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66th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show set for Saturday

The 66th annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show will kick-off early Saturday morning, February 25, with breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m. The early morning meal is sponsored by Lowe's Pay & Save of Matador and prepared by Richard Turner and other volunteers.

FFA and 4-H members will exhibit 32 head of swine, 24

goats, 2 lambs, 5 rabbits and one steer. Animals will be in place and weighed in no later than 8:30 a.m.

The little ones will start off the show in the PeeWee Swine Showmanship Show beginning at 9:45 a.m. The much anticipated event gives future Motley County FFA exhibitors the chance to get some experience.

And there are no losers in this event, everyone is a winner and receives a ribbon.

Hog classes will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Bucket Calf show at 11:15 a.m., and Lambs at 11:30 a.m.

After a short break, the Rabbit show will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by Heifers and Goats at 1:00 p.m., and the Steer Show at 2:00 p.m. The Premium Sale will

begin at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Show judge will be Lynn Walling, a retired college livestock judging team coach.

A concession stand, sponsored by the Livestock Board, will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. All monies raised will go back to the kids.

Motley County Show exhibi-

tors are Courtney Alexander, Haley Blanco, Reagan Elliott, Hayden Davey, Leanne Jameson, Jamie Jameson, Braden Mason, Connor Mason, Alexis Osborn, Payden Perryman, Kaitlan Perryman, Shane'a Russell, Eric Simpson, Korbyn Simpson, Austin Taylor, Taylor Tomlinson, Cassidy Turner, Catherine Ward, Seth Baxter, Christian Brooks,

Shelby Elliott, Hance Davey, Logan Ferguson, Kyan Katuz, Matthew Martin, Colby McCleskey, Dillon McCleskey,

Dominique Quilimaco, Colton Russell, Gabby Silva, Britt Simpson, Kyla Simpson, Schylor Tomlinson, Tristan Tomlinson and Carley Turner.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Show.

Early voting now underway Motley County voters should find new voting machines simple

"I never thought I'd see something like this in my lifetime," Lucretia Campbell commented as she prepared to vote for the March 7th primary. Mrs. Campbell, like many other Motley County residents, chose to vote early. Early voting started Tuesday, February 21 and will continue through March 3. Those wishing to vote early may do so at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse.

Like Mrs. Campbell, Motley County voters will discover a new voting system, whether voting early or on Election Day. Mrs. Campbell, who served as Motley County Clerk 28 years, and worked many elections, found the system simple. "Voters can be assured the system is very simple, accurate, and secure. Voters are encouraged to give the new eSlate a try, especially those with disabilities who will find it very easy to use. The eSlate is not that much different from operating your washing machine," said Kate Hurt, County and District Clerk for Motley County.

"Voters will turn a dial until their candidate of choice is highlighted and then press an ENTER button to confirm their choice. The box beside your selection will turn red, and you will move to the next contest. That's all there is to it, Mrs. Hurt said.

At the end of the ballot, voters using the eSlate will see a Ballot Summary Page where they can review how they have voted. On the Summary page the voter is free to make changes until they press the CAST BALLOT button, which will end the voting process.

"Motley County voters can rest assured that plenty of help will be on hand should anyone have a question," Mrs. Hurt said. "Poll workers have been

trained to answer questions and written instructions will be readily available."

Voters can choose to see the ballot in English or Spanish and the eSlate also eliminates the possibility of over voting (making too many marks on a contest).

"Motley County voters aren't the only ones who will begin using a new system this year," said County Judge Ed D. Smith. "The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires every polling place in the nation to have at least one voting machine that people with disabilities can use without assistance, thus ensuring the privacy of their vote, too."

The eSlate has audio English or Spanish for voters who are blind or visually impaired, it can accommodate a "sip n puff" device for those with quadriplegia. The booth is wheelchair accessible and the voting machine can easily be carried curbside if necessary since it weighs only 7 pounds.

Early voting for the Primary Election will run Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., February 21 through March 3. Voters may vote early by mail if they are over 65, disabled or expect to be out of the county during the early voting period and on Election Day. The last day to submit an application for ballot by mail is February 28th.

Voters are reminded that in the Primary Election they must vote in either the Democratic or Republican party. They cannot vote in both. However, in the General Election voters can vote a split party for the candidate of their choice.

On Election Day voters must go to the polling place for their Precinct. Voters living in

Precincts 1, 5 and 6 will vote at the Courthouse; handicap parking is located on the north side of the Courthouse by the Sheriff's office entrance. Those in Precinct 2 will go to the Flomot Community Center. Precinct 3 voters will go the Northfield Community Church, while voters living in Precinct 4 will go the Roaring Springs Community Center.

For more information contact the County Clerk's office at 347-2621.

Candidates listed on the Republican ballot include the following:

United States Senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison; United States Representative, District 13, Mac Thornberry; Governor, Larry Kilgore, Rick Perry, Rhett R. Smith, Star Locke; Lieutenant Governor, Tom Kelly, David Dewhurst; Attorney General, Greg Abbott; Comptroller of Public Accounts, Susan Combs; Commissioner of the General Land Office, Jerry Patterson; Commissioner of Agriculture, Todd Staples; Railroad Commissioner, Elizabeth Ames Jones, Buck Werner; Chief Justice, Supreme Court (Unexpired term), Wallace Jefferson; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2, Don Willett, Steve Smith; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, David M. Medina; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6, Nathan Hecht; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 (Unexpired term), Phil Johnson; Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Sharon Keller, Tom Price; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7, Barbara Parker Hervey; Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8, Terry Keel, Charles Holcomb, Robert W. Francis; Member, State Board

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Grand Prix Race set to speed through Matador March 5

The time is nearing for an exciting Sunday afternoon in Motley County. The Matador Grand Prix hosted by the Boondocker motorcycle club of Lubbock will be held in Matador, March 5. The excitement will begin about 12:15 p.m. when the races get underway on Sunday after Church. The race will consist of a 4 to 6 mile route, which will begin at the Fire Hall.

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help with various

fund-raising projects which will take place that day. The first group of volunteers being sought are needed to help with the race course-directing traffic, watching the racers and manning the barricades. The second group of volunteers is needed for the Hackberry Creek Care Center concessions stand. The Care Center wants to sell hamburgers and desserts, but they need people around the community to bake the desserts and donate them to the stand. To volunteer for the race contact

Shane Jones, 347-2820; or for the Hackberry Creek concessions stand, contact Dianne Washington, 347-2636.

Race Classes will include a 60cc \$ Womens Class; Novice Small, Over 50, 80cc; Expert, Intermediate, Over 30; Novice Large, Over 40; and a 50cc.

Sign-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a \$35 registration fee, downtown, near the Courthouse.

For more information contact Steve Turner at 806-548-3721.



Motley County voter, Lucretia Campbell, was only one of many county residents who showed up Tuesday, the first day of early voting, to mark their ballots for the March 7th Primary Election. Mrs. Campbell found the new eSlate voting machine to be simple.

Motley County Senior Citizens will host fund-raising dinner Sunday

The Motley County Senior Citizens Site Committee will host a fund-raiser to help support the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. A plate of home-cooked ham with pine-

apple sauce, homemade potato salad, green beans, fresh green garden tossed salad, buttered garlic bread and homemade cake for dessert will be served.

The dinner will be held Sun-

day, February 26, beginning at 11:45 a.m., at the Senior Citizens building. The price will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

Come out and help support the Senior Citizens Center.

MCYO to sponsor hamburger supper

MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) will sponsor a Hamburger Supper, Monday, February 27, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Motley County school cafeteria, during the Little Dribblers' basketball games.

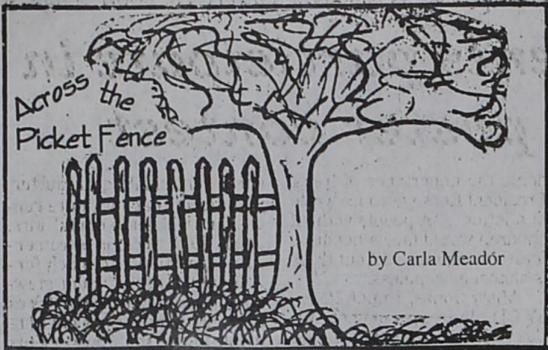
The meal will consist of a hamburger, chips, drink and dessert, at a cost of \$5.00 per plate.

Weekend Arctic front drops temperatures in Motley County

by Earlyne Jameson

A blast of arctic air made a sweep across the area Feb. 17-19 sending nighttime temperatures to 10-19 degrees. Light

sleet covered the ground and temperatures remained below freezing during the daytime. A slow warming trend began Monday, Feb. 20.



A few months ago Jim and his brothers were faced with a difficult decision when they had to place his mother in a Nursing Home. The task was very hard for everyone concerned. It took her awhile to get adjusted, but now she seems at home.

The Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador will be so great for Motley County. Plans are for the building to be beautiful and comfortable. It will be wonderful to have a place so close to home when family members are faced with the difficult job of moving their loved ones to a home. But Hackberry Creek Care Center will present the opportunity for your loved ones to stay close to home.

Since my mother-in-law has been in the nursing home I have visited her often. Visits were very emotional at first. I just wanted to wrap my arms around every one of the residents and tell them they are still loved. And I usually left crying.

Visiting the home often has taught me a lot about these wonderful older citizens. They were once young women and men

with great dreams and hopes, jobs and families to care for, keeping their homes, gardening, and all the things we enjoy as we strive to stay young. They are all happy to see visitors, whether they are their own family members or not, they just really like to have someone to talk too.

The Alzheimer's unit is very difficult. I have developed a new sense of respect and admiration for the caregivers who work in these homes and care for these sweet people.

When I look into the faces of these people, their eyes tell stories of memories. Memories of days gone by, but kept alive in their hearts. Sometimes they may not know who you are, but they can relate a story from when their children were small or when they were small.

With all this in mind this week, I wanted to share this poem with you. It touched my heart and I hope it touches yours and gives us all an understanding and respect for the wonderful, wise older citizens of our world.

Crabby Old Woman

What do you see, nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?
A crabby old woman, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles her food! And makes no reply
When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!"
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe?
Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill?

Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse, you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am, as I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding,
As I eat at your will.

I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,
brothers and sisters, who love one another.
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,
dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet.
A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap,
remembering the vows that I promised to keep.

At twenty-five now, I have young of my own,
who need me to guide and a secure happy home.
A woman of thirty, my young now grown fast,
bound to each other with ties that should last.
At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
but my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty once more, babies play round my knee,
again we know children, my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead,
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own,
and I think of the years and the love that I've know.

I'm now an old woman, and nature is cruel;
'Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart,
there is now a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,
And now and again my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,
And I'm loving and living life over again.

I think of the years all too few, gone too fast,
and accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people, open and see,
Not a crabby old woman,
Look closer see ME!

A Real Need



Have you recognized the need across our land. There is a need of relearning a lesson taught by Jesus. There is a particular lesson found in Luke 10 on how to be a "good neighbor." Once we knew it. But perhaps relearning is good for all of us. The good neighbor principle is a wonderful principle to live by.

In order to model good neighboring, we should learn to better understand how to respond to needs. That may sound over simplified but neighboring is a concept that escaped those of Jesus' day and often eludes many today. The Scriptures provide us with knowledge and understanding. In other words, "the how to do it."

In Luke chapter 10, the one who proved to be a good neighbor, according to Jesus, was the one who had shown mercy when mercy was needed. Most would agree, that we need a lot more mercy showing in our communities across great land. We have opportunity with those near and then we might extend our range. Sowing mercy to those who are in distant places.

The standard which Jesus gave us for Christian living will outshine anything this present world could offer. The world offers very little mercy, if any. Christians can, as we fulfill a need in being a "good neighbor."

ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott Librarian



The "Buy a Valentine for the Library" fund-raiser continues through the end of February. There is still time for you to show your appreciation for the Motley County Library and to take part in this event. We thank Ruby and D.A. McGuire, Marisue Potts-Powell, Jeanette Case and Dianne Washington for buying Valentines for the library.

Upcoming events at the Library:

* A Hug of Bears - during the month of March

* Tomato Plants and Pecan Trees - a Saturday in April.

New books in the Library include Mustang Breaker and Memories of a Dirt Road Town by Stephen Bly. We also have Anyone But You by Jennifer Cruise and Blindfold Game by Dana Stabenow. We have two new books about Texas for the kids: "L" is for Lone Star, A Texas Alphabet by Carol Crane and Texas State Bird Pageant by Todd Michael.

The Friends of the Library dues are now due. You may send your dues to the Motley County Library, P.O. Box 557, Matador, TX 79244, or you may bring them by the library. Dues are \$4.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a family, \$20.00 supporting member and \$100 life member. Please pay your dues today We need all our Friends.

American Legion February 27th

The American Legion Post 337 and Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, February 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Motley County Senior Citizens Center. A covered dish for dinner will be the cost of admission. This meeting will include finalizing the Vial of Life Project and plans for repairing the crosses at Veterans' gravesites for Memorial Day. Please make your plans to attend. These important projects need the assistance of every member.

You are Invited to a Gospel Meeting

Matador Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Jr.
Evangelist

of Modesto, California, in a Series of Biblical Lessons entitled "MASTER & COMMANDER"

Sunday, March 5 - Wednesday, March 8

Sunday Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. - "Having Your Heart's Desire"

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - "Plucked, Planted & Pruned?"

Please stay and enjoy a Potluck Meal following the Morning Worship Service

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. - "Move the Stone"

Monday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "War in Heaven"

Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "Master & Commander"

Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - "That's My King"

A Warm Welcome Awaits You!

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Former State Bar Director Speaks Out on District Judge's Race

Writing as a private attorney with 35 years of experience, 33 as a trial attorney in Houston, and having moved back home to Matador to assist my mother after the death of my father, I can't stay silent on the 110th District Judge's race. In my career, I have tried hundreds of cases (including appeals) in State and Federal Courts before the best and worst of judges, gaining much insight into what makes a good or bad judge. Unless the judge had broad experience, extreme candor and humility, is unbiased, and did not opportunistically seek the office for money, prestige, or power, he or she will be bad. As a former Director of the State Bar of Texas with oversight on lawyer conduct, I detest deceptive and misleading lawyer advertising - especially by a judicial candidate. Canon 5 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct (State Law) says, in pertinent part, "A judicial candidate shall not knowingly or recklessly misrepresent the qualifications or other fact concerning the candidate or an opponent."

Mrs. Francis announced in September, but did not identify a party affiliation. She announced in December - still no party affiliation (she ran for office in Motley County as a Democrat), and finally announced and filed as a Republican. But in the December announcement (a pd. pol. adv.), she allowed as to how she was smart and had "never lost a jury trial." Folks, a lawyer who claims to have never lost a jury trial has either never tried any or only a select few. That is inexperience-and misleading!

She also asserted that she is a lawyer who does not "mediate half your case away" and that "mediators give part of their client's cases away." That is absurd. Mediators don't have clients! They are facilitators, similar to judges. Today most judges won't even allow a case to be set for trial unless it is first attempted to be mediated (agreeably settled). It is court-ordered and works.

She has advertised, "the Texas Supreme Court has agreed with her upholding a verdict for over a million dollars." Misleading. The Supreme Court did not even decide the case. It refused to review it! The case actually involved a default judgement after the other side failed to answer or appear.

Her website said "probation isn't enough to deter crimes." Bias-revealing, and also misleading. In some cases, it is the only right thing to do in order to turn someone around and avoid creating a hardened criminal by incarceration with hardened criminals. State Law favors it.

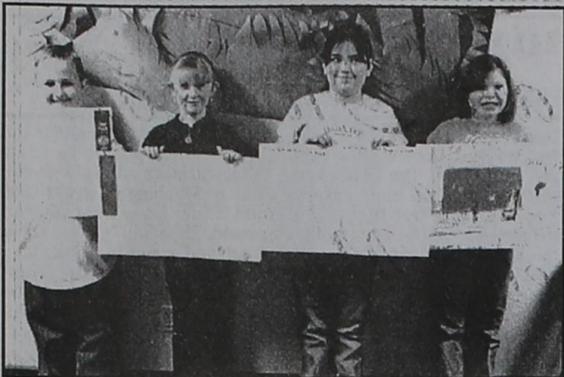
There are reasons behind such advertising. Draw your own conclusions. Do we really want, as our District Judge, someone who engaged in misleading and deceptive advertising to get the job?

This is an important race. While I bear no personal ill will toward Mrs. Francis and wish her well, it would appear that the only intelligent vote is for Bill Smith, who has run an honorable campaign and has the support of district residents as well as knowledgeable professionals.

Tom Edwards

Tom Edwards, Attorney
Matador, Texas

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THIRD GRADE — Pictured left to right, 1st place, Tanner Bearden; 2nd place, Shelby Elliott; 3rd place, Gabby Silva; and 4th place, Cassidy Turner.



FOURTH GRADE — 1st place, Conner Mason; 2nd place, Virginia Gutierrez; 3rd place, Parker Meredith; and 4th place, Jacob Woolsey.



FIFTH GRADE — 1st place, Sabra Pope; 2nd place, Dominique Quilimaco; 3rd place, Kaitlyn Perryman; 4th place, Taylor Tomlinson.



SIXTH GRADE — 1st place, Cody Martin; 3rd place, Keyan Kautz; 2nd place, Christian Brooks; 4th place, Alexis Osborn.

Motley County students participate in Upper Pease SWCD poster contest

Motley County Elementary students, third through sixth grade recently participated in the 2006 Texas Conservation Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's themes were Celebrate Conservation and Water Wise. Students received their blank poster boards on January 13 and turned them into the District February 10 to be judged.

The posters were judged based on creativity and if the students used one of the themes. Each student did a great job this year.

Although tree sales are over, the Conservation District couldn't stop there this year! The poster contest helps educate children on the importance of conservation. This year the District stepped it up a bit!

The Conservation District teamed up with Mr. Cox, seventh and eighth grade Science teacher at MCISD, to celebrate Arbor Day! Most are probably thinking Arbor Day is in April and that is true. But the very first Arbor Day celebrated in Texas was on February 22, 1889. The Upper Pease SWCD thought it would be a great project to help teach the stu-

dents the importance of trees. President Roosevelt once wrote in a letter ... "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless."

Misty Jones, Upper Pease SWCD clerk, approached Mr. Cox with the idea of having the students plant trees around the school campus, and also receive a short course on the importance of the trees. Mr. Cox thought the idea was an excellent opportunity for the students.

"The beauty of Arbor Day is that it is a holiday that doesn't celebrate the past but it cel-

brates the planting and nurturing of trees that our future generations will get to enjoy," Mrs. Jones said. "This is a tremendous opportunity to teach fundamental lessons about stewardship of our natural resources and the caring for our environment. I hope that the students enjoyed the tree program as it is a huge importance to our future."

Kids' Praise March 1st

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 p.m. at the 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.

Motley County Parent's Club News

by Mary Ann Potts



On Monday, February 13, the Motley County Parents Club held its first meeting of 2006. Although there was a small group in attendance, many items were discussed and voted on.

First on the agenda for discussion was Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration in conjunction with National Read Across America. This event will be held on Friday, March 3, during Fun Friday, for Pre-K through 5th grades. Students may wear their pajamas to school or change into them later in the day. The calendar of events include a Dr. Seuss movie, Story Time by a Special Guest Reader from the Friends of the Library. Craft Time, along with Judge Smith administering the Readers' Oath, and Birthday Cake to top off the celebration. Each student will also receive a certificate for participating in this annual event. Parent helpers are needed between 12:15 - 3:30 p.m. to ensure the success of this educational and fun event. Please contact the school at 806-347-2676 or place a note in the Parent Club Box in the Teacher's Lounge if you are available to help.

The Parent Club also dis-

cussed the upcoming Book Fair. Please mark your calendars for April 10-14. Parent helpers are needed for the Book Fair's continued success. More information will be published as details are finalized.

And Project Graduation is gearing up with the all-night event scheduled for Friday, May 27. Many helping hands are needed for this very special and memorable event. Any assistance you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Contest deadlines are fast approaching. The February Box tops Contest will end Friday, Feb. 24. Please deposit all labels in the collection bin located next to Mrs. Hicks; office or at the Senior Citizens Center.

Lowe's Register Receipts ends March 31. Collection bins are located at Matador Variety, Motley County Courthouse Break Room, Senior Citizens Center and MC School.

Please continue to save Campbell Soup Labels. Since there is not an expiration date on these labels we will continue to collect them until the Parent Club has enough to redeem for school supplies.

Lastly, Motley County Parent Club will have Mr. Brown, as special guest speaker, on Monday, March 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please plan to attend this special meeting.



Good Luck to the Motley County Stock Show Participants!



Anna's Mexican Restaurant

Plans underway for Family Fun Night, Spring Fling Mother-Daughter, Father-Son Banquet set for March 3rd

Plans are currently underway for a Family Fun Night - Spring Fling, which is the Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Banquet combined. The annual banquet, sponsored each year by the Eternas Study Club, was combined last year to make the event a family affair.

The banquet will be held Friday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the Motley County High School Gym. Tickets are available for \$6.00, Pre-K through 5th grade; and \$8.00, 6th grade through adult. Tickets may be purchased at New To You, from Ginger Gilmore at the School, or from Leadell Martin at 347-2686, or any Eternas Study Club member. March 1st is the last day to purchase a ticket.

Good food and a lot of fun is planned for the entire family. Entertainment will be by Music to the Maxx from Lubbock.

66TH ANNUAL MOTLEY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

Come on out Saturday, February 25, 2006 and support our Motley County Junior Livestock Show Participants

- Courtney Alexander
- Haley Blanco
- Reagan Elliott
- Hayden Davey
- Leanne Jameson
- Jamie Jameson
- Braden Mason
- Connor Mason
- Alexis Osborn
- Payden Perryman
- Kaitlan Perryman
- Shane'a Russell
- Eric Simpson
- Austin Taylor
- Taylor Tomlinson
- Cassidy Turner
- Catherine Ward



- Seth Baxter
- Christian Brooks
- Shelby Elliott
- Hance Davey
- Logan Ferguson
- Keyan Kautz
- Matthew Martin
- Colby McCleskey
- Dillon McCleskey
- Dominique Quilimaco
- Colton Russell
- Gabby Silva
- Britt Simpson
- Kyla Simpson
- Korbyn Simpson
- Schylor Tomlinson
- Tristan Tomlinson
- Carley Turner

These kids will exhibit 32 hogs, 24 goats, 2 lambs, 4 rabbits, 1 steer and 1 bucket calf

All animals must be weighed in and in place by 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast sponsored by Lowe's and cooked by Richard Turner and gang 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

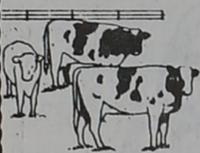
SHOW SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 9:45 a.m. - PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP
- 10:00 a.m. - HOG CLASSES
- 11:15 a.m. - BUCKET CALVES
- 11:30 a.m. - LAMBS
- Possible Lunch Break
- 12:30 p.m. - RABBITS
- 1:00 p.m. - HEIFERS & GOATS
- 2:00 p.m. - STEER

Premium Auction will start at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Concession Stand will be available starting at 9:00 a.m., sponsored by the Livestock Board and all monies go back to the kids.

Good Luck as you participate in the MC Jr. Livestock Show!



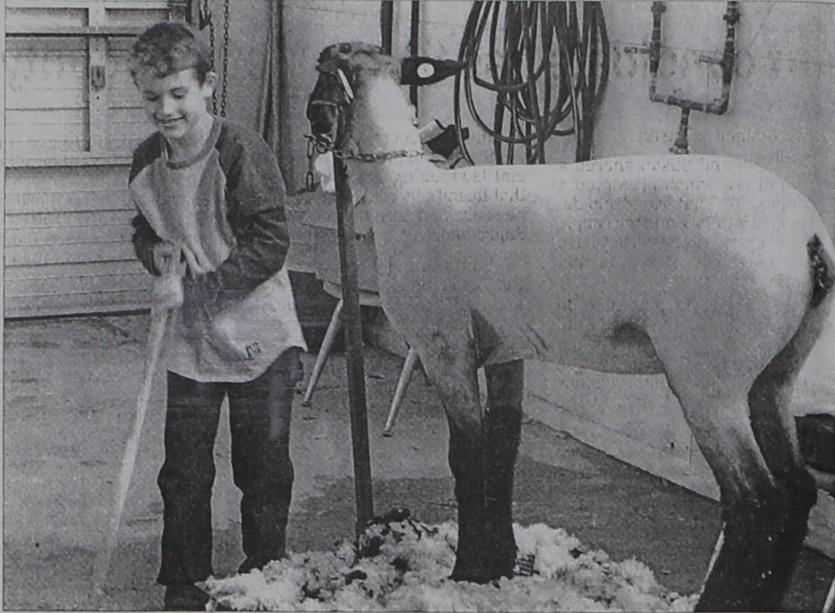
Motley County Farm Bureau

Good Luck at the Motley County Livestock Show



Spur Security Bank





Motley County 4-H member, Hayden Davey, sweeps up after shearing his lamb in preparation for the Annual Livestock Show, which will be held Saturday, February 26 at the Show Barn. Hayden will join several other Motley County FFA and 4-H members who will exhibit their animals at the 66th Annual Show.

Motley County Chamber News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Chamber news

Consider:
Sometimes I have so much to do that I don't do anything.

-- Thomas Sowell

Help wanted! Help needed!

And if you have so much to do that you are getting ready to do nothing, maybe you could squeeze in coming out and helping with the Boondockers race on Sunday, March 5th.

The first group of volunteers being sought are needed to help with the race course-directing traffic, watching the racers, manning the barricades, that sort of thing.

You need not be afraid that it will take your whole Sunday, although the races go from about 12 noon to about 6 p.m. You can volunteer for an hour or two, if that fits better with your schedule. Everyone will be grateful for the time you can give, whenever in the day that is.

So contact Shane Jones at the Variety Store at 347-2820 or Dianne Washington at Thayer and Washington at 347-2636 and tell them when you can come and help, and they will put you down on the list and be ever so grateful.

The second group of volun-

teers is needed for the Hackberry Creek Care Center concessions stand. The Care Center wants to sell hamburgers and desserts, but they need people around the community to bake the desserts and donate them to the stand.

Since the Boondockers and their families will be wandering around town, not sitting in a restaurant, the desserts need to be goodies that can be consumed on the run -- cookies, brownies, empanadas, cupcakes, and whatever else you can think of.

Since it will be helpful to the Care Center people to know what will be on offer, please call Dianne Washington at 347-2636 and let her know what you can provide. She will let you know when and where to deliver it.

So whether you can volunteer to man the race track or bake sweets, your help is needed and will be appreciated. Neither task is hard to do -- it just takes your willingness to do it. So help make this weekend event a success, and contribute what you can.

Just Back from Market!

Great Selections for your
Easter Outfit!

New to You

Downtown Matador

Proof of the Truth

by Tom Edwards

HOISTING THEM ON THEIR OWN PETARD!
Please understand that no effort is here made to convince you that the earth and universe are thousands rather than billions of years old, but it is an attempt to make you aware that this is very much an open scientific question and expose you

to some of the more interesting "young earth" evidences that "mainstream science" has suppressed. For much deeper study, including teaching materials, go to the Institute For Creation Research, www.icr.org.
Now let's set the stage and begin to have some fun. From Biblical genealogies, in the sev-

enteenth century, Archbishop James Ussher calculated the date of creation as 4004 B.C. If true, that would make the earth and universe around 6010 years old today. Also, the same calculations would date the Flood of Noah at 1656 A.C. (after creation), or 2349 B.C., around 4355 years ago.

Evolution-embracing mainstream science, relying upon the philosophy of uniformitarianism (natural processes and process rates were the same in the past as they are today) would say that the above dates and ages are absurd. But are they? Note that there is no scientific proof that uniformitarianism is true. It is a blind assumption - not science, but scientism, a "philosophy" of science. But for awhile, let's assume it is true (today's processes and rates were the same in the past), and hoist them on their own petard. Here goes:

The Earth's Magnetic Field. It is considered necessary to the maintenance of all sorts of natural processes, including life. For more than a century scientists have accurately measured its strength and discovered that it is declining, with a half-life (decreases by half) of around 1400 years. Assuming the rate of deterioration has been the same in the past, we can extrapolate backward and conclude that 1400 years ago the magnetic field would have been twice as strong as it is today, and so on. But, if we extrapolate backward as far as 10,000 years, the field would be as strong as a magnetic star - too hot for life to exist, and if we go back 20,000 years, it would melt the earth! Is this evidence of an "old" or "young" earth? And note, we're using the same science and assumptions as the "old earthers," and the evidence actually refutes their claims!

(Correction: Last week's piece should have said Genesis chapters 1-11)

Next week: Much more of the same.

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Supreme Court candidate has ties to Motley County

Steve Smith, a candidate for Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 2, has ties to Motley County and has visited this area often. Smith is married to the former Susan Hunter, the daughter of longtime Flomot residents, the late Jimmie and Wayne Hunter.

The Hunters were residents of Motley County for many years. Mrs. Hunter taught in the Flomot and Motley County school systems. After her retirement from teaching she was the Librarian at the Motley County Library.

Mrs. Hunter grew up in Flomot, while Mr. Hunter was raised in Turkey. The Hunters lived in Quitaque and Flomot before moving to Lubbock in 2000.

Susan graduated from Motley County High School in 1976. She graduated in December, 1979, from Texas Tech with a Bachelor's degree in English and French, and from the University of Texas School of Law in May, 1983.

Steve grew up in Fort Worth. He obtained a BBA in Finance from the University of Texas at Arlington in December, 1983, becoming the first in his family to graduate from college. He graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in December, 1986.

The Smiths met while both working at the Texas Legisla-

tive Council in Austin.

Steve and Susan shared a love of law which prompted a friendship. That friendship developed into love and the couple were married in 1990. They have two daughters, Allison, 14, and Emily, 12.

Susan works part time on the legal staff of the Texas Education Agency.

Steve is a fifth-generation Texan, whose family originally settled in East Texas in the 1870's.

He faces opponent, Don Willett, who was appointed by Governor Perry in August, 2005, after Priscilla Owen left the Court when her appointment by President Bush to the federal 5th Circuit Court of Appeals was confirmed.

Smith is running on his record of achievement at the Texas Supreme Court, having served from November 2002 through December, 2004.

While in office on the Texas Supreme Court, Smith authored sixteen published opinions, including the Court's landmark decision in Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services v. Mega Child Care, in which the Court held that the Texas Administrative Procedure Act provides an independent right to judicial review of contested-case decisions.

Smith says, "Judicial law-making is the biggest problem

in American courts today."

Smith's opposition to judicial lawmaking is the reason that he initially ran for and why he seeks to return to the Texas Supreme Court.

Smith strongly believes that the Texas judiciary, in general, and the Texas Supreme Court, in particular, should not be creating new law.

He currently serves as President and General Counsel of the Texas Legal Foundation. He is a legislative counsel for

the Texas Legislature and staff attorney at the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

Smith said, "The most important issue in this race is qualifications. I have significant judicial and litigation experience. In contrast, my opponent has written no judicial opinions, never argued a case before an appellate court, and never tried a case in a trial court."

The Smiths plan to continue visiting this area when possible. They have many fond memories of their trips to Motley County.



The Smith family with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at the Texas Supreme Court Investiture Ceremony, at which Steve took the oath of office in January, 2003. Pictured left to right are Susan Smith, Justice O'Connor, Emily, Allison, and Steve Smith.

Early voting in progress

from page 1

of Education, District 15, Bob Craig; State Representative, District 68, Richard L. "Rick" Harcastle; Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District (Unexpired term), Brian Quinn; Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2, Mackey K. Hancock; Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 3, Walt Weaver, Pat Pirtle; District Judge, 110th Judicial District, Bill Smith, Tempie T. Francis; County Judge, Ed D. Smith; County Treasurer, Eva Barkley; County Attorney, Ben Thomas Edwards.

Also listed on the Republican ballot are four initiatives, stated as follows:

Photo ID: The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring that voters provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot if any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

Private Property Protection: The Texas Legislature should place on the next constitutional amendment election ballot a proposition to protect private property from being taken for economic purposes.

Spending Cap: Every governmental body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in spending to the combined increase in population and inflation, except for additional spending authorized by a vote of the people or for official state of emergencies declared by the federal or state government.

Appraisal Cap: In order to address the inequity of homeowner's property taxes increasing at a rate far above

the rate of inflation, the current 10% cap on the rate of increase of appraised value for all homesteads shall be reduced to 5% or less.

Candidates on the Democratic ballot will include the following:

United States Senator, Darrel Reece Hunter, Gene Kelly, Barbara Ann Radnofsky; United States Representative, District 13, Roger J. Waun; Governor, Chris Bell, Bob Gammage, Rashad Jafer; Lieutenant Governor, Maria Luisa Alvarado, Adrian DeLeon, Benjamin Z. Grant; Attorney General, David Van Os; Comptroller of Public Accounts, Fred Head; Commissioner of the General Land Office, Valinda Hathcox; Commissioner of Agriculture, Hank Gilbert, Kocadee Melton, Jr.; Railroad Commissioner, Dale Henry; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2, William E. "Bill" Moody; Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, J.R. Molina; District and County Clerk, Kate Hurt; County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2, Donnie L. Turner; County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Russell Alexander; Justice of the Peace, Cora M. Smallwood; County Chairman, C.W. Moore.

Two Referendums will also be on the ballot, reading as follows:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

After becoming aware of the tremendous increase in the election budget for the county this year, I was prompted to take action. I have placed the following petition in several business locations around the county. The petition reads as follows:

We, the undersigned citizens and Eligible Voters (again, we emphasize Eligible Voters) of Motley County are very concerned and upset over the Voting Act that requires us to place our communities in serious economic jeopardy to rent the voting machines required in the voting process. We typically have 300 (or less) voters who actually vote, and the cost is something over \$77,000 per year. Now that is probably not much money for the federal government (who talk about trillions and billions), state government (who talk about billions), and even large cities (who talk in

terms of millions), but to a small economically deprived community even \$1,000 is a lot of money. This seems like an awfully high price to pay to vote when in all probability this will require an increase in our taxes. In fact the poll tax was ruled illegal because it required people to pay to vote and in like fashion this voting act may be illegal.

The small communities generally are dwindling in population and a majority of their population are senior citizens on a fixed income (usually rent and/or social security checks). To put it very bluntly, we cannot afford this expensive voting cost. We feel this voting mandate is unjust and unconscionable because the federal government did not provide any financial relief for the large expenditures that are required.

Some possible remedies would be:

1. The federal government reimburse the local voting dis-

tricts within 6 months of the election for the cost of using the voting machines.

2. Exempt counties with a population of 5,000 or less from being required to use the voting machines.

3. Prorate the cost of election voting machines so that the federal government pays a larger part of the cost and the county pays a smaller amount, for example the county pays \$1.00 per vote on the voting machine.

To summarize, we are very concerned and upset over the requirement to use these expensive voting machines and we are asking for financial relief and/or exemptions for this unnecessary and unneeded expense.

In order for this petition drive to be successful we must have as wide spread coverage as possible. Urge your friends to sign this petition.

It would also be helpful to

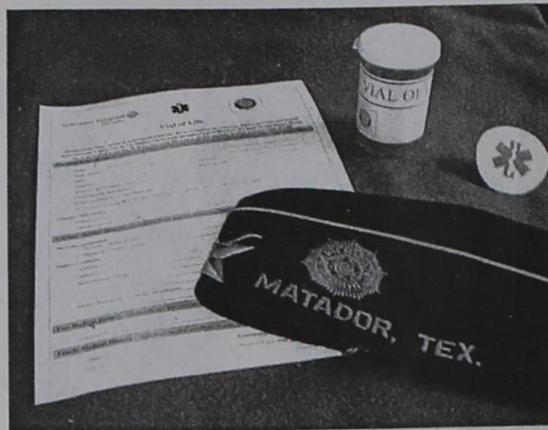
call or e-mail our congressman and senators. They are listed below:

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Fax: 202-225-3486

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512-916-5834
Fax: 202-224-0776

Senator
John Cornyn
Washington, D.C. Office
202-224-2934
Lubbock Office
806-472-7533

Thank you,
Alex Crowder



American Legion sponsors Vial of Life program

The Matador Post of the American Legion is initiating an important program for all citizens of Motley County. The Vial of Life Project is a program to assist emergency personnel when they respond to medical emergencies. By participating in the FREE program you can give your family added protection in the event of an emergency at your home.

Here is how it works. Each family member completes a form that lists your medical history, medications, allergies, Doctor's name, insurance name and number, Medicare number and other vital information. The forms are then folded and placed in an empty pill bottle labeled with the Vial of Life symbol. This pill bottle is kept in the door of your refrigerator. A Vial of Life sticker is placed on your refrigerator door to alert emergency personnel (EMS) to check inside the refrigerator for the Vial of Life bottle.

Local ambulance crews and other emergency responders know about the project and will be looking for the Vial of Life sticker when they respond to an emergency at your home. Having the form filled out can save valuable time for EMS crew, and distressed family members

will not have to gather up medicines nor have to remember medical data of family members. Another benefit is having the information available to medical personnel if the patient is alone, unconscious or otherwise impaired.

The necessary forms, Vial of Life pill bottles, and Vial of Life stickers are all available through the American Legion at no charge. Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary are available to give presentations at any local club or organization about this important project. Members will also be available to assist anyone in filling out the forms. Dates will be scheduled during the lunch hours at the Senior Citizens Center in Matador for Legion and Auxiliary members to provide information, supplies, and assistance. If you would like to schedule a presentation contact any Legion or Auxiliary member or C.W. Moore, Commander of the Matador Post at 347-2999.

While this program is particularly important for persons living alone, anyone with medical concerns is encouraged to participate. Schedules and further updates will be posted in the newspaper in the weeks to come.

Texas searches for 2006 Outstanding Older Worker

Waco -- Experience Works, the nation's largest training and employment organization for mature workers, is searching for the Texas outstanding older worker. Outstanding older workers from every state; the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, America's Oldest Worker; and outstanding employers of older workers, will be honored in Washington, D.C. and in their home states for their contributions to the workforce and local communities. Experience Works Prime Time Awards program is part of Experience Works' national effort to raise awareness of the contributions made by older individuals and to break down barriers associated with the hiring of older workers.

Texas is currently soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, a resident of Texas, currently employed, and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The honoree must be willing and able to travel to Washington, D.C. in September for the Prime Time Award events. The visit

will include meetings with congressional representatives, a tour of the city's landmarks, and the awards banquet and ceremony. Applicants who are part of a subsidized employment program funded by the local, state or national government are not eligible for this award.

Official nomination forms may be obtained from Experience Works, Inc., 801 Washington Ave., Waco, Texas, 76701 phone 877-781-9953 or 254-761-1310 or fax 254-776-1759. Entries may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to phylis.gipson@experienceworks.org. An online nomination form or a printed nomination form can be accessed online at www.experienceworks.org. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2006. A search for America's Oldest Worker for 2006 is also underway. Last year, 100-year-old Dwight Hauff, owner of Hauff Sporting Goods in Sioux City, Iowa, was named America's Oldest Worker.

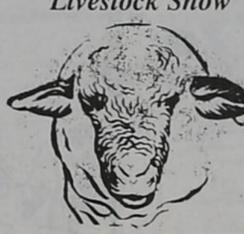
The Texas 2005 outstanding older worker was 80-year-old Jeanna Vaughn. When asked

what she considered the most important attribute a worker can bring to the workplace, she replied "Honesty, good work habits, morals and ethics." Her advice to older people entering

the work force is, "Take care of your health and maintain a positive outlook, keep active with your social and spiritual life."

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

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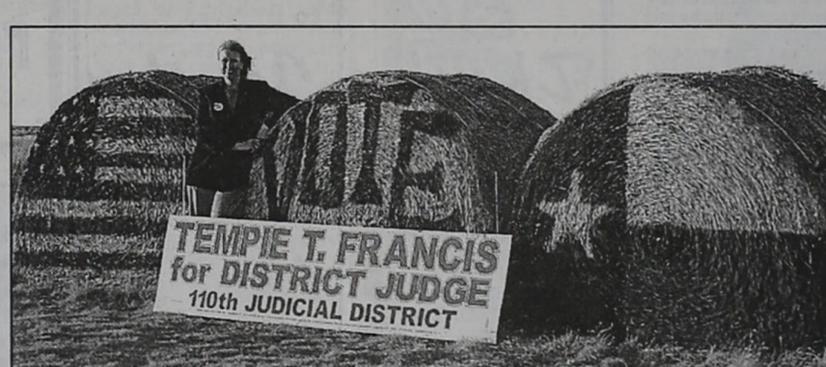
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FOURTEEN YEAR OLD JILL BRAMLET, of Lockney, along with her parents Larry and Beth and brother, Jake, are getting ready for the local primary election. The Bramlet family painted these hay bales and have placed a Tempie Francis sign in front of them. Jill also asked Mrs. Francis to come out and take some photos for her 4-H photography project. Jill has been an active member of the Lockney 4-H club for 6 years. The hay bales can be viewed West of Bramlet's house on FM 97. You can also go online to www.tempie-t-francis.com to see a color photo under the "Endorsements" tab. We thank Jill and her family for a great job.

Schacht named Chairman of Executive Committee

The Friends and Supporters of Tempie Francis for District Judge have named Paul Schacht as the Chairman of the "Executive Committee".

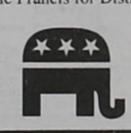
Paul has been a lifetime resident of Lockney, Texas except for the time he attended college and served in the United States Army.

Paul is a farmer in the Lockney area and well respected by all of the citizens in Floyd County. Paul has become well acquainted with Tempie Francis and has been working on her campaign.

We are all proud to have Paul on board and we are looking forward to a successful campaign.

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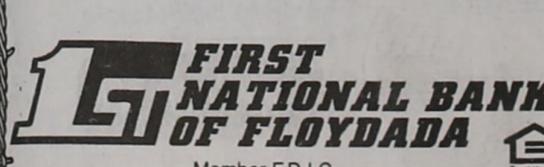
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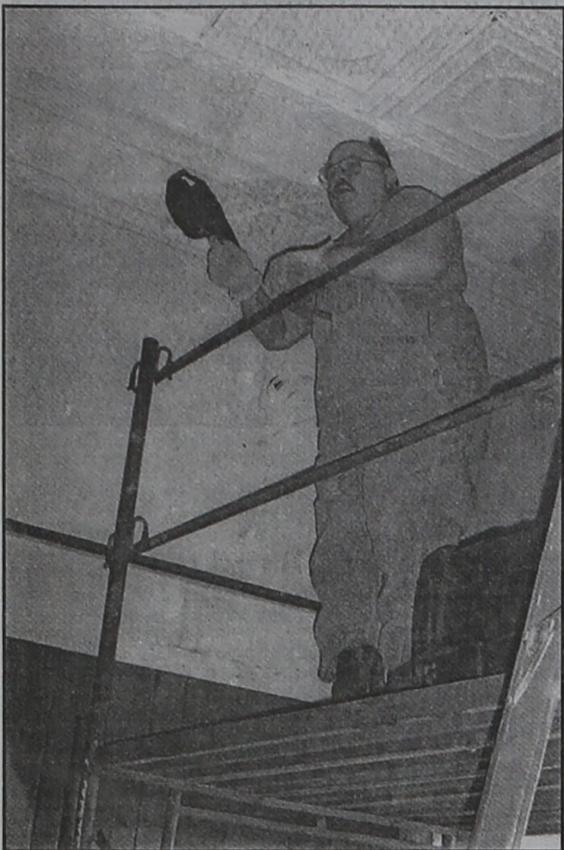






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The beautiful detail in the antique ceiling tile at the Library Annex building is displayed as Roaring Springs Lions Club member, K.D. Abbott, prepares to work. Several members of the Matador and Roaring Springs Lions Clubs worked Monday night, February 13 at the annex. Members working were Tom Edwards, Roy Hobbs, Eric Lewis, Charley Johnson, Ronnie Vandiver, Ed D. Smith, Paul Westbrook and K.D. Abbott. After work, the Motley County Library Board served supper to the Lions. Preparing the meal were Susan Jameson, Deanie Edwards, Ruby McGuire and Marihelen Wason.

Thornberry seeks extension of Farm Bill

(Washington, D.C.) -- Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) says it would be unfair to our nation's agriculture producers to write a new farm bill in the midst of ongoing international trade negotiations. On Thursday, February 16, Thornberry filed legislation to extend the current farm bill until the Doha round of World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations is complete.

"Our nation's farmers and their lenders should not be asked to operate under rules that keep changing. We should get fairer global trading rules in place first before we write the next farm bill," said Thornberry.

The current farm bill was approved in 2002, and many of its provisions are scheduled to expire in 2007. Congress has begun preliminary work on the next farm bill. But, unless the Doha process can be completed before the current farm bill expires, Congress will be attempting to write a new farm bill without a clear understanding of the trade conditions that the new WTO agreement will create. Congressman Thornberry wants to prevent the possibility that a new farm bill could wind up putting American farmers at a competitive disadvantage when new international trade rules are later established.

Under H.R. 4775, the 2002 farm bill will remain in effect while the Doha negotiations continue. The bill will also keep the current farm bill in place for at least one crop year after Congress has approved legislation to implement any eventual Doha agreement.

"I believe extending the current farm bill will help our trade

negotiators by making the point that we are insisting on a more level playing field with regard to market access, domestic support, and export assistance. Producers I talk to have said they like the 2002 farm bill's structure. We should be careful about making changes until we know what will result from the Doha negotiations," said Thornberry.

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Childress - Vandalism, tampering with or stealing Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) property such as roadway warning and safety devices cost Texas taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Most importantly, it can cause serious injury or death to the traveling public. "When a roadway safety device is deliberately damaged, stolen or tampered with the cost can be more than a dollar amount," said Ben Kautz, Motley County maintenance supervisor. "All of these devices are there for a reason and if taken down, it creates a real safety problem."

According to state law, tampering with a roadway warning

device, such as bridge safety end treatments and highway signs is a Class B Misdemeanor and carries a penalty of not less than \$25 or more than \$1,000, or up to a two-year jail sentence, or both the fine and jail time. However, much stiffer penalties can be handed down in cases where vandalism has resulted in serious injury or death.

We are always concerned with state property is vandalized or tampered with in any way, but more because of the hazard it can create for drivers," said Kautz. "If you see anyone removing or damaging TxDOT property call the Motley County Maintenance Office or the Motley County Sheriff's Department.

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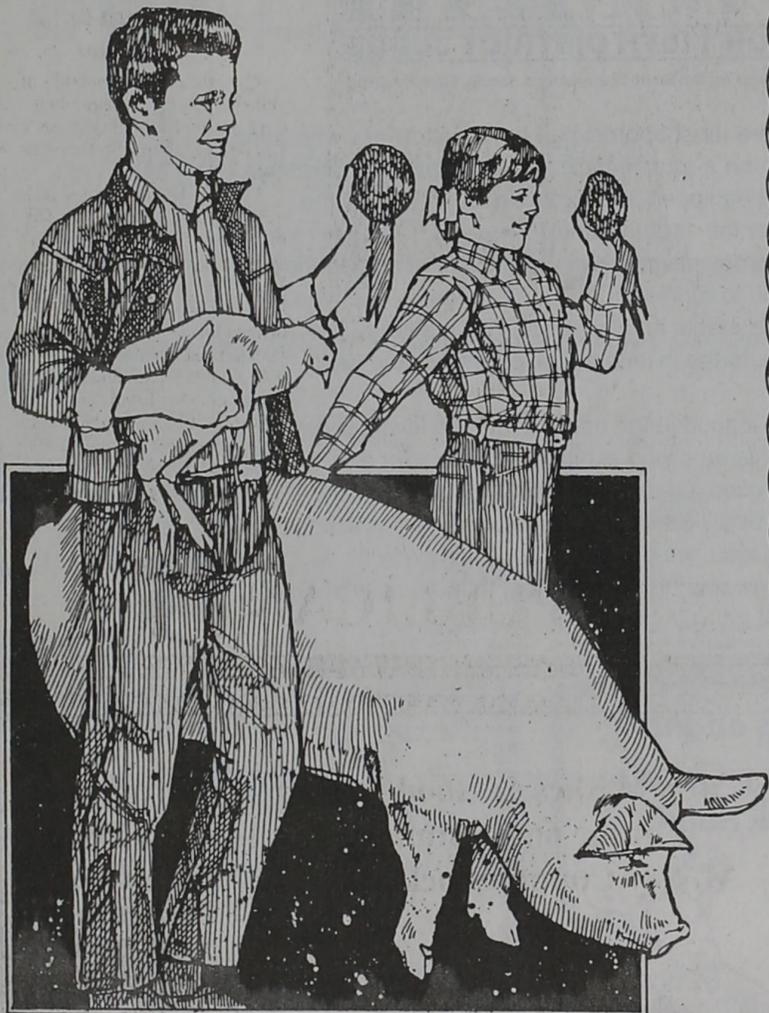
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

A Note To Readers: We mourn the loss of Lula Swim. Loyal readers of Roaring Springs news will surely miss her. Miss Swim was a dedicated and devoted citizen of Roaring Springs and Motley County. She served as Roaring Springs Post Master for many years. She was very dedicated to her church and her church family. There is definitely a loss in Roaring Springs that will never be filled. Miss Swim was one of a kind.

She enjoyed writing the Roaring Springs news and even when she became ill and it was a chore to get her news in to meet the deadline she always made sure it was here on time. We give our sympathy to her family and close friends.

With that said, the need for a Roaring Springs correspondent is urgent. I wish I had the time to call people to find out what's going on, but that is just impossible for me. Typing, reporting, writing and everything that goes along with putting the

paper together keeps me so busy I usually don't whether I'm coming or going.

Someone who is in town a lot, attends most functions, club meetings, and that sort of thing would be perfect for the job. Maybe someone who spends time at the coffee shop visiting with the locals. If you know of that sort of person, please talk with them and ask them to contact the Tribune office at 347-2400.

Until we find someone to fill Lula's spot to write this column, there may possibly be weeks when this space would have to be vacant. I hope that doesn't happen, because the readers, especially those living away from Motley County love to read this page. I have comments all the time requesting more Roaring Springs news.

So, if you or someone you know would be good for this job please stop by the office or give me a call.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Following landing at our Sudburg, England base after our 32nd mission, on April 9, 1945, we six enlisted men of our B-17 were informed it was our last mission. During that time, three of us had been promoted to staff sergeant (E-6) but never received our bottom "rocker" stripes.

After returning to the states, and a 30 day furlough, I was assigned to an airfield in Lubbock, Texas. With only three stripes, signifying an E-5 rank, a number of us were assigned to KP even though we were really staff sergeants.

The third time my name appeared on the KP list, I came on duty in dress uniform, complete with flight crew wings, an Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the ETO ribbon and three campaign battle stars, the divisional Presidential citation ribbon and Good Conduct and Victory medals.

I told the mess sergeant my work overalls were in the laundry. He assigned me to the serving line where many sergeants

with more stripes and no overseas service, eyed my display.

My name never again appeared on the KP list!

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall visited from Friday until Monday in Ringo, Oklahoma with her aunt, Mrs. Bessie May.

Thomas Heck, Mrs. Teresa Lee and daughter, Kacey of Turkey and Kellan Roberts of Waco visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, Jere and Jacob attended to business and enjoyed entertainment in Plainview, Sunday.

Mrs. B. Rogers attended a baby shower Sunday afternoon in Quitaque honoring Mrs. Holly Pounds in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay. Before returning home, she visited in Turkey in the home of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and with her houseguest, mother, Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited from Friday until Sunday in Clifton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler. They enjoyed the basketball tournament Saturday in which Karlee and Kyler competed.

Aleda and Tom Ross visited from Monday until Thursday in Lubbock with daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley. They had medical appointments. Aleda enjoyed a book sale with Elisa Tuesday morning held at the Texas Tech Library.

Nada and Jack Starkey completed their medical treatments this week following weekly trips to Amarillo the past six weeks.

Donnie Rogers accompanied Arthur Beck of Turkey to Lubbock, Sunday to visit his father, Tommy Beck, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center following lung surgery.

Senior Citizens Notes

By Tommye Keith, Director

The Center has received memorials in memory of Art Green from Leona and Ellis Terry, Wade and Nell Berryman, Beverly Vinson, Tom and Deanie Edwards and Marge Edwards. Wade and Nell Berryman also gave a memorial donation in memory of O.V. Johnson. Kellie and Hal Martin gave memorials in memory of Katie Davis and Trula Martin. We thank you all so very much.

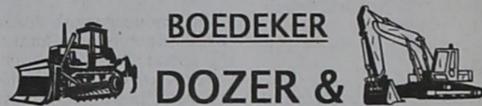
Thanks to Jim Watson for the donation of angle iron and base angle it will take to put up the vent-a-hood. Jim fixes lots of

things that are never mentioned so, thank you Jim.

The Sunday Dinner fundraiser is coming up this Sunday, February 26. Please put it on your calendar and come eat with us.

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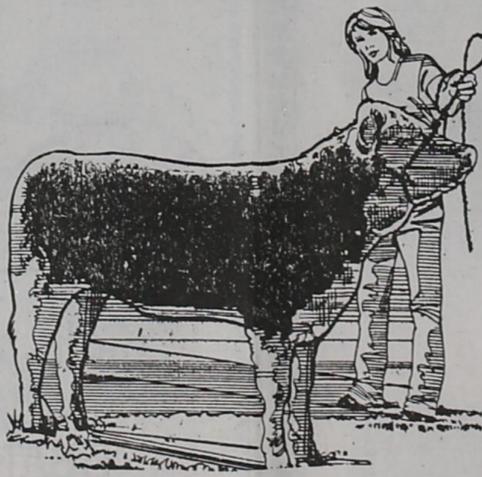
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Challenging year lies ahead for area cotton producers

by Kay Ledbetter
Texas A&M University
Research and Extension Center

Amarillo -- Cotton producers have some challenges ahead in raising this year's crop, said one Texas Cooperative Extension specialist. And conquering some of the challenges may take some different management techniques.

"Our major problem right now is dry soil," said Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist in Amarillo. "We normally have a full soil profile at this time. This year we have none."

The good news is gas prices are going down, he said. That could help make pre-plant irrigation more affordable, which will begin to build up soil moisture depleted through the drought.

Cotton is planted around May 10 to May 15, New said. That only gives a producer about six weeks to get the soil profile full before the crop starts to use it faster than it can typically be applied in the July heat.

Producers can't wait until then to start planning water for the crop because of irrigation limitations, New said. A total of 6 inches soil moisture from irrigation, rain or a combination of

the two, needs to be present by the end of June or the crop will stress during the peak growing season.

"Management is going to be key in getting water to the crop," he said. "I don't know that we have a choice of not pre-watering this year. I think good sub-soil is essential. We don't know when it's going to rain."

When a center pivot irrigation system applies 3 gallons per minute per acre or less, it takes a week to put on 1 inch of water, he said. If the well is pumping 3.5 gallons per minute, that's 1.25 inches per week.

"I believe I would put a little subsurface water down," New said, "especially if you can get the pumping cost down."

A producer south of Amarillo, at \$8 per mcf of natural gas, will spend \$6 per acre inch of water. North of Amarillo, where the water is deeper, the price will be \$8 per acre inch, he said. That will produce enough cotton to make it affordable if the producer stays ahead on watering.

Starting with a 2-inch pre-water will mean only having to irrigate with 4 inches in June, or less than that if the rain comes, New said.

"We have the management, technology and varieties to

make these numbers go up," New said.

"What I would do this year is wait through March and April and see what rain we get and then I'd put on a couple inches of irrigation," he said. "You just can't get behind because by July, you don't have enough irrigation capacity to stay up with the needs of the crop."

Utilizing the Texas High Plains Precipitation Evapotranspiration network can help producers best determine where they need to be with their watering program, he said. The network can be accessed at: <http://txhighplains.tamu.edu>.

Because there's no moisture to spare, this year it is even more critical for producers to consider using low-energy, precision application irrigation systems with drag hoses or bubblers, he said.

With these two methods, New said, the producer will generally get 95 percent of the water applied to the crop. The low-elevation spray application irrigation will lose up to 25 percent more water through evaporation when used in low-profile open cotton, he said.

"The less available irrigation we have, the more efficient we have to be in getting it to the crop," he said. "You don't have any water to lose."

\$2.7 million patronage from Panhandle-Plains Land Bank

Amarillo, Texas -- Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA), CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. announced that the board of directors approved a patronage payment and additional interest rate buy-down for 2006.

The Association board met January 19, 2006, in Amarillo to review performance goals from 2005 and approve the 2006 business plan that includes these payments. Association Board Chairman Wayne Garrett further explained, "This patronage, which will amount to \$2.7 million, will return \$.25 of every dollar our customers paid in interest during 2005. This year's payment will again be 100% cash, and in their hands this spring," said Garrett. Since 1997, Panhandle-Plains FLBA has a history of stock reduction,

patronage payments, and interest rate buy-downs all of which reduce the cost of credit for rural real estate mortgages.

CEO Williams elaborated on the rate reduction. "We are simply continuing our philosophy of Providing Value to Membership with the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Rates have been on a steady rise since the middle of 2004, and our products have reflected this increase. But this association has reduced its cost of operations and utilized its capital strength to pass along savings resulting in a variable that is currently 1% point under the Prime Rate. Again this spring, our business plan calls for a spread adjustment to mitigate the increasing cost of borrowing," said Williams. "We are committed to being the best choice for long-term real estate mortgages on farm

and ranch land, rural recreational tracts, rural homes, and agri-business."

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agri-business in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains.

Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of

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Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird,
Motley County CED

DCP ADVANCE PAYMENTS
On February 8, 2006, the President signed the Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005, which made changes to DCP (Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program) payments.

For 2006, any DCP contract enrolled after Feb. 8, 2006, will not receive a 50% advance direct payment. The maximum advance payment will be 40%, with the remaining 60% paid in October. Those enrolled before Feb. 8 are eligible to receive the 50% advance direct payment.

For 2007, only 22% of the payment will be made in advance. The remaining 88% will be paid in October of 2007.

CRP CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

CRP contract extension letters have been sent out offering extensions to those producers with contracts expiring in 2007. The extension offers are based off of EBI scores (Environmental Benefits Index), and are not appealable. There was an appeal period for the EBI scores when they were calculated during the original sign-up.

Please be aware that if you apply to extend your CRP contract, you will pay for a site visit of \$45.00 plus \$1.00 per acre. If, during the site visit, it is determined that the CRP is out of compliance with the conservation plan, not only will that area not be eligible for extension but it will immediately be terminated and you may be required to refund payments.

If you choose to not extend your CRP contract which expires in 2007, you will have the option of having your DCP bases restored. Please call for more information.

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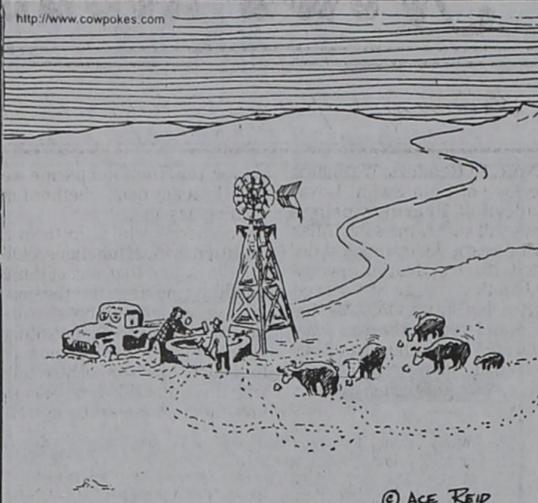
May 15th is the final day to certify small grain acreage (wheat, oats, triticale, rye, etc.). Remember, all acreage must be certified to comply with the DCP program. All late filed certifications will be charged \$35.00 for the first plot plus \$15.00 for each additional plot per farm.

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Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

FLOYD COUNTY:
Apollo Energy Operating Company Miller Lease Well #1 has a Workover Unit rigged up on the Well conducting Repairs.

FLOYD COUNTY:
Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 reached Total Depth of 10,142 feet and is in the process of running logs.

FLOYD COUNTY:
BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1 was struck in the horizontal section of the hole and left directional tools and forty-two joints of drill pipe in the horizontal section. A new sidetrack has been started at a depth of 8717 feet and is currently drilling ahead on the curved section of the new sidetrack, in preparation of drilling a new horizontal section.

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Motley County Tribune Weather Feb. 23, 2006

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 The Motley County Hospital District will hold an election on May 13, 2006. Applications will be accepted for (3) three members for the board of directors for a (2) two-year term. Applications for director position may be obtained between February 13, 2006, and March 13, 2006, from Dianne Washington CPA at 710 Bailey, Matador, Texas 79244, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sign up period will end March 13, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting to discuss the use of 4B tax money to provide infrastructure for the Hackberry Creek Care Center.
 The Matador 4B Tax Board will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2006, in Matador City Hall, at 706 Dundee, Matador, Texas.
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