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MATADORS WIN AGAIN

The Motley County Matadors earned a Quarterfinal play-off win with a 42-30 hard fought victory over the Follett Panthers.

"We beat a very good team in Follett. Our kids stepped up and made plays when we needed them," Head Football Coach Mike Bigam said.

"Our defense made some key stops in the fourth quarter to win the game.

"We would like to thank our great group of cheerleaders and fans that made the trip to Amarillo. Our fans outnumbered and out cheered our opponent's fans, and that makes a difference. We look forward to more great fan support this week in Lubbock," he said.

Isiah Archer rushed for two touchdowns and 84 yards on 16 carries. Archer also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns.

Bradley Brown carried the ball 23 times for 198 yards and two touchdowns. The Matadors racked up 314 yards of total offense.

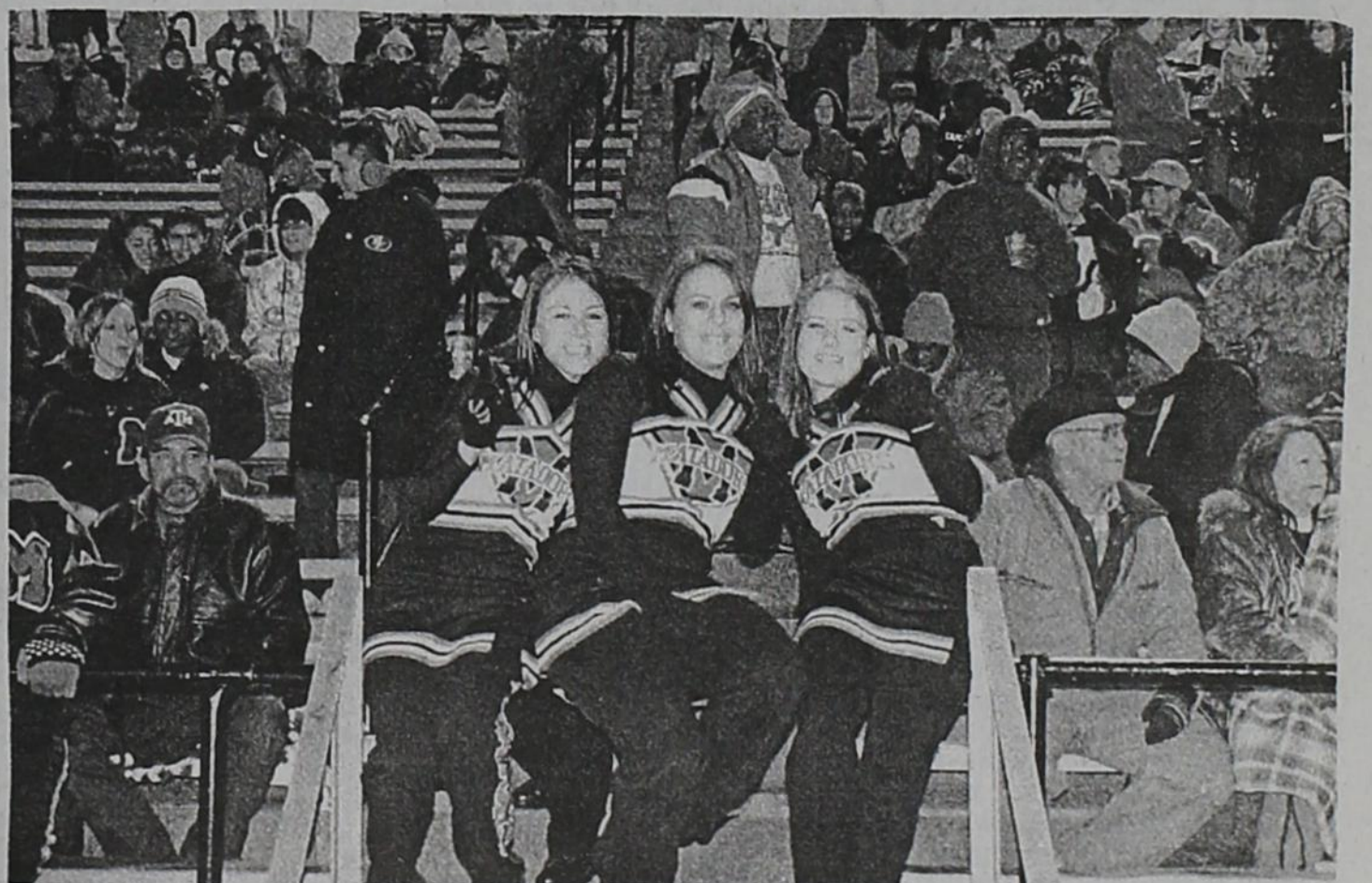
Bradley Brown led the Matadors defense with 12 tackles, one tackle for a loss, one forced fumble and two sacks.

Other leading defenders were Isiah Archer with eight tackles, Jacob Blanco with seven tackles, and Stacy Perryman, Eric Simpson and Steven Webb with four tackles each.

The Matadors find themselves making history again by reaching the Semi-Final round of the playoffs for the first time since 1973. The Jayton Jaybirds will be the Matadors fourth round playoff opponent.

The Semi-Final Championship game will be played on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

The Matadors will be the visiting team. The winner of the Motley County-Jayton game will take on the winner of the Gustine-Woodson game in the Six-Man Division II State Championship game.



ELATED CHEERLEADERS
Kyla Simpson, Christy Smith, Courtney Alexander

photo by Walter Taylor



Isiah Archer rushes for a touchdown.

photo by Walter Taylor

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A Pep Rally will be held for the Matador football team on Friday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the gym.

A send off will be held at 3:30 p.m. after the school route buses leave. Fans can follow 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 Lubbock.

The Matadors will face the Jayton Jaybirds at 7:30 p.m. Friday in a semi-final football play-off game at Lowery Field in Lubbock.

Semi-Final Playoff Game Information: Motley County (Visitors) vs. Jayton (Home); Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., Lubbock Lowery Field.

Directions to Lowery Field: From Loop 289, take I-27 North Exit; stay on the access road, do not merge onto I-27. Turn left at 66th Street, Lowery Field is located at 66th and Avenue P.

Admission: \$5.00 for adults; and \$3.00 for students. District 7 passes will be honored; local district passes will not be accepted.

The team will eat at the Golden Corral restaurant after the game. Parents and fans are welcome. To get to the Golden Corral after the game take Loop 289 to the Slide Road Exit. Take the U underneath the Loop and stay on the access road. The Golden Corral will be on your right.



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FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Laverne Zabielski

Two candles burn on the window sill in my kitchen as I sit in the rocking chair I placed here in order to write, rest while cooking, or have friends or family sit and chat while I search for the perfect recipe. Cooking is a large part of our life. Larry and I might say it's one of the reasons we moved here; to cook for my mom now that all eleven of our kids are grown and gone.

We didn't really plan to publish a newspaper when we loaded up the 26 foot Uhaul and drove I-40 through the night stopping at rest areas for an hour or two. After we arrived and Randy Meredith stopped by to fill our propane, in casual conversation he reminded me that he went to high school with my brother Julian and mentioned that the Tribune was for sale. At first we said, no way. Then we said, hmmm, maybe we could. Then we said, sure. That was before we actually knew what we were taking on.

For a month we shadowed publisher and editor, Carla Meador, as she moved effortlessly through the office, cutting and pasting, answering phone calls, and greeting people who came into the office, taking time for conversation as though she had no deadline. We would nod an apparent understanding of each technique she shared. It's not what goes on in the office, however, that makes a community newspaper.

Like any creative venture which relies on the ability to respond, it's what's going on in your mind and your interaction with the people around you that makes the difference. As more and more of Carla's commitment and strong involvement with Motley county has revealed itself, the more we realize what a hard act, as they say, she will be for us to follow.

We will do our best. Not only did she tell us what she did, she shared her dreams for what she would have liked to have done. We will try to pick up and carry on.

Our mission is to create opportunities for the voices of the Foothill Country to be heard through a community dialogue; to provide the information citizens need to make decisions; and to maintain a list of current civic and cultural events. We also want to continue the tradition of "Days Gone By" that Larry will gather. I will explore how we weave everything we want to do in life through "Living a Layered Life" and we will feature personal essays in a new column, "Writing Community."

Since we're new here we will be asking lots of questions and we hope that you will respond with letters to the editor, op ed articles, phone calls, emails or conversation. My brother in Chicago emailed me that he watched Sunday Morning on CBS and they had a segment on West Texas and wind power, featuring Sweetwater and Trent. One of the points made was that there is a shortage of workers, pay is 2-3 times higher for trained employees and that there are college classes in wind energy available. County Attorney, Tom Edwards, stopped by and mentioned that it would definitely be good for Motley County if wind farms were built here. It's obvious that the landowner would prosper. Does this mean there will be more jobs, more businesses, a larger tax base? Let us know what you are thinking.

MATADORS FOOTBALL TEAM OF THE WEEK

TexasFootball.com and the U.S. Army join together each week to select one team from every classification in high school football that demonstrated the qualities exhibited within the Army—those include leadership, commitment to excellence and a desire to make a difference as a member of a team.

Each is awarded the Army Strong Team of the Week by local officials from the U.S. Army at a school assembly or pep rally.

By Larry Vogt

The welcome that the people of Motley County have given to us since we moved to Roaring Springs in early October of this year is greatly appreciated.

Especially touching are the expressions of good will that have come to us since the word started to get around that we might assume the roles of publishers and editors of the Motley County Tribune.

Those of you who are native to this area have at least one thing in common with me. I was born and spent the first 13 years of my life in a small town in Southeastern South Dakota. The memories of life in Marion, South Dakota, are filled with images of folks who took care of each other and always were ready to lend a helping hand whether it was to support the basketball team or be a cook for a pancake breakfast at the city hall auditorium.

The economies in rural America have changed somewhat but the willingness to do your best and the tradition of neighbors helping neighbors is still very prevalent even though the towns don't look quite as active as they did when some of us were kids in the late '40s.

Anyway, it isn't right to call Marion, South Dakota or Matador, Texas, small towns. Small is relative to what? The big friendly greeting that most people give is certainly not small. The generosity and support that people give each other is, well, the opposite of small.

My birthright town is Marion but my newly adopted towns of Roaring Springs, Matador, and Flomot, have some interesting common characteristics. Both areas are called "plains." True, in South Dakota we often use the "prairie" as well. However, there was prairie around here, too.

According to a historical marker, Whiteflat got its name from the native needle grass that grew in that area. Another common trait of these areas is the demographic of low density population.

This has some problems because there isn't as much commerce as higher density population areas, but I suppose most of us like the fact that we can know our neighbors and business people and talk to them every day if we want and we also like these wide open spaces of land and sky.

Let's just say that Matador, Roaring Springs, Flomot, and Northfield, are big friendly places with lots of natural beauty and folks who seem ready to welcome and support a newcomer who wants to sere and help sustain the community.

Come on by the Tribune office on Dundee near the post office and get to know us and be ready to swap a story or two and share some insights and humor with us.

Remember LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

GREAT SELECTIONS for CHRISTMAS Gifts and for all your Christmas needs!

Matador Variety

SISTERS TEAM UP TO ATTEND GRANNY'S TEA PARTY

By Marisue Potts Powell

Dressing to the nines for Granny's Tea Party on December 2 were 20 young ladies, including six sets of sisters, who were served a variety of finger foods, lemonade and spiced cider on fine china and linen.

Joyce Campbell has hosted the affair in her home for 16 years, starting with her own grandchildren as a way to teach them manners. One teenager, Shane'a Russell, has been attending since she was three and now serves the young ladies who range in ages from five to 12.

The gala event, a fundraiser for children's books for the Motley County Library, often finds the girls wearing dresses, high heels, furs and jewelry from their grandmother's trunk, garage sales, or their own treasures.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Janie Campbell, quizzed the ladies about their fashions and personal interests.

Bunny Crutchley, the new librarian, displayed some of the books purchased from previous tea party donations and took photos of each girl that will be displayed at the library. Marianne Potts and Marisue Potts Powell also assisted the hostess.

Christmas trees and decorations were featured throughout the house. A festive centerpiece for the serving table in the dining area was a very special Gingerbread House delivered all the way from Memphis, TN, by Sally Case who also sent chocolate peppermint sticks.

The young ladies who attended the tea party were Cassidy and Carley Turner, Megah and Mikenna Ford, Chloe and Dodie Gleghorn, Sage and Tatum Guerrero, Thilia and Samantha Quillamaco, Briell and Crystal Collette, Lexie Gulleddge, Sidney McCoy, Allison McCoy, Sabra Pope, Kaylee Woosley, Kaitlyn Keltz, Shane'a Russell, and Emma Potts who came all the way from Southlake, Texas, for the tea party.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GREETING AND SANTA LETTERS

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS, Santa Claus has contacted us here at the Motley county Tribune to let us know that he will again allow us to receive his letters through our office. We will publish the letters in the paper, and then immediately send them off to Santa at the North Pole.

Letters may be brought into our office, put in our outside mailbox, or mailed to our office at the following address:

Santa Clause
c/o Motley County Tribune
PO Box 490
Matador, TX 79244

In order to make sure that Santa will receive all the letters we ask that you get them to us no later than noon December 17th.

Each year the Motley County Tribune publishes a special Christmas edition of the paper, with a Christmas card section. This section features greetings from businesses and individuals from the area.

We will be calling those who have had these special greetings in the past. If you would like to have one please contact our office no later than Monday, December 10, at 347-2400.

This special section allows you send a unique greeting to all your friends and customers. For more information, or for prices, please call our office.

SUPPORT THE MATADORS!

Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

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Consider: "Before beginning a Hunt, it is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you begin looking for it. — Winnie the Pooh

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Wise advice, that. Ask what you are looking for before you begin looking. Some people do that, and are happy to receive Christmas Wish Lists from loved ones, so they have an idea what they are looking for.

But some people do not have the advantage of Wish Lists, and are completely on their own. They have to come up with an idea for the perfect gifts for friends and loved ones.

Bummer. What to do? Well, step one is checking out what is offered at the local shops during Late Night Shopping on Thursday in Matador.

But before you throw yourself into the fray without any good ideas, the Chamber of Commerce has an idea. Maybe it is not the world's most original, but it is one that is a perfect backup.

The reference is, of course, to Motley County Bucks.

In case you have forgotten, they are like gift certificates, but they can be used at every business in Motley County save one, so they are as good as cash. The recipient can use them for whatever the heart desires. And they are available in any denomination you choose.

You can get them at the bank, at New To You, and at the Variety Store. Just drop by and tell them how much you want the Motley County Bucks to be for, and they will issue them for that amount.

Of course, you can also them by mail. Just drop a note to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 788, Matador, 79244, and include your check for the desired amount. Be sure not to forget your return address.

They are perfect for out-of-towners to give to locals, since they do not have to be gift-wrapped—just tuck them in a Christmas card.

So maybe, knowing that you have a Plan B, Motley County Bucks, in case you do not find just the right gift, your shopping will be a bit less desperate, and that should improve your mood no end.

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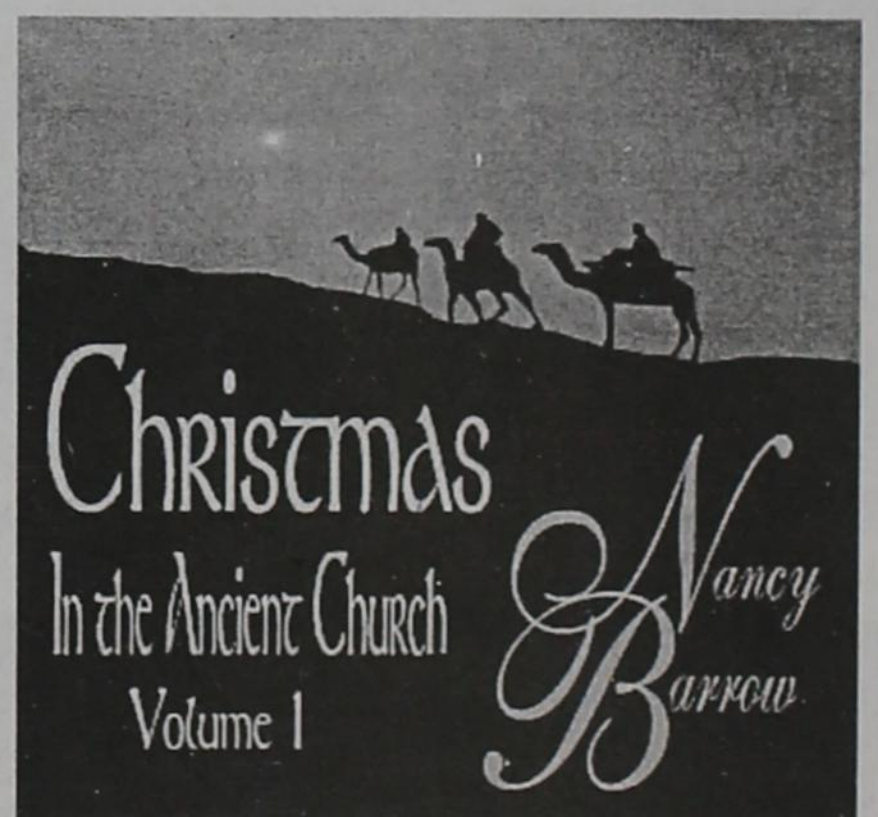
It expresses the true reason for the Christmas Season — the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Nine months in the making, this CD contains 19 tracks and is a mixture of Orthodox a cappella choral music and narrations. A 12-page color booklet is included.

This is the first CD released by former Matador resident, Nancy (Traweek) Barrow, who sings all the choral parts. It was recorded and mixed at Odell Audio Productions, Odell, Texas, by Kevin Cook.

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MATADORS

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MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Beginning at back (left to right) Coach Mike Bigham, Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Justin Newman, Stephen Webb, Will Butler, Coach Randy Brown, Coach Jake Wiederstein; (middle) Stacey Perryman, Eric Simpson, Andrew Martin, Ky Christopher, Jacob Blanco, Dayne Butler, Colby McCleskey and Isiah Archer; (front) Cheerleaders Emma Knowles, Courtney Alexander, Kyla Simpson, Christy Smith, Shane'a Russell and Mylissa Gilmore.

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LOWE'S PAY-N-SAVE

SEN. HUTCHISON DELIVERS \$4.2 MILLION FOR WEST TEXAS

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, recently secured \$4.2 million for Texas Tech University and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in the Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriations conference report. The measure passed the House of Representatives November 8 by a vote of 400-15, and the Senate by a voice vote. It will now go on to the president to be signed into law.

"Our commitment to scientific and technological progress has resulted in the best equipped, most formidable military force in the world," Sen. Hutchison said. "These funds will aid efforts at Texas Tech University and UT Permian Basin to provide our military with the most advanced technology and equipment to protect our country."

\$1.6 million in funding for Texas Tech University will support the continued research of nanophotonic technology which has civilian, military and homeland security applications. Research will focus on advanced materials and systems miniaturization to develop a new generation of devices that are lightweight, efficient and consume little energy. Another \$1.6 million in funding for the Texas Tech pulsed power electronics laboratory will focus on developing compact electrical generators that can be integrated into standard weapons systems with the purpose of disabling enemy electronic systems with a minimum of collateral damage.

Funds totaling \$1 million for UTPB will go toward the construction of a High Temperature Hydrogen Energy Production Facility. This facility will be used to conduct research in alternative energy sources and educate and train engineers in new nuclear reactor technologies that will generate electricity at efficiencies above 50% with no green house gasses.

The project, led by UTPB is a joint venture with Andres, Ector and Midland counties.

The Department encourages all Texans to apply the following weatherization measures to make their homes as energy efficient and affordable as possible:

- Install storm windows, or add caulking or sealant to existing windows to reduce the infiltration of cold air in the winter and warm air in the summer;
- Close drapes or blinds and lock windows to ensure a tight seal;
- Weather-strip the perimeter of exterior doors;
- Install insulation in your attic, walls (where accessible), and floors;
- Set water heater to 120 degrees and add an insulation blanket to the unit (check the manufacturer's label for important information);
- Add insulation to water pipes;
- Install low flow shower heads and faucet aerators;
- Use conservation showerheads to eliminate hot water waste;
- Install dampers in chimneys;
- Replace filters in heating and cooling systems on a monthly basis;
- Check the direction of ceiling fans: in the winter, set fans to move air downward; (counterclockwise); in the summer, set fans to move air upward (clockwise);
- Close the damper on fireplaces (when not in use) or add glass doors;
- Remove furniture and carpeting from heater vents to ensure proper circulation;
- Adjust the thermostat to slightly lower temperatures in the winter and slightly higher; temperatures in the summer when your family is sleeping or away from the home;
- Replace old appliances with new energy efficient models (look for the EnergyStar label); and,
- Install Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs.



Local Youth Wins 4-H Gold Star Award

Shane'a Russell, daughter of JD and D'anna Russell of Matador and member of the Motley 4-H club, received the District 3, 4-H Gold Star Award.

The Gold Star award is the highest award a 4-H member can receive at the district level. To qualify for the Gold Star Award, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, participated in 4-H for three years, complete a 4-H recordbook and have at least three 4-H projects.

Shane'a fulfilled all criteria and was presented with a certificate and Gold Star pin.

GRASS FIRES

IN MOTLEY COUNTY

By Earlene Jameson

Grass fires northeast of Matador on November 19-20 destroyed 2,400 acres before being brought under control.

The Matador Volunteer Fire Department was joined by the Paducah, Floydada, Roaring Springs, Dougherty, Turkey and Quitaque Fire Departments. They fought the grassland fires from 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 19, until Tuesday, November 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Acreage and miles of fences were lost on the Dora Fay Cook, Key West Ranch, Bob Stafford and Brent Durham grassland.

Rodney Williams, fire chief of the Matador Fire Department, said the fire departments of the surrounding counties were an invaluable resource.

"This group is never hesitant to help us when we call," he said. "They bring whatever resources we ask for."

In addition, the fire chief expressed his appreciation to the county commissioners and the use of four county motor graders; and three motor graders furnished by TxDOT plus a 6,500 gallon water tender.

Paducah brought a Light Plant, a powerful generator that illuminated the work area; and the North Texas Council of Governments provided a communication trailer.

The Fire Chief was also appreciative of the food and beverages brought to those fighting the fires by the firemen's wives and other concerned citizens.

"We are very appreciative of those citizens not associated with fire departments, that provided food and drinks to fire fighters on the front lines," he said.

MOTLEY COUNTY

LOOKING FOR RAIN

Motley County residents are looking for rains to make up for dry weather in October and November that helped farmers harvest a bumper cotton crop.

The National Weather Service reported an official "killing freeze" in Motley County early Monday morning November 26 that was a benefit to cotton farmers who did not defoliate. Wheat land is laying dormant

for lack of moisture. Strong demand and open markets have the Motley County cattle industry pleased in spite of soil moisture being short.

December 1 made its entry with a light sprinkle of rain and gusting winds.

The last day of November was the only moisture registered for the month by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, .04; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, .05; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, .02; Clois Shorter, Flomot, .00; and Betty Simpson of Northfield, .00.

STATE AGENCY

CALLS ON TEXANS TO

CHECK HOME ENERGY

"Whether or not Texans own or rent their homes, everyone can take energy cost-saving measures to maintain their home's affordability," explained TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber. "The savings resulting from home weatherization mean more dollars are put back in Texans' pockets to visit a doctor, buy medicine, buy groceries or otherwise improve their standard of living."

According to the DOE, people who have weatherized their home have saved an average of as much as \$300 in annual utility costs while adding an estimated \$1,000 to the value of their home. The dollar savings alone can make a big difference for low-income families.

TDHCA encourages low income Texans in need of weatherization assistance to learn about the state's Weatherization

Assistance Program, which is administered by TDHCA through funding received from the DOE, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Utility Program funds.

Weatherization activities supported by the program include energy education as well as home energy audits (a review of a home's energy efficiency, which identifies where air leaks may be occurring, inefficient appliances, etc.), and the installation of weatherization measures to increase energy efficiency of a home.

The weatherization work consists of caulking; weatherstripping; adding ceiling, wall, and floor insulation; patching holes in the building envelopes; and tune-up, repair or replacement of energy inefficient heating and cooling systems.

TDHCAs Weatherization Assistance Program supports professional weatherization teams across the state who review home energy efficiency and install weatherization measures that meet specific energy-savings goals. Since 2000, 34 local WAP contractors have weatherized more than 5,225 Texas homes throughout the state.

USDA SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is still offering members of the public an opportunity to voice opinions about the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and suggest ideas about improving ECP for the future. Interested individuals have until close of business on December 24 to submit comments for consideration.

ECP provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought. Funding for ECP is appropriated by Congress.

FSA is inviting public comment on ECP to ensure that the full range of issues and program alternatives are addressed, said Amy Hackler, Executive Director for the Motley County FSA.

According to Hackler, ECP currently offers qualified applicants assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conserva-

tion practices as determined by FSA county committees. Approved conservation practices include but are not limited to debris removal, fence and conservation structure restoration and livestock watering measures during drought.


Written comments on and requests for copies of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) should be directed to ECP SEIS, Geo-Marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Blvd, Suite D, Hampton, VA 23666-1572.

ECP and related program details can also be obtained by contacting Matthew Polish, National Environmental Compliance Manager, USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0512; or, via email at Mathew.polish@wdc.usda.gov.

To learn more about ECP program issues and proposed alternatives, please review the Federal Register at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/e7-20961.pdf>.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

The Year I Was The Family Hero

By Lucretia Estes Campbell

The year I was the family hero was Thanksgiving 1926. I was seven years old.

Matador used to have a Merchants Day every year the second Saturday of November. Different businesses would offer specials. The barber shop gave a discounted haircut and a shave; the dry goods store staged giveaways every hour on the hour; and other merchants opened their stores and invited the public in for drawings and giveaways.

The highlight of Merchants Day was the giveaway of two Thanksgiving turkeys. The man that raised poultry in the county would throw two live turkeys off the banks building, and whoever caught those turkeys could keep them.

Deep in the Great Depression, times were hard for everyone in the county. We had a family of five girls, a grandmother living with us, and mom and dad; money was tight. Mother had already told us that we couldn't afford a turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas. That meant one turkey, two holidays. Well, I was very interested in capturing a turkey at the Merchant's Day turkey toss for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

I remember there was an old heavy-set man in a Model-T Ford that always came to the

seat of his Model-T Ford holding that turkey.

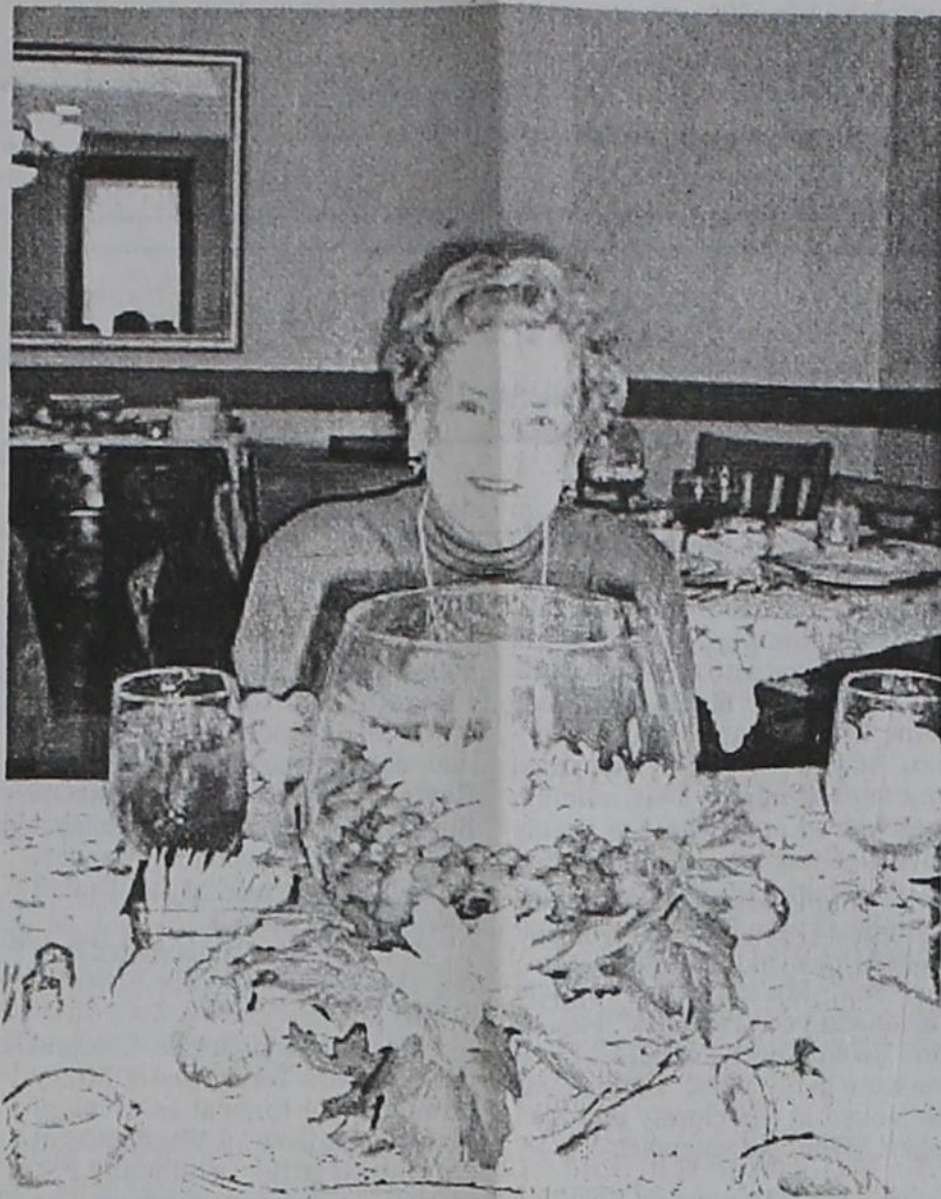
Dad staked the turkey in the back yard, and it was my job to water and feed him until Christmas. I got very attached to the turkey, petting him, feeding him. He got really fat between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Christmas finally came and Mamma killed my turkey and cooked him for Christmas dinner. It was a good thing I had Thanksgiving turkey, because I didn't eat a bite of turkey that Christmas.

It is hard work being the family hero. The last event of Merchant's Day would be the tossing of the turkeys. I waited in front of the bank all afternoon. Mamma had already moved down the street, checking out the giveaway at the dry goods store. When the poultry man threw off the turkeys, one flew directly into my opened arms. There was a big struggle while that turkey was trying to get away. I remember the old man yelling, "hold on girlie, hold on girlie."

I held on, and he took me home sitting proudly in the front

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Lucretia Estes Campbell enjoys Thanksgiving at the Matador Hotel

School Menu

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.

Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Oven Fries, Cookie, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Corn Dog, Mexican Beans, Salad, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Corn, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 13

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Ham Slice, Broccoli/Rice, Corn, Celery Stick, Hot Roll, Spice Cake, Milk.

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Simple tips for holiday decorating, cooking and other activities from a leading energy retailer

Houston, TX (Nov. 26, 2007) - Everybody wants to make their holidays merry and bright. But this year, WTU Retail Energy, a Direct Energy company, is suggesting that consumers resolve to do so without using so much energy. For example, WTU Retail Energy estimates that Texans will spend almost \$60 million in electricity costs for their holiday lights over the month of December. There's nothing Scrooge-like about giving back to the planet by being environmentally conscious. In fact, it could be the start of a "green" holiday tradition.

To help make that possible, WTU Retail Energy, part of one of the largest North American providers of energy and energy-related services, is offering consumers tips on trimming their holiday energy usage, which can spike significantly during this festive time of year.

"People have a lot on their mind during the holiday season, so making a few smart choices can go a long way towards helping keep their energy costs down and help our environment at the same time," said David Dollihite, a company vice president. Part of Dollihite's job is helping consumers identify sources of energy inefficiency in their homes and providing them with practical suggestions to make them more energy efficient.

WTU Retail Energy is recommending these measures to reduce usage and maximize efficiency during the holidays:

- Turn down the heat a few degrees. Doing so could

save 10 percent on heating bills. Reducing the heat before guests arrive makes sense, too, because all their extra body heat will soon warm up the room.

- Dim the lights and have memorable holiday meals by candlelight. You could even "go organic" and try soy candles.

- Decorate using LED bulbs, which have a rated life of 50,000 hours, representing nearly 20 years of normal usage. That's a bargain, especially when compared with incandescent lights, which last just 600 to 1,000 hours.

- Wrap gifts with conservation in mind. If everyone wrapped just three gifts in reused paper or fabric gift bags, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 ice hockey rinks.

- Don't open the oven door to peek at what's cooking. It can lower oven temperatures as much as 25 degrees, which increases cooking time and gobbles energy. Use the oven light and window instead.

- Remember your other cooking appliances when preparing a holiday meal. Great for cooking or for heating up holiday dinner leftovers, microwaves use about 50 percent less energy than conventional ovens.

- Use your dishwasher for cleanup. A dishwasher requires 37 percent less water than washing dishes by hand.

- Buy miniature decorative lights, which use about 70 percent less energy and last much longer than bigger bulbs. Connect them to an automatic timer to reduce the chance of leaving your holiday lights burning all night or while you're away.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Giant precision drill teams go cart-wheeling across the land. It seems so when the sun is just right and distance is right for the new wind turbines to appear to be sitting on the horizon. Going back and forth driving a lot, I see scenery that I enjoy. I glimpsed that image coming home from my daughter's today before I turned off to Daughtery. Whether it is nature or something mechanical there is always things of interest to observe on my short journeys. The wildlife and cattle always catch my eye.

Corky Marshall attended a seminar in Austin last week to learn about the five homes for low income families that Roaring Springs expects to get. Work will begin in 2008; actual construction will likely begin in 2009. The seminar was sponsored by Grant Works. Corky went on Wednesday and returned home on Friday. Some of the other area towns represented were: Muleshoe, Slaton, Morton, and Floydada. The meeting was informative and some towns that had already received their housing shared their experiences and advice. He enjoyed eating at Underwood's in Brownwood on his return trip. He said that it was good as it ever was; he described the cherry pie so eloquently that it made my mouth water!

Twenty-one people attended an appreciation dinner to honor the city employees, the city council and the economic development people last Friday evening at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant in Roaring Springs. A feast of chicken fried steak, squash casserole, mashed potatoes, salads, wonderful rolls and deserts were served. City employees attending were Zella Palmer and Robert Osborn. Council members attending were: Alex Crowder, Kelly Keltz, Timmy Brooks, P.K. Green and Mayor, Corky Marshall. Economic Development people attending were: Kenneth Abbott, Travis

McPherson and Don Stuckey. The wives and children of employees and council members in attendance were: Olivia and Jonathan Osborn and Karris Valdez, Tina, Christian and Mattie Brooks, Pennie Keltz, Jo Crowder, Suzanne Abbott, Billie Sue Stuckey and Monta Marshall.

The First United Methodist announced plans to host a Christmas dinner again for any who will not be going away or having family in for the holidays. The dinner will be served at the Lula Swim Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Christmas Day. A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m.

Visiting with the Alex Crowders for Thanksgiving were their daughter, Denisa Gentry and friends, Curtis, Dustin and Hanna Brown of Dalhart; their son Buddy Crowder of Lubbock; granddaughters Amber, Robert and Shandy Hale of Midland and Janice Parker of Quinlan, TX. Jo's sisters, Judy and her husband Louie Vaughn of Snyder; Lee Cook and Gennetta Ameijide of Roaring Springs.

The Methodist Men of Lubbock met for fellowship on Monday evening at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall.

Walter and Jo Trammell and Barbara Alexander toured My Father's House in Lubbock on Thursday last week. They were much impressed with the facility and the work being done there with young mothers and their children.

Word was received here that Nadine Cooper died on Tuesday of last week. Nadine had been battling pneumonia for some time. She was 95 years old. Her body was donated to science. A memorial service was held for her in Plainview. We extend our sympathy to her son, Robert Cooper.

The Full Gospel Church will have their Christmas program on Sunday morning December 16, at 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, and adults will have parts in a play, *The Christmas Shoes*. The public is invited.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes, Ma'am," he replied. "When did you graduate?" I asked him. He answered, "In 1964." "Why you were in my class!" I exclaimed. He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

Salt and Susan Jones of Calgary, Alberta Canada, visited during the week with his father and wife, M.C. and Barbara Jones and in Quitaque with his mother and husband, Ann and Buck Chadwick. Other weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jones were his son, Pepper Jones of Austin and friend, Don Burton of Cedar Creek Lake.

Tyler, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. Saturday afternoon the birthdays of twins, Trent and Trevor celebrated their first birthday at a party given by their parents, Ty and Brittany Barclay. It was held

at the Riley Turner Lodge in Matador. They blew out their one candle on beautiful decorated cakes. Special guests were great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay of Lockney in addition to grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Kathy and Clois Shorter had lunch in Lubbock, Saturday with their daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville. Kathy and Clois enjoyed the Gaither Homecoming Concert Saturday night held at the United Spirit Arena Lubbock.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited during the week with his brother, Johnnie Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee and daughter, Mrs. Teresa Lee of Turkey attended the funeral services of Mrs. Margie Row, 79, Wednesday at 2 p.m. held at the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon. She is the mother of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joey (Brenda) Lee of Clarendon.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn and daughter, Danielle attended the football game of Valley vs Rule Friday night held at the Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Attending Trent and Trevor Barclay's first birthday party Saturday afternoon in Matador were great grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington, great aunt, Mrs. Connie Franks and friend, Anissa Huckert of Lubbock.

Visiting the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara Franks were Cary Franks of Idalou, Anissa Huckert of Lubbock and Clint Cowart of Post.

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Ann Seigler, Fredia Burns, Carol Campbell, and Kay Bailey attended the Gaither Homecoming concert in Lubbock, Saturday, December 1.

Emma Potts of Southlake, Texas, accompanied her father, Richard Potts and twin brothers, Sam and Cooper, to Matador on December 1 to visit her grandmother.

Marisue Potts Powell at the family ranch. Family members who came by were Lou Burleson, Beverly Brock, Jim and Marianne Potts, Grant, Neal, and Jay Potts. Emma, who will be five soon, ended the weekend of hiking and sightseeing by attending Granny's Tea Party on Sunday in Joyce Campbell's home.

"Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."

Proverbs 24: 14

OBITUARIES

Florea Ruth "Jonsie" Jones TULLIA — Florea Ruth "Jonsie" Jones, 83, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007. Services were Monday in Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel in Tulla with Colquitt Nash, chaplain of Area Community Hospice, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Florea was born Feb. 9, 1924, in Flomot to Harvey Orville and Annie Lee Morris Washington. She grew up in Flomot and graduated from Flomot High School in 1942. She married A.B. "Burl" Jones on May 2, 1942, in Matador. They lived in Flomot and farmed and later moved to Floyd, N.M., where they owned and operated a dairy. They moved to Tulla in 1958, where they farmed for many years. Mr. Jones died on October 3, 2007.

She also was preceded in death by a son, A.B. Jones, Jr., in 1969.

Survivors include two sons, Rex Jones and wife Kay of Dumas and Max Jones of Tulla; a sister, Zelma Radney of Sanger; nine grandchildren, Travis, Kimberly, Ryan, and Ross Jones; Clint, Justin, and Brandon Clark, and Hill Holland and Carmyn Harrison; 17 great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law Judy Clark and husband Dickie of Happy.

The family suggests memorials be to the Area Community Hospice, 3109 Olton Road, Suite C, Plainview, TX 79072.

Felix Moreno Ramirez

Felix Moreno Ramirez, 77, of Afton, died Sunday, November 25, 2007.

He was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. Felix was a very gentle and kind man. He was born in Afton, Texas, on June 9, 1929.

Felix helped his father plow and grow cotton as a young boy. He went to school in Roaring Springs and Afton and at the age of 21 he joined the U.S. Army. Mr. Ramirez went through his military training in Fort Sill, OK and received an honorable discharge in 1953.

In 1954 he married Monica Ortiz of Devine, Texas. They had six children, five girls and one boy. Felix was a big part of the Afton community and was a self employed farmer and rancher.

Felix leaves behind his wife, Monica of 52 years; five daughters, Martha of Austin; Ruby and husband Ed of Odessa; Rosa and husband Maurice of Plano, Margaret of Dallas; and Linda of Fort Worth; one son, Ernest and wife Sandra of Afton; three brothers, Lewis Ramirez of Slaton, Sally Ramirez of Roaring Springs; and Fred Ramirez of Perkins, OK; six grandchildren, J. L., Logan, Marcus, Ashley, Melania, and Diezel.

Felix was preceded in death by

his father and three of his brothers. Graveside services were held November 29, at the Roaring Springs Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Charles Louis Tanner

TULLIA — Charles Louis Tanner, 73, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2007. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Helms and the Rev. James Sain officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery by Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Tulla.

Charles was born Feb. 4, 1934, in Quitaque to Austin Louis and Lillie Belle Morris Tanner. He grew up in Flomot and graduated from Flomot High School in 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1955, where he served in the 11th Airborne Division "Angels" and was discharged in 1958. He moved to Tulla in 1959 and married Sue Potter on June 30, 1960.

Charlie worked in agriculture around Tulla for more than 30 years as a farmer, rancher and manager of Lively-Bagley and Tule Creek farms. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and the Tulla VFW, American Legion and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; two daughters, Kim Caraway and husband Randy and Jamie Villegas and husband Bob, all of Tulla; two sons, Robert Tanner and wife Pam of Tulla and Chad Tanner of Austin; four sisters, Geneva "Bo" Martin and Anna Beth Clay, both of Flomot, Joy Barham of Hart and Carolyn Ewing of Matador; two brothers-in-law, Danny Potter of Dumas and Joe Ike Clay of Flomot; his mother-in-law, Marzelle Arnold of Tulla; special family members, Rusty and Tonya Ray of Idalou; 13 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

The family suggests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 701 N. El Paso Ave., Tulla, TX 79088.

Nadine Cooper

Nadine Cooper, 95, died November 27, 2007, at Prairie House Living Center in Plainview where she had resided for almost 12 years.

Memorial services were held Saturday, December 1, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Plainview.

She was born December 7, 1911, in Van Zandt County. She married Bob Cooper June 29, 1935 in Dickens and lived most of her life in Roaring Springs. She was preceded in death

by her husband and a daughter, Gwendolyn Gentry.

Nadine is survived by a son, Robert, of Roaring Springs; two grandsons, Stan and Ken Gentry; and one brother, Doc Cross of Plainview. She donated her body to Texas Tech Health Science Center.

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BY THOMAS MUSSER



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Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of OJD Engineering, Inc., 502 N. Dowden Rd., Ste. 102 Wolforth, TX, 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301. Documents may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 per set. This fee is not refundable. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Michael Adams, PE.

This bid is a unit price contract. Method of payment to contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payment.

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City of Matador, Pat Smith, Mayor, November 8, 2007

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And yet, there is One who made an even greater sacrifice than our nation's men and women in uniform. It is through His sacrifice we might enjoy an even greater freedom than that which is our nation's proud heritage.

Jesus. He died to free us from sin and to give us the liberty of serving God as we were created to do. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death and condemnation. It was through His work at Calvary's cross that we are given the hope of eternal life. How ungrateful we would be if we failed to acknowledge this great sacrifice. Jesus at the Cross, gave us the greatest of liberty, the right to become children of God.

The Bible tells us that Jesus "... gave His life as a ransom for many." In remembering of our nation's hard won freedoms, let us appreciate also the freedom we have found through Jesus Christ.

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- 7 Matador vs Jayton, Semi-Final, Lubbock,
- 10 J.H. Basketball @ Valley - 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Lady Mats Basketball w/ Jayton Here - 5:00 / 6:30
- 12 Gymnastics Program - 10:00 a.m.
- 14 H.S. Basketball w/ McLean Here - 6:30 p.m.
- 14 PIPS Performance Halftime of Girls Game w/McLean
- 16 Matador First Baptist Church, Christmas Cantada, 11am
- 17 J.H. Basketball w/ Silverton Here - 5:30 p.m.
- 18 School Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Early Release - 12:20 p.m.
- 22 Christmas Break Begins
- 23 Matador First Baptist Church, Children's Choir, A Night to Remember, 7pm

January

- 7 School Resumes

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