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Fire Destroys Roaring Springs Home



stroyed Herbert and Riva Sweeney's home on the corner of 2nd and Linden in Roaring Springs. Edmond Hunter, a neighbor, noticed smoke coming from the house and notified the Roaring several antiques, including old Springs fire department. They responded in less than five minutes and were able to contain the fire. Mrs. Sweeney was visiting Mr. Sweeney who was in

On May 4, 2012, fire de- a Lubbock hospital at the time of the fire. Three of their dogs were in the home and died. The fire started in Mr. Sweeney's bedroom. The Sweeney's son, Wayne, stated that his dad lost powder guns from the 1800s. Mrs. Sweeney is currently living in Matador with her son. "Keep her in your heart," Wayne said. "This has been hard on her."

When asked if he could use some help in cleaning up the debris from the fire, Wayne replied, "that would be nice." Dennis Allen, neighbor and Executive Director of First In Line Ministries stated that they are working with the Sweeney's to find funding to replace their home. Currently the Sweeneys are working with Community Action.

Roaring Springs City Council meets

Roaring Springs City Council met at City Hall on Monday, June 11, 2012. Present were Councilwoman PK Green, Councilmen Perry Gulledge, Timmy Brooks, James Mc-Cleskey and Alex Crowder, Mayor Corky Marshall, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Lisa Perryman. Larry Vogt, Motley County Tribune, joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Alex Crowder gave the invocation and PK Green led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Virginia Salesbury spoke to the council in regards to the Sweeney property that burned on May 4, 2012. She provided color pictures of the damage to the property and expressed

The city council advised her force any city ordinances and would look into other ways to address the situation.

Timmy Brooks made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2012 meeting, seconded by James McCleskey and carried unanimously.

Timmy Brooks made a motion to approve the expenditures and financial report, seconded by James McCleskey and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem, Alex Crowder administered the oath of office to elected officials of the May 12, 2012 election. Corky Marshall took the oath of office as Mayor to serve a 2 year term. James McCleskey and Perry Gulledge took the oath of office to serve a 2 concern regarding the stench. year term as council members.

Councilman Perry Gulledge that they were unable to en- reported that he was still a few signatures short for the Liquor Petition due to some people signing that were not residents of the City of Roaring Springs. He asked council if they were still in favor of him pursuing this petition, Timmy Brooks asked what were the steps in continuing to get this passed. Councilman Gulledge said the City would have to have a called election and bring in two people to work the election. A motion was made by Timmy Brooks, seconded by James McCleskey and carried 3/1 to continue with the Liquor peti-

Motion was made by James McCleskey, seconded by Alex Crowder and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

TSCRA to Host Ranch Gathering in Roaring Springs

FORT WORTH, TEXAS Come join the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) for a ranch gathering Thursday, June 28, at the Roaring Springs community center. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner.

TSCRA Special Ranger Dean Bohannon will update the crowd on recent livestock and equipment thefts in the area and how ranchers can for TSCRA members. Anyone

better protect themselves interested in the cattle indusagainst thieves.

There will also be a discussion on TSCRA's legislative efforts in Washington, D.C. and

"TSCRA ranch gatherings are a great place for folks to get together and discuss what's going on in the cattle business and how they can get involved," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "These gatherings aren't just

try is invited to attend."

The event is open to the public. All members of the press are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tscra.

The community center is located at 1100 FM 3203 in Roaring Springs.

The ranch gathering is sponsored by Novartis Animal Health.

TxDOT Urges Drivers to Get a Summer P.A.S.S.

Statewide campaign increases awareness for summer drinking and driving concerns.

for fun and celebration. But it also brings many alcohol-related crash fatalities.

Because of this, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching its first summer drinking and driving outreach program to encourage Texas drivers to designate a Person Appointed to Stay Sober (P.A.S.S.) before enjoying those drinks.

cues, outdoor concerts or just lazing the day away on the river, summer days are definitely great fun. But folks should put as much thought into planning for a sober ride home as they do into summer event planning," said Carol Rawson, Tx-DOT Traffic Operations Division director.

"Be sure to include a P.A.S.S. for those events where you plan on drinking," she added.

"It's not cool to drink and drive, even in the heat of

AUSTIN-Summer, a time the summer," she said. "Be safe, plan ahead, designate a P.A.S.S."

> In Texas, 35 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes occur in the summer months between May and August. In 2011, there were 321 alcoholrelated fatal crashes, resulting in 362 fatalities in that same time period.

Drinking and driving continues to be a national and "A day on the beach, barbe- statewide problem. In 2011, studies have shown that even there were 24,151 DUI alcoholrelated crashes in Texas resulting in 1,038 deaths and 15,960 injuries.

> According to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey, 40 percent of drivers who consumed alcohol felt it would be safe to have three or more drinks within a 2-hour period before driving. A portion of that 40 percent actually believed they could have five or more drinks.

The reality is quite different.

While the signs of impairment differ with the individual, alcohol steadily decreases a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle safely, and the more a person drinks, the greater the effect. In single-vehicle crashes, the relative risk of a driver with BAC between .08 and .10 is at least 11 times greater than for drivers with a BAC of zero, and 52 times greater for young males. Further, many small amounts of alcohol can impair a person's ability to drive.

All 50 states have made it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher. But many people, especially young adults, continue to drink and drive. In fatal crashes, the highest percentage of drivers with a BAC level of .08 or higher was for drivers, ages 21 to 24 (35 percent), followed by ages 25 to 34 (32 percent).

AgriLife Extention 4-H Youth Participate in Can Campaign



Pictured is Paula Hatfield, of Snyder, Board Member of the Texas Plains Trail Region, with 308 pounds of cans collected by the 4-H youth in Districts 1, 2, and 3. The money from the recycled aluminum cans will benefit a Grant Program for the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region.

The AgriLife Extention 4-H project that hopefully we will to Hotel Matador for allowing which also includes counties in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region, participated in an aluminum can collection to benefit a grant fund that will in turn benefit the counties of the region.

The campaign ran for 52 days from April 1 through May 22, 2012, and resulted in 308 pounds of cans collected for a total of \$169.40.

"We appreciate immensely all who have helped us in this

Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald said. "Every can will make a difference in the Texas Plains Trail Region's Grant Program that will benefit our 52-counties."

On Saturday, June 16, TPTR Board Members Paula Hatfield, Snyder, and Carol Campbell of Matador, loaded the cans into a trailer for delivery to the recycle plant in

Snyder. "We are extremely grateful

Clubs in Districts 1, 2, and 3 be able to repeat annually," us to store the cans on their property until we could get a trailer to the plant," Campbell said, adding, "I would also like to thank AgriLife Extention Agent Ryan Martin for parking a trailer on the north side of the courthouse to hold the collected cans. This is a great partnership between the TPTR and the 4-H youth and our sincere thanks goes to all the participants of this worthwhile project."

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art When you have history, you have pride.



By Laverne Zabielski

My apologies to Amy Bearden for my angry behavior during my last visit to the Roaring Springs Ranch. She patiently listened to my concerns and gave me paper to write them down in a note to Ken Isom, board president, asking him to give me a call.

The Tilsons visited the springs at least as far back as the 1930s. The Zabielski's have been members since membership began and each summer when we visited my children and I would enjoy the hiking and swimming as guests. I remember stories my mother told of her growing up, the whole family going to the springs. It was a comtering hole, where every one, regardless of economic status could come to swim, relax, cool off from the heat, laugh, splash and have a good time.

Not anymore. It appears that the Roaring Springs Ranch has made it a point to separate the rich from the poor, and those in the middle who really can't afford the membership manage to eke it out, one way or the other,

mostly for the sake of preserving memories for grandchildren and friends who come to

Perhaps my upset was a mirror of the rudeness of a board, that would make a decision to raise the rate for guests to \$5 and not take the time to inform the members ahead of time. It took us by surprise when Amy said the board had made the decision the day before and it was her job to inform us. It's not that \$5 is too much to pay. It's the manner in which the board chose to inform it's member that was disconcerting.

I understand the reasons for change. I understand capitalism, free enterprise, the need to make a profit. I also understand that money is the great divider between the haves and the have nots as declared in the message on the tshirt of one woman sitting on the edge of the pool, amongst friends standing in the water drinking beer. "Some people wish for it, we work for it."

It was the ATV roaring past munity gathering place, wa- us on the ranch road going way above the speed limit, then cutting us off as it took off on a trail into the brush that upset me most. ATVs? I've come across horses on Ranch roads before. Never ATVs.

What is especially dissappointing however, is that Ken Isom never called. It's possible he's been too busy. Hopefully he would respond more quickly to members.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

J. Henry Hughes, Itinerant Cowboy by Robert Robin Brown

Continued from June 14, 2012

"Hidy young man, do you" need a shave and haircut," the barber asked politely? Henry told him he didn't have time for both but he would like a quick shave. As the barber lathered up his face and sharpened the straight-razor on the strap a casual conversation began. "I noticed you're driving the Matador's buckboard, are you a new employee of the ranch," the merchant asked? Henry nodded to the affirmative and said, 'Yes sir, I guess I'm the newest cowpoke on the payroll!" This satisfied the barber's curiosity and he said, "Well there's a lot of other ranches in this area. There's the 6666 ranch and the Pitchforks southeast of here. There's the Spur ranch south of here. Over in Cottle county there's the the Hat ranch and the Moon ranch. I think the Swenson, Oxbow and the Mill-Iron ranches also reach into Cottle county.

This news was of some interest to J. Henry so the barber continued, "You might even be surprised to know that other dice secretly! cattlemen had already been ty at about the time the Matador was first getting started. Two men named Coggin and Willie along with a man named Joseph Hall had brought some of the Jingle-Bob herd from John Chisum of New Mexico into the caprock region to graze. They were holding the Middle Pease watershed as their free-grazing area in c.188o."

All this ranching history got J. Henry's attention and he asked, "Well, if another ranch did exist in the county when Mr. Campbell founded the Matador in 1879, what happened to it?" The barber shaved Henry's chin and said, "After Henry Campbell bought out Dan Brownings 320 acres around Ballard Springs he started bringing in cattle from South Texas and the Buffalo Gap region. But he also bought the Jingle Bob herd and with this purchase he got both the cattle and the grazing rights along the Middle Pease river!" J. Henry said, "I'm not that familiar with this area so was this good grazing land?" The barber elaborated by saying, "Well, it does include the 'Mott line camp' and the less known Rustlers Camp area sothe

answer is yes!" Henry was amazed to learn about the Jingle-Bob and that so many ranches were near the Matador while many actually joined it. However, since the Matador ranch had by then spread beyond Motley county he shouldn't have been surprised. The barber concluded by saying that besides Henry H. Campbell a number of other noted ranchers lived or worked in this part of the caprock region also. The prestigious list included Col. Hughes (Estelline), John Slaughter (Garza county), Col. Goodnight (Armstrong & Floyd counties), S.M. Swenson (Cottle county), Rowe brothers (Donley & Hall counties) and Hank Cresswell of the Quitaque Lazy F.

When Mr. Clements had finished, Hughes felt his chin, rose and thanked him with a quarter tip. "Next time I'm in town I'll let ya work on the top. But fer now I gota get back to the ranch, thank you kindly Mister Clements," J. Henry entoned as he headed out the door. Be-

fore reaching the barber pole he turned and said, "Incidently Mr. Clements, thanks for all the 'innerstin' information about ranchers and ranching!"

When Henry got back to headquarters one of the chuckwagons and it's supporting crew were coming in off the range. The men introduced themselves and J. Henry shook hands with the wagon-boss Jeff Boone as well as the other Matador cowboys. Veteran cowboys included J.J. Cooper, Bob Harper, Frank Mitchell, Henry Brown, Raldo Newman and a mannerly cowboy called the Pitchfork Kid. Although these men were strangers to Henry it wouldn't take long to get to know them around the bunkhouse. When the men weren't too tired they would soon be playing cards and visiting. After Tee Pee City had been brought under the control of Capt Arrington some years back a nogambling rule had been in effect at the Matador ranch. But Henry soon found that some of the cowboys ignored this rule and played cards and rolled

free-grazing cattle in this coun- arrival at the Matador his string of horses were lined out. A number of semi-tame mares and geldings were driven into the corral and Boone said, "It's yore choice Hughes, whatever ones you wanta claim!" Since he had no real time to do much more than mount each horse and see how wild the beast was, it was mainly a gamble of chance and luck. Generally Hughes chose the best looking horses figuring he could break any wild-ones later, but this

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

The three dusty cowboys were soon to establish a custom that unbeknowst to them would be followed fifty years later by Matador cowboys (The original Matador Land and Cattle company of Dundee, Scotland sold the ranch in 1951). Carrying their clean clothes over their shoulders they walked into the barbershop, paid a fee and made ready to enter the bathhouse. First however, they removed their work boots at the shine-chair and turned them over to Monk, the shine-boy. After Mr. Clements had issued each a towel and soap, they entered the cramped quarters of the bath-house and took turns in the cast-iron tub.

During the interval of time it took them to bathe the shineboy worked furiously on their boots, trying to make them take a gloss. At the same time the barber also worked furiously on the customer in the chair because he knew more business was coming! Sure enoughwhen each cowboy emerged from the little room with their noses shining and their levis starched, they were ready for haircuts and shaves. All three

wanted to 'purdy-up' for the local gals that would be at the hotel shindig!

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

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

> After filling their plates with steak and trimmings they found a corner sofa unoccupied in the lobby. As they savoured their food and listened to the chat which set the room abuzz they caught bits of conversation. A homesteader was complaining that the Matador was buying-up all the good land in the county, while another man was talking about the recent drought and infestation of grasshoppers at Della Plain and Estacado. A lady from Whiteflat was talking about a recent trip to Kent Lake over in Quitaque country.

> Finally when the cowboys had finished their delicious meal Billy Parkes spied a young lass he wanted to dance with. Ben Brock the fiddler was soon rosining-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 Cattlemen 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

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"

continued next week

Windmill Cafe

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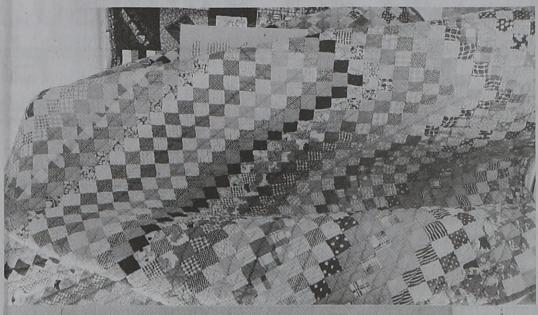
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BOOK SIGNING - Mrs. Barbara Alexander of Matador presented her book, Through A Mother's Eyes, at the Motley County Library last Thursday. Mrs. Alexander's recently released book details her experiences after learning of her son's disappearance in Iraq.

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone who served or attended a lovely graveside service on Saturday, May 26th. The stay at the Matador Hotel was very special... bringing back fond memories for Albert as a young boy. Albert and Norma Hall









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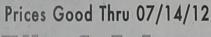
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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Last week my 9-year-old granddaughter, Kenzie, visited us. She has more energy that I can remember having! Crafts and activities I thought would keep her interest and take longer to do just didn't! A trip to the springs was her favorite activity especially since Brian and Nancy's girls were there too. Clams were found, play-like games were fun and we brought home clams; then two days later we had clam funerals. Wouldn't it be nice to be as free of care and as energetic as our grands and greatgrands, even for just a day? I have always heard that being with the young ones keeps us young longer. I hope I notice that after I recuperate!

In the community

The Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will be hosting a free beef dinner for ranchers in the area at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Thursday, June 28, 2012, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until 8:45 p.m. An update on recent law enforcement activity in the area will be presented as well as information on new legislation affecting the cattle industry. If you wish to attend please RSVP at 1-800-242-7820 or online at TSCRA.ORG.

Madison and McKenna Rattan from Lubbock visited their grandparents, John and Connie Hindman last week.

Pearl Patten is back at Raider Ranch after being hospitalized again. She is taking some therapy. Pearl's address is: Pearl Patten, c/o Raider Ranch; 6548 43rd St.; Apt. 2116; Lubbock, TX 79407 and her phone number is 806-317-1625.

Lea Peacock reported via e-mail that she and Billy are

doing well. Billy recently celebrated his 88th birthday at the Veterans Home in Floresville where he now resides. Lea's address is: 1402 Larry Wayne Dr.; Floresville, TX 78114.

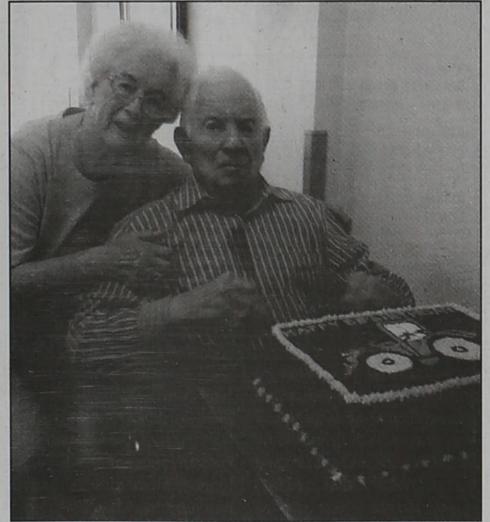
Corky Marshall was treated with a Father's Day dinner at the home of Kennith and Mary Marshall on Sunday. Attending were all of his Marshall grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pennie Keltz visited him later in the afternoon.

Kenzie McClaran, granddaughter of Monta Marshall, visited us last week. She came on Tuesday and returned home on Saturday. Her parents, Kevin and Tracie Mc-Claran came and visited a short while.

The Gulledges and the Windmill Café will be hosting their third anniversary and customer appreciation party on Saturday, June 23rd. There will be free hors d'oeuvres and cake. They will begin serving a Mexican buffet at 5:00 p.m. with an open menu as well until 7:00 p.m. Entertainment with Kevin Rainwater will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be dancing for those who wish to dance. The café will be closed on Sunday, June 24th.

There will be a second Cowboy Camp Meeting to be held on Friday, June 29th at the Windmill Café at 7:30 p.m. Tony and Karen Conner of Midland will be bringing the message. Bring your favorite ice cream for potluck ice cream refreshments. For more information call Dena Washington at 806-407-2111. The Blest Grass Opry singers will provide the music.

Trina and Breanna Redden and Breanna's friend, Mason visited Boyd and Laura Long for Father's Day. They came on Saturday and returned to their home in Lubbock on Sunday.



Billy and Lea Peacock celebrate Billy's 88th birthday. Happy Birthday Billy from your friends in Motley and Dickens Counties

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Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Merlinda Ireland: "Continue to wait even when God seems late.

If the opportunity is truly a God opportunity and not just a good opportunity, then it will surely and eventually show its true colors."

Community News

Cash and Paisly Cruse of Snyder visited from Wednesday until Sunday with grandparents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse. Their father, Derrick Cruse of Snyder visited overnight Saturday and accompanied them home Sunday. Other guests Sunday were son and family, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese and Brighton of Turkey and Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador.

Michael Starkey of Canyon visited his mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey Saturday and accompanied Taylor Stallings, who is staying with Nada this summer, to Canyon for Father's Day. Taylor is working part time in Quitaque and helping Nada.

Mrs. Janice Hughes, son and family, Rickey and Tasha

Hughes, Kendall and Kason of Floydada visited from Thursday until Sunday in Azle with nephew and wife, Brian and Nancy Rogers. Joining them there were son and family, Bengie and J.J. Hughes and Kaitlynn of Royce City. They attended the Ranger's baseball game in Arlington Thursday night. They also enjoyed enjoyed recreation at Eagle Mountain Lake.

Weekend guests of Orville and Ruth Lee and celebrating Father's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Kellan Roberts and Addie of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Heck and Kacee of Turkey and Brandon Lee of Plainview.

A pre-Father's Day observance for Wilburn Martin and Dr. David Martin was enjoyed Thursday and Friday when Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited them.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited overnight Wednesday in Wolfforth with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon, Brian and Brooke. Brooke returned home with Kathy Thursday and visited until Saturday.

Edwards Attend Reunion in Cleveland, Texas

Tom and Deanie Edwards Morton, Cleveland, Texas; left on Thursday, June 8, to travel to Keller, Texas to spend the night with Grant and Shannon Edwards and grandson, Finn. They got to see the new grandson that they had not seen in a year. Much fun and visiting by all. Friday Morning they left for Cleveland, Texas, for the Lynn Reunion. Joyce and Bob Morton were hosts this year. They hosted a hamburger cookout at their country home on Friday night for those who had already arrived. On Saturday, they met at the hotel conference room for breakfast and visiting before the family auction at 10:00.

The auction is always a big thing and raises money for the family meal and other things that the family needs to take care of throughout the year. This year's auction was quite a success due to the talents of Taylor Radabaugh and Brooke Radabaugh. We appreciate Herb Smallwood's donation of his famous pecan pie for the auction. It did quite well. The yearly newsletter was assembled and given out and lots of visiting until later in the afternoon when they all met back at Joyce and Bob's for a BBQ meal catered by a local BBQ place. Games were played, much swimming, horseshoes and washers. Newlywed game played by the younger married couples proved to be quite interesting. The 50 year was shown and lots of memo- Masters and fiancee, Chrissy. ries and fun times.

Family members in attendance were Carlene Colwell, Fort Worth; Lonnie and Marianne Lynn, Childress, Texas; Alvin and Nadyne Lynn, Amarillo, Texas; Joyce and Bob

Tom and Deanie Edwards, Matador, Texas; Gail and Larry Noland, Gainesville, Tx. Due to the illness of her husband and a family wedding to attend, Glenda Martin of Dumas was unable to attend. Others in attendance were Pam Radabaugh and children, Taylorand Evan. Michelle Saucedo and children, Childress, Texas; Phillip and Traci Cameron, Cleveland, Texas; Heath, Ethan and Mindi Cameron, Cleveland, Texas; Connie Imhoff, Richardson, Texas; Michael and Christen Lozano and children, Bryan, Texas; Jennifer and Kevin Mansker and children, Abilene, Texas; Charlie and Marca McCallie and children Flagstaff, Arizona; Trey and Venessa McCallie and children of Flagstaff, Arizona; David and Tressa Billings, San Antonio, Texas; Lina Faye and Lynn Gibbs, Porter, Texas; Judy Stewart, Kansas City, Kansas; Millie Lynn, Whitesboro, Texas; Joyce Mohling, Savoy, Texas; Sean and Brook Radabaugh, Leander, Texas; Leroy and Jean Touchstone, Leedy, Oklahoma; Dearl Lynn, Porum, Oklahoma; Phyllis Gullett, Warner, Oklahoma. A great time and much visiting was had by all who attended.

Friends of the family that visited on Saturday were Dan and Joanne Sneed, Houston, Texas; Iggy and Loretta Janreunion DVD made by Deanie da, Bryan, Texas; and Patrick

> Tom and Deanie Edwards will host the reunion in Matador next year at the Singin'R Ranch in Roaring Springs, Texas. Guests will be staying in Matador and at the Lodge.

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Matador News

Jess (Sonny) and Peggy Thompson and cousin Jerry Estes, all of Burnet, were in town the first of this week visiting old stomping grounds in the area. Jess and Jerry were both born in Paducah and spent growing up years in mostly around Dumont. Their fathers cowboyed at the Swenson and other area ranches. Sonny and Peggy will be back the first week in August for the Dumont biannual reunion.

Thanks to Jim Watson and Joel Dean Spray. They noticed that a major part of a large tree at the Methodist Church had blown down during the recent high winds, and they just got busy removing the debris from the church lawn and hauling it off. It's people like Jim and Joel Dean that make Matador a great community!

Kudos to the Motley County 4H members for collecting a whole trailer load of aluminum cans to benefit the Texas Plains Trails (http://www. texasplainstrail.com/index. aspx?page=9) organization, which promotes community events and tourism in this area.

Skeet Jameson is recuperating nicely in the Lockney Rehab Center. He has about three more weeks of treatment before he can come home.

Bill and Jo Mabe of San Angelo were in town to visit Kassi and Mickey Beshirs and their boys, Kyler and Rylynn. The Mabes are Kassi's grandparents.

Tee Bateman and his new bride Mackenzie Irons Bateman spent their wedding night at the Hotel Matador Saturday after being married at the Rocking R Ranch. The Batemans live in Dickens.

J.D. and D'anna Russell along with Ryder, Shane'a, and Colton attended a birthday celebration for D's mother, Dona Smith, in Quitaque last weekend.

Bill Manney shared a great God Moment story from the Methodist Church pulpit Sunday. It seems that one morning last week he noticed a big motorcycle- parked between the sanctuary and education building. He then looked in the chapel and noticed a bed roll and other personal items. Then the motorcyle's owner, Scott Robbins, showed up and told his tale. It seems that he was riding along the highway outside of Matador the prior night when he got caught in one of the big storms that roared through here last week. Robbins said a quick prayer asking the Lord to lead him to shelter from the storm before he had an accidentand then he immediately saw a road sign for the Methodist Church in Matador. Following this lead, Scott found the church, which offered a safe place for his motorcycle between the two buildings and an unlocked chapel in which to spend the night. Bill later learned that Scott is a missionary on leave.

Mary and Tony Weatherby and daughter Cara from Amarillo were in town last weekend along with friends Adrian and Lara Escobar, son-in-law and daughter of Marilynn Hicks. Tony was helping Adrian build a hunting blind. Weatherby, originally from up-state New York, is a chemist at the Exell Helium Plant on the Cross Bar Ranch in Potter County.

Rocky Lucas of Lubbock helped Jesse Perkins build fence Saturday and Sunday at the Perkins home on Walton Road. Rocky is Jesse's brother-in-law.

There was great attendance at the chronological study of the Bible Sunday night at the Church of Christ, led by Mike Cowley. The study group will meet at the Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 6 p.m. and each consecutive Sunday until next June.

By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club enjoyed two sessions of painting with oil or acrylic on June 4 and June 11, 2012, at Senior Citizens. The classes were taught by Club President Nova Dale Turner, assisted by Joy Ar-

The subject was a beautiful

landscape and the focal point was an adobe dwelling. The results were very successful.

The club dined at noon with the seniors with a chicken entrée both days; and was enjoyed very much. The club will meet the July 2, 2012, for its regular meeting.

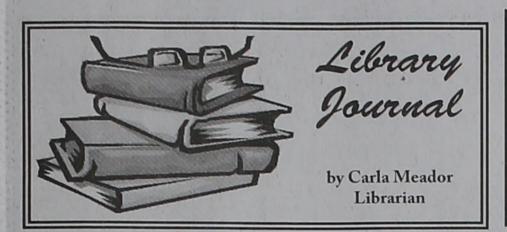
See you there!

Thank You

Thank you Roaring Springs and Matador Fire Departments for your response to the fire at the Sweeney home in Roaring Springs on May 4, 2012.

> Please join us for a 50th Wedding **Anniversary Celebration** honoring Kelley & Wilberta Jackson, former Matador residents on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. at Hotel Matador, downtown Casual Come and Go No Gifts Please

COWPOKES °



Last week was another eventful week at the Library. Our Summer Reading program is going full strong with lots of great fun. Last week, Mrs. Maria Smith of the Dallas area, entertained the kids with song and dance, puppets and an air guitar band. She was very delightful and the children thoroughly enjoyed her program. After the performance they were treated to refreshments and the opportunity to check out books for their reading challenge. This week a representative from Matador Wildlife will present a program on snakes. This should be very interesting and informative.

Mrs. Barbara Alexander of Matador was at the Liher recently released book, Through A Mother's Eyes. She presented a short, but very touching, talk on the details leading up to her book. We appreciate Mrs. Alexander visiting the Library and autographing her book for the group attending. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and to Mrs. Virginia Sailsbury for bringing treats. And, thank you to those at- out some great books or movtending the afternoon event. ies. We appreciate your support of the Library!

We have a new book to add to our Juvenile section this week, First Love by Beverly Cleary. This book is a treasury of three favorites Jean and Johnny, Fifteen and The Luckiest Girl. We also have some wonderful donated books to add to our shelves, The Last Citadel, Petersburg, Virginia, June 1864-April 1865, by Noah Andre Trudeau; The Blessing by Jude Deverax; The Present by Johanna Lindsey; Gone 'Til November, a mystery by Wallace Stroby; Hornet Flight by Ken Follett; Scandalous Grace by Julie Ann Barnhill; and The Happiness Project or Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean my Closets, brary on Thursday to sign Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun, by Gretchen Rubin.

> We also have some new DVD's including Dawn Rider, West Side Story, Journey 2 The Mysterious Island, and Dear John.

Library hours are Monday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday -Thursday, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Come by, cool off and check

See you at the Library!

County Agent's News by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Motley County Soil Moisture Content

Depth	Percent Moisture in Soil
8 inches	59.9%
16 inches	18.2%
24 inches	3.5%

equals 100%

Plant Health Tour set for June 22 in Amarillo

AMARILLO - A "Plant Health Tour" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. June 22 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

The program will cost \$15 and offer three continuing education units, according to Brandon Boughen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by June 20 to the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 806-373-0713. Checks should be made payable to the Potter Horticulture Committee, he said.

From 8:30-10 a.m., Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, will discuss diseases, pests and other plant material, followed by a discussion on the diagnostic lab, "What we do, how we process samples and submitting samples."

At 10 a.m., the group will go to Cimarron Organics Farm and

learn how to treat thrips, whiteflies and leafhoppers, and then move at 11 a.m. to the Carver Elementary Greenhouse to talk about hydroponic vegetable production.

The tour will conclude at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at noon, Boughen

For more information, contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 or bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu.

Urban Rancher/Small Acreage Landowner Workshop scheduled for June in Canyon

CANYON - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County will be offering an Urban Rancher/Small Acreage Workshop. This educational program is designed for all small acreage landowners to learn how to better manage and maximize production of their property, said J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agent for Randall County.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. on June 26 at the AgriLife Extension office in Randall County, 200 N. Brown Road.

An outstanding program has been scheduled with a complete list of expert presenters within specific fields, Ragland

Program topics will consist of the following: Re-Establishment of Native Pastures and Weed Control, Qualifying Requirements for Ag Exemption Status, Small Implement and Spraying Equipment Needs for Small-Acre Maintenance, Placing Tree Order Requirements through the Palo Duro Soil and Water Conservation District, Constructing Rainwater Harvesting Units, Establishing Zeriscape on Your Property, and Recommended Non-Resistant Plants for Troublesome Deer and Rabbits.

The cost will be \$10 per participant, payable at the door. Interested participants must RSVP on or before June 22.

For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension in Randall County at 806-468-5543.



"Matador" Variety



"I guess if he hadn't kicked both of your ears off, he could of done some damage!"

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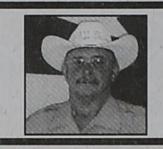
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Criminal Trespass, o; Drug Paraphernalia, o; Prisoner Transport to TDCJ, 1; Cruelty to Animals, 1.

ARRESTS: Misdemeanor, 1; Felony, O.

PAPERSERVED: District Court, 0; County Court, 1; JP Court, 2; Out of County Court Papers, o; Bailiff for Court, 1. TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 8; Traffic Warnings, 12; Funeral escorts, 1.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: The Sheriff's Office is here to serve the citizens. If you see anything suspicious or someone driving reckless, please call the Sheriff Office at 806-347-2234 or Sheriff Spence at 806-269-3577.

Thank You

I would like to thank Motley County Library and everyone who attended my book signing. I appreciate your coming to the signing. Books are available for sale for \$19.95 plus tax. Please call me at 806-347-2495.

Barbara Alexander

Behavior is Reflective?



When we were children we learned that there is a right and a wrong way to behave in society. As Christians we also learn that there are right and wrong patterns of behavior. In regard to ourselves or others there is a standard for behavior not only in church matters

but also for our daily lives.

Before we act, we should think about how our actions might affect the other person. Before speaking, we should consider what kind of impact that our words will have. If there is a question in our minds as to what we should do in certain situations or say, we need to open our Bibles. It is in the Bible that we learn acceptable behavior. Not only will God be pleased with us but others also. If you can find the time, please read Paul's comments to Timothy found in I Timothy chapter 3.

In reading the Bible we find instructions that were given to the early churches by inspired writers. Also, in the Gospels there are found Jesus' words of instruction concerning our conduct in society. When these are followed there is a lack of conflict and stress. Good Christian behavior is a powerful force when demonstrated in any situation or circumstance. Our behavior is a reflection of Jesus, isn't it?

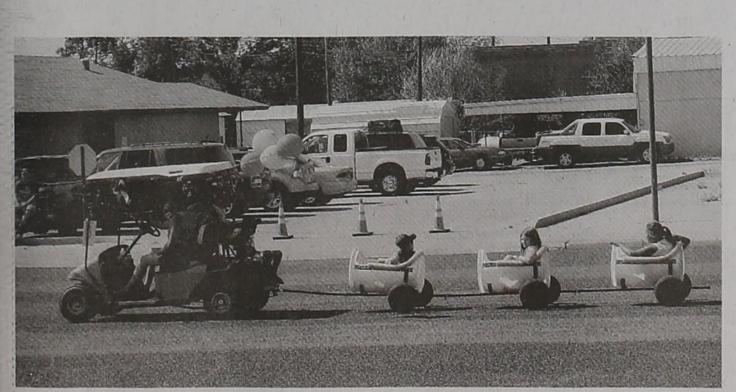
Roaring Springs Church of Christ Michael G. Crowley, Sr. BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.



SUMMER READING KIDS - These children are enjoying attending the Summer Reading Program held each Monday in June at the Motley County Library. The program consists of weekly entertainment, a reading challenge, an investigative scavenger hunt, refreshments and a craft. photo by Carla Meador



AIR GUITAR BAND - Ms. Maria, performer at the Summer Reading Program last Monday at the Library, leads these participants in an air-guitar band. The band included not only guitars, but also saxophones and tambourines. photo by Carla Meador



Centennnial Celebration parade winner in the Most Original category was the Barrel Train by Beverly Barton and Kathy Blanco. Passengers are Zowie Barton, Tyler Barton, Krista and Joe Daniel Guerrero. photo by Barbara Bogart



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- Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Mot ley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- **Matador Lions** 3
- July 4th, Roaring Springs 4
- Roaring Springs Lions 5
- Commissioners' Court 9
- Roaring Springs City Council 9
- Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambu 11 lance barn, 7am
- **Matador City Council** 12
- Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm 15-18 FBC VBS
- **Matador Lions**
- Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm 19

August

- **Roaring Springs Lions**
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