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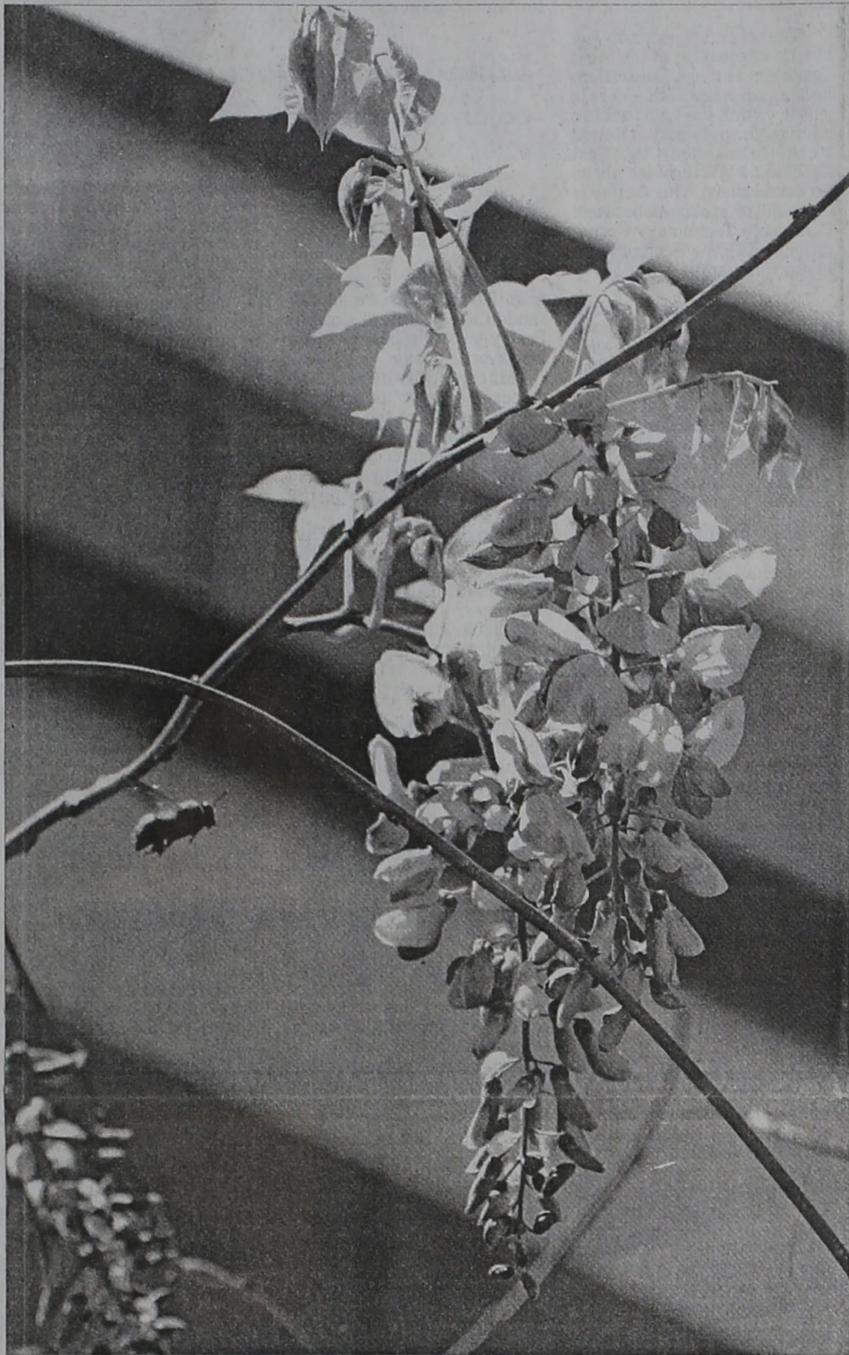
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Signs of Spring

With last week's arrival of Spring, signs are everywhere, as pictured here with this beautiful Wisteria bloom and the big Bumble Bee about to get an afternoon snack. Fruit trees are in bloom and wildflowers are popping up alongside roadways. With the recent rains the entire county is vividly green. Some areas in the county received over four inches of rain during the weekend.

(photo by Carla Meador)

Motley County School Board meets Teacher's resignation accepted, two positions reassigned

by Tina Brooks,
School Board Reporter

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown and Denise Ford.

The invocation was given by Randy Brown.

No one was present for Open Forum.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, as well as the list of expenditures.

The Board approved the quote from Brock's Carpet for

RS Community Volunteers will sponsor Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 7 at the Community Center in Roaring Springs.

The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. with two age categories, (2-5 and 6-11). A prize egg will be available for each group.

Every child in the county, age 2-11, is invited to take part in this fun event.

For more information contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336.

\$9,534.00 and the Integrated Pest Management Policy.

Danika Jameson of Matador and Nancy Long of Roaring Springs were approved as Election Judges for the May 12th Election.

During Mr. Brown's Superintendent's Report, he informed the board that the attendance was 97% and the enrollment was at 180. Mr. Brown gave preliminary results of the third and fifth grade Reading TAKS results. Students and Teachers are to be commended for their efforts. Board candidates for the May 12 election are as follows: Don Baxter, Jr., Kim Fletcher, Mark Seigler, Shonda Elliott, Lou Ann Silva, Jeff Newman, David Stafford and Tim Ward. Mr. Brown received a written resignation from Pam Thacker. Reassignments for the 2007-2008 school year are as follows: Yolanda Kautz, Classroom Teacher and Marilyn Hicks, Reading Coach.

The board entered executive session at 8:03 p.m. and ex-

ited at 9:48 p.m. No action was taken.

The Board met Monday, March 26 in a called meeting. All members were present with the exception of Les Woolsey and Robert Fisk. Also in attendance were Superintendent Randy Brown and Denise Ford.

The invocation was given by Ted Davey.

No one was present for Open Forum.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Brown informed the board that a new electronic sign will be placed across the street in front of the school. Mr. James Titus' Matador Class of 1940 donated the sign. The sign will have updates of current activities to better inform students and parents. Mr. Brown stated that he had received 16 applications for the Principal's position. The next board meeting will be April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The Board reviewed the 2007-2008 preliminary budget.

Local man injured in Childress crash

Local resident, Donnie Jackson, 54, of Matador, received minor injuries last Monday morning, March 19, in a two-vehicle accident, seven miles south of Childress on US 287, when the driver of a 2007 Red Volvo TTST was in collision with a 2001 white Mac flatbed, driv-

ing by Jackson.

Jackson was southbound in the right lane and was struck from behind by a 2007 red Volvo TTST, owned by C.W. Johnson Express Trucking and driven by James Cobb, 49. His wife, 49, a passenger, was asleep at the time of the wreck. She and

Area residents invited to attend Wind Energy meeting

Motley County landowners and other interested parties are reminded of the community meeting to be held in the courtroom in the County Courthouse on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. Information will be shared concerning the status of wind energy development in Motley County. There will also be discussion about an organization of land owners to work collectively with wind energy companies in bringing wind farms to the county.

In November 2006, a steering committee was formed to study various types of organizational structures and to decide on the best type of organization to unite Motley County landowners in encouraging wind companies to look at Motley County as a site for wind farm development.

This committee was given 250 pages of information regarding types of organizations and rules concerning their Articles of Incorporation. This information was gathered from the

USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs, West Texas Entrepreneurial Development System, Texas Enterprise Network, The West Texas Wind Energy Consortium, Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, Texas Research Assistance Consortium, several municipalities and counties in the process of developing wind energy strategies, countless Extension offices and Farm Bureau offices, the Ogallala Commons, SPAG, Texas Municipal League, and several organizations established for purposes similar to the Motley County situation.

Types of structures that were studied included cooperatives, new generation cooperatives, Limited Liability Corporations (LLCs), and Limited Partnerships (LPs), as well as alliances, associations and consortiums. Major issues to consider in deciding on a structure are

ease of organization, the laws that govern each type of organization, and the requirements for obtaining tax-exempt status.

There are several types of structures that would not work in this situation, for various reasons. It appears that the type of structure chosen may well be in consortium, as long as a few concerns are adequately addressed.

A consortium is an association or a combination of businesses or investors, for the purpose of engaging in a joint venture, or a cooperative arrangement among groups or institutions. In this situation, it would be an association of landowners and interested citizens for the purpose of combining acreage to encourage wind farm development in Motley County. More information about consortiums may be found at www.consortiuminfo.org/what/. A more detailed paper on consortiums will be available at the April 3 meeting.

Sponsors needed for local Relay for Life event

Local organizers for the Relay For Life event are inviting businesses and individuals to take up the fight against cancer by helping sponsor the local event, which will be held June 23, 2007, at the Motley County High School track.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event and provides the vehicle by which the organization delivers their mission - to eliminate cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Each Relay event begins with a Survivor's Lap in which cancer survivors take a victory lap around the track. Later, a candlelit Luminaria Ceremony is held to honor cancer survivors and remember those who lost their battle to the disease. Relay For Life celebrates survivors, funds research advancements, and cancer education; inspires the public to become involved in the Society's advocacy efforts; and makes important services possible for patients and their families.

Involvement in Relay For Life is beneficial for businesses and individuals as well as the American Cancer Society. For a sponsorship of at least \$125, the

business name will be listed on the back of the Relay For Life event t-shirts worn by cancer survivors, walkers and committee members at the event and throughout the year. There is no better way to show your involvement in the community and your support for cancer research.

Contributions are 100% tax deductible when given as an underwriter because it comes from your advertising budget. All underwriting packages include the following:

Name and/or logo on Relay For Life event t-shirt; Name and/or logo on sign at Event and in Event Program; Name and/or logo in media opportunities when available; Special recognition by emcee during the Event; Symbol of appreciation for display at your business.

The size of your logo on the Event t-shirt and in advertising materials will correspond to the amount given:

Diamond Level (\$1,000) - largest logo; Platinum Level (\$750) - large logo; Gold Level (\$500) - medium logo; Silver Level (\$250) - small size logo; Bronze Level (\$125) - business name only.

This year special Cancer Facts Sponsorships for businesses who wish to participate at a smaller level are being offered. Businesses can "sponsor" a cancer fact, which will be displayed around the track at

Relay. The business' name will be featured on the cancer fact sign, and the community will know that you support the fight against cancer. This too is 100% tax deductible.

Name on both sides of cancer facts sign - \$50

Name on one side only of cancer facts sign - \$25.

If you would like to be a sponsor for the local event the deadline is May 15 to ensure your logo appears on the shirts. Payment is required in full by August 1.

Loved ones may also be recognized with donations in memory of in honor of a cancer patient by purchasing a "Sun". The person remembered will be listed on the "Sun" and placed in a visible place. Suns may be purchased at Main Street, New To You or Lowe's Pay-n-Save.

CANCER SURVIVOR SIGN-UP

If you are a Cancer Survivor please contact Rosalee Davis at 347-2237 or Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388. Survivors will be recognized with their "Victory Lap."

For more information about donations or any part of the local event contact Mrs. Hollinsworth at the above listed phone number, Pam Newman at 348-7074 or Kathy Blanco at 347-2439.

Churches plan Easter services

Area churches have planned special Easter services, beginning early Easter morning, April 8, with a Sunrise Service.

The service will begin about 7:23 a.m. adjacent to the Roaring Springs Cemetery.

Chairs and coffee will be provided. Pastors Winfield Daventport, Matt Crawford and Johnny Morris will conduct the service.

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The Choir of the First Baptist Church of Matador will

present an Easter Cantata, "Nail Scarred Hands," at the 11:00 worship service.

Churches often sing about the nail-scarred hands of Jesus, but with this Easter musical will remind us that His hands were not always scarred. They were gentle hands, strong hands, healing hands, ministering hands, serving hands. In love, Jesus stretched out those unblemished hands and allowed them to be nailed to a cross on Calvary.

"Nail Scarred Hands" will be presented in song and narration.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

New evidence has been uncovered as to who really killed Jesus Christ. Some say the Romans and Pontius Pilate killed him, other theories say the

Pharisees did, but it is proven that someone else was holding the whip.

Pastor Kevin Keltz and Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church would like to invite you to come Easter Morning and discover for yourself who really killed Jesus and the miracles that took place after His death. Who was holding the whip? Pontius Pilate, the Roman guards, the Jewish leaders, the mob?

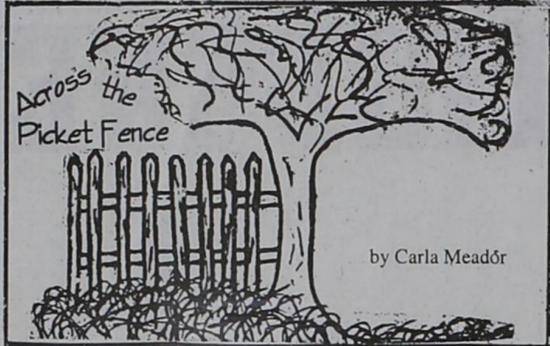
All these questions and more will be answered in an exciting illustrated sermon Sunday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children.

"This is going to be a fun and exciting day of celebrating our Lord and the great sacrifice He made for us," Pastor Keltz said.

Men's Breakfast re-scheduled

Due to Easter weekend, the community Men's Breakfast will not be served on the first Saturday of April, but has been

postponed one week. All men are invited to the breakfast at 7:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at First Baptist Church, Matador.



Sunday is the first day of April. April Fools Day! I can remember my mother and daddy and some teachers pulling April Fools jokes on us when we were kids. When Jeremy was a kid, I pulled a few April Fools' jokes on him, but he usually figured it out. But, he was usually successful at pulling them on me.

It's fun to pull harmless pranks on gullible victims. According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, the history behind April Fools' Day is a little gray, although many people agree that the tradition began in 1582 when France switched to the Gregorian calendar and moved New Year's Day from March 25 back to January 1. Prior to this change, the New Year's celebration had lasted a full week, from March 25 to April 1. Those who were unaware of the change were called April fools.

In France, the tradition is

for children to secretly stick paper fishes on the backs of victims and shout "Poisson d'Avril!" ("April Fish!").

In the mid-1800s, an April Fools' Day article in the *Boston Post* reported that workmen removing trees from the Boston Common had uncovered a hidden trapdoor leading to a cave filled with treasure. Treasure seekers flocked to the Common, but, alas, no door was found.

A flurry of e-mails would be out of service for cleaning for 24 hours between March 31 and April 2, 1997. Users were advised to disconnect all devices. This was an updated version of an old phone joke, in which customers were instructed to place bags over phone receivers to catch dust blown out during phone line cleaning.

Be aware on Sunday, someone just might pull an April Fools' joke on you!

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider: The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

Well, that's one way to look at it. Another is that the realist in Motley County finds out how he can profit from wind energy. And there are two opportunities to do so coming up this next week.

The first is a meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 7 p.m. in the Courtroom at the Motley County Courthouse. That meeting is geared to informing those attending of developments in

Motley County and to answer questions.

Topics include what land-owners can expect from wind energy companies, and the benefits of developing wind energy in Motley County.

For more information about the meeting, contact the Motley County Extension Office at 1-806-347-2733.

The second opportunity is a luncheon meeting of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium on Thursday, April 5th. There is a new wind energy turbine manufacturing facility at Round Rock, Texas. Soon the first DeWind 2.0 MW turbines will be produced there. This facility is the result of an alliance between Composite Technology Corporation and TECO-Westinghouse Motor Company.

At the luncheon meeting, Marty Bonnot of EU Energy will talk about the fact that they are currently considering the development of more facilities in West Texas, and about turbine technology. In addition, there will be an update on Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs), transmission planning and legislative matters.

These luncheon meetings of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium are important, because they bring people together to make things happen. The production facility in Round Rock came about because of an alliance between the two companies, all of which started at one of the luncheon meetings.

The luncheon will take place from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Seminar Room in the Student Center at TSTC West Texas, located at Exit 240 on Interstate 20 just west of Sweetwater. The campus is right next to the Avenger Field airport. The cost is \$12, payable at the event. You are asked to RSVP to Greg Wortham at 1-325-236-9499 or send him an E-Mail at texaswind@wtconnect.com if you will be attending.

If you are interested in going to the luncheon, you can contact Dora Ross, the executive director of the Floydada Economic Development Corporation, at 1-806-983-3318 and arrange to travel there with her.

So mark your calendar and take advantage of both opportunities, the evening meeting on Tuesday and the luncheon meeting on Thursday, to find out more about the exciting developments in connection with wind energy in Motley County.



Virginia Taylor recited some of her favorite Cowboy Poetry at Sunday's Library Open House to celebrate the completion of the Annex building.

Library hosts Open House to celebrate completion of Annex

The Motley County Library held an Open House Sunday afternoon, March 25, to celebrate the completion of the Annex building.

Virginia Taylor, straight from Elko, NV, where she attended the premiere Cowboy Poetry gathering, presented 4 of her favorite poems.

Marisue Powell was the emcee and began the program with a history of the Library, ending with the opening of the Annex. She then recognized the individuals and groups that had such a great part in making the Annex possible.

Mrs. Kinder Farris and her son, Tom Farris, attended. The Farris Foundation gave much of the money needed to renovate the Annex.

Barbara Armstrong was present, representing the estate of her Aunt Francis Ellis, which donated the money to purchase the building.

The Library was recognized for their work in overseeing the renovation: Charley Johnson, Marihelen Wason,

Ruby McGuire, Susan Jameson, Patricia Green, and Deanie Edwards, the Friends of the Library Representative to the board. Suzanne Abbott, Librarian, was also recognized.

The Friends of the Library were recognized for their help in purchasing and renovating the building. Officers present were Regina Sheffield, President; Suzanne Abbott, Vice-President; Deanie Edwards, Secretary; and D.A. McGuire, Treasurer.

The Motley County Lions Clubs were recognized for their work tearing out the walls and ceiling of the building so that the renovation could go forward. The Eternas Study Club and the Library Board were recognized for the supper they fed on the days that the Lions Clubs worked.

Individuals who were recognized for their work on the Annex were Kenneth Abbott, Contractor, and two faithful volunteers, George Kline and Joel Spray.

Blair Wilson to appear in Post Garza Theatre

Blair Wilson will appear in the Post Garza Theater production of "Faith County." In this comedy Faith County is located somewhere in the South. It is a place where beehive hairdos are still the rage and Saturday nights are reserved for tractor pulls.

"Faith County" will be performed at 8:00 p.m., March 30-31, April 6-7 and 13-14, 2:30 p.m. April 15.

Blair is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs.

"How great are His signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:3

Look who's New!



Bailea Grace Lawrence

Chad and Denise Lawrence of Roaring Springs would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Bailea Grace Lawrence.

Bailea arrived March 2, 2007, at 6:41 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 21" long.

Grandparents are Robert and Debbie Shannon of Roaring Springs and Rick and Naomi

Lawrence of McAdoo.

Great-grandparents are Sammie Phillips of Matador, Doyle and Sue Shannon of Roaring Springs and Von Simpson of Matador.

Also welcoming little Bailea is Great-great grandmother Annie Shannon of Turkey and proud uncles Nathan Shannon and Casey Lawrence.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



TUESDAY SCRAMBLE March 13

Winners: 1st, with a score of 29, Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Garland Cartwright and Conway Clary.

2nd, with a score of 33, Tommy Keith, Tye Keith, Cody Dodson, Pat Warren and Jack Rick.

Others playing were Randy Martin, Alvin Martin, Jan Martin, Brandon Martin, Wes Mason, Tammy Taylor, Kenneth Marshall and David Taylor. Conway Clary got closest to

pin on #3, 13' 10 1/4".

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE March 20

First, with a score of 30, David Taylor, Randy Martin and Pat Warren.

Others playing were Corky Marshall, Liv Barton, Kenny Barton, Alan Bingham, Ken Marshall, Tommy Keith, Frances Hobbs and Darrell Cruse.

Kenneth got closest to pin on #6, 5'5".

HAPPINESS



Happiness, even the word itself often seems elusive. Yet it is a commodity for which the whole world searches. How can it be found? How can this need for happiness be satisfied?

True happiness, is much more than the opposite emotion of sadness. It is a way of thinking, a perspective through which everything is

viewed. The Bible speaks of being "blessed" in the first Psalm. In the Psalm, one is described as "blessed" who does not allow themselves to be taken in by the ways of the ungodly. The word "blessed" has to do with being enriched, contented, filled or satisfied. According to the writer, one is satisfied when they "delight in the Law of the Lord..." A picture emerges of one who reads daily the Word of God and then spends time thinking upon what has been read. Such reading and meditation of God's Word gives one stability and blessedness.

In that stability and blessedness comes happiness. Our Lord used the same word "blessed" in the Sermon on the Mount to describe our reaction to persecution. Jesus said we are to rejoice and be glad! Even when calamity befalls us, we can be blessed. Why? Because our stability rests in our God and not in ourselves or what is going on around us. Only God can fill or satisfy our lives. The source of ultimate happiness is found in our relationship with God. Our stability is found in the Promises of God.

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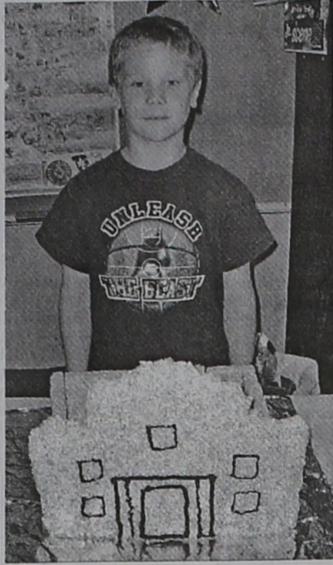


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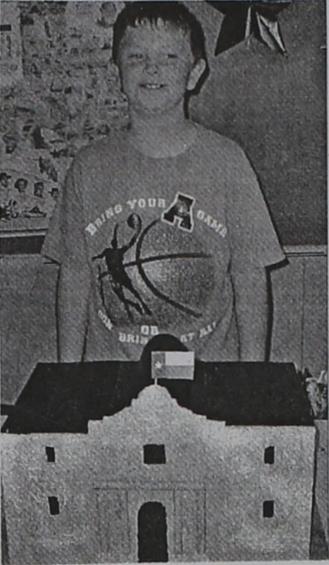
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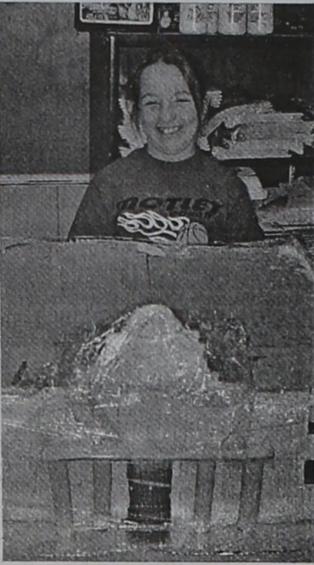
BRADEN BIGHAM



SHELBY ELLIOTT



SETH BAXTER



CATHERINE WARD

MC 4th graders "Remember the Alamo"

Motley County 4th graders recently completed a unit of study on Texas' conquest for independence.

As a culminating activity, Mrs. Lori Alexander's students chose to either do posters, powerpoint presentations, or create a replica of the Alamo.

The Alamo replicas were created by Seth Baxter, Shelby Elliott, Braden Bigham who made a Rice Krispy Alamo, Catherine Ward, and Caleb Clarey.

All students learned about how hard the soldiers of the Alamo fought for Texas Inde-

pendence, so that they could go on to the Battle of San Jacinto and win the freedom Texas needed from Mexico to later become a State.

In celebration of Alamo Day on March 6th, students listened to the presentations and viewed the projects, as well as having cake with a picture of the Alamo

prepared by Colleen Baxter and Brenda Osborn.

Mrs. Alexander would like to thank all of the parents for their hard work and support in this activity and others throughout the year. She and her students would also like to encourage everyone to "Remember the Alamo!"

School Menu



MONDAY, APRIL 2
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Salisbury Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Honey, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffin, or Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Bean & Beef Burrito, Spanish Rice, Salad, Jello, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Pear Slices, Milk.
Lunch: Ham Slice, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cheese, Hot Roll, Cupcake, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Orange, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6
NO SCHOOL! HAPPY EASTER!

Early school dismissal Thursday

Motley County ISD will have an early dismissal Thursday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. Busses will run at that time. This is due to the Jr. High District Track Meet at Silverton.

Kid's Praise set for April 4

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, April 4, 5:00-6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Matador.

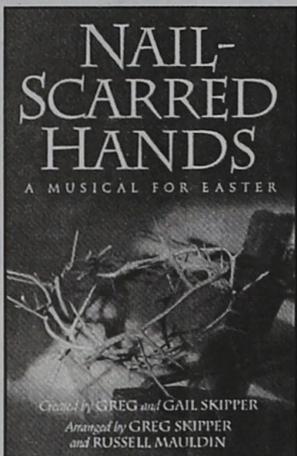
There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all. Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

Family Fun Night Banquet set for April 20

The Annual Family Fun Night Banquet has been set for April 20. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the School Gym.

Family Fun Night is a combination of the Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Banquet and is sponsored Eternas Study Club.

Look for more information in future issues.



Nail Scarred Hands

A Musical for Easter

Presented by the First Baptist Church Choir of Matador

Easter Sunday, April 8
 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is Invited!

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Isn't it nice to be soggy, to know that the grasses and trees are wet enough to green up and be green for many weeks? Don't you know the wildlife and cattle are enjoying fresh clean grass without the usual layer of dust? What a wonderful rain!

Bill and Lea Peacock were honored on Thursday night, the 22nd of March in a ceremony presenting them with 50 year pins. Bill received his from the Matador Masonic Lodge #824. Lea received hers from the Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star #66. The ceremony was quite impressive. Sharon Peacock from Lubbock attended the ceremony.

Rita Groves has been moved back to the Lakeside Convalescent Center. She had been in Covenant Hospital for three weeks or more.

Immogene Swim, who was carried by ambulance to Covenant hospital last week has had her hip surgery. She has been transferred to Covenant's rehabilitation unit. Her room number is 632W. Her children, J.R. Swim of Abilene, Sam and his wife Reba of Lubbock, and grandson Ruston and his wife Dr. Holley Hanson Swim of Lubbock have been at her bedside.

Bill and Mozelle Hand attended a funeral for Bill's cousin, Anita White recently in Knox City, TX. This is the last cousin that Bill had on the Hand side of the family.

They have also been to visit Bill's granddaughter, Hanna Alexander in Lubbock. Hanna cracked her knee and is in a heavy brace and will be on crutches for 8 to 12 weeks. She had to have 3 pins in her knee.

METHODIST GUILD MEETS
The First United Methodist

Guild met last Wednesday in the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall. Chelsea Read was the hostess as well as the teacher. Those attending were Lea Peacock, Donald Letkeman, Callie Giesecke, JoEtta Bumgardner and her cousin, Edith Johnson.

This was Donald's last meeting with the Guild. She and Dennis have gone back to Alberta, Canada to their home. She said they would not come next winter as they have bought a house and moved. They plan to be working on their new place the rest of the year. She said Alberta was a nicer climate than Saskatchewan where they did live. They also said their good-byes at the Masonic Lodge and were presented with a going away gift.

Leandra Whittenberg of Corinth, Texas came to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stuckey, last Thursday. She and the children returned home Sunday. Matt and Kenna really enjoyed getting to ride horseback with "Cappy."

Ruby Hipp is being moved to a rehabilitation unit today. She is recovering from double pneumonia. You may send her a card in care of Charles Hipp, 2611 76th St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

According to Steve Byrd, Louise Perryman is doing better. She remains in the hospital in Plainview. Steve told me his mother, Carolyn Fletcher was also taken to the hospital at Crosbyton with pneumonia. I talked with LaNita Geer, she said that Louise would likely go on to a re-habilitation unit to gain strength before she is released. She has been very ill.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

One day, while she was sitting on the porch, a lady said to her friend, "Well you know Ruth, medicine has no mind of its own to know where it is being applied. It just does what it is supposed to do."

"Why the other day, Fred dropped a hammer on his foot; on the swelling! It was awful. I used Preparation H on his foot. It took the swelling down quick and he was able to get his shoe back on."

RECENT TRIP

Mrs. Beverly Vinson returned home Tuesday, March 20 from a two weeks vacation trip to California. She visited in Santa Ana with her sister and husband, Betty and Bub Schroeder.

Among the tourist attractions the family enjoyed was the William Randolph Hearst castle in San Sineon, the Elephant Seals on the beach and they toured the Highway I coastline.

Mrs. Tim (Melissa) Kendall visited from Friday until Sunday in Clyde with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coats. She attended a baby shower given for her cousin, Mrs. Sheree Gray.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter honored her mother, Mrs. Geneva Martin on her birthday Wednesday with lunch and entertainment in Plainview. Wilburn Martin was in Amarillo,

Tuesday for a dental appointment.

Jack and Johnie Starkey were in Olton, Saturday to attend the funeral, graveside rites of their uncle, Bill Weaver, 84, held at 11:00 a.m. at the Olton Cemetery.

Ruth and Orville Lee visited in Turkey, Sunday with daughter and family, Teresa Lee, Micah and Kacee. Other guests were Tom and Cody Heck of Turkey.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary and Donnie Rogers of Flomot were luncheon guests Sunday of their mother, Mrs. B. Rogers.

Mrs. Will (Cally) Sperry and children, Blayne, Savannah, Gage and Cash visited from Tuesday until Thursday of last week in Lubbock with her grandparents, Gene and Sue Pool. Visiting the Will Sperry family, Sunday were Terry and Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, Briana and Scarlett Sperry of Lubbock.

Visiting Sunday with Mrs. Leona Degan was Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Kalgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visited Saturday in Panhandle with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They enjoyed the basketball game in which Sarah played.

Mrs. Leona Degan visited in Plainview, Sunday and was a luncheon guest of her sister, Mrs. Mildred Chandler.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Martin Meador

Funeral services for Dorothy L. Martin Meador, 76, of Matador were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Matt Crawford and Rev. Jerry Golden officiating. Interment was in the Whiteflat Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Dorothy was born June 17, 1930, in Motley County, Texas to Harry and Gladys Oxyford Morriss. She married Clifford P 'Pip' Martin in 1947 at Vernon, Texas. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1977. Dorothy later married James Meador in 1986 at Roaring Springs, Texas. He preceded her in death on August 17, 2003.

Mrs. Meador was a homemaker, lifelong resident of Motley County, and a member of the Red Hat Society. She was a member of the First

Baptist Church of Matador where she was a Sunday School Teacher, a part of the Vacation Bible School Program, and on the Funeral Meal Committee for many years.

Survivors include one son, Stanley Martin and wife Melissa of Andrews; one daughter Frances Welling and husband Jim of Midlothian; one brother, Jeff Morris of Carlsbad, New Mexico; one sister, Grace Barnett of Los Cruces, New Mexico; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jerrod Martin, Quinten Brandon, Kyle Brandon, Jim Welling, Jim Barnett and Hal Martin.

Honorary Pallbearers were Skeet Jameson, C.D. Garrison, Bennett Kimbell, Randy Irvin, Kasey Osborn and Bert Darsey.

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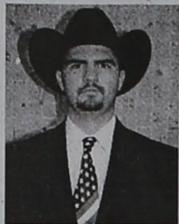


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County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



WIND ENERGY MEETING SET FOR APRIL 3

On April 3 there will be a public meeting in the courtroom to discuss the wind energy industry in Motley County. Texas Cooperative Extension and the local Wind Energy Steering Committee will present information starting at 7 p.m.

The meeting will address developments in Motley County and surrounding counties. "We will also discuss the benefits of the wind industry and what effects it will have on the county's economy," said Ryan Martin, Extension agent in Motley County. "The steering committee and I will be there to answer any questions you may have."

The meeting will inform residents and landowners of the possibility of developing wind farms in the county.

For more information contact the Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC - APRIL 4

On April 4 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies vaccination clinic at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston will be here to administer rabies vaccinations for your animals from 3-6 p.m. After 6 p.m. Dr. Fuston will administer coggins tests on horses. Make plans to bring your animal

for their rabies vaccination.

LIVESTOCK AND FORAGE PRODUCTION MEETING

April 11 there will be a livestock and forage production meeting at the Motley County Library Annex building. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. Mr. Vell Ryan, seed specialist from Excel Garden Products will talk about Fletcha MaxQ, a summer-dormant fescue grass. Also, Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, Assistant Professor for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Vernon, will be present to talk about different types of summer-dormant grasses. Following the presentations we will discuss Laws and Regulations for chemicals. There will be 3 CEU's offered to participants. For more information on this conference, call the Motley County Extension office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3 - Public Wind Energy Meeting, Courthouse 7 p.m.
- April 4 - Rabies Vaccination Clinic - Matador Volunteer Fire Dept., 3 p.m.
- April 5 - Motley 4-H Club meeting, Courthouse 7 p.m.
- April 11 - Livestock and Forage Production Meeting, Library Annex, 9 a.m.
- April 12 - District Livestock and Horse Judging, Weatherford.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

BY JOHN BIRD, CEO



DCP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 3

The FSA announced the sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to August 3, 2007.

The extension is due to issues involving the performance of the Farm Service Agency's web-based computer system. The late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007, and before September 30, 2007.

USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Direct payments provide no incentive to increase production of any certain crop, because the payments are not based on producers' current production choices. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regard-

less of market prices.

Counter-cyclical payments provide support counter to the cycle of market prices as part of a "safety net" in the event of low crop prices. These payments are only issued if the effective price for a commodity (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) is below the target price for the commodity. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices.

Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began on October 1, 2006, and was scheduled to end on June 1, 2007.

WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD ELECTION

The FSA office has ballots for the wheat producer board election. If you are a wheat producer and would like to vote, please pick up a ballot from our office.

Mill Iron Ranch will host Quail Appreciation Day

Wellington -- A Quail Appreciation Day will be hosted by the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Collingsworth County on April 5 on the Mill Iron Ranch, 7 miles east of Wellington on Highway 203.

The purpose of the Quail Appreciation Day is to educate the public on the necessity for quail conservation, said Andy Hefley, agriculture Extension Agent for Collingsworth County. The Rolling Plains of Texas is one of the last and best concentrations of native bobwhite quail in the U.S., Hefley said. Conservation is the key to preserving this natural resource for many years to come. Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension

wildlife specialist from San Angelo, will be the main speaker and will discuss the importance of habitat management as well as many other key issues in the preservation of the bobwhite quail. Other discussion topics are quail research updates, brush control, quail anatomy and identifying key plants for quail.

There is no charge for registration or lunch and out of town guest are asked to call the Extension office to sign up.

For any questions, or to register for the course, please contact the Collingsworth Extension Office at 806-447-2313 or e-mail at Collins@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Antique Tractor Show

Step back into yesteryear and see some of the most powerful engines used on the farm in days gone by. Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will present its 15th Annual Ollie Liner Antique Tractor and Equipment Show March 30 and 31 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview.

The Mission to the Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is to promote interest of the public in the preservation and restoration of antique agricultural tractors and farm equipment. All brands of tractors will be at the show.

There will be displays featuring antique tractors and equipment, antique engines and antique pedal tractors. Also on hand will be arts and crafts vendors and toy vendors. Free tables are available for those wishing to take part in the show.

There will be games and activities and the public will be able to cast a vote for the People's Choice Award. Other awards will include most unique farm equipment, oldest tractor, oldest engine and furthest distance traveled. Area FFA Clubs will also show off their restoration projects. There will be antique tractor games and a parade of all the restored tractors. One of the FFA classes will have a contest with Pete Christy in a "I Beat Pete" challenge.

Concessions will be provided by Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum and there will be prizes, drawings and awards. Grand prizes are a John Deere Pedal Tractor and a John Deere Kid's Bicycle. Also there is a drawing of door prizes every hour.

There is no charge for admission to the show, but donations are always appreciated. For more information on the show or the club call 744-4457, 684-2211 or 296-6351.

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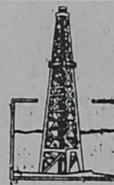
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OIL & GAS REPORT



BY THOMAS MUSSER

MOTLEY COUNTY: Drilling has been completed on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1, and completion work is anticipated.

FLOYD COUNTY: The Right of Way Agreements between the landowners and PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. for the pipeline connection from the McIntosh Lease running south four miles along Floyd County Road 271 to the Atmos Pipeline have been filed and recorded in the Official Public Records of the Floyd County Clerk's office.

Last week the Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #712 began

moving to the BASA Resources, Inc./Tyner Texas Operating Company Joint Venture Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1. Due to recent rains there have been some delays in getting all of the equipment on location, rigging-up and spudding the Well. As conditions dry up Rig operations and drilling will proceed. The Maurice Campbell Well #1 is located 467 feet from the South Line and 467 feet from the West line of Section 50, Block 1, AB&M Survey, 12 miles East of Floydada, and 3/4 mile North of the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #1077.

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Motley County Tribune Weather March 29, 2007

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NOTICE

MEN'S BREAKFAST RE-SCHEDULED
Due to Easter weekend, the community Men's Breakfast will not be served on the first Saturday of April, but has been postponed one week. All men are invited to the breakfast at 7:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14, at First Baptist Church, Matador.

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