



This rustic Fall scene is displayed in the yard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stuckey in Roaring Springs.

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## Local historian to display military collection at library

By Carol Campbell

Local historian Ronald Bailey was only nine months old when Pearl Harbor was bombed, but he remembers vividly growing up in Whiteflat where "everyone was in uniform" and airplanes flew out of Childress to the bombing range west of Antelope Hill.

In 1954, when he was just 13 years old, he bought his first piece of war memorabilia—a canteen from the Civil War era. He still has that canteen, and his passion for war memorabilia and his insatiable curiosity about America's foreign and domestic wars have never abated.

Collecting had a snowball effect. "Canteens led to collecting belts to hold the canteens, which led to an interest in bayonets to go on the belts," Bailey said. Every major war in American history is represented in his canteen collection, from the Civil War to the Indian Wars to the Spanish-American Wars, and both World Wars.

"I don't go for replicas," Bailey said. "I only go for the real thing—things used in actual wars." And once people found out Ronnie was collecting, they started giving him memorabilia for his collection. "They knew it would be safe with me," he said.

Perhaps the most unusual artifact in his collection is a captured Nazi Banner still sporting blood stains from the battle. The flag was captured by Robert L.

(Bob) Williams of Eastland during World War II. Bob was a tech Sergeant in the 636 Tank Destroyer Battalion of the 36th Infantry Division, 5th Army. The Banner was captured in 1943 at Gresto, Italy, on the road to Rome. This artifact has a local connection. Wade Berryman, a local World War II hero, was also in this division, Bailey said.

Bailey also sports a large war library, and knows his facts on every piece in his personal collection. But he considers himself more than just a collector. "I'm really a researcher," he said. "I have fun researching everything, not just military."

His research has led him to publish three books: In addition to writing the *History of Eastland County*, he has chronicled two family books: *John Bailey and his Descendants (1748-1816)*; and his wife's family, the *Rattan Family in Texas (1837)*.

While serving as editor of the history of Eastland County, his wife, Kay, can vouch for his methodical research methods. "Our dining room table had Eastland County on it for three years," she said. Providing other insight into the mind of an ardent researcher, she adds, "as far as I know, he has never read fiction. He reads to find out about something." And vacation? Forget it, she said. "Every holiday or spare time from work was in a library from Fort Worth Public Library, to San Antonio, Abilene, Longview, Gilmer, Waco, Eastland, and Arlington.

"Hey, this was my idea of fun," Ronnie adds.

Finding out became the passion. "I have kinfolks in every war in Texas history," Bailey said. Research for his second book on his great-great-great-grandfather John Bailey (1748-1816) led to copies of Muster Rolls and land grant abstracts, which Bailey has framed in his museum.

"I have an 1836 Muster Roll of E.M. Collins, a relative who fought in the Siege of Bexar County," he said. He also sports a copy of the 640-acre land grant given to Collins for his service in that war.

"I have a distant cousin who died at the Alamo," he said. Bailey County was named for this relative, Peter James Bailey. And research at the Texas Ranger Museum in Waco revealed another distant cousin, Jesse Bailey, who was killed by Indians in 1837.

In honor of Veteran's Day in November, Ronnie has graciously agreed to share his museum with the Matador public. His collection will be on display in the Library annex November 7-9.

"This is an amazing collection," Librarian Buffy Crutchley said. "We are very fortunate to have it displayed, and we invite the public to come by the library annex to see, touch, and read," she said.



### Military collection

Local Historian, Ronald Bailey, is pictured here with only a small amount of his vast military collection. He will share his collection with local residents at the Motley County Library in honor of Veterans' Day, November 7-9.

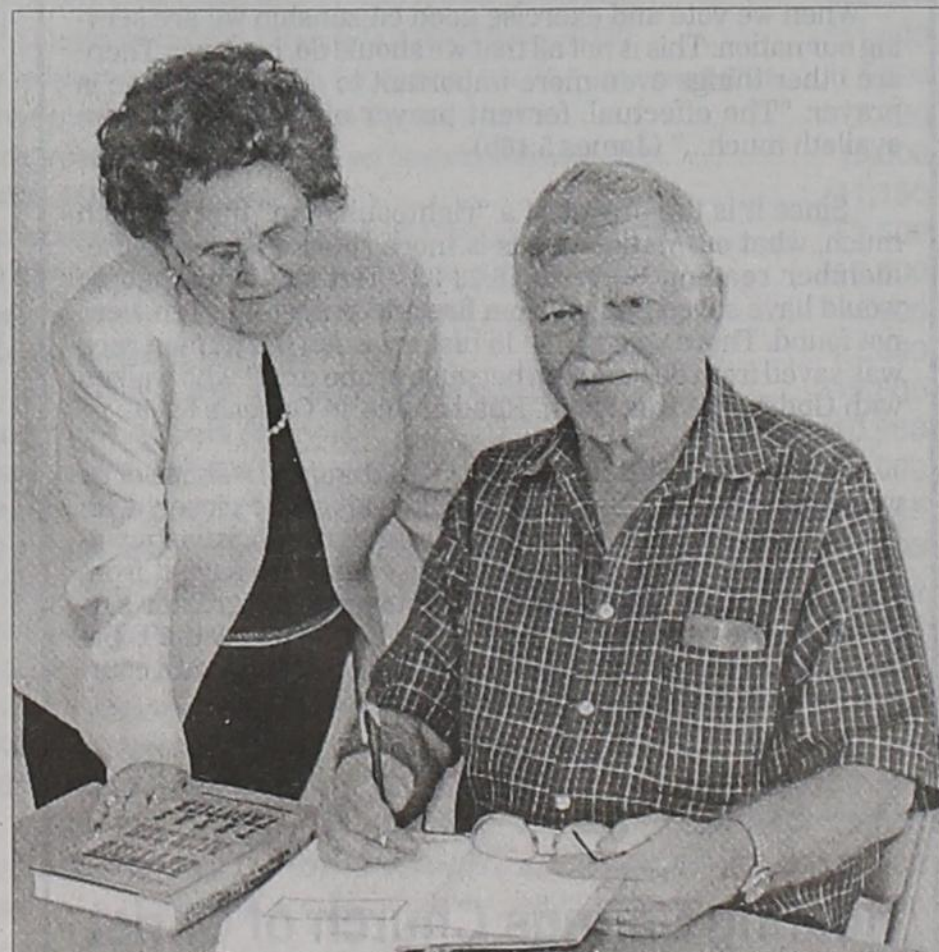
## Library hosts book signing

The Motley County Library hosted a book-signing party featuring author Bill Neal on Sunday, October 28, in the Library Annex.

Neal discussed his newly published book, *Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier*, followed by questions from the audience and answers from the author. Following the presentation, Friends of the Library served punch and cookies to about 35 guests.

Neal, who said he had been hanging out in Texas courthouses for 40 years as a prosecutor and country lawyer, was gathering material for his second career as a writer and author. *Getting Away with Murder* is about notorious killings and celebrated trials on the northwest Texas and Oklahoma Territory frontier.

Everyone had a story in the courthouse scene, Neal said. He listened to the stories, and became convinced that "many of these yarns were just too good to be left buried and forgotten." He spent many hours collecting and researching old tales of



Matador resident, Winifred Darsey, gets her book signed by author Bill Neal. Mr. Neal spoke about his book, *Getting Away With Murder on the Texas Frontier* at the Library Sunday afternoon.

## Motley Co. I.S.D. acknowledged for Academic Performance

Motley County I.S.D. officials were pleased to learn that the district received Gold Performance Acknowledgments from the Texas Education Agency in the areas of Attendance, Commended Performance in Math and Science, and the Recommended High School Program. The Gold Performance Acknowledgment system acknowledges districts and campuses for high performance on indicators other than those used to determine accountability ratings.

Districts with an attendance rate of 96% or higher for the 2005-2006 school year were eligible for the Gold Performance

Acknowledgments. The Motley County attendance rate was 97.5%.

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## Methodist Church will host annual Harvest Festival

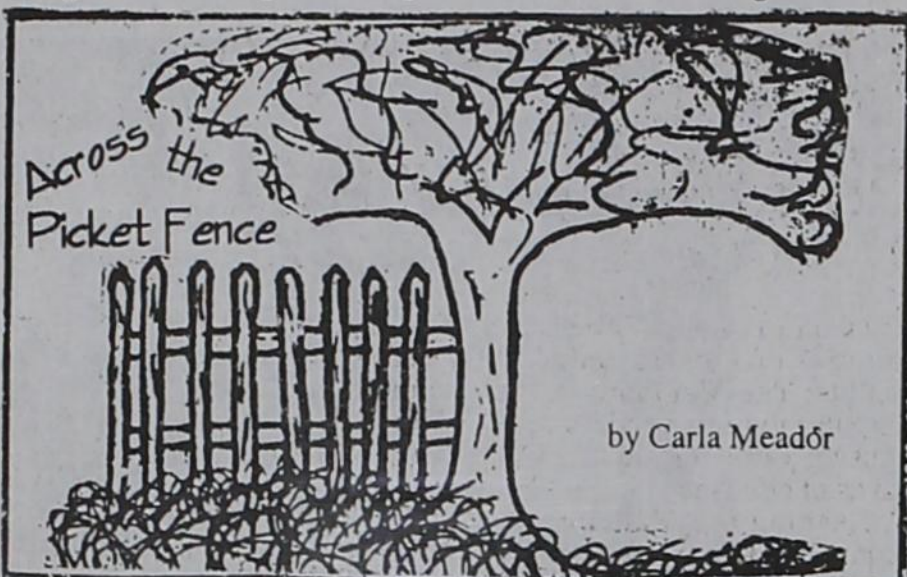
The First United Methodist Church of Matador will hold their annual Harvest Festival Sunday, November 4 at 10:30 am. A turkey and dressi-

ner will be served at 12:00 noon. The special guest speaker will be Dr. Dan Solomon,

Bishop-in-Residence at McMurry University. He has served as a bishop of both the Louisiana and Oklahoma Conferences, as well as the preacher for many churches in Texas. At present he is the

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Congratulations to the MC Matadors for their great and exciting season. The guys have assured a place in the play-offs. Best wishes to the team. I truly hope they go all the way.

I know this season is extra special for all you football parents. Friday night excitement is the best especially when your kid is on the team. I sat through hot sun, rain and freezing rain, sleet, snow and cold wind to watch my son play football in Jr. High and High School.

We have a great group of fans here at Motley County. And I know our team really appreciates the support.

Good luck, guys!

I'm not much of a Halloween person. I've never really cared for this 'holiday' much. But, I know the kids enjoy dressing up and trick-or-treating. My Sunday School class made Hallelujah Holy Pumpkin Angels last Sunday. We had a fun time, and they really got creative and turned out some pretty little pumpkin angels.

I always buy candy, but with our home location, we rarely have many trick-or-treaters.

But somehow the candy disappears after a few weeks. And I'm sure to get the good kind, like little Snicker bars, or Milky Way bars. I want my trick-or-treaters to have the best - and of course those are the kind I like.

Don't forget to Fall Back this weekend. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to bed, so you'll get to church at the right time.

Today (Wednesday morning) is one of those blustery Fall days. The wind is blowing enough to scatter the fallen leaves. Since last week's column, the colors are definitely changing and getting prettier everyday. Drive down Main Street and you'll see what I mean.

Another thanks to those of you who have voiced concern for Jim and I. Jim is doing great at the DPS Academy. It's tough, but he's making it just fine. And I'm feeling better and stronger everyday. We really appreciate your prayers.

## Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley



What a wonderful time we all had at the Library on Sunday! Thank you to everyone who took time out to come listen in on our book discussion and signing with Bill Neal. It was so much fun.

I definitely want to thank Suzanne, Marisue, Sharon, Regina and the rest of the Friends of the Library for making the day so special.

I also have to say a HUGE thank you to Mr. Neal for coming to speak with us. I cannot wait to sit down and read my

copy of *Getting Away With Murder*, and I look forward to reading about Motley County in the next book!

For those of you waiting for a fresh supply of books to be at the library, you don't have to wait any longer! The UPS man was kind enough to drop me a huge box as I was walking out the door yesterday. I don't know yet what was inside, but I know they're goodies. So bring yourself down to the Library and we'll find you something to read!

## Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

### CONSIDER

Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles. -Anonymous

Ok, it's early yet, much too early, to be talking about the coming holiday season, but the truth is that it will soon be upon us, and planning for it is necessary.

And Late Night Shopping, soon to be held in Roaring Springs and Matador, is definitely an event that features the very best Yuletide decorations. People from all around converge on the towns, where they meet friends in the streets and in the shops, and catch up on the latest news while they get their Christmas shopping off to a good start.

Roaring Springs always goes first, and this year is no exception. The shops will open their doors for the Late Night festivities on the first Friday after Thanksgiving, November 24.

Late Night Shopping in Matador will follow on Thursday December 6.

So why talk about it so early? To give you time to prepare, of course. Late Night Shopping is not only an evening when Santa turns up to talk to

the children, and the shops stay open and it seems as if the whole county is milling around chatting. It is a time when anyone can join in the fun.

Groups can stage fund-raisers. What about a bake sale? But you don't have to see it only as a chance for groups: it is an opportunity for individuals as well. If you are good with the knitting needles or needle and thread, you can offer the fruits of your labors for friends and neighbors. Families can spend the next few weeks preparing things together, shelling pecans and knitting pot holders and making jewelry, and then set up tables along the walkways in the towns where they offer a variety of surprises for the shoppers.

And don't forget the Art Sale for artists from the surrounding area that will be held in Matador during Late Night Shopping.

Remember, the more people get involved, the more fun it is for everybody, and the more beneficial it is for the towns. There is no charge for setting up tables or booths, and you don't even have to register them. Just plan to do it.

So mark your calendar for the two Late Night Shopping events: Friday, November 23 in Roaring Springs; and Thursday, December 6, in Matador.

Now, get busy and see what delights you can prepare between now and then.

## Hackberry Care Center accepts resignation from board member

by Marisue Potts Powell

The board of directors for Hackberry Creek Care Center accepted the resignation of board member Paul Westbrook in a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on October 8. Board President Seab Washington and the other members recognized Westbrook for his invaluable service in the planning, construction and implementation of policies for the non-profit care center. Although retired from the industry, he and his wife, Dortha possessed a wealth of experience in the administration of various care centers, including one at Floydada. Mrs. Westbrook continues her work at the center in a key position of billing and accessing the condition of patients for billing.

In her report to the board, Mrs. Rosie Rendon, administrator, discussed the possibilities of employing a therapist for speech, physical and occupational therapy for residents. With the current census of seventeen and growing, she sees the need for a therapist three times a week. This would be a great asset for the majority of residents. Mrs. Rendon is encouraging her staff to pay particular attention to ways to make the facility even better: a great attitude about work, exceptional service and hospitality, food pleasing to residents, simpler admission policy, and more interesting activities for the residents. In the latter, she suggested that activities, espe-

cially in arts and crafts, might be a way for community volunteers to participate.

In anticipation of a therapist coming soon on a regular basis, Mrs. Rendon expressed the need for equipment for the therapy room. Board member Darleen Fletcher said that the matching grant provided by the Meadows foundation would provide for many of the needed items, as well as beds that automatically turn the patient to prevent bedsores and king size therapy beds for the larger person.

Referrals of potential residents should be made to Mrs. Rendon at 806-347-2942. The board's goal is to reach 22 patients in the near future.

Donations that will apply to the Meadows matching grant have been received from Alex and Jo Crowder, and memorials to honor C.D. Garrison by Edna Ruth Green, JoAnn Durham by Sammie Phillips. The Meadows Foundation will match dollar for dollar until the deadline is reached very soon. If anyone is thinking of utilizing this opportunity of doubling his/her money in a donation to the care center, please contact Sammie Phillips at the first chance.

Anyone who is interested in filing out the term vacated by Paul Westbrook or anyone who has a candidate for this position should contact a member of the board: Seab Washington, Jim Watson, Chuck Ream, Charlie Johnson, Doyle Rose, Darleen Fletcher, Sammie Phillips, or Marisue Powell.

## Local Baptist Churches participating in Operation Christmas Child

The First Baptist Churches in Roaring Springs and Matador are once again taking part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Christmas Shoeboxes will be prepared and sent to needy children all over the world.

Those wishing to participate

in Matador should bring items to the church in Matador no later than Wednesday, November 7. Contact Elaine Risser at the church, 347-2345, for more information.

Those wishing to participate in Roaring Springs should contact Monta Marshall, 348-7000.

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Proverbs 17:22

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## METHODIST CHURCH

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president of the Texas United Methodist College Association. Bishop Solomon was born in Matador and the Methodist Church was his first church home. He is a descendant of the Jenkins family and the nephew of Mary McMahan.

The church extends an invitation to everyone to attend this special worship service and turkey feast.

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16

Blair Wilson of  
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## Why Are We So Blessed?



The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12). Also, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

When we vote and exercise good citizenship we are serving our nation. This is not all that we should do, however. There are other things even more important to our nation. One is prayer. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much..." (James 5:16b).

Since it is the prayer of a "righteous man" that availeth much, what our nation needs is more righteous people. Remember reading Genesis 18:23-32? Ten righteous people would have saved Sodom from fire and brimstone. Ten were not found. There was a time in history when the human race was saved from destruction because of one man "who walked with God." That was Noah. Read of this in Genesis 6:7-9.

All this translates into at least two things: (1) Those of us who profess to be Christians should walk more closely with God by following His word faithfully and, (2) Christian evangelism is needed desperately in this country to save it from crime and other forms of unrighteousness. No greater service could be rendered to our nation. Let us follow the Bible faithfully. Let us teach its principles diligently and with courage. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

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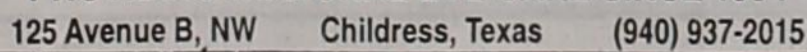
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| 2000 Chevy Reg Cab Sport Side 4X4 yellow/charcoal cloth, 5.3 V8 auto, 110K, XM#3263.....                        | \$12,500          |
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| 2006 Chevy 2500HD Cab & Chassis4X4,red/charcoal cloth,work truck pkg, positrack,cruise, 6.0V8 auto,25K.....     | FLAT BED \$19,800 |
| 2002 Pontiac Montana Van silver/gray cloth,V6 auto, 103K,7-pass,CD, pwr seat,quad seating#4315.....             | \$6,500           |
| 2005 Chevy 2500HDcrew cab,long bed,4X4,silver/charcoal cloth,Duramax,Allison auto, XM,94K#4323.....             | \$25,000          |
| 2001 Chevy 250HDcrew cab, short bed, 4X4, pewter/tan leather, LS, Duramax, 173K, NICE#4324.....                 | \$15,500          |
| 2006 Chevy Silverado Ext Cab 4X4,Z71, white/tan cloth,LT1 pkg,5.3 V8,positrack,HD tow pkg,33K#4321.....         | \$21,975          |
| 2006 Chevrolet Avalanche 2WD, white/gray cloth, 5.3 V8 auto, 59K, tow pkg, pwr seat, 1 owner #4317.....         | \$22,350          |



## Family Eye Care



# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Where never is heard...a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day. I didn't hear this discouraging word; I saw it printed on the side of a plastic bag! It read, "You will do 5,830 loads of laundry in your life." Rats I do not even want to think about it! Perhaps in my 50 plus years of homemaking I have gotten a lot of them done already, but still, I would rather not be reminded. I likely have many more loads of grungy clothes to go. I have washed muddy irrigation farmer's clothes, mechanic's clothes, cowhand's clothes, diapers (yeah, we used to have to wash those too!), messy kid clothes and dusty clothes to mention a few. On the flip side, we can complain or we can be thankful we have nice warm clothes to wash and the water to do it in; not to mention the washers and dryers we have a few steps away. We are blessed, some countries don't even have enough potable water to drink, wash their bodies not to mention for washing clothes!

Word was received that Jay Dillard, the son of Bill Dillard, was killed in a traffic accident in Oklahoma City Tuesday, October 23. Jay was the father of Travis and Shannon who were badly burned and died in a fireworks accident in July. Jay is a nephew of Bennie D. Dillard.

Harley Alsop has recently returned from visiting at Whiteside, Tennessee (near Chattanooga). Harley visited his daughters and granddaughters. Granddaughter, Kristen gave birth to a baby girl, Breyanna Grace on October 16th. This is Harley's first great grandchild. Harley also visited with Chase Webster, songwriter at Franklin, TN. While there he saw the homes of Kenny Chesney, George Jones and Carl Smith who live in the same neighborhood.

Harley's granddaughter, Chelsea had her 14th birthday while he was there. He reported that she is doing well in school and is as tall as he is. Chelsea attended Motley County School year before last for a while.

Zella Palmer attended the Fall Fest at the Spur School on Saturday night. Her grandson, Dylan Adams

and Ashley Allred were the 7th grade king and queen. Dylan and Ashley were crowned Spur Junior High king and queen.

Johnny and Tammy Palmer, Miranda and Tinley Slover of Lubbock visited Sunday with Zella Palmer. James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas visited this week with Zella also. James, Pat and Zella drove to Aspermont on Tuesday evening to watch Shelby Spikes, James' and Pat's granddaughter, play volleyball.

There were seven women present for the United Methodist's John Wesley Study Guide at the Lula Swim Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 21st. Pearl Patten was hostess; Chelsea Read gave the lesson from Standing on the Promises or Sitting on the Promises, a book by James Moore. The study was on the promise of God's presence. Others attending were Joy Beeson, Callie Giesecke, Callie's sister Ethel Smith, Billie Stuckey, and Jo Etta Bumgardner.

The Women on Mission of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday morning to prepare for their annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry. Also discussed was the setting up of a booth to sell the group's Manna and More cookbooks at Late Night Shopping. The women will also be making tied fleece blankets to send overseas with Samaritan's Purse. Anyone wishing to be a part of the Shoebox ministry that sends shoeboxes filled with toys and personal items for children around the world is welcome to come and help or contribute items to fill the boxes. They will need to be finished by November 17th. The pick-up place for this year's boxes will be the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Don and Billie Stuckey were in Clovis, NM last Saturday. Don was a judge in Joe's Boot Shop's first annual scarecrow contest. The winner received \$500.00. They also visited with friends from the Melrose, NM area.

Carl and Ann Reed, of Indianapolis, Indiana visited John and Barbara Alexander recently John is their nephew.



**TRUCK ROADEO** — Randy Martin, Billy Osborn, Terry Simpson and Shawn Elliott, (pictured left to right), were high scoring individuals for the Motley County Maintenance section and competed in the district rodeo finals recently. TxDOT sponsored the annual Truck Rodeo at the Childress Airport for their truck operators to take part in a show of their driving skills. TxDOT drivers participate in an obstacle course as part of their fleet safety training. This simulates situations encountered during a normal workday. The driver with the top score in each work group was eligible to compete in the finals, as well as the additional high scoring individuals.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Roaring Springs and Matador Fire Departments for their response to the fire at our home, Tuesday morning. A special thanks to James McCleskey, John Alexander and to the unidentified man in the white pickup, who alerted us to the fire and helped. At times like this we appreciate even more that we live in Motley County.

Russell & Lori Alexander

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

I am told gated communities are a way of life nowadays. When confronted by one you have the inconvenience of remembering the numerical code.

UGH! I can remember spending the first few years of my marriage in a gated community. Ours was the only house in it. We had two gates between us and the county road. Neither of them could be opened by pushing a button. Anybody who has ever done it knows the only thing tougher than opening a barbed wire gate is closing it back!

Visiting recently with Johnnie Starkey was his granddaughter, Johna Starkey who is stationed with the U.S. Marines in San Diego, CA. Johnnie and his brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls attended the PAWA Trade Days in Quitaque, Saturday.

Janie and Butch Hughes visited from Monday until Saturday in Royce City with son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn. J.J. was hospitalized during the week.

Mrs. Sherri McKay of Quitaque visited Mrs. B. Rogers, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Thursday night with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed the Panhandle Junior High football game in which Tanner and his teammates defeated Fritch.

Cary Franks of Idalou, Anissa Hockett of Lubbock, Clint Cowart of Post and Cara Franks of Flomot were in Fort Worth from Friday until Sunday to attend the State Cutting Horse event. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs competed in this horsemanship talent and was awarded a saddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter of Fort Worth and grandchildren, Allison, Matthew and Braden

Moncrief of Matador visited Saturday with his father, Everett Shorter and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter.

Wilburn Martin had a medical appointment in Lockney, Thursday and received a good report.

Members of the Do Gooders' Club sold chances on their Bazaar quilt Saturday at the PAWA Trade Days in Quitaque, Saturday. When they ran out of tickets to sell, Tim Kendall was nice enough to print them some more on his copying machine.

Haley Milam of Petersburg visited Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Cory, Amy, Madison and Hudson Franks of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Connie and Coy Franks.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert and attending the Lyles family reunion in Turkey, Saturday, were Dan and Sherrilyn Foster of Lubbock, Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Ashley Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Calvert and new baby daughter, Betty, of Amarillo.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited Saturday and Sunday with her father, Wilburn Martin. They gathered pecans.

Visiting the weekend with Connie and Coy Franks were Cary Franks of Idalou and Anissa Hockett of Lubbock.

Clois Shorter and father, Everett Shorter, visited from Tuesday-Thursday in Wister, OK, with Roy Loggains and Jack Wan; and in Pacola, OK with Josh Smith. These men and Everett served together with the anti-aircraft guns in the Philippines in World War II. En route, Clois and Everett visited in Grannis, Ark., at the Shorter family homestead.

## Matador News

### GOOD NEWS REPORT FROM FORMER RESIDENT

For several years Pup Price has been diagnosed with periferul neuropathy which is a debilitating disease that there is no cure for. It is a very painful thing that also gets worse as you grow older. He started going to a neurologist that only gave him medications to help the pain. For five years that is what he had to look forward to. The doctor moved and gave Pup's records to another neurologist who said he had been misdiagnosed. Now he had another medical problem with the same "no cure" at all. This was spastic paraplegia myelopathy. After discussion, Pup and Earle decided to do what they could to make the years a little less daunting. This neurologist ordered an MRI which came back with a disk pressing on his spinal cord, cutting off spinal fluid to the lower part of his body, mainly the legs and feet. He had lost all feeling in those and it had become very painful and his balance was almost gone.

After all this he was still working full time at Covenant as Director of Construction. Earle contacted Dr. D'alise who she had seen before as a patient to set up an appointment. Surgery was set for Thursday of the same week. The surgery was a big success and Pup has not had pain in his legs since. He now has a new lease on life. He had been getting ready for a wheelchair and now he is working toward a full recovery.

Dorothy Day, Elaine Hart, and Pat Warren traveled to Ruidoso, NM for a long weekend, October 26-28. They met Dorothy's granddaughter Jessica James. Highlights of the trip included an Indian Pow-Wow at the famous Inn of the Mountain Gods. The Indian dancing consisted of young people in traditional costumes of feathers and beads. The group enjoyed Mexican food fare, touring, and shopping. Traveling home, the group stopped in Artesia to visit Pat's daughter Donna Kay and husband Jon Solt, and grand-

children Haley, Donna Marie, and Jon.

Mrs. Mary Helen Wason was in Lubbock Monday for a checkup, including a medical scan.

Mrs. Opal Johnson was in Lubbock Thursday for knee repair surgery.

Cynthia and David Stafford and Zacka and Gilbert Guerrero enjoyed tourist attractions and entertaining performances in Las Vegas.

## OBITUARIES

### Eddie Jay Dillard

Eddie Jay Dillard, age 53, longtime Mustang, Oklahoma businessman, died Tuesday, October 23, 2007, as a result of an automobile accident in Oklahoma City.

Jay was born July 5, 1954, in Matador, Texas, to Bill J. and Jenneva N. (Phelps) Dillard and moved to Mustang in 1959. He was a 1972 graduate of Mustang High School, and proudly served in the USAF during the Vietnam conflict. He received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma University and his master's degree in Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing from BYU.

Jay began his career as a professional engineer at the AT&T manufacturing plant in Oklahoma City. In 1982 he became an owner and principal of Security Solutions in Mustang, OK, designing and manufacturing security products for large corporations throughout North America. Jay served the City of Mustang for several years on the Planning Commission and served eight years on the Mustang City Council with three of those years as Vice Mayor. He was a charter/founding member of The Bridge Assem-

bly of God (formerly Mustang Assembly of God). Jay loved playing his bass guitar in worship and leading missions work in Puebla, Mexico. He moved with his family to Piedmont, OK, in 1996. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Shannon, and one son, Travis. Survivors include his wife, Louann, and one son, Colin, of the home; son-in-law David Wilson, and granddaughter, Destiny, of Yukon; his mother, Jenneva Dillard, of Mustang, his father, Bill J. Dillard and wife Maj. Della Dillard of Tinker AFB, OK. He is also survived by one brother, Bill and wife Ami Dillard of Yukon; sister Tony Anson and husband Craig of Mustang, and sister Shelley McCarthy and husband Mickey of Oklahoma City. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to his granddaughter's education fund, "Benefit for Destiny Wilson" at any First Fidelity Bank in the metro area. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at The Bridge Assembly of God in Mustang with interment following in Mustang Cemetery under the direction of McNeil's Mustang Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at [mcneilmustangs.com](http://mcneilmustangs.com).

### Stanley Neighbors

Stanley Howard Neighbors, 70, died Monday, October 22, 2007, in Clarendon. A private family memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Stan was born October 15, 1937, in Matador. He attended public schools in Matador, graduated in 1956, and later attended North Texas State University in Denton. He served as a PFC in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960, and worked many years in oil exploration and oil field service, both in the U.S. and

abroad. He was retired at the time of his death.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, Jud and Verdie Neighbors, a brother Bill Neighbors, and a sister June Myers. He is survived by one brother, Norman Neighbors of Sugarland, and two sisters, Barbara Hofack of Mertzon and Betty Rudder of Hereford.

The family suggests that memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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# OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



## FLOYD COUNTY

On October 31, 2007, the Bass Petroleum, Inc. Vikki Yearly Lease Well #1 and Redding 1 Lease Well #1 Drilling Permits expired without being drilled.

The Vikki Yearly Lease Well #1 is located 710 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the east line of section 68, block 1, Adams, Beaty and Moulton Survey, 3 miles east of Floydada.

The Redding 1 Lease Well #1 was to be located 1980 feet from the south line and 660 feet from the east line of section 21, block 1, Adams, Beaty & Moulton Survey, 6 miles north-

east of Floydada.

All five of the Bass Petroleum, Inc. Floyd County Drilling permits which were issued in 2005 have now expired without being drilled. These include: the Yearly Lease Well #1, the Yearly #2 Lease Well #2, the Yearly #3 Lease Well #3, the Vikki Yearly Lease Well #1, and the Redding 1 Lease Well #1.

Bass Petroleum, Inc. is wholly owned by FieldPoint Petroleum Corporation of Cedar Park, Texas. The President and CEO of FieldPoint Petroleum Corporation is Mr. Ray D. Reeves.

# REMEMBERING DAYS GONE BY

Stories of days gone by in and around Motley County

## LAND VALUES

(continued)

by John Duff Green

There is no selling without buyers. If the purchaser is swept off his feet and pays too much for land or anything else, it is just too bad and he will, in time, realize his mistake. I have often heard that a commodity is worth all you can get for it. That isn't sound thinking. It is human to ask all you can get but that doesn't make it worth the price.

Property values should be based on their reasonable earning ability. Grazing lands are worth no more than they are capable of paying and maintaining. Buy agricultural land and pay more than its production is capable of meeting; you have paid too much for it. The mere guess that some day it may be made valuable is a lean solace, as you struggle along to pay for it. Values should walk hand in hand with natural development and progress, not an artificial one. Our trend is to deny ourselves nothing and let the unborn generation pay the bill and like it.

Say that you purchased land fifty years ago at one dollar per acre. Add to that a nominal interest, taxes, etc., for fifty years. Sum it up and strike a balance; divide the sum by your acres and see what its cost has been. It is sort of like having a horse shod at the cost of a penny for the first nail, and doubling the cost for every additional nail required to hold the shoes in place. The land isn't to be blamed; it is the system that is at fault. The land is for people and everything else to live on.

People should own homes, but our system has produced a condition whereby it is cheaper to rent than to own a home. Too many people have become as itinerant as a Methodist circuit rider. They and their children are professional tramps, all the days of their lives. They have never known the peace, joy and stability of being anchored to a home they can call their home.

True there are exceptions. Some have purchased haphazardly and even paid long prices and prospered. Oil discovery has brought untold wealth to men who bought land for other uses. The Waggoner and Burnett cattle ranches are shining examples of good fortune, not vision. Those men loved ranching and bought immense bodies of land for their cattle. It is too visionary to think that they ever dreamed of the liquid gold that lay beneath the acres they purchased at the time of its acquisition.

Swenson, Goodnight and Adair, Swearingen and White, the Spur and the Matador people or dozens of others had just as large land holdings, but never had any such discoveries found under them. Some men are truly born with a golden spoon in their mouths. It is said that C.C. Slaughter, for many years, was the largest individual tax payer in all the great State of Texas. Land and cattle; other holdings were increments from them. No vast subterranean wealth has ever been brought to the earth's surface on lands owned by Slaughter, so far as I have any knowledge. Just destiny, pure and simple.

Most of the State University Lands lay in West Texas; a desolate, lonely region with few attributes that are enhancing other than as a Jack Rabbit range, but the discovery of oil and potash has made it more desirable than Croesus' wealth. A level, thin-soiled region with a rock foundation of a thousand-foot depth and little water. A thin grass turf and an abundance of wind and dry weather. Still, it was ordained by nature to have its wealth and uses. Are you arguing the Legislature with all its wisdom knew all about its hid-

den wealth when they allotted that land to the effort of enlightenment? Scarcely that wise, must be your answer.

Sure, once upon a time, there was little or no market in West Texas for land. It was just about as hard to dispose of as rattlesnakes would have been range delivery. Back in those halcyon days we speak of as the early nineties, the large ranches lost much grass scattered about over their ranges to little men, because they didn't think they could compete with them in prices offered. Little of the land sold at that time ever exceeded one dollar and fifty cents per acre. Those purchasers were sort of tony for they picked lands that were reasonably level and smooth as though they had an eye on the future.

To a cowman, a section was a section, one was as good as another unless well-watered. If watered, there was about a dime's difference; then the dry weather farmer arrived with his contagious fever that rung the changes and swept the country and ended the big ranches. To some, the sadness lingers, for they retain memories of bygone days.

## Book Signing

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criminal trials, and murder cases in particular. He talked to local historians, sifted through newspaper morgues, and sometimes interviewed "people with personal knowledge of the events."

One of the stories follows the violent life of Thomas J. Fulcher, a Spur Ranch hand, who killed a blacksmith on the Matador Ranch in 1887. It seemed the defense had an airtight case. In a variety of twists, the prosecution of Fulcher led not only to two trials, but a surprising verdict. Two Sweetwater lawyers trapped the prosecution and freed their client.

He became fascinated with the criminal justice system, and how the practice of criminal law originated and evolved. His interest took him from "no law to lynch law to Winchester law to courthouse law," he said. "Killings were not that big of deal on the frontier," Neal said, adding, "now horse stealing - that's another story."

According to an Avalanche-Journal article (October 22), Neal's book was named the 2007 Book of the Year by the National Outlaw and Lawman History Association. Additionally, the Western Writers of America recognized Neal as a finalist in the Western nonfiction historical category in 2007 Spur Award competition. The book is published by Texas Tech.

Neal has a new book in the works available next summer, entitled *From Guns to Gavel*. According to Neal, the first chapter will have "something on Joseph Beckham." Beckham is Motley County's first sheriff, turned outlaw. For more information or to review copy of the book, contact Barbara Brannon, marketing manager, Texas Tech University Press, 806-742-2982 or via e-mail at barbara.brannon@ttu.edu.

## COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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Motley County Tribune Weather

Nov. 1, 2007

### 7-Day Forecast

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|--|------------------|
|  | <b>Thursday</b>  |
|  | Mostly Sunny     |
|  | High: 65 Low: 43 |
|  | <b>Friday</b>    |
|  | Mostly Sunny     |
|  | High: 68 Low: 45 |
|  | <b>Saturday</b>  |
|  | Partly Cloudy    |
|  | High: 63 Low: 39 |
|  | <b>Sunday</b>    |
|  | Mostly Sunny     |
|  | High: 66 Low: 42 |
|  | <b>Monday</b>    |
|  | Mostly Sunny     |
|  | High: 65 Low: 44 |
|  | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
|  | Partly Cloudy    |
|  | High: 68 Low: 46 |
|  | <b>Wednesday</b> |
|  | Partly Cloudy    |
|  | High: 69 Low: 45 |

### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 65°, humidity of 52% and an overnight low of 43°. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 1952. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 68°.

### Moon Phases

| Last | New  | First | Full  |
|------|------|-------|-------|
| 11/1 | 11/9 | 11/17 | 11/24 |

### Last Week's Local Almanac

| Day       | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation                          |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|----------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 78   | 51  | 74/48   | 0.00"  | 0.01"                                  |
| Monday    | 62   | 42  | 74/48   | 0.01"  | Normal precipitation .041"             |
| Tuesday   | 76   | 36  | 73/47   | 0.00"  | Departure from normal .-0.40"          |
| Wednesday | 76   | 48  | 73/47   | 0.00"  | Average temperature .57.0°             |
| Thursday  | 71   | 38  | 72/47   | 0.00"  | Average normal temperature .59.9°      |
| Friday    | 74   | 38  | 72/46   | 0.00"  | Departure from normal .-2.9°           |
| Saturday  | 71   | 37  | 71/46   | 0.00"  | Data as reported from Childress, Texas |

### Weather History

Nov. 1, 1861 - A hurricane near Cape Hatteras, N.C. battered a Union fleet of ships that was attacking Carolina ports. The hurricane produced high tides and high winds in New York state and New England.

### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today .8:02 a.m.  
Sunset tonight .6:51 p.m.  
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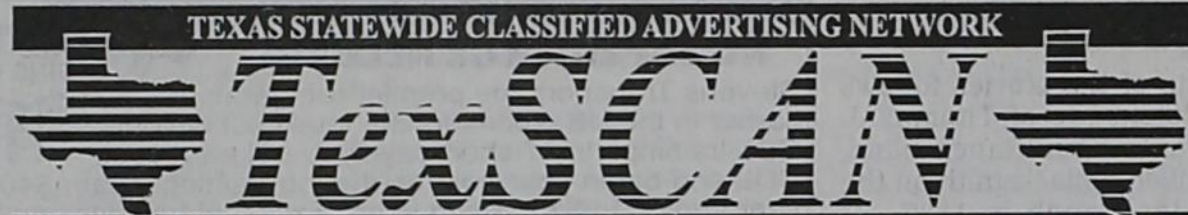
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