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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



BARBARA WALLACE

Barbara Wallace works at the Motley County Clinic in Matador as a Nursing Assistant.

She has three children, LeAnnra, 13, an 8th grader; Kelsi, 12, a 7th grader; and Brett, 10, a 5th grader.

Barbara attended and graduated from Motley County High School in 1981. Her class will be celebrating their 15th reunion this year at Homecoming.

She and her family attend church at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

When not working, Barbara attends and helps with her kids' 4-H, sporting, and other activities.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

People may spurn your appeals, reject your messages and oppose your arguments - but they are helpless against your prayers.

— Anonymous

Commissioners Vote To Keep County Trapper

The Motley County Commissioners Court met Monday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Russell gave the invocation. Minutes were read and approved.

Bills were approved. Reports from the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Beverly Logsdon for the County Agent's office, the Library and the Justice of the Peace were approved. The Justice of the Peace reported collecting \$2071.00 due to county.

At 10:00 a.m. the Budget Hearing began, with several area citizens attending. First expense item on the budget was the Animal Damage Control Service, County Trapper. Citizens expressed concerns in favor of keeping the Trapper and how badly this service to Motley County due to the coyote and wild hog problems.

Commissioners voted to keep the trapper salary and hire a trapper for the

1996-97 year as Jim Stockton, trapper for many years, had retired. The new trapper will be selected by the Animal Control Service.

Next item on the budget was to set salaries and personnel expenses. Raises were given to the Motley County Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and to Larry Markham, Maintenance. Mr. Markham's salary will be raised \$1000 per year.

At this time the proposed budget was reviewed and adopted.

The County tax rate was set at .79¢, which is the same as last year.

Matador resident, Mary Kelley, met with the Court to present Grant possibilities for courthouse restoration. Mrs. Kelley presented facts on grants, which was encouraging to the Court that they're may be monies available to help with these badly needed repairs.

Meeting adjourned.

School Board Sets Tax Rate

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Items for Board action included the following:

— Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

— A list of expenditures was approved and Financial Statements were reviewed.

— The 1996-97 tax rate was set at 1.09268.

— Bids were awarded to Cornerstone Insurance Agency of Turkey for Property and General Liability Insurance and Fleet Insurance.

— Bid for the Chevrolet pickup was awarded to Alton Marshall.

— October 1 through February 28 was approved as the dates for the 1996-97 Teacher Appraisal dates. Mr. Moran, Principal will be the Appraiser, and Mr. Copp, Superintendent, will be

the second Appraiser if needed.

The Teacher Appraisal was set up by TEA and evaluates teacher's performances. Each teacher is formally evaluated, in class-room, for 50 minutes, and presented to the Board for teacher re-hiring. If needed a second appraisal will be done by Mr. Copp.

— Six early out days were approved for the 1996-97 school year, to be used at the school's discretion.

— Regular board meetings were set for Mondays until January.

Items for information were presented to the Board.

Mr. Copp and board members will attend the TASB Convention September 27-30 in Houston.

* Tier II Training, which is a training for School Board members will be held before January 1.

Meeting adjourned.

Masonic Lodge To Hold 50-Year Service Awards Presentation

Matador Masonic Lodge No-824 will have their 50 year Service Awards Presentation, on Thursday, September 12, 1996. Meal will be at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m. All members, friends, family, and Lodge Widows are welcome!

Motley County Earns AHA Achievement Award

The American Heart Association announced that Motley County is one of the four counties in the 15 county Region II to qualify for an Achievement Award for its 1996 Heart Fund and Memorial contributions.

The Motley County AHA board of directors, Odessa Mullins of Roaring Springs, Mary Jo Calvert of Flomot, Myrna Blasingame of Afton, and Ear-

lyne Jameson of Matador were presented a certificate of appreciation for their dedication and commitment.

When accepting the awards, they expressed appreciation and congratulations to the citizens of Motley County for their good response and positive attitude with this worthwhile medical organization.

Football Is In The Air



1996 MC MATADORS — Pictured left to right (back) Coach Ron Cox, Dayton Grundy # 55, Joe Mangram #79, Quintin Brandon #62, Chris Guerrero #71, Kyle Brandon #63, Keane Cruse #1, Scott Smith #31; (next row l-r) Dusty Jackson #50, Jason Clauser #2, Devin Perryman #14, Robert Gillespie #69, Ty Barclay #82, Bert Darsey #10, Tyler Decker #11, Coach Shannon O'Pry; (next row l-r) Lanie Barton, manager, Matt Woolsey #77, Aaron Binder #36, Edward Alvarado #44, Josh Lee #9, Brandt Donaldson #88, Sean Rose #20, Tonya Barkley, manager, Coach Mark Neely; (bottom row l-r) Monica Clifton, manager, Talon Cruse #3, Aaron Green #30, Art Tiffin #66, Jerod Rieger #86, Jason Barton #61, Blake Barton #43, and Rebekah Jameson, manager.



MOTLEY COUNTY CHEERLEADERS — Head Cheerleader, Leah Cruse, Senior; Brandi Jameson, Senior; Blair Thacker, Sophomore; Kristi Williams, Mascot, Sophomore; Kandi Keltz, Sophomore; Tonie Bowden, Junior; and Dodie Morris, Senior, pictured above left to right.

by Billy Green

The 1996 Motley County Matadors fired up the new season with two scrimmages. On August 23, the Mats went up against the Crowell Wildcats and August 29, the Lorenzo Hornets. No actual score was kept during these scrimmages, but gave coach Ronnie Cox and staff a chance to evaluate this year's Matador team. It also gave the players some much needed experience and a chance for all team members to see some playing time.

These young men and coaches have been working hard for the upcoming season and need each and everyone's support during the week and at each Friday night game. So come out and show your support for the 1996 fighting Matador team.

The 1996 Matadors are:

Seniors, Talon Cruse, Josh Lee, Bert Darsey, Tyler Decker, Edward Alvarado, Quintin Brandon, Kyle Brandon, Matt Woolsey.
Juniors, Aaron Green, Scott Smith, Joe Mangram.

Sophomores, Keane Cruse, Jason Clauser, Devin Perryman, Aaron Binder, Dayton Grundy, Jason Barton, Robert Gillespie, Chris Guerrero, Brad Marvel, Ty Barclay.

Freshmen, Sean Rose, Paul Gonzales, Blake Barton, Dusty Jackson, Art Tiffin, Jerod Rieger, Brandt Donaldson

Good luck men in 1996. Go Red and Black!

For story and picture of Friday night's win Knox City, see page 3.

Educators From Across West Texas, State Honor Speaker Pete Laney

Littlefield -- More than 600 people and representatives of 47 school districts from the West Texas/Panhandle area honored Texas House Speaker Pete Laney during an Appreciation Day on August 27 at the Lamb County

Agriculture Center in Littlefield. Sponsoring the event were the Texas Association of Community Schools, the Texas Association of Mid-size Schools and the Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition.

"Speaker Laney has always been a champion of children. He has worked tirelessly to meet the unique needs of West Texas school districts. We are pleased to honor his great contribution to public education in Texas," said Dr. Don Rogers, executive director of the Texas Association of Community

Schools. TACS is an organization of more than 700 small and mid-sized school districts.

Dr. Wayne Pierce, president of the Texas Association of Mid-sized Schools, also praised Speaker Laney, who is a state representative of House District 85, which includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer and Swisher counties. Pete Laney has been speaker of the Texas House of Representatives since 1993.

"Having the speaker of the House as your state representative is like having Norman Schwarzkopf as your crossing guard," Dr. Pierce said.

"Three-quarters of a million students across Texas are indebted to

Pete Laney for his support of a mid-size district funding formula. For too long these children have been left out of the picture. We applaud Speaker Laney's leadership in correcting this problem," Dr. Pierce said. His organization represents more than 750,000 school children in Texas. TAMS works to ensure that the state funding system recognizes the special needs of school districts with fewer than 5,000 students.

Speaker Laney's efforts also were recognized by Pete Simmons, chairman of the Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition and superintendent of Plains Independent School District. "Speaker Laney has worked tirelessly in a very fair and impartial way to try to meet the financial needs of the schools of Texas during a time of

dwindling revenue sources and skyrocketing enrollment growth," Mr. Simmons said. "He is acutely familiar with the needs of West Texas school districts. As speaker, he has listened to our needs and helped us to find solutions."

SEE YOU
AT THE POLE
Wednesday, Sept. 18
Downtown, 7:30 a.m.
on Courthouse lawn
In front of School
8:00 a.m.



LAST BREAKFAST — E.A. Day cooked his last breakfast for the Men's Interdenominational Breakfast last Saturday morning. Mr. Day retired from being the breakfast chef, and will leave the cooking in someone else's hands from now on.



by:
Carla Meador

Well, I hope you all liked the little gift we gave you in last week's paper - the picture of Jim and I on the front page. I sincerely hope that we don't look that terrible in real life! But anyway, it will be good to use as a dart board for those who don't like the Sheriff or it's sure to keep any pests out of the garden if posted among the plants!

The Spirit Rally, held last Thursday night was great! The support that our county gives our kids is wonderful! There was a big turnout! The ice cream and brownies were delicious, and Mrs. Bingham, cheerleader sponsor, even led the crowd, which consisted of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and friends, in the Macarena Dance!

Our children are our most important resource to our future and the support we give them now means so much.

The Booster Club members work so hard to make events like the Spirit Rally possible. All High School and Jr. High cheerleaders, football players, and cross country teams were introduced, along with all the coaches and sponsors.

All of Thursday night's events must have really paid off with Friday night's big win over Knox City.

If you don't attend any school events, you might want to reconsider, they're a blast!

Although I must admit, my attending all the school and sporting events slowed down some last year, after my son, Jeremy, had graduated the previous May.

When Jeremy drove off to college, I thought I was going to fall to pieces! I had told myself I was prepared, but boy, was I wrong! I'm sure some of your parents have realized the same thing the past few weeks with your college freshman leaving home. It's sooooo hard!

Last year I went to the first high school football game and it hit me, again! Jeremy wasn't out there playing and it made me miss him even more.

It was hard when he left again this year, after having him home all summer, but I think I'm a little better, actually a lot better, than I was last year. I was a real basket case last year. Jeremy and I had lived alone for 13 years, so we have a pretty close relationship. I know there were times last year, when Jim probably thought I was really losing it! You worry, "have I raised him right?", have I taught him the right things to say and how to converse with new people and surroundings?, will he get along with his roommate okay?, will the roommate be weird?, what to do in an emergency?, what if he gets sick?, and one of the most important questions, "does he know how to do his laundry, without messing up all those expensive clothes?" I am probably one of the biggest worry warts there is!

I think when this stage comes in our lives and our kids leave home, we really do lose something. That special emotional dependence and closeness changes between you and your child and it's really not ever the same.

Well, to get off this sad note, (can you tell I miss my son?), and back to the support topic.

I do want to praise our Booster Club, parents, grandparents, teachers, administration, friends, and others who give our kids the wonderful support they receive. I think our Motley County kids are some of the best in the state! We are lucky! And after all, we are instructed - "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

Those are pretty plain and good words of instruction to follow, and they do come from the best handbook for life there is - the Bible.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross, now.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross on their wedding day in 1956.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1956 - SEPTEMBER 8, 1996
It was June 1956, she was passing thru Texas on a summer vacation. When she met this fellow at a friends family celebration. He was quite handsome and debonair to be sure. She was very glad she had taken this western tour.

These forty years have flown by very fast. Anyone can surmise this relationship will last. They've raised a family of three children, one is still in school. They feel they've been well blessed by God's Grace and trying to live by the Golden Rule.

Look Who's New



Jolyn Paige Zarate



Baby Jolyn with Grandma Mary

Tasha, Carissa, and Shelton Zarate of Haskell would like to announce the arrival of their new baby sister, Jolyn Paige Zarate.

Jolyn was born Friday, September 6, 1996 at 12:49 p.m. on Grandma Mary's birthday. She was born in Abilene and weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces.

Parents of the children are Joe and Dena Zarate of Haskell.

Grandparents are Charlie and Mary Renfro of Matador; and Mary Zarate of Sweetwater.

Great-grandmother is Zola Renfro of Matador.

Blane Michael-Allen Ozbun

Dr. Pat and Mary Lou Williams would like to announce the arrival of their new grandson, Blane Michael-Allen Ozbun.

Blane was born August 22, 1996 in Columbia Claremore Regional Hospital in Claremore, Oklahoma. He weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 22 inches long at birth.

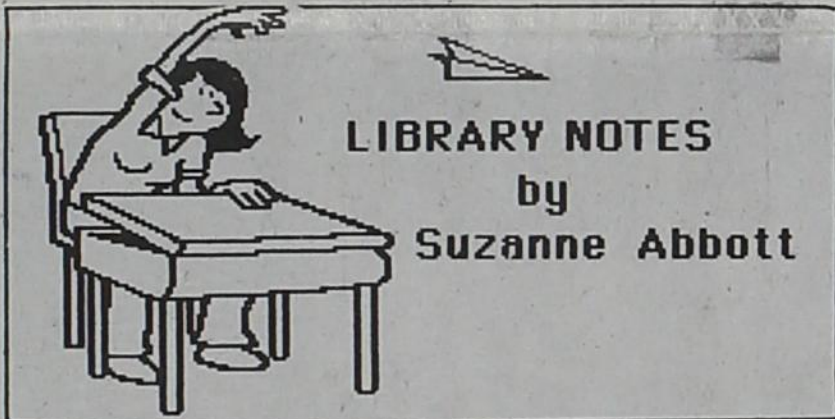
Blane has one brother, Pate Allen, 7 1/2 years old.

Parents of the children are Mark and Kristi Ozbun.

Other grandparents are Gene Gwartyne of The Colony, Texas, Jim and Pat Ozbun of Claremore, Oklahoma.

Great grandparents are Evelyn

Kloneck, Trepealeau, Wisconsin, Marie Gwartyne, Pryor, Oklahoma, and Roy and Greta Hughes of Claremore, Oklahoma.



We thank Grace Jones Piper for the donation to the Motley County Library in memory of Kirby Campbell. We appreciate Mrs. Jones' thoughtfulness and support in providing this lasting memorial to Mr. Campbell.

Thanks to Joan Miller of Battle Creek, Michigan for the donation of the book Carpenter Kinfolks: Descendants of Daniel Carpenter of Mississippi. This book has been placed in the genealogy section of the Library. If you have Carpenters in your family tree you might want to look at this book.

Speaking of genealogy, there will be a genealogy fair this Saturday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock. This event costs a \$5.00 registration fee at

the door. Information sessions will cover how to use the Family History Center, The Computer: What it will and will not do for genealogy, Problem solving, How to preserve photos, and much more. For more information, call the Motley County Library, 347-2717.

A wonderful new book in the reference section of the Library is the Atlas of the World published by Oxford University Press. This book has maps of all the world's countries and an index listing most of the world's cities and towns. It even has maps of the world's most well-known cities. For instance you can find how to get to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France,

by consulting this book. The atlas is up-to-date, showing all the countries generated by the break up of the Soviet Union.

We have a new supply of Dude Barton post cards that she has signed. We also have replenished our post cards showing the waterfall at Roaring Springs. The first batches of these post cards sold out immediately, but we now have more in stock. Post cards, magnets, and key chains are being sold by the Friends of the Library with proceeds going to the Library.

Don't forget the organizational meeting of the new Motley County Genealogical Society, Wednesday, September 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library.

"The Bond Is No Longer Common"

"Men no longer are bound together by ideas, but by interests; and it would seem as if human opinions were reduced to a sort of intellectual dusts, scattered on every side, unable to collect, unable to cohere."

-- Alexis de Tocqueville



We live in a nation which is uniquely focused upon the rights of individuals and their opinions. This national interest is so strong that it threatens to dilute truth itself. We are instructed by many sources that each one of us is entitled to our own interests or opinion no matter what the consequences may be.

Our nation has become a massive group of individuals. We are no longer able to identify ourselves as just "Americans". There appears to be no more a "common cause" or bond. Rather our "common bond" appears to be our differences.

There is one arena where our rights or opinions are of little value. I speak of the Kingdom of God. Our rights or opinions in matters of salvation are irrelevant. We are sinners! We have been saved by Grace, therefore we are dependent upon God for our deliverance. The Lord Jesus promised in John 8:32 that God's truth would set us free, God's truth, not our own ideas or opinions. We lack the wisdom to direct our own steps toward heaven (Jeremiah 10:23). Therefore, we must be willing to yield to God's Truth if we are to be blessed by Him.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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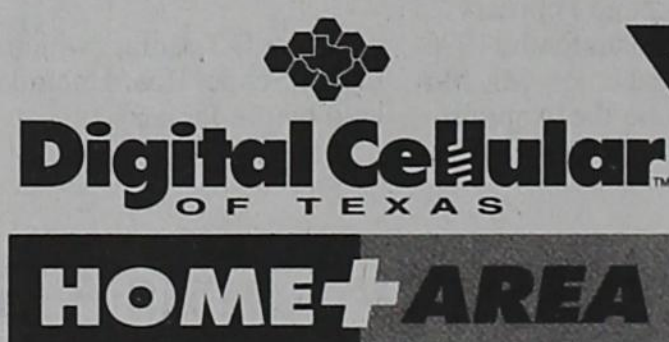
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SPORT REPORT




MOTLEY COUNTY MATADORS in action against the Knox City Greyhounds during last Friday night's game. The Matadors came out on top, 26-12 for their first game of the season.

(photo by James Gillespie)

Matadors Open '96 Season With 26-12 Win Over Knox City

by Billy Green

Winning the coin toss and starting their first drive on the Mats 33 yard line the Matadors put together an exciting drive Friday night marching to the 8 yard line where Junior Aaron Green took the ball into the end zone for the first score of the game. Quarterback Keane Cruse connected with receiver Tyler Decker for the 2 point conversion giving Matador an 8-0 lead.

Early in the 2nd quarter after recovering a Greyhound fumble the Matadors again marched down field with another impressive drive to the one yard line, where Aaron Green took the ball over the plane for Motley's second score. Point after attempt was denied and the score was 14-0.

Half way in the second quarter, Senior back Talon Cruse crossed the goal line on a 3 yard run taking the scoreboard to 20-0. Again late in the second quarter Talon went into the end zone on a 6 yard run giving the Matadors a 26-0 lead at half.

In the second half the Matadors failed to do any scoring but excitement rose when Knox City put together a 4 yard sweep into the end zone and a 29 yard run across the goal line to put 12 points on their side of the scoreboard, making it 26-12.

The fourth quarter was scoreless for both teams and the game ended with a 26-12 Motley County victory.

Motley County's offensive line consisting of Quintin Brandon, Kyle Brandon, Joe Mangram, Matt Woolsey, Scott Smith and Dayton Grundy, did a super job on the Greyhound defensive to make it possible

for Motley's backfield to move the ball and score. Good job guys.

Motley's defensive line of Josh Lee, Robert Gillespie, Joe Mangram, Kyle Brandon, and Quintin Brandon, along with the rest of Motley's defense dealt the Greyhounds misery all night stopping the dogs most of the night. Again good job guys.

Congratulations Matador's Coach Cox, Coach Neely, and Coach O'Pry.

Come out and support the Matadors every Friday night, September 13, Motley vs. Anton, there, 8:00 p.m.

Statistics

Aaron Green, 20 carries for 98 yards and two T.D.'s.

Talon Cruse, 15 carries, for 54 yards, and two T.D.'s.

Keane Cruse, 8 carries, for 16 yards, and 4 passes completed for 70 yards.

PICTURE DAY SEPTEMBER 17

School pictures will be taken Tuesday, September 17. Envelopes will be passed out on Monday, September 16. Students must have money to purchase a package.

If you like to have your name included on our Sports pages please give us a call at 347-2400 or 347-2774

Tyler Decker, 2 receptions, for 31 yards.

Aaron Binder, 1 reception for 40 yards.

First Downs - Matadors, 16 Knox City, 7

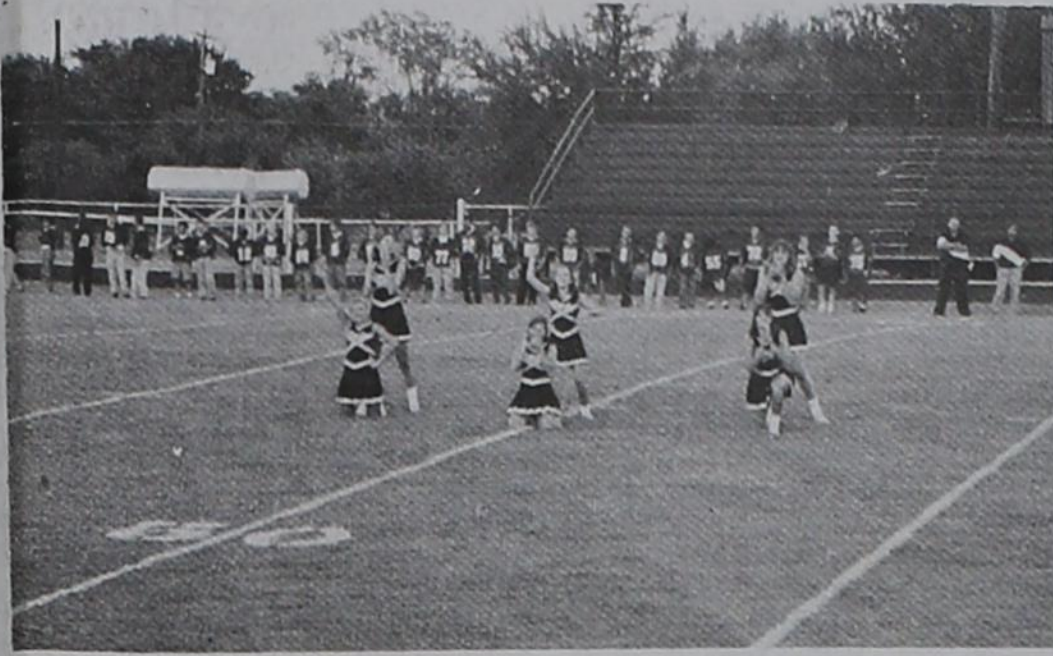
Penalties - Matadors, 6 for 45 yds. Knox City, 6 for 30 yds.

MC hall news

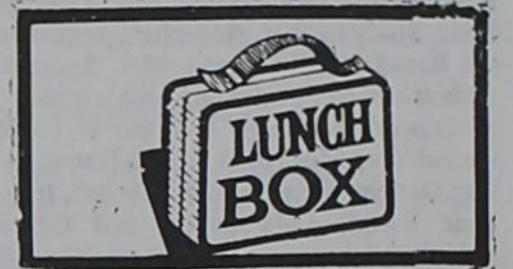
HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO.....

Students: Bradley Brown, Hilario Mora, Paul Gonzalez, Nesa McFall, Alex Salazar, Jason Barton, Skylar Clifton, Rhonda Ashley, Angelica Mendoza, Mylinda Gilmore, Kristi Williams, Timothy Mangram, Rocio Landin, Vanessa Corpus, Rosalva Mendoza, Susana Mendoza, Gene Salazar, Rebecca Morris, Rachelle Renfro, Art Tiffin, Veronica Mendoza, Brett Wallace, Christopher Corpus, Joe Mangram, Vanessa Weatherford, Jose Gonzalez, Blake Barton

Staff: Mellane Parson, Carolyn Ewing, Bettye Stevens, Jane O'Pry, Wayne Morren, and Tommy Gleg-horn.



SPIRIT RALLY — MC Cheerleaders perform a yell during last Thursday night's Fall Spirit Rally while High School and Jr. High team members, coaches, and pep club members formed a circle around the football field.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Breakfast: Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Combination Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Cookies, Milk.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Crispy Fish Nuggets, Tarter Wedges, Coleslaw or Salad, Hush Puppies, Fruit Bar, Milk.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Texas Twirls (Pasta - Beef), New Whole Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Breakfast: Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs, Cheese, Pickle, Onion, Potato Rounds, Cake, Strawberries, Milk.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Breakfast: Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cheese Sauce, Hot Rolls, Honey, Milk.

FFA NEWS

by Dodde Morris
Chapter Reporter

MC PEP CLUB HAPPENINGS

by Candice Marvel
Club Reporter

Tuesday, September 9, the Motley County FFA Chapter called a meeting to order. There were 42 members present including the officers. Aaron Green and Candice Marvel were absent. The chapter president, Kasey Parks announced that dues must be paid by October 1. Total cost of this is \$10.

The chapter is selling the 1996-97 school activity calendar for \$5.00 each. Don't forget about our district meeting September 17 at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

On October 10, the FFA Chapter will travel to Lubbock for the Farmer Stockman Show, which will be a whole new learning experience.

That was all of the discussion during this meeting. We will report back to you later. Have a great week!

The High School Pep Club is off to a good start. We have new uniforms and new officers. The officers for this year are: President, Misty Thomas; Vice-President, Crystal Christopher; Secretary-Treasurer, Vanessa Easter; Parliamentarian, Rebecca Long; Reporter, Candice Marvel; Song Leaders, Rebecca Long, Kim Ashley, Kaci Risser, Miranda Palmer, and Candice Marvel.

At Friday's game the Pep Club did a tremendous job of cheering on the Matadors to a 26-12 victory. Our president, Misty Thomas did a great job keeping everybody in line. Crystal Christopher, vice-president, cheered the loudest to support our boys. We can't forget the Matador Cheerleaders who kept those cheers going!

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Farm & Ranch News

Sheep Referendum Voting to be held October 1

Sheep referendum voting will be held Tuesday, October 1, 1996. In Motley County, voting will take place at the Motley County Extension Office in the Motley County Courthouse in Matador. Absentee ballots will be available from the Cooperative Extension Service in Dickens County. Requests for the absentee ballots can be made in-person (white building behind Dickens County Courthouse in Dickens), by telephone (806-623-5552), mail (P.O. Box 9, Dickens, TX 79229), electronic mail (dickens-tx@tamu.edu), or facsimile (806-623-5319) until September 17, 1996. Votes will be collected and counted by the Farm Service Agency in Motley County.

The following information explains eligibility requirements and challenges eligibility:

Eligibility
To be eligible to vote in this referendum, you must have been: An individual, legal entity, or group of individuals engaged in the production,

feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products during the calendar year 1994. Importers who imported only raw wool are not eligible to vote. In this referendum, each eligible entity or individual has ONE VOTE.

PROXY VOTING is available. A proxy is a person with authority to cast a ballot on behalf of an eligible voter. Only the following individuals may vote as proxies in this referendum: An officer or employee of a corporation, an administrator, guardian, executor, or trustee of an estate, or an authorized representative of any other legal entity.

No one is authorized to register or to vote on behalf of an individual voter. Example: A parent cannot cast a ballot on behalf of a child.

Volume of Production Voting
If you want to vote according to your volume of production, fill in that number in the space provided on the ballot.

PRODUCERS AND FEEDERS: Enter the largest number of domestic

sheep owned during any single consecutive 30-day period in 1994.

IMPORTERS: Enter the number of sheep and/or live sheep equivalents imported into the United States during 1994.

Eligibility Challenges
The County Extension office will post the In-Person Voter Registration Lists and Absentee Voter Request Lists on October 1, 1996. Any person, at that time, may file a formal challenge of a voter's eligibility to vote in the referendum. County Extension offices will accept these challenges on October 1, 1996 ONLY. County FSA offices will accept additional challenges on October 2-3, 1996. A challenge must:

- be in writing
- identify the challenged voter (individual or entity)
- be separate for each voter challenged
- be signed by the challenger.

If your eligibility to vote as a producer, feeder, or importer is challenged, any one of the following may be acceptable proof of ownership of sheep or importation of sheep or sheep products:

PRODUCER OR FEEDER: Bill of sale, tax records, incentive payment records, 4-H or FFA records that show ownership, or breed registration records.

IMPORTER: Customs receipts or similar forms and tax records.

In the absence of any of the records listed above, the Farm Service Agency may accept as evidence of ownership or importation a signed statement by individual who can be reasonably expected to have knowledge of the challenged voter's eligibility, stating facts showing that the voter meets the eligibility requirements.

After all is said and done, more is said than done. —Anon.

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Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by extreme fire hazards are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Matador, Mollie F. Moffitt said today.

Motley County is one of twelve in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme fire hazards.

Mrs. Moffitt said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mrs. Moffitt said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 14, 1997 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mrs. Moffitt said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency

loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

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