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"Pot of Gold"

by Ket Young

Friends of the Historic MC Jail and Three Rivers Foundation team up to provide a night of star gazing

Expand your horizons: spend an evening under the stars with Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (3RF), and view the universe through world-class telescopes.

Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail in partnership with Three Rivers Foundation's famed Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus will sponsor a unique educational program on the universe followed by viewing the stars on four high-powered telescopes.

Mark your calendars, bring a lawn chair, and come join the fun. The event will begin with free chili dogs, chips, and drinks at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, north side of the courthouse in front of the old jail. Jail tours will be available.

At 8:00 p.m. Three Rivers will provide an orientation to the stars. Viewing will be available until about 10:00 p.m.

The venue will introduce participants to state-of-the-art telescopes and star and planet viewing with experienced representatives from Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus. The campus is located between Crowell and Paducah, and is the largest privately supported astronomy campus in the Southwest.

The 50-acre campus is lo-

cated in the middle of north Texas Ranchlands, providing very dark skies for viewing the heavens. 3RF hosts public Star Party's on a monthly basis. Star Dates are published on their web site, and attended by many area astronomy clubs, including Dallas, Amarillo, Fort Worth, and Wichita Falls. Volunteers explain the highlights of the night and assist visitors with the telescopes. 3RF's primary interest is in outreach and education.

View the universe through world class telescopes, courtesy of 3RF. June 7, 2008.

Currently, 3RF has completed the construction of the Star Field, Roll-Off Observatory, the Sayre Observatory, and the Large Observatory and Classroom. These facilities are outfitted with cutting edge astronomy equipment that is used exclusively for public observing programs.

Representatives of 3RF travel to off-campus locations, like Matador, and provide star parties with premium equipment.

The event is free. Membership to the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will be

available on site, and donations for the food venue will be accepted.

"This is an opportunity to have a family, fun-filled evening doing something that has never been done in Matador before," Carol Campbell said. Campbell is the Chair of the Friends group, and helped organize the event.

"I am hopeful that the communities of Roaring Springs, Flomot, Northfield, and Matador; school children and families will participate in an evening of star gazing," she said.

The Friends group is in the process of securing funds for the repair and restoration of the historic 1891 Motley County Jail.

Honored guests at the event will be Dr. Lou Diekemper and members of her family. The Diekemper donation to the jail project has helped secure the matching funds for the Texas Historical Commission grant.

Lou Dunn Diekemper is the daughter of the late Dr. Sam Dunn, who grew up in Matador, and Kara Moore Dunn, the daughter of pioneer Motley County residents.

A reception is planned for Dr. Diekemper on Saturday afternoon June 7, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hotel Matador. The public is invited to attend.

Prom night was a "Night in Paris" for the Class of 2008

By Carol Campbell

The Junior Class of Motley County High School hosted the Junior-Senior banquet Saturday at the newly remodeled Hotel Matador, transforming the lobby and dining area into "A Night In Paris" complete with the most recognizable structure in the world, the Eiffel Tower. The south courtyard was altered into a dance palace under the stars, with a live D-J. Guests entered on red carpet through the courtyard to the south entrance of the hotel.

A black-cardboard Eiffel Tow-

er stretched to the ceiling, creating a backdrop entry to the dining room for an elegant troop of young adults in brightly colored satin and organza dresses, white tuxedos and color-coordinated satin ties, with polished black and white Patton-leather shoes.

The lobby staircase was wrapped in yards and yards of white tulle; and a courtyard fountain bubbled at the south base of the stairs. Tables in the dining room were set with elegant black tablecloths on gold and silver, with gold and silver napkins. Dinner was served on

china and crystal by candlelight. Small Eiffel Tower candle decorations graced the tables.

The menu consisted of a choice of French Onion or Cheddar Cheese Soups, followed by Cog au Vin (baked chicken, marinated in wine sauce), Rice Pilaf, Broccoli and Cheese, Cheese Biscuits, with Cheesecake and berry topping for dessert. A 2-tiered chocolate fountain created a waterfall for dipping strawberries, bananas, and pineapple.

Junior Class parents cooked the meal, D'Anna Russell, Robyn Wolf, LeJeanna Faulks,

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A 1937 METALLIC GOLD CHEVY, courtesy of Jim Roberts, was loaned to Mayor Pat Smith who delivered senior students Emma Knowles, daughter Christy Smith and Jacob Blanco to the Prom, in style. Pictured with the antique car are 11 of the 14 graduating seniors (L-R, standing): Bradley Brown, Amanda Chavez, Christy Smith, Brendan Wiltshire; (standing behind the car), Steven Webb and Jacob Blanco; (kneeling in front) Isiah Archer; (behind the wheel), Casey Carnes; (standing, L-R), Emma Knowles, Karrie Valdez, and Stacy Perryman.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Good News

Texas Representatives support bill to protect people in Medicaid. By stopping harmful cuts proposed by the administration, massive increases in costs will be prevented.

Coming Back Home

In 1984 Ed D. and Patricia Smith returned "home" to Roaring Springs. "There is a peace associated with this lifestyle," Ed D. said.

Organic Gardening

County Agent's News reports that the price of fertilizer is bringing new claims from alternatives. Some producers are looking toward the use of manures.

School News

May 13 is last chance to purchase State Championship t-shirts, caps and visors.

County News

Motley County Bucks available at the Chamber Office or from merchants, perfect for Mother's Day gifts

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

by Larry Vogt

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908, which means that 100 years have passed since that occasion. The church where that celebration took place was originally the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, and the building is now the International Mother's Day Shrine.

The first national Mother's Day was declared by President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war.

Within nine years the commercialization of the U. S. holiday became so rampant that the woman who spearheaded the campaign for a holiday became an opponent to the idea of the holiday.

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune
May 12, 1938

Cold dust blowing out of the north had seized the small deposits of spring like a drunken brigand trampling flowers torn from the hand of a tearful child while the stricken sun fell across a couch of gray clouds spread on the horizon. But to the cowboy riding through leafless mesquite in the wide valley there was no thought for the weather or the cold chilling his feet in worn boots pressing the stirrups. He could feel the paper tucked inside his shirt bosom and it warmed his heart like a heavy, new coat; a deed to his claim where the lean-to shanty stood. He tossed the tow sack of canned goods down at the door, unsaddled and staked his horse, then examined the paper again by the light of a flickering lantern and smiled in satisfaction. Soon he would glean one dollar for each of the acres mentioned in the deed and then he would move the shack to another claim, file on it and in three more years he would have another deed to sell to some nester; the world was a bonanza. There was compassion in his thoughts for the settlers walking beside their rattling wagons as they stopped at intervals, spaded the soil and rubbed it between anxious hands; home-seekers in a land made for rattlesnakes, prairie-dogs and howling northers, yet they paid their precious dollars gladly.

A lifetime has sifted through the colander of circumstance and the cowboy is bent and thin like a dried flag in the marsh of old dreams; a poor man awaiting the socialism of death. Occasionally he sees the wide valley where his portable shanty stood. Wealth grows annually from the fertile acres of fields and the grasslands where whiteface cattle grazed; the nesters are no longer poor or ride in lumbering wagons. They have become nabobs from an early investment in courage and vision.

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Writing Community

Happy Mothers' Day

All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

- Abraham Lincoln

BROKEN BOW GRANDMOTHER

By Genetta Ameijide

get sick.

Grandmother lived in the boondocks. To visit with my grandmother on my mother's side of the family tree we had to travel to Oklahoma. After leaving a four lane highway we drove on a two lane road filled with pot holes and finally on a dirt road that was more of a path than a road, at least that was what it seemed like to me. It was as if we had left earth and civilization and entered into a land filled only with trees, bushes, and nasty little chiggers and ticks.

We finally reached a wide spot in the road called Broken Bow. There was a combination gas station and grocery store where you could not buy much of anything. There was a school house that was always closed when we were there, and a movie house that was only opened on Friday nights.

It was in this desolate place that Grandmother lived with her husband. She was a little woman weighing somewhere between 90 to 110 pounds, who looked too small and fragile to survive in this rough environment. She wore her hair in a bun on the back of her head, her dresses reached down to the ground and she always had an apron on.

They had no electricity, no radio, no telephone and TV was unheard of. She had to pump by hand all the water needed for washing dishes, bathing and cooking. She daily hung a bucket on the front porch filled with water. A dipper hung on the side of the bucket that was used by everybody to get a drink of water. To me it looked like a great place for germs to gather and spread from person to person. Surprisingly though, nobody seemed to

Cooking was done on an old wood burning stove. Baths were taken in an old number two wash tub. The bathroom was an outside "out house" set far back away from the house as possible. I felt sorry for Grandmother knowing that it was really cold in the winter and really really awful smelling in the summer. If you needed to go during the night there was a pot with a lid on it.

She never wasted anything. In her younger days she quilted, canned food for winter and reared seven children. She had made a mattress and stuffed it with goose down and duck down. Down is the soft plumage under the feathers.

She took care of Granddaddy who was fat, crippled, and grouchy. He walked with a cane and one crutch. Every morning she would help him get into a humongous chair on the front porch where he would stay all day. She washed his feet for him, brought his meals to him and did other nice things for him. How she took care of him by herself was amazing. He was so big and she was so tiny. He was so mean and she was so sweet. He really didn't like us children. When any of us children were on the porch he would jab his cane at us and tell us to go away.

The only thing bad about Grandmother was that she dipped snuff and would spit into an old coffee can. My Aunt Sis also dipped snuff. It seemed that many women Grandmother's age engaged in snuff dipping.

She was small in stature but powerful in that she conquered her environment and made a life for herself and her family. Grandmother was a grand lady.

"Our Mother"

A Tribute to Nora Belle Dunning
December 16, 1914 to March 20, 2008

Our mother's hands were beautiful
Artistic and beautiful were they
Creative and truly dutiful
From faithful toil each and every day.

From our births on to adulthood
Mother worked to give us life
Did remarkably the best she could
Determined to be a loyal wife.

Taught us to love and trust in Jesus
To walk virtuously and do what's right
Always desiring to try to please us
She is precious in our sight.

Sacrificing her own needs daily
To give us a life better than she had
Thinking positively that just maybe
We would depict the good and not the bad.

Her inventive hands paid for our education
By sewing clothes for the folks in town
She worked as a clerk with much dedication
Exhibiting a smile and seldom a frown.

Those productive hands could crochet and knit
Soothe a fevered brow or a badly skinned knee
They were never idle, not even one bit
Lovingly caring for my brother and me.

Now her working days are over
In the presence of Jesus she stands
Singing praises with all the angels
Basking in the music of God's heavenly band.

Well done, good and faithful servant
You've earned every star in your crown
Rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus
With your son and loved ones all around.

By Raynita Dunning Murphy
And on behalf of my brother, Kenneth Wayne Dunning

To A Mother God Chose To Be First

By Corky Marshall

I was given life by a mother I never knew.
Then adopted and reared by a mother at whose side I grew.

The first gave me up for a reason I do not know.
The last received me with love to bestow.

The first gave one time and that was all.
The last gave and gave and gave her all.

The first I love in a certain way.
The last I love in every way.

Now in my heart, to both I am a son.
But in real life my Mother is one.

I thank God who filled my cup and left no thirst.
He put my first mother last; and my last Mother first.

Letter to the Editors

Letter to the Editor:

Recently, during the Bob Wills Event in Turkey, we had the pleasure of discovering the Matador Hotel. We had such a wonderful experience, we wanted to share with the residents of Matador and surrounding areas, what a great addition to your community it is.

Having been born, reared, and educated in Matador, I take great pride in my heritage, and I am excited to see that heritage being preserved and lived through the restoration and operation of the Matador Hotel. The hotel itself is beautifully decorated, giving an instant impression of the true West Texas. It is comparable in beauty, authenticity, and modern day comforts to such famous places as the Stockyards Hotel in historic Northside Fort Worth, at a fraction of the cost. The food was presented in such a way that we felt as if we were being served New York City gourmet goodies, except in the "Bunkhouse" at the Matador Ranch, the 6666's,

etc., thus combining the best of both worlds.

Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of our experience relates to the owners, Linda Roy, and her sisters and mother. There is no other hospitality on God's earth that measures up to that of West Texas people. The owners were warm, friendly, hospitable, and made us feel instantly a part of their family.

After many years of wanting to return for a visit, I am delighted to finally have a wonderful place to stay, and will return at every opportunity, thanks to the people at the Matador Hotel. Motley county is extremely fortunate to have this business as a part of its economy. We hope all will help to make it a success for years to come.

Sincerely,

Ronnie and Linda Steen
5611 Choctaw Dr.
Granbury, Texas 76049

Events Calendar

May

- 9 Comp Day, No School
- 9 JH District Tennis
- 9 State Track Meet - Austin
- 10 Matador City Council election 7am-7pm
- 12 Commissioners Court, 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Honors Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 RS Volunteers, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- 14 Senior Field Trip, Science Spectrum
- 15-16-17 Flomot Bluegrass Festival
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Snow Day, No School
- 16-17 FFA Convention, Amarillo
- 17 Hardin & Turner Western Trade Day, Flomot
- 17 Relay For Life Mini Olympic, grd 6 and below
- 19 MCPC Meeting cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 FFA Cookout 7 p.m.
- 20 Chamber Meeting on how to improve tourism
- 21 Guild, RS Methodist Fellowship, 3:30
- 21 Gymnastics Program, 10 a.m.
- 22 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Baccalaureate, 7p.m., FBCM
- 25 Senior Supper, Matador Hotel, TBA
- 27 Senior Breakfast, Methodist Church, 8 a.m.
- 27 Elementary Joyland Field Trip
- 29 Last Day of School
- 29 Elementary Awards Program
- 30 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
- 31 Graduation 7 p.m.

Who fed me from her gentle breast
And hushed me in her arms to rest,
And on my cheek sweet kisses prest?
My Mother.

-Ann Taylor

You can come home again!

"A home without a cat--and a wellfed, wellpetted and properly revered cat--may be a home, perhaps, but how can it prove title?"

-- Mark Twain (1835-1910).

Ed D. and Patricia Smith are owned by five "wellfed and properly revered cats" on north Eubank Street. Helping to prove title are two neighborhood cats, gazing longingly through the back door. Home is where this story begins.

In 1913, a mere three years after the death of poet, author, and humorist Mark Twain, William Earl Smith, also known as "Little Ed D.," rode by horseback from Childress to the Matador Ranch "with \$25, a new saddle, and a good horse," his son said. The story of how "Little Ed D." got his handle is lost to the family history; but what is not lost is a past that is connected with people's thoughts and work, and with the things they loved.

"Little Ed D." married Bethel Kathlene Cavitt in 1938, and they moved to the McDonald Camp on the Matador Ranch. He was 20 years old. Four years later, "Little Ed D." graduated to "Big Ed D." when his son was born at McDonald Camp. They named him Ed D. because "dad figured everyone would call me 'Little' Ed D., so they might as well name me that."

"Big Ed D." worked for the Matador Land and Cattle Company for almost 40 years,

before a heart attack sent him to town to seek employment. He spent the latter part of his career as the Deputy Sheriff in Motley County, retiring in 1968.

Most people of a certain age remember "Big Ed D." Smith -- a colorful, bigger-than-life cowboy -- a character who wore a big star badge on his leather vest. He tucked his jeans in his cowboy boots; and he could tell a tall tale. He was Deputy Sheriff under Jinks Wilson in the 1960s.

Ed D. spent his first decade away from home trying to get as far away as possible; then the next two decades trying to get home.

According to Eleanor Traweck in *Of Such as These*, he was known for "his jovial nature and his clever wit."

His son, "Little" Ed D. Smith grew up in Matador, working for the Matador Ranch, the Swenson and Pitchfork Ranches, and finally, the Upper 6666s Ranch, located between Panhandle and Borger, Texas. He lived with his family in the old historic jail his senior year in high school,

graduating with the Class of 1960. "Little" Ed D. is now Judge Ed D. Smith, but that is getting ahead of the story.

Ed D. spent his first decade away from home trying to get as far away as possible; then the next two decades trying to get home. Following a stint at Texas Tech and Tarleton State College, he was drafted. It was January, 1964, and the Vietnam War was heating up a world away.

Following basic training at

applying for three different jobs with the U.S. Army Fire Department. "He got smart," Pat said, "this was a civil service job."

"The first day, the crew chief showed me the coffee pot and the restroom," he said. Ed D. noticed that all the guys had grey hair; and he soon learned why. When the fire alarm went off (as it did every night), you were blasted awake by a loud horn and lights were turned on in your face, he said. You had to be instantly awake, dressed, and ready to grab the truck, all in 30 seconds. He missed the truck by an arms-length the first day, and had to ride to the fire with the Deputy Chief. "I never missed the truck again," he said.

Fate dealt them a blow when Ed D.'s father died in May, 1968. Little Ed D. came home for the funeral and brought his new wife back to Texas. But this area was the most desolate place she had ever seen: "The only thing I could see were old people, antiques, horses and cattle," she said. For the next 10 years, Ed D. made his trips to Texas alone.

By 1970, he was "burned out" with his fire department job, and decided he wanted to go back into law enforcement. He applied for a job as Sheriff of Monterey, and was turned down due to lack of qualifications. This unpleasant experience propelled him back to college. He earned an associate's degree in Administration of Justice from Monterey Junior College, got a job in Salinas, CA, in law enforcement and made Detective within 5-1/2 years.

In the meantime, Pat was working for the Naval Post Graduate School, when a group of six couples decided to buy a summer home at Lake Tahoe. Ed D. applied for a job as a city policeman at South Lake Tahoe Police Department. The

following September, 1979, Pat moved to Lake Tahoe, got licensed as a real estate agent, earned a broker's license, and went to work. Times were good.

While Ed D. was putting his life on the line in law enforcement, working nights and holidays, his wife was sitting at a desk, making money. "I began to think, what is

because of environmental laws. "They restricted building on the lake because politicians didn't want the lake polluted," Pat said. This affected both the California and Nevada side of the pristine mountain glacier lake. Washington started a "bail-out" for the properties in environmentally sensitive



PATRICIA and Ed D. Smith were married July 28, 1967, at Seaside, California. Pat made her first trip to Matador when Ed D.'s father died in May, 1968. All she could see were "old people, antiques, horses and cattle."

wrong with this picture?" After Pat got paid \$2,300 in a cash commission for a real estate deal, Ed D. decided he was in the wrong business; he quit his law enforcement job, got his real estate license, and they began to work Lake Tahoe as a team.

The bottom fell out of the real estate market in California; their wealthy customers couldn't build on lots they had purchased

areas; and the job that Pat was trying to do became increasingly "overwhelming" with angry homeowners, and over-bearing rules and regulations. The real estate business was beginning to become her worst nightmare.

On her second trip to Matador in 1982, Pat met Ed D.'s old friend, James Beardon, who took the couple on a tour. He owned property in Roaring Springs that

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JUDGE ED D. and Pat Smith live on South Eubank Street. They were "week-end residents" in Roaring Springs for 17 years before moving permanently to Matador in 2001. Pat says "there are no pretensions here... people are friendly - this is something you just don't get in other places."

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Appreciation

On behalf of the Carolyn Brooks Fletcher family, I wish to express my gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thoughts and deeds, and for your attendance at the memorial service. Carolyn passed away on February 26, 2008 and is now in a better place.

Bobbie Fletcher

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There is nothing that is mundane about living in Christ. For the Christian there are challenges almost on a daily basis. Our God would have us to live our lives in such a way as to become more like Jesus. There is a challenge! Our Bibles give us information on how to strengthen ourselves through faith to meet and accept any challenge. For example: More Bible study time. While not sounding like much finding the time is indeed a challenge. Time for study must be carefully sought and found. Meaningful involvement in the Church and its commitments is yet another challenge.

In our Bibles there is not found one good word for those who only "warm the pew." To those brethren of long ago in the church at Laodicea our Lord said, "because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth." Those are strong words and they are meant to be. The Lord wanted His people then and now to respond to the challenges set before us.

So how do we respond? Are we less than eager? Or are we ready to live our lives pressing on toward the mark of the high calling that is found in Christ Jesus our Lord? In seeking to be more like Jesus more than just a casual relationship with God is required. There in lies our greatest challenge. To build a deep, working relationship with the One who challenges us is what faith is all about.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

Motley County ISD
will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2008. This summer program will be offered for students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten or first grade at the beginning of the next school year.

Please let school officials know if you know of any other families with eligible children who are thinking of moving into Motley County.

Transportation and meals will not be provided.

For more information, please contact Yolanda Kautz, ESL Coordinator, at 806-347-2676 ext: 2422.

Condado del abigarramiento de Motley
ofrecerá un programa de ESL para LEP (Limitado inglés Hábil) los estudiantes durante el verano de 2008. Este programa de verano se ofrecerá para estudiantes que serán elegible para la admisión al jardín de infantes o primero graduarán al principio del próximo año escolar.

Por favor permitanos saber si usted conoce a cualquier otra familia con niños a este nivel de calidad que está pensando en mudanza en Motley County.

No se proporcionarán transporte y comidas.

Para más información, por favor avise Señora Yolanda Kautz at 806-347-2676 ext: 2422.

News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I think I need to defend myself a little. I really didn't collect all this stuff on my own. There have been several deaths in my family the last few years and I have been the one to see that their things were distributed.

Now how do you throw away things that have special memories of your mother or your favorite aunt?

I know how my aunt cared hers down. On birthdays, Christmas and weddings, the nephews and nieces received 'family heirlooms'. The cousins have had a lot of fun over this because we never remember our grandparents or great Aunt Tennie, having many of these items we received.

We were in their homes a lot, especially at our grandparents who lived nearby. The gifts always came with little notes stuck inside them telling when and where my grandparents or great aunt got these items of which we were the proud recipients. When my Aunt Lillian died we found out where they had been...at her favorite antique store!

While going through her papers I found the receipts for many of these family treasures. I am supposing that at some point in nearly her 100 years of life that they had something similar in their home...everything from antique soap dishes to entire sets of Depression glass and she wished

us to believe our family owned these and bestowed on us these things. She must have enjoyed them for a while and then passed them on. She was a unique, lovely souled, generous character! I had another aunt who always reminded Aunt Lillian that she didn't remember this or that piece of china, book or jewelry. They were a hoot; everyone needs an Aunt Lillian who loves to shower you with 'family heirlooms'!

Becky Nichols has returned home from the hospital following complications from her surgery. She is doing better.

M. D. Gunstream, Bennie D. Dillard's brother-in-law died in Ruidoso May 1st after lengthy illness. He was the husband of Dean Dillard Gunstream. A private burial service is to be held in Muleshoe, TX on Wednesday, May 7th.

Joe House is ill. His wife, Pauline is taking care of him at home.

Joy Beeson has been ill and is doing better.

Laverne Zabielski is in Lexington, KY, teaching a bookmaking workshop and visiting her grandchildren, Avery and Chuck.

My mom is a neverending song in my heart of comfort, happiness, and being. I may sometimes forget the words but I always remember the tune.
-Gracycie Harmon

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BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A mother's patience is like a tube of toothpaste...it is never quite all gone! God Bless you on Mother's Day.

Guests Sunday of Jack and Nada Starkey was daughter, Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch and her son, Michael Davis and friend, Virginia Segodia of Bush-ton, Kansas. Jack and Nada were in Amarillo, Thursday for Jack a medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital. En route home, they visited in Canyon with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and Tanya.

Leah Cruse of Canyon visited the weekend with her parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

Visiting Mrs. B. Rogers from Thursday until Sunday were her cousin and son, Mrs. Alma Carter and Riley Carter of Garland. Other luncheon guests, Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand of Roaring Springs.

Ty Barclay and children, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador visited his parents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay, Saturday. Sandra and Jerry visited in Lockney, Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Barclay. S.D. is seriously ill.

Mrs. Linda Kendall, son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited the weekend in Midland with her other son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Connor and Chancey. They celebrated Connor's eighth birthday with a party and all the trimmings. Many friends attended his party. Grandfather, Travis Kendall was unable to make the trip because

he was on the sick list.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, Saturday were Mrs. Alma Carter and son Riley Carter of Garland.

Mrs. Erma Washington has been on the sick list, but was reported to be much better Sunday.

Wilburn Martin was in Plainview, Tuesday, checking on the repair of his car that was damaged when he had the misfortune of running into a deer.

Donnie Rogers was in Fort Worth during the weekend. He attended the wedding of friends, Coy McKay and Jaclyn Crowley held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Texas Depot in Fort Worth.

Bruce and Betty Price of Quitaque visited Sunday afternoon with Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the basketball tournament in Panhandle Friday night in which grandchildren, Tanner and Kelsey Clay competed. They also visited their family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay and Sarah.

Mrs. Cindy Calvert and son, Cade who have been houseguests of her parents, Clois and Kathy Shorter, met her husband, Chad Calvert of Washington, D.C. at the Lubbock Airport Friday. He returned here to visit and also with his mother, Mrs. Wanda Calvert of Turkey.

Matador News

Clay and Melinda Jameson are at their vacation home at Lake Kemp, TX, enjoying some good fishing in preparation for the Lynn Family Reunion in June.

Days of gusting winds in April depleted Motley County moisture

By Earlene Jameson

Days of gusting winds and roller coaster temperatures in April depleted moisture in Motley County. It is surprising how well the pastureland and winter wheat fields have survived.

The moisture received helped, but dryland farmers will not be able to plant cotton and feed until they get more rain. Livestock were in mostly fair to

good condition with producers continuing to supply supplemental feed.

The Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers reported the total precipitation for April 2008:

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 1.41 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 0.90; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.94; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 1.20 inches; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 1.11 inches.

PALO DURO BASIN OIL & GAS UPDATE

MOTLEY COUNTY:

Drilling operations have concluded on the Roaring Springs Energy, Ltd. Hamilton Lease Well #1; Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) Field. Total Depth was reached this past weekend and the drilling rig has rigged down and moved off location. This Wellbore was drilled as a "Tight Hole" and no further information is available at this time.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11



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County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

The Price of Fertilizer Brings New Claims from Alternatives

By Dr. Tony Provin and Dr. Larry Redmon

During the past three years, the cost of traditional nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) fertilizers has increased dramatically. This has left many forage producers looking for alternatives to traditional inorganic fertilizer. Basically, the only alternatives include manures such as broiler litter (N-P-K), biosolids (waste water treatment sludge, N-P), and the use of forage legumes (N). Producers most impacted by high fertilizer prices are those who own property with a poor history of appropriate soil fertility and hay producers. Many producers are being offered non-traditional nutrient sources or application systems. Some of these approaches are based on questionable science or highly inflated claims of effectiveness.

Planning

The first step an agricultural producer should take prior to fertilizer application is to evaluate their property for production potential. The evaluation should include determining the yield potential of the acreage, obtaining soil samples and an analysis of each unique area of each field. Based on this evaluation the best use for each parcel of land should be determined.

Dr. Tony Provin, director of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory, strongly recommends collecting 10-15 individual soil cores for each individual area of land that should be managed and fertilized separately. Provin also encourages producers to sample hay fields on a 10-acre basis, while grazing pastures should be sampled on a basis of not more than 40 acres per composited sample. Instructions for proper field sampling can be found at <http://soiltesting.tamu.edu>.

The physical process of collecting soil samples can provide important additional information to the producer. Provin stated that when obtaining soil samples, producers are encouraged to map their fields with regard to weed pressure, percentage of cover, and level and depth of shallow compaction, if any compaction is present. Failure to address these additional issues may reduce the overall economic response to fertilization.

Once producers have obtained soil test recommendations and have developed field maps of their acreage, they should then consider both short-term and long-term management plans. Regarding some short-term management options, Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas AgriLife Extension Service State Forage Specialist has been a strong proponent of reduc-

ing hay acreage to only the highest yielding areas, maximizing hay yields through good nutrient and harvest management, while using other less productive acreage as grazing areas. The price to produce well-fertilized hay this year will likely approach \$125 per ton. Many producers, especially smaller producers, generally cannot justify the cost of purchasing and maintaining hay harvesting equipment. Couple this aspect with the cost for soil fertility associated with hay production and most producers will be better served simply purchasing their hay from reputable hay producers.

Another cost savings approach that may be accomplished in the short term involves the construction of a round bale hay storage barn. Hay, even in tight round bales, loses dry matter and nutritive value rapidly when exposed to rainfall and poor storage conditions. Given the high prices of today's hay, Redmon has noted that hay barns often pay for themselves in just a few years simply by decreasing dry matter loss and forage nutritive value. Properly stored hay has been known to maintain its nutritive value for longer than 20 years. If a barn is not utilized, hay tarps can help minimize hay loss during storage.

Longer-term Management

Fertilizer prices are unlikely to drop in the future. Some producers are looking toward the use of manures and biosolids to provide their soil nutrient requirements. While manures and biosolids, where available, can provide nutrients at a substantial cost savings, producers need to realize that P typically will begin to accumulate where these materials are used.

Careful monitoring of the soil test P is necessary to ensure that the level does not build up beyond the accepted threshold of 200 ppm. Biosolids of interest should be those classified as Class A. These biosolids do not pose risks associated with heavy metals or pathogens. Provin recommends the application of manures and biosolids in late winter or very early spring, as there is some lag time in the breakdown of the organic compounds before the nutrients can be taken up by plants.

The use of forage legumes, which fix atmospheric N in their root systems, in grazing systems should be considered by all livestock producers. Provin suggested planning for legume establishment six to 12 months prior to the actual seeding of the legumes. Soil testing and correction of pH and nutrient deficiencies are critical in the establishment of legumes.

Most legumes require a higher pH and a higher level of available P. Additionally, carryover of broadleaf herbicides containing pi-

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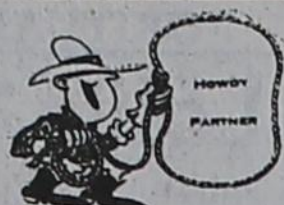
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Chamber News & Views

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He also accepteth from a grouch.

--Catherine Hall

Once again, a season of gift giving is upon us. Those of us fortunate enough to still have our mothers are contemplating the approaching Mother's Day celebration on Sunday.

Those of us blessed with children finishing one segment of their lives and moving on to the next are preparing for Graduation Day.

A part of these celebrations involves gift giving. Aye, there's the rub. There is no way to give a gift that is equal to all that we feel, the gratitude and tenderness to the mother, the joy and pride over the child. Any gift we could imagine would pale next to these emotions, so another way must be found to express them.

Words are a start. Perhaps words pulled up from deep within our hearts, words put to paper rather than ones on cards bought from the store. Words that bring memories to mind, shared events in times gone by, memories relived that capture the emotions of the time.

Time is so limited and precious. Shared time, time spent together, is a gift that grows more important with age. There is so much to do, so many obligations, that giving time becomes harder even as it becomes more valuable. Celebrating special times together is not always possible, but is all the more treasured

when it is possible.

Still, with these thoughts acknowledged, custom requires that there be a physical object, a tangible gift. And finding the right gift is not always easy.

So perhaps a suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce will not be taken amiss, since it unites several positive features. That suggestion is that Motley County Bucks might be the right gift, since they allow the recipient to buy with them whatever they want or need from any of the shops (save one) in Motley County.

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So, in case you have not found the exactly right gift for the people in your family who will be honored this season, or just want the recipient to have the fun of making their own selection, consider giving them Motley County Bucks, along with the other gifts you are giving them, your words and your time.



Notes from the Library

by Buffy Crutchley

Well, we had another very successful Friends of the Library meeting last Thursday. There are two very important things I want to share.

First off, we finally set a date for the book discussion on "A Buffalo In The House" by R.D. Rose. We will meet on Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

We have five copies of this book available for check out, so come in and check one out.

Also, we're winding down on the sales of the raffle tickets for our Mother's Day raffle. We haven't sold very many, so those of you thinking of getting one, the odds are definitely good! The drawing will be held Friday, May 9th, at Noon, so come in before

then and enter for your chance to win the Framed Texas Ornaments.

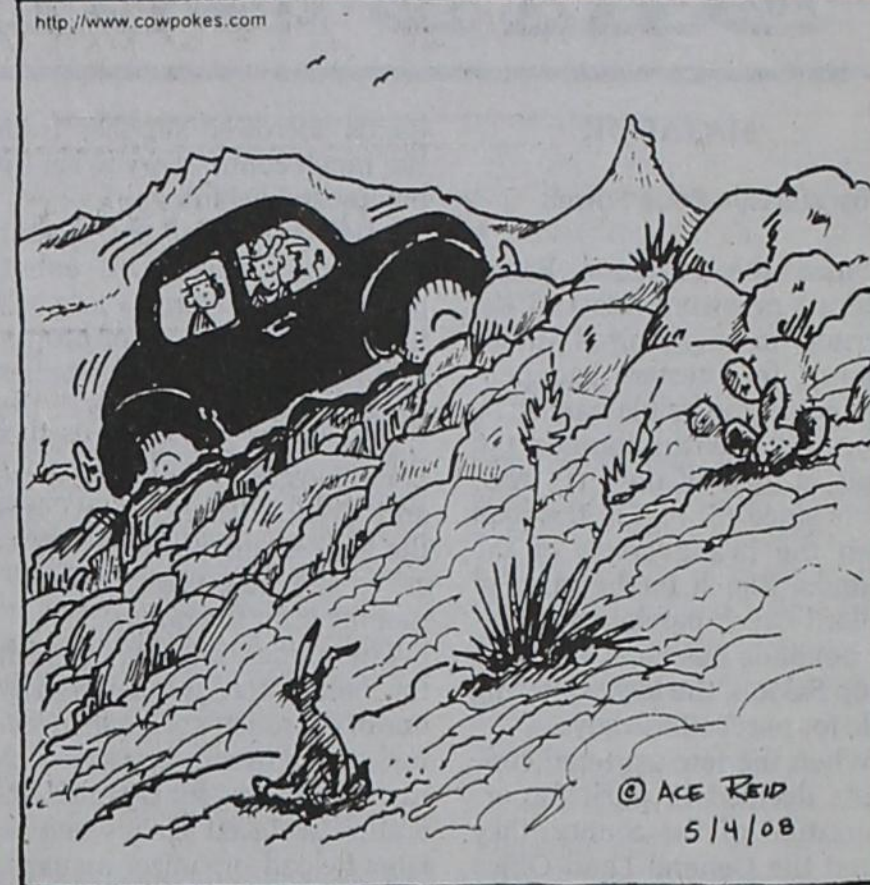
And I want to say a huge thank you to all the Friends who signed up to bring refreshments for our summer reading program. I just hope they bring an extra juice box for me!

The first few new audio books have begun to arrive, so if you haven't browsed the selection in a while, please come in and do so. There are some good ones! I ordered Anita Shreve's "Sea Glass" (which in my opinion is one of the top ten best books ever!) along with a few Mary Higgins Clark, Nora Roberts, and a few other mystery/suspense.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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All High School students being honored for academics and or athletics and their parents will be receiving tickets in the mail this week along with teachers, administrators, and their spouses. If you need additional tickets or if anyone in the community would like to come please contact D'anna Russell for a ticket which will be \$3.00.

Senior Citizen Menu

THURSDAY, MAY 8:

Chicken Philly sandwich, potato wedges, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

FRIDAY, MAY 9: Oven roasted brisket, au gratin potatoes, steamed squash, pickles, wheat rolls, peach apple crisp.

MONDAY, MAY 12: Taco salad, Spanish rice, fruit, cookies.

TUESDAY, MAY 13: Chicken spaghetti, Italian veggies, tossed salad, garlic bread, gelatin & fruit.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14: Ham salad w/roll, cucumber tomato salad, half apple, cinnamon apple coffee cake.

SCHOOL MENU

Thursday, May 8

Breakfast: Cereal, blueberry muffin, or toast, milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, gravy, broccoli/cheese, hot roll, honey, milk.

Friday, May 9 NO SCHOOL

Monday, May 12

Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, or cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, cake, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 13

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, crackers, orange slices, milk.

Wednesday, May 14

Breakfast: French toast sticks, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti, meat sauce, cheese sticks, salad, sliced peaches, milk.

This heart, my own dear mother, bends, With love's true instinct, back to thee! -Thomas Moore

Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

Scramble

Ladies Playday April 24

18 hole players were Geneva Wilson, Dartha Westbrook and Jean Hoover. Geneva won ball - Most 1 putts.

9 hole players were Frances Hobbs, Nell Berryman, Olivia Osborn, Tammy Simpson, Jan Martin and Leighann Darsey.

Frances and Nell won the balls - Most 1 putts.

Scramble

April 29

First, with a score of 29, Ken Marshall, Jim Watson, Liv Barton and Isiah Archer.

Second, with a score of 31 (playoff on card), Christian Brooks, Timmy Brooks, Conway Clary, Leighann Darsey and Bert Darsey.

Others playing were Kay Bingham, Alan Bingham, Darrell Cruse, Corky Marshall, Olivia Osborn, Jonathon Osborn, Tammy Simpson, David Taylor and Alvin Martin.

Closest to the pin - Conway Clary 30'

City Council candidate

Danika Jameson

Family & Education: I am married to Jeromy Jameson and have two daughters, Natalie, 9 and Emily, 6. Both of them go to school at Motley County. I attended Floydada ISD for 12 years and graduated from Floydada High School in 1995. I attended South Plains College and have lived in Matador since marriage.

What are your qualifications for this office? I have lived in Matador for 12 years while owning our home and raising two children. I have a special interest in the growth and security of Matador. My husband and I own and operate a business, so therefore I have experience in financial planning and dealing with the public on a daily basis.

Your reason for running for this position: I was asked to run by several people and I would like to get involved with

the local government. I would like to help in any way for the betterment of our town.

What do you want to do or change if you are elected? There have been several positive changes in the last few years with the grants for our water system and maybe we can improve on developing more economic growth to secure our towns stability.

What do you think Matador's greatest needs are? I think Matador's greatest needs are economic growth and grants to stay current with the possibility of wind energy in our area, while providing our residents with the best services available.

Other comments: I am seeking this office to do my part to keep Matador, Texas a great town to live in and raise children and to take care of its residents.

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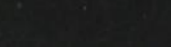
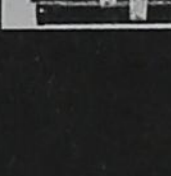
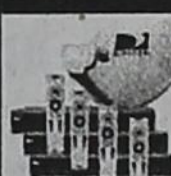
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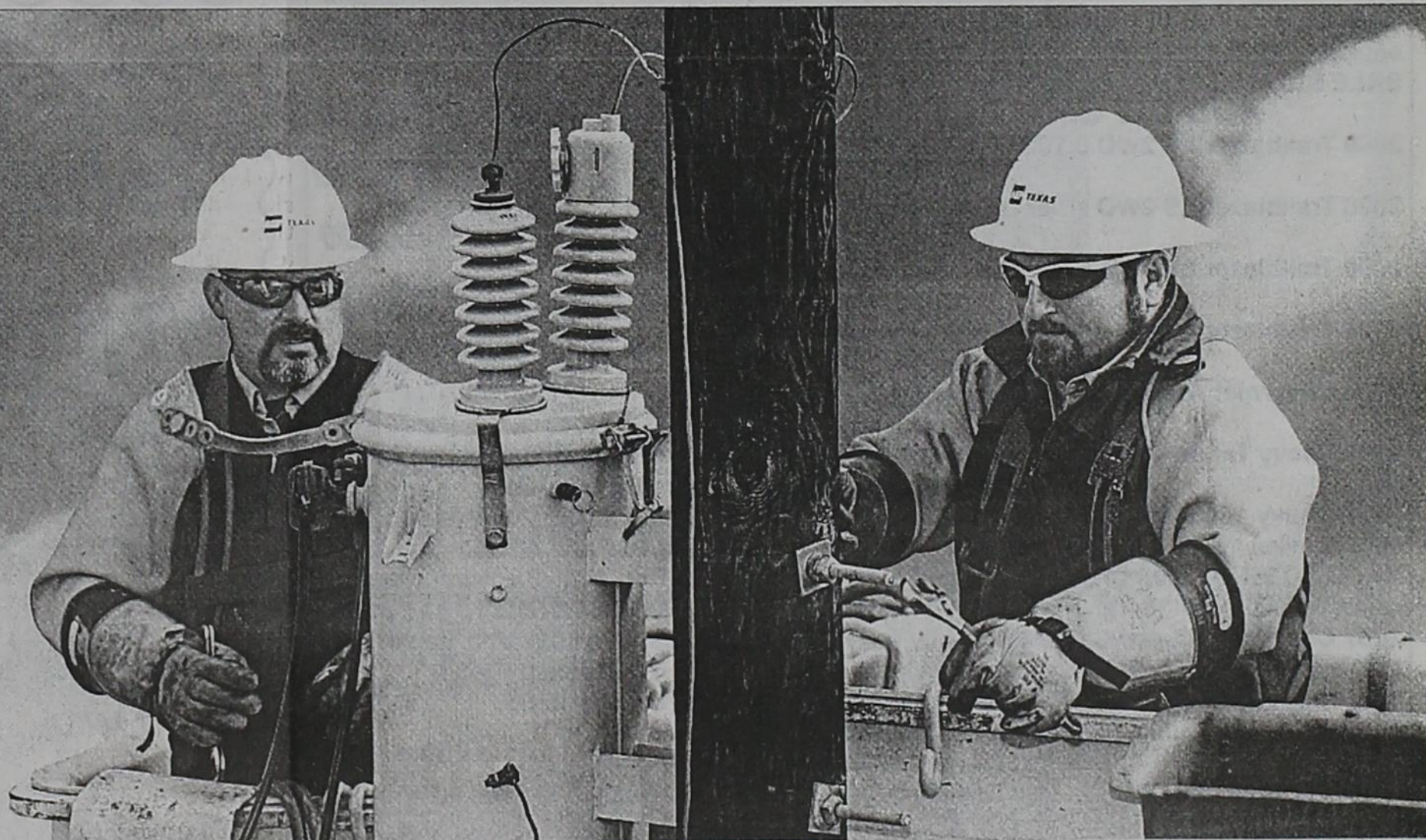


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AARP Thanks Texas' Representatives for Supporting Bill to Protect People in Medicaid

Association urges Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn to quickly pass companion bill and send measure to President

Austin—AARP thanked the supporters and cosponsors of the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008, which passed April 23, 2008 in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill prevents massive increases in costs for people in Medicaid by stopping harmful cuts proposed by the administration.

"Today's vote is a victory for all Texas residents who rely on Medicaid as the safety net of our health care system," said Bob Jackson, state director for AARP Texas. "With 47 million Americans already uninsured,

our country and our state cannot afford to make it any harder for our most vulnerable to pay for their health care."

AARP thanks the members of the Texas delegation who co-sponsored the bill or provided critical support in gaining passage of this legislation first in the Energy & Commerce committee and today in the full House.

Texas' Medicaid director estimated the impact of the proposed cuts to be \$3.4 billion for the state. While AARP supports smart policies to stop fraud, waste and abuse in Medicaid, the cuts proposed by the admin-

istration threaten the integrity of the program and shift unreasonable costs to the people in Medicaid and the states.

"We're proud that our U.S. Representatives recognized the harm the administration's proposals would have done to people in Texas' Medicaid program, and we thank them for acting swiftly and with such wide, bipartisan support to stop these cuts," said Jackson. "We now urge Senators Hutchison and Cornyn to vote to protect Medicaid as the Senate considers this measure."

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property in Roaring Springs that he wanted to sell. When Pat asked James, "how much acreage? and how is it zoned?" James stared blankly at her and said, "it's not zoned." Pat had an epiphany: "I couldn't believe there were places still left in this world where you can do as you please with your own property," she said.

One year later, they moved to Texas. Pat got a job with Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, "a perfect fit with her background," Ed D. said. And for the first time in his life, Ed D. got to be a "house husband," he said. "It nearly drove me crazy, but I cooked, did laundry, and wore out 12 feather dusters in three months," he said. To preserve his sanity, an old friend, Harry Hamilton, introduced him to some friends in the Appraisal District, and he was hired by Lubbock County in 1984. He worked three years as a field appraiser; then as an appraisal coordinator for 15 years.

They bought the "un-zoned" 25 acres in Roaring Springs in 1984. It had a house on the property, and they spent most weekends in Roaring Springs, maintaining the property, and enjoying country living.

"There is something about coming home," Ed D. said. "There is a peace associated with this lifestyle where you can leave doors unlocked; where you don't have to worry about traffic," he said. But an added dimension

invaded the peaceful life when Ed D. got the notion he wanted to be the Motley County Judge.

"When I found out that Judge Laverna Price was going to retire, I decided to throw my hat in the ring," he said. He already had a mailing address in Roaring Springs, and in November, 2001, he was appointed to fill Judge Price's term. "I think I have been training for this job all my life," he said. They moved "lot, stock, and barrel" in January, 2002.

Because they had less time to maintain the acreage, they sold the place and bought the old Bundy Campbell home in Matador, to be closer to work.

"Our roots are here," he said, "and as you get older, you just don't need all the excitement of city life. You can live without the conveniences to enjoy this lifestyle," he said.

Ed D. wanted to "participate" in Matador, not just exist in Matador, he said. He was eventually drafted to serve on 12 different boards in the community. "In a small town, you wind up supporting everything that is going on," Pat observed.

Ed D. serves on the Roaring Springs Volunteer Center board, the Community Chest, the Matador Cowboy Reunion, American Legion, and Senior Citizen's Site Council. He is chair of the 4A Economic Development Board, the Juvenile Board for the 110th Judicial District; and Caprock Community Action

Association.

In addition, he serves on the South Plains Association of Government board, and the boards of Friends of the Library, Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, and Friends of the Historic Depot in Roaring Springs. He served as Boss Lion of the Matador Lions Club for two years. "You can overload fairly easy," Ed D. laments.

He was newly elected to serve on the Rolling Plains Organization of Rural Transportation, an organization that lobbies TXDOT for roads in rural counties.

Coming home for Ed D. Smith wasn't really a full stretch of the imagination. He is at home at home. He has work space in an out building behind the house where he becomes a carpenter when time allows. "I'm a weekend wood butcher," he said. He calls his little bit of heaven, The Chambers.

The Chamber is full of cowboy memorabilia, a little photo museum. He has old photos of cowboys on the Matador Ranch, a prominent photo of his dad, Big Ed, and other mementos of a long and full life.

He and Pat are members of the Church of the Foothills, where they socialize and sponsor devotionals with other members of the home church. "We are like a family," Pat said, "not just on Sundays, but every day of the week."

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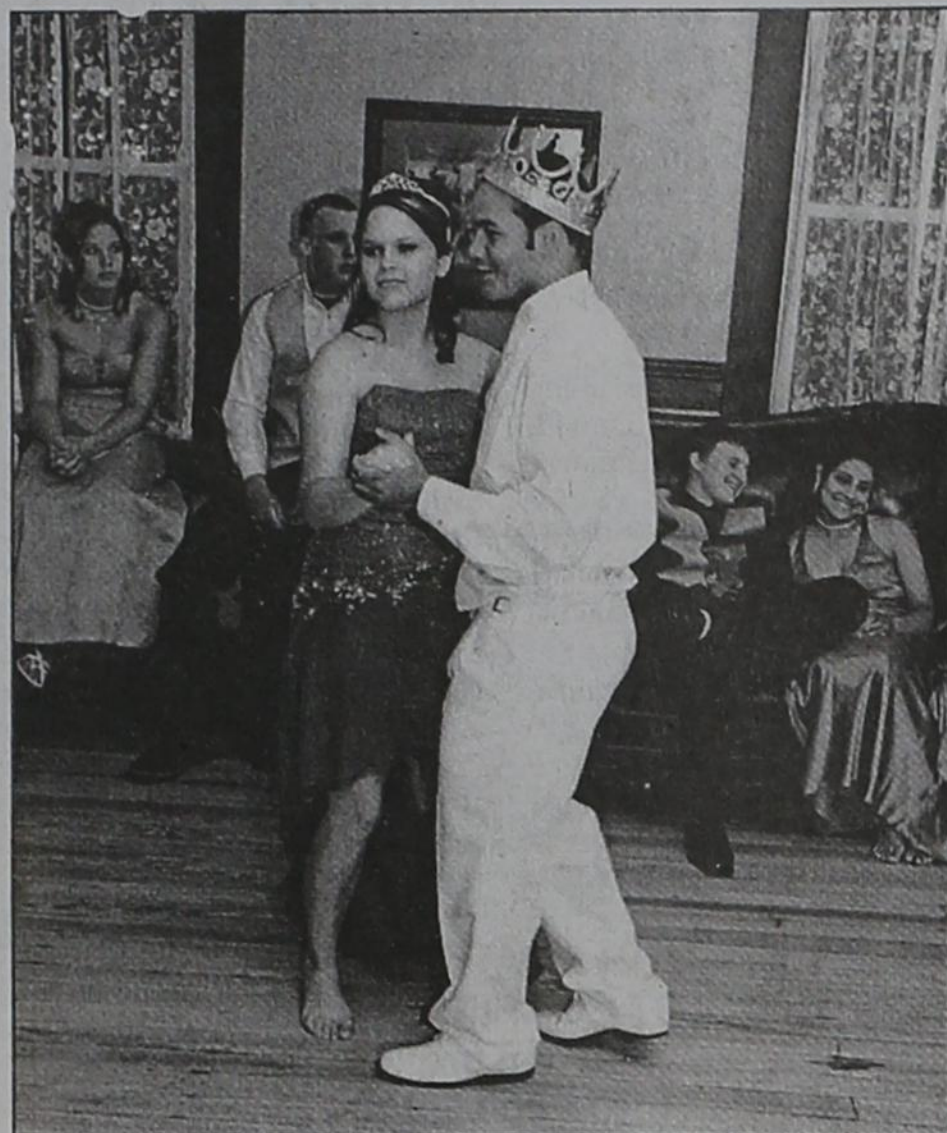
Prom Night

and Annette Hollingsworth became Paris Cafe' chefs; waiters and waitresses in black slacks and white starched shirts served the meal. Servers were two eighth grade students, Jonathan Osborn and Braden Mason; and three freshmen: Alyx Smith, Hailey Blanco, and Kyla Simpson.

Romance was in the air as the senior and junior girls paraded in high heels, tulle and taffeta with their escorts in elegant white and black tuxedos. They posed for formal prom pictures, courtesy of a local photo artist, Ken Young.

Following the meal, a program consisted of a toast to the seniors, by junior student Courtney Alexander. Courtney and Shane'a Russell read the Class Prophecy; and the Class Will was read by seniors Emma Knowles and Christy Smith.

Emma Knowles was crowned Prom Queen; and Isiah Archer was crowned Prom King. The King and Queen held court until midnight, when the magic of a Night In Paris came to a close. It was a night to remember for the Class of 2008.



The High Court takes the first dance

PROM QUEEN EMMA KNOWLES and PROM KING ISIAH ARCHER take the first dance at the beautiful Hotel Matador, transformed for the evening into a Paris Cafe, complete with the Eiffel Tower, a Paris Street scene backdrop, and live music. Eleven of the 14 graduating seniors, and six of hosting junior class, sponsors and faculty attended the event on Saturday, May 3, downtown Matador.



SERVERS FOR THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER "Night in Paris" banquet were underclassmen (L-R) Alyx Smith, Kyla Simpson, Jonathan Osborn, Hailey Blanco, and Braden Mason.

Relay For Life

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