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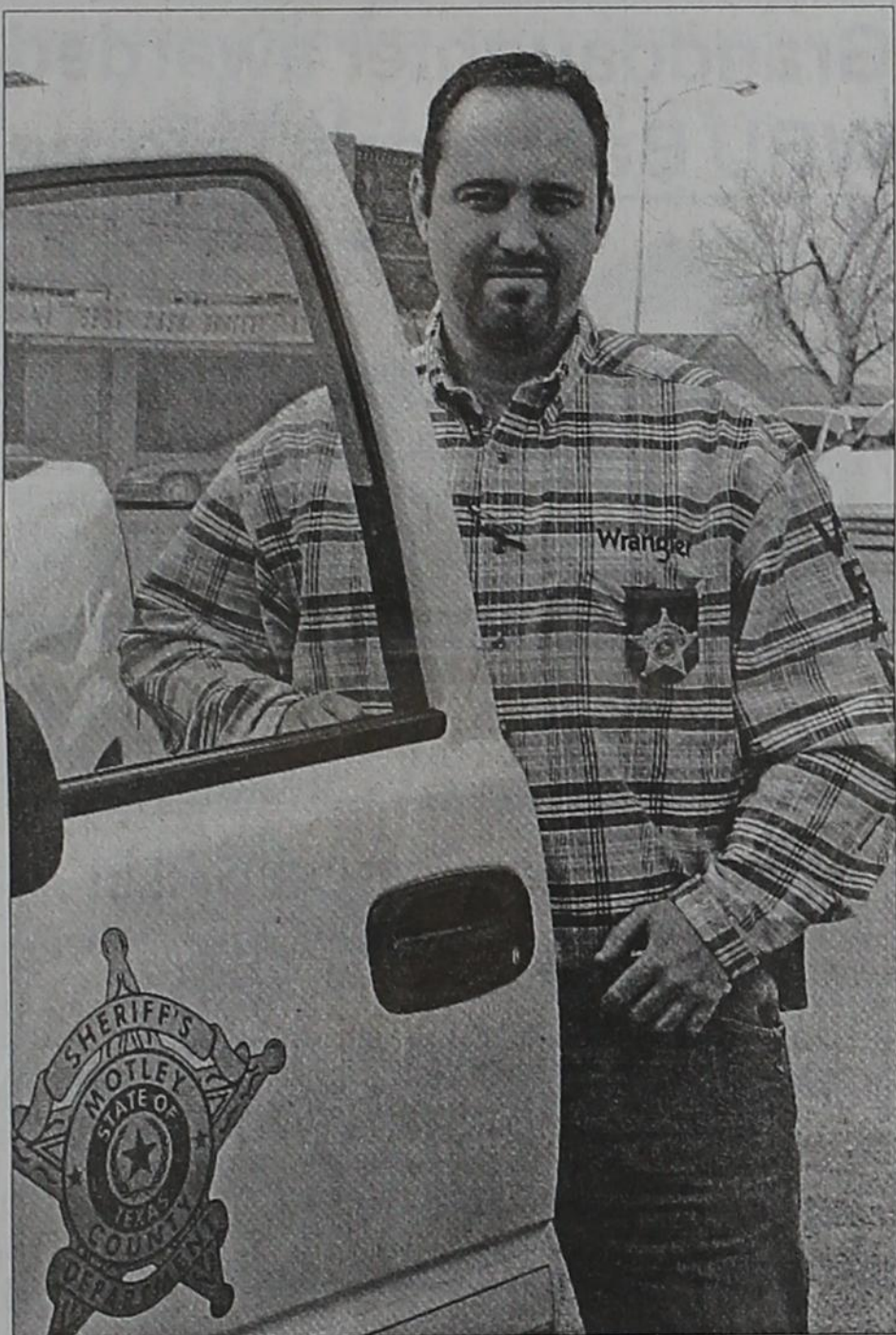
## Motley County PIPS

The Motley County Pips have been in training since September, 2006. They have been exhibiting their skills during half-time of high school basketball games. These kids have worked extremely hard to improve their ball handling skills.

PIPS will perform for the last time this year February 2 during half-time of the boys' game.

The group consists of Kindergarten through 5th grade. Pictured left to right (front) are Carley Turner, Brendan Fisk, Gage Baker, Eli Marshall, Rivers Marshall, Tucker Barton, Ethan Mason, (2nd row) Cade Drum, Brody Rankin, Dode Gleghorn, Mikenna Ford, Hanna Mason, Kaylee Woolsey, Bryson Elliott, Chloe Gleghorn, Mickey Clary; (3rd row) Jamie Jameson, Mattie Brooks, Grant Potts, Caleb Clary, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Ford, Natalie Jameson, Braden Bigham, Conner Mason, Shelby Elliott, Virginia Gutierrez, Katie Barton; (back) Marcus Ortiz, Seth Markey, Bryant Taylor, Logan Ferguson, Seth Baxter, Jacob Woolsey, Shayla Clay, Victoria Hernandez.

Coaches are Cathey Turner, Denise Ford, Kathy Blanco, Brittany Moore, Danika Jameson and Lacey Rankin.



**NEW DEPUTY** — Michael Crutchley started his duties as deputy for the Motley County Sheriff's Department on Monday, January 29. Michael comes to Motley County from the Memphis Police Department. He has been involved in law enforcement and corrections since 1998. Michael and his fiancée Buffy Snyder, are originally from West Palm Beach, Florida. The couple will be living in Matador and are in the process of planning their wedding.

## State Comptroller reveals \$14 billion in new state funds

Austin — Comptroller Susan Combs said earlier this month the Texas Legislature will have \$14.3 billion in new money to spend in the 2008-2009 state budget.

Combs issued her Biennial Revenue Estimate, reporting to the 80th Legislature and the Governor that \$82.5 billion in general revenue is available for appropriation.

"This is a solid, conservative estimate," Combs said.

"I anticipate \$77.5 billion in general revenue income during the next biennium," Combs said. "Add to that a \$7.0 billion ending balance for the current biennium, the largest ending balance on record. Subtract \$2.0 billion in oil and gas production tax revenue that must be set aside in the Rainy Day Fund, and the bottom line is \$82.5 billion that is available to spend."

"That is approximately \$14.3 billion dollars more than the current \$68.2 billion budget," Combs said.

"This is a great time in Texas, Combs said. "Our state's

strong economy is producing vigorous revenue growth to serve Texans' needs. However it is my duty as Comptroller to point out that I do expect a cooling of the economy in the months ahead."

Combs said three important contributors to the Texas economy are slowing: the housing market, oil and gas prices and consumer spending.

"Nationally, the housing boom of the last two years is rapidly slowing. In Texas, new home starts that were up 20.7 percent a year ago were down 12.4 percent last October, a dramatic shift," Combs said.

Oil and gas prices are expected to recede following a rapid climb in fiscal 2006 and exploration will decrease somewhat," Combs continued. "The growth in consumer spending will decline, due in part to the slowdown in the housing market. People feel wealthier and spend more freely if their homes are increasing in value. Also, low interest rates have made refinancing attractive, often in-

volving a cash out of home equity to be spent by consumers. That trend, too has changed.

Looking at some of the state's largest revenue sources, Combs said 87 percent of the revenue will come from taxes and the remaining 13 percent will come from non-tax sources such as fees, interest earnings and lottery proceeds.

The sales tax will continue to be the state's largest tax revenue source, bringing in an estimated \$41.50 billion during the 2008-2009 biennium. Sales tax revenue is expected to grow approximately 4.2 percent annually, down from fiscal 2006's 12.0 percent growth and fiscal 2007's anticipated 7.0 percent growth.

With the overhaul of the franchise tax by the 79th Legislature, this tax is now the second largest source of tax revenue and the third largest source of general revenue. During the next biennium, the franchise tax is expected to produce \$5.84 billion for the General Revenue Fund and an additional

\$6.09 billion for the new Property Tax Relief Fund, a dedicated fund that is not available for general-purpose spending by the Legislature.

Oil and natural gas production taxes are expected to raise \$4.94 billion in revenue. Of this, \$2.01 billion will be reserved for the Rainy Day Fund. Both taxes are expected to decline over the biennium, as historically high prices are expected to moderate.

"I will continue to closely monitor Texas' economic indicators and report to the Legislature if a change in my revenue estimate is warranted," Combs said. "There will be no surprises. My goal is seamless and constant communication with the Legislature as they go about the crucial task of allocating taxpayer dollars to best meet the needs of all Texans."

Comptroller Susan Combs' complete 2008-2009 Biennial Revenue Estimate can be found on her Web site [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

## Thornberry opposes delegate voting Believes measure is move toward statehood

(Washington D.C.) - Congressman Mac Thornberry voted last week against a bill which gives Delegates of the U.S. territories the ability to vote on legislation on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Under this measure, the 57,000 people in American Samoa will have the same voting rights as the 600,000 people in the 13th District. That dilutes the strength of the vote of each and every citizen in our district," Thornberry explained.

Previously, the Delegates of the five territories (Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia) could sit on House committees but could not cast a vote on legislation when it reaches the floor of the House. The only time in the history of the United States that such voting has been allowed was in

1993-1994, when it was very controversial. It was repealed two years later.

"I oppose this resolution for two reasons. One is that it weakens and impairs the constitutional right to equal representation of citizens in the 50 states, including those in the 13th district of Texas," Thornberry said.

"Secondly, it is a clear step toward statehood, which Speaker Pelosi (D-California) and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) have been very vocal in supporting for the District of Columbia."

One of the many problems with allowing Delegates to vote on legislation is that people who choose to live in territories, rather than in one of the 50 states, do not pay individual federal income tax. They may well vote to increase taxes on those in the 50 states without having it affect any of their constitu-

ents.

"As one of my colleagues has said, this bill provides representation without taxation," Thornberry noted.

Article I of the Constitution provides, "the House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States." (emphasis added)

Delegates of the territories are not subject to age, citizenship, and residency qualifications set forth in the Constitution for Members of the House of Representatives.

Thornberry said, "The votes I cast on behalf of my constituents may well be canceled out by the vote of someone who represents one-tenth the number of people and has never paid federal income tax. That attacks our constitutional system of equal representation and is unfair to the people I represent."

## Local landowners show interest in Wind Energy land leases

Motley County Extension Agent, Ryan Martin, said the response he has received from landowners interested in pursuing the wind energy industry in Motley County has been tremendous.

Mr. Martin said, "At this time there are over 40,000 acres signed up."

If you are interested in leasing your land for the develop-

ment of the wind energy industry in Motley County, please come by my office or call and we'll outline your land on the map. Remember, this DOES NOT mean you are leasing your land, only that you are interested."

Mr. Martin said he had been approached by a surrounding county to join together in lobby-

ing to get this area designated as a CREZ zone. This is a great opportunity as this increases the political pull. With this development Motley County has a greater chance of being designated as a CREZ zone.

If you have any questions or would like to visit about this development, contact Mr. Martin at 806-347-2733.

## Motley County Parents' Club will meet Tuesday

The Motley County Parents Club invites all parents to their next meeting, Tuesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Items for discussion will include the Dr. Seuss Reading Party planned for Friday, March 2, the upcoming Book Fair, the Athletic Banquet and the All Night Party. All ideas are welcomed in order to make these events memorable for MC students.

## Kid's Praise set for February 7

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, February 7, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all.

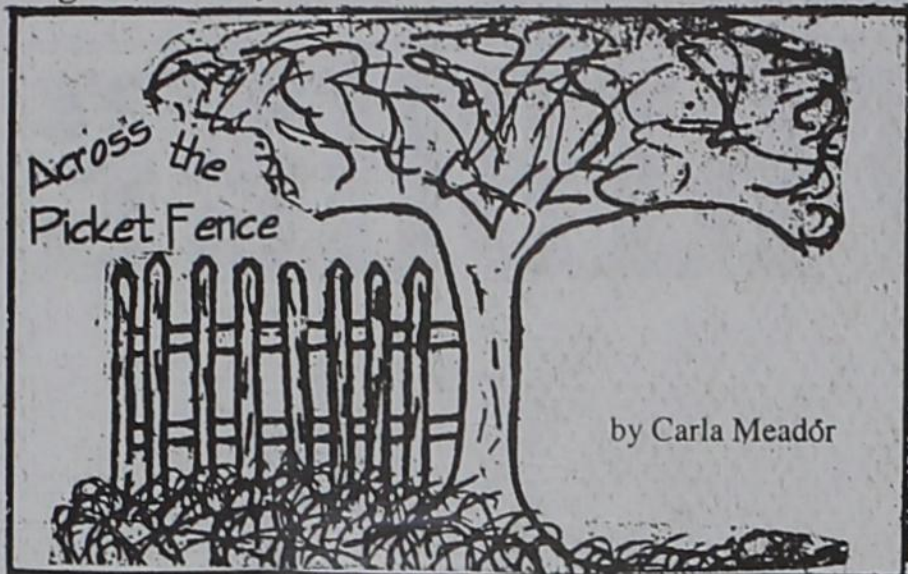
Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

## Valentine Brag page deadline nearing

The deadline to get your photos and/or messages for the Valentine Brag pages is nearing. The Motley County Tribune will print your special Valentine feature in the February 15th issue. Pick out your favorite photo of your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew, friend, sweetheart, spouse or even your pet and bring it to the Tribune office as soon as possible. Or, you may print a special note/message or poem to your special Valentine. The deadline to get your picture or note in is 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 8. The cost for a single heart is \$12.00 or \$20.00 for a double heart.

Don't miss out on your chance to show off your cutie! Photos and information can be mailed to the Motley County Tribune at P.O. Box 490, Matador, TX 79244 or e-mailed to [motleytribune@yahoo.com](mailto:motleytribune@yahoo.com), (if e-mailed, please call to confirm that it was received). Please send photos in jpeg format. Remember, the deadline is Thursday, February 7. For more information contact the Tribune office at 806-347-2400.





We all have bad days! Do you ever have one of those days when you just wonder if anything will go right? We all do, I suppose. We, women, understand days of nothing to wear, nothing fits, "I'm fat!", no shoes to match an outfit, and especially bad hair days!

On the Today Show this morning, one of the topics was 'bad hair days.' They featured a video blog from the internet - a bride in a bathroom with her bridesmaids. One of her "friends" had video camera in hand and filmed the entire episode. I think I would ask myself after this, if this bridesmaid was actually a "friend."

Anyway, I suppose the bride had her hair done. One of those up-do's with lots of curls hanging from all over her head. The bride was hysterical. She was screaming and flopping in the floor, yelling "I hate my hair!" The word panic would in no way describe this young bride's reaction to her "hairstyle."

She attempted to 'fix' her do with her hands, a comb or brush, and after flopping in the floor, screaming and crying, she eventually picked up the scissors and started snipping! Can you just imagine the reaction of that groom?

I asked myself if this girl was actually mature enough to be getting married??

It would have been fun to see the rest of the story ...

I wonder if the wedding went on as planned, and if they are now laughing about the video that millions of people are viewing. I wonder if the bride and this bridesmaid who downloaded the video to the internet are still friends?

I can attest to major feeling

of anxiety when you realize that you have just had the worst cut, perm or hair color job you can imagine! A few years ago while in Plainview I had one of those 'spur of the moment' urges to get a new look! After asking the sales clerk of the store I was in where to go, I took her advice and went to her recommended shop. I came out of that place crying!

That episode took me back to a hairstylist three times before I could feel comfortable - until my hair grew out some. A nightmare!

We all have bad days, whether it's our hair, something more serious, or sometimes something silly. If you're having a bad day, here a few reminders of why life is so good! So cheer up and read on ...

\* How hot beverages perfectly warm your throat and stomach in cold weather.

\* Moist coconut cake that just dissolves on your tongue, sugary-sweet.

\* Reflections of sky and clouds in all the puddles you walk by after a rainstorm.

\* The emotional rush of the last pages of the amazing novels that have truly touched your soul.

\* The occasional find of an old-fashioned soda machine where you can still get little baby bottles of Coke.

\* Shiny pennies.

\* The humorous way that babies and toddlers can't seem to keep socks on.

\* White Christmas lights.

\* And most importantly, stopping to take a breath and realizing that no matter how bad your day or your situation, you are so blessed, God loves you and He will carry you through!

## Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



Today, Thursday, February 1, there will be a Friends of the Library meeting at the library at 3:00 p.m.

We thank WC. Pallmeyer for his donation to the library in memory of Dee Swim, Leola McKelvey, Bundy Campbell, and Stacey Watson. We also thank Bill and Lea Peacock for their donation to the library in memory of Marjoria Arlena (Moore) Harper.

Up-coming events at the library feature a Mad-Hatter's Tea Party at 2:00 p.m. at the library on February 15. There will be a program about the art of children's illustrator, Wendell Minor, at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event and every-

one who attends must wear a hat.

Two other events of interest include our Open House for the Annex. That will be on March 25. A time and program will be announced later. Two book discussions will be held in the Spring. We will discuss *Shiloh Autumn* by Bodie and Brock Thoien and *Love is a Wild Assault* by Elithe Hamilton Kirkland. We do not have copies of these books yet but they will be in soon and we will set dates for these two discussions.

New books in the library include *Bad Blood* by Linda Fairstein, *Deeper Sleep* by Dana Stabenow and *Suspect* by John Lescroart.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A while back, I wrote an article speaking out against abortion. While I still support everything I said, I feel that I left out an important part.

My goal was not to judge individuals, but to speak out against a system that supports and encourages the murder of millions of babies. An average of 1.5 million babies, or 30 percent of all babies conceived are killed in our country each year. Yet our country, and the church within our country, remains mostly apathetic. We seem to accept the fact that it is illegal to crush the egg of a bald eagle, yet it is legal to destroy the embryo of a human. We ignore the fact that hundreds of babies are aborted at 22 weeks, yet it is routine for babies that are born from 20-22 weeks to survive. We also ignore the fact that babies at 6 or more weeks old look and act just like babies (because they are), yet the "pro choice" establishment says that the new 3-D fetal scans that show this are "dangerously misleading." The fact that our nation supports and upholds this injustice is a reproach to all citizens, and the fact that so many believers in Christ ignore it is a reproach to the church.

I agree that Christians cannot get involved in every worldly issue or cause that comes about. Also, it is not our place to judge individuals. However, in Eph. 5:11 Paul said to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Yes, we are all sinners. No, we are not to judge others. Yet we are to "reprove" the works of darkness, not just avoid them. We are to bring them to light, and expose them for what they are. Now, if the legalized killing of babies is not a work of darkness, then just what did the apostle have in mind? Christ said, "ye are the light of the world." What did He mean when he called Christians the light, and the salt of the earth? Can you act as light, or salt, if you are not concerned with the world we live in?

Now, there is something more to this issue that I should not have left unsaid. What about the doctor that wakes up one day and realizes what he has been doing? We will call sin sin, and not apologize. But before we cast stones we must look at ourselves, and remember what Christ said. In the fifth chapter of Matthew, in reference to the self righteous Pharisees and

hypocrites, he explains the deeper meaning of the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." You can read it yourself, but he is showing us that we are all, in a sense, guilty of breaking this very commandment in the eyes of God. After that, read what He says about adultery. In fact, when we feel a little "self-righteous", we would be wise to read the entire 5th chapter of Matthew. We must not be like the Pharisee who prayed in the temple, thanking God that he was not as bad as other men. The publican, equivalent to the worst of sinners in our day, was truly repenting of his sins. Christ said that it was the publican who left justified, and not the Pharisee.

Isaiah 55:7 says, "let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will ABUNDANTLY pardon." Who of us does not need abundant pardon? If we don't see ourselves as needing abundant pardon, then we are in trouble. It has been said that there are two ways to be lost, unrighteousness and self-righteousness. However, there is only one way to be saved, Jesus Christ. We must encourage those that have sinned and desire forgiveness, and not cause them to despair. Christ said, "he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Where would we be without Him?

We do need to expose the darkness and lies surrounding abortion. Yet we must remember that Paul said that Christ "came to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Abortion is not the unpardonable sin. Those that have had one should know that there is forgiveness for you that sincerely desire it.

John Bird

## CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider: "Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning."

— Thomas Alva Edison

It would be good fortune indeed if lots of people came to Motley County for all the events planned for this year. That seems to imply that a bit of planning will be called for.

Part of the planning will involve doing things that will let people in other places know what events will take place here. Step one will be to publicize it, among other ways on the Chamber website at [www.motleycounty-chamber.org](http://www.motleycounty-chamber.org).

These are tasks that the Chamber of Commerce is set up to accomplish. Gathering information about all the events, though, requires county-wide participation.

To make the schedule, people planning events will have to let the Chamber know about them.

Some events are yearly, and the Chamber members would faint dead away if they were not being planned - the Highway 70

70-mile Garage Sale, the Roaring Springs 4th of July Celebration or Old Settlers, for example. Others are newer - like the Boondockers Grand Prix motorcycle races or the Roaring Springs County Fair.

And some are once only events, like the upcoming party to celebrate the opening of the Hackberry Creek Care Center. When will it take place? Ah, that is the question.

So please remember to let the Chamber know what you are planning, so that the year's schedule can be made. Whether it is a once in a lifetime event or a yearly recurring one, it will be important to gather information, about all the events being planned so that, when it comes to publicizing it, the list is accurate and complete.

You can reach the Chamber by calling (806) 347-2424, by sending an E-mail to [motcocm@caprock-spur.com](mailto:motcocm@caprock-spur.com), or by sending snail mail to the Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 788, Matador, TX 79244. But whatever method you choose, be sure to let the Chamber know what you are planning.

## Matador student graduates from SPC

Amanda Hurt Pierce, a graduate of Motley County High School, received her Associate of Arts Degree in Journalism and Public Relations December 15, 2006.

Amanda was recognized for achieving academic excellence,

named to the President's Honor List for the fall 2006 semester. She earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 credit hours.

Amanda and her husband Josh reside in Levelland.

## Granddaughter awarded WBU Bachelor's Degree



Nicole Hastey

Nicole Green Hastey, granddaughter of Betty Bearden of Matador, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business administration, with a minor in English at December commencement ceremonies at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Nicole graduated magna cum laude and was named to the Dean's list. She is a graduate of Tahoka High School.

Nicole and her husband, Levi, live in Plainview. She is the daughter of Ricky and Jackie Green of Plainview. She is also the granddaughter of Nelta Green of Plainview.

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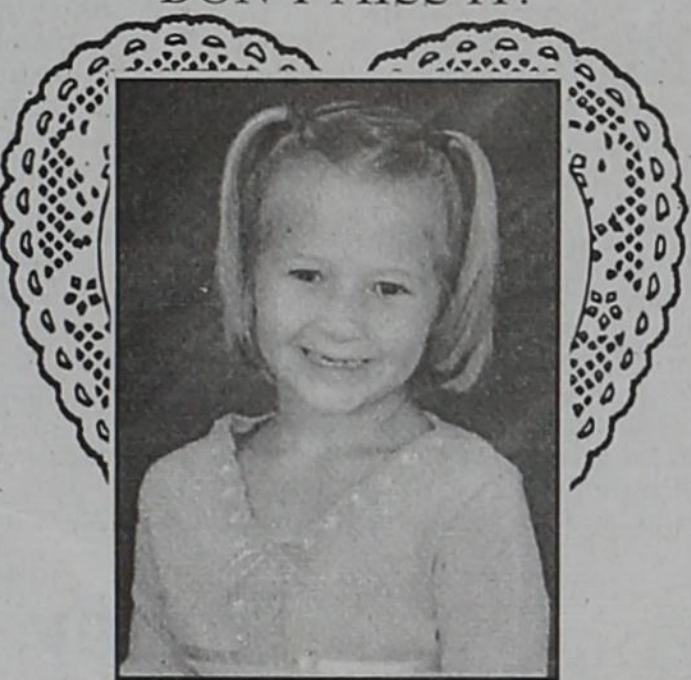
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## Course Adjustments are Necessary



Pilots cannot fly an airplane from one city to another without making some adjustments to the base course. The reasons for this are varied and complex. Winds aloft and wind direction and air density all have to be factored into the course corrections.

The same is also true of our life's journey. We must make course adjustments as we are faced with each new challenge this life sets before us. Often we hold on to some old perceptions (course) with a death grip. We sometimes maintain a course through fear of the "new." New experiences are often challenging and difficult to deal with when they come into our lives. But like the airplane, a new course heading is sometimes what is necessary.

The Apostle Paul helps us to make the necessary adjustments by telling us in Philippians 3:13-14 "...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal..." Here is Paul's example of overcoming former perceptions and being unafraid to accept new challenges or course corrections. As with Paul, so we also learn how to maintain sight of the goal.

Jesus has promised that He would be with us. Therefore we have the grandest Pilot to supervise the course corrections and a God who has declared, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

## ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

## Matador First Baptist Church will host Ladies' Luncheon

All women of the area are invited to attend and bring their friends to the upcoming Ladies' Salad Luncheon to be held at the First Baptist Church, Matador, on Saturday, February 17, at 12:00 noon.

Special guest Beth Pratt, Religion Editor of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*, will speak on "Living the Call to be Transformed."

The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so,

but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

## THIS YARD CONTAINS

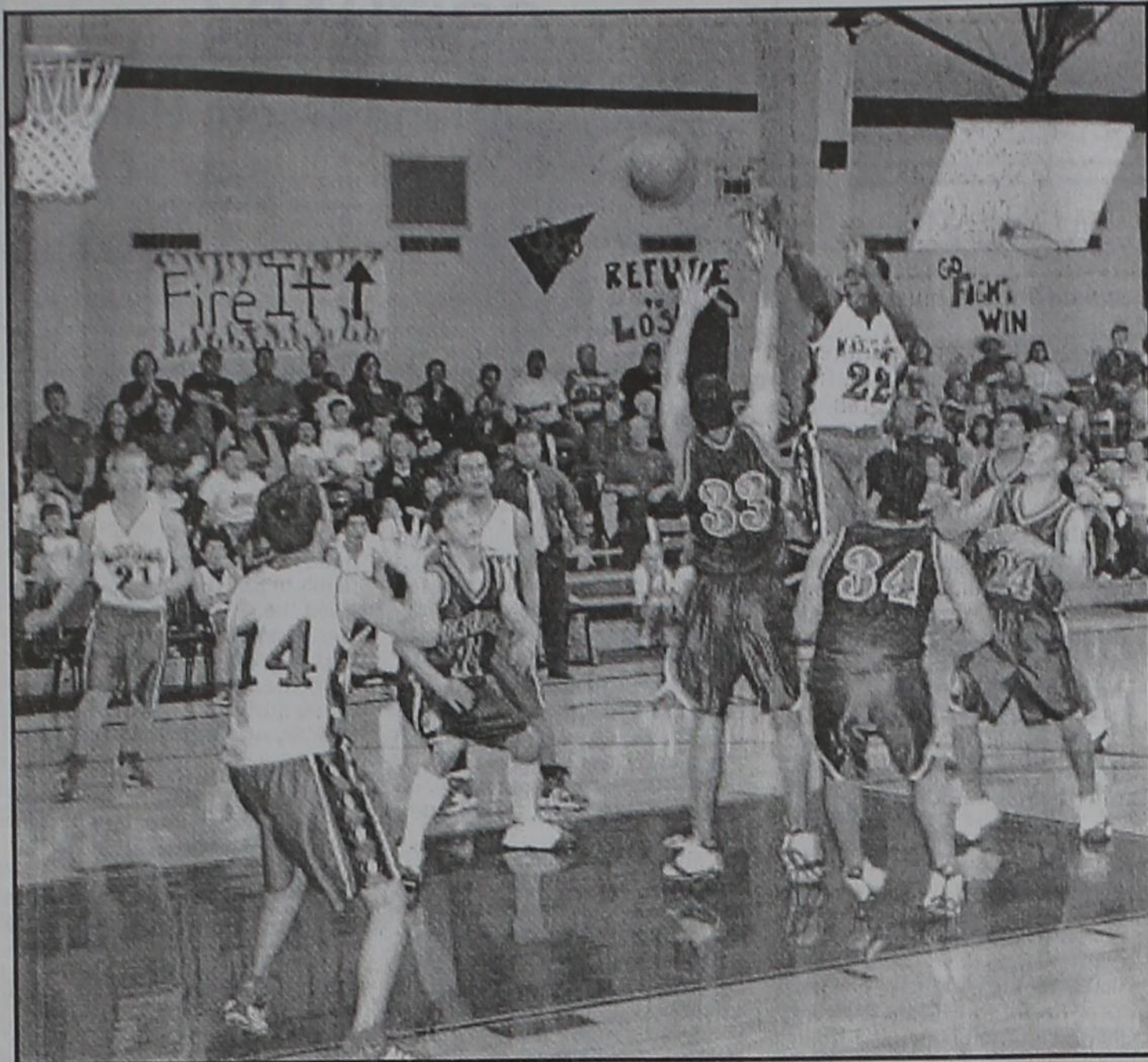
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**MATADORS BASKETBALL ACTION** — MC Matador, Bradley Brown, goes up for two during an action filled basketball game. The Matadors defeated Valley in an 'edge of the seat' game, 48-47, last Friday night. The Matadors also defeated Patton Springs, Tuesday night, 61-46. The Matadors will go up against Silverton, Friday, Feb. 2, here, 6:30. They will face Paducah, Tuesday, Feb. 6, there, 6:30 p.m., for their last game of the season.

(photo by Walter Taylor)



**UP FOR TWO** — MC Lady Mat, Savannah Rose, goes up for two during exciting basketball action. The Ladies were defeated by Valley last Friday night, 43-54. They defeated Patton Springs, Tuesday night, 62-56. The Ladies will face Silverton, Friday, here, at 6:30 p.m. They will go up against Paducah, Tuesday, Feb. 6, there, 6:30 p.m.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

## School Menu



- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.  
 Lunch: Macho Nachos, Salad, Mexican Beans, Sliced Peaches, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
 Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
 Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
 Lunch: Corn Dog, Broccoli/Cheese, Cookie, Cake, Fruit, Milk.
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**A Letter from the Office**

by Marilyn Hicks  
 Motley County ISD Principal

The staff at Motley County schools had a busy week of training and preparation last week; both for the rest of the year and for next year. In addition, teachers sent out three week progress reports to parents. Some send to each parent and on the secondary level (6-12), the reports are sent to students who have less than an 80 average. Keep in mind that parents may check with teacher on student progress at any time. Each teacher has a phone in his/her classroom. When you call the school (347-2676), punch the button for a staff directory and leave a message. Teachers' phones don't ring during class, but they will call you back at their first break.

Secondary students are having the opportunity to attend tutoring. Invitations for attendance are based on the results of a benchmark test given in

December. Benchmarks are tests from which teachers find out what their teaching and tutoring focuses need to be. Attendance at these sessions will be recorded, and students who attend a session at least 80% of the time will have some type of recognition or reward. The schedule for the tutorials is as follows: (Subject to weather conditions).

- Monday, 6-7 - Science
- Thursday, 5-6 - Social Studies; 6-7, Math.
- Friday, 1-2 - English/Language Arts.

The basketball teams have passed the mid-point of district play. Each game is exciting and well worth the price of admission. Come on out and see the action.



**100 DAYS CELEBRATED** — Motley County students celebrated 100 days at school last Thursday. On Friday a parade was held in which students displayed their '100' outfits. Winners were (left to right) Jaylee Flowers, Cutest; Brody Rankin, Most School Spirit; and Braden Bigham, Most Original.

(photo by Walter Taylor)

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### Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

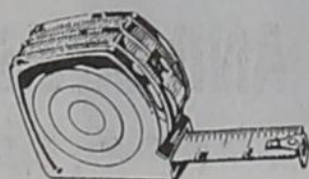


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## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

When my son was little, he misunderstood the world dawned as in something dawned on me. He thought it was "dinged", maybe he connected dawn with dong. At any rate one of his funny sayings was that something dinged on him. Well it has finally "dinged" on me that Corky has an imaginary wife that he tells things when he thinks he is telling me. That would account for all the things I should know but don't that he is sure he told me. That helped my feelings a lot to know that I wasn't that forgetful!

Zella Palmer and Pearl Patten went to Paducah on Sunday afternoon to visit Wayburn (Pug) and Bennie Mae Mitchell. Pug has recently had surgery. Zella reported that he is doing well.

Leandra Whittenberg, Matthew and Kenna visited her parents, Don and Billie Stuckey over the weekend. Don celebrated his birthday on Saturday. Matthew and Kenna both had January birthdays, also. Johnny and Connie Morris and Corky and Monta Marshall were also on hand for angel food birthday cake with strawberries and whipped cream.

The Full Gospel Church had to cancel their concert date with Desert Reign, a well known gospel song group. It is rescheduled for Sunday, April 15th. There will be two concerts, one at the morning service and on Sunday night.

A revival is scheduled at the Full Gospel Church week after beginning on Sunday, February 11th; it will continue through February 14th. Jamie Englehart will be doing the preaching. Evening services will be at 6:00 p.m.

The Women on Mission of the First Baptist Church are busily working on their cookbook. If you haven't submitted a recipe and would like to, the deadline is drawing near. We hope to have the recipes all typed, edited and ready to

turn in by the end of February. We need to have all recipes by February 14. Right now we seem to have more desserts than anything. We need more main dishes and vegetables. Several merchants have purchased ads for the cookbook. They are really appreciated.

Pepper Nichols visited his parents, Sybil and 'Banty' Brandon on Monday and accompanied them to a doctor's appointment in Lubbock.

Dan Brandon remains in the VA hospital in Amarillo. If you can, send Dan a card. His address is c/o VA Hospital, 6010 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106. He is having a tough time and the days away from home get long.

John and Barbara Alexander went to Pampa on Friday to get their grandson, Dylan Patterson for a short visit. Dylan celebrated his 11th birthday complete with special cupcakes. John and Barbara took him home on Sunday.

An unfortunate thing is happening in Roaring Springs. It seems some young boys are shooting the streetlights and some windows. The streetlights are expensive to replace and the cost is charged to the City of Roaring Springs. There are more things the city could do with that money that would be of benefit to all. Remember our city provides a nice park, keeps vacant lots mowed and other things that we all have come to appreciate. Let's encourage our youth to take pride in our town and to be an asset not a problem.

**SHOP AT HOME!**

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
Don't let the future scare you. It is as uncertain as you are!

Wilburn Martin visited from Thursday until Saturday in Granbury with his sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt. They enjoyed the Fort Worth Stock Show and touring the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Friday.

Visiting from Friday until Tuesday with Johnie Starkey and Jack and Nada Starkey were Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla., Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla., Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin, Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde and L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Cory, Amy, Hudson and Madison Franks of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Connie and Coy Franks and sister, Cara Franks. Cary Franks of Lubbock was on the sick list and unable to visit his family.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday. Ruth visited in Quitaque, Sunday with Mrs. Ellen Skinner.

Richard and Tina Rogers of Lubbock and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests of Mrs. B. Rogers, Saturday. Richard left Monday for Germany where he will be with an oil drilling crew to drill an oil well.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Thursday and again Monday for her medical tests including a PET Scan. Their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo accompanied them to the medical facilities. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon en route home.

Mrs. Lauren Dercherhouse and son, Kolin of Ransom Canyon visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. B. Rogers. They also visited Donnie Rogers.

Luncheon guests of Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert,

Sunday were Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton and Dustin Reed of Lubbock. They celebrated the birthday of Mary Jo. She received gifts, cards, telephone calls and best wishes from family and friends.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited Wednesday and Thursday in Lubbock with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley. Aleda's son, Tommy Ross of Castroville arrived Saturday to visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited in Panhandle Friday night with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed the basketball game in which Kelsey played and she and her teammates defeated Stratford. At halftime, Sarah and fourth grade classmates performed an entertaining drill.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg visited Friday night with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Christi returned home and Emily and Haley remained to visit until Sunday. Beginning in February, Clois will be the new National Weather Service Volunteer for Flomot. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse is living in Turkey and was unable to continue this job.

John and Loretta Hall of Clarendon visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay Sunday. Visiting them from Saturday until Tuesday were Mark Henry Clay and Peter Linstrom of Dallas.

## Local News

Mrs. Frances Dixon and daughter, Mrs. Elaine Risser attended the funeral services of Mrs. Steve (Sally) Piper, 54, held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the High School auditorium in Paducah.

## OBITUARY

### Marjoria Arlena Moore Harper

A celebration of life will be held for Marjoria Arlena Moore Harper, Friday, February 2, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Brunswick United Methodist Church in North Crystal, MN.

Mrs. Harper was born May 28, 1920 and passed from this life January 18, 2007.

If you would like to share your thoughts and/or memories of Mrs. Harper, you may send messages to

Jon Criswell Harper at jonharper@wans.net.

The family would like to honor Marjoria's continued love and support of Matador, Texas history and family genealogy by requesting that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to: Matador County Historical Library, P.O. Box 557, 1105 Main Street, Matador, Texas 79244

### Mildred Vinson Key

Mildred Vinson Key, 82, a longtime resident of Guthrie, passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at a nursing center in Iowa Park, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at the First Baptist Church of Paducah with Pastor Thomas Roland officiating. Interment followed at the Guthrie Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Paducah.

Mildred was born March 17, 1924, in Matador, Texas to Hugh and Emma (Sinclair) Vinson. She received her early education locally and proudly served her country during WWII with the U.S. Air Force as a Records Clerk for Training Pilots. She also attended Beauty College and became a licensed beautician. On March 8, 1951, she married George Key in Childress, Texas.

Mildred was a member of the Dumont Baptist Church and to-

gether she and George raised their family in King County and lived and loved the farming/ranching way of life. Mildred was a quiet, hard working lady that delighted in caring for her home and family. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, George Key Sr. of Guthrie; three sons,

George Key, Jr. and wife Cathy of Iowa Park, Hugh Key of Abilene and Charles Key of Lubbock; two brothers, Marshall Vinson of Clovis, NM and Garner Vinson of Ocala, FL; one sister, Pauline Hollar of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Kristi Bumpus and husband Brett of Sanger, Cassandra

Key and Jerri Key both of San Angelo, Chris Key of Shallowater, Bryan Wineinger and wife Jenna and Brent Wineinger both of Iowa Park; two great-grandchildren, William Wineinger and Taylor Masters both of Iowa Park and Presley Bumpus, due to arrive in February.

## Thank You

I appreciate those who braved the cold weather and ice on the road to attend my 90th birthday celebration. Also, those who send cards, flowers and made phone calls. It's nice to know that there are still people who care.

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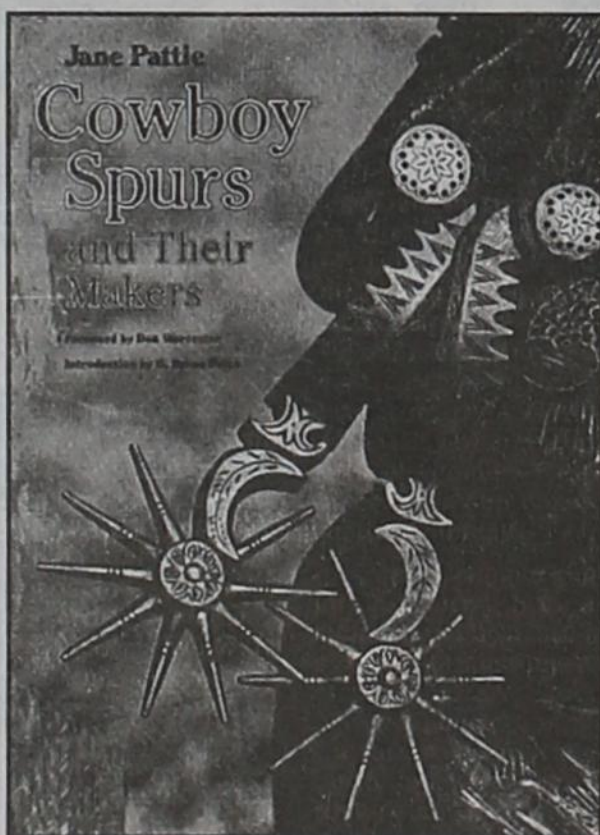
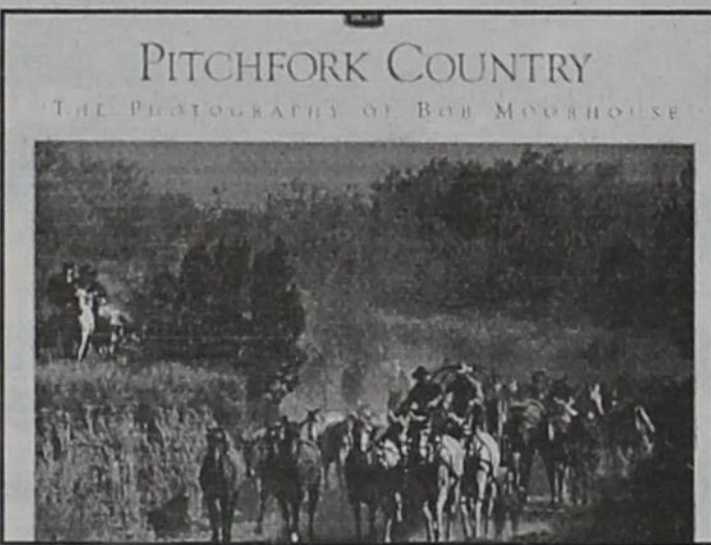
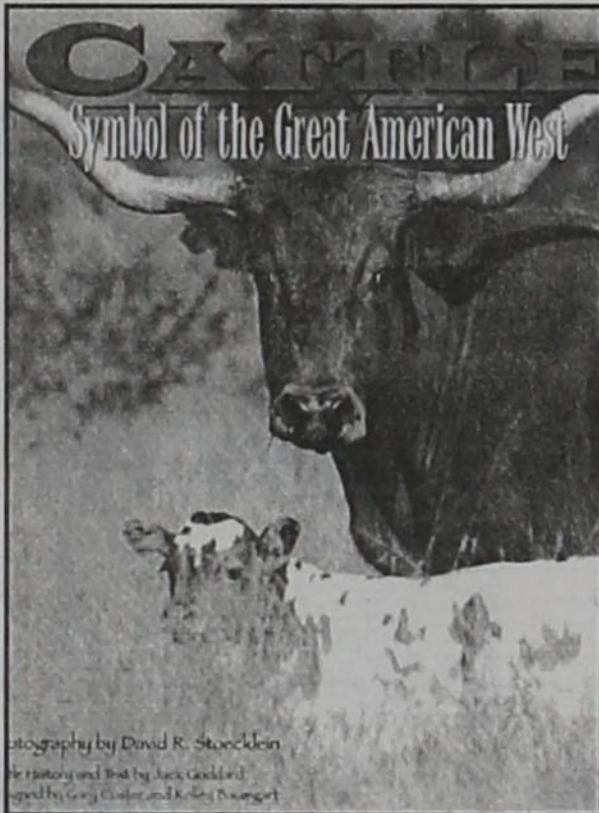
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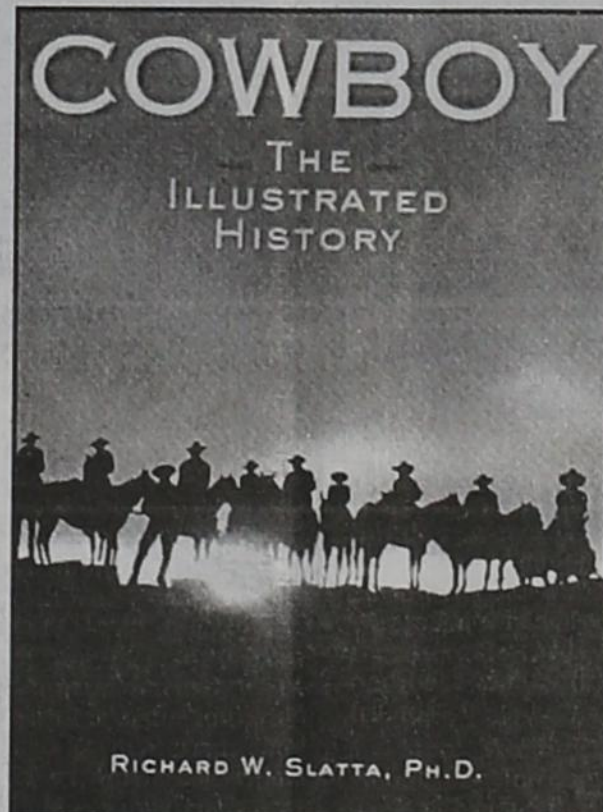
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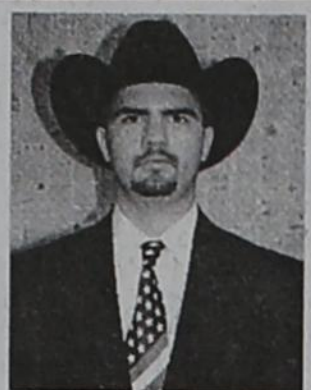
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# County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,  
Motley County Extension Agent



## MOTLEY COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS

Any Motley County 4-H members that are interested in landscaping or would like a project for their recordbook in landscaping, please call or come by the Extension office. I have been approached with an opportunity for 4-H members to help in landscaping the grounds for the Hackberry Care Center. This would be a great project for your recordbook and an excellent opportunity to learn something new.

Livestock project owners - you should be weighing your animals on a regular basis to know that they are gaining and if you need to increase or ration their feed. There is a set of portable scales at the MCISD bus barn. If you use these scales please take care of them and do not lose the weights. Weight limits on animals are as follows: Steers - 800 lbs. or more, Swines - 200 lbs., Sheep - 80 lbs. - 145 lbs., Goats - 60 lbs. - 125 lbs.

**4-H AND FFA MEMBERS**  
Mr. Jim Boles from KCTX Radio in Childress has con-

tacted me and would like to interview kids with livestock projects to be aired on the radio for the promotion of our county stock show. We will be conducting interviews Friday, February 2 at the Multi-purpose room in the school as 12:00 noon. Questions that will be asked include what animal project you own, how many years you have shown in the county stock show, and what you have learned from your project. This will be great publicity for our county stock show and I look forward to hearing your interview on the radio.

### UP COMING EVENTS

Feb. 1 - Executive Board/ LAB Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

Feb. 5-7 - San Antonio Stock Show - Swine.

Feb. 8 - Motley 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the courthouse.

Feb. 16-18 - San Angelo Stock Show, Goats.

Feb. 22 - Livestock Project Forms due by 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 24 - Motley County Jr. Livestock Show (23 days til show).

## USDA announces plan for \$1.6 billion investment in renewable fuels

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced last week plans to propose \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy, with a focus on cellulosic energy research and production, as part of the Administration's 2007 farm bill proposals. This funding will support President Bush's goal of reducing gasoline usage by 20 percent in the next ten years and will complement an array of renewable energy-related efforts underway at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In his State of the Union Address last week, President Bush announced his vision for our nation's energy independence, including \$2 billion in cellulosic production loan guarantees. The President's proposals also include a new Alternative Fuels Standard, which contains a requirement for sources produced by American farmers and ranchers as well as an automatic "safety valve" to protect against unforeseen increases in the prices of alternative fuels or their feedstocks.

"It remains a priority across USDA to support the development of biofuels. We will continue to build on current programs and turn the corner on renewable energy," said Johanns. "With biofuels coming to the forefront, American agriculture faces the greatest opportunity of a generation to lead a future in which we get our energy by the bushel and not by the barrel."

Following are examples of USDA's projects underway and accomplishments to date:

- USDA issued a formal Request For Information to initiate discussion with private sector partners willing to work with us to establish a bio-fuels pumping station in Washington DC, which would serve the general public and more than 800 flex fuel vehicles in the federal fleet. <http://www.1.fbo.gov/spg/>

- In 2006, USDA launched Bio Preferred, a procurement program that serves to increase the procurement and use of biobased products by Federal agencies. USDA has developed an easy access online Designated Biobased Product Catalog [www.usda.gov/biopreferred](http://www.usda.gov/biopreferred) as a resource of identifying biobased products.
- USDA spent nearly \$1.7

billion on energy-related programs between 2001 and 2005. In 2006 alone, USDA spent an estimated amount of more than \$270 million on these programs in areas such as commercialization, research, infrastructure development, and technical support. Currently, there are 110 operational ethanol plants in 19 states with another 73 under construction and new proposals at an astounding rate.

- In 2005, Secretary Johanns appointed a USDA Energy Council for the purpose of coordinating and examining departmental programs and authorities, ensuring they fit into a comprehensive energy strategy.

- In 2000, USDA established the Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI), an interagency working group with the Department of Energy, to coordinate and accelerate all Federal biobased products and bioenergy research and development.

- Last October, President Bush offered the keynote address at the Advanced Renewable Energy Conference, hosted by USDA and the Department of Energy. The joint conference brought together the brightest minds in government and industry, as well as key stakeholders from the financial, agricultural and energy sectors, to address the challenges and opportunities to advance renewable energy.

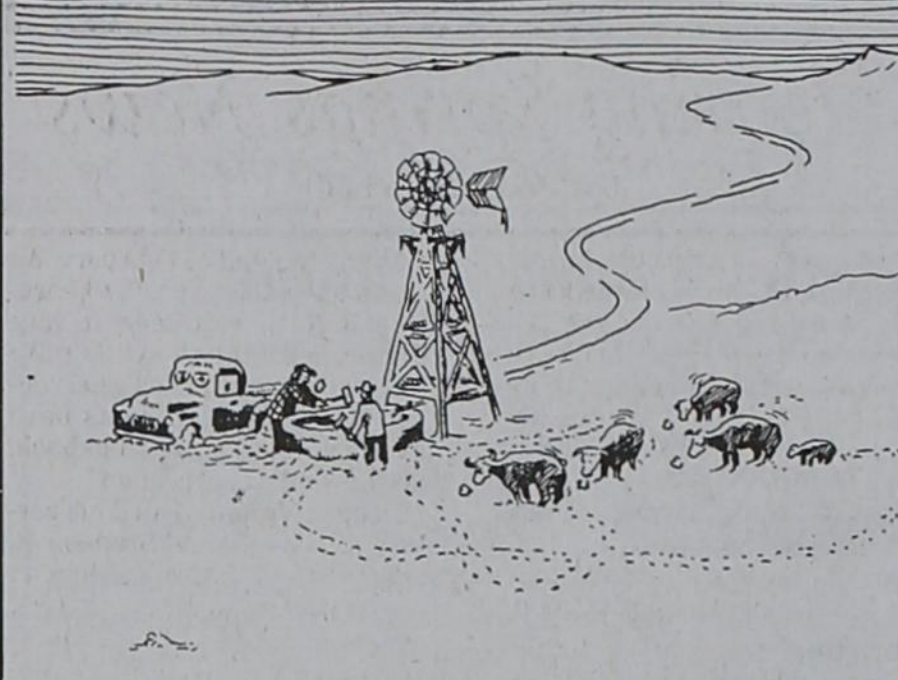
- USDA's Agriculture Research Service (ARS) scientists have developed improved fermentation organisms and are making other significant steps toward achieving the technology needed for commercial production of cellulosic ethanol. ARS scientists have genetically modified a strain of lactic acid bacteria, that produces increased levels of ethanol from cellulosic biomass. The research findings demonstrate that metabolic engineering has the potential to create new biocatalysts to convert biomass to biofuels.

Johanns plans to provide additional information about the proposal to provide \$1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy within the next few weeks when he unveils the Administration's full package of 2007 farm bill proposals.

## COW POKES®

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## OIL & GAS REPORT



BY THOMAS MUSSER

**MOTLEY COUNTY:** On Tuesday, January 30, Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. filed an application for an Oil and/or Gas Well Drilling Permit for the Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 to be located 806 feet from the North Line and 1369 feet from the West Line of Section 64, Abstract-1157, Block T, Arnold & Barrett Survey, 3 1/2 miles northwest of Whiteflat. This will place the Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 175 feet southeast of the 1927 Reeves & McRobre, Echols Ranch Lease Well #1 and 2063 feet northeast of the 2003 Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Lease (201274) Well #10-01. Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. has reported they expect to begin

Drilling Operations next week on the Cogdell "64" #1. The Cogdell "64" #1 has been applied for a total depth of 9300 feet and has been listed in the Birnie (Congl.) Field.

**HALE COUNTY:** PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. is drilling ahead on the Ramsower Lease Well #113. Drilling is expected to reach Total Depth this week.

**FLOYD and MOTLEY COUNTIES:** Anticipated drilling rig moves to new locations on the McIntosh Land in Floyd County and on the D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate in Motley County may be delayed for a few days due to the current muddy conditions of lease roads.

## Tips offered for Winter Storm preparedness

With the recent severe winter weather in parts of West Texas, AEP Texas is offering tips for winter storm preparedness.

If major outages occur, AEP Texas responds first to dangerous situations such as fallen wires or sparking equipment. Emergency and health-related facilities such as hospitals and fire and police departments are top priorities. AEP Texas then works to restore power to the largest number of customers. AEP Texas is dedicated to restoring power to all customers as safely and efficiently as possible.

Here are some important tips to remember when severe weather threatens:

- Prepare your family by keeping flashlights and portable radios on hand.

- Always stay away from downed power lines, and keep others away, too. Although the line may look harmless, it could be carrying electricity. Report any downed utility lines to AEP Texas, the police or fire department.

- If you use a portable generator, DO NOT plug the generator into your circuit box. Portable generators "back-feed" electricity up the line and risk the lives of repair workers and the public. Plug appliances directly into the generator.

- To report an outage, call the number on your electric bill. If you have trouble getting through by phone, please be patient and try again in a few

minutes. With widespread outages, thousands of customers call at the same time.

- Be extremely careful when using any alternate forms of heating, cooling, cooking and lighting.

- If an outage occurs, unplug or turn off major appliances and electronic equipment like televisions, VCRs and computers. Turn them on one at a time when power is restored.

Stay tuned to local news media for updates on the storm situation and recovery progress. Updates on major outages also will be posted on [www.AEPTexas.com](http://www.AEPTexas.com).

## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Feb. 1, 2007

7-Day Forecast		In-Depth Forecast		Moon Phases			
	<b>Thursday</b> Rain/Snow High: 40 Low: 23	Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 81% and an overnight low of 23°. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1963. Friday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 32°.		Full	Last	New	First
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 20			2/2	2/10	2/17	2/24
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 18						
	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 19			<b>Last Week's Local Almanac</b>			
	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 22	<b>Day</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Normals</b>	<b>Precip</b>	Precipitation
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 20	Sunday	39	23	52/27	0.00"	Normal precipitation
	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 25	Monday	37	19	52/27	0.00"	Departure from normal
		Tuesday	46	20	52/27	0.00"	
		Wednesday	51	30	53/27	0.00"	Average temperature
		Thursday	58	30	53/27	0.00"	Average normal temperature
		Friday	59	31	53/28	0.00"	Departure from normal
		Saturday	48	31	53/28	0.11"	
							Data as reported from Childress, Texas
		<b>Weather History</b>		<b>Sun &amp; Moon Times</b>			
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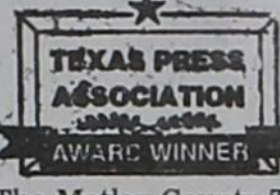


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