, we need to get that man some love.

God bless you all, and God bless America!



Arts & Crafts club members learn how to make lace roses

Motley County Arts and Crafts club maintained its "Standard of Excellence" for outstanding programs, Monday, September 10.

Dorothy Day taught a workshop on constructing lace roses. It was a delightful lesson. Each member enjoyed learning this art of lace roses. Many things can be trimmed and enhanced with them. Nosegays, wreaths - picture frames, corsages and many others. It was a fun and informative class.

President Joy Archer conducted a business meeting at 10:00 a.m. The club was happy to learn its meeting will not be disrupted by the advent of "Meals on Wheels." Nor will the Fall Bazaar.

Linda Ruhl and Geraldine Key

were hostesses. They treated everyone to good finger food and coffee and punch.

The covered dish luncheon surpassed all expectations of delicious food. It was a convivial time for all.

Members present were Joy Archer, Loys Campbell, Dorothy Day, Vee Gordon, Geraldine Key, Billie Koon, Lorene Lancaster, Joyce Meredith, Kathryn Russell, Linda Ruhl, Toni Fellows, Shirley Smith, Betty Simpson, Nova Dell Turner and Winifred Darsey.

The October meeting will be selected by Lana Copp. Sharon Allen will be instructor. There will be a covered dish luncheon. See you there!

Pivots & Divots

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

September 11

Winners - 1st, with a score of 30, were Jim Craig, Rita Craig, Buzz Thacker and LaVoe Thacker.

2nd, with a score of 31, were Kenneth Marshall, Jerry Collins, Betty Collins and Geneva Wilson. Robin Darsey got closest to pin on #6, 47' 7".

Others playing were Rob Francis, Tempie Francis, J.R. Christy, Roy Grundy, Alan Bingham, Dot Grundy, Francine Braselton,

Conway Clary, Matt Washington, Bob Hines and Carolyn Hines.

THURSDAY LADIES PLAYDAY

September 13

18 hole players were Francine Braselton, Louise Barton, Vida Elkins, Geneva Wilson, Olivia Barton, LaVoe Thacker, and Dot Grundy. Louise and Geneva tied for low putts, 28. Each won a ball.

Dot Grundy won low putts for nine hole players.

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Notice, however, the direction that is given to Joshua to follow. "Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:6). God calls upon the new leader of the Hebrew people to be a strong, confident leader. The source of Joshua's strength and confidence is his reliance upon the Lord rather than himself. God gave to Joshua the means of spiritual strength and success, not only for leaders but certainly for all of us within His kingdom.

Someone has written, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me a light that I may safely tread into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall unto you be better than light and safer than any known way.'"

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
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Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

Library Notes
by Suzanne Abbott

We appreciate the memorial donations to the library made by Carol Ann and Johnney Turner in memory of J.B. Cooper and in memory of Bill Jones.

New books in the library include *Envy* by Sandra Brown and *Wild Blue* by The Men and Boys Who Flew the B-24's over Germany by Stephen Ambrose. We also have *Wild Blue* on Audio CD's.

New additions to the library's growing audio book collection include *Cold Zero* by Chris Whitcomb. This book on cassette is about the FBI hostage team. *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo is on compact disks and is a production of Hugo's famous story set during the French Revolution.

Also new to the audio section is *Long Time No See* by Susan Isaacs. This book is on compact disks. We also have *Leif Enger's Peace Like a River* on cassettes.

The Motley County Library is just about ready to become completely automated. The library's collection has been computerized for some

time. Now we are ready to take the next step and that is to check out books using a scanner. No more writing your name on a card. Books, tapes, videos, etc. will all be scanned just like the grocery store. Thanks to many people, but particularly Ruby McGuire, Marihelen Wason, and Patricia Green, all items in the library have barcodes and all patrons have barcodes. This new system brings us into the 21st Century along with most of the other libraries in the state, including the Motley County School library.

Anyway, in order to learn how to use this new system, the library will be closed two days next week. We will close Wednesday, September 26, and Friday, September 28. We hope these closings do not inconvenience our patrons too much. Hopefully, the new system will be worth it.

Come by the library to see the two beautiful paintings that are on loan to us from Betty Henry. On display are one oil and one watercolor. We appreciate the loan of this artwork. It gives us a little more class.

Brown baggers book discussion set for October 3

Friends of the Motley County Library will host a discussion of Beryl Markham's best-selling autobiography, *West With The Night*, at 12:00 p.m. on October 3, in the Motley County Library.

Ms. Markham was born proper English. She grew up in British East Africa shortly after 1900. She hunted with the natives, trained blue-blooded race horses, and piloted bush airplanes. Her toughness and daring were legendary in Colonial Africa.

In 1936, Markham flew a small airplane from Europe to North America - solo and against the wind. Lindbergh had done it first in 1927, but in the opposite direction, and with the wind.

Book-lovers, Library patrons, and all other readers who wish to participate in the discussion of Beryl Markham's remarkable story should show up at the Library shortly before noon on October 3, with a sack lunch. Coffee and hot tea will be provided by the establishment. Other beverages of choice should be brought in by individual attendees as required.

Several copies of *West With The Night* are available at the Library. Librarian Suzanne Abbott urges all interested readers to check out the book then read and study Markham in order to be setting on ready when the discussion gets underway.

Moderators for the discussion will be identified in next week's paper.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chad Lawrence (nee Denise Shannon)

Shannon - Lawrence exchange wedding vows

Denise Danielle Shannon and Rickey Chad Lawrence were united in marriage August 11, 2001, at 5:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Pastor Rickey Lawrence of the Full Gospel Church in Roaring Springs.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Debbie Shannon of Matador. Parents of the groom are Rickey and Naomi Lawrence of Matador.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected a gown from the designers of Casa Blanca Bridal. The strapless satin gown featured a fitted bodice and crossed fabric along the waistline. The pleated full skirt fell elegantly to the floor. The back of the gown featured buttons that trail down the back, where the satin dress split and allowed the lace with the same sparkle as the top of the gown to come through and fell into a sweeping train. To finish off her gown the bride chose a full white veil trimmed with cording. The veil was elbow length. The bride also wore a pearl headpiece.

Keeping with tradition the bride chose her gown as something new along with a pearl necklace and earrings given to her by the groom. Something borrowed was a diamond tennis bracelet belonging to her Aunt DeAnn McNeely. Something old was a wedding band tied in her bouquet, belonging to her grandfather, the late Johnny Phillips. And for something blue, the bride's garter.

The alter area of the church held three large white pillars, outlined with sparkling white lights and tulle. Each pillar was topped with a large fern. Individual groups of seven candlesticks outlined the altar, accented by bouquets of fresh spring flowers.

The center aisle was decorated with arrangements made of white bows, greenery, babies breath and tulle.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Rachelle Renfro of Lubbock. She wore a periwinkle, floor-length gown and carried a bouquet of long stem flowers.

The groom was dressed in a full black tuxedo with silver vest, as were

the best man and ushers. They wore white rose boutonnières on their lapels. Casey Lawrence, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Ushers were Nathan Shannon, brother of the bride, Brent Marshall and Brian Marshall, cousins of the groom, and Les Woolsey, friend of the bride and groom.

Guests were registered by Ashley Stevens. The registration table featured a large spring arrangement made by Sue Shannon, grandmother of the bride. The table also featured the couple's engagement portrait.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church the bride's table was covered with a white cloth surrounded with a white satin skirt, trimmed with tulle and pearls. The four tiered white cake sat upon a mirror, surrounded by ivy and fresh spring flowers. White bows adorned the cake with hearts of icing. A big bow topped the cake. The bride's wedding portrait, her bouquet and candles were centerpieces on the table. Surrounding the crystal punch bowl were fresh spring flowers and ivy.

The groom's table featured a brass mint tea service, and three tiered chocolate cake with mounds of strawberries and grapes, which sat upon a large brass platter. A flower arrangement was also featured. Serving in the house party were friends of the bride, Leigha Burns, Brooke Decker and Becca Morris.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Rickey and Naomi Lawrence. A steak, chicken and sausage dinner with all the trimmings, along with delicious deserts and homemade ice cream, were enjoyed by the wedding party, family and friends.

The bride, a graduate of Motley County High School, is now attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The groom, also a graduate of Motley County High School, attended Lubbock Christian University, and is now self-employed.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple returned home to Roaring Springs.

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Motley County School News



WE LOVE AMERICA! These Kindergarten students proudly displayed their flags last Friday afternoon for this picture. Although these children are very young, they joined others in Motley County by displaying their patriotism and love for their country. Their teacher is Mrs. Donna Hoyle.

Book Fair set for October 15-19

A Scholastic Book Fair will come to Motley County I.S.D. on October 15-19, to bring the best books and educational learning products from more than 150 publishers to readers of all ages. The fair is open to the community.

The Book Fair features traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty to interest them, too. The fair is open daily from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Motley County I.S.D.

Early out, report cards October 3

Motley County Schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 3, and busses will run at that time.

Teachers will be available for parent conferences from 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. Report cards will be issued in the foyer where parents will register.

Good, better best,
Never rest,
Till good be better and better best.
— Mother Goose

SCHOOL MENU

- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk.
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**
Breakfast: Cereal, Toaster Pastry, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Country Steak, New Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Roll, Honey, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk.
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Cheese, Green Salad, Crackers, Jello, Milk.
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dog, Chili, Cheese, French Fries, Pickle, Onion, Peach Crisp, Milk.

MOTLEY COUNTY MATADOR, #80, Quinten Rose, goes for the interception during last Friday night's Homecoming game against the Smyer Bobcats. Although the Matadors lost their battle with the Bobcats, they are looking forward to a win this Friday night against the Lorenzo Hornets, there, at 7:30 p.m.

photo by James Gillespie

Bobcats slip by the Matadors

Friday night the Smyer Bobcats and Motley County Matadors met at Burleson field. The Bobcats came away with a 28-0 victory. Although the Matadors played a fairly solid defensive game, the big play again was their downfall. The Bobcats were able to convert several fourth downs, one for a long run that set up a touchdown, and ran back the second half kickoff for a score. Defensively the Matadors were led by Frank Martinez and Brad Baxter with ten tackles each. Kyle Ashby had 9 tackles, Justin Jameson, 7, and Clint Cooper added 6 to the total. Quinten Rose intercepted a Bobcat pass and Frank Martinez, Will Ho-Gland and Chantry Meyer each recovered Bobcat fumbles.

Offensively the Matadors had a tough night, and never really got untracked. They finished with 37 rushing yards and 22 yards in the air.

Special teams play was a bit shaky at times but for the most part put up a respectable performance. T.J. Christopher had a great tackle on the return man on one of the Matador punts, and good blocking helped the Matadors to get 60 plus

return yards. The Matadors travel to Lorenzo this Friday night to battle the Hornets, at 7:30 p.m., and they are very appreciative of the parents and fans who back them at home and on the road.

A Note of Thanks

The Lady Mats and Coach Bowles would like to thank the following businesses for donating to the Spirit bags: Higginbotham, Matador Variety, L&T Flowers, Matador Floral, Joe P's, Billie Deans, Main Street Cafe, Thacker Jewelry, Graham Supply, International Harvest, Moore Maker, Texaco, Lowe's, Snow Cone Stand. We would also like to thank everyone that bought tickets for the raffle. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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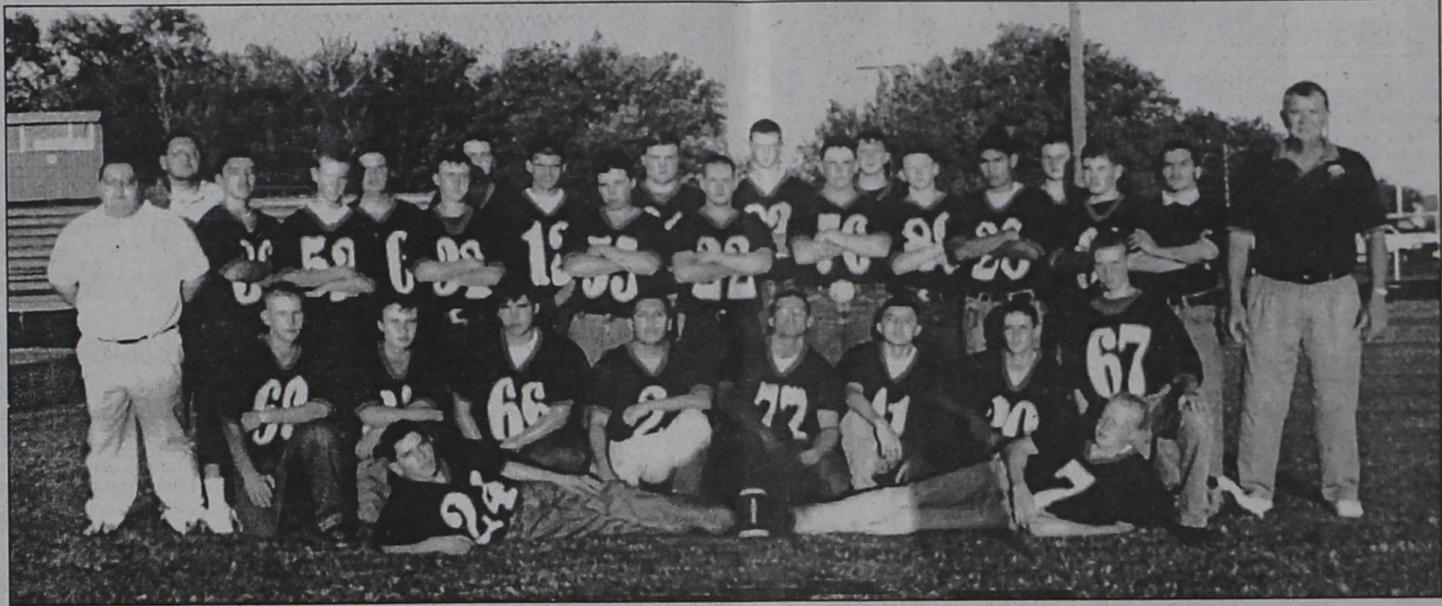
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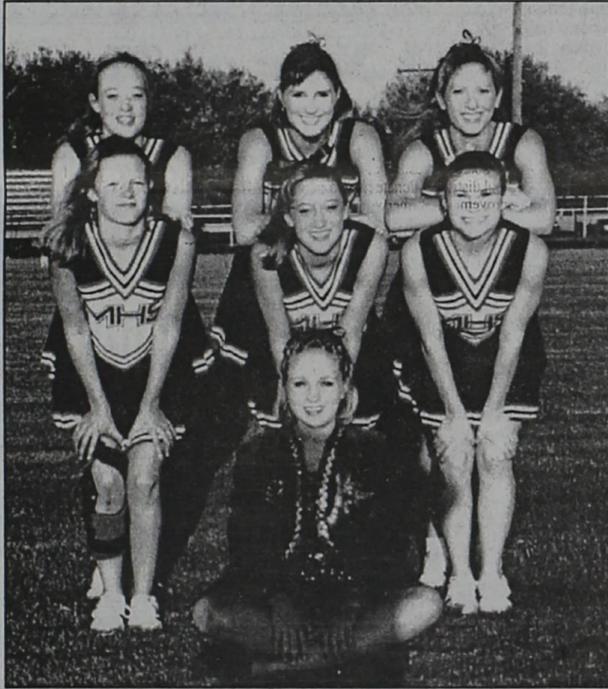
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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured left to right (back), Coach Lee Sanchez, Coach Edward Elizando, Tony Salazar, Clay Cooper, William Ho-Gland, Brandon Moore, Chantry Meyer, John Wesley Stevens, Ramiro Martinez, Britt Pierce, T.J. Christopher, Clint Cooper, Bradley Baxter, Kevin Elder, Quinten Rose, Ysef Alvarado, Kenny Johannes, Justin Jameson, Manager Jose Flores, Coach Freddy Green; (front) Jessie Blanton, Bo Long, Brandon Martin, Frank Martinez, Kyle Ashby, Lorenzo Salazar, Matt Henzler, Cody Cooper, Arturo Flores, and Shawn Marvel.



MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — Charli Ream, Brittany Donaldson, Courtney Hays, at back left to right; (middle) Sabrina Osborn, Mandi Ream, Brenda Gillespie, and in front, Mascot, Cassie Campbell.



CHEERING FOR THE MATADORS are members of the Motley County High School Pep Club. Pictured at back, left to right, are LaRissa Bethard, Amanda Hurt, LaShea Rose, Sierra Atherton, Mylinda Gilmore, Sandra Torres, Crystal Belt; (middle) Emily Hurt, Annie Green, Kelsi Wallace, Sylvia Martinez, Leslie Taylor; (front) Stachia Baxter, Candice Buckner, Brittany Moore, and Kristopher Bethard.

We're behind the Matadors

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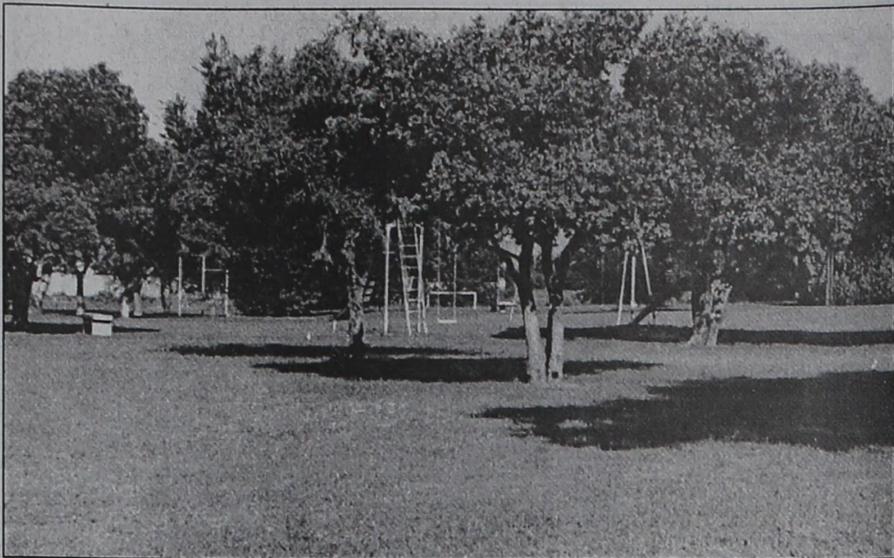
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- Tony, Sherry, Sean & Shea Rose
- Billy, Brenda, Sabrina & Alexis Osborn
- Kyle, Jeannie & Brittany Moore
- Alan, Kay & Chance Bingham

**Motley County Matadors
2001 Varsity Football Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 14	Smyer	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Lorenzo	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Anton	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Kress	Here	7:30 p.m.
District games:			
Oct. 12	Paducah	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Munday	Here	7:30 p.m.
OPEN			
Nov. 2	Knox City	Here	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Crowell	There	7:30 p.m.

- Bettye & Ashley Stevens
- Douglas, Janie,
Cassie & Kittie Campbell
- Jim & Judy Cooper
- Rickey & Naomi Lawrence
- Dale & JoEtta Bumgardner
- James, Kathy,
Robert & Brenda Gillespie



THE MATADOR CITY PARK has been well taken care of this summer and is in great shape. Local residents, Beverly Barton and Pete Williams deserve a big pat on the back for their work. Beverly has kept the park mowed and Pete has kept it watered. This work is all volunteer, and the two should be thanked. Although it is impossible to see in this black and white photo, the park is beautiful.



MOTLEY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD OF DIRECTORS stand in front of the new refrigerator and freezer at the Senior Citizens Center. These are only a part of the new equipment at the center. Pictured left to right are Jim Watson, Loys Campbell, Luther Green, Lucretia Campbell, Frances Hobbs, Betty Simpson and Jean Cooper.

Changes in Texas Safety Belt laws

Judge Cora M. Smallwood, Justice of the Peace of Motley County, would like to inform the citizens of recent changes in Texas Safety Belt Laws.

Pursuant to Section 545.412 of the Transportation Code of Texas, new fines will be imposed on those who are ticketed for Failure to Secure Children in the appropriate safety seat system, and Failure of the Front Seat Passenger-Side occupant to wear his or her safety belt.

If a child three (3) years of age or younger, or less than thirty-six (36)

inches tall is not properly restrained in a safety seat system while in vehicle, the fine imposed on the driver will be from \$100.00 to \$200.00 plus court costs of \$55.00. The fine and court cost will be the same if a driver fails to secure all minors from age four (4) to age sixteen (16) in their safety belts. Also, a front seat passenger occupant, fifteen (15) years of age

or older, may receive a fine themselves for failure to wear their seat belts. Such fines could range from \$15.00 to \$50.00 plus court costs of \$55.00.

These fines and court costs were passed by the 77th Legislature. Fines took effect September 1, 2001. Fine and court costs are not subject to Court discretion.

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Lamentations 5:21

American Legion meeting scheduled for Monday

Members of Fleming Post 337 of the American Legion and Unit 337 of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, in the Matador Senior Citizens Center.

This will be a covered-dish supper, get-together of Veterans and their families, friends, and neighbors.

Post officers will be sworn in by division commander, Tom Bourland of Lubbock. Most local residents will remember that Tom grew up near Whiteflat. His lovely wife, Wonzill, will swear in the auxiliary unit officers. Wonzill is a state level official of the Auxiliary.

For more information or reinforcement, telephone the Post 337 Commander at 348-7953.

Former resident to appear on Texas Country Reporter

Former Matador resident, Alvin Lynn, now of the Amarillo area, will be featured on the popular TV program, "Texas Country Reporter," Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23.

Mr. Lynn's Indian Pottery and his interest in finding Indian artifacts will be the topic of the feature.

Farm Bureau offers safety seat

Motley County Farm Bureau will join other Texas Farm Bureau Insurance offices in offering a child booster seat as part of their Child Saver Program. The Cosco Child Auto Booster Seat will be available to Farm Bureau members for only \$15.00. For more information contact the local office at 347-2397.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Special Election
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonies. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Large turn-out of Motley County residents enjoy stew supper, view new equipment

The Motley County Senior Citizens Advisory Board were hosts to a Stew and Cornbread supper Thursday night, September 13. Everyone in the community was invited to visit the Motley County Senior Citizens Center and view the new equipment, kitchen ware, and building renovation.

The evening proved to be a fulfilled time for the 85 guests who attended. Board members expressed their appreciation for words of support, encouragement, and donations exceeding \$700.00.

The board also wanted to express their thanks to everyone who at-

tended and donated, and to those who could not attend, but made donations. A special thanks was extended to First State Bank for the financial support provided.

Board members are looking forward to the October 1 start up date.

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinance of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

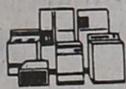
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

ROARING SPRINGS NEWS

BY ODESSA MULLINS

The coffee drinkers enjoyed coffee and refreshments at the Methodist Fellowship hall on Monday, September 17. LaVoe Thacker, Lea Peacock, Rita Groves and Lula Swim furnished the food. LaVoe and Lea cleaned up the kitchen.

Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were J.N. Fletcher, Corky Marshall, Buzz Thacker, Dean McInroe, Reva Sweeney, Mary Lumsden, and a guest Mrs. Gene Stetson of Los Cruces, N.M., Dean's twin sister.

Visiting with Onie Bell from Friday until Saturday were Jean Ho-Gland, daughters Letha and Becky and son John. Wayne Ho-Gland.

Vera Mitchell had as visitors last

week, her daughter and husband, Joe and Gaynell Sasser of Yellville, Ark.; Jennifer Lester, John Campbell, Christy and Clint Kaufman and Lanita Sedgwick of Shallowater; Veda Kopecky and Jerry of Midland; Wayborn and Bennie Mae Mitchell and her mother Mrs. Seigler of Paducah; Benny and Wanda Goss of Littlefield; Lerel and Lois Foster of Idalou; and local resident, Rita Groves.

Attending the Patton Springs Homecoming Saturday were Pearl Patten, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan, Dean McInroe and sister, Gene Stetson of New Mexico, Odessa Mullins, Billy Hand and Hanna and Callie Giesecke, local residents. Everyone enjoyed visiting with old friends.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BY RITA GROVES

Wrath does not reflect the feelings of the group of worshippers that gathered in our church last Sunday - the Sunday following the 11th. Remember an Armistice that occurred on the 11th month on the 11th day in 1918 - Celebrating the end of the war that was fought to end all wars? The definition for Propaganda is clearly defined in Webster's - the spreading of ideas or information deliberately to further one's cause or damage an opposing cause. The Media should strive to reflect truthfully the feelings of a majority of its readers.

Photos of prominent leaders can be chosen to reflect moods. When published, care should be taken that the photo reflects the character of the subject. A photo furnishes a target for any suffering soul or criminal mind. Subjects are tried and judged by a careless headline. The photos of our President, who happens to be my President, have most often shown a compassionate man going about his job of helping his country return to normal. He has tolled beside those who worked to find public servants buried by debris and loved ones being mourned by families. He has exhibited compassion and fearless leadership. He is not hasty in sending our children to fight a yet unknown enemy.

Those who have already given their lives for us here in our own country have proven the quality of heroism. Those who

are offering comfort and support - moral, financial, and physical - in a truly combined effort to identify and punish the real Evil, are the heroes of the hour. Listen again to the words of Abraham Lincoln spoken to a group of young men in 1838:

"All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years. At what point then, is the approach of danger to be expected?"

"I answer: If it ever reaches us it must spring up amongst us; It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men, we must live through all time, or die by suicide. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books, and in Almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in Legislative Halls and enforced in courts of justice.

"While ever a state of feeling such as this shall universally or even very generally prevail throughout the Nation, vain will be every effort, and fruitless every attempt, to subvert our National Freedom."

MATADOR NEWS

Jerry and DeeDee McNeely and boys, Joshua and Austin, of Lubbock, visited her mother, Sammie Phillips this

weekend. They celebrated the 4th birthday of Austin.

"So there is hope for the future," declares the Lord. "Your children will return to their own land." Jeremiah 31:20

FLOMOT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

HAS SURGERY

Glen D. Tiffin returned home Saturday from Covenant Medical Center in Plainview following surgery, Tuesday. With him during surgery and hospitalization was his wife, Laverne and daughter, Sue Tiffin of Plainview.

Richard Nall of Wellington visited overnight Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones. They attended the funeral services of Ralph "Bill" Jones in Matador Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Edith Washington has been receiving medical care at the Mangold Clinic in Lockney. Her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington have been with her during her illness.

Julie Clay of Lubbock visited Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve, Kellie VanCleeve and children, Kimberly, Junior and Lizzie of Dougherty visited Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Sunday.

Visiting Bill D. Washington Friday afternoon was Richard Nall of Wellington. John and Joyce Speer of Floydada

visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Saturday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers Saturday and Sunday was their son, Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse visited during the week in Silverton with daughter and family, Derinda and Mark Patton.

Mrs. Christi Milam and Emily of Petersburg and Mrs. Kathy Shorter met Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville in Lubbock, Saturday and enjoyed visiting and entertainment. Emily returned home with Kathy and visited until Sunday.

M.C. and Barbara Jones visited in Post, Saturday with friends, Mike and Wanda Mitchell and enjoyed the Founder's Day Events.

Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad of Lubbock and Mrs. Tom Ross visited Sunday night in Quanah with Mrs. Ruth Williams. Mrs. Andestad visited in the Ross home until Tuesday.

Clois Shorter accompanied his parents, Alma and Everett Shorter to Lubbock during the week where Everett underwent numerous medical tests at the Covenant Medical Center.

WHITEFLAT NEWS

BY EARLYNE JAMESON

OVERHEARD

There are no words that can properly describe the magnitude of the terrorist attacks tragedy. We need to pray that God will hold us together as a nation and guide our leaders to the appropriate action. May God bless America.

ATTEND ARMY REUNION

Wilda and Spencer Dixon and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. were in Oklahoma City from Thursday until Sunday to attend the 62nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion Association Reunion. It was the 54th annual reunion of the Battalion in which the late Ted Hester served in World War II.

The reunion was held at the Holiday Inn at the Oklahoma City Airport. Many families were unable to attend due to canceled air travel after the terrorist attacks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined family members during the weekend at the Gwinn home in Matador to visit. Visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fullingim of Harlingen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Charles Gwinn and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz of Matador. Mr. and Mrs. Fullingim attended his class reunion and Homecoming activities at the Patton Springs Schools, Saturday.

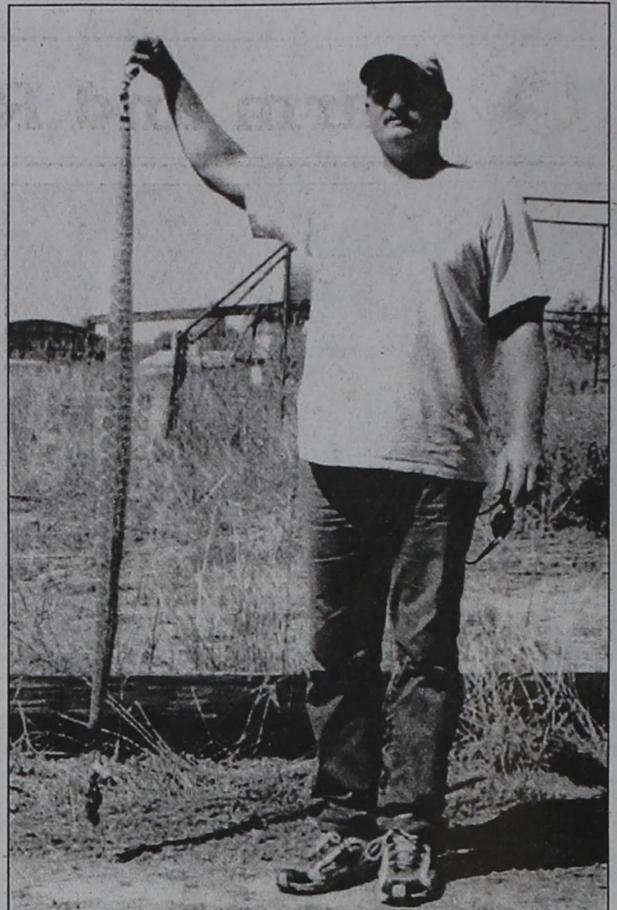
Mrs. Johnney Turner visited Tuesday night in Abernathy with her daughter, Heather Blount. Heather's husband, Scott was in Washington D.C. on business when the terrorist tragedy occurred. They were thankful when he called they had been spared an attack at the capital. Heather visited from Thursday until Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner. Their son, Cobey Turner of Lubbock visited Saturday afternoon.

Ryan Martin, student at Tarleton University in Stephenville, visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Martin.

Mrs. Jim Stockton (Wanda) was a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Thursday and Friday. She was reported to be feeling better Sunday.

Jack Samford of Matador and Mrs. Juanita Cooper accompanied Ms. Lula Swim of Roaring Springs to Lubbock, Tuesday for a medical appointment. Mrs. Cooper was at the Mangold Clinic in Lockney Wednesday for a medical check up on her arm she injured following a recent accident outside her home. She received a good report.

Visiting during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson was her brother and wife, Gary and Rene Laughlin of Midland and their step father, Baker B. Bristow of Lubbock. They celebrated the 96th birthday of Mr. Bristow, Sunday.



SNAKES ARE CRAWLING! This huge Rattle Snake was killed at Roaring Springs last week. The snake was six feet long and weighed 20 pounds. It was 9 inches in diameter and had two fangs on each side. Pictured holding the snake is Randy Meredith, who is 6'2" - making it easy to see just how big the snake really was. Motley County residents are urged to use caution as snakes are still crawling.



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Thornberry

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Thornberry introduced legislation earlier this year to create a National Security Agency to improve federal response to and prevention of terrorist attacks.

"I find it a little surprising that hijacked airplanes was their method of attack, because I think a lot of people in this country think we licked hijacked planes," Thornberry said.

"The truth is innocent civilians are just as at risk as military folks and what we've got to figure out is how to improve our security without compromising our freedom."

Thornberry said previous efforts to shift U.S. defense resources to focus on terrorism have been met with resistance from bureaucracies and special interests in Congress.

"I hope this is a wake-up call to free us to deal with those tougher issues," said Thornberry, a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

He cautioned against hastily approving defense spending increases without careful thought about how they address security and attack terrorism.

"It's not about how much we can spend or about spending more

money to buy tanks and aircraft. It's about institutions preparing for the challenges of the future, not fighting the wars of the past," Thornberry said.

The House and Senate took up resolutions last Wednesday condemning terrorism and expressing solidarity with President Bush.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said she is drafting a bill to place sky marshals on domestic commercial flights. The FAA has had a sky marshal program since 1985. Hutchison hopes to dramatically expand it.

She praised the Federal Aviation Administration's decisions to prohibit curbside baggage check-in and knives on flights.

But she said the focus should not just be on airline security. Other threats such as bioterrorism should be addressed.

"We now know there are despots in the world who are going to be gleeful if they can kill or harm Americans," she said.

Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston agreed.

"We are going to have to think about the long term in airport security and other types of security in public places where an otherwise innocuous instrument, such as a commercial airliner, can be turned into a very blunt and deadly instrument," Bentsen said.

"We have to think that next time, and there will be a next time," Bentsen said, "it will be something else."

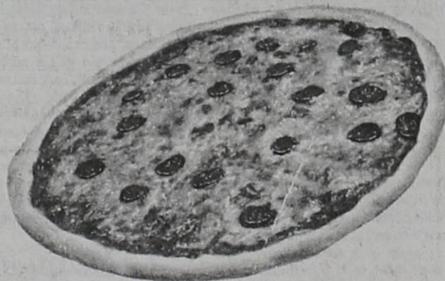
Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said the nation could only restore its sense of safety when its enemies "are permanently incarcerated or dead."

But he added: "We must be careful not to abandon our freedoms in the pursuit of our enemies...If terrorists can convince us to give up our own freedom, they will have succeeded."

"I intend to see to it that the law enforcement, intelligence and military forces of our country have every resource they need to identify the terrorists who are responsible and to bring them to justice in America," said Gramm.

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Farm and Ranch News



DISTRICT FFA OFFICERS — Pictured left to right (front) J.C. Pigg, Dancy Hopping, Galan Smith, Amy Wilson; (back) Evan Reed, Jared Faubus, and Clint Cooper.

Motley County FFA hosts District meeting

On September 11, seventy members and guests showed up for the Greenbelt District FFA meeting hosted by the Motley County FFA Chapter. There are seventeen chapters in the Greenbelt District. The officers opened the meeting with the opening ceremonies, followed by a group activity, so that everyone could get to know one another better.

Hannah Boedeker, Area I President, gave an inspirational speech to motivate and inspire the members in attendance. The district officers performed skits that were fun and entertaining. District president, Dancy Hopping, gave a speech about putting things in perspective

in light of last weeks terrorist attacks on the U.S.A.

The district officers then led the closing ceremonies and pledge of allegiance. The group was then dismissed to the cafeteria for refreshments provided by Fresh Country and Riverstar Farms.

The Greenbelt District FFA officers are: President, Dancy Hopping, Memphis; Vice-President, Clint Cooper, Motley County; Secretary, Gaylan Smith, Silverton; Treasurer, J.C. Pigg, Valley; Reporter, Jared Faubus, Spur; Sentinel, Amy Wilson, Childress; Historian, Evan Reed, Shamrock.

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(Northern Motley County area)

The County FSA Committee election will be held this year on December 10, 2001. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Blank Forms FSA-669 may be obtained at the County FSA Office. Each FSA-669A submitted must be:

- limited to one (1) nominee
- signed by preparer, if completed by someone other than the nominee
- signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- postmarked or delivered to the County FSA Office no later than 10/29/01

Person nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the farmer lives in the LAA and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president/vice-president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee member include:

- informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
- keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions
- recommending needed changes in farm programs
- participating in county meetings as necessary
- performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

The program or activity will be conducted on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability.

Proclamation By The

County Judge of MOTLEY County

I, hereby declare the week of September 16 - 22, 2001, as Farm and Ranch Safety and Health week in MOTLEY County for the following reasons:

Whereas, the theme "Kids # 1 in 2001" focuses on keeping kids safe from the dangers encountered in farm work. Approximately 100 children and youth die in farm work accidents annually in the United States. These deaths and injuries typically involve farm machinery, tractors specifically. Youth are also victims of incidents with livestock, falls and moving machinery parts.

Whereas, although the theme of this year's observance focuses on children and youth, we must remember that presently agriculture is the second most hazardous industry in the nation with a rate of 22.5 deaths per 100,000 workers compared to mining/quarrying with a death rate of 23.1/100,000 workers. The industry average is 3.8 deaths per 100,000 workers. Statistics also show an estimated 770 deaths and 150,000 disabling injuries in agriculture during 1999. Agriculture has long been one of the most hazardous American industries. Safety and health education can play a vital role in reducing fatalities and injuries on the farm.

The MOTLEY County Farm Bureau, the Texas Farm Bureau, and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies join with the National Safety Council and other organizations in working toward the goal of a safer farm and ranch community.

Therefore, I urge our farmers and ranchers to focus on farm and ranch safety and education.

Signed: Lorena M. Paine
County Judge

Farm Safety Week observed this week

The Motley County Farm Bureau joins our County Judge, the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies and the National Safety Council in promoting accident prevention during Farm Safety and Health Week, September 16-22, 2001. Agriculture is the second most dangerous industry in the United States, with 770 deaths and 150,000 disabling injuries reported in 1999.

The theme for this year's national event is: Kids #1 in 2001! Approximately 100 children and youth die in farmwork accidents annually in the United States. These deaths and injuries typically involve farm machinery, and specifically tractors. Youth are also victims of accidents involving livestock, falls and moving machinery parts.

The National Safety Council reminds parents on farms and ranches of the following:

— Say "No" to Extra Riders! Parents and guardians should voluntarily prohibit children from being an extra rider of farm tractors. Children riding along on a tractor can be severely injured or killed if they fall off the tractor. Say "no" to extra riders and "yes" to a safe future.

— Remind Kids: The Farm is not a Playground! Kids may love to explore the farm from pillar to post, but climbing can be a dangerous activity, especially around equipment and buildings. Remind children not to play around equipment...a curious child may find equipment left in gear with the keys in the ignition. Also, warn your adventurers about the risks of climbing on a grain bin. Kids can play safely in designated areas on the farm without climbing into trouble.

— Chemicals and Kids Don't Mix! Chemicals and kids are a deadly combination. Keep pesticides and other toxins away from youngsters. Remind them that chemical storage areas are "off limits", and not play areas. And, after using toxic chemicals, immediately clean and dispose of the containers. Remember...a poisoning can occur in a few seconds.

— Is your Child Ready to Work on the Farm? Just because your

child is interested in farm work does not mean that they should be allowed to participate in farm tasks. It is important for your child to have both the physical and cognitive skills necessary to safely complete a farm task. Make sure the tasks that you assign your child are age and developmentally appropriate. Children should always receive training before they are allowed to do a task. Even with training, adult supervision should be present at all times.

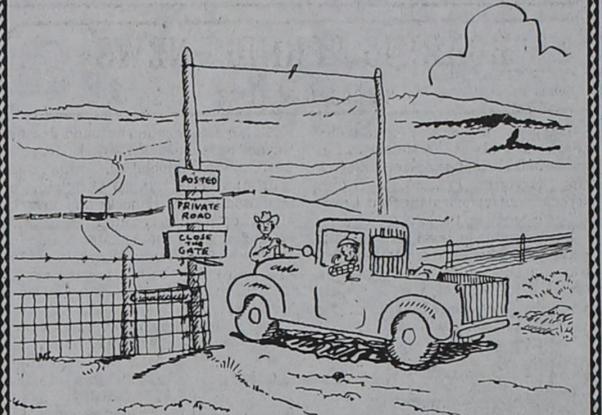
Children and youth are at increased risk for injury and death for many other reasons. Most of these reasons stem from copying what they see adults do on the farm or ranch. This is a reminder to parents, set a good example and help to keep kids safe.

The Motley County Farm Bureau promotes public awareness of Farm/Ranch Safety and health, and encourages everyone to work to reduce the hazards that impact the safety and health of youth in agricultural settings.

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