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MINI OLYMPICS — Michael Silva runs in for a first place win at last Saturday's Mini Olympics. Also pictured are (left to right) Mattie Brooks, Catherine Ward and Brody Rankin. The annual event was sponsored this year by the committee for the local Relay for Life event as a fund-raiser.

Motley County School Board meets Contracts, employee agreements approved

By Tina Brooks,
School Board Reporter

The Motley County ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were in attendance with the exception of Les Woolsey. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown and Denise Ford.

The invocation was given by Lewis Drum.

No one was present for open forum.

Minutes of the March 19 and March 26 meetings were reviewed and accepted as presented.

The board reviewed the list of expenditures and financial statements and approved for payment.

The board approved May 14 at 8:00 a.m. as the date and time to canvas election results.

June 18 was set as the date to reorganize the board.

David Stafford and Robert Fisk were appointed to present High School Diplomas.

Tina Brooks and Ted Davey were appointed to present the Completion Certificates to 8th grade.

Guthrie ISD has offered to sell a school bus for \$15,000. Mr. Brown recommended that Motley County ISD purchase the bus. The board approved.

Mr. Brown recommended that the board contract with Vicki Luckenbach and Becky Decker for Federal and State

Programs services. The board approved.

The 2007-2008 Librarian Agreement with Spur ISD was reviewed. Mr. Brown recommended accepting this agreement. The board approved.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Brown informed the board that April 27 will be used to make up a school day cancelled earlier in the year due to bad weather. Jr. High Track is now complete and the team did very well all season and at the district meet. The High School District track meet was held April 4 in Plainview. Motley County did great, with many students going on to Area on April 11 in Panhandle. The Golf teams have both done well. The boys teams are the district champions and the girls placed 2nd in district. Both of these teams move on to Regional April 23 and 24. Isaiah Archer and Courtney Alexander both came home with first place overall individual medals.

There will be board training Tuesday, April 24th on Property Value and School Funding. On Tuesday, May 22, a Region 17 board training for all board members will be held.

The board entered Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. and exited the session at 9:46 p.m.

Out of executive session, the board approved probationary contracts, term contracts and professional employment agreements as recommended by Mr. Brown.

Wind Energy Companies show interest in Motley County

Motley County stands to gain much through anticipated development of wind farms in the county. The Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) proceedings have brought our region much interest from wind companies and an ever increasing number of transmission line developers. As time goes by, more proposals will be made to make wind development in this area a reality. A CREZ designation will mean that Motley County could be looking to wind farms and the necessary transmission lines for a much needed increase in tax revenue.

Electric Transmission Texas LLC (ETT), which is a proposed joint venture between subsidiaries of American Electric Power (AEP) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company has filed a transmission proposal with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for the construction of 1000 miles of transmission lines that will support the development of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs) that are being considered by the PUCT. This will be done in two states: Stage one will have a completion date of 2012 and will

provide access for 8000 MWs of energy developed by the renewable energy projects in north and central West Texas. Stage two will have a completion date of 2015 and will provide for an additional 2000 MWs of electric transmission lines for these projects. These two stages will cost an estimated \$3 Billion. There is also a Stage three that is a forward looking plan to establish an extra high-voltage bulk power system. Stage three is expected to cost \$4 Billion and is also tied to the CREZ proceedings.

The ETT also proposed an additional 900 mile high-voltage, high-capacity backbone transmission system to support the long range needs of Texas. This also was made through the CREZ docket of the PUCT.

There is also a proposed 800 mile 345-KV transmission loop throughout the Texas Panhandle. This proposal was submitted by Sharyland Utilities

L.P. and other major companies that are also being driven by the CREZ contested hearings that will designate the zones that will be selected.

The Southwest Power Pool has a plan to build what is known as The X-plan that will tie Dodge City, Kansas and Wichita, Kansas to a transmission system that joins together at Mooreland, Oklahoma and then splits again with one leg going to Oklahoma City and the other going to Lubbock.

All of these projects are being driven by the projected energy needs of Texas' electric customers. This energy will be developed by renewable energy projects of which a big part will be generated by the wind farms that are already in production and the ones that will be built in the coming years.

On April 3, a meeting of Motley County landowners was held

at the courthouse. Those in attendance were given an update

on what is being done and what needs to be done to encourage wind companies to look at possible sites within the county. They were also given a chance to form an organization that would work to help generate interest in wind farms being built in this county, as well as to help the landowners know how to proceed with negotiations with the wind companies.

At the meeting, ballots with pre-addressed envelopes were distributed to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by April 20. Although those who returned ballots voted unanimously in favor of the proposal to form a consortium, only 16% of all ballots were actually returned. Therefore, the proposed idea of forming a county-wide organization will be dropped at this time.

Comptroller reports expenditures for twelve more state agencies

Austin -- "As part of a continued plan to set new standards for transparency and accountability in state spending, Comptroller Susan Combs announced April 11. Twelve more state agencies have made their expenditures available on the Comptroller's Web site.

"State agencies have embraced the idea that we must better inform taxpayers about how the government spends their hard-earned dollars," Combs said. "We will work with state agencies to upgrade technology or do whatever it takes to enable them to report their expenditures to post online."

The agencies most recently posting expenditures on the Comptroller's Web site, www.window.state.tx.us, include the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas

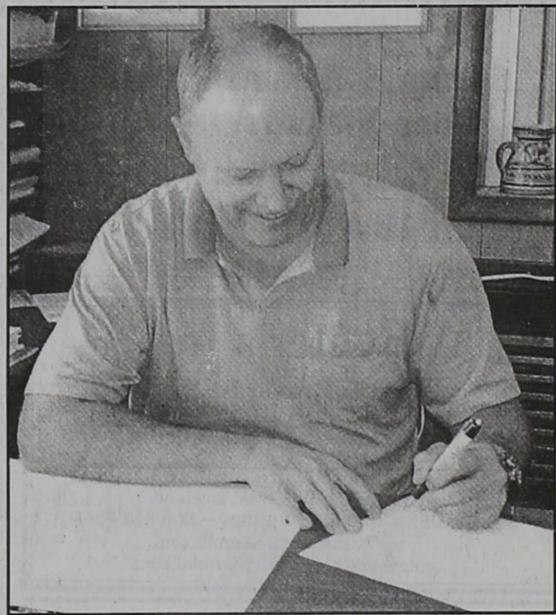
Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Public Finance Authority, Employees Retirement System of Texas, Texas Department of Insurance, Texas Building and Procurement Commission, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Department of Information Resources, Texas Water Development Board and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Combs began posting her agency's expenditures online during her first week in office. Detailed expenditure lists for eight additional agencies were posted on the Comptroller's Web site in February, and taxpayers can now view the details of these 12 other agencies' ex-

penditures.

"Taxpayers expect and deserve transparency and accountability in state spending," Combs said. "The public now has easy access to information useful in deciding whether tax dollars are being spent in a responsible manner."

Combs previously posted expenditures for the Comptroller's office, Texas Education Agency, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Texas Department of State Health Services.



Matador Mayor, Pat Smith, signs a Proclamation for the local National Day of Prayer observance, to be held May 3 at the First Baptist Church parking lot.

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2007 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer is a tradition and important occasion first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775 and Americans since the days of our founders shared our dependence on God, faith and prayer while insisting on religious freedom; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that we observe a day when all of us in this community may acknowledge our blessings and express our gratitude for them while recognizing our need for the strengthening of spiritual and moral values in our land; and

Whereas, the 2007 theme for the National Day of Prayer is "America, Unite in Prayer", the greatest single source of political inspiration for America's founding fathers was the Bible, which was cited in 34 percent of the quotations from the founding era and the importance of biblical principals in establishing a stable and secure government was understood.

Whereas, Judges are legalizing gay marriage and systematically stripping references to God from our culture under the guise of "separation of church and State" it is imperative that we restore the moral foundation that has endured for 231 years; and

Whereas, prayer reminds us that God is our refuge and strength and the power of prayer provides hope, light and promise;

Now Therefore, I, Pat Smith, Mayor of the City of Matador, do hereby proclaim, May 3, 2007 as

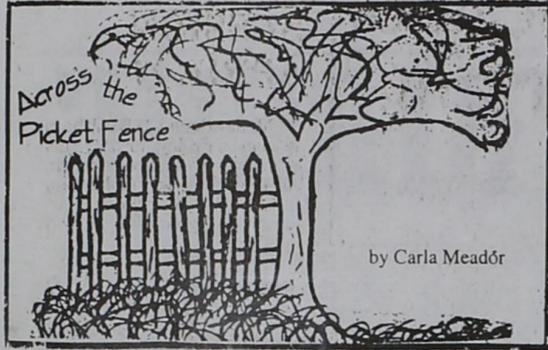
"A DAY OF PRAYER"

in the City of Matador, Texas.

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@sbglobal.net.



Well, here I am again - running late on a Wednesday morning. Not much time and not much space this week.

I don't know about you, but it seems like I just woke up and realized it's already April of 2007! And about to be May! While doing some research on my bookwork this week, after searching effortlessly for something I thought was posted last month, I finally found it in December, 2006! Where have the months gone???

Speaking of May, Graduation ceremonies will be held soon. Another crop of Motley County graduates will walk across the stage and begin their journey in the real world. We have good kids here and we certainly have had some MC graduates become very successful citizens.

May?? It's almost Summer - and I have done very little (and I emphasize little) work in my yard. I did spend a couple of days last week trying to catch up some. When the Spring garden works begins, I can't believe I left things in such bad shape at the end of last season.

I always enjoy getting out in the yard and enjoying God's nature. He gave me the blessing of seeing a beautiful red bird, a mother sparrow tending her baby birds in one of my birdhouses, and watching our backyard squirrel, Charley run back and forth through the tree branches.

Seeing the beauty of God's world around us, makes the hot sweaty work of gardening seem all okay.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott,
Librarian



One week from today, there will be a meeting of the Friends of the Library at 4:00 p.m. at the library. This meeting is very important as we need to plan refreshments and prizes for the Summer Reading Program in June. Everyone is invited to attend.

New books in the library include *Absolute Fear* by Lisa Jackson, *American Detective* by Loren D. Estelman, and *Damselfish in Distress* by Joan Hess. The library also offers the newest by Karen Robards, *Obsession*, and Stuart Woods' newest, *Fresh Disasters*.

Spanish Dagger is by the popular author Susan Wittig Albert. Albert's books feature

an herb or a medicinal plant and are set in the Hill Country of Texas. Two other popular authors have new books: Mary Higgins Clark's *I Heard That Song Before* and Aimee Thurlo's *Turquoise Girl*.

Two new authors to this library are Laura Lippman and Michelle Richmond. Their books are, respectively, *What the Dead Know* and *Year of Fog*. Some of the library's new large print books have arrived and they are on the shelf and ready to checkout.

Please don't forget next week's Friends of the Library meeting. We hope to see everyone there.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



LADIES PLAYDAY

April 19

18 hole players were Liv Barton, June Moss, Louise Barton, Tammy Marshall, Judy Cartwright, and Geneva Wilson. Liv won the ball, most 1 putts.

9 hole players were Kay Bailey, Judy Renfro, Pat Warren, Polly Campbell, Lindy Stafford, Mary Jones, Marihelen Wason, Jan Martin, Nell Berryman and Frances Hobbs.

June Moss won most 1 putts. (She is entered in the nine hole play yourself).

BABE ZAHARIAS CANCER TOURNEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

April 22

There were eleven teams of 4 players in the annual Babe Zaharias Cancer Benefit Golf Tournament held Sunday, April 22.

Those playing and donating were Jehonne Buxkemper, Steve Buxkemper, Jeannie Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bert Darsey, Leigh Ann Darsey, Jay Tomison, Brandon Moore, Randy Martin, Andrew Martin, Clay Martin, Ray Martin, Terry Simpson, Tammy Simpson, David Taylor, Francis Taylor, Timmy Brooks, Christian

Brooks, Robert Osborn, Jonathon Osborn, Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Bill Hoover, Jean Hoover, Olivia Barton, Kenny Barton, Alan Bingham, Buzz Thacker, Louise Barton, Ellis Terry, Garland Cartwright, Judy Cartwright, Shawn Elliott, Shonda Elliott, Reagan Elliott, Frances Hobbs, Alvin Martin, Jan Martin, Pat Warren, Geneva Wilson, Don Kennedy, Maudelle Kennedy, Lee Phenix and Colton Wilkins.

First place was won on the card - (team) score 30. The winning team was Timmy Brooks, Christian Brooks, Robert Osborn and Jonathon Osborn.

The other team that scored 30 was Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Alan Bingham, and Buzz Thacker.

Those donating and not playing were Leona Terry, Roy Hobbs, Darrell Cruse and Tommye Keith.

\$580 was received in donations.

Thanks to everyone that played and helped in any way to make this tournament a success.

We appreciate it all very much. Tommye, we thank you for donating the balls that were given as prizes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carla,

I just wanted to remind everyone of the local observance of National Day of Prayer, May 3 at 7:00 a.m. The "Parking Lot Prayer Fest" will be held at the First Baptist Church parking lot in Matador. Burritos and coffee will be served "Tailgate Style".

All residents of Motley County are invited and urged to attend this important event. Everyone is always so good about supporting any activity that is going on in the life of our communities in Motley County. What could be more important than showing up for a time of special prayer for our National, our State, and our County Leaders and volunteers.

We include in this all forms of the news media, our educational system, our Churches and Ministers and our families, and not least our Military.

This is a day set aside to spend a few special moments emphasizing how important it is to make this a part of our daily prayer lives.

God loves to hear from his children!

See you there.

Carolyn Ewing
Coordinator, Motley County

Carla,

Thank you for all the coverage you have been giving to wind energy issues. I have found out that writing newspaper articles is not easy!

I would also like to thank the members of the steering committee that was formed to study what type of county-wide organization to form to help promote wind energy development and how that organization should operate. These men were given a lot of information to study, and all of them have busy schedules. They gave up a precious commodity "time" to work with me on this project. The steering committee members were Ryan Martin, Craig Turner, J.D. Russell, Gary Ford and Bill Luckett.

I would also like to thank County Judge Ed D. Smith and County Attorney Tom Edwards for pursuing information about wind energy and possible incentives the county could offer. The county commissioners have also been involved with the learning process.

I would like to thank School Superintendent Randy Brown

for studying options the school has to encourage wind farm development in this county.

Thanks also to my wife for the countless hours she has spent listening to me talk about wind companies and types of organizations and especially for all the help she has given me in writing the newspaper articles.

Thanks to you all. It appears all of your work is going to be rewarded.

Fred Risser

Couple observes 60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee of Flomot observed their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, April 15, with a reception at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. R.R. (Ellen) Skinner in Quitaque. Mr. Lee and the former Ruth Skinner were united in marriage April 18, 1947, in the Flomot Baptist parsonage and officiating at the exchange of marriage vows was the father of Mr. Lee, the Rev. J.E. Lee. Following the fire loss of the Motley County courthouse, the Lees obtained their marriage license from the MC Clerk, Pat Sheridan, at the former Luckett building.

They lived in Roswell, N.M. and Olton before moving to Flomot in 1965. The couple has been engaged in farming, ranching, are insurance agents and co-owners of the Flomot Gin.

Mrs. Skinner presented

Guests attending the celebration were son and wife, Roger and Shonda Lee of Flomot and daughter and children, Mrs. Teresa Lee, Micah and Kacey of Turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Davey of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Taylor of Floydada, Tom Heck and Cody of Turkey, Mrs. Juanita Skinner of Amarillo, Walter Skinner, Bonnie and Billy Mott and Bill Skinner of Quitaque. The Lee's other son and family, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon were unable to attend as they were at an Insurance Convention.

Mrs. Lee with a tri-colored pink corsage and Mr. Lee a white boutonniere. She presided at a table laid with a white cloth and crystal appointments. Refreshments of wedding cake, mints and nuts were served with soft drinks, coffee and iced tea.

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

The bicycle is the most efficient machine ever created: Converting calories into gas, a bicycle gets the equivalent of three thousand miles per gallon.

-- Bill Strickland

Looked at that way, and with the eye towards rising gasoline prices, how about a bicycle tour in this wonderful spring weather?

And the perfect opportunity for that is coming up. May 5th is not only the date for the Highway 70 70-Mile Garage Sale from Spur to Turkey, it is also one of the days of the 2nd Annual Tour de Nine-Zero.

This bicycling event is sponsored by the Parenting Cottage of Lubbock, with the goal of raising awareness about the dangers of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder while raising money for the sponsor.

There will be 5 tours, all starting off at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club on May 4th and 5th. The lengths vary, from the shortest at 7 miles, with longer ones of 31, 50, 84 and the longest at 101 miles. 30 miles of the longer tours take the same route as the 70-Mile Garage Sale.

So the plan is that you, and the other riders with you, bicycle along around the foothills of the Caprock, for example from Roaring Springs to Dickens, then towards Crosbyton, then to the rest stop between Floydada and Matador, then on to Matador and back to Roaring Springs. Since all turns

are to the right, you will not have to cross traffic.

Along the way, there will be rest stops, where you can relax and find tables with water and power snacks for the riders. These are not races -- the aim is to have a good time, enjoy the scenery, and raise money for the Parenting Cottage.

Do not be put off by the fact that this is called a bicycle tour.

A unicycle might be your choice, if you feel up to it, and tandems are welcome. There were some last year on the tours, and perhaps there will be more this year.

Sign up by April 30th, and get a free collector T-shirt. You can sign up by calling Corky Marshall at 348-7000, Alex Crowder at 348-7336, or by calling (87067) 795-7552. You can also e-mail tourninezero@caprockcycling.org. You can find out more information at the website at www.caprockcycling.org/ninezero.

This does not have to be an individual thing. Whole families can come out and ride together, enjoying each other and showing the usual Motley County hospitality to the riders who come from far afield to enjoy what we tend to take for granted. There were three brothers, raised in Flomot, on the tour last year. And all the participants last year said this was the best tour they had ever had, and wanted to come back again this year. Have fun and welcome our visitors and perhaps former residents.

Support Motley County businesses!

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Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Thursday, April 26, 2007

Floyd County Friends Unity Center

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Health Fair	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Meal Catered by Danny's Fins & Hens
Registration	4:30-6:00 p.m.	Entertainment
Meal	5:30 p.m.	Children's Entertainment
Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Election of Directors

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The Lack of Noise is Helpful!



The lack of noise is sometimes just the thing we need. A quiet, still place, is a treasure and often hard to find in our chaotic world. But silence is an indispensable part of any spiritual development. We need quietness at times in seeking to better our relationship with our God. Consider the prophet Elijah who stayed still long enough amid the noise of life, (the wind, earthquakes and fire), to finally recognize the quiet whisper of God. Read of this in I Kings 19: 10-13.

We, like Elijah, need to pause in the pursuit of our whatever's ... and enjoy the lack of motion. In the stillness seek God. We generally make a lot of noise and speak lots of words, even to God or about God. It is difficult to stop and be still and let the quietness overtake us. It seems that there is some matter always pressing and urgent. The idea of just sitting there and "doing nothing" seems to trouble some of us more than it helps.

In the stillness will come prayer. Prayer is taking time to let God refresh us, touch us as the artist who is making a sculpture of our lives. Quiet! Well, what happens when there is nothing to say? When we are with friends and we stop talking, is that the end of the relationship? Of course not! So it is with God. Be still! Soon with a little practice, these moments of quietness will bring about real depth to one's spiritual life. Why? Because we are communing with our God.

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MICHAEL G. CROWLEY, SR.

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

THE MATADOR

— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



MOTLEY COUNTY 4th and 5th graders recently spent a day of learning on a field trip to the Ranching Heritage Center, Silver Falls and the Pioneer Memorial Museum.



STATE FFA OFFICERS VISIT MOTLEY COUNTY ISD — On March 27, the State FFA officers, president Tyler Treptow from the Weimer FFA and Area III Association, 1st Vice President Isaac Serna from the Coolidge FFA and Area VIII Association, and Vice President Paydon Holt from the Smyer FFA and Area I Association, came to talk to the 7th through 12th grade students. They explained to the students what this year's Texas FFA motto means. Every year they furnish a new motto to share with the students; this year's motto was "Breaking the Barrier." They played three games to help explain the meaning, having different volunteers participate; afterwards the officers answered questions from the students. Before they left, the Ag students and officers took a picture with the Official Texas FFA pickup in which the officers are driving all across the state visiting schools.

School Menu



MONDAY, APRIL 30
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.
Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Salad, Peaches, Milk.

TUESDAY, MAY 1
Breakfast: Cereal, Blueberry Muffin, or Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.
Lunch: Soft Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Mexican Beans, Tortilla Chips, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY, MAY 3
Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Orange Slices, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
NO SCHOOL!

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.

Kids' Praise time again!

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, May 2, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food, and fun for all. This will be the last meeting of Kids' Praise until next fall.

Vacation Bible School dates will be announced soon.

Year-end Parents' Club meeting set for April 30

The final meeting of the M.C. Parent's Club for the school year will be held on Monday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Year-end details will be discussed for the Honors Banquet and the All-Night Party. In addition, information about end-of-year field trips, programs and 2007-08 officers will be announced.

National Day of Prayer

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 "America, Unite in Prayer"
 Thursday, May 3
 7:00 a.m.
 "Parking Lot Prayer Fest"
 Parking Lot of First Baptist Church Matador
 Don't miss this important event!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

70 Mile Garage Sale May 5th!

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Remembering Days Gone By

Stories of days gone by in and around Motley County

J. Henry of the Lazy F

By R. Brown

Ben Brock the fiddler was soon rosinning-up his bow while the guitars were being tuned and then the music began. During this interval Billy inched over to one of the girls and made a gesture saying, "May I please have this dance, Missy?" The pretty girl accepted without hesitation and Henry was amazed at the way the Pitchfork Kid and the young lady danced around the room. They literally looked as though they were glued to each other as they skipped, turned and waltzed across the hardwood floor of the lobby.

Since only tea and coffee were being served at the hotel, someone mentioned that liquor was available at the nearby Cattleman Saloon. J. Henry declined an invitation from another cowboy to accompany him over to the bar for a shot of whiskey. However, Boone did agree to go to the saloon with the stranger but not necessarily to imbibe he said. He told Hughes his bad knee was aching and he needed to walk around a bit. His parting words to Henry were, "I'll be back 'fore too long, I shore will."

As the party grew louder and the musicians played-on, a muffled sound was heard outside the hotel! At first J. Henry thought it had come from the direction of the stable, at least until everyone started looking into the street. Hughes didn't much like being couped-up in a crowd and he liked it even less when the crowd was excited. So, his immediate reaction was to make a bee-line for the exit. Within seconds he found himself and Billy Parkes outside the hotel milling around. From their vantage point they could see a long, lanky cowboy being led from the saloon, in handcuffs! It was Jeff Boone being escorted by the county sheriff Joe Beckham to jail! Beckham was no stranger at headquarters as he had at one time been a Matador cowboy himself.

Since J. Henry and his associate wondered what was going on they ventured across the street and inquired. They found

few answers but someone did say, "Mr. Boone is going to jail for possibly disturbing the peace. You can find out the charges when his bond is set, Monday morning." This news didn't set well with the two cowboys but they had no choice but to accept it. As they started to enter the saloon to investigate further the 'closed' sign was hung on the door and they were denied entry.

Back at the party Billy Parkes listened to Henry's plan, "Let's go over to the jail on Hackberry Draw and see if we can find out what's going on." The kid was having a good time dancing and replied, "Maybe we should wait until tomorrow morning before trying to contact Jeff. We could ride back into town then, but if you think it's necessary, we can go tonight."

After further discussion the two pokes left the hotel and headed north on Main Street until they got near the jailhouse. Then Henry said, "Let's walk on past until we reach the creek. Then let's travel along the south bank until we're behind the jail. I will sneak up and toss some small rocks by the cell windows while you watch the exits." Billy agreed that this was a good plan but he added, "Make sure the rocks strike on the second floor or else you'll wake Jailer Smith or his wife." The jailer's quarters were downstairs, on the ground floor according to Parkes.

Luckily, they were able to sneak up Hackberry Draw and roust-out Boone without waking anyone else. He told them that he was drinking his second mug of beer at the Cattleman Bar when he and the saloon keeper got into an argument over the quantity of beer being served. According to him the bartender had filled his glass only 3/4 full while he had served everyone else full portions. He told the man he didn't like being short-changed and he demanded part of his money be refunded! As the argument became louder and louder, the owner refused to compromise and sent for the sheriff. To be continued

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. What's the Law regarding child abuse? Anyone "having cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect" must report the case to any state or local law enforcement agency and to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect is punishable by imprisonment of up to 180 days and/or a fine of up to \$1,000. (Texas Family Code, Chapter 34.)

An oral report must be made immediately (within 48 hours) to the nearest Child Protective Service Office, to the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400), or to the local law enforcement officials. Anyone who files a report is immune from civil or criminal liability - if the report is made in "good faith" and "without malice."

"Good faith" means the person took reasonable steps to learn the facts that were readily available and at hand.

"Without malice" means the person did not intend to injure or violate the rights of another person.

Several events take place after the initial complaint is filed. First of all, depending on where you live, you might report suspected abuse and/or neglect to your local child protective agency. The person responding to the call may ask you several questions about what you are reporting. This is done to ensure that enough information is available for the investigative team to be able to make decisions concerning whether or not abuse/neglect has occurred. You might be asked to give names of the family and child, your reasons for suspecting abuse, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of other witnesses, your relationship to the alleged victim, any other previous suspicious injury to the child, or for your name, address and telephone number.

The first step in helping abused children is learning to recognize the symptoms of child abuse. Although child abuse is divided into four types - physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional maltreatment - the types are more typically found in combination than

alone. A physically abused child for example is often emotional maltreated as well, and a sexually abused child may also be neglected. Any child at any age may experience any of the types of child abuse. Children over age five are more likely to be physically abused and to suffer moderate injury than are children under age five.

Experienced educators likely have seen all forms of child abuse at one time or another. They are alert to signs like these that may signal the presence of child abuse.

The Child:

- Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance;
- Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention;
- Has learning problems that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes;
- Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen;
- Lacks adult supervision;
- Is overly compliant, an overachiever, or too responsible; or

The Parent:

- Shows little concern for the child, rarely responding to the school's requests for information, for conferences, or for home visits;
- Denies the existence of -- or blames the child for -- the child's problems in school or at home;
- Asks the classroom teacher to use harsh physical discipline if the child misbehaves;
- Sees the child entirely bad, worthless, or burdensome;
- Demands perfection or a level of physical or academic performance the child cannot achieve; or
- Looks primarily to the child for care, attention, and satisfaction of emotional needs.

The Parent and Child:

- Rarely touch or look at each other;
- Consider their relationship entirely negative; or
- State that they do not like each other;
- None of these signs prove

that child abuse is present in a family. Any of them may be found in any parent or child at one time or another. But when these signs appear repeatedly or in combination, they should cause the educator to take a closer look at the situation and to consider the possibility of child abuse. That second look may reveal further signs of abuse or signs of a particular kind of child abuse.

SIGNS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE

Consider the possibility of physical abuse when the child:

- Has unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, or black eyes;
- Has fading bruises or other marks noticeable after an absence from school;
- Seems frightened of the parents and protests or cries when it is time to go home from school;
- Shrinks at the approach of adults; or
- Reports injury by a parent or another adult caregiver.

SIGNS OF NEGLECT

Consider the possibility of neglect when the child:

- Is frequently absent from school;
- Begs or steals food or money from classmates;
- Lacks needed medical or dental care, immunizations, or glasses;
- Is consistently dirty and has severe body odor;
- Lacks sufficient clothing for the weather;
- Abuses alcohol or other drugs; or
- States there is no one at home to provide care.

SIGNS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Consider the possibility of sexual abuse when the child:

- Has difficulty walking or sitting;
- Suddenly refuses to change for gym or to participate in physical activities;
- Demonstrates bazaar, sophisticated, or unusual sexual knowledge or behavior;
- Becomes pregnant or contracts a venereal disease, particularly if under age fourteen;
- Runs away; or
- Reports sexual abuse by a parent or another adult caregiver.

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Proof of the Truth

By Tom Edwards

THE FALLACY OF DUALISM

Dualism is the philosophy that the world is composed of competing equal and opposite forces, such as good versus evil. It sounds good, but is totally phony! If you took the test in the last article and answered "true" to any, you flunked. They were all "false!"

Cold goes only to absolute zero, and no colder, whereas there is no known limit to how hot it can get. Cold is simply an absence of heat. Neither equal nor opposite. Similarly, Dark is simply the absence of Light - not equal. This gives a clue to the good versus evil question. As St. Augustine concluded: "Evil is the lack of good and not the reverse. For when we take all the evil out of something, it is better, but when we take all the good from something, there is nothing." Hence, good is the ultimate and evil is but a parasite. Without good, evil would not exist - neither equal nor opposite!

What is the equal and opposite of God? "Nothing!" Who is the equal and opposite of Jesus? "Nobody!"

The equal and opposite of Satan is the Archangel Michael, both created creatures by the Creator, God.

Whole religions and world views have been built on Dualism. It was embraced by Albert Pike, who greatly influenced Freemasonry in the latter 1800's. As might be expected, the Bible has something to say on all this.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Prov. 14:12. "Test everything. Hold on to the good." 1 Thes. 5:21.

"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy which depends upon human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." Col. 2:8.

Next: Intelligent Design!

17-4140 Notice of Election (2/92)
Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 4.004, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007, V.T.C.A., Election Code

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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.

(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de May

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 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

(date)

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 12 noon tarde empezando el April 30, 2007

(fecha)

and ending on May 8, 2007

(date)

(y terminando el May 8, 2007)

(fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:*

(La votación 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.

(Emitida 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.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Motley, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Motley, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 12

2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the Proposed Constitutional Amendment

as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas

(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el May 12

2007 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta

constitucional así como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas

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

Early Vote - Motley County Clerk's Office

Pct. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 - Motley County Courthouse

Pct. 4 - Roaring Springs Community Volunteer Center

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

The County & District Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas

(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007

(date)

(entre las 8:30 a.m. y las 5 p.m. la tarde empezando el April 30, 2007

(fecha)

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

(date)

(fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Motley County Clerk

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

P.O. Box 660

(Address) (Dirección)

Matador, TX 79244

(City) (Ciudad)

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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

May 2007

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 10th day of April, 2007.

(Emitida este día 10 de April, 2007.)

Ed D. Smith
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Jefe del Condado)

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on January 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2006 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2005, you won't need to reapply for 2006 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2006. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos tambien pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, tambien tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años tambien puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2006 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados. La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad más) tambien pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa pasada, a su nueva casa.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2005, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2006—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2006. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 1 de mayo. Si necesita más tiempo, puede ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2006 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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¡"La valoración productiva" puede reducir los impuestos de su terreno agrícola, ganadero o maderero!

La ley de Texas permite a los granjeros, rancheros y madereros pagar sus impuestos de propiedad basándose en "la valoración productiva" del terreno calificado—o sea en su habilidad de producir cosecha, ganado o madera—y no de su valor en el mercado actual. Y esto le puede ahorrar en sus impuestos de propiedad.

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones antes del día 1 de mayo, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2006. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 1 de mayo del 2006. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si se requiere una solicitud nueva, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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News Around the County

OBITUARIES

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

A fun night was had by all who attended the Blackwood Legacy Concert. The singing was great; they had a very young man who sang and played the piano. He even played a classical piece that a concert pianist might play. He had three years of music lessons! I thought the best part was that they were so friendly and seemed to enjoy the meal together so much; by the time they left we felt we had made close friends.

Those attending the John Wesley Study Group of the First United Methodist Church Women's Guild at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 18th were: Hostess Joy Beeson, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Callie Giesecke, Lea Peacock, Billie Stuckey and Chelsea Read. Chelsea brought the lesson on Sin and Redemption. Their bake sale for May 5th has been cancelled.

On Monday, Loraine Jordan and Pearl Patten went to Lubbock to sit with their cousin, Louise Lindsey, from Spur who is very ill in Covenant Hospital.

Kenneth Ashley's health is improving and he remains in California until his condition permits him to return to his home in Roaring Springs. Friends may keep in touch at 33931 Parador St., Temecula, CA 92592-5576.

On Saturday evening several Roaring Springs residents attended the fund raising dinner for the American Cancer Society hosted by the Main Street Restaurant. Brad Thacker furnished the entertainment. He played and sang; I think the favorite song was the song he wrote about living in Roaring Springs; at our table, Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog was voted second best! Jackie and Sharon Martin, Jeff and Pam Thacker, Buzz Thacker, Don and Billie Stuckey, Johnny and Connie Morris and Corky Marshall were those from Roaring Springs. Former Roaring Springs folks coming to the dinner were: Brad,

Weslyn and Charlee Thacker of Amarillo and Brad and Blair Wilson of Lubbock. The dinner was delicious and the entertainment was fun. Eleven hundred seventy-five dollars were raised for the American Cancer Society at this event.

Delmar Fairley has been a patient at UMC hospital in Lubbock. He is at home now and doing well, in fact, today he has been out working in their yard, but will be going back for more tests.

A fifth Sunday dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 29th at noon. It has been a while since we have shared a 5th Sunday luncheon due to the fact that the last one fell on New Year's Eve.

A fund raiser dinner for Ashley Kesey of Afton will be held at the Full Gospel Church this Sunday. Ashley will be going on a mission trip to Australia soon.

Ken and Suzanne Abbott took a motorcycle tour of the Hill Country of Texas weekend before last. Suzanne said the wildflowers were gorgeous. They went to Fredericksburg and several other areas. The wildflowers were especially pretty near the small town of Willow City between Fredericksburg and Llano. They said the small county roads and Ranch roads were full of vehicles coming to see the lovely roadsides. Near Johnson City they visited a wildflower seed farm. Suzanne said she really wanted to visit the seed farm again.

Corky Marshall and Wes Campbell attended a Masonic Workshop on Monday evening at the Spur Masonic Lodge.

Well, I was wrong about the frost bitten leaves popping back out in a week's time. It seems some trees haven't re-leaved yet but I believe that they will soon. The mesquite trees are leafing; we've had some perfect days for yard work. Most every yard has been mowed and flowers and shrubs are putting on a good show.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
Good country music was born during the Depression, because people hungered to feel the music so they wouldn't feel the growl of their stomachs.

HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC SCHEDULED IN FLOMOT
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Among screenings offered by RNs and personnel are blood pressure, oxygen levels and low blood sugar.

Everyone is urged to take advantage of this free rural medical service.

ATTEND MASONIC EVENTS
Mrs. Beverly Vinson was in Abilene from Friday until Monday, April 13-16 and attended the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas Convention. It was held at the MCM Elgante Hotel. Joining her there was her friend, Ernestine Porter of Fort Worth. They had an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs. Vinson attended Saturday the last meeting and Masonic Reunion of the Scottish Rites building in Lubbock that is being moved to a new location in Lubbock. Coy McDougald was honored and historical data was presented concerning the building.

Mrs. Vinson's husband, the late Furman Vinson was a former Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas and past Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Texas.

Child Abuse Prevention

from page 4
Consider the possibility of sexual abuse when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Is unduly protective of the child, severely limits the child's contact with other children, especially the opposite sex;
- Is secretive and isolated;
- Describes marital difficulties involving family power struggles or sexual relations.

SIGNS OF EMOTIONAL MALTREATMENT

Consider the possibility of emotional maltreatment when the child:

- Shows extremes in behavior, such as overly compliant or demanding behavior, extreme passivity or aggression;
- Is either inappropriately adult (parenting other children, for example) or inappropriately infantile (frequently rocking or head-banging, for example);
- Is delayed in physical or emotional development;
- Has attempted suicide; or
- Reports a lack of attachment to the parent.

Consider the possibility of emotional maltreatment when the parent or other adult caregiver:

- Constantly blames, belittles, or berates the child;
- Is unconcerned about the child and refuses to consider offers of help for the child's school problems; or
- Overly rejects the child.

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Joleta Cruse Johnson

Joleta Cruse Johnson, 84, of Fort Worth died Friday, April 13, 2007.

Services were held Wednesday, April 18, in the Turkey Church of Christ with Brother Stuart Smith officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey under the direction of Chancellor Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson was born September 10, 1922, in Turkey to Elmer and Belle Cruse. She married R.V. Johnson in Tulia, Texas on April 1, 1942.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.V., in 1997, four brothers, Ray Cruse, Tommy Cruse, Paul Cruse, and Alvie Lee Cruse and one sister, Nora Mae Cruse.

She is survived by one daughter, Voleta Miller and her husband Marvin of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Betty Driskill and her husband, G.P. of Turkey, Vernell Nance and her husband J.D. of Silverton; and one sister-in-law, Marie Cruse of Turkey; three grandchildren, and one step-grandchild; seven great-grandchildren and three great-step-grandchildren.

Carolyn Belle Jones McDowell

Carolyn Belle Jones McDowell, 64, of Lubbock died Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born in Matador, Texas, to Grover and Audrey Price on January 29, 1943. She married Bobby McDowell on December 15, 2005, in Reno, Nev. She worked at LP&L for 27 years retiring on December 2006.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby McDowell of Lubbock; two daughters, Lisa Waggoner of Hico and Kathy Wilkerson of Perry, Ga.;

three grandchildren, Greg King of Houston, Fennie Waggoner of Hico and Stormi Waggoner of Hico; two brothers, James Price and Charles Price of Lubbock; one niece, Krista Findley of White Bluff; four nephews, Morris Price of Lubbock, Paul Price of Parker, Colo., Scott Price of Round Rock, Texas and Michael Bruce Price of California.

She leaves many friends and coworkers.

Graveside services were held at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, Sunday afternoon, April 22, 2007.

NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELED AND DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Motley County Hospital District Board of Directors met in regular monthly meeting on April 11, 2007, and declared the two unopposed candidates elected to office for new two-year terms and canceled the May 12, 2007 election.

The Directors elected to the new two-year terms this date are as follows:

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BARTON FAMILY TOURS COWGIRL HALL OF FAME

On Saturday, April 20, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and family members were given a special tour of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. Among the displays was a large exhibit featuring a saddle she had won in Amarillo with a backdrop of photograph of "Dude" and her horse taken in the '40's. She was recognized as a woman who had successfully competed against men but also as a founding officer of an all-girl rodeo association formed in 1947. The group enjoyed a personalized tour of the facility as the honoree related memories of the women she had rodeoed with from 1939 until the 1950's: Jackie Worthington, bull rider, Dixie Reger Moseley, rodeo clown; Nancy Binford and Thena Mae Farr, producers of the Tri-State All Girl Rodeo; Rae Beach, Judy Hays, Fern Sawyer, Sydney Yoakley, Jerry Ann Portwood, Margaret Montgomery and others.

"The Hall just keeps getting better," Mary Ellen said. The group had previously toured the facility a few weeks after its grand opening. Additions since then include many more exhibits with memorabilia belonging to the cowgirls, many interactive videos featuring individual personalities, and a bucking bronc ride that can be viewed on the internet. The Hall strives to give visitors a Western experience with many photographs, vignettes of ranch life, and examples of the

many types of horse competition in which women have excelled.

Afterwards the entourage had dinner at the Stockyards at the Cattleman's Steakhouse where tourism was alive and well on a busy Saturday evening.

The three-car caravan made its way back to the Will Rogers Coliseum, a scene where Dude participated in sponsor contests and a horseback version of musical chairs over sixty years ago. There, as guests of Dude, they watched the Tuff Hedeman Bull Riding competition. Forty-five bull riders attempted to stay on a the twirling, bucking bulls for 8 seconds. The rough stock provided thrills as well as injuries in the evening's entertainment with some outstanding rides witnessed.

Ervin and Nita Martin Merritt hosted the group for a luncheon on Saturday at their beautiful home on Lake Granbury and joined them for breakfast at Niester's in Granbury on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Merritt, their daughter Amy and family, and Tommy Merritt also greeted the cousins and great aunt.

Those driving to Fort Worth to be with Mary Ellen were Eugenia Barton, Dixie Campbell, Bridget Brooks, Judy Renfro, Wayde Clay, Wilburn Martin, Lou Burleson, Marisue Powell and Wilburn Martin. Wayde's grandson and wife, Wade and Melanie Arrington of Fort Worth, and friends of Tommy Merritt also joined the group for the festivities.

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FARM & RANCH NEWS



USDA announces \$990 thousand for household water well system grants

Washington, D.C. -- Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr announced the availability of \$990,000 in funds to help qualified non-profit organizations establish lending programs for rural household water wells.

"The Household Water Well System Grants complement our community water loan and grant program by funding individuals who receive their water from wells," said Dorr. "Many who live in rural America do not live in towns and communities where a centralized water system is feasible. This program helps to meet that basic human need: access to clean, safe drinking water."

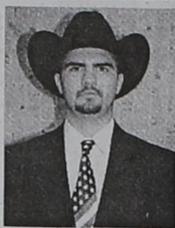
The Household Water Well System Grant Program (HWWS) provides funds to private non-profit organizations for them to make loans to individual homeowners to construct or upgrade household water well systems. The applicant must contribute a matching amount equal to at least 10 percent of the grant request to capitalize the loan fund. Since the program was created in the 2002 Farm Bill, Rural Development has made 5 grants for \$2,286,100.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is May 31, 2007. Applications may be submitted electronically through <http://www.grants.gov>. Paper applications may be submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, Mail Stop #1570, Room 2233 - South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1570.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested more than \$72 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



QUAIL HUNTING HAS POSITIVE IMPACT ON RURAL ECONOMIES

Leasing land for quail hunting has a positive impact on many rural economies in the state, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"The economic impact of hunting in Texas exceeds \$1.5 billion annually," said Jason Johnson, Extension economist based at Stephenville. He addressed a capacity crowd at the recent Red River Quail Symposium in Wichita Falls.

"Quail are the third most hunted species of game in Texas, ranking behind deer and dove, based on the number of active hunters," he said. "But quail rank behind deer, dove, duck and wild turkey in terms of the number of days spent hunting. This suggests that insufficient quail habitat or the distance to suitable quail habitat restricts hunting activity for this game bird."

The recent Red River Quail Symposium included two ranch tours and a one-day seminar on landowner resources for habitat and hunting management.

Hunting's economic impact reaches beyond landowners and into other sectors/businesses that cater to the hunting and travel industries. In many areas of Texas, hunting is second only to Friday night football in terms of visitors and money drawn in to local communities, Johnson said.

"Approximately 65 percent of Texas hunters come from urban areas, so this economic impact is essentially an urban-to-rural transfer," he said. "According to a United States Fish and Wildlife Service survey, the average Texas hunter spends more than \$1,300 each year on hunting and travel amenities."

A 2001 survey of Texas Quail Unlimited members revealed more specific information about avid quail hunters in Texas, he added.

"The typical Quail Unlimited member responding to our Texas survey was a middle-aged, affluent white male," Johnson said. "Most were college graduates, and 42 percent reported household incomes above \$125,000. They lived in rural areas, small cities and medium- and large-sized urban areas."

"The relevant point is that the average expenditure per hunter responding exceeded more than \$10,000 each year on

quail hunting," he said. "That's money spent on lease fees, dogs, vehicles, transportation, feeds/ feeders/food plots, lodging guns and ammunition, meals and other expenses. A large portion of these expenditures, averaging around 40 percent to 50 percent, are made in the destination county of the quail hunt."

These hunters listed 79 Texas counties among their favorite hunting destinations.

"If you want to attract this type of hunter clientele, you have to ask: How does my livestock management compliment wildlife habitat?" Johnson said. "What we call carrying capacity - the number of animals we can run on our acreage - is not the same thing as stocking rate. Carrying capacity is defined and provided by Mother Nature. Stocking rate is determined by the land manager."

An appropriate stocking rate based on several environmental factors encourage more and better wildlife habitat - habitat conducive to quail and other wildlife, he said.

"Quail will follow the habitat, especially if the habitat provides necessary cover and food when they are nesting and rearing their young," Johnson said. "And the avid quail hunter will follow the birds."

"Long-term lease arrangements with these hunters can lend stability to land management strategies, which in turn can benefit wildlife and livestock. This type of stability helps appreciate land values and that ripples through local economies."

PRIVATE APPLICATORS TRAINING

There will be a Private Applicators Training on April 30th at the Pioneer Room (beside bank) in Silverton. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until about 1:00 p.m., concluding with the test. Levon Harmon will be administering the test. This is an opportunity for anyone needing to obtain a private applicators license. Please note, there will not be breakfast or lunch served. You also need to take a calculator.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30 - Private Applicators Training.
May 2 - 4-H Roundup, Vernon.
May 10 - Motley 4-H Club Meeting (officers meet at 6 p.m. in the Extension office).

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER

MOTLEY COUNTY: The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 is being flared while testing the well this week.

A workover unit is rigged up on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Lease Well #10-01 performing additional completion work. The D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Well #10-01 was drilled by the original operator, Legacy Exploration, LLC, May through June 2003. Each of the three operators: Legacy Exploration, Vintage Petroleum and Bankers Petroleum of the D.M. Cogdell Jr. Estate Well #10-01 have worked over, evaluated, and tested this well. Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. continues to work on the D.M. Cogdell Jr. Estate Well #10-01.

FLOYD COUNTY: The Patterson-UTI Drilling Rig #712 has resumed drilling on the BASA Resources, Inc./Tyner Texas-Operating Company Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1.

Trenching has begun on the 4 mile Pipeline Connection from the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease to the Atmos Energy Gas Distribution Pipeline.

A Workover Unit has rigged up on the Apollo Energy Oper-

ating Company Ceretha Watson Lease Well #1 for additional completion work. The Ceretha Watson #1 was drilled October through December 2005. In January 2006 initial completion work including perforations from 9516-9524, 9596-9606, 9644-9654, and 9816-9824 feet was done. The Ceretha Watson #1 had then been shut-in since January 23, 2006, until this current work.

HALE COUNTY: On April 18, 2007, Allegro Investments, Inc. of Victoria, Texas received a drilling permit for the Uncle Charley Lease Well #1 to be located 100 feet from the North Line and 500 feet from the West Line of Section 6, Abstract-1633, Block JK, Tyler Tap RR Co./Graham, J.M. Survey, 5 miles west of Plainview. The Uncle Charley #1 is permitted for Gas completion at 7,000 feet, with a permitted total depth of 8,000 feet. This will place the Uncle Charley #1, 1664 feet southwest of the 1946 plugged and abandoned Globe Oil and Refining Company Claude Downs Lease Well #1 location in Section 5, Block JK.

The Completion Unit has left the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Ramsower Lease Well #1 location after testing two zones.

Feral Hog meeting scheduled for May 1 in Levelland

Levelland -- Feral hogs cause serious problems with agricultural production, from row crops to hay crops to livestock and wildlife. And concerns are only growing, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"Coping with Feral Hogs" meeting will be held at 6 p.m. May 1 in the Founder's Room of the Student Center on the South Plains College campus in Levelland, said Ken Clearley, Extension wildlife specialist.

The meeting will cover problems associated with feral hogs, their biology and behavior, and ways to minimize losses, Clearley said. Speakers also will discuss disease considerations and legal issues.

"If you don't have hogs on your place right now, it may just be a matter of time before you do," he said. "Farmers and ranchers, as well as landowners

in general, could benefit from knowing the full array of control options available so they can utilize the ones best suited to their individual needs.

Texas has the largest feral hog population in the U.S., estimated at more than 2 million, Clearley said.

"Even areas thought to be unattractive to feral hogs due to the lack of abundant surface water, such as the arid Big Bend region, have turned out to host significant numbers," he said. "So, I guess we shouldn't be surprised they've shown up in the western Panhandle and South Plains."

Continuing education units for attendees will be available through the Texas Department of Agriculture. For more information, contact Clearley at 806-651-5760, or Chris Edens, Extension agent in Hockley County, at 806-894-3159.

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