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Burglar hits 10 Matador businesses in early morning crime spree

A burglar hit 10 Matador businesses in an early morning crime spree Saturday, April 14. Sheriff Jim Meador received a call alerting him to the alarm sounding at Pay-N-Save in downtown Matador at approximately 4:45 a.m. Saturday morning. After examination Sheriff Meador said although an attempt to break in the store was made, it appeared that entrance had not been made.

Sheriff Meador received a call from Anna's Mexican Restaurant about 6:15 p.m. Saturday evening reporting signs of an attempted break-in. It appeared that the suspect had been unable to make entry.

On Sunday, April 15, at approximately 12:10 p.m., Sheriff Meador received a report from the Motley County Tribune that the front door had been kicked in. A small amount of cash had been taken.

After examining the perimeter of the building, Sheriff Meador found that the adjoining

business, New to You, had also been broken into. Store owner, Annette Hollinsworth said she believed about \$50 was taken.

Main Street Cafe notified Sheriff Meador at about 12:30 p.m. Sunday of an attempted break in at the front door entrance.

Sheriff Meador and Deputy Michael Crutchley examined each business and found that in addition to the above mentioned businesses, attempted break-ins had also been made at Matador Variety, Farm Bureau Insurance, JoAnn's Beauty Shop, Martin's Tire and Calico Treasures. Business owners were notified and reported that it appeared that nothing had been taken.

Sheriff Meador was notified on Tuesday morning of a break-in at The Motley County Library where about \$75 was taken.

Sheriff Meador said he believes all the break-ins occurred early Saturday morning, but had not been noticed until after

the Tribune notification.

Sheriff Meador and Deputy Crutchley dusted for fingerprints at each location.

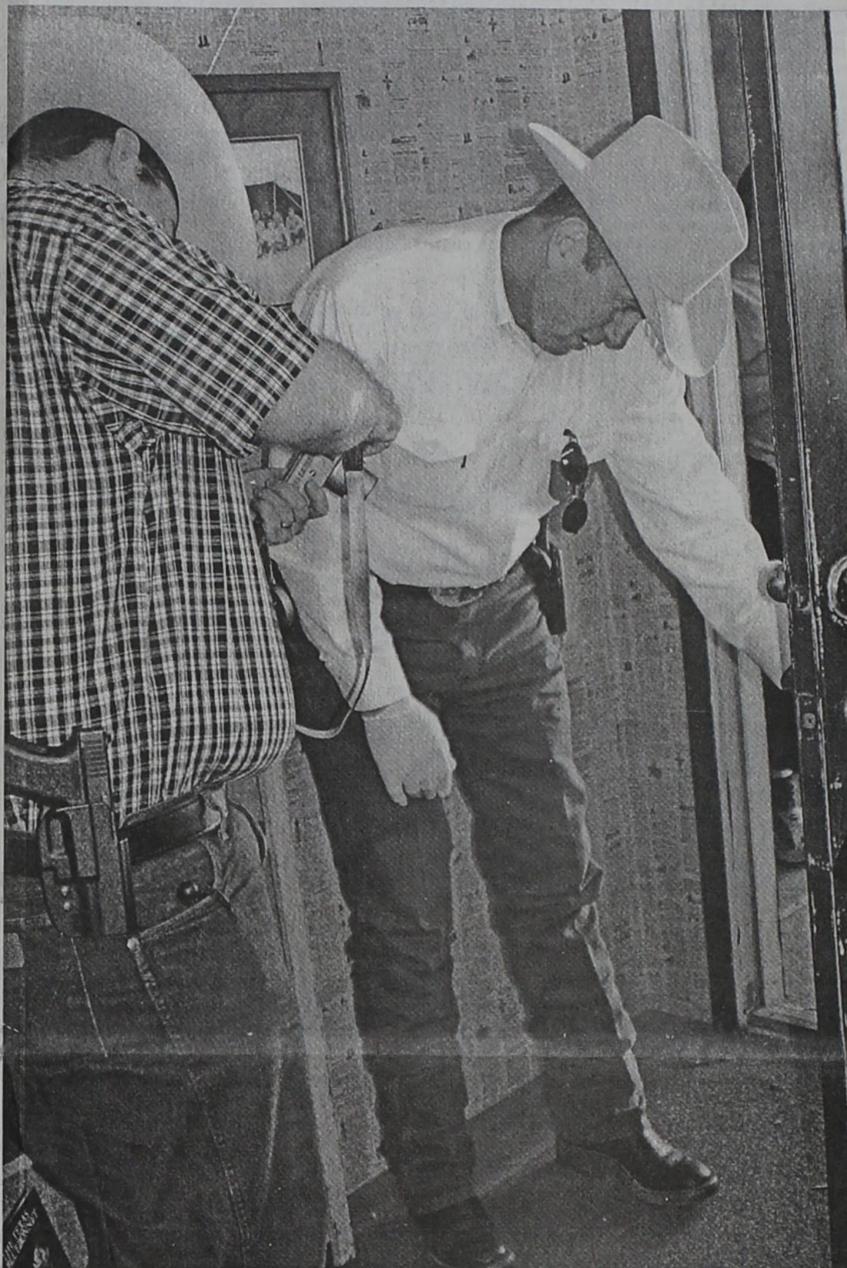
Sheriff Meador said two businesses in Roaring Springs had been burglarized about three weeks ago. The Hitchin' Post Cafe reported nothing missing; Graham Supply reported \$30 and three pocket knives missing.

Sheriff Meador said he does not believe the Roaring Springs incident and the Matador incident are related.

"A full investigation is being conducted," Sheriff Meador said.

"We do not tolerate this kind of action in Motley County and can assure the person or persons responsible for these acts they will be prosecuted to the fullest upon their arrest," Sheriff Meador concluded.

Anyone with any information regarding these crimes is urged to contact the Sheriff's office at 806-347-2234.



Motley County Sheriff, Jim Meador, right, and Deputy Michael Crutchley examine evidence and dust for fingerprints at the Motley County Tribune, one of ten Matador businesses to be burglarized in an early morning crime spree last weekend.

Matador City Council meets Sub-standard clean-up continues

Matador City Council met Thursday, April 12 for their regular meeting. Council members in attendance were Bert Darsey, Pat Seigler and Chuck Ream. Also present were Mayor Pat Smith, City Secretary Debra Scott, Water Superintendent Steve Barton, Tony Rose, Tom Edwards, Mike Crutchley, Ben Kautz and Marty Smith with TxDOT.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and Chuck Ream gave the invocation.

Matador resident Tom Edwards addressed the Council in Open Forum. He presented two suggestions to the Council for future motorcycle races. He suggested the city should not let motorcycle racers run up and down the hills as this caused erosion, and that the city require the Boondockers to drag and then seed the course. He also addressed concerns about the increased electric

bills the city is incurring on the street lights. He named specific locations where he felt the city could do without existing street lights or even turn off all lights in the residential areas and see who complains. Mayor Smith thanked him for his suggestions.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton told Council the clean-up at one Deaton location and with the old ICX building were complete. The next project will be the property owned by Melvin Pitts. He said he would like to get at least that much done before the water grant starts. The water tower repair should start in May and next week a company is coming to crush metal and appliances at the landfill.

City Secretary Debra Scott reported that Marsh Steale Moore has lots she would like to donate to the city.

Marty Smith with TxDOT presented a resolution to the council that would redesignate the portion of State Spur 94 being rehabilitated and widened, to FM 94 and to redesignate the portion of FM 94 as described above, to State Spur 94. The Council approved the resolution.

Tony Rose with the Sub-Standard Housing Board commended Steve on the Deaton and ICX projects and told Council we now had clearance on the second Deaton house and three houses around the Thomas Hurt property. Franklin Jameson will destroy the two houses on Dundee and clean up his properties himself.

Mr. Rose also addressed the council on the Hospital Lease Agreement and asked that item 10 not be omitted concerning insurance coverage. This item gives the Hospital District the authority to carry insurance on property not belonging to the Hospital District. Council approved entering into the lease with the Hospital District on the hospital building, and passed a resolution giving Mayor Smith the authority to sign the Lease Agreement on behalf of the City.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. All expenditures were also approved.

Council voted to amend the Water Works budget to reflect the increase in water charges paid to the Water District. The Water Works budget was amended, placing an additional \$11,000 in Capital Outlay.

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Roaring Springs Methodist Church will celebrate 100th Anniversary

The Roaring Springs First United Methodist Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary October 14. A special service is being planned for 2:00 p.m. that day.

Organizers of the event would like to contact all descendants of former members or current members. Contact Lea Peacock at 806-348-7286, 1101 S. State Hwy. 70, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256, or email leapeacock@sbcglobal.net.

Mini-Olympics will be held Saturday

Mini-Olympics will be held Saturday, April 21 at the football field for kids age 2 through 6th grade. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and relays will begin at 10:00 a.m.

A Concession stand will be available.

This event is being sponsored by the Relay for Life Committee and all proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

70-Mile Garage Sale set for May 5th

The Annual 70-Mile Garage Sale has been set for Saturday, May 5th. The event is sponsored by the Texas Hwy. 70 Association and will feature 70 miles of sales along highway 70, including Spur, Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs, Matador, Flomot and Turkey.

Those wishing to participate are asked to donate a small fee of \$10 which entitles them to receive an official Vendor Sign to display at their sale. Those paying their fee in Matador will also be included on a map which will be available at various locations. All proceeds are used for advertisement, etc. for the day's event.

Various organizations are planning fund-raising events such as Bake Sales, Lunches, etc. for the day so there should be plenty to eat to keep shoppers' strength up for the 70-mile shopping trek.

A special feature for the day will be the "World Famous Petrified Dinosaur Eggs" to be on display in Roaring Springs. According to Hwy. 70 Assoc. member, Alex Crowder, these "dinosaur eggs" have been certified by the Royal Archeological Society & Tatum Parlor of Dutchman Creek.

To sign up contact Alex Crowder in Roaring Springs at 348-7336, Shane Jones in Matador at 347-2820, Martha Bradshaw at Windmill Collectibles in Turkey at 423-1349, or Jim and Jewell Holder at Spur Inn for Dickens and Spur at 271-3940.

State Sales Tax Collections Increase in March

Comptroller Combs distributes \$404 million to local governments

Austin -- Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said last week the state received \$1.53 billion in sales tax revenue in March, up 11.9 percent compared to March 2006.

"The national economy is showing signs of a slowdown, particularly in the housing sector, but we are still seeing healthy growth in the Texas economy and a corresponding

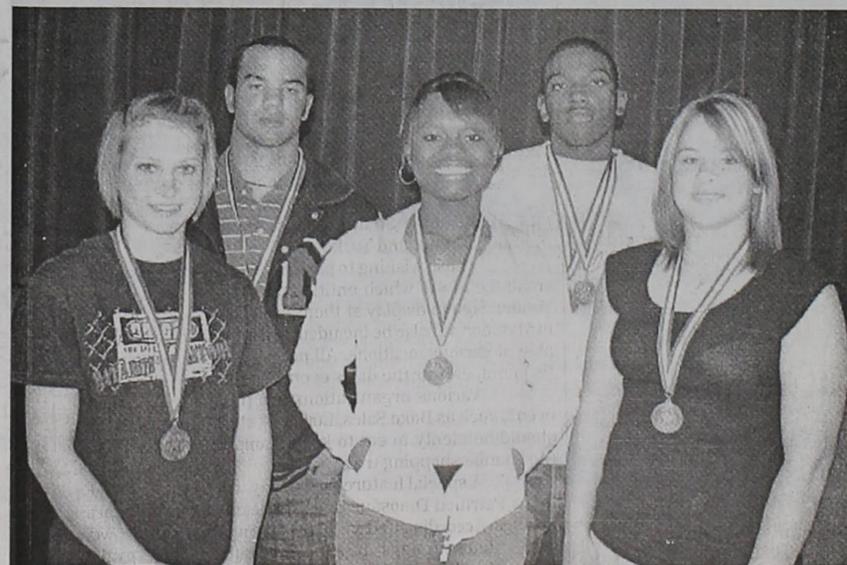
growth in state sales tax revenue," Combs said.

Local sales tax revenues also continue to grow. Combs sent \$404 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 9.7 percent increase compared to April 2006. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.4 per-

cent.

Comptroller Combs sent April sales tax allocations of \$272.4 million to Texas cities, up 9.3 percent compared to April 2006. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 7.1 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$24.8 million, up 11.1 percent compared

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Advance to Regional

Motley County Track team members advancing to Regional at the Area Track Meet in Panhandle are pictured left to right: Shane'a Russell, 1st, 100M dash; Isiah Archer, 3rd, 100M dash; Chicagra Brown, 3rd, Long Jump; Bradley Brown, 3rd, Long Jump and 4th, 400M dash; Christy Smith, 4th, Shot Put. The Regional Track Meet will be held in Levelland April 27 and 28.

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Family Fun Night will feature Texas Luau

Get ready to party! A Texas Luau will be held in the Motley County School Gym, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Family Fun Night.

Family Fun Night was created to combine the Father-Son and Mother-Daughter Banquet and is sponsored by the Eternas Study Club. Moms, Dads and kids (Pre-K - 12th grade) are urged to take part in this fun-filled evening.

A Hawaiian Tropical theme with a Texas flair will make for a fun night for everyone. Those attending are encouraged to wear their Hawaiian shirts, t-shirts, shorts (school approved),

flip-flops, Capris or Bermudas and join in the island fun!

Prizes, games for all ages, and fun for all is being planned by club members.

A delicious brisket meal with all the fixings, will be catered by the Simpson family.

Music will be provided by local talented DJ, Brendan Wiltshire.

Tickets are available at school; 6th grade and up, \$8.00 and Pre-K through 5th grade, \$6.00.

For more information contact Leadell Martin at 347-2686 or any other Eternas Study Club member.

School Menu



MONDAY, APRIL 23

Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.

Lunch: Steak Patty, Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Cake.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Biscuit, Fruit, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Orange, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, or Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk.

Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, French Fries, Gravy, Corn, Toast, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

"Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back."

— John Ruskin

SCHOOL IN SESSION APRIL 27

Motley County ISD will be in session on Friday, April 27. This is a snow day on the calendar, but the school will make up a day that had to be canceled earlier in the year due to bad weather.

Yearbook sales will continue through April 26

MC yearbook sales will continue through Thursday, April 26. The books may be purchased with or without a name imprint.

In the past extra yearbooks have been available for sale after delivery, but due to a new policy, there will be NO EXTRA yearbooks this year.

Anyone wishing to purchase a yearbook should do so by April 26.



King County Open 4-H Horse Show set for May 25-26

The annual King County 4-H Open Horse Show date has been scheduled for May 25th and 26th, 2007, to be held at the Lath Withers 4-H Arena which is hosted and conducted by the King County 4-H Horse Club, according to Gary Antilley, King CEA-AG agent.

The Show has been changed to a two-day show.

The Stock Horse Division classes will be Friday, May 25th for Junior and Senior aged exhibitors only. Brooks will open at 4:30 p.m. and classes begin at 5:00 p.m. beginning with Reining and Working Cow Horse for judged classes, followed by Breakaway Roping and Team Roping for timed even classes. Must RSVP for cattle prior to May 22nd. Tack Awards will be distributed through 3rd place with Champion buckles and Reserve head stalls awarded for both age divisions in judged and timed.

The Qualifying/Futurity Division classes will be on Saturday, May 26th for three age divisions - PeeWee, Junior and Senior. Books will open at 9:00 a.m. and show starts at 10:00 a.m. with all halter classes. (Yearling, under 5 and over 5 mares and geldings; followed by junior/senior Showmanship; 2 year old Western Pleasure; Walk-Trot for Pee Wee; 3 year old Stock Horse; junior/senior Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and Western Riding classes to complete the judged portion of the show. Timed event classes will be Poles, Stakes Barrels, and Flags for Pee Wee, Junior and Senior ages.

Tack Awards will be awarded through third place with Champion, Judge and Timed buckles for Junior and Senior and Champion overall Pee Wee buckle. Reserves will receive awards.

Entry blanks may be picked up at your local County Extension agent offices, or you can contact the King County Extension office at Box 125, Guthrie, TX 79236, phone 806-596-4451, or e-mail at king@ag.tamu.edu to get your entry forms and any further information.

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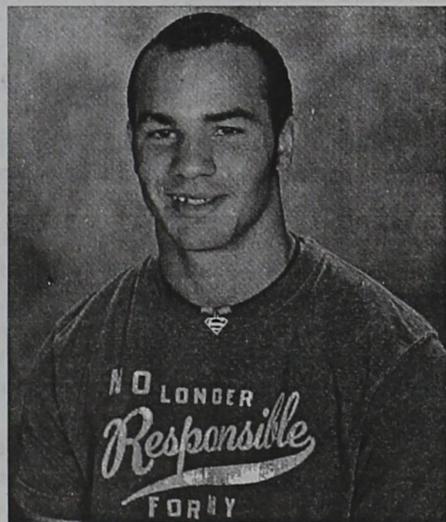
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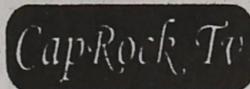


Isiah Lee Archer

Isiah Archer, a junior at Motley County ISD, has been selected as the Student of the Month for April. Isiah is the son of Alan and Kay Bingham of Matador and Herbert and Polly Sims of Pueblo, Colorado.

In addition to being on the A-B Honor Roll all year, Isiah also serves as President of the Junior Class, and is Reporter for this year's Student Council. Throughout his three years of high school he has been active in football, basketball, golf, track and tennis. Areas in which he has received recognition this year include: All District 1st Team Running back, All District 1st Team Linebacker, 2nd Team All Region Running back, 2nd Team All Region Linebacker, 1st Team All District Basketball Point Guard, Regional Qualifier Track - 100M Dash, District Champions Boys' Golf, 1st place Medalist Boys District Golf, and Regional Golf Qualifier. Isiah also participates in the Summer Greenbelt Junior Golf Association.

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Hackberry Creek Care Center population continues to increase

by Marisue Powell

"Telegraph, Telephone, or Tell a Woman" that the Hackberry Creek Care Center is open for business. This old saying addresses the power of the spoken word in getting the word out to prospective residents for the state of the art facility dedicated to skilled nursing and activities for daily living. Currently there are nine residents who have been processed for admittance, with the first arriving on March 19. More are expected as soon as the requirements for Medicare are fulfilled. The facility is already capable of processing Medicaid and accepts private pay residents as well.

When L.V. Damron arrived, she said, "It feels like coming home." Mrs. Damron joins Frances Mitchell, Ida Foye Kilmer, Modean Brooks, Inez Bailey, Dora Watson, Alvirna Watson and C.D. Garrison, with Dona Browning expected later this week.

According to Administrator Steve Moncrief, the staff currently consists of about twenty people, a number that will in-

crease as the resident numbers increase. At this time Moncrief is accepting applications for a bookkeeper. Other key positions include Wendy Flowers as director of nursing, Roger Vinson as maintenance chief, Mildred Busby as dietician, Dartha Westbrook as processing head, and Doris Vinson as activities director.

Probably the most unusual donation to the non-profit facility was received from a relative of Darleen Fletcher. The estate of Troy and De Etto Hunt has donated a station wagon to be used for the transportation of patients as needed. The Matorador Assembly of God Church has graciously allowed it to be sheltered at their church until a carport can be purchased and erected at HBCC.

Other recent donations include a memorial for Mary Waters from Douglas and Janie Campbell, a donation toward a beauty shop chair by Monta Marshall, a donation from the Motley County Chamber of Commerce from the Boondocker Race. Sammie Phillips writes those wonderful

thank you notes and keeps up with the donations in a very efficient manner.

A recap on donations since the beginning of the year, just in case some were missed by this reporter, include: Bill Dean Washington by Douglas and Janie Campbell, Billy and Pete Meyer, Sammie Phillips, Ralph and Marisue Powell, J.N. and Darleen Fletcher; Pauline Blevins Ray by Bob and Jimmie Jameson; Molly Simpson by Bob and Jimmie Jameson; L.B. Campbell by Ronnie and Karen Davis, Mary Jones, Charlie and Opal Johnson, and Butch and Judy Renfro; Leola McKelvey by Ronnie and Karen Davis, and Charlie and Opal Johnson; Payne Welborn by Nadine Welborn, mother of Regina Sheffield; Bud Barton donation; John M. Russell by James and Judy Renfro; Opal Pipkin by James and Judy Renfro; Rusty Birchfield by J.N. and Darleen Fletcher; Furman Vinson by Beverly Vinson, Roger and Doris Vinson, and Bill and Linda Perryman to be used for the letters on the Hackberry Creek sign; and Bill Moss by June

Moss to be used for the flag pole.

Volunteers are needed for building and erecting a fence for the patio off of the dining area. Please let President Seab Washington or building committee members Charlie Johnson, Paul Westbrook, and Jir. Watson know if you are willing to help on a Saturday work day.

A "shower" of gifts needed for the activity room is being planned by Doris Vinson and Shane Jones. Local businesses will be asked to display items needed that can then be selected by customers if they so desire to help out in this manner.

One of those head shaking moments came recently when a delivery truck pulled into the driveway and drove under the front entrance canopy. Needless to say, the van did not clear.

Damage is being assessed by engineers and the matter of insurance liability is being addressed. Many other details continue to be ironed out as the new facility is being put into daily use.



Roaring Springs sculptor, Don Stuckey, center, gives Lea Peacock, right, and Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort some tips during his sculpture show at the library last Tuesday. Mr. Stuckey showed some of his sculpture and guided eleven sculptors-to-be in sculpting an animal or a man or some other object. There were several hats, baseballs, and snakes. Those attending the event were Deanie Edwards, Corky Marshall, Betty Henry, Monta Marshall, Billie Sue Stuckey, Tom Edwards, Betty Moore, Charley Johnson, Opal Johnson, R.C. Giesecke, Callie Giesecke, Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort, Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Lea Peacock, Barbara Armstrong, Larry Burkes, Dominique Quilimaco, Thalia Quilimaco and Kenneth Abbott.

Local Covenant Home Health Day Celebration

One of the oldest hospital-based home health agencies in West Texas, Covenant Home Health Care, has been serving patients for 20 years. To recognize its long history of success and the agency's recent expansion of services, Covenant Home Health invites the community to celebrate with its employees and local medical professionals.

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First-time home buyer bond programs offered by area corporations

The Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation and the South Plains Housing Finance Corporation are working together to make special mortgage financing available for low to moderate income first-time home buyers. The financing is made possible through the issuance of tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds by both organizations.

The proceeds of both bond issues total \$37.5 million.

All funds are available to low and moderate income "first-time" buyers (defined as those who have not owned their own home during the past three years.)

Buyers may purchase homes within the city and county of Lubbock, as well as homes located anywhere within

the following counties served by the South Plains Association of Governments: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

The program provides 30-year mortgage loans at a 6.125% fixed rate of interest. It also provides assistance, in the form of a grant, totaling 4% of the home buyer's loan amount.

The proceeds of more than half of each program will be set aside for six months for loans to home buyers whose household income is less than \$42,080.

\$7.5 million of the bond proceeds will be set aside for one year for certain low income areas in Lubbock, Hale, Hockley, Lamb and Terry counties.

Both programs allow qualified buyers to purchase homes ranging from very low sales prices (there is no minimum price) to homes priced as high as \$237,031 depending on the buyer's debt structure and other factors. The average price of homes purchased under these programs is anticipated to be approximately \$100,000.

Eight mortgage lenders will be originating these "bond" loans:

- American State Bank Home Loan Center
- City Bank Mortgage
- Countrywide Home Loans
- Lubbock National Bank
- Mortgage Partners - Security State Bank
- Peoples Bank
- Prime West Mortgage Corporation

State National Bank Mortgage Services.

For more information about the First-Time Buyer Bond Programs contact the Lubbock Housing Finance Corporation at 806-745-9559.

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NOTICE OF General ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION General)

To the Registered Voters of City of Roaring Springs, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del City of Roaring Springs)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2007, for voting in a General election, to elect 3 council members.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2007 para votar en la Elección para elect 3 council members.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Building

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Roaring Springs City Hall
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon, beginning on April 30, 2007
(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 12 noon de la tarde empezando el April 30, 2007)

and ending on May 8, 2007
(y terminando el May 8, 2007)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
N/A	

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Zella Palmer
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P.O. Box 247
(Address) (Dirección)

Roaring Springs, Texas 79256
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

May 4, 2007
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 6 day of April, 2007
(Emitted este día 6 de April, 2007)

Zella Palmer
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION de GUERRA de ADMINISTRACION)

To the Registered Voters of Motley County, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Motley de el estado de Tejas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 12, 2007, for voting in a Trustee election, to fill three positions for (3) year terms.
(Notificación, por los presente, que los casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirían desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2007 para votar en la elección para election de tres personas para un periodo de (3) años.)

Registered Voters in Precincts 2 and 3 are advised that the former polling locations located in Flomot and Northfield are now closed. Voters who reside in precincts 2 and 3 will now vote at the Motley County Courthouse.
(Votantes registrados en los distritos electorales 2 y 3 están avisados que los primeros lugares en Flomot y Northfield están cerrados ahora. Votantes registrados que viven en los distritos 2 y 3 ahora votan en la Courthouse de el condado de Motley.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES:
(DIRECCIONES PARA LOS LUGARES DE VOTACIONES):

1, 2, 3, 5, 6 Matador Courthouse, Matador, Texas
4 Volunteer Building, Roaring Springs, Texas

Early Voting by Personal Appearance will be conducted each weekday at the office of the County Clerk of Motley County between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007, and ending on May 8, 2007.
(La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en entre las 9:00 a.m. de la mañana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 30 de Abril, 2007 y terminado el 8 de Mayo, 2007.)

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 4, 2007. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran por correo deberán recibirse antes del termino del día de negocio de 4 de Mayo, 2007.)

Application for ballot by mail should be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Randy Brown
Election Official
P.O. Box 310
Matador, Texas 79244

Take the Earth Day 2007 Backyard Wildlife Challenge

Washington - The Humane Society of the United States wants Earth Day 2007 (April 22) to kick-off a backyard wildlife awareness campaign that will encourage people to make a few simple commitments that can greatly benefit the earth's wildlife. According to Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife for the HSUS, "People can take some very easy steps with wildlife in mind - that cost little time and no money - which will make a significant difference for our planet."

1.) Clean it up: Think about streams and ponds. Every stream is connected to some-

thing else - another stream, a pond, a lake. Trash finds its way from one to the other, and an array of wildlife along the way can be injured or sickened by it. Visit your local stream or pond and pick up trash that you find. The results will be felt far downstream.

2.) Let it grow: No matter how small a patch you dedicate, letting your lawn grow into a meadow not only cuts down on pollution and the use of fossil fuels, but it also greatly increases habitat for birds and butterflies and other interesting critters. This could be one of the most important commitments

you will ever make to planet earth.

3.) Leave them wild: Make a commitment never to buy a "novelty" wild animal as a pet - it is very difficult to satisfy their needs in captivity, and that often means an unhappy outcome for all concerned. As cute as a baby turtle may be, it is far better off in the wild. Take your kids for a walk to the local pond where they can see these and other wildlife where they should be - in the wild.

4.) Go native: Use plants that are native to your area. Not only will they thrive better, resist disease and often injury or

attack from plant eating insects and mammals, but they will also require less maintenance, freeing you up to do nothing but enjoy them.

5.) Keep cats indoors: Even the gentlest, well-fed house cat will prey on wildlife instinctively when given the chance. Outdoor-roaming cats are at risk for accidents and diseases that can drastically limit their own lifespan as well. Do wildlife and your cat a favor by keeping cats indoors.

6.) Save trees: Spring cleaning is in the air, but this is the worst time to cut down hollow trees because squirrels, raccoons, woodpeckers, flying squirrels, and others are nesting in them. "Dead" trees are anything but; they are thriving habitats for insects and animals who can benefit people and other wildlife. Keep them standing if possible.

7.) Scrap the trap: If you can capture and relocate a "nuisance" wild animal this time of year, it is likely to be a mom, which means helpless young will be left behind to starve. Instead use eviction strategies (tips at www.wildneighbors.org) to solve wildlife conflicts.

8.) Cut them up: Disarm (cut) plastic 6 pack holders before disposal so that wild animals cannot get tangled up, injured or die in them.

9.) Rinse it out: Thoroughly rinse and safely discard food jars. Hungry raccoons and skunks can get their heads stuck in peanut butter, jelly, yogurt or other containers. If you clean the containers before disposing of them, you will literally be saving lives.

10.) Check it out: Walk your yard and look carefully for rabbit nests before mowing in the spring - the nests can be hard to see, the mother rabbit digs a shallow hole in the grass and puts her babies in it where they stay for 3 weeks until weaned and self-sufficient.

The HSUS Wild Neighbors Program promotes non-lethal means for resolving conflicts between people and wildlife and cultivates understanding and appreciation for wild animals commonly found in cities and towns. On the web at: www.wildneighbors.org.

Remembering Days Gone By

Stories of days gone by in and around Motley County

J. Henry of the Lazy F

By R. Brown

Year: c. 1895

One Saturday evening after Henry had worked at the ranch for about three months he and the wagon-boss Jeff Boone along with Billy Parkes rode into Matador for a Saturday night party. There had just been built a hotel and a 'grand opening celebration' was advertised. The three pokes wanted to attend the party but couldn't afford a room at the new Matador Hotel. At the barbershop next door Mr. Clements operated a small bathhouse at the back of the shop so that's where they landed.

The three dusty cowboys were soon to establish a custom that unbeknownst to them would be followed fifty years later by Matador cowboys. (The original Matador Land and Cattle Company of Dundee, Scotland sold the ranch in 1951). Carrying their clean clothes over their shoulders they walked into the barbershop, paid a fee and made ready to enter the bathhouse. First however, they removed their work boots at the shine-chair and turned them over to Monk, the shine-boy. After Mr. Clements had issued each a towel and soap, they entered the cramped quarters of the bathhouse and took turns in the cast-iron tub. During the interval of time it took them to bathe the shine-boy worked furiously on their boots, trying to make them take a gloss. At the same time the barber also worked furiously on the customer in the chair because he knew more business was coming! Sure enough when each cowboy emerged from the little room with their noses shining and their Levis starched, they were ready for haircuts and shaves. All three wanted to 'purdy-up' for the local gals that would be at the hotel shindig!

By the time Mr. Clements had shaped them up they were ready to 'meet the ladies'. First of course each one flipped the shine-boy his due and made a final settlement with Mr. Clements. On this occasion the party was next door, so after visiting briefly with some old cowboys on the sidewalk they entered the new Matador Hotel through a side door. The aroma of the buffet that was being served tantalized their appetites so J. Henry and his two companions got in the serving line to be served. When they finally inched their way to the mounds of food on a long, dining table the proprietor of the hotel Mr. Tollinson came near and said, "If you cowboys are not guests of the hotel, the food is not free!"

This news didn't discourage the cowboys so one asked, "Sir...how much does a meal cost and where do we pay?" Soon they were advised that the fine steak meal was being offered for six-bits (.75 cents) to outsiders. J. Henry and his friends agreed it would be worth it and paid the man without leaving the line.

After filling their plates with steak and trimmings they found a corner sofa unoccupied in the lobby. As they savored their food and listened to the chat which set the room abuzz they caught bits of conversation. A homesteader was complaining that the Matador was buying up all the good land in the county, while another man was talking about the recent drought and infestation of grasshoppers at Della Plain and Estacado. A lady from Whiteflat was talking about a recent trip to Kent Lake over in Quitaque country. Finally when the cowboys had finished their delicious meal Billy Parkes spied a young lass he wanted to dance with.

To be continued

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

A TEST OF DUALISM

Let's have some fun. The philosophy of "Dualism" is very old and alive and well today. It is the belief that the world is composed of competing equal and opposite forces. You may have such thoughts. Examples

of equal/opposites include: up/down, positive/negative, left/right, and north/south. Here's the test, and keep your answers til the next article to see how you've done.

As to each of the following, answer "true," if they are equal and opposite, otherwise answer

"false."

1. Hot and cold?
2. Light and Dark?
3. Good and Evil?
4. God and Satan?
5. Jesus and Satan?

Note: Any wrong answer means that you flunk the test. Put your "thinking cap" on.

PS. All of the last study on the Attributes of God can be found in a good book on Systematic Theology, a subject that all maturing Christians and absolutely all preachers should study and learn.

DPS says: Don't pick the bluebonnets!

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There are laws against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property, so pick a few flowers, but don't dig up clumps of them and don't drive your vehicle into the midst of them. Remember, Mother Nature and in many cases, your

fellow Texans, scattered wildflower seeds along medians and roadways so that everyone could enjoy spring flowers.

For the safety of yourself and others, as well as to limit your ticketability:

There are laws against impeding traffic - so be careful about slowing down to enjoy the view. Pick areas with light traffic conditions for stopping.

Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.

Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic, on the same side of the roadway that the flowers are on. Don't walk or run across lanes of traffic to get to the flowers.

Winners named in Relay for Life fundraisers

Winners names have been announced for two local Relay for Life fundraisers.

Jay Tomison was the lucky winner of the flat-screen TV, presented at Main Street Cafe. The Cafe's Relay for Life team sold tickets for the prize.

Doris Moore was the winner of a \$100 Avon Gift Basket presented at New To You. All proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life.

The local Relay for Life Event will be held June 23.

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News Around the County

OBITUARIES

Eunice Mae Colvin Ross

Eunice Mae Colvin Ross, 92, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2007, in Carillon House in Lubbock. Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2007, in the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque with the Rev. John Dorn officiating. Burial was in Flomot Memorial Park at Flomot under the direction of Chancellor Funeral Home in Quitaque.

Mae was born October 22, 1914, in Jack County, Texas to George James and Eunice Julia Tiley Colvin. The family moved from Jack County to Turkey, Texas in 1914 when Mae was three months old. She married Sam D. Ross in Matador, Texas on January 1, 1939.

She attended school in Turkey. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, George Ray Colvin, Sr.

She lived in the Flomot Community until 1969 at which time she moved to Lubbock and worked for the Dunlap Company 20 years.

She is survived by one daughter, June Ross Hale and her husband James of Floydada; one son, Jimmy M. Ross and his wife Velda of Quitaque; grandson Clinton and his wife Dara Ware and sons Cody and Clay; granddaughter, Lisa Ware Baldwin and sons Ross and Zach Baldwin of Floydada; granddaughters, Julie Ross of Amarillo, Janet and Josh Brooks and daughter Braylee of Turkey, and Sammie Dee and Cory Varnell and son Hunter of Quitaque.

Pallbearers were great-grandsons, Cody Ware, Clay Ware, Ross Baldwin and Zach Baldwin and grandsons-in-law, Josh Brooks and Cory Varnell. Honorary pallbearers were Clinton Ware, George Colvin, James Hale, Murray Wayne Morrison, Verlon Hamilton and W.R. Ware.

Mommie Mae, as she was known to her family, is remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The family requests that memorials be made to your favorite charity.

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

MARSHALL REUNION

The seventy-first Marshall Family Reunion was held on Friday and Saturday at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Center. Because of bad weather the golf tournament was called off. A hamburger cook-out was held Saturday evening and a family dance. The children had a good time doing the "Chicken Dance" and other fun things. Bicycle riding was a big event for the kids as was chalk drawing on the cement floor. On Sunday, Cody Clower brought a lesson for the annual family church service. Lunch was served to 94 people. Visiting and an auction were the highlight of the afternoon. Virgie Marshall Clower Bannister was able to attend her 71st reunion and played the piano some. Frances Mitchell was also able to attend this year. Family members traveling the farthest to attend were from LaHarbor, California and Springfield, Missouri.

Pearl Patten, daughter of Willita and son-in-law, Larry Burkes of Paducah visited the Will Palmer family in Lovington this past weekend. Larry was elected president of the West Texas Stock Dog Association. Willita showed their dogs that she helps to train and won Novice of the Year. Pearl's granddaughter Micah Palmer was voted Miss Lovington High School. Other exciting news for her family was that Will's horse, Pearl, won first place at Sunland Park Racetrack on Easter weekend. Pearl said the horse had an official name that was long but they lovingly call her Pearl in her honor!

The Blackwood Legacy will be performing at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. A potluck supper will be held after the Southern Gospel Concert. Brisket, ham, bread, salad and slaw will be provided. Anyone wishing to bring a dish may bring side dishes or desserts. The community is invited, there will be plenty of food for all.

The John Wesley Study Group of the First United Methodist Women's Guild met on April 4th in

the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall. Chelsea Read brought the lesson on The Sins of Hostility. Billie Stuckey was in charge of refreshments. Those attending were Chelsea Read, Callie Giesecke, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Pearl Patten, Joy Beeson and Billie Stuckey. They continued their plans for their bake sale at the Highway 70 Garage Sale on May 5th.

Desert Reign performed a concert Sunday at both services at the Full Gospel Church. This group came in their tour bus and stayed in the Roaring Springs RV park. The concert was well attended.

Ruby Hipp is taking rehab at Heritage Oaks in Lubbock. She does not have a phone. Her address is Ruby Hipp, c/o Heritage Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 5301 University Ave., Lubbock, TX 79413. Ruby misses having lunch at the cafe and talking with all her friends. Cards and visits would cheer her spirits.

Louise Perryman is in rehab at the nursing home in Floydada. Her address is in c/o Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center, 925 W. Crockett St., Floydada, TX 79235.

Rita Groves is again in Lakeside Care and Rehabilitation Center. Her address is in c/o Lakeside Care and Rehabilitation Center, Room #14, 4306 24th St., Lubbock, TX 79410. As of the last email from Pat, Rita is doing much better.

Immogene Swim is at home but is not doing too well. I am sure she would appreciate a card or a call.

Leslie and Anna Daniel visited with Edith and Glennard Daniel last weekend. Anna now lives in Plainview which makes her grandparents happy. They will be able to see her much more often.

Words of wisdom: Don't give the future to the past. Don't look back. Let go of regret, love, forgive. This quote is from a book by Penelope Stokes. It's good advice. So many times we dwell on the past and miss the present and future. We get bitter and remember only the bad things. Take hold of your life; let past hurts and mistakes go and make your present and future something to remember happily.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
People are like pianos ... grand and upright, but no good unless in tune.

HEALTH FAIR TO BE MAY 1ST IN FLOMOT
The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot is sponsoring a Health Fair Tuesday, May 1 at the Community Center. The Covenant Home Health Care of Spur will give medical tests. The Center will be open at 10 a.m. and everyone will be welcomed to take advantage of this courtesy.

ATTEND COTTON GINNERS 100TH ANNUAL MEETING
Darrell Cruse, manager of the Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs, attended the Texas Cotton Ginnners Association 100th annual meeting and cotton trade-show this week at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran, R. Kan. was the keynote speaker during the cotton growers annual meeting. He said, "We've got to reach out to interests beyond just ourselves and the votes of the Texas 32 member delegation will be very important when it comes to debate in the next farm bill. I clearly see the 2002 Farm Bill is the bedrock for the 2007 Farm Bill."

Former Congressman Larry Combest, who also addressed the group, said efforts to affect the farm bill need to coalesce the way previous efforts have.

Darrell, sons Keane Cruse of Turkey and Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming and Alan Bingham of Matador enjoyed playing in the Ginnners' Assn. golf tournament Wednesday in Lubbock.

Attending an Easter family reunion Sunday afternoon in the home of Judy and Donnie Cruse were her mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pitts of Lovington, NM and his mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey; Regina and Chad Steward, Allison, Quaid and Macy of Goldthwaite; Chaney Cruse of Clarendon; Deidra

and Larry Clifton of Elk City, Okla.; Monica and Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxson of Floydada; Skylar Clifton of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Talon Cruse of Whiteflat; Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Brason, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese and Roegan Cruse of Turkey; Leah Cruse of Canyon and Brenda and Darrell Cruse of Flomot.

Rickey Hughes and children, Kendal and Kason of Floydada visited Saturday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay of Quitaque visited Friday with B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Monday for Jack a check up on his knee following recent surgery and medical tests at the Veterans' Hospital. Their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo accompanied them to the hospital. En route home, they visited in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Mrs. Aleda Ross and son, Tommy Ross attended to business in Plainview, Friday.

Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming visited from Tuesday until Saturday with his parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Visiting during the weekend was their daughter, Leah Cruse of Canyon.

Greg Stapleton and son, Sam moved recently from the Stapleton home place in Flomot to the former Mary Meason home in Matador.

Will and Cally Sperry and children, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash attended a party with all the trimmings Saturday night held in the home of Mandy and Jeremy Hughes in the Gray Mule community honoring family members on their birthdays in April. The honorees were Mrs. Jackie Sperry, Josh Brooks, Jarrett Pigg and Brook Hughes. Over 50 attended the celebration. Tyndee Meyer of Quitaque visited overnight Saturday with the Will Sperry family.

Matador News

Clay and Melinda Jameson visited the last ten days at their lakeside home at Lake Kemp. Clay celebrated his birthday Sunday.

Grady Phillips of Gainesville, former Matador resident, is undergoing medical tests. His daughter, Mrs. Kay Skinner of Quitaque is with him during his illness.

Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon visited Sunday

National Ranching Heritage Center to host 37th Annual Ranch Day

Pack up the kids and come get your Cracker Jacks at the National Ranching Heritage Center's 37th annual Ranch Day, April 28, commemorating "Home Runs on the Range."

Activities from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. celebrate spring in the early American West. They include 1880s-style baseball games pitting the Buffalo Gap Chips, a vintage baseball team from Buffalo Gap, Texas against worthy local opponents.

"We moved Ranch Day from the Fall to the Spring this year to introduce new activities and crafts into the annual event," said Christy Lemons, manager of education at the National Ranching Heritage Center and Ranch Day coordinator.

"Instead of celebrating the harvest, we will be flying kites, decorating a May Pole and experiencing a box lunch social. It will be a way to show people, especially children, what kinds of things the early settlers of this area might have done in the spring."

Ranch Day is a living history educational event begun in 1970 and attracting as many as 5,000 people annually to the National Ranching Heritage Center. More than 180 Ranch Hosts and special event participants recreate authentic settings reflective of ranching from the 1780s to the present.

Designed for the entire family, activities include chuck wagon food samples, games from bygone times, animal demonstrations, including horses and 20 longhorn Corriente cattle in the shipping pens by the train and depot. Pioneer crafts, ranch music, dancing and stick horse rodeos for kids round out the day.

Admission to the Ranch Day is free, but tickets can be purchased onsite for the picnic lunch. Or go to www.nrhc.ttu.edu/ranchday2007.html to obtain lunch tickets in advance and to see a listing of Ranch Day activities scheduled throughout the day.

The National Ranching Heritage Center is located east of Indiana Avenue on Fourth Street in Lubbock.

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Dorothy Russell and her three daughters, Marilyn Hicks of Matador, Linda Roy of Weatherford, and Caron Perkins of Odessa, attended the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City April 14-15. The family attended this church during the time they lived in Colorado City from 1955 to 1970.

In addition to attending celebration church services Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning, old friendships were renewed during the church luncheon following the Sunday service.

Saturday they visited the city's antiques shops and the old Palace Theater, which is currently being restored. The most interesting "find" during their time browsing the shops was a book about the history of the community with a picture featuring Marilyn on a parade float when she was a finalist in the Mitchell County Tumbleweed Queen Contest.

While in Colorado City, they stayed at the historic Sweet Legacy Bed and Breakfast.

Motley County Treasurer's Report Quarterly Report

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 2007 TO MARCH 31, 2007

FUND	BALANCE January 1, 2007	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE March 31, 2007
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 4,431.18	\$ 139,855.28	\$ 128,838.38	\$ 15,448.08
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 1,316.37	\$ 3,684.16	\$ 4,949.01	\$ 51.52
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 39,250.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 39,850.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 861.93	\$ 11,927.59	\$ 12,204.29	\$ 585.23
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 25,750.00			\$ 25,750.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 1,772.65	\$ 15,626.89	\$ 16,446.03	\$ 953.51
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 19,550.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 20,050.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 1,854.12	\$ 13,361.45	\$ 14,252.66	\$ 962.91
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 53,050.00	\$ 1,900.00		\$ 54,950.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 815.29	\$ 13,634.35	\$ 13,048.64	\$ 1,401.00
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 23,350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 23,350.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 147.16		\$ 137.16	\$ 10.00
LATERAL RD - Investment	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 304.04		\$ 14,604.04
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 19.98	\$ 14,197.87	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 17.85
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 489.00			\$ 489.00
INVESTMENT	\$ 123,600.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 136,900.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 530,557.68	\$ 251,391.63	\$ 226,576.17	\$ 555,373.14
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 57.25	\$ 12,016.50	\$ 10,145.05	\$ 1,928.70
LIBRARY	\$ 31,502.82	\$ 6,929.87	\$ 11,384.70	\$ 27,047.99
HOT CHECK	\$ 2,733.17	\$ 2,838.51	\$ 1,093.31	\$ 4,478.37
TOTALS	\$ 564,850.92	\$ 273,176.51	\$ 249,199.23	\$ 588,828.20

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Eva Barkley
COUNTY TREASURER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL, 2007

ELAINE HART
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
February 1, 2008

Elaine Hart
Notary Public

Motley County, Texas

Senior Citizens News & Notes

By Tommye Keith, Director

Well, it's been a while, but the Senior Citizens are still going strong. Just can't seem to get it together to write and keep you up to date. The Site Committee will be hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation supper Friday night, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be Mexican Pile-Up, dessert, tea and coffee. Y'all come out and eat with us; you don't even have to be a volunteer. Would like to see a house full.

On Saturday, May 5th, the Center will have a Garage Sale and Bake Sale as a fundraiser. If you have stuff to donate we would sure appreciate it. We will start taking items for the garage sale Wednesday, May 2. We don't have a lot of places to store things and that's the reason we are waiting until the 2nd. This is a good way for everyone to help with the fundraiser.

The Center received memorial donations in memory of Mollye Simpson from Evelyn and C.D. Garrison, Robin and Beverly Darsey, Dorothy Day gave memorials in memory of Bundy Campbell and George Mangram. Motley County Arts

& Crafts gave a memorial in memory of Leola McKelvey. Ronnie Ragland gave a donation in memory of his mother, Clara Ragland.

Billy Paul and Betty Simpson and Dorothy Day gave a memorial in memory of Anthony Carl Moss. Winifred Darsey, Joyce Campbell and Norma Mays gave memorials in memory of Dorothy Meador. Thank you all so very much for the memorials.

Every morning at 8:00 a.m. the exercise bunch are here exercising and having coffee and visiting afterwards. Would like to see you come down and join them. They are exercising with Richard Simmons and the Silver Foxes. Every Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. game night is going on. They all bring something to eat and have a great time. If you are tired of the same old TV programs come down and join them.

The Senior Citizens is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy Carrie and Loretta's fine cooking. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. See you at the Center.

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EARN SCHOLARSHIP — Cade Luckett, left, is presented with certificate for a Scholarship at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Matador youth earns scholarship

Ft. Worth -- Hard work and dedication paid off for Matador youth, Cade Luckett, who recently earned a \$2500 college entry scholarship by the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show's Calf Scramble Committee. Luckett is one of 70 Texas high school students who will share a record total \$82,000 in grant money raised by the Show's Calf Scramble Committee members.

The son of Bill and Kendra Luckett, Cade earned the scholarship through yearlong efforts as part of the Stock Show's calf scramble project. Winners were selected from more than 240 4-H and FFA members who caught a calf at one of 30 rodeo performances in 2006. Those youth each received \$500 to purchase a dairy or beef heifer, care for it and return it to the 2007 Stock Show, where they entered the Junior Heifer competition. For scholarship purposes the students were judged on the basis of their overall participation in the project, which re-

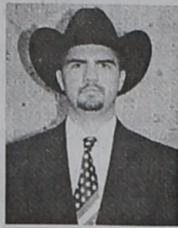
quired management, correspondence with sponsors and a final essay.

The funds are made available from the Calf Scramble Committee's fund-raising efforts and support from individuals and businesses in the area. The generosity of donations enabled the Committee to award educational grants in excess of its goal for the eighth consecutive year. Sponsors for Cade's scholarship grant are in memory of W.D. "Dutch" Moore, Pegasus Travel, Travel Science Everywhere all of Fort Worth, Wells Fargo Bank MA of Dallas and Wilkes-Barre Times Leader.

Cade scrambled at three shows in 2006, Fort Worth Stock Show, San Antonio and Houston. He caught a calf at all three shows and his combined winnings were \$2300. Cade showed his heifer at all three shows in 2007. In addition to the Fort Worth scholarship, he received a belt buckle and \$100 at the Houston show.

County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



COW-CALF FINANCIAL WORKSHOP SLATED FOR MAY 2 IN VERNON
Cow-calf producers changed many of their normal production and marketing strategies in 2006 due to drought and higher fuel, fertilizer and feed prices, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist. These factors have pushed the cost of running a breeding cow on the Rolling Plains to more than \$400 per year.

"Given these higher costs, cow-calf producers will need a break-even price of \$84 per hundredweight on weaned calves," said Stan Bevers, Extension economist based at Vernon. "These are fixed costs that cannot be changed in just one year. That's why producers need to identify these costs now, so they can work out ways to reduce costs and still make a profit if market prices decline."

Cow-calf producers can learn how to gauge their operation's economic health at a May 2 Standardized Performance Analysis workshop at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Vernon.

"This workshop will enable ranchers to complete an analysis for their 2006 calf crop," Bevers said. "This is a hands-on event. We will help participants generate and complete their own performance analysis."

The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. Registration costs \$50 per ranch or operation, or \$30 for those who have completed a standardized performance analysis, Bevers said. This fee covers educational materials, software, lunch and refreshments.

"A Standardized Performance Analysis lets ranchers compare their operation's performance between years, to that of other operations, by production region and across production systems," Bevers added. "Our goal is to help cow-calf operators determine their current financial and production benchmarks."

Participants will receive all the forms needed to organize their production and financial data before the workshop. All of this data remains confidential.

"We will provide an assistant and a computer to help each participant, and meet with each one individually to interpret the results of their analysis," Bevers said. "It is important to register early, so we can advise you on how to organize the data necessary for a good

analysis."

To register or to obtain more information, contact Bevers at 940-552-9941, extension 231.

EARLY INDICATIONS SHOW WHEAT ESCAPED FREEZE INJURY

The High Plains wheat crop appears to have escaped injury from temperatures that dipped into the low 20s F for an extended period, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

After scouting several regions and visiting with concerned producers, Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist, said he thinks the wheat denseness and the soil temperature may have insulated the crop from the cold.

Using the weather station data from the Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network, Bean determined that the southwest corner of the Panhandle, in the Bovina-Muleshoe-Dimmitt area, was the most likely area for damage.

"That's where it was the coldest for the longest, and more than likely, if there was any injury, it should have been seen there," he said last week after scouting that region. "It is a little early, but preliminary observations indicate the wheat came out of the cold conditions in surprisingly good shape."

The reason, Bean said, is the wheat has a good canopy and soil temperatures were warming prior to the cold front moving into the area. That tended to insulate the wheat against the air temperatures.

Some temperatures dropped to 24F in that region, he said, staying below 26F for more than 30 hours.

"Those are temperatures where we certainly can get freeze damage," Bean said. "We've seen a little bit of leaf burn, but surprisingly not even much of that."

And leaf burn does not indicate a loss of production. Producers should recheck their fields next week, after possible freeze injury symptoms have had more time to show up, Bean said.

Freeze damage has to be analyzed by splitting the tiller and looking at the immature head, he said. If it is green, it is OK. He said because temperatures have been fairly cool since the freeze, it is possible that once it heats up, some injury might start to show up.

"But right now, it looks very promising," Bean said.

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By Ace Reid



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Motley County Tribune Weather April 19, 2007

7-Day Forecast		In-Depth Forecast		Moon Phases			
	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 53	Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 34% and an overnight low of 53°. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1987. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 82°.	First 4/24 Full 5/2 Last 5/9 New 5/16		Precipitation0.50" Normal precipitation0.42" Departure from normal+0.08"	Average temperature50.4° Average normal temperature60.1° Departure from normal-9.7° <small>Data as reported from Childress, Texas</small>	
	Friday Sunny High: 82 Low: 52						
	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 83 Low: 54						
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 80 Low: 55						
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 51						
	Tuesday Mostly Sunny High: 78 Low: 52						
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 81 Low: 54						

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	42	31	73/45	0.00"
Monday	49	38	74/45	0.00"
Tuesday	85	46	74/46	0.00"
Wednesday	68	40	74/46	0.00"
Thursday	73	42	75/46	0.04"
Friday	56	41	75/47	0.46"
Saturday	57	37	75/47	0.00"

Weather History
April 19, 1988 - Severe thunderstorms over the southeastern United States spawned a strong tornado which destroyed 17 homes and severely damaged 30 houses near Madison, Fla., killing four people and injuring 18 others.

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2. Each proposal received shall be in a sealed envelope plainly marked: COMPUTERS.
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4. Specifications may be obtained by contacting Randy Brown at Motley County ISD (806) 347-2676 ext. 2401.
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