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Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor second annual Motley County Fair October 21

The second annual Motley County Fair is set for Saturday, October 21. The event is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

"We are hoping that again this year many will be interested in exhibiting some of their work or collectibles," Monta Marshall, Fair committee chairman, said.

"I would like to encourage all the teachers to have their students enter art, writing, photography, drawing or whatever they might want to do in the divisions and categories that are suitable for their age group."

All exhibits will be received

between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20. No entries will be accepted before that time or kept after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21.

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will not be responsible for breakage or theft of any entry. The volunteers will make their best effort to watch all exhibits carefully to prevent the handling of any exhibit.

There are no entry fees. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor. Articles entered in the 2005 Fair cannot be exhibited this year. All entries should be clean. If a special case is needed to display an item it must be fur-

nished by the entrant.

Non-professionals are amateurs. If a quilt was pieced by one person and several quilted the quilt it must be specified. Quilts pieced by an amateur and then quilted by a professional are not allowed.

Work done by professionals will be judged in professional categories. A professional is one who is paid for their work or teaches classes on their displayed item.

Dealers are not eligible to enter.

All items will be numbered for judging purposes so that there is not favoritism shown. If

a judge recognizes an entered item, they must excuse themselves on that particular item.

A judge will not be permitted to enter an item in any category they are judging. Efforts will be made to obtain judges from neighboring counties. Judges will not discuss entries with volunteer workers. A judge may disqualify themselves for any reason.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded. One Best of Show ribbon will be awarded.

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Chamber Banquet will feature Grand Ole Opry

Make plans now to attend the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held at the school auditorium at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14.

The program, "I'll Fly Away," has been written and directed by Frances Hobbs. The casting has been completed and rehearsals are now in progress. Performances will include Louie Armstrong, Bob Wills, Minnie Pearl, Grandpa Jones, and Miss Patsy Cline. The main attraction will be a "take-off" of The Grand Ole Opry and The Old Time Gospel Hour. The cast includes: Ed D. Smith, Jessie T. Simms, Deanie Edwards, Paul Westbrook, Kathy Shorter, Dartha Westbrook, Johnny Morris, Kelly Keltz, Pennie Keltz, Kevin Keltz, Charley Johnson and Tommy Keith.

Purchase your tickets now from New to You, Matador Variety and Dianne Washington, CPA. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 10 years old and under.

Come on out and enjoy a great meal and a fun-filled entertaining evening you will remember.

Furnishing for Hackberry Creek Care Center takes giant leap with recent donations

by Marisue Potts,
HCCC reporter

The furnishing of rooms for the Hackberry Creek Care Center has taken a giant leap forward with the recent donation by The WB. Wason Family and The Billy Wason Family to decorate and furnish the family room and the sitting room. Plaques in

each room will recognize the support of these donors for the non-profit facility. The board acknowledges this wonderful gift with appreciation. Other opportunities exist to furnish the chapel, patient rooms, activity rooms or employee break rooms.

The board of directors, as well as the decorating commit-

tee, have viewed different variations and a mock-up of possible color schemes in recent informal meetings. After lengthy consultations and phone calls, selection of furnishing styles and colors have been recommended to the board by Mary Marshall, Janie Campbell, Jo Etta Bumgardner and Shane Jones. Newly-hired administrator Steve Moncrief attended the bi-monthly board meeting on September 26. The board welcomed him with a list of items that need to be addressed immediately. He is expected to review USDA policies and regulations in relationship to care centers, look into the possibilities of medical consulting, and consider applications for the crucial positions of nursing director, office assistant, and maintenance man. Mr. Moncrief can be contacted at the temporary office at 347-2942.

In recent business the board has approved paving the front driveway with concrete and the back service drive with concrete in the area that will be turning around. Approval of other purchases includes a computer, printer and fax machine for the office, a DSL line in the temporary office, a dining room chandelier, the column lanterns and the chapel lead glass window box. Up for consideration is a proposal for a cedar gazebo and outdoor fish pond.

Sometimes the system fails and this reporter does not publish a donation the care center has received. So at this time we wish to recap the memorials received to date for individuals:

* Carolyn Rose - Jim and Carla Meador, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Paul and Dartha Westbrook, Charley and Opal Johnson, Bill and June Moss, James and Judy Renfro, District I Farm Bureau, Gary and Jane Bridge, Motley County Hospital District, Sammie Phillips, Kellie Beckworth, Lubbock Chapter TASO, Larry and Annette Hollinsworth.

* Jack Davis - Paul and Dartha Westbrook, Gary and Jane Bridge.

* Billie Ruth Lawrence - Sammie Phillips.

* Bailey Elliott - Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Loatitia Armstrong - Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Shirley Smith - Katie Davis, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher.

* Don Warren - J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Sammie Phillips.

* Pansy Spray - Sammie Phillips.

* Christine Briscoe - Bob and Jimmie Jameson, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher.

* Pearl Simpson - Charley and Opal Johnson.

* Lola Pohl - J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Sammie Phillips.

* Cleo Watson - Alton and Frances Rose, Doyle Rose, Ronnie and Karen Davis, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, Sammie Phillips, Paul and Dartha Westbrook, James and Judy Renfro, Tex and Eva Barkley.

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Drought Aid Application packets now available

College Station - Texas Cooperative Extension is making application packets available for the recently announced Livestock Assistance Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Deadline for applications is Nov. 13, 2006.

About \$16.1 million in block grant funds have been allocated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to eligible livestock producers in 216 drought-stressed Texas counties.

To be eligible for the program, producers must have suffered livestock or forage production losses from drought March 7 - Aug. 31.

"Producers wanting to apply to receive drought assistance can pick up an application at their County Extension office," said Kyle Smith, Extension associate director for county programs.

Producers will be responsible for mailing their own application to the Texas Department of Agriculture, and no electronic applications will be accepted. However, application packets can be printed from the Texas Department of Agriculture

Web site at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/>

Compensation to producers will not be determined until all applications are received and processed by the Texas Department of Agriculture, officials said. Notification to producers regarding payment or denial will occur prior to Dec. 31.

Applications may also be picked up at Farm Service Agency offices and Texas Department of Agriculture area offices.

For information on program specifics, call 800-835-5832.

Friday night football game to be broadcast

Friday night's football game, Motley County Matadors vs. Patton Springs Rangers, will be broadcast on 96.1 KCTX Children's radio station. The live broadcast will include play by play excitement.

The Matadors will be at home this week, at Burleson Field. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



ADMINISTRATOR HIRED — Mr. Steve Moncrief has been hired as Administrator of the Hackberry Creek Care Center. His temporary office is located in the former PCA office on Bailey St. (Hwy. 70).

Matadors run over Elks for big win

The Motley County Matadors ran over the Cotton Center Elks and ran their season record to four wins and no losses with an 80-47 victory over the Cotton Center Elks. The Matadors entered the contest ranked 11th in the state, the Elks are ranked number 20 in the latest Sixman Division II poll.

"This was a good win for us," said Head Coach Mike Bigham. "We came out ready to play and executed well offensively. Bradley Brown and Isaiah Archer both had out-

standing games on offense. Our offensive line performed better than they did last week."

Bradley Brown had 17 carries for 205 yards and 6 touchdowns. Isaiah Archer had 16 carries for 135 yards and 3 touchdowns, and also scored a touchdown on a kickoff return.

Isaiah Archer led the Matadors defensively with 22 tackles and one interception. Archer also sacked the quarterback, caused a fumble, and returned the fumble for a touchdown on

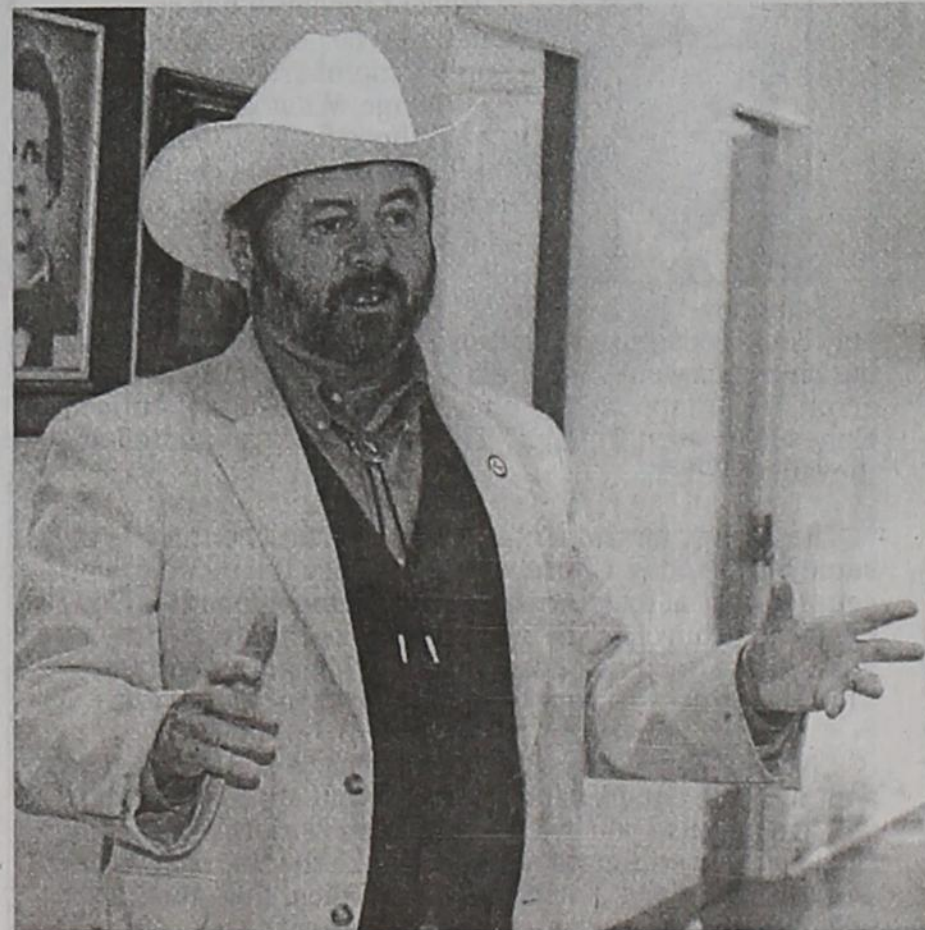
one spectacular play. Other leading tacklers were Justin Newman with 15, Bradley Brown with 12, Jacob Johannes 12, Shane Newman 11, Gene Salazar 8 and Jacob Blanco with 5.

"We played really well at times, but we still have room for improvement," said Coach Bigham. "The kids have been working hard and improving each week."

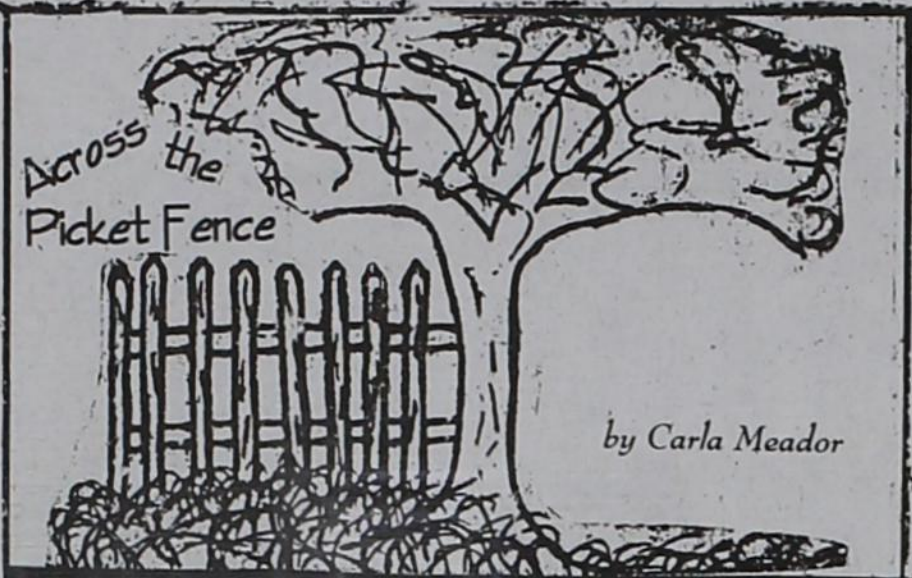
The Matadors will face the Patton Springs Rangers at 7:30 p.m. this Friday at home. Mot-

ley County is ranked 10th in the state in this week's Sixman Division II rankings. Patton Springs is ranked 7th in the state and favored to win the contest by three points.

"Patton Springs will be a good test for us; they are the best team we have played this year. The fan support at home and on the road has been fantastic. We hope to have another big crowd at home Friday night supporting our team," said Coach Bigham.



CANDIDATE MAKES MATADOR PART OF WHISTLESTOP TOUR — David Van Os, Democratic Candidate for Texas Attorney General, was in Matador last Friday, as one of his stops on a Whistlestop Tour throughout the state of Texas. The candidate is visiting with constituents at Courthouses in every county. Mr. Van Os is placing written oaths in the public records in every county, stating under oath, that he "means what he says." A group of Motley County residents gathered at the Courthouse to hear Mr. Van Os.



I think my mind has left me. Do you ever get sorta worried about your memory? My friends and I have been talking and laughing about that lately. When we get together for lunch, we usually have so much to say and our subjects range from grandkids to lipstick. But, more times now we seem to lose track of our thoughts while the other one is talking. Is that what happens when you start to age? I don't feel like I'm getting older! I saw an interview the other day with an older gentleman. He said, "My body is older and looks older, but my mind is the same. I still think like I'm young." The older gentleman might not have realized that he was actually giving a piece of advice.

We've all heard the saying,

"You're as young as you feel." I think if we continue to keep our thoughts "young" we'll be healthier in our bodies. If we get the attitude that we're old in mind, body and spirit, we would certainly feel worn out!

Of course, there are some exceptions. We've all seen people in situations that we've thought, "They should act their age!" And in today's world of cyberspace, there are certainly a lot of "older" people messing with teenagers. But, that's a whole different subject.

Now, where was I? Oh well, I've lost my train of thought, but somewhere in that mind of lost thoughts is a young spirit just waiting for the right moment to remind me of all the things I've forgotten.

Hackberry donations

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* Art Green - Sammie Phillips, James and Judy Renfro.

* Jack Boggs - James and Judy Renfro.

* Katie Davis - Paul and Dartha Westbrook.

* E.A. Day - Mary Ellen Barton, James and Judy Renfro, Ronnie and Karen Davis, Charley and Opal Johnson, Sammie Phillips.

* Susannah Woodruff - Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Pat Rice - Seab and Dianne Washington, James and Judy Renfro, David and Cynthia Stafford, Sammie Phillips.

* LaVoe Thacker - Ken and Dinah Young, Bobbie Jameson, Sammie Phillips, Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Marjorie King - Seab and Dianne Washington, James and Judy Renfro, Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Nadine Lolley - Seab and Dianne Washington, James and Judy Renfro, Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Miriam Jameson Bell - Sammie Phillips, Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Ed and Miriam Jameson - Bob Jameson.

* James "Doc" and Lena Cook - Jimmie Jameson.

* Bill Durham - Sammie Phillips, James and Judy Renfro, Frank and Renee Mzyk, Brody and Rachelle Davis, Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* Dean McInroe - David and Cynthia Stafford, Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* DeAlva Gillespie - Ronnie and Karen Davis.

* W.B. and Ella Orr Barton and Viola Stinson - Mary Ellen Barton.

* Billy Wason - The Billy Wason Family.

* Wason Family - The Wason Family.

Your support of this community project is appreciated by the Hackberry Creek Care Center and all of the people in the future who will benefit from your generosity.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

I would never belong to a group that would accept someone like me as a member.

-- Groucho Marx

Hhhmmmm, a conundrum. Probably the only solution is for Groucho not to belong to any group at all.

But anybody and everybody is welcome to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Groucho would even be welcomed, and who knows, he might have made an exception for the Motley County Chamber of Commerce. Too bad it can never be known.

But you can be a member, regardless of where you live. Businesses, of course, can join, but individuals can, too.

As part of your membership, businesses get free advertising on the Chamber website (at www.motleycountycommerce.org). Businesses that have been a member in the past are encouraged to check out their ad on the web site, and let the Chamber know about any changes that need to be made, or simply ones you would like.

But why should an individual become a member? To support the activities of the Chamber that go on all year round, as the Chamber works to help the businesses in the county. And healthy businesses in the county are good for everyone. Imagine having to drive 30 miles for a gallon of milk, with gas at current price levels.

You can read all about the activities of the Chamber over the last year on the web site, or in the letter sent out a couple of months ago soliciting your membership dues for 2006.

Right after the letter went out, there was a flurry of activity as people paid their yearly membership dues. But it seems that some people put the letter on the pile of "things to do later," and just haven't gotten around to attending to it. So please go through that pile again, and send off your membership dues.

What, you didn't get such a letter? So sorry, but nobody's perfect. Just stop by New to You and pick up a copy, and while you are there, pay your dues. Or send the Chamber an email at mtoccm@caprock-spr.com requesting the letter, and a copy will go out to you right quick.

However you go about it, please do get those dues paid. Your Chamber thanks you for it.

God is never wrong

He never rendered a wrong decision, experienced the wrong attitude, taken the wrong path, said the wrong thing, or acted the wrong way.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott Librarian



We appreciate the donations that the library has received this week. We thank Theda Jenkins for her donation to the library. We appreciate the renewal of the magazine *Biblical Archaeology Review* from Tom Sanders. We also appreciate the gift of the neat hat rack from Deanie Edwards. The library has been needing a hat/coat rack for some time.

The library has a copy of *Top 'O' Texas Football Magazine, 2006*. We thank D'anna Russell for donating this "book" to the library. The Motley County Matadors are featured on page 738.

We are proud of the doorway between the library and the annex Kenneth Abbott and Joel Spray opened up the passage way last week and Kenneth nearly has the door in place. This activity has made for a noisy, dusty library. We are thinking about having a "dusting party." Everyone who comes in is issued a dust cloth and is "allowed" to dust one shelf. (I read *Tom Sawyer*.)

If you have been in the library recently, you have noticed that the library has become a zoo. We have lions and tigers and bears — oh my! Kenneth and I bought the tiger and dragon at a toy store in Lubbock. I lamented that I didn't get the lion so Ruby McGuire, Marihelen Wason and Patricia Green bought the lion. Mrs. Ed D. Smith bought the Panda that greets you when you enter. All of us kids really like these animals. They have received many a hug and the little ones sit on the lap of the panda.

The Kite Runner book discussion will be on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. here in the Library. This is the rescheduled date that I promised last week.

Methodist Church to hold dedication service

The First United Methodist Church in Roaring Springs will hold a dedication service Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. The service will honor the late Lula Swim as the church's fellowship hall is dedicated in her memory.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service. Refreshments will be served.

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Red Rovers enjoy lunch at historic Hotel Turkey

by Mary Jones

The Red Rovers donned their purple dresses and red hats Monday, September 18, for one of our favorite pastimes - eating and visiting. We went to the Turkey Hotel and enjoyed a delicious "Soup & Salad" lunch. We all enjoyed the tour of the hotel. It is really lovely. Each room is furnished with a real decorator's flair. Many changes have been made this year and we agreed they are great. Each room has its name and motif. It is difficult to choose one that you like best.

The trip was made by Betty Henry, Freida Burns, Eugenia

Barton, June Level, Dorothy Day, Norma Marrs, Joan Patton, Marihelen Wason, Joyce Campbell, P.K. Green, Ruby McGuire, Suzanne Abbott, Beverly Vinson, and Mary Jones. We are pleased to welcome new member, Beverly Vinson.

Queen Mother Joyce Campbell presided over a short business meeting. We made plans for some future trips.

Marihelen Wason read a delightful poem: "Old Age Is A Gift." It gave us many laughs and we decided it applied to all of us. The trip was enjoyed by everyone.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

Sept. 26

Winners: First, with a score of 30 (play off on card), Alan Bingham, Dwayne Lynch, Darrell Cruse and Stan Levell.

Others playing were Conway Clary, Corky Marshall, Cody Dodson and Pat Smith. No closest to pin.

LADIES PLAYDAY

Sept. 28

18 hole players were Dartha Westbrook, Liv Barton, Louise Barton, Jean Hoover and Geneva Wilson. No greenie. No ball given.

9 hole players were June Moss, Tommye Keith, Neil Berryman and Pat Warren. No greenie, no ball given.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to say "thank you" to the Motley County Ex Student Association for the certificate they presented to me at the Homecoming Program. Matador is a great place to live, the people here are the best ever, and it is with heartfelt gratitude that I say thanks for making me a "honorary graduate" of Matador High School.

Love,
Frances Hobbs

We would like to say thank you to the Motley County Ambulance Service and Tony, Debra and Sheila for their wonderful response and care at our time of need. We appreciate the care and concern shown to us.

Mike & Judy Crowley

"Now this is what the Lord Almighty says:
'Give careful thought to your ways.'"

Haggai 1:5

Thank you for reading
the Motley County Tribune

A SPECIAL THANK YOU
to Citizens, Board Members and
City Employees who participated in the
Community Clean Up.

These clean ups help the appearance
of our Community as well as make it
a safer Community to live in.

We have additional clean-up dates
planned and hope you will be able
to join us!

"The Demise of the Church"



Recent research has revealed that 60 percent of the church's membership is over 65 years of age. What is the message in those figures? Simply stated it is that if this continues, the church will die as old age claims its members.

Somehow we have arrived at the conclusion that if we only could recapture what those first century churches had our churches would never die. But history would show us in error. What happened to churches in Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus or even Philippi? They aged, they stagnated and they died. Why?

The answer for those churches of the first century is the same for us today. Churches die because the members become so busy at their own business no time is found for God's business. Churches die because we work at our jobs, we work in the yard, we even work at "having a good time." This leaves us with very little time for the Lord's work.

No, not any of us wants the Church to die. We can prevent it. If the congregation of which you are a part lives, it will live because you live. Because you work with and for it. This also will stimulate others to make the time to live and work for the Lord. For if the church dies, that generation will die also... "then cometh the judgement."

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Motley County Matador news



MEN IN BLACK? — Motley County Jr. High and High School teachers dressed as “Men In Black” characters for “Twinkie Day” during Homecoming week at school. Pictured left to right are Kay Bingham, Pam Newman, Rebecca Jameson, Brittany Moore, Cathey Turner, Kathy Gillespie, and Walter Taylor.



MOTLEY COUNTY FCCLA CHAPTER HOSTS AREA MEETING — Numerous schools attended the Area Meeting hosted by the MC FCCLA Chapter September 19. Motley County members attending were (left to right) Amanda Chavez, Savannah Rose, Melissa Flores, Karrie Valdez, Chicagra Brown, Jasmine Porter, Angelica Mendoza and Griselda Flores.

Honor Roll

“A” HONOR ROLL

Kindergarten: Zackery Brown, Joseph Chavez, Rivers Marshall, Ethan Mason, Alycia Silvia, Jacie Taylor, Carley Turner.

First Grade: Jasmine Aumiller, Gage Baker, Cade Drum, Brendan Fisk, Mikenna Ford, Dode Gleghorn, Eli Marshall, Samantha Quilimaco, Brody Rankin, Refugio Torres.

Second Grade: Lauryn Bohn, Tristan Foster, Chloe Gleghorn, Thalia Mendoza, Grant Potts, Chris Ward, Autumn Woolsey.

Third Grade: Duncan Aumiller, Mattie Brooks, Natalie Jameson, Seth Markey, Macie Marshall, Joshua Martin, Marcus Ortiz, Bailee Perryman, Thalia Quilimaco, Michael Seigler.

Fourth Grade: Seth Baxter, Shelby Elliott, Logan Ferguson, Megan Ford, Victoria Hernandez, Michael Martin, Korbyn Simpson, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward.

Fifth Grade: Conner Mason.

Sixth Grade: Jaci Zingerman.

Seventh Grade: Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason.

Eighth Grade: Danielle Stewart.

Ninth Grade: None.

Tenth Grade: Courtney Alexander, Jasmine Porter.

Eleventh Grade: Savannah Rose.

Twelfth Grade: Angelica Mendoza.

“AB” HONOR ROLL

Kindergarten: Tucker Barton, Erin Gonzalez, Mercy Klebahn, Cameron Stafford, Jeremiah Torres, Virginia Torres.

First Grade: Bryson Elliott, Michael Silva.

Second Grade: Sage Guerrero.

Third Grade: Mickey Clary, Matthew Faulks, Braden Pope, Bryant Taylor, Kaylee Woolsey.

Fourth Grade: Katie Barton, Tanner Bearden, Caleb Clary, Hayden Davey, Hannah Mason, Gabby Silva, Tristan Tomlinson.

Fifth Grade: Shayla Clay, Jacob Woolsey.

Sixth Grade: Hance Davey, Payden Perryman, Kaitlan Perryman, Neal Potts, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor.

Seventh Grade: Christian Brooks, Chase Buckner, Reagan Elliott, Alexis Osborn.

Eighth Grade: Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, James Potts, Kyla Simpson.

Ninth Grade: Melissa Flores.

Tenth Grade: Emma Knowles, Kayla Hollinsworth.

Eleventh Grade: Isiah Archer, Bradley Brown, Leatrice Gutierrez, Mylissa Gilmore, Stacy Perryman, Christy Smith, Karrie Valdez, Brendan Wiltshire.

Twelfth Grade: Chicagra Brown, Griselda Flores, Marc Henzler, Shane Newman, Tamara Simmons.



Parents' Club will meet October 12th

The Motley County Parents' Club will meet Tuesday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Mary Ann Potts, club secretary, said “Please join us and bring a friend. We'd love to hear your suggestions to help make this school year the best one yet.”

“I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for club, my community, my country and my world.”

Head to Clearer Thinking: The future of 4-H will belong to those who can think clearly and are prepared to meet the challenge of a changing society and workforce, programs in 4-H prepare young people to think early. Enriched project activities encourages 4-H'ers to use their imagination and creativity, workforce preparation programs expose young people to different career choices, camps and conferences provide young people with hands-on learning experiences in fun, and interactive settings, as well as judging contests evaluate a young competitor's knowledge, speaking skills and decision-making abilities.

Heart to Greater Loyalty: In 4-H young people learn the value of helping others. They learn to become concerned, productive citizens by understanding the history and character of their communities and donating their time to community service projects.

They learn to nurture relationships - both human and animal - based on trust, responsibility, respect, and understanding. They discover the importance of cooperating with others, sharing experiences, appreciating diversity and setting goals.

Hands to Larger Service: Learning to serve goes right to the heart of valuable life lessons. By pledging their hands to greater service, 4-H members learn marketable skills, responsibility, commitment, teamwork and leadership. They experience the satisfaction of a job well done, the self-esteem that comes from knowing they made a difference, the flush of pride in reviewing a finished project and the warm feeling of camaraderie that comes from working as a team. These are positive experiences and lessons for life.

Health to Better Living: It's difficult growing up today. The health issues youth face go well beyond geographic and social boundaries. Drug and alcohol use/abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, poor nutrition and teen pregnancy are among

the major health issues. Young people are also struggling with problems involving stress, gangs, violence and managing money. 4-H health programs take pro-active approach to

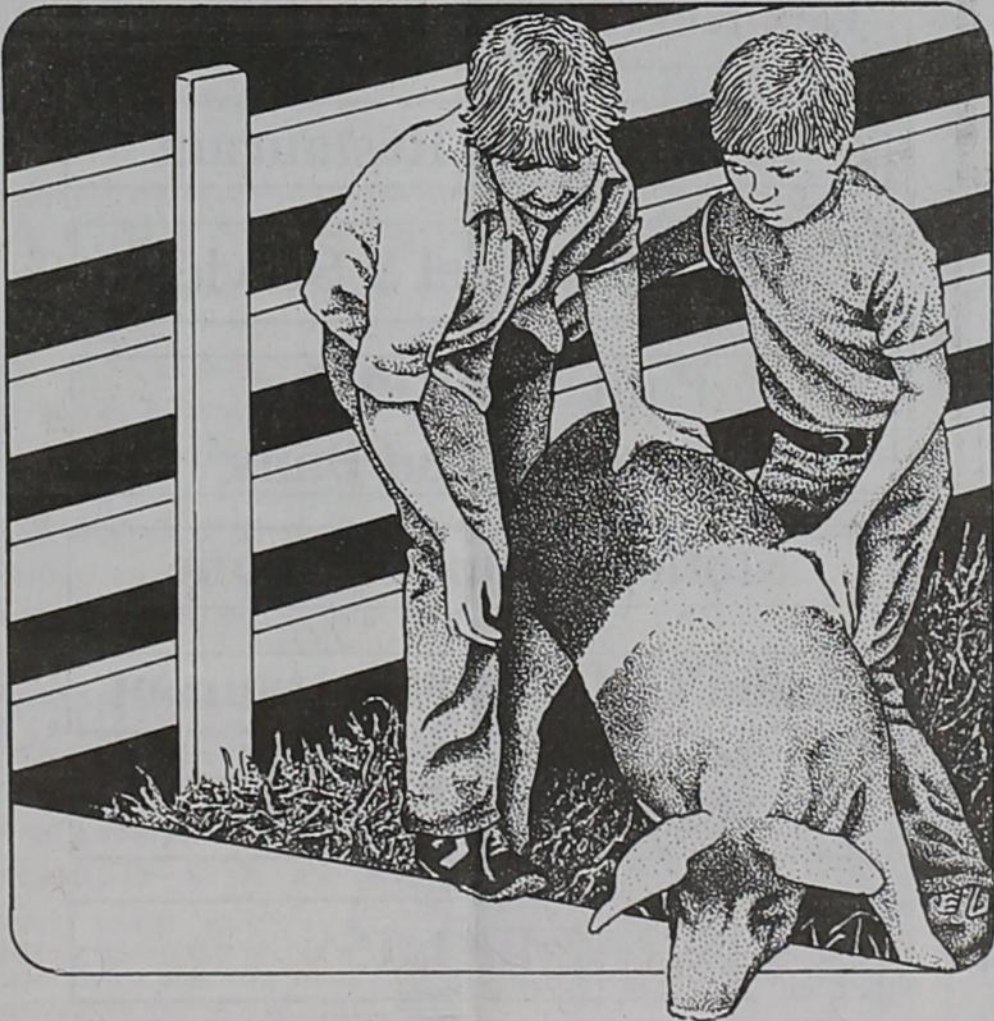
these issues and focus on prevention education rather than treatment and intervention. Cooperative programs teach teens how to make healthy choices about eating and exercising, and offer “real life” simulations, one-on-one coaching, large and small group meetings, guest speakers and focus on teen wellness.

In addition to these programs, 4-H provides teens with opportunities to become effective peer leaders, mentors, and positive role models. In 4-H, being healthy means feeling good both inside and out, and being in harmony with friends, family, school and community.

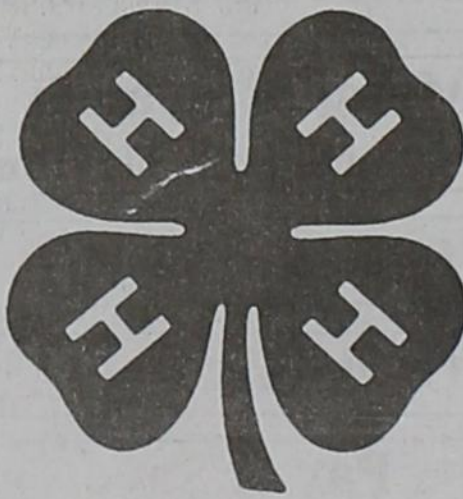
The world is changing rapidly. But 4-H'ers will be ready to meet the challenge. They have been preparing their heads, heart, hands, and health to enable them to succeed.

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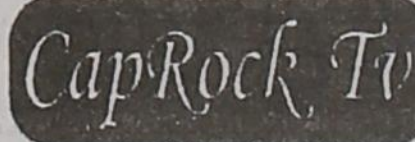
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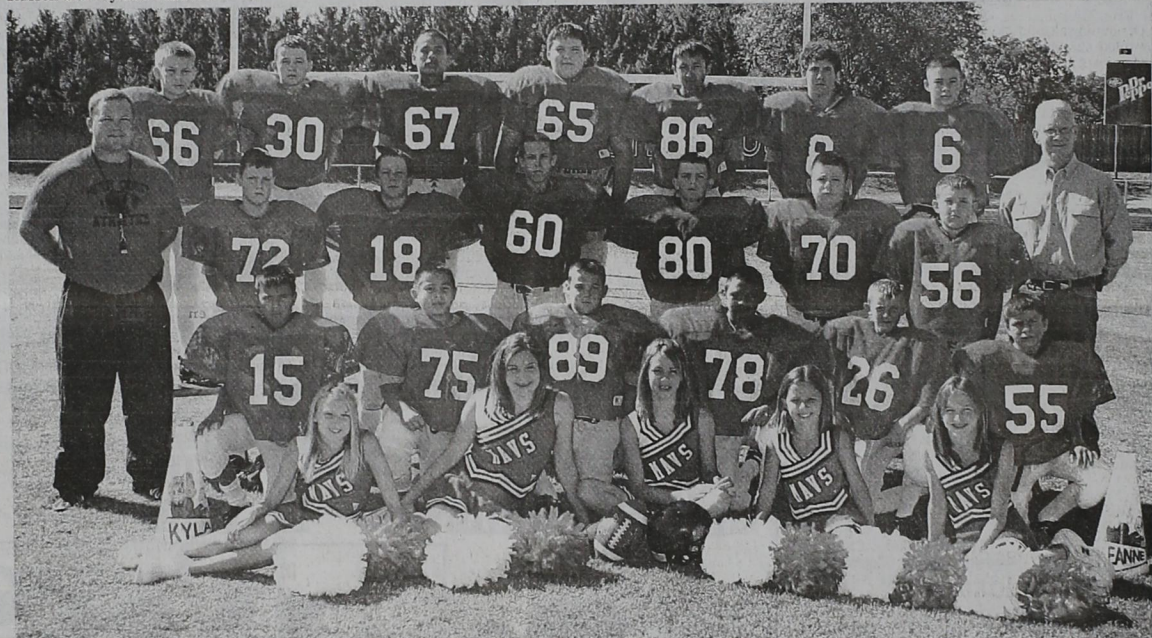
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MOTLEY COUNTY FOOTBALL

GOMATADORS



MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS — Pictured left to right (back) Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Shane Newman, Marc Henzler; (next row) Coach Mike Bigham, Gene Salazar, Justin Newman, Jacob Johannes, Jacob Blanco, Asst. Coach Randy Brown; (next row) Sam Fletcher, Eric Simpson, Stacey Perryman, Isiah Archer, Brendan Wiltshire, Mgr.; (in front) Cheerleaders - Savannah Rose, Chicagra Brown, Carrie Valdez (Mascot), Christy Smith, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell and Mylissa Gilmore.



JR. HIGH MAVERICKS — Beginning at back (left to right) Austin Taylor, Chase Buckner, Augustine Chavez, Cody Martin, Paul Guterrez, Ky Christopher, Jonathon Osborn, (middle) Coach Bigham, Britt Simpson, Schylar Tomlinson, Colby McCleskey, Christian Brooks, Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Asst. Coach Jim Cooper; (next row) Mark Quintero, Dominique Quilimaco, Payden Perryman, Ismael Torres, Reagan Elliott, Juan Flores; (in front) Cheerleaders - Leanne Jameson, Alyx Smith, Kyla Simpson, Lexi Osborn, and Sabra Pope.

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Matador is part of trail for Walk Across Texas

Fort Worth -- On October 3, Jon McConal and Eddie Lane will begin a 450-mile walk from the Oklahoma border, north of Perryton, Texas, to Granbury, their hometown. Their walk across Texas will take them to Pampa (Oct. 4), Clarendon (Oct. 7-8), Brice (Oct. 9), Turkey (Oct. 10), Matador (Oct. 13), Dickens and Spur (Oct. 15-16), Clairmont, a ghost town (Oct. 18), Rotan (Oct. 20), Anson (Oct. 24), Albany (Oct. 22), Breckenridge (Oct. 31), Caddo (Nov. 1), Palo Pinto (Nov. 2), Mineral Wells (Nov. 3), Weatherford (Nov. 4), and Granbury (Nov. 7). The walkers will camp out most nights, and Norm Snyder, also of Granbury, will drive a chase car, following the walkers from camp to camp. On their last night out they will stop in Thorp Spring, west of

Granbury. They're hoping residents will meet them there and walk with them into Granbury. "Ever since I was a youngster, McConal said, "I have dreamed about packing a knapsack and going on a long walk across Texas. I encourage folks who live in the areas through which we will be walking to come out and talk to us." McConal, author of *Bridges On The Brazos*, says this trip will give him a chance to look closely at one part of Texas and meet some of its people. He said the walk will also prove that three late-middle-age men can make such a trip. "I want to show that there is no reason for a person to become a couch potato, either because of age or some malady," said McConal, 69. "I've been an insulin-dependent diabetic

since I was 12 and have had bypass surgery. I've never used either of those as an excuse not to participate in life." McConal is a retired columnist for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and author of three books. A native of Pecos, he is a graduate of Glen Rose High School and Sam Houston State University. During his 40 years at the *Star-Telegram*, he won 40 writing awards. McConal will turn the experience into a book, *A Walk Across Texas*, about the people they meet and the country through which they walk, its history and towns. TCU Press will publish the book. Eddie Lane, 77, is a native of Ohio and a retired athletic trainer. He worked as a trainer at both SMU and the 1972 Olympics. An outdoorsman and loyal

Texas, Lane has canoed many of Texas' rivers and says he is making this walk because he loves Texas. Lane earlier accompanied McConal on the trip to see every bridge that crosses the Brazos. That trip resulted in the book, *Bridges On The Brazos*. Norm Snyder, 62, served in the Air Force as a radar maintenance officer for 12 years. He is a lifelong outdoorsman whose hobbies include hiking, camping, sailing, scuba diving, shooting and flying. He is retired from IBM and still consults for the computer industry. A native of West Virginia, he is making the trip because he wants to get to know Texas better. Follow the walk on the TCU Press website, www.tcu.edu/prs/meetauthors.html.

Floydada's Punkin Day festival set for October 14

If you've been looking for a great weekend activity this fall, bring your family to the 20th annual "Punkin Day" being held in Floydada on Saturday, October 14th. The festival, sponsored by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, heralds Floydada's claim as Pumpkin Capital U.S.A. and takes place at the downtown square. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. Events for the day will include local entertainment at the Pavilion, Cow Patty Bingo, craft and food booths galore, motorcycle games, cake walk, pumpkin sales and numerous activities. Youngsters will especially enjoy games including tricycle races, beanbag toss, pumpkin decorating and stickhorse races. All ages will be able to join in for the sack races, pumpkin roll and pumpkin seed spitting contest. The annual Punkin Day 5K and Fun Run is set for 8:00 a.m.

Motorcycle enthusiasts can participate in the Bead run beginning at 9:00 a.m. and compete in the motorcycle games in the afternoon. A classic car display will be held. The Floyd County Historical Museum will present rope-making activities and the Floyd County Library will hold its annual book and bake sale. Approximately 90 arts and crafts and food booths will be located on the Courthouse square. It's a great time to do a little early Christmas shopping. Local merchants will also feature great buys at downtown stores. There will be many chances to win prizes during the day. The Chamber is raffling two Southwest Airlines tickets, Cow Patty Bingo prizes total \$1000, and if you correctly guess the weight of the pumpkin trailer you'll take home \$100.00. For more information contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at 806-983-3434.

Gene Watson will appear in concert at Turkey Gem Theatre

The Historic Gem Theatre in Turkey will present Gene Watson in concert October 14. There are people who sing and then there are the singers that are respected throughout the music industry. One of them is Gene Watson. The Turkey Heritage Foundation proudly presents in two separate concerts, Gene Watson and his Farewell Party Band, along with Lynn Alexander and The 8 Second Ride Band at the recently remodeled, historic Gem Theatre in downtown Turkey, Texas, Saturday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and going fast. Call (806) 423-1420 or (806) 423-1113 for ticket information or send a check or money order to: Turkey Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 131, Turkey, TX 79261. You can also email nadine@caprock-spur.com or crusingby@caprock-spur.com for more information.

Gene Watson started his recording career in 1974 with his first hit called "Love in the Hot Afternoon." From that point on, Watson has had over 20 top 10 singles including "Farewell Party," "Fourteen Carat Mind," "Memories to Burn," "Paper Rosie," "Nothing Sure Looked Good On You," and "Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy)." Born in Palestine, Texas, Watson was one of seven children of a sawmill worker and crop picker. In his late teenage years, Watson became an auto body worker. On weekends he began singing in Houston nightclubs, where he was met with immediate popularity and was later discovered and was signed to a recording contract. Robert K. Oermann, the dean of country critics says it best, "The world stops spinning when Gene Watson sings. In his voice is all the ache of existence." A brisket supper with all the trimmings, sponsored by the

Hall County Historical Committee will be served from 4-6 p.m., between the two concerts, in the

covered patio area beside the Gem Theatre. The cost will be \$6.50 per person.

Motley County Fair

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CRITERIA FOR JUDGING EXHIBITS
Foods: Color, texture, appearance, taste and originality. No cake or cookie mixes are allowed. The recipes must be made from scratch. Cakes should be displayed on either purchased disposable or foil covered clean cardboard pieces. Cheesecakes or foods that need to be refrigerated will not be accepted. Canned goods must be in Mason or Kerr Jars. They must be sealed and the outside of the jars must be clean. No mayonnaise jars or reused pickle or relish jars will be accepted. **Needlework, Garments, Quilts, Flower:** Flower arrangements will be judged on workmanship, design color, texture, appearance and originality. **Art, Sculpture, Carving, etc.:** Color, texture, originality, perspective, design and representation. **Kits:** Neatness, appearance, specifications. **Collections and Antiques:** Condition of item, age, uniqueness and display. Antiques must be at least 50 years old. **Photography:** Contrast color where applicable, subject, sharpness and originality. **Writing, Poetry and Songs:** Plot, subject, spelling, grammar and originality. **Pot Plants:** Healthy, arrangement, originality and container. **Commercial Exhibits** will be in the pavilion. The charge for each commercial exhibit will be \$15.00 for a 10' x 10' space. A merchant may sell goods from their exhibit. Commercial booth space will be on a first come, first choice of space basis. You will need to provide your own tables and any other set up for your display. The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers plan to sell chili dogs, popcorn and soft drinks. No other concession stands will be allowed. Entry to the fair will be free.

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Culinary: Baked Goods - Pies, Cakes, Cookies. Adult and Junior divisions. Decorated cakes. Food preservation - Canned goods, jams, jellies. Adult and Junior divisions. **Textiles:** Needlework - Crochet, embroidery, etc. Adult and Junior divisions. **Quilts - Adults and Children** **Wearable Art - Garments, Belts, Jewelry, Purses, Vests, etc.** **Garments - Adults and Juniors.** **Arts:** Drawings & Paintings - Pencil, oils, pastels, acrylics, charcoal, etc. Adults, Junior/Children, Professional. Carving & Sculpture - Wood, clay, leatherwork, etc. Adults, Juniors, Professionals. Amateur Leatherwork - Boots, Saddles, Bets, Bags, Chaps, Bridles, Beaded Leather. Metal Work - Welding, ornamental, etc. Adults & Junior divisions, Professional. Writing - Short stories, essays, poetry and songs. Adults, Juniors, Children. Ceramics - Pottery, Porcelain, Bisque. Adults, Juniors, Professional. **Miscellaneous:** Toy Collections - Adults, Children and Juniors. Antiques - Glassware, china, textiles, photos, furniture, dolls, vignettes, etc. **Crafts and Hobbies:** Kits and Models - Adults and Juniors/Children. Handmade Dolls - Cloth, costumed, wooden, china. Adults and Juniors. Christmas Decorations - Tree skirts, ornaments, wreaths, vignettes. Adults and Juniors. Stained Glass - Adults and Juniors. Hand Painted Articles - Boards, tole, gourds, pots, etc. Adults and Juniors. Flower Arranging - Adults and Juniors.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,

"I (Congressman's name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

No, this is not original with me. It is the Congressional Oath of Office elected officials take before assuming their office in Congress. Now, I cannot find

anything in this Oath that entitles Congress to tax anyone or anything to give to another person or special interest group or all the programs operating today. They take from one and give to a group that has a large block of votes. This is done solely to be re-elected to their plush office. I believe 99.9% of our Congressmen do this, and when they vote for these unconstitutional laws, then they are guilty of perjury. When one votes for anything other than what the Constitution allows, they should be removed from office. Yours truly, R.C. Giesecke

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OBITUARIES

Opal Estes Pipkin

Funeral services for Opal Estes Pipkin, 97, of Matador were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church of Matador. Officiating was the Rev. Winfield Davenport of the First United Methodist Church of Matador. Interment followed in the East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Opal Passed away Sept. 27, 2006, in Midland.

Opal had a joy in living that was a blessing and inspiration to all who knew her. Her keen sense of humor touched many lives even during her final months of life. Opal was born in Quanah, Texas on Feb. 24, 1909, the oldest daughter of Bert and Winnie Estes. Her family moved to Matador in 1923 and she graduated from Matador High School in 1926. While in high school she organized the first pep club.

Opal married W.N. 'Bill' Pipkin on Feb. 21, 1931. They were married for 56 years until his death in 1987. She was always active working at First State Bank in Matador before her marriage to Bill, also a First State Bank employee. Later she worked with her husband in his insurance business and also became a certified tax preparer. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Order of Eastern Star for 64 years holding the office of Worthy Matron twice and most other offices including chaplain. She belonged to the Matador Garden Club, El Progreso Study Club and El Carte Bridge Club, still playing bridge at 96. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Opal and her sisters Vivian, Winifred and Lucretia performed as the Estes Sisters in many church and civic events in and around Matador for many years.

Opal traveled extensively visiting relatives both in the states and in Europe. She traveled alone to Germany at the age of 84 and to Arizona at age 96. She was a supporter and encourager of all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in all their varied endeavors. She saw nearly every game in 2001 when her great-grandson, Jayson



Nix played for the Midland Bulldogs who won the state championship in baseball. She also loved the Texas Rangers, going to several games when Laynce Nix was playing with them.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sisters Vivian Jacobs and Virginia Shankle.

Her survivors include one daughter, Pattie Alexander and husband Vernard of Midland; two sons, Neal Pipkin and wife Carol of Granbury, Gerald Pipkin and wife Penny of Lubbock; three sisters, Lucretia Campbell of Matador, Winifred Darsey of Matador, and Shirley York of Williamsburg, Va.; her grandchildren, Leslie Nix, Heather Davis, Linda Williams, Michelle Alexander, Lisa Walton, Scott Pipkin, Amy Franks, Leigh Ann Ralston, and Pamela Dakin; great-grandchildren, Laynce, Jayson and Lyndsay Nix, Eryn and Tanner Williams, Taylor Davis, Mitchell and Parker Walton, and Madison and Hudson Franks; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express gratitude for the loving care Opal received at Midland Memorial Rehab, Select Specialty Hospital, and Hospice of Midland as well as in-home caregivers. Memorials may be made to the Matador Museum or the charity of one's choice.

Palbearers were grandsons-in-law: Laynce Nix, Ross Williams, Sam Davis, Cory Franks, Brad Ralston, and nephew Robin Darsey.

Gus Timmons

Gus Weldon Timmons, 54, of Paducah, died suddenly Sept. 25, 2006. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at the First Baptist Church of Paducah with Pastor Lyn Means officiating. Interment followed at Paducah Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Gus was born in Matador, Texas in 1952. He was raised at Cedar Top on the Mill Iron Ranch in Hall County. He began working as a cowboy at the age of 6. He graduated high school in Turkey and attended Clarendon College. He continued in the ranching business until his untimely death. For the past 26 years he was also employed by a natural gas processing plant.

He was an active member of the First Baptist Church. He was in the choir and also worked with the nurs-

ing home Sunday School class. Timmons served many years as a 4-H Horse Club leader, director of the Cattle-King Rodeo Association, past school board member, Paducah Rod & Gun Club, various committees with the Paducah Golf Association and was serving as a County Commissioner. He was an avid hunter and loved to cook.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Weldon (Tot) Timmons and Audry Hall Timmons. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Delisa Brooks Timmons; three daughters, Tiffany Seal and her husband Caleb of Owasso, OK, Tara Timmons, a senior at Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene and Tess Timmons, a senior at Paducah High School; one grandson, Gavin Ross Seal of Owasso, OK; and one sister, Nara (Nat) Buonafede and her husband Ross of Franklin, TN.

Class of '49 meets for reunion

by Frances Dixon

The graduating class of '49 met at the recent homecoming for a fun time of catching up and remembering when.

They started the celebration on Friday when several met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch. These were Jim Groves, Mesa AZ and his daughter, Denise of near Seattle, WA; Shirley Pope Monk, Siletz, OR; Marcia Gilbert Middlebrooks, Topeka, IN; Gene and Royella Browning Van Dyne,

Auberry, CA; Stan and Dorothy Traweek Hanesworth and Frances Casey Dixon, Matador. Lewis Blevins visited the group for a short time.

June Moss opened the museum for them that afternoon for an enjoyable time. They then visited Geraldine Waybourn Key and her husband, Ellis in their home where she is recovering from a recent fall. Several of the group, joined by Don Wason, Plainview, met for supper at Anna's Cafe.

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Today I was visiting with Chig Gwinn at the Traveler's Inn. He told me that his family was having a reunion on Saturday, October 7. I asked how long his family had lived in Motley County. Chig was not sure. J.N. Fletcher and Corky Marshall were also there. They mentioned that the Gwinn family was already living at TeePee Flat when the Marshalls arrived in 1915. That would be at least 91 years in Motley County. That is a long time!

Joyce Smith is doing much better and hopes to be back in Roaring Springs soon. Her daughter Michelle Smith will be coming to see her mother on Thursday.

The Roaring Springs WMU (the new name for the organization is Women On Mission) is in need of empty shoe boxes for the Shoebox Ministry which is in conjunction with Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child, that sends shoeboxes filled with things children like around the world to needy children. Last year many shoebox gifts went to the children that were homeless after Hurricane Katrina. Shoeboxes of gifts were sent at Easter time in 2005 for the homeless children in Asian countries after the tsunami. I know I used to say, "Why, I would like to do something like 'hat'!" Here's a chance to get in on the fun stuff: wrapping and filling an empty shoebox with things for a needy child or even providing empty shoeboxes.

There are several food containers and/or lids of containers that were not picked up after the funeral that have been held at the Baptist Church during the summer. Dishes not picked up after Vera Mitchell's family was served at the RSCV community center were brought back to the church. I believe there is a large lid to an electric fry pan or roaster there. If you are missing something,

call me at 348-7000 and I will see that you have a chance to see if any of these things might belong to you. The ladies are meeting on Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the fellowship hall as that would be an opportunity to come by and pick up your dish.

There was an interesting visitor at the Traveler's Inn today. Liz Carmack, a writer from Austin was here to visit the hotel. She is writing a book on old hotels in Texas that are still in operation or have been reopened in the last few years. The Daniell's showed her "before and after" pictures of the hotel. She was also interested in visiting the Springs. She lives near Barton Springs at Austin. She is a tour planner as well as a writer. She said there were 61 old hotels in Texas that she would be writing about. Ms. Carmack and her mother arrived on Sunday and left on Monday. Ms. Carmack has a website: www/historictexas-hotels.com.

Beau Fletcher has been visiting his grandparents, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher, and getting in some bow hunting for deer. Beau and his wife, Shara, live in Amarillo.

October 21, the date for the fair is quickly approaching. The information sheets have been distributed around Roaring Springs, Matador and Spur. Hopefully all you need to know to participate is included on these sheets. Categories and rules are listed. Entries must be received on Friday evening the 20th of October. The hours for receiving entries are: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. No entries will be allowed before or after those hours. Absolutely no entries will be accepted on Saturday morning, October 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hand attended a 50 year service reception for Freida Brooks at the First National Bank at Paducah. While they were in Paducah they learned that Mozelle's sister-in-law, Juanita Whitaker who was recuperating from open heart surgery has been taken by ambulance back to the hospital suffering from an apparent stroke.

Jeannie Adams has been able to be out some this week. She is weak but feels some better.

Family members report that Kenneth Ashley is improving and hopes to come home to Texas in the Spring.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

What the world really needs is more love and less paper work!

MARTIN FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Arthur and Woodford Martin families held their annual reunion Saturday, September 30. They began congregating at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center building in Flomot to visit and renew memories.

Hamburgers, salads and desserts were served at 5:30 p.m. Those attending the happy occasion were Gary Martin of Denton; Mary Gunn and Raymond Gunn of Levelland; Lindsay Martin of Canyon; Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger; Donnie and Carol Martin of Silverton; Delores and Dewayne Martin, Kay and Leo Phillips of Plainview.

Mrs. Nancy Branson, Catelyn and Kristen of Keller; Eldon and Gwen Martin and Thomas Martin of Lubbock; Leo and Joy Archer, Nova Dale Turner, Craig Turner, Cassidy and Carley, Deborah and Howard Martin of Matador; Wilburn Martin, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Travis and Linda Kendall, Seab and Dianne Washington, Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob of Flomot.

They voted to have the reunion again in Flomot the last Saturday in September, 2007.

Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and daughter, Mrs. Brenda Cruse visited in Lubbock, Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason and Dalton, Shahala and Allen Holsher and Kacee and Ben Shafer. Joining them there was her other daughter, Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder. They celebrated the birthday of Marihelen with a restaurant luncheon. The families then visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holsher where they presented her a decorated birthday cake and best wishes.

Visiting during the weekend with Wilburn Martin was granddaughter, Lindsay Martin of Canyon and daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger.

Mrs. Janice Hughes and friend, Mrs. JoAnn McFall of Silverton visited last week in Santa Fe, N.M. and enjoyed the many tourist attractions.

Mrs. Tim (Melissa) Kendall visited the weekend in Clyde with Mrs. Shirley Gray. She attended a baby shower Saturday morning given for

Mrs. April Coats.

Mrs. Janice Hughes visited in Floydada, Thursday with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes and baby-sat with their son, Kason. She and husband, Butch visited the Rickey Hughes family, Sunday.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers to Lubbock, Thursday for medical tests. They visited Ronnie and Lou Rogers before returning home.

Jack and Nada Starkey visited overnight Sunday in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. Nada had a medical appointment in Amarillo, Monday. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid who had just returned from vacationing the last month at Padre Island.

Visiting during the week with Mrs. Leona Degan were Jerry Gilbert and son, Gary of Jacksonville, Alabama, Morris Degan of Medicine Mound and Stanley Degan of Calgary.

Emily Milam, daughter of Christi and Dwain Milam of Petersburg, celebrated her 7th birthday with a party in her home Friday afternoon. Among those attending besides her sister, Haley were Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Everett Shorter of Flomot.

Mrs. Lacy Clary and children, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie of Matador and Cara Franks of Flomot visited Saturday with their grandparents, Erma and Bill D. Washington. Bill and Erma visited in Roaring Springs, Sunday with son and wife, Tim and Deana Washington.

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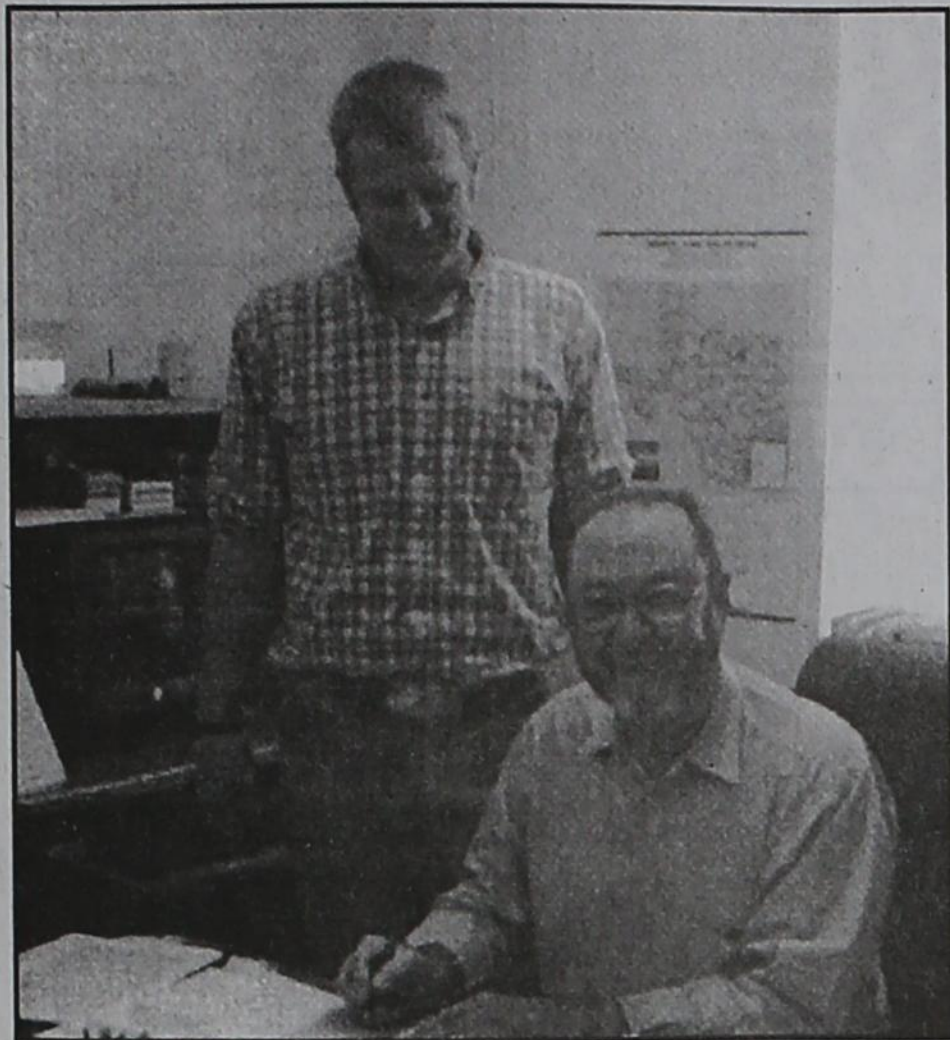
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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK — Motley 4-H President, Shane Newman, looks on as Judge Ed D. Smith signs a Proclamation in honor of the local club's participation in National 4-H Week, October 1-7. Over 50 4-H'ers were given green pledge bracelets to wear all week in support of the program. At the conclusion of the week the annual 4-H Awards Banquet will be held, Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Motley County's dryland cotton crop a disaster

by Earlyne Jameson

Much needed moisture came the first three days in September but it was too late for dryland cotton that had been planted to hang on. After insurance adjusters made their appearance in Motley County the last week in September, cotton fields were abandoned and were being plowed up or shredded due to lack of precipitation.

The first day of Autumn, September 21, Motley County registered 55 mile winds and

blowing dust. Though rain is needed, we have had pleasant days and cool nights with below average temperatures during the month.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for September 2006: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 3.66 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 3.08 inches; John Bird, Matador 3.55 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield 2.54 inches and Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 3.29 inches.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

BY JOHN BIRD, CED



EMERGENCY GRAZING
Emergency grazing of CRP is continuing through November 30th for a ten percent annual payment reduction. Please be sure that you are monitoring the height of your grass so that you don't overgraze.

Also, if you have not signed up and been approved to graze, please remember that there are severe penalties for unauthorized grazing of CRP.

NEW PROVISIONS FOR MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING OF CRP

Due to a settlement between the FSA and National Wildlife Federation, new provisions for managed haying and grazing of CRP are effective immediately. Producers may only sign up for managed haying of CRP on a particular acreage once every ten years. Producers will be allowed to graze CRP only once every five years. The primary nesting season for Texas is still March 1 through

July 1. This is the period during which CRP must be left undisturbed.

LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Signup for the Livestock Assistance Grant Program has begun. FSA is not administering this program, the Texas Department of Agriculture is. We will have applications available for you to pick up, but FSA has been instructed to not help producers fill out the applications and to not mail them into TDA. We are to direct all questions to TDA. If you need contact information we have that available upon request. We don't know when the deadline is, so get your application now! You probably won't get any reminder.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The USDA offices will be closed on Monday, October 9, for Columbus Day. I tried to come up with more to say about this day but will just leave that to the historians.

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Part 4)

God is sovereign. His sovereignty means that as creator of all (except Himself), He is the supreme ruler over all of creation. This gives Him the authority to make all rules and laws for the operation of the universe and natural world, as well as setting the guidelines and rules for life and the penalty for breaking His law. He is the last word! There is no higher authority. He is King or Lord of all. As creator of all, He is also the sustainer of all, from the entire universe to the breath the atheist uses to deny divine sovereignty over him.

Understanding that God is the sovereign creator of the universe helps one to understand miracles. As creator, He certainly has the power to intervene, alter, direct or add to, the natural laws of the universe He created, and those are miracles.

Sinful man continues to elevate himself in importance, and demote God, but here are the Two Absolute Rules of Right Thinking and Belief: "Rule Number One: God is sovereign; I am not. Rule Number Two: Don't ever forget Rule Number One!"

God's aseity means that He is self-existent, self-sufficient, free and independent from His created creatures and pure actuality. We have being (existence). He IS being. "I am that I am!" Exodus 3:14. He is com-

plete, lacks nothing, and craves nothing. This aspect is sometimes referred to as His "impassability," meaning that He has no passion for something He does not have. He is completely and infinitely satisfied in His own perfection. Also, as pure actuality (being) He cannot not exist! He is pure existence, never created, never dying, but eternal.

God's impassability stands in contradiction to a very common untruth coming from a lot of unlearned pulpits - that God created man because He (God) was lonely. That is baloney! It is another example of man's attempt to elevate his own importance. God has never needed and will never need anything! We don't presently know why He went to the trouble of creating us - but then He knows the end, we don't. It will be to His Glorification. See Isaiah 43:7.

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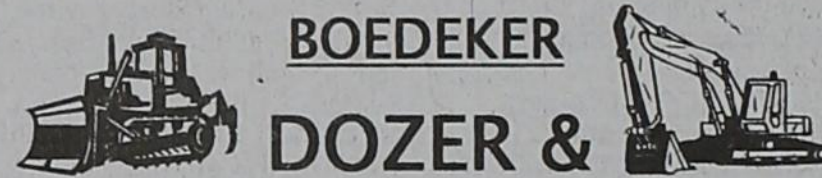
FLOYD COUNTY:

A pumpjack has been set on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 and is currently pumping the frac job load fluid back.

On Friday, September 29, the fourth stage of the planned

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7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 87 Low: 60
	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 59
	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 86 Low: 58
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 83 Low: 55
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 85 Low: 54
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 82 Low: 50
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 84 Low: 51

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 87°, humidity of 40% and an overnight low of 60°. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1981. The record low is 40° set in 1964. Friday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 86°.

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
10/6	10/13	10/22	10/29

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	73	51	83/59	0.00"	0.05"
Monday	81	46	83/58	0.00"	0.56"
Tuesday	87	52	83/58	0.05"	Departure from normal
Wednesday	91	53	83/58	0.00"	-.01"
Thursday	72	50	82/57	0.00"	Average temperature
Friday	90	45	82/57	0.00"	67.1°
Saturday	93	55	82/57	0.00"	Average normal temperature
					70.1°
					Departure from normal
					-3.0°

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Oct. 5, 1638 - The journal of John Winthrop recorded that a mighty tempest struck eastern New England. This second severe hurricane in three years blew down many trees in mile long tracks.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today	7:40 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:22 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:36 p.m.
Moonset today	5:50 a.m.

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