

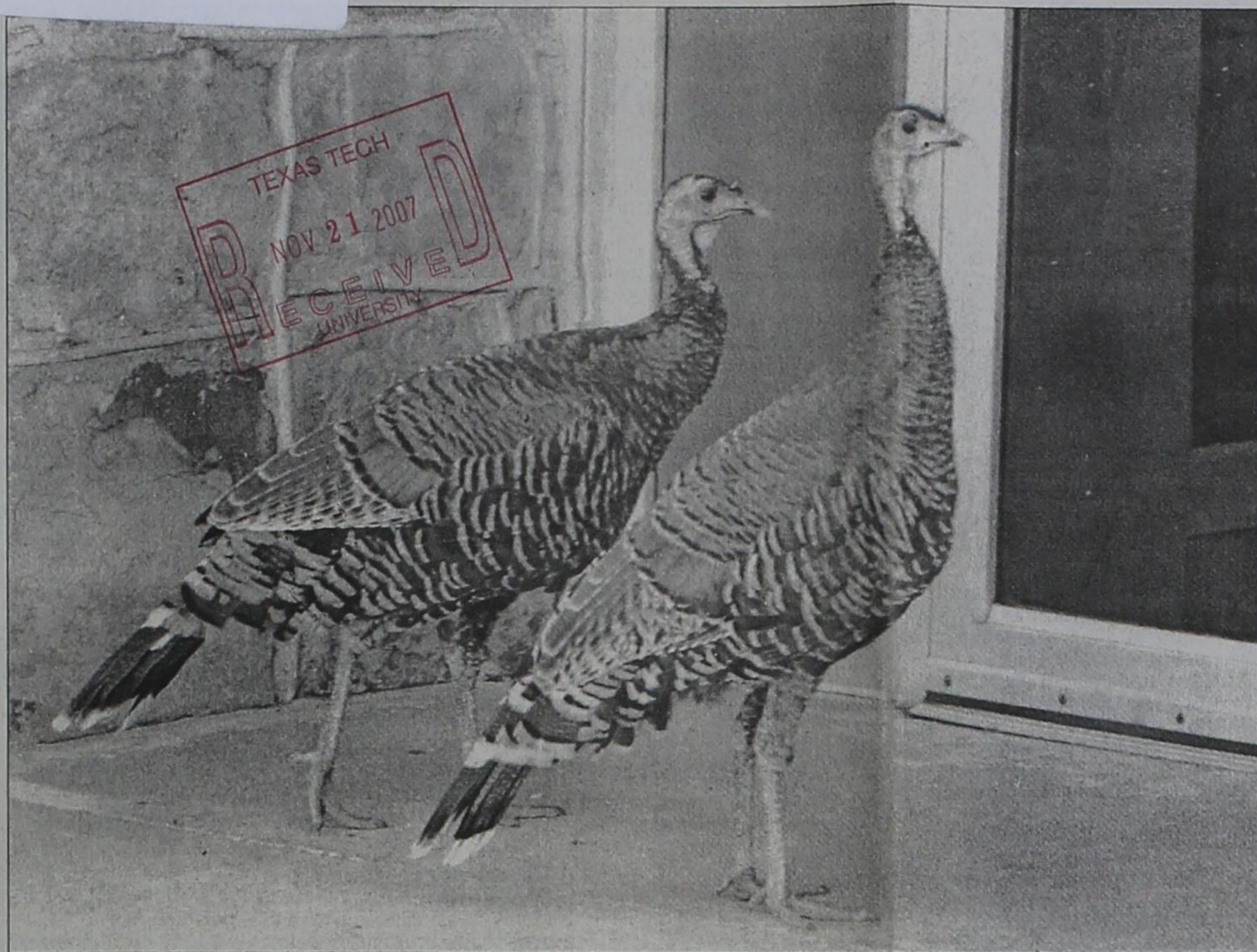
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Happy Thanksgiving!

These two big turkeys were strutting around in downtown Matador this week. The two seem to be looking for refuge from the upcoming Thanksgiving Turkey Day as they peer through the door at the Motley County Clinic.

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Motley County receives Grant award for Jail restoration project

by Carol Campbell

The Texas Historical Commission (THC), the State Agency for Historic Preservation, has awarded a Texas Preservation Trust Fund grant for the historic Motley County Jail in Matador.

In April, the THC received 123 applications requesting over \$4.9 million in grant funds. Forty-four projects were se-

lected from the initial application stage to proceed to the project proposal stage.

Twenty-five proposals were recommended for grant funding totaling \$515,000 by the TPTF Advisory Board to the Texas Historical Commission at the quarterly meeting in San Antonio on October 26, 2007.

The grant to Motley County for \$30,000 is a dollar-for-dollar match grant to provide funds for

repairs to the roof, parapet, downspouts, exterior openings, and stone masonry to stop water infiltration. Site work is included in the proposal to improve the storm water drainage, control usage, and prevent degradation of the site during construction operations.

In August, the Diekemper Family Foundation, Inc. provided a generous gift of \$15,000 to the jail restoration project.

The Diekemper family has deep family roots in the county. The donation was made in memory of James Rufus and Velma Burlison Moore, Charlotte Moore Hunsucker, Kara Moore Dunn, Farris and Bernice Fish, and Grace Moore Guy.

In September, a newly formed organization, the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, initiated a membership drive and sponsored a Fun Fair to benefit the project. This

successful effort generated about \$3,000 toward the match.

The county recently submitted a \$5,000 grant to Lubbock Area Foundation to help meet the match challenge. Currently, the project is about \$12,000 short of meeting the match challenge.

"We are very excited about being awarded the \$30,000 grant from THC," Judge Ed D. Smith said. "Now the real work begins.

"We are hopeful that the Lubbock Area Foundation grant will be successful. This grant proposal will go before their board December 1," he said. "And we still don't know from

THC how much in-kind contribution they will accept toward the match challenge, but we are

well on our way to the repair and restoration of our 1891 jail," he said.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS

Motley County Matadors, Coaches and managers celebrated their big play off win for the Bi-District title after the game at Silverton last Friday night. The Matadors defeated the Lefors Pirates, 58.8. They will face the Southland Eagles for the Regional play off game, Friday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Ralls. (photo by Walter Taylor)

Matadors defeat Lefors Pirates for big Bi-District playoff win

The Motley County Matadors earned a Bi-District play-off win with a 58-8 victory over the Lefors Pirates. The game was ended at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule. "We are again proud of the way the boys played, but we still have room for improvement. We would like to thank our great group of fans

that made the trip to Silverton. Our fans have always supported us, and it was fun to see our kids, parents, and fans enjoy the win. We look forward to more great fan support in the playoffs," said Head Football Coach Mike Bigham.

Isiah Archer rushed for four touchdowns and 186 yards on 12 carries and threw a 29 yard pass for a touchdown. Bradley Brown carried the ball 7 times for 168 yards and three touchdowns. Brown also caught a 29 yard touchdown pass from Archer.

The Matadors racked up 354 yards of total offense in one half of play.

Leading defenders for the Matadors were Isiah Archer with 6 tackles and a fumble recovery, Stacy Perryman with 5 tackles and 1 interception, Eric Simpson with 5 tackles, and Jacob Blanco with 4 tackles, 1 forced fumble and 1 interception. Stephen Webb had 4 tackles and 1 fumble recovery and

Bradley Brown had 2 tackles and 1 sack. The Matadors held the Tigers to 184 yards of total offense.

The Southland Eagles will be the Matadors second round playoff opponent. The Regional Championship game will be played on Friday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Ralls. The Matadors will be the visiting team.

The winner of the Motley County vs. Southland game will take on the winner of the Amherst vs. Follett game in a quarter-final playoff game.

Fans asked to take part in send off for the Matadors

A send-off will be held for the Matadors on Friday, November 23, at 4:45 p.m. Fans can either lead the team out from the fieldhouse or cheer for them along their route from the fieldhouse to downtown and

around the courthouse before they leave town for Ralls.

The Matadors will face the Southland Eagles at 7:30 p.m. in a Regional Football Playoff game at Ralls.

Santa Claus plans visits to Motley County

Believe it or not, it's that time of the year again! Christmas is just around the corner, and good ole' Santa Claus has graciously agreed to visit Motley County on two occasions.

His first visit will be in Roaring Springs, Saturday, November 24. He will arrive from the old west at about 4:00 p.m. A stick horse parade will be featured with Santa's arrival. Kids are encouraged to decorate their favorite stick horse in Christmas fashion and join the Parade. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed horses.

Santa will visit with children at Graham's Supply during Late Night Shopping. Pictures with Santa will be available.

Roaring Springs businesses will remain open until 8:00 p.m. and will feature lots of special sales, door prizes and refreshments.

Santa's second visit to Motley County will be on Thursday, December 6, for the annual Matador Late Night Shopping event. He will arrive about 5:30 p.m. by firetruck and will visit

with children in the lobby of the newly remodeled Hotel Matador. The Eternas Study Club will once again sponsor their Kiddie Store.

Matador businesses will stay open late and will also feature special sales, refreshments, door prizes and much more.

These two highly anticipated events in Motley County bring a reality to the holiday season and a festive spirit to those taking part.

Museum will be open Friday and Saturday

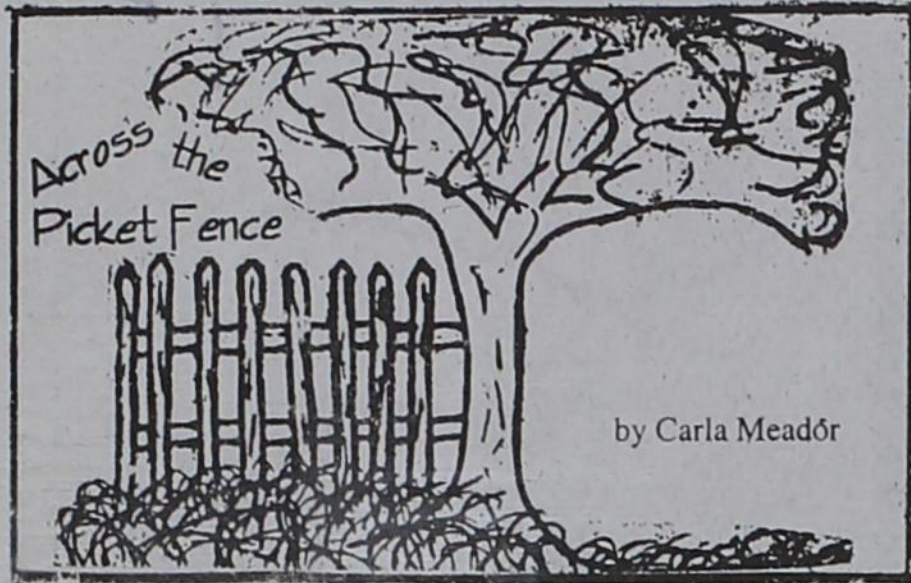
The Motley County Museum will be open Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Neal Potts will be on hand for visitors to view the great exhibits.

Grannie's Tea Party set for December 2nd

The much anticipated event of the holiday season has been set for Sunday, December 2. Grannie's Tea Party will be held at the home of Joyce Campbell, 1530 Eubank in Matador, from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m.

All girls, ages 4 and up are invited to take part in this fun and fancy event. Girls are encouraged to dress up in their 'Grannie's' clothes, gloves, hats and jewelry for an afternoon of tea and treats.

For a donation of \$7.50 to the Motley County Library, girls will enjoy this holiday event in style. Please make reservations by calling Mrs. Joyce Campbell at 347-2793 or Mrs. Janie Campbell at 347-2657 by Friday, November 30.



As we pause to observe the Thanksgiving holiday and count our blessings, we, as a county, have so much to be thankful for. Motley County remains one of the most thriving counties in this area. The towns of Matador and Roaring Springs are fortunate to have downtown businesses open and offering so much to our residents.

So many of the little towns in this area are filled with vacant buildings, no downtown business and virtually ghost town atmospheres. Most days Matador and Roaring Springs are filled with cars, people downtown, keeping everything going and our little towns alive. That is something we should all be thankful for.

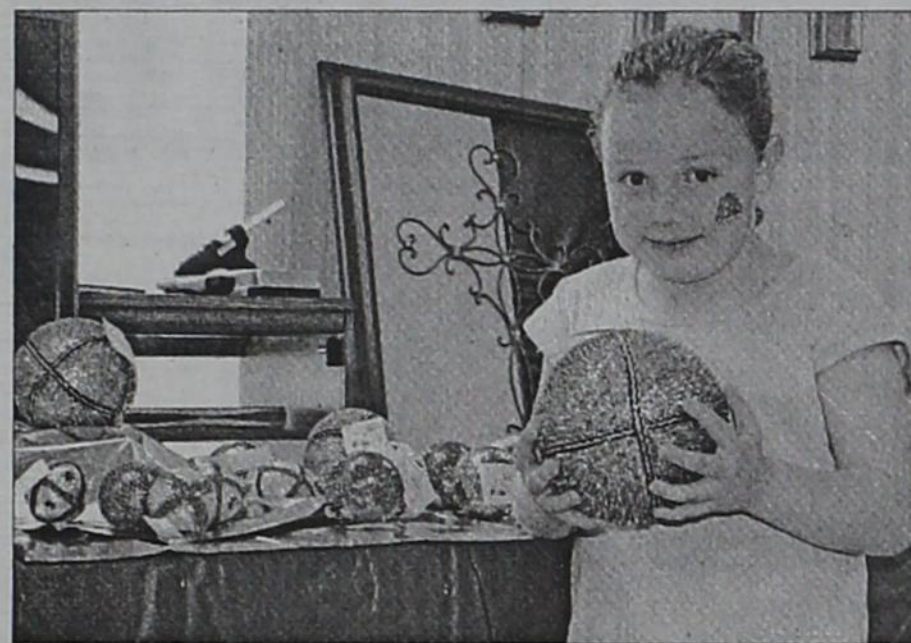
Most of all this Thanksgiving

I am thankful to be alive! I praise God for seeing me through and keeping me healthy.

I am so thankful for my family. Praise God that I am so blessed with such a loving and caring family. I am thankful they all love the Lord and know what's important in life.

I am thankful for you - my readers. Thank you for your loyal support through the years. I feel like you're family.

During this time of thanksgiving, don't forget to truly thank God for your blessings. We all have too many to even begin to count. Have a happy Thanksgiving and may you be surrounded with the love of your family and friends.



Carley Turner looks over some beautiful handmade Christmas ornaments at the Motley County Arts & Crafts Fall Bazaar held Saturday, November 17. The ornaments pictured here are only a few of the many handmade items available at the sale. Carley is the daughter of Craig and Cathey Turner of Matador.

I would like to thank the Motley County Community for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Administrator of Hackberry Creek Care Center. I would like to thank the Board members for their dedicated time in making the Home what it is today.



I would like to thank the families for entrusting me with their loved ones' care. I have great staff that loves and cares for the residents, but most of all respects them. November is National Volunteer Month, and I would like to thank all the volunteers who dedicate their time to the residents of Hackberry Creek Care Center.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING & GOD BLESS
Rosie Rendon

Hackberry Center hosts Thanksgiving family meal

by Marisue Powell

A festive mood took over The Hackberry Creek Care Center on November 14 when family members joined residents for a pre-Thanksgiving dinner. The smells of home emanated from the kitchen where Mildred Busby, head cook and dietician, and her staff watched over the cooking of a turkey, giblet gravy (the way grandma used to make it), dressing, and green bean casserole. Guests provided a bountiful variety of side dishes and desserts.

Lively chatter filled the wings with the excitement of a party. The dining hall was filled with extra tables and chairs to accommodate the large number expected. The cry of a baby symbolized the beginning of life among some who are achieving the century mark, and, no doubt, brought back many memories to those gathered. The entire floor staff were kept hopping until time for their charges to be tucked into bed, and only then did the on duty nurse and nurse's aide find time to eat a cold turkey supper.

Events such as these, as well as the church services on Sunday afternoon, the volunteer activities of hair styling, reading the bible, bringing gifts, and saying hello, bring outside life into the center and lift the spirits of the residents and staff. It helps the center seem more like home, a good place to live surrounded by people who care about you.

The board of directors met in a regularly scheduled meeting on November 8 to attend to business. Present were Seab Washington, president, Sammie Phillips, acting secretary, Jim

Watson, Charley Johnson, Doyle Rose, Marisue Powell and Chuck Ream. Darleen Fletcher was out of town.

A donation from Joe M. Thacker of Roaring Springs will be included in the matching grant offered by the Meadows Foundation to purchase equipment to be used for physical therapy. Others who wish to donate money toward this one-to-one match should be aware that the deadline is nearing. Sammie Phillips does a beautiful job of sending acknowledgments to the family and thank you notes to the donors. In addition, Darleen Fletcher is keeping a beautiful scrapbook, complete with photos of the one honored or remembered.

Rosie Rendon gave the administrator's report. The medicare welcome packet is awaiting the assignment of an account number. Seven of 21 patients are receiving physical therapy. Debbie Fowler is now filing claims and handling the required evaluations of each resident's condition for Texas Individual Level Evaluations (TILE). Plans are being considered for the staff Christmas party.

She related that the care center has a great need for more certified nursing aides and plans are being made to provide classes locally, taught by Director of Nurses, Wendy Flowers. After 16 hours of classroom instruction, the students may start working on the floor. The certification requires 72 hours of instruction for completion. Some grants and scholarships are available for the \$400 tuition. For more information, call Ms. Rendon or Ms. Flowers at 806-347-2942.



H. Joaquin Jackson, left, autographs his book, "One Ranger" and visits with David Keith at the Flomot Do Gooders' Fall Bazaar held in Flomot Saturday. Mr. Jackson sold out of his books that day. The Bazaar was a big success.

Western theme on display at Do Gooders meeting

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, November 13, at the Community Center in Flomot. The meeting was postponed from the regular meeting the first Tuesday of each month due to the election November 6th being held at the Center.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter conducted the business session. Mrs. Suzie Shannon read the minutes that were approved. Following the session they made preparations and arrangements for the 22 reserved booths and checked kitchen supplies for their concession stand for the Fall Bazaar at the Center, Saturday, November 17.

Mrs. Waydette Clay, hostess presided at a Western designed service and autumn colored decor. The centerpiece was a ce-

ramic cowboy boot with hues of foliage and the Texas state symbol. Intermingled on the table laid with an ecru cloth were man-made spurs, horse reins and bits and a miniature saddle. She served cheese squares with crackers, vegetables with dips, pound cake, assorted nuts, coffee and punch.

Mrs. B. Rogers was the lucky winner of the hostess gift when her name was drawn. It was a sparkling decorated centerpiece Christmas tree and a cookbook.

Those attending were Mesdames Anna Beth Clay, Geneva Martin, Connie Franks, Waydette Clay, Suzie Shannon, Kathy Shorter, B. Rogers, Brenda Browning and Erma Washington.

Area photographer to share works in Wayland University gallery exhibit

Plainview -- Roaring Springs resident Ken Young will share his view of the world through the lens of a camera in an exhibit titled "Passing Moments: Photography by Ken Young," on display at Wayland Baptist University's Abraham Art Gallery on Nov. 20 through Dec. 16.

The exhibit will feature many of Young's works, ranging from landscapes taken around the world to West Texas sceneries, western and ranch scenes and more. A reception for Young will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 7-9 p.m. and is open to the public.

According to Dr. Candace Keller, Professor of Art at Wayland and curator for the gallery, the Young show will be a treat for visitors.

"I first met Ken Young when planning retrospective exhibition for Artist Paul Milosevich, which was one of the first ex-

hibitions presented in the Abraham Art Gallery. Ken was a good friend of Milosevich and film-maker at the time, and he collaborated on the documentary film we made for the Milosevich show," she recalled.

"Ken has an inspired eye and a patient insightfulness which enables him to photograph the rare and temporal visual points of time represented in his work. This talented artist has an easy sense of humor and a story to go with each of his captured moments. The reception will showcase his beautiful photography as well as help to celebrate his 63rd birthday."

A fifth-generation Texan, Young was raised in Lubbock and attended Texas Tech. After time in the Army Security Agency where he traveled to Turkey, Japan and Vietnam, he moved to Houston, then to Breckenridge, Colo., to become an artist. He first worked in

metals, but in his spare time dabbled in photography using a camera he picked up in Vietnam.

Young made the art show circuit for several years and took on private commissions for corporations and individuals. He also began showing in national galleries, which led to eventual burnout.

After moving to Lubbock in 1993, Ken married his childhood sweetheart, Dinah, and worked on commissioned sculptures. They moved in 1999 to Roaring Springs, where they live on a five-acre pecan orchard with gardens his wife has created.

In 2002, a series of mini-strokes caused by metal dust caused Young to turn to his longtime hobby, photography, for his primary medium, noting,

"I couldn't be happier." He produces fine art photographs and was commissioned by the historic Matador Ranch to document their operations.

Though Young's work is expansive, his first love is photographing Texas, and he finds that timing is the key factor to his work.

"We live in a great area, and the Lords continually puts me in the right place. My images are not something I can plan but something I have to be always ready for," he said. "Whether it's a passing cloud, a newborn colt or a disappearing life-style, they are all images never to be seen again. I am blessed with the ability and talent to see and capture these passing moments in time."

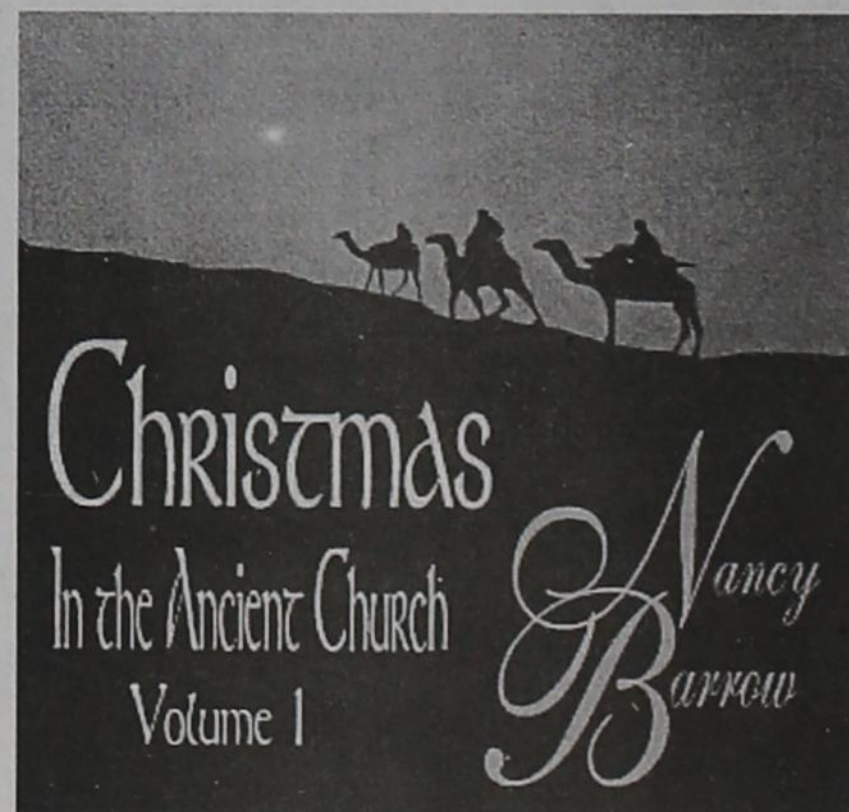
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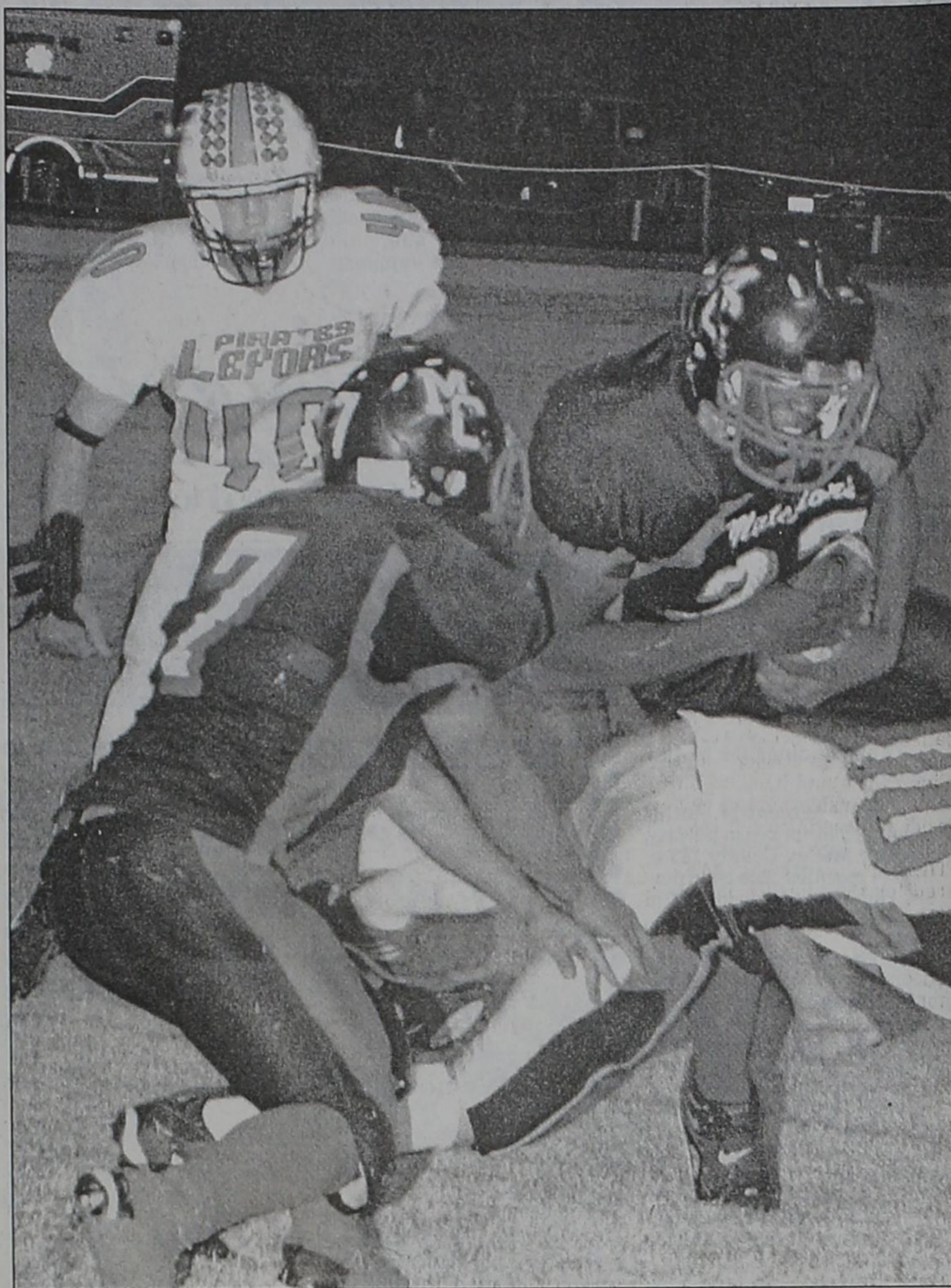
The family unit is civilization's oldest social unit. Human history has repeatedly shown us that the family unit is basic to the proper function of all other social institutions. This is

especially true of both our nation and the Church. It is God who created the family and gave us the strengths of the family unit to help us through this life.

The holidays offer time for our family to get together. We, as a family, enjoy many activities and find a lot of fun when we get together. However, the real worth of holiday time lies in the continued communion with each other and in sharing of the common bond which we have in Christ. Our meals are a delight and the prayers together are an enriching and edifying experience. These times of prayer and thanksgiving focus our family on staying close to Jesus Christ. The holidays are times that our family unit grows stronger. For it is a time of renewed strength which we draw from one another.

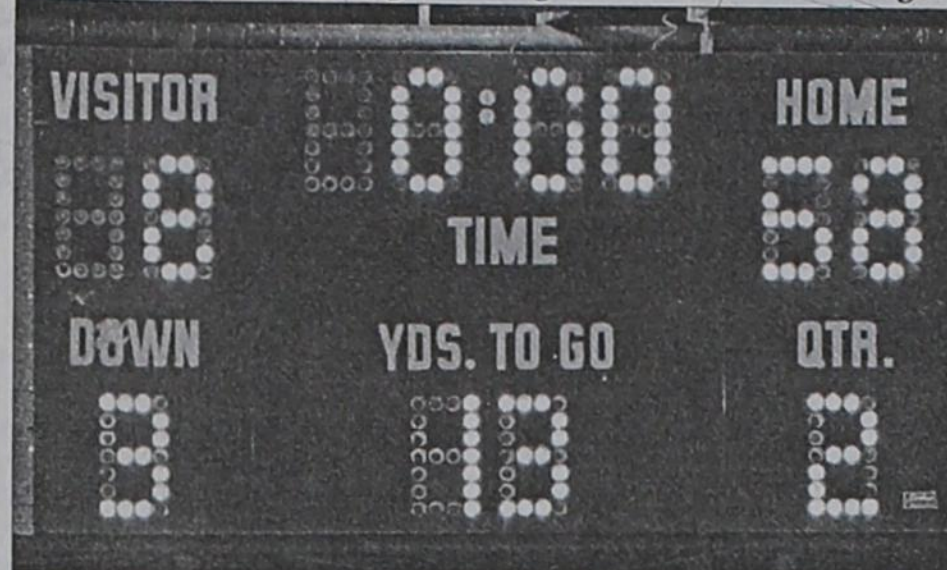
In our lives, the greatest blessings in recent years have been the arrival of our grandchildren. To see these blessings form our God, to watch them grow, to see their innocence, to dream of their future and to realize they carry a part of us, are blessings beyond our measuring abilities. Yes, we enjoy the holidays. For they are the times we most enjoy when our children and grandchildren can be together in our home. We take advantage of the time the holidays afford us. To be together both in sharing and worshipping as a family unit. No other activity on this earth is as sweet.

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TEAMWORK — Motley County Matadors, #7 Isiah Archer, and #22 Bradley Brown, work together as Brad carries the ball during their play off game with Lefors last Friday night at Silverton. The Matadors came out on top for the Bi-District win.

(Photo by Walter Taylor)



THE SCOREBOARD SAYS IT ALL!
58-8 at halftime! Motley County Matadors defeated the Lefors Pirates for a Bi-District win!

(photo by Walter Taylor)

School Menu

MONDAY, NOV. 26
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Omelet, Toast, or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Barbecue Ribs, Creamed Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Sliced Bread, Jello, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28
Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Cake, Milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.
Lunch: Macho Nachos, Salad, Corn, Tortilla Chips, Sherbet, Milk.

MC NHS collecting pop tabs

The Motley County High School National Honor Society members would like to remind everyone of their on-going collection of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The members plan to make their first donation in December.

They are asking that anyone who is collecting these tabs at home to either contact a member who will pick them up or to bring them to school.

Pop tabs support the operations of Ronald McDonald House. Seriously ill or injured children who are under 19 years of age and are receiving treatment and their families are eligible to stay. They must have a permanent address of at least

75 miles away from the facility which makes the referral. While staying at Ronald McDonald

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The National Honor Society wishes to thank all community members for the pop tabs that have already been donated. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you need a NHS member to pick up your tabs, please contact Kathy Gillespie, sponsor, at school and she will send a member to you.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 21-23: Thanksgiving Holiday.
November 26: Junior High Basketball at Paducah, 5:30 p.m.
November 27: High School Basketball at McLean, 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
November 29: High School Basketball at Patton Springs Tournament.
November 30: High School Basketball at Patton Springs Tournament.
December 1: High School Basketball at Patton Springs Tournament.

Updates to the calendar can be accessed at <http://www.motleyco.org/Calendars.htm>.

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For more information contact the Tribune office at 347-2400.

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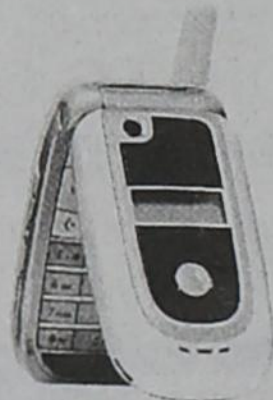
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Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

Consider:
The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you're doing, someone else does.

— Author unknown

Knowing what everyone is doing this week is easy - they are celebrating Thanksgiving. There is so much to be thankful for that is quite easy. It just takes a long time.

That's the program for Thursday.

The program for Friday is easy, too. First are the mountains of leftovers to savor. And then off to Ralls to watch the Motley County Matadors in action for another play-off game.

And then on Saturday, off to Roaring Springs for the annual Late-Night Shopping. That event is fun for young and old, and features an atmosphere you can't find anywhere but in small town America.

Santa will be there - he always is. After all, the day after Thanksgiving is the start of the Christmas shopping season.

And all the shops will be open late - it is, after all, Late Night Shopping. Of course, you have to look in on every business, to see what they have on offer. There will be all manner

of refreshments to help you keep up your strength for the whole evening. And don't forget to sign your name on the little slips of paper, in hopes that you will win one of the wonderful prizes that each shop has donated.

As you go from shop to shop, you will see all your friends and neighbors going from to shop, some of whom you haven't seen in a while. Time goes by so fast, and it is hard to squeeze all the things we want to do into the time available. So take advantage of the opportunity, catch up on the goings on of those you meet. After all, you have the whole evening.

And then, at about 7:30 p.m., everyone gathers at Graham's Supply to see who wins the prizes. Maybe you will be lucky, maybe you will win.

The chamber of Commerce is donating prizes, too. They have donated \$100 in Motley County Bucks, something that will certainly come in handy at this time of year.

So come one, come all, and celebrate the season and the friends and enjoy one of the special treats that small town living has to offer. Be glad that the shopkeepers keep this tradition going. And oh yes, take advantage of some of the bargains you will find.



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New report provides the latest look at the well-being of children in Motley County

Austin—Statewide, maternal and infant health are improving, as more women are receiving prenatal care, infant mortality is improving, and teen births are continuing to decline, according to a new report by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP). The report, *The State of Texas Children 2007*, provides the latest look at the well-being of children in very young in Texas.

"The report finds that when it comes to maternal and infant health, Texas has much to be thankful for," said Frances Deviney, Texas KIDS County Director. "At the same time, work remains in other areas. Statewide, child poverty is up for the fifth straight year, unemployment has increased, and Texas continues to have the highest rates of uninsured children in the nation."

State and Motley County Findings:

- In Motley County, the proportion of women receiving little or not prenatal care has remained stable since 2002. As of 2004, 5 babies (or 41.7% of all births) were born to women who received little or no prenatal care, ranking the county 240 of Texas' 254 counties. Nearly one in four babies statewide is born to mothers who receive little or not prenatal care.

- In Motley County, the infant mortality rate has remained stable since 2000. As of 2004, 0 babies died prematurely, ranking Motley County one of the 254 counties. Statewide, infant mortality has increased by 8.6% since 2000.

- In Motley County, the rate of babies born to teens declined by 50% since 2000. As of 2004, 2 babies were born to Motley County teens, ranking Motley County 108 of the 254 counties. However, Texas still has the highest teen birth rate in the country. Statewide, births to

teens ages 13-19 have declined by 10.3% since 2000.

These findings follow a recent Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System survey of new Texas mothers that finds that statewide, new mothers are engaging in healthier behaviors:

- The percent of Texas women who drank alcohol during the last three months of their pregnancy dropped by 8.3% from 2002 to 2003.

- The percent of Texas mothers who breastfed or pumped breast milk to feed their baby after delivery increased by 2.3% from 2002 to 2003 (from 74.8 to 76.5%).

- The percent of Texas women who were slightly or moderately depressed in the months after delivery increased by 1.23% from 48.5% in 2002 to 49.1% in 2003.

Other findings for Motley County:

- 23.9 percent of Motley County children live in poverty, ranking Motley County 133 of the 254 counties. The child poverty rate has decreased by 19 in Motley County since 2000.

- The proportion of Motley County's total population living in poverty has decreased by 23% since 2000, ranking Motley County 95 of 245 counties. As of 2004, 191 people, or 14.7 of the population, live in poverty.

Death rate for Motley County children ages 1-14 has not changed since 2000. There were 0 deaths (or 0 per 100,000 children) in 2005, ranking Motley County 1 out of 254 counties.

- The rate of violent deaths for teens ages 15-19 has not changed since 2000, with 0 deaths (or 0 per 100,000 teens) in 2005. Motley County ranks 1 out of 254 counties.

To learn how Motley County or Texas as a whole fared across all indicators, including health care, education, and child abuse, visit 222.cppp.org/

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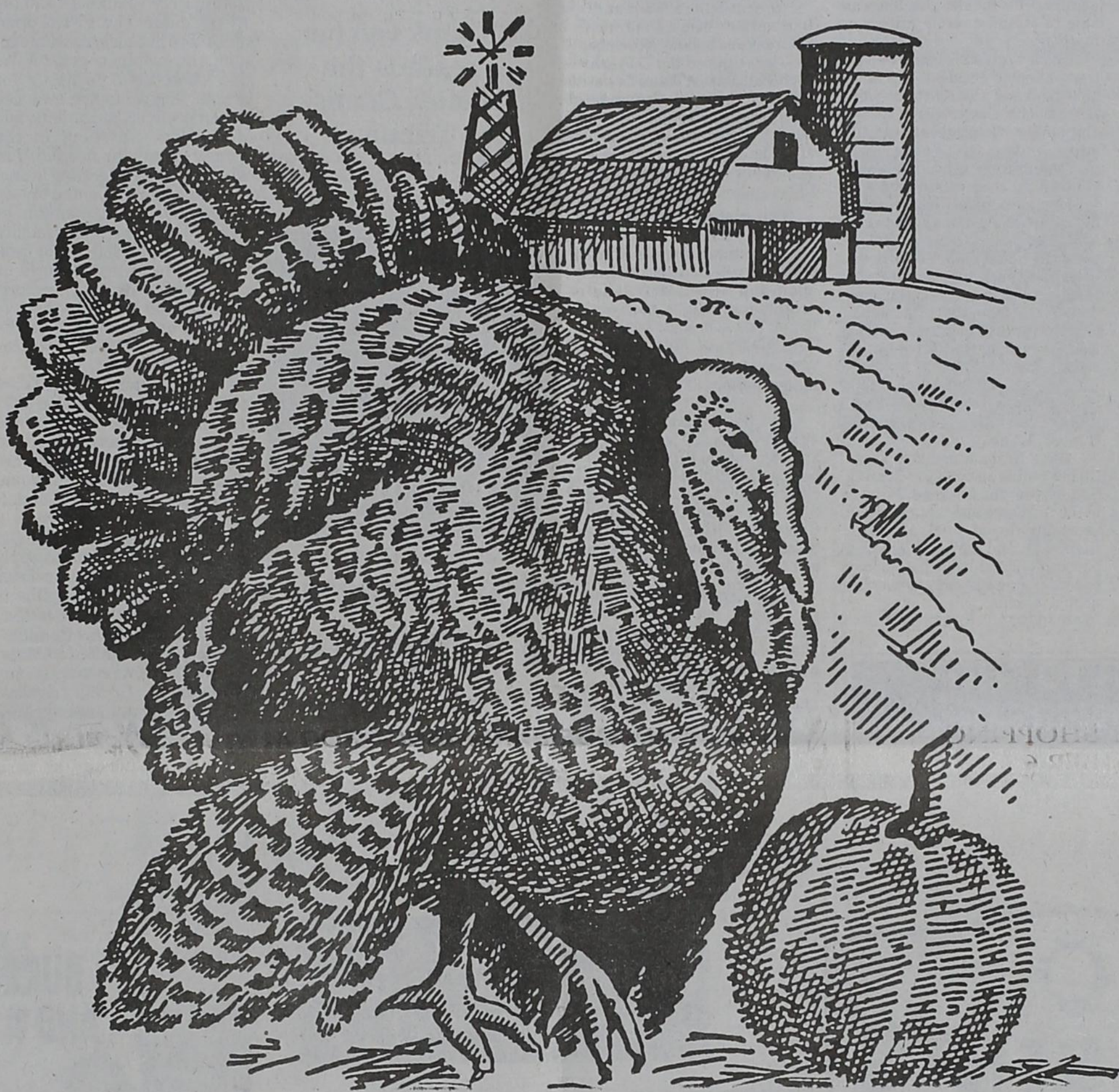
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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

We are happy to welcome the Gullede family to Roaring Springs. Perry, Deanette and Alexis moved to the house Bill and Lea Peacock lived in. It is really special to have a young family move here. We hope to be the kind of community where you feel instantly at home.

"Over the hill and through the woods, to grandma's house we go" is the traditional thing to do on Thanksgiving. Fortunately, for me, my children usually host Thanksgiving. Christmas is passed around in my family and that is a pleasant thing to be able to go and be a guest some years. I may have my children for Christmas this year as my daughter is ill and in the hospital at this time. It was her 'year'. As my son and daughter-in-law will host Thanksgiving, I will take Katie's place this year. Corky's children celebrate Christmas with us on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock visited, Sam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim on Sunday. They enjoyed lunch at the Caprock Cafe in Dickens.

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson of Dimmitt, TX visited the J.T. Swims. Don was born in Roaring Springs in the 1930's. His father, Bascum Nelson owned the *Roaring Springs Reporter*. Mr. Nelson was the mayor of Roaring Springs. The Nelsons moved to Dimmitt where Bascum Nelson published the newspaper for 50 years. His son, Don Nelson is the publisher now of the *Castro County News*.

J.R. and Stella Swim of Abilene will spend Thanksgiving with his parents, the J.T. Swims and will be joined by Greg and Emily Redding of Lubbock. Dr. Emily Swim-Redding is a veterinarian.

The Roaring Springs Community Thanksgiving Service was held Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. Approximately 60 folks attended. Pastor Johnny Morris opened the service with a prayer. Jeff Thacker and Darleen Fletcher gave scripture readings from the Book of Psalms. Congregational singing was led by Nancy Long. Penny Keltz and Vonda Brendle each sang specials. The message

was brought by Pastor Kevin Keltz. His message was on thankfulness. He used the scripture from the 17th Chapter of Luke about the ten lepers being healed and only one thanked Jesus. Pastor Winfield Daventport closed with another Psalm and prayer.

Fifty-six shoe boxes were wrapped and filled with fun and surprises for Operation Christmas Child/Shoe Box ministry by the Women on Mission of the First Baptist Church. They will be sent to a processing center and Samaritan's Purse will distribute them world wide. Millions of boxes were delivered to needy children last year. Seven double fleece tied blankets in bright patterns were made for children in cold countries. These were sent along separately to be distributed by Samaritan's Purse also.

Bruce Lefevre was released from the Lockney Hospital on Monday.

Billie Stuckey is at home recuperating from the shingles. She was able to attend church yesterday morning.

Dana Graham is going well after her roping accident. She is up and about and was able to play the piano for church services yesterday and for the Thanksgiving service also.

Don Stuckey would like to remind all the area artists, both professional and amateur to participate in the art show and sale at Late Night Shopping at Matador on Saturday, December 6th. The artwork needs to be brought to the Jo-Barb-Dee Barber & Beauty Shop building by noon on Thursday, December 6th. For more information contact Don Stuckey at 348-7082 or on his cell number, 269-3740.

Sheila Lefevre's brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Faye Hall visited on Saturday. They live in Burnett, Texas.

Dana Graham and son, Jared Rieger visited his family in Roaring Springs over the weekend. Jared is in the Air Force and is stationed in Germany. Jared, Joel, Miranda, Bennie D. and Devonne enjoyed popcorn and the ballgame Sunday evening. Jared's wife, Hilda was unable to come.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Gratitude and thankfulness unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough and more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

DO GOODERS' BAZAAR A RESOUNDING SUCCESS
The Community Center in Flomot was filled to capacity Saturday, November 17, at the Do Gooders' Club Fall Bazaar. They had 22 booths and the aisles were jammed packed with patrons. They were standing in line to buy H. Joaquin Jackson's book, "One Ranger" and for a book signing.

They sold out of taco soup and sandwiches at the concession stand, but still had coffee, iced tea and lemonade. Mrs. Keri Sehon of Ropesville won the Bazaar quilt.

MARTIN FAMILY REUNION
Descendants of Wade and Opal Barton Marti held a family reunion Saturday and Sunday, November 17-18. They enjoyed the Do Gooders' Club Fall Bazaar Saturday at the Flomot Community Center. Before returning to their respective homes Sunday morning, they were guests at a bountiful breakfast at the home of Ronald and Waydette Martin Clay.

The special guest was their aunt, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton. Others attending were Nita and Ervin Merritt, Tom Merritt, Debbie Allen and Steve Merritt all of Grandbury; Rusty and Amber Terrell and son, Zane of Saginaw; Cole Martin of Portales, N.M.; Wilburn Martin, Geneva Martin and Kathy Shorter of Flomot.

Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay were in Panhandle last Wednesday and enjoyed the PHS girls' basketball game in which granddaughter, Kelsey Clay, a sophomore played. She and teammates defeated Clarendon High School team. Kelsey is the daughter of Angelia and Larry Clay.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert accompanied home her husband, Doyle Calvert Monday from Cogdell Hospital in Lockney where he had been a patient the past ten days.

Visiting this week with Janice and Butch Hughes are son and daughter, Bengie Hughes and Kaitlynn of Royce City. A visitor during the weekend was Jimmy

Pearson of Celeste. Joining them to visit Saturday were sons, Roger and Rickey Hughes of Floydada.

Visitors this week in the home of Shonda and Roger Lee are her daughter and family, Jessica and Jordan Schupbach and daughter, Waveland and their pet dog, Banjo of Denver, Colorado.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg and grandson, Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Visiting Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Sherrilyn and Don Foster of Lubbock. Visiting the weekend were Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton of Lubbock. Other luncheon guests Sunday were Brandon Lee of Plainview and Josh Lee of Flomot.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,

My hat is off to Dorothy Russell and her daughters and sons-in-law for restoring the Hotel Matador. The renovation will definitely be an asset to the city of Matador.

They are renovating the old hotel without the building losing its charm and personality of old. Visitors to Matador can now truly enjoy a Saturday night in "old" Matador.

Sincerely,
Ron Bailey

Dear Carla,

With respect to Mrs. Marshall's letter in last week's paper, I would like to clarify a few things about the Foothills Family Development Council. The FFDC was developed to assist individuals, families, groups, and organizations to develop opportunities for the betterment of life in Motley County and the surrounding area, as stated in our mission statement. This is where the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers and the FFDC differ. The FFDC operates more like an area wide economic development council. We are structured to apply for grants, as grants are awarded to non profit organizations, and then disperse them in the county or area as needed. Yes, we are looking at getting grants to build a Family Center but we would not sustain, maintain or deliver programs in this facility. That would be left up to individuals, families, groups or other organizations. Therefore, we would be assisting them to develop opportunities for the betterment of life in Motley County.

Also, a Family Center is not our main goal. We are also looking for grants to upgrade and improve the baseball field and city parks in our county. Another idea is an indoor roping arena/stock show facility. We do understand that there is an arena in Roaring Springs and if the Old Settlers board wanted to apply for a grant to improve or cover the arena, we would help them, as long as it is for the betterment of life in Motley County.

We are not limited to Matador and do not wish to cause any problems or stir any "rivalry" among the communities in Motley County. The only reason we are considering building a Family Center in Matador is because

that is where the kids are. They come to Matador on the weekends; therefore we decided the facility needs to be where the kids are. If the kid's "hang out" was in Northfield, we would build it there. The structure we are currently looking at includes an indoor gym, rooms for meetings, games, movies, pool tables, along with a stage for concerts. The Roaring Springs Community Center is great and serves its purpose, but the facility we want to build would be around 22,000 square feet.

At the Roaring Springs Community Volunteer meeting held November 13, the FFDC and Roaring Springs Community Volunteers decided to collaborate and help each other out on projects to benefit Motley County, but in order to attract the younger generations; we need their input on programs, facilities and their ideas in general. As we sat around the table at the Roaring Springs meeting, there were few under the age of 25. The programs the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers offer are great and I hope they continue, but they are aimed towards elementary kids. What are we doing to benefit the high school age kids? It is a proven fact that drug and alcohol usage in high school age kids is higher in rural communities in the Panhandle, South Plains and Rolling Plains. What are we doing to keep kids off the streets and away from drugs and alcohol? Today kids are going out of town to Floydada, Plainview, and Lubbock and being exposed to more dangerous drugs. With the ideas the FFDC has and the way the organization is structured, we can offer better opportunities here in Motley County for future generations.

Ryan Martin

THANK YOU

The board of the Foothills Family Development Council would like to thank the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers for their monetary support to help the group file for non-profit status. The RS Volunteers recognize the real need of young people in our community. The FFDC was developed to write grants for area-wide projects. We welcome the collaboration and efforts of this fine group.

Carol Campbell, Secretary, FFDC

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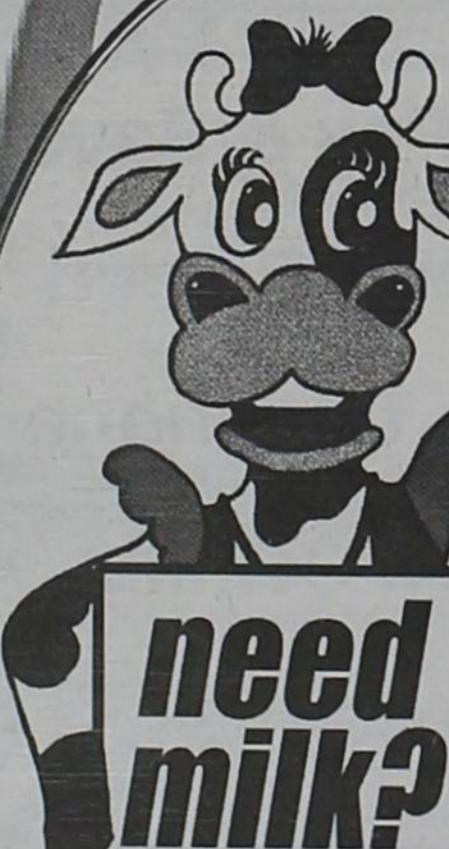
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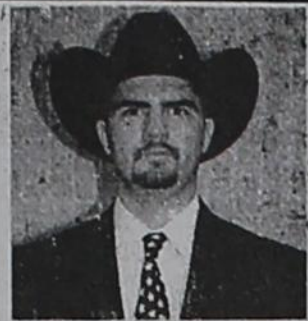
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County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

It has been noted that MRSA has shown up in a few pets in HSR 1, but reports document that it is fairly widespread in pig farms in Canada, signaling to some that animal agriculture can be a source of the bacteria. This is something that 4-H/FFA kids and parents, as well as pig farmers need to be alert.

With the development, here is some information on MRSA. Please note that prevention is as simple as washing your hands. If you have animals, i.e. stockshow animals, you should always wash your hands after handling them. If an infection occurs on the animal contact the Extension Office or a Veterinarian.

WHAT IS METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)?

Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus is a bacterial infection resistant to antibiotic methicillin. Staphylococcus aureus, sometimes referred to simply as "staph," or "staph A" is a common bacterium found on the skin of healthy people. If staph gets into the body it can cause a minor infection such as boils or pimples or serious infections such as pneumonia or blood infections.

One antibiotic commonly used to treat staph infections is methicillin. While methicillin is very effective in treating most staphylococcus aureus, some staph bacteria have developed a resistance to methicillin and can no longer be killed by this antibiotic. The resistant bacteria are called methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus or MRSA.

WHO IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO MRSA INFECTION?

MRSA usually infects hospital patients who are elderly or very ill. You may be at more risk if you have had frequent, long-term, or intensive use of antibi-

otics. Intravenous drug users and persons with long-term illnesses or who are immunosuppressed are also at increased risk.

The infection can develop in an open wound such as a bed sore or when there is a tube such as a urinary catheter that enters the body. MRSA rarely infects healthy people.

CAN MRSA BE TREATED?

Yes, While MRSA is resistant to many antibiotics and can be difficult to treat there are a few antibiotics that can cure MRSA infections. Patients that are only colonized with MRSA usually do not require treatment.

HOW IS THE TRANSMISSION OF MRSA PREVENTED?

The prevention of MRSA infections is based upon standard infection control precautions including:

Hand Washing - Wash hands immediately after gloves are removed, between patient contacts and between tasks and procedures.

Gloving - Wear gloves when touching blood, body fluids and contaminated items. Remove gloves between patient contacts and wash hands immediately.

Masking - Wear a mask and face shield during procedures that are likely to generate splashes or droplets of blood and body fluids.

Gowning - Wear a gown during procedures that are likely to generate splashes or droplets of blood and body fluids.

Patient Care Equipment - Appropriate cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of patient care equipment are important in limiting the transmission of organisms.

Handling of Laundry - Handle, transport, and process used linen soiled with bloody or body fluids in a manner that prevents skin exposure, contamination of clothing and transfer of microorganisms to other patients.

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The Texas Youth Hunting Program was established to increase the number of youths participating in wildlife and hunting activities and to promote the hunting heritage in Texas.

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The goals of the program are:

- To preserve the hunting heritage in Texas for present and future generations.
 - To promote the highest ethical standards in hunting.
 - To give our youth an initial, positive, safe, education, mentored hunting experience.
 - To teach the basic skills, values, techniques and responsibilities of hunting.
 - To instill in youth a basic understanding of practical conservation measures.
 - To encourage wildlife habitat access, enhancement and management.
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youth hunt with experiences and memories to last a lifetime.

Requirements: To join the Texas Youth Hunting Program, you must:

- be 9 to 17 years old and
- complete the submit an application.

To hunt with the Texas Youth Hunting Program, members must:

- Complete the Texas Hunter Education course and be able to provide a copy of your certificate, card or student registration form that shows your test score, etc. You must have Hunter Education to hunt with TYHP, regardless of age. If you are less than 12 years old, you cannot be certified by the Hunter Education program and must retake the course after your 12th birthday. Call TPWD at 800-792-1112 for more information and a schedule of upcoming Hunter Education courses in your area.
- Have a valid Texas hunting license and appropriate tags or stamps when required.
- Be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Complete a TYHP Hunting Application that lists your choice of hunts by priority. TYHP hunting schedules will be sent to you periodically.
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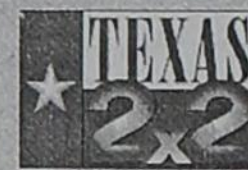
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OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



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vey, 4 miles northeast of Floydada. The Terminus location of the horizontal section was to be 2750 feet from the south line and 2820 feet from the west line of section 24. This would have placed the terminus location of the W.D. Miller #2 2857 feet southeast of the location of the Apollo Energy Operating Company, L.P.W.D. Miller Lease Well #1.

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Austin -- According to preliminary state data from the new 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife - Associated Recreation, Texas led the nation in 2006 with 1.1 million Texans going hunting at some point during the year, while Florida led the nation in total fishing participation with 2.8 million anglers and California was the top wildlife-watching state with 6.2 million of its residents observing wildlife.

The Lone Star State was also among the national leaders in fishing participation at 2.5 million and wildlife viewing with 4.17 million Texans participating.

Texas also leads the nation in hunting-related expenditures, and the Lone Star State generates among the highest spending levels in the country for fishing and wildlife-watching. The survey showed hunters spent about \$2.3 billion in Texas, more than any other state. Angler spending in Texas was about \$3.2 billion, second only to Florida at \$4.5 billion. Texas ranked third nationally for expenditures for wildlife-watchers at about \$2.9 billion, with California first at \$4.6 billion and Florida edging above Texas at close to \$3 billion. These figures reflect spending on food, lodging, transportation, equipment and other items.

"The National Survey is an important tool that measures in economic and participatory terms the value that wildlife has in American's hearts and to the nation's economy. Wildlife related recreation rejuvenates our spirit, connects us with nature and gets us outside pursuing healthy activities," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director H. Dale Hall.

In 2006, more than 87 million Americans, or 38 percent of the United States' population age 16 and older hunted, fished or watched wildlife. They spent \$120 billion that year pursuing those activities. Further broken down by category, 30 million or 13 percent fished and spent a total of \$41 billion on their activities, 12.5 million or 5 percent hunted and spent a total of \$23 billion, and 71 million or 31 percent observed wildlife and spent a total of \$45 billion.

The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation has been conducted every 5 years since 1955 and is one of the nation's most important wildlife recreation databases. It is considered to be the definitive source of information concerning participation and expenditures associated with hunting, fishing and other forms of wildlife-related recreation nationwide.

The Survey is conducted at the request of State fish and

wildlife agencies and is funded by grants from the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Act's Multi-state Conservation Grant Program.

It is important to note that the National Survey counts only participants who actually went hunting, fishing or observed wildlife in 2006 and does not represent the total number of anglers, hunters, and wildlife watchers in the U.S. Many people who consider themselves hunters, anglers or wildlife watchers do not participate every year. For example, examination of survey data shows that over the five year period from 2002 to 2006, a cumulative total of 44.4 million people fished and 18.5 million hunted.

The 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation State Overview report, as well as previous surveys and reports, can be found at <http://federalaid.fws.gov/surveys/surveys.html>. The Service expects to publish the final National Report in November 2007.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Nov. 22, 2007

7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 47 Low: 27
	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 50 Low: 29
	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 25
	Sunday Mostly Cloudy High: 45 Low: 24
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 44 Low: 28
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 32
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 35

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 47°, humidity of 39% and an overnight low of 27°. The record high temperature for today is 87° set in 1988. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 50°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
11/24	12/1	12/9	12/17

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	80	53	64/39	0.00"	Normal precipitation0.24"
Monday	73	51	64/39	0.01"	Departure from normal-0.23"
Tuesday	81	43	63/39	0.00"	
Wednesday	67	41	63/38	0.00"	Average temperature58.6°
Thursday	60	30	63/38	0.00"	Average normal temperature50.6°
Friday	75	38	62/38	0.00"	Departure from normal+8.0°
Saturday	80	49	62/37	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

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 Vedaawoo, Wyo., and reached 75 mph at Tillamook, Ore. Shelter Cove, Calif. was drenched with 4.37 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:22 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:37 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:57 p.m.
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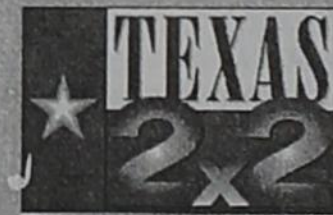
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