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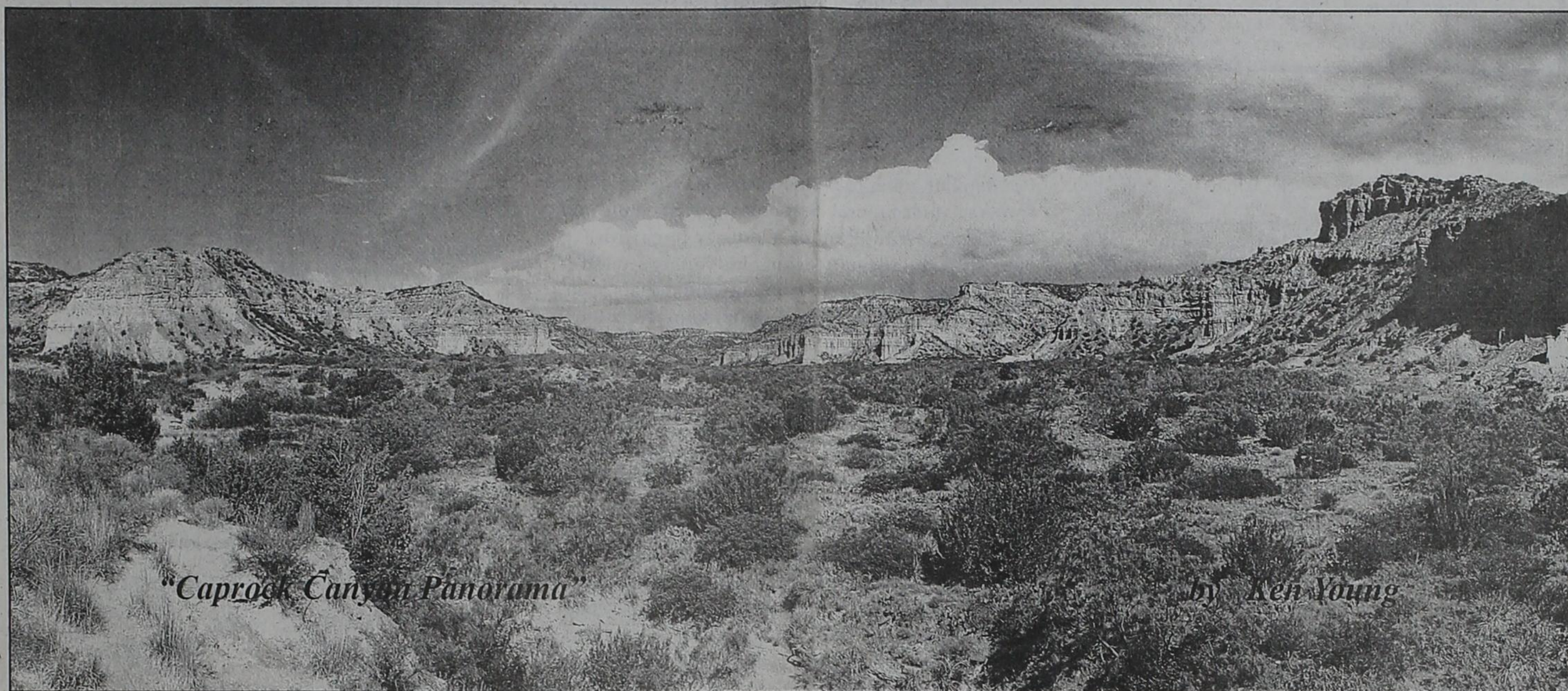
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"Caprock Canyon Panorama"

by Ken Young

Third annual Boondockers race set for Sunday

200 riders anticipated, ages 3-70; volunteers needed to help non-profits

By Carol Campbell

The Matador Grand Prix, hosted by the West Texas Boondockers, will invade downtown Matador Sunday, March 16, for the 3rd annual High Plains Grand Prix Circuit race.

The organizer's of the annual motorcycle race put a lot of thought into the right cities for the sport. They look for places close to home, where families can go to a race in one day and return home the same day. Other race cities include Quitaque, Lubbock, and Buffalo Springs Lake.

Matador is a mini-road trip from Lubbock, an ideal location for this group, who has been competing here for the past four years.

"We're expecting 150-200 riders, ages three to 70 years old," motorcycle enthusiast and organizer Steve Murphy said. The Circuit has different classes for the beginner to the expert. All the races will be electronically scored.

The High Plains Circuit consists of about 15 races a year, Murphy said, and is designed for the enduro rider as well as the

motocross rider. In addition, for almost 20 years the Circuit has included an October endurance race held on the Seigler Ranch at Northfield.

"The guys that chase the Enduro Circuit come from all over the country," Murphy said. "This annual race is a 4-hour, 80- to 100-mile race with about 250 to 300 riders."

Murphy said motorcycle racing is a fairly new "family oriented" sport where kids, adults, family and circuit friends travel together in motor homes and campers to spend a day in fun and fellowship, racing for trophies.

"There are no money prizes, no recognition, just a race for the trophy," he said. "If you are a point's champion, you get a neat jacket," he added.

But the Boondockers do more than just race on a 5-mile track around the City Park. They contribute thousands of dollars to community projects, donating one-half of all the proceeds from registration to the Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber President Diane Washington said that the Chamber then distributes the

proceeds to non-profits in the community who set up concessions, or volunteer with setting up the course for the races; or serve as "blockers." Blockers are individuals who sit at intersections to make sure automobiles don't drive through the course and endanger the riders.

Volunteers for blocking should meet at 9:00 a.m. Sunday at the Southwest corner of the Courthouse.

Businesses are urged to donate special items for giveaway bags to the participants. For example, in the past, Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative has donated Atlas Road Maps; and New to You has donated lip gloss.

"We also need volunteers to bake cookies and brownies, wrapped individually, for concessions for Hackberry Creek," Shane Jones said. "The money from the Hackberry concessions are used for the residents," she said. "Last year we bought lawn furniture, this year we want to build a wheelchair accessible garden area."

In addition, volunteers are needed to show up at 10:00

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Commissioner's Court meets; County Extension Agent honored

Jail Restoration grant match met

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on March 10, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

The full court was in attendance, with presiding county judge Ed D. Smith facilitating the meeting. Guests included representatives from the Motley County Oversight Committee Waydette Clay and Marie Lieber-Harkort; County Attorney Tom Edwards, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Markham, Deputy Sheriff Chris Spence, and Larry Vogt.

Donald Kelm, a 20-year county extension veteran in Waco, has assumed duties as the District Extension Administrator for District 3. Kelm addressed the Court, announcing the new name change for the agriculture extension office from the Texas Cooperative Extension to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Kelm also thanked the county for their many years of support.

"We finally got "service" back into the name of the agriculture extension office," he said. "The name change is a part of a re-branding effort that is centered on the foundational message: "Agriculture is Life."

Kelm oversees county Extension agents in 24 counties of the Rolling Plains. Addressing the Court, Kelm said Ryan Martin is "doing a super job in the county." In 2007, Martin pro-

vided educational seminars on marketing residue free cotton, worker protection standards, pesticide laws and regulations, pest management, and chemical applications. In addition, he conducted a "Bee Awareness" conference, a "no tobacco" educational program for 5th graders in Motley County ISD; and provided oversight to the Junior Rodeo, a major fundraiser for the Motley 4-H Club. He also helped 4-H Club members participate in major stock shows in 2007.

Martin manages all educational programs and services in Motley County, serving families, youth, and the community in 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences and community economic development. Judge Smith acknowledged Martin's considerable accomplishments, adding, "we appreciate Ryan's work in this county," Smith said, "we are well pleased with him."

In further business, Larry Markham, County Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the court on consideration of a wind turbine for the county courthouse that would help reduce the monthly electricity costs. Markham cited a turbine that could deliver 1.8 kW rated unit, providing 400 kW per month with winds as low as 8 mph. "The cost of this unit is about \$5,500, and could be installed on top of the courthouse,"

Markham said. Markham estimated it could save the county about \$75.00 a month, reducing electricity costs. This discussion was tabled until further investigation.

"This project needs more research with special emphasis on aesthetics and feasibility," Judge Smith said. "Crosby County ISD was reported to be a good source of information." County Attorney Tom Edwards provided an update on Wind Energy in Motley County, saying "everything I have heard lately is good."

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) is waiting on a Transmission Optimization Study being conducted by Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), due to PUC April 2. This study will provide the final analysis about where transmission lines should be placed and their capacity.

Edwards, who serves as vice president of the new Caprock Wind Energy Association, said the meeting held on February 28 in Matador has generated a lot of interest in joining the association. "We are now being contacted by new developers in the area," Edwards said. "Our president is getting calls and we want to be in a position to market wind energy," he said. The association will only be able to help market land of association members. "I urge landowners

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photo by Ken Young

GRAND PRIX RACE participants in the 2007 Boondockers race prepare for an exciting ride through downtown Matador.

Motley County electorate votes in record numbers

Almost 40% of the Motley County electorate voted in the Republican and Democratic Primary on March 4, 2008.

Out of 881 registered voters, 340 voters went to the polls to elect the candidates of their choice.

Nine of the 340 voters did not vote for a presidential nominee. These voters voted "undecided" or "uncommitted," accounting for 331 Presidential Nominee voters.

About 44% (80) of the Republican voters voted for Mike Huckabee, while almost 42% (76) voted for John McCain. Mitt Romney received about 4% (7); Ron Paul, 3%, (5); and Duncan Hunter, 2% (4).

Preference for the Democratic Presidential Nominee went overwhelmingly for Hillary Clinton, with 65% (97) voters; and the other front runner, Barack Obama garnered 29% (44) of the total vote. Other nominees were: John Edwards, 5% (7); Bill Richardson, 2% (2).

John Cornyn received almost 84% (125) of the votes in the Republican race for US Senator,

compared to Larry Kilgore with only 17% (25).

In the Democratic race for US Senate, 46% (47) of the Democratic vote went to Gene Kelly, followed by Ray McMurrey with 21% (21); Rhett R. Smith, 17% (17); and Richard Noriega, 17% (17).

Republican Mac Thornberry in an uncontested race for US Representative, District 13, earned 87% (159) of the vote; while candidate Roger James Waun received 57% (85) of the Democratic votes.

In an uncontested race for Railroad Commissioner, Republican candidate Michael Williams garnered 69% (124) of the votes.

The only official runoff race in the state is between Mark Thompson and Dale Henry for Railroad Commissioner. More than 50% of the Motley County Democratic voters selected Mark Thompson with a 66% (62) count; while Dale Henry only garnered 16% (15) of the vote.

The runoff election will be held April 8. The location of the runoff election will be announced

FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Larry Vogt
SPEED

There has to be something in the human consciousness that compels us to move faster than we are able afoot. Not content to walk at a leisurely pace, we took up running, then tamed the horse, rode the horse as fast as possible, and embraced the bicycle, automobile, motorcycle, airplane, and finally, spacecraft.

Along with moving ourselves along at a faster rate we took up racing. Of course, some did the racing and others watched, as close as possible to the action, cheering for our favorite. All of this evolved into a multi-million dollar industry, with live coverage on radio giving way to television.

We have a chance to

get into a little racing action right here in Matador this weekend. The Matador Grand Prix takes place with well organized racing circuits through the park and some streets. There also is electronic computerized scoring and several classes of engine size and variation in ages of riders. This racing sport enjoys family participation and the spirit of competitiveness will be at a heightened fever for the Grand Prix.

Although I had a brief moment of wanting to get a pocket bike and jump into the race I realized that it would be wise for me to stay with walking and hiking since my reaction times may not be what they were when the class of '57 took to the streets for a little drag racing action. Find me on the sidelines cheering the cutest kids that are close to my grandchildren's ages.

By Laverne Zabielski

Can't sleep. Water begins to boil on the stove. I'm making peppermint tea. It settles me down. I like it best with a little sugar and cream. Except Mom used all the whipping cream on her late night bowl of cereal with bananas because the milk was pushed way back in the corner of the frig.

I review the week. Plans for the Grand Prix race are underway. Boondockers are coming to roar through the streets of Matador bringing excitement, family and friends. I will be making my favorite chocolate chip cookies to donate to non-profit organizations selling food to our visitors. I will also gather my Truly Wearable Art of hand dyed silk scarves and shawls and bring them down to the Tribune to sell. Creating opportunities for citizens and the county to generate income is what happens when events and tourists come to town.

The Commissioners Court met this week. The wind energy discussion continues. Ryan Martin was honored for the immense work he does for the county. Budget concerns were considered regarding the cost of detaining prisoners and the expense of the upcoming run off election for Railroad Commissioner. If the County Clerk can obtain the permission she is seeking to hold the election at the Courthouse instead of all over the county we will save considerable money. Actually, it might not be a bad idea to hold all elections at the Courthouse considering our population is so small and funds limited. Three hundred and forty voters turned out for the primary election on March 4.

March is Womens' History month. Old newspapers are a good source for uncovering our ancestors' stories. In this weeks Unsung Hero we are recording D'anna Russell's herstory. The list is long containing her many accomplishments.

The writing workshop at the Motley County Library continues at noon on Fridays.

This month we will focus on our own herstory and the stories about the women in our life. In this weeks Writing Community Buffy Crutchley records her memories by remembering her dad.

I also write about my dad and learn about my life and my mother, a stay at home mom raising seven children. She knew how to make the right phone call, however, when it was concerning the needs of her children.

I remember... "Take shorthand and typing," my Daddy said. "Girls don't need college if they marry a good man."

Daddy was a Tech-Sgt. in the USAF. He drove a cab at night.

"But Daddy..." "Take shorthand and typing," he said again, "that way if something happens to your husband, you can always get a job as a secretary." I didn't want to be a secretary. I wanted to be a teacher.

"Girls don't need to go to college to raise babies and besides we haven't got the money."

"You don't know how hard your Daddy works to make what little we have," my mother informed me. It was 1964. She budgeted \$25 a week for groceries for us seven kids. We had one pair of shoes each. Cub Scout meetings cost ten cents. The whole house was searched for that dime.

When I didn't get the secretarial scholarship, even though I was the shorthand wiz and everyone knew it, my mom called Mrs. O'Brian, the school counselor. Mrs. O'Brian said, "Well, we wanted to give it to one of our own town kids. We didn't want to give it to a transient." My Dad called the base commander. I received the \$200 secretarial scholarship, got a job as a waitress, and took education classes at Wright Junior College in Chicago.

Come write with us this Friday and join us at the races on Sunday.

WRITING COMMUNITY

I Remember...

By Buffy Crutchley

I remember when Grandpa Snyder died. It was the only time I have ever seen my father cry. He was still in his work clothes when he got the call. I can still smell the way he smelled after a long day at work. Not a bad smell. It was almost a fresh smell. Like the outdoors. I only remember him having that smell while he wore those blue uniform shirts. I watched him from the living room, as he talked on the telephone. I was so scared. I didn't know what was going on.

I remember going to Pennsylvania for the funeral. It was my first funeral. Someone had asked me and my sister to write Grandpa a letter to bury with him. I can still see dad tucking his varsity sweater in the coffin. Uncle Dave came up and put his arm around me. It was strange. I didn't know him, but I wanted to be a grown up, so I put my arm around him too.

I remember going to Grandma's house. I see the big red light she had for a door bell. Or maybe it signaled the telephone. I'm not sure. She wanted me and Bree to each choose a salt and pepper shaker to take home. She had quite a collection. All displayed nicely in the cabinet by the door. Because she was deaf, it was difficult to tell her which one I wanted. I pointed to a set of Siamese Kittens. They had jewels for eyes. She thought I was pointing at the little boy sitting on the potty. I didn't know how to tell her I really wanted the kittens. Now that I'm older, I can see the humor in this. I'll have to look for those salt and pepper shakers when I go home this summer.

A Satisfied Smile

By R.D. Carroll

I saw him there in the early dawn light
brushing his horse under the saddling shed.
He'd been with the ranch for many years
and now old Slim was dead!

The old man was well over eighty
Always talking about his love life to date.
He bragged he'd been with some beauty queens
A claim that may have fashioned his fate.

There's several accounts of what happened
And you may take your pick, we suggest.
Your ideas will be looked at with interest
Then placed alongside all the rest.

Some say old Slim's heart played out
While others think his blood pressure got high.
It may have been gastric ulcers or worse
Or just simply Slim's time to die.

I reckon he'd been dead a good long while
His body lay crumpled in cowboy repose.
He loved to tell about those pretty women
At least that's how the story goes.

Come to think or it, the men had noticed
Buggy tracks winding to and from the road.
perhaps Slim had a lady visitor that day
More stories for the oats he'd sowed.

It's true at times, a man needs a mate
And Slim sure didn't have a care!
He always seemed to be grinning
It was his love life if you want to be fair.

We figured old Slim got too excited
And the blood flow rushed to his head!
He had apparently been dreaming of bygone days
And now old Slim was dead!

We gave the old 'Romeo' a cowboy service
As for me I'll remember it for a long while.
When we put the old man in that pine box
his face showed a satisfied smile!

County Garden Forum

Master Gardner, Nell Rains, of Kress Texas, will present a program entitled, "Xeriscaping, More Than Dry Gardening," at the Motley County Library Annex Building on Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 P. M. Xeriscaping is landscaping for water conservation. Ms Rains will discuss the philosophy of plants, water, and soil, and the seven elements of xeriscaping, also known as smartscaping. Drought resistant landscaping has a lot of benefits such as:

1. Water conservation. Plants and flowers are chosen that are used to living in drier areas or keeping nutrients on their own, resulting in less irrigation and savings in your water bill.

2. Minimal pests. These types of plants are not really prone to pests. There will be less concern about damaging insects if you choose to install drought resistant landscaping.

3. Fewer plant disease problems. Fewer insect pests also means less contaminants and organisms to be transferred to the plants.

Xeriscaping does not mean no water, it means that once established, these drought tolerant plants do not have to be

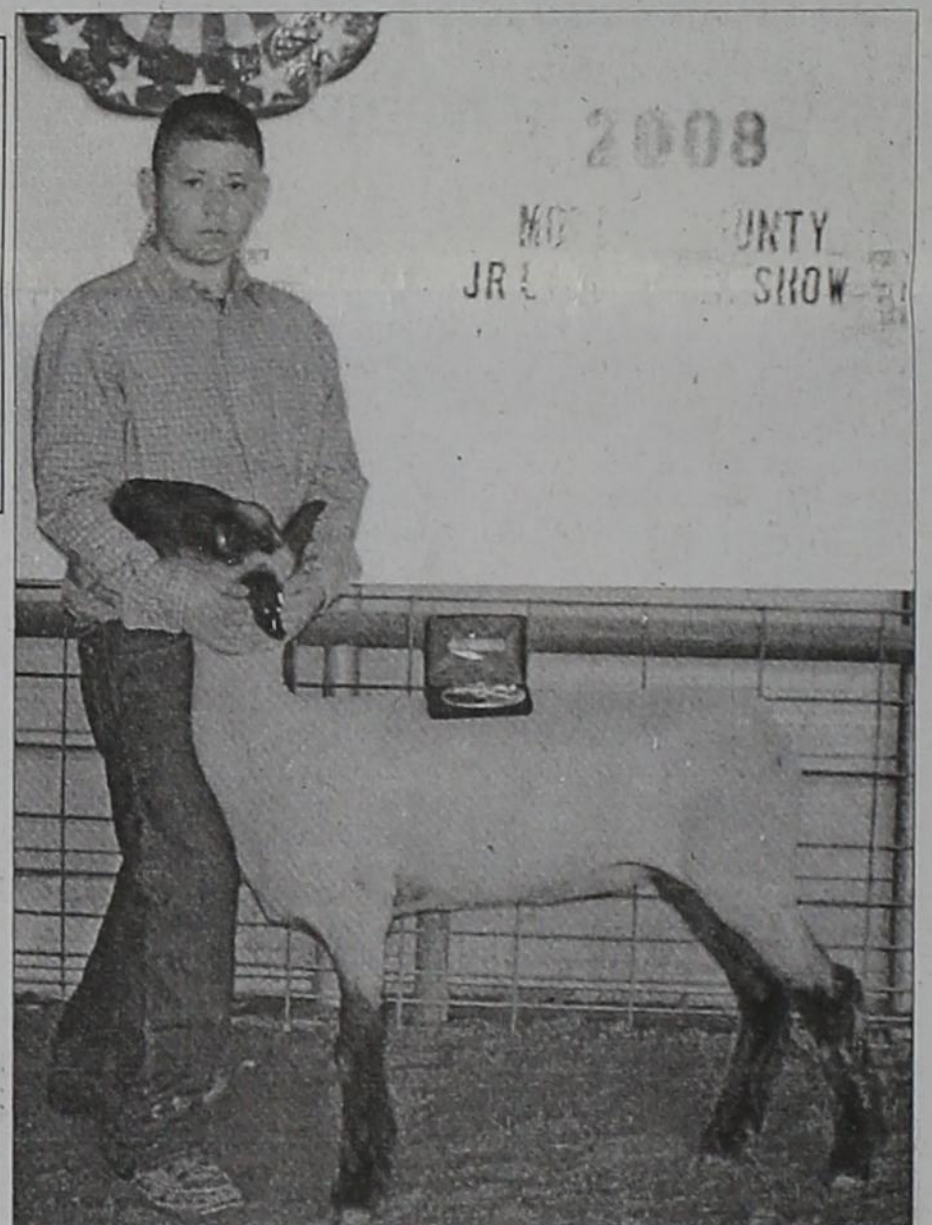
watered as often. This program will help you learn more about the elements of saving water in your vegetable crops, flower beds and lawns. There will be information about mulching, the use of particular plants, and types of watering systems.

There will be a question and answer session after the program. So bring your gardening or lawn questions with you.

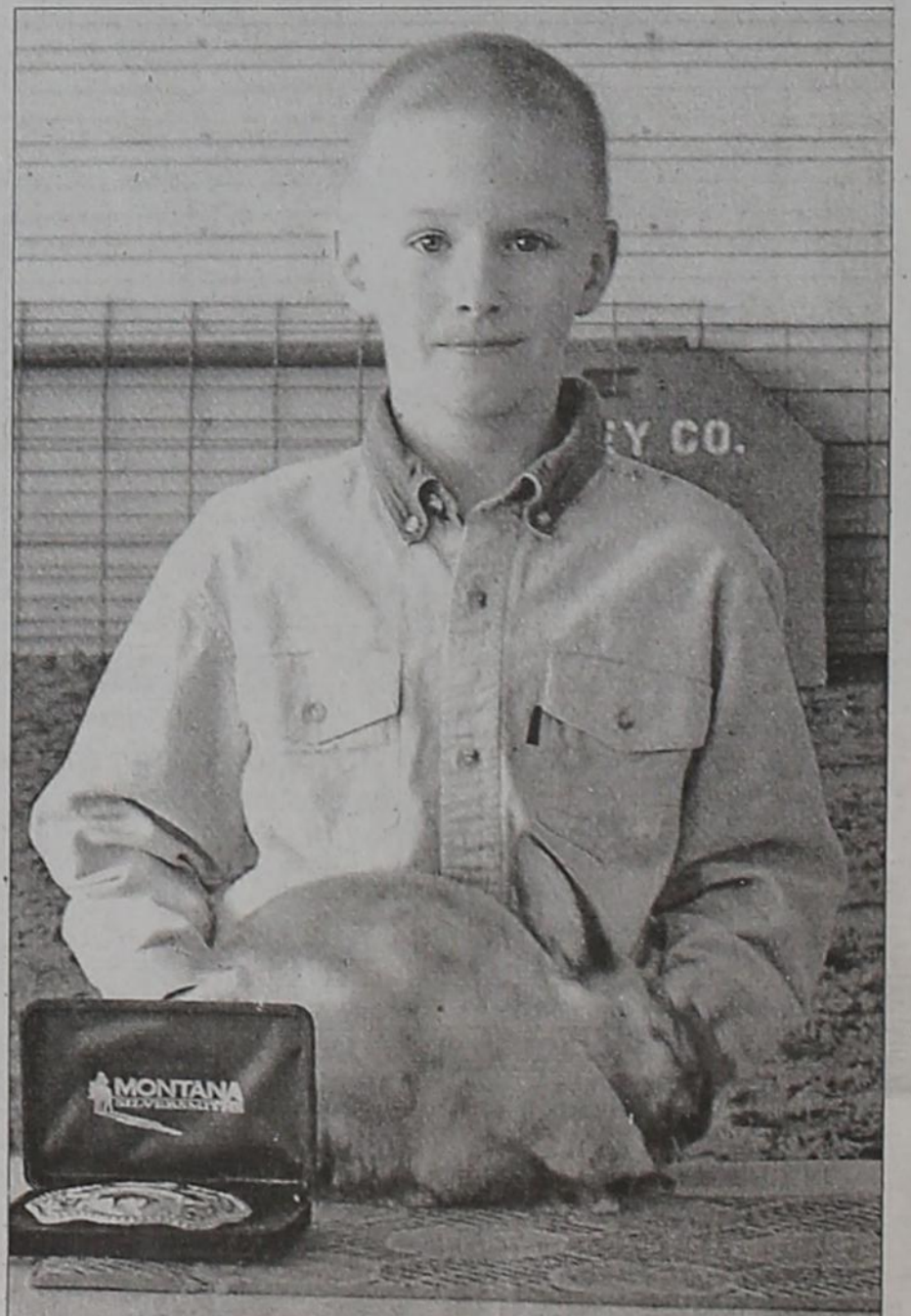
Ryan Martin, Motley County Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agent, will speak to us before the program about soil testing and its importance in the process of adding soil amendments such as fertilizers and minerals.

The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to present current and accurate information and to be a liaison between the horticulturist and Texas AgriLife Extension Services. Master Gardeners represent their sponsor, Texas A & M University.

You can go online to look up drought tolerant plants for the South Plains of Texas, drought tolerant plants for our zone (7) or you can check with nurseries in the area. There are numerous drought tolerant plants available for this area.



KEYAN KAUTZ won Senior Lamb Showmanship overall on February 23 at the 2008 Motley County Junior Livestock show, winning 6th Place in Heavy Weight Lambs.



BRADEN POPE won Rabbit Showmanship overall recently at the 2008 Motley County Junior Livestock show, winning 2nd place in the Light Weight Rabbit class.

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Homecoming dates set for September 12-13th

The officers and directors of the Matador/Motley County Ex-Students Association met Thursday, March 6, 2008 to set the dates for Homecoming. The event will be held September 12th and 13th, 2008.

The Matador Matadors District, Bi-District, and Regional Championship football teams from the 1950's will be recognized, including the 1954 Roaring Springs Yellow Jackets Regional Champions. The 1954, 1955, 1957, and 1959 Matador teams will be honored.

Classes planning to schedule reunions are urged to contact Ron and Kay Bailey in order for their reunion plans to be printed in the mailouts to all the exes. The Class of 1959 will host the classes from 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, and 1962 at the Motley County Senior Citizen's Center following the program and activities at the Motley County High School.

We are also still collecting current addresses for all Matador/Motley County Exes, especially the more recent graduates from the 1990's and 2000's. Please write us at P.O. Box 256, Matador, TX 79244 or email kayron@caprock-spur.com.

Homecoming officers and directors attending the meeting were Brittany Moore '03, Tom Edwards '60, Nathan Shannon '99, Jim Watson '55, Judge Ed D. Smith '60, Carol Campbell '61, Cora Bostick Smallwood '53, Debra Stockton Spray '70, Kay Rattan Bailey '60, and Ronald Bailey '59. Special guest was Randy Brown, Superintendent of Schools.

UNSUNG HEROES

This week's unsung hero is a person "who works behind the scenes to make sure that everything goes as it is supposed to," Ryan Martin said.

Martin, who is the Motley County Extension Agent, said D'Anna Russell has kept the 4-H program going when there "wasn't a county agent." In addition, she serves as the Motley County Extension office secretary, Martin said.

"She is really a Family and Consumer Science agent for the county," he added. "She takes care of all the food, nutrition, clothing and textile programs."

D'Anna handles all the dollars and paperwork for the Motley County Livestock Association, Martin said, serving as secretary of the association. "She has helped me get acquainted with this office, and how it should operate," he said. "She has been a tremendous help to me."

But D'Anna not only volunteers time for the 4-H and extension service, serving on the Leadership Advisory Board, she also is President of the Motley County Parent's Club.

According to Brooke Barton who was the President last year of the Parent's Club, D'anna "takes charge and gets it done." Some of her Parent's club duties include organizing the football and basketball concessions; the All-Night Party following graduation, the Honors Banquet for athletics and academics; and the Spirit Rally in August, where all of the players in various sports are recognized.

Further, she designed tee-shirts to sell for the playoff football and basketball games as a fundraiser for the Parent's group.

D'Anna was appointed to the City of Matador 4-B Tax Board; and responds to emergencies with the Emergency Management Services team.



She also serves on the Food and Finance Committees at First Methodist Church.

You would think that her volunteer jobs would be enough, but D'Anna also holds down a fulltime job. She works for Motley County as the Deputy Clerk. She was a legal assistant to the county attorney from 1999-2002, before signing on as the Deputy Clerk in 2003.

And in her spare time, D'Anna makes art. She fashions jewelry and sells women's accessories, including belts, purses, and tee-shirts. She has shown her art at Dickens County Chamber of Commerce Poniés in the Park function; and sets up her jewelry at Roaring Springs and Matador December late night Christmas shopping. D'Anna calls her jewelry, "Cowgirl Bling-Bling," adding, she "always has her jewelry with her, and will be happy to open her home to any interested buyer."

D'Anna is married to J.D. Russell, Assistant Manager at the Matador Ranch. She has two children, Shane'a, a junior in MCISD, and son Colton, who works for Matt Washington's Caprock Windmill Service.

When you see D'Anna on the street, don't stop her. She is likely on her way to the next meeting, and on to the next project. But if you get a chance, give this unsung hero some encouragement; she is working behind the scenes to make the wheels turn in Matador.

Administration analysis details impact on USDA programs without a new farm bill

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb 29, 2008 - At the request of senior House and Senate agriculture committee staff, the U.S. Department of Agriculture today provided a detailed document developed from Administration analysis of impacts to current USDA programs - in the absence of enactment of a new farm bill or an extension of the 2002 farm bill past March 15, 2008.

As stated in the USDA analysis, the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and the Agricultural Act of 1949, which have been repeatedly suspended by several farm bills, would again become legally effective if a new farm bill is not enacted or Congress fails to extend the 2002 farm bill by March 15, 2008. Often described as a reversion to "permanent law," such a result would "dramatically narrow the universe of producers who receive support, and would do so in a way that most producers will view as irrational," according to the 14 page paper prepared by USDA and approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

For instance, only those wheat producers who happen to have wheat acreage allotments would be eligible for minimum price support of \$7.80 per bushel, as compared to the current price support loan rate of \$2.75.

Price support rates for corn would almost double, from \$1.95 to a minimum of \$3.78 per bushel, while the upland cotton price support rate would go from 52 cents per pound to a minimum of \$1.34 per pound. Dairy price support would more than triple from \$9.90 per hundredweight to over \$30. No price support could be offered for sugar or oilseeds.

The 1938 Act is a supply control statute with marketing quota provisions that are applicable when the supplies of wheat and cotton are excessive. For the 2008 crops of these commodities, the Secretary has already announced that these quotas would not be in effect. But, for the 2008 crop of wheat, the 1938 Act still requires the Secretary to establish acreage allotments since these allotments are part of the price support program established for wheat under the 1949 Act. One of the critical factors which the 1938 Act requires the Secretary to take into account when establishing a farm's 2008 wheat allotment is whether or not the farm had an allotment in 1958. Acreage allotments for wheat have not been declared since 1971 and USDA does not possess acreage reports dating back to 1971. Accordingly, it is unclear how USDA could meaningfully translate these historical allotments, while taking into account other required provisions in the 1938 Act, into 2008-crop price support benefits.

The permanent authority for price support to producers of agricultural commodities is provided in the Agricultural Act of 1949. The date when permanent law becomes effective for a commodity is not uniform across commodities. The 1938 Act operates on a marketing year basis, rather than a crop year basis. Price support rates under the 1949 Act, in contrast, are crop year specific.

Commodities

* **Wheat** - To receive price support benefits, producers must have a 2008 acreage allotment and must plant wheat in an amount no greater than the size of the allotment. Only farmers able to produce records of 1958 wheat allotments as well as having wheat plantings in crop years 2005, 2006 and 2007 would be eligible for price support benefits.

* **Sugar and oilseeds** (including soybeans) - Due to the manner in which the 1949 Act has been amended, price support may not be offered with respect to oilseeds (including soybeans, sunflower seed, and canola, rapeseed, safflower, flaxseed and mustard seed), sugar beets and sugarcane.

* **Dairy** - Price support would be offered with respect to dairy products through government purchase of dairy products.

* **Other commodities** - Price support for other commodities such as peanuts, wool and mohair would be at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Other Programs

The mandatory programs that would be most severely impacted would be conservation and trade programs. However, in general, for programs that receive annual appropriations, the impacts would be less severe if new law is not enacted by March 15, 2008.

Conservation

New enrollments in most conservation programs would cease as of March 16, 2008. Producers currently enrolled in both the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) would continue to receive technical assistance and program payments. En-

rollment and payments for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Security Program (CSP) would continue.

Trade

Mandated funding for certain trade and international development programs would expire on March 16, 2008: export credit guarantees, export credit guarantees for emerging markets, market access, foreign market development cooperator, technical assistance for specialty crops, food for progress, dairy export incentives, and facilities credit guarantees. Authority to finance sales and provide additional international food aid under Public Law 83- 480 ("PL 480") would expire. The authority to release assets from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust continues, yet, the authority to replenish the Trust expires. However, McGovern-Dole Food for Education program authority is permanent, using appropriated funding available through September 30, 2008.

Food Stamps and Nutrition

Most child nutrition programs (including school lunch, school breakfast, WIC) are controlled by child nutrition reauthorization, which is on a different schedule from the farm bill and does not expire until the end of FY 2009. Basic functions of providing assistance under the Food Stamp Act will continue in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. However, the authority to provide food assistance to Puerto Rico and American Samoa under the Food Stamp Act would expire at the end of March.

Rural Development

Nearly all of the rural development programs would continue.

FSA Farm Loan Programs

The basic farm loan program activities would continue. However, a number of farmers currently eligible for farm loan program loan guarantees would cease to be eligible because term limits on the number of years for these guarantees would be reinstated without a new farm bill. Beginning farmers and ranchers would no longer benefit from set-asides of direct loan funds.

Crop Insurance

The core insurance activities of the Federal crop insurance program are not affected.

Read the USDA document at www.usda.gov/documents/fb-papero22908.doc



photo by Kan Young

HIGH PLAINS CIRCUIT rider makes the curve in a cloud of dust at the 2007 Boondockers Race. The West Texas Boondockers expect about 200 riders for the 3rd annual race held Sunday, March 16. Action begins at 9:00 a.m.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I hope that you read "Snuffy Smith" in the Sunday Avalanche Journal comics. It would have been fun to copy it for my column. It seemed that Jughead gave a good report on the local news but it wasn't what his teacher wanted. I thought Jughead's news was pretty interesting; I was glad to hear that Li'l Tater had a tooth coming in, Uncle Snuffy was serving 14 days and old Bullet was chasing the neighbor's chickens but hadn't gotten caught. That is the way it is with local news; it doesn't interest anyone but those living it but to them it is front page news!

Life has been hard this week. I have had to work on income taxes. To me this is a stressful time of year. Corky thinks I take it much too seriously; I want my records to be so clear that I never have to be audited. I have been audited and survived but it is a tedious nerve wracking experience. I learned to keep better records after that. Li'l Toot has known to stay out of my way and Wixie has tried to be a good doggie and let me work.

Charlie Long is in the hospital at UMC in Lubbock. He is undergoing tests. Hopefully he will be finished with his tests today or tomorrow. Please pray for Charlie that he will regain his strength and his foot will begin to work better.

Bill Hand is improving and enjoys visits. Trudy Hand visited her dad on Sunday as did Iona Tucker, Mozelle's cousin from Lubbock. Carter Luckett has been a recent visitor. The Tom Jordans and Genetta Ameijide visit often and play cards with Bill and Mozelle.

Roaring Springs has two new residents, Sha and Jaylane Knox. They moved their trailer house into Roaring Springs Sunday afternoon. They are here with the McAdoo windmill project but have fallen in love with Roaring Springs and hope to stay here permanently.

Milburn (Bud) Dawson died in Odessa, TX. Graveside services were held at the Roaring Springs Cemetery on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. Bud was born at Tepee Flat in 1939. He grandchildren conducted the service.

The John Wesley Study Guild group met last Wednesday afternoon at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. Pearl Patten gave the opening prayer. Chelsea Read brought the lesson. Others attending were: Callie Giesecke, Jo Etta Bumgardner, Ethel Smith, Joy Beeson and Debbie Martin. The hostess, Debbie Martin gave the benediction. Pearl Patten will be the hostess for the next meeting.

Buddy and Linda Allen of Pampa were guests of Pearl Patten on Saturday. They enjoyed lunch together at the Hitchin' Post. Buddy is Pearl's son. The Allens had been Austin to attend the basketball playoffs. Pearl was disappointed that her granddaughter, Lisa Parker's team did not make it to the state playoffs. Lisa had really played well for her team in Boyd, TX and had been the champion 3-point scorer in Wise, County. Margaret Leonard's brother, Larry Joe Hamilton is back in the V. A. Hospital in Memphis, TN due to an infection.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

A ONCE IN YOUR LIFE-TIME EASTER: Easter is early this year. Easter is always the 1st Sunday after full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is March 20. This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above information. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! Only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early, 95 years old or above. None of us have ever or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early, March 23, will be the year 2228, 220 years from now. The last time it was this early was 1913, so if you are 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!

The next time Easter will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285, 277 years from now. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse accompanied her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador to the Mangold Hospital in Lockney Sunday, March 2. She was hospitalized with treatment for pneumonia and returned home Thursday, March 6. With her during her hospitalization were daughter and husband, Charla and Bennie Marracle of Snyder, son, Mark Wason of Lubbock and Brenda.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and grandson, Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, OK, accompanied

her brother, Johnie Starkey to Big Spring Tuesday where he had cataract eye surgery at the Veterans' Hospital. They returned to Flomot Friday. Visiting them Sunday was sister, Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney and son, James Cypert of Clyde. Mrs. Long returned to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. Shay McDaniel of Sundown, granddaughter of Mrs. B. Rogers and niece Donnie Rogers, gave birth to a baby boy, Kolt, February 29, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. He was born with serious heart complications and is in ICU. Mrs. Rogers and Donnie visited last week and again Saturday with Shay and her family, husband, Jimmy McDaniel and sons, Seth and Luke in Lubbock.

Cally and Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash were in Memphis during the weekend and enjoyed the Little Dribblers basketball tournament. Savannah's and Blayne's teams won second place in the tournament and they returned home with their silver medals.

Mrs. Aleda Ross visited from Friday until Sunday in Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley. Aleda had an audiometer medical appointment and was pleased with the help for her hearing. They attended the Lubbock Green Lawn Church of Christ services Sunday morning.

Wilburn Martin is on the sick list and received medical treatment in Lockney.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and brother, Glen Calvert.

Megan Shorter of Fort Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter visited Sunday with her grandfather, L.E. Shorter and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. She attended the Flomot Baptist Church services with them Sunday morning.

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at a later date. Candidates nominated by Motley County voters for the General Election are:

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Republican, Wallace Jefferson (64%, 115); and Democrat Jim Jordan (56%, 83).

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7: Republican Dale Wainwright (64%, 116); Democrat Sam Houston (91%, 85).

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8: Republican Phil Johnson, (64%, 116); Democrat Susan Criss, (82%, 75).

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Republican Tom Price, (62%, 112); Democrat Susan Strawn, (57%, 85).

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4: Republican Robert Francis (57%, 74); Democrat J.R. Molina (55%, 82).

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9: Uncontested, Cathy Cochran (63%, 113).

State Senator, District 28: Uncontested, Robert Duncan (81%, 146).

State Representative, District 68: Uncontested, Rick Hardcastle (76%, 138).

Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District: Uncontested, Brian Quinn (63%, 114).

District Attorney, 110th Judicial District: Uncontested, Becky Bybee McPherson (67%, 104).

In Motley County uncontested races:

County Attorney: Tom Edwards (68%, 124).

Sheriff: Michael Crutchley (81%, 148).

Tax Assessor-Collector: Elaine Hart (83%, 130).

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: Roy Gene Stephens (82%, 61).

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: Franklin Jameson (95%, 35).

County Chairman (Republican) Wilburn Martin (82%, 149).

County Chairman (Democrat) C.W. Moore (78%, 120).

Texas' 228 Delegates are awarded by a mixed primary-

caucus way of selecting delegates, in addition to "super delegates."

Republicans and Democratic voters caucused at the courthouse following the close of polls on March 4.

According to the *Burnt Orange Report*, "Everything You Need to Know about the Texas Delegate Process," there will be 193 "pledged" delegates decided by the primary-caucus system; and 35 "unpledged" or "super" delegates.

One-hundred twenty-six (126) delegates are "primary-chosen" delegates, allocated based on the results of votes cast on March 4. The 126 delegates that are allocated by the regular primary system will be the only ones that Senator Clinton and

Senator Obama can add to their tally. The delegates are divided based on the voting strength of each candidate in the 31 State Senate Districts across Texas.

Sixty seven (67) delegates are "caucus-chosen" delegates, allocated at the state convention.

The "caucus-chosen" delegates are only assigned based on who shows up to the local precinct conventions the day of the election.

This process is designed to award whichever candidate who organizes its voters to attend the precinct conventions after the polls close.

The Motley County Democratic precinct caucus pledged support to Hillary Clinton. The County Convention for the Democratic Party will be held on March 29, 2008. Time and location will be reported at a later date.

It is unknown at press time if the Republican Party will hold a convention.

Delegates that work their way through the precinct and county conventions are free to switch their candidate support at any time until the state convention, but normally, delegates don't switch, the *Burnt Orange Report* said.

Matador News

Pete Williams was conveyed by ambulance to Hackberry Care Center Friday afternoon from Lubbock. He is recovering from recent surgery and other medical problems.

Mrs. Charla Wason Marracle of Snyder and Mrs. Shane Stevens Jones attended the funeral services of Mrs. Krista Price Findley Sunday held at the White Bluff Chapel in Whitney.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson attended the funeral graveside services of Mrs. Virginia Maples of Canyon held in Silverton Monday afternoon.

The Red Rover Red Hat Club enjoyed dinner at the Rocking R Steak House in Plainview February 29, after they attended the play "Proof" at Wayland Baptist College.

Attending were: Betty Henry, Dorothy Knight, Joan Patton, Winifred Darsey, Norma Marrs, Evelyn Garrison, Ray Baxter and Joyce Campbell.

Jim Watson made a two-week trip to Southern California in February. In route to California, he visited with friends from Wyoming, who spend their winters in Casa Grande, Arizona. He then visited with his son, Chris and his family in San Diego. His grandson, Christopher, a Lance Corporal in the US Marine Corps, will ship out in March for a seven month tour of duty in Iraq with a Harrier aircraft squadron. Jim then went on to Bakersfield to visit friends before returning to Matador.



I want to wish my baby girl a Happy 50th Birthday on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

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RS Lions meet at Hitchin' Post

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Thursday, March 6, at 11:30 at the Hitchin' Post, downtown, Roaring Springs. There were seven members present; Ken Abbott, Alex Crowder, Buz Thacker, Floyd Carter, Wes Campbell, DA McQuire, and Corky Marshall, and four guests; Tince Thacker, Lynn Campbell, Chris Spence and Barbara Bogart, marketing coordinator for Caprock Telephone. Bogart presented an informative program including slide pictures of the windmills being installed at Mc Adoo.

Members continued discussion on plans for the 3rd annual Tour De Nine Zero bicycle tour that the Lions are sponsoring and will occur on May 3 during the annual Highway 70 Garage Sale.

Deputy Chris Spence was inducted as a new member, Wes Campbell was elected president, Floyd Carter, vice-president, and Corky Marshall, secretary/treasurer for the new Lions year, 2008-2009.

Anyone interested in joining is invited to meet with us at 11:30 each 1st Thursday of every month and enjoy a good meal at the Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs.

Whiteflat homecoming set for April 5

The annual Whiteflat Homecoming will be held Saturday, April 5, at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens' Building in Matador.

Last year, the group decided that following the 2008 meeting, they will begin meeting once every two years, rather than annually.

Feedback concerning the change from yearly to biennial meetings is requested from anyone who has attended the event in the last two to three years, but was unable to attend last year.

Homecoming officers also would appreciate it if everyone who has attended in the last few years would let the secretary know whether or not they plan to attend the 2008 event.

Responses should be submitted to Secretary Frances Dixon at 641 CR 107, Matador, TX 79244 or to bidintime@excite.com, or by calling 806-469-5347.

Officers nominated and elected for 2008 were: Presi-

Razzle Dazzle Red Hatters visit Matador for lunch at the hotel

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hatters from Floydada met for a day of shopping, museum hopping, and lunch at the Hotel Matador on Thursday, March 6.

Lunch was served to 24 members of the Red Hat Club, followed by a tour of the hotel, visits to the museum, historic jail, and shopping sites.

The menu included Cranberry Spritzer, 1886 Room Cheese Soup, Chicken Salad on Mixed Greens, Croissants, Fresh Fruit with Poppyseed Dressing, Lemon Cream Cheese Dessert, Iced Tea and Coffee.

Luncheon speaker Marisue Potts-Powell spoke to the group about the history and renovation project of Bob's Oil Well.

"Matador is a unique town," President Margaret Jones said. "We enjoyed it so much. We will be back," she said.

On the agenda were visits to the Motley County Museum, Variety Store, and the Library. In addition, the group visited the Glittered Pig, New To You, and Calico Treasures.

The Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Club has members from Turkey, Floydada, Crosbyton, Lockney, Flomot, Plainview, and Tulia.

The Red Hat Floydada group has 53 members.

Delta Kappa Gamma celebrates 79th birthday

Lindy Stafford, Matador, a member of the Gamma Eta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society attended the recent 79th birthday party of the Society and the 70th birthday of the Gamma Eta Chapter.

The Chapter met Monday evening, March 3, at Patton Springs School. A meal of chicken and beef casseroles, salad and birthday cake was served to 25 members.

Nancy Hannon, Spur, read the poem "The Dash" by Linda Ellis as an "icebreaker." She reminded us that it is the dash between our birth date and our death date that is the most important part of our life.

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Notes from the Library by Buffy Crutchley

I am happy to report new Springtime hours for the library. I am going to try something a little bit different this time. I've had a few requests for morning hours, so we'll see what happens. Our new hours will be: Mondays; 2:00pm to 5:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday; 1:00pm to 6:00pm and Friday's; 9:00am to 2:00pm. The library is especially peaceful in the mornings, with the sun shining through the windows. It has become my favorite place in the world, and I invite you to come experience it (and maybe check out a book while you're here).

Deanie Edwards has put together a wonderful pro-

gram for the gardener in all of us. On Saturday, March 29th, at 2:00pm we will have a Certified Texas Master Gardener present a program on Xeriscaping, and give us hints on having a successful garden in such a dry climate. Ryan Martin will also be on hand to provide information on soil testing. Spring is right around the corner, so I do hope you'll join us and get some helpful gardening hints to start off right. And if you're like me, and have never given gardening much thought, you can come snack on those delicious treats provided by the Friends of the Library. Who knows, we'll probably learn something!!

Methodist Church hosts Good Friday service

The First United Methodist Church in Matador will host a "Good Friday" service on March 21 at 7:00 p.m., featuring Rev. Bill Manney. All are invited to attend the service and the fellowship that follows.

dent, Cheryl Hindman, Crosbyton; First Vice-President, Donna Anderson, Patton Springs; Second Vice-President, Marci Bateman, Spur; Recording Secretary, Janie Wigley, Crosbyton; and Corresponding Secretary, Elisha Reese, Lubbock. These officers will be installed at the May meeting and take office July 1.

One new member, Susan Brooks, Crosbyton, was voted into the chapter. She will be initiated at the April meeting.

The birthday program was presented by Cristy McClenny, Brenda Karr, Karen Wynn, Donna Anderson, Willeta Burkes, and Vivian Morris.

Door prizes of candles were won by Lindy Stafford, Debbie Ball, and Sharon Hartsell.

School Menu

Thursday, March 13
Breakfast: French toast sticks, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, crackers, sliced pears, milk.
Friday, March 14
Breakfast: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.
Monday, March 17 - 21 vacation

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Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

There are three easy ways of losing money--racing is the quickest, women the most pleasant, and farming the most certain.

--Lord Amherst

Motley County has plenty of farming and ranching to lose money on, so the locals know all about that. But the upcoming Boondockers races would surprise Lord Amherst in that they offer an opportunity, not to lose money, but to make some.

And in the process, make some visitors to the county very happy.

Yep, the annual Boondockers Grand Prix is coming up this coming Sunday, and Matador will be flooded with visitors galore, not to mention the locals who want to race, too. The visitors come from all around to spend Sunday here, to race, to watch, to wander around town, and to spend money--they have to eat, of course, and Motley County organizations are already getting prepared to provide them with delicious fare.

These vitals are not only on offer to the guests, but to the locals as well, so come on down to the Motley County Courthouse, check out the booths, and feast on whatever catches your fancy.

But whoa, before all the activities and fun of the Sun-

day races get going, there is still a lot of work to be done--streets blocked off, hay bales set up at strategic places around the course, and any number of other tasks, big and small, not to mention the goodies that have to be baked for the Hackberry Creek Care Center booth and others by anyone who wants to volunteer their time and effort.

And then there are people needed to man the checkpoints around the course, and help out in other ways. And remember, the Boondockers share the profits with the non-profit organizations in the county that help with the race preparations and man the stations and form the pick-up crew after the day. So selling goodies is not the only way for your organization to raise funds.

Spring is upon us, and this is the first big event of the year, so plan to get involved--as a worker, as a booth provider, or as a spectator.

If you can volunteer your services, contact Shane Jones (347-2820) or Dianne Washington (347-2636) to find out what you can contribute. Even if you only have a little time available, there are things that you can do to help, so don't be shy about saying you only have an hour or two to do something. Every little bit helps.

And then come on over to the courthouse on Sunday, March 16th, to enjoy the Boondockers races and the food, and chat with friends, neighbors, and visitors.

Senior Citizens Menu

Thursday, March 13
 Chicken a la King, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, coleslaw, apple crisp.
Friday, March 14
 Chicken fried steak/gravy, baked potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, peaches.
Monday, March 17
 Baked ham, potatoes, spinach, roll, chocolate cake w/berries.

Tuesday, March 18
 Beef stir-fry, steamed rice, Chinese veggies.
Wednesday, March 19
 Chicken salad sandwich, lettuce & tomato, cucumber salad, potato chips, fruit parfait.

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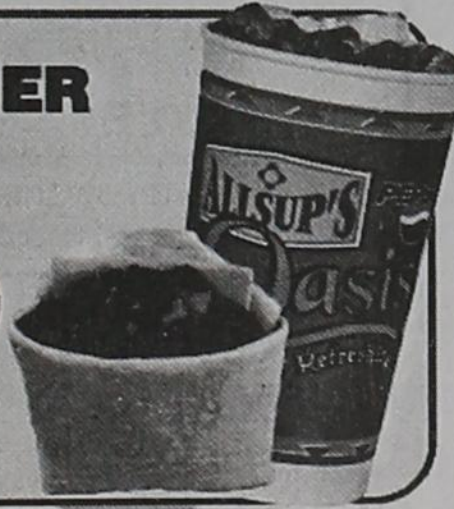
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COMBO NO. 5 SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69	COMBO NO. 10 2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Matador Tribune
July 9th, 1936

Age is a vandal in possession of the sacred chart upon which is traced each hidden location containing some youthful illusion. Boldly and without the formality of ceremony, the fearful sledges of truth crush the brittle shelter and the precious contents, as wine from broken flagons, is lost in the dry, thirsty sand. The doomed exile from the province of creation, destroys as a blind man grown bitter because he can not see again the colored vases and the flowers he annihilates in the sanctuary of fancy.

The dog came to my door and looked through the most hopeful eyes; begging for a single word of kindness and trying to soften the crust about my heart with a humbly wagging tail. Weariness and loneliness were shaped in the gaunt, wretched animal whose alert ears sought vainly for the voice of a friend, until in despair, the heart-breaking eyes turned away and the frail form moved on deeper into the shadows of a mad world. Some strange specter remains, however, to haunt my peace by looking through a low window at the selection of chance which designed so little feeling for another animal.

And I know that other men are trodding roads over which I have passed, as the friendless dog, seeking a gentle word, a smile and a little warmth or association, to receive, instead, the most painful of all torture, the rough-edged lash of silence.

Sometime after that sailless argosy bearing my fortune finally docks at the flimsy pier I have prepared, I plan to buy a lantern and go into seclusion for a pleasant evening.

RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune
July 9th, 1936

OLD LAND-MARK GOES AS LARGE HOME RAZED

This week workmen will complete the razing of the large 2 1/2 story building located at the southeast edge of town, the former Luckett home built 20 years ago. The land-mark was once considered one of the best homes in Matador when it was built by Jack Luckett deceased pioneer Motley County cattleman.

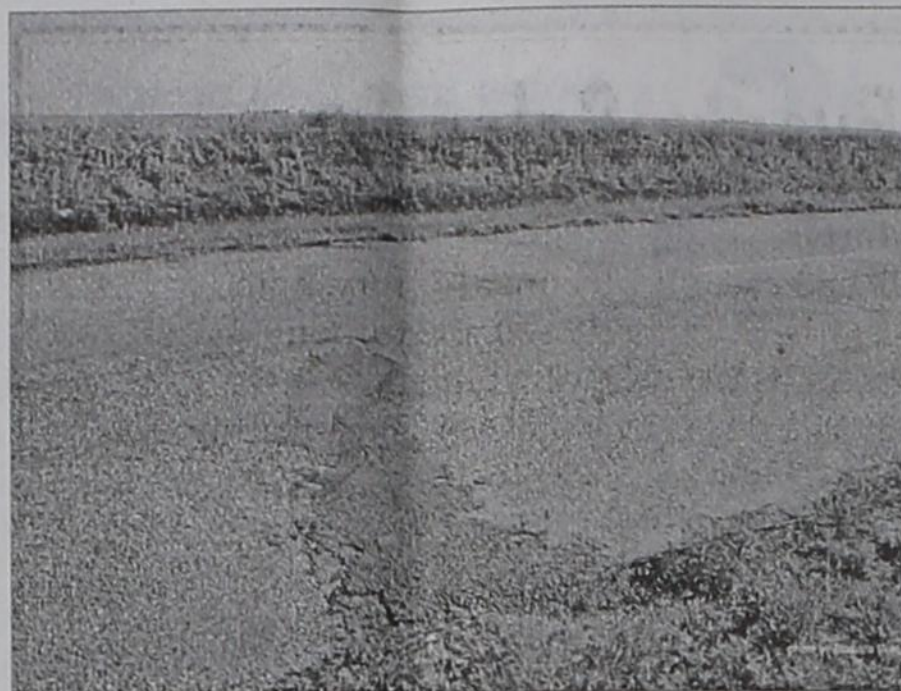
Lumber, brick, hardwood flooring and other material used in construction of the decade-old land-mark, was found to be in an excellent state of preservation.

I genuinely thank you and Appreciate your support.

Tom Edwards
County Attorney

Death Notice

Nora Ivis Glenn Byars, 91, of Odessa, Texas and the daughter of the late C. B. and Allie Glenn, passed on March 3 in Odessa, Texas. Burial was on March 6 at Enochs, Texas. She is survived by her sister, Martha Glenn Stone and brother, Grady A Glenn. She will be remembered by being called Peach

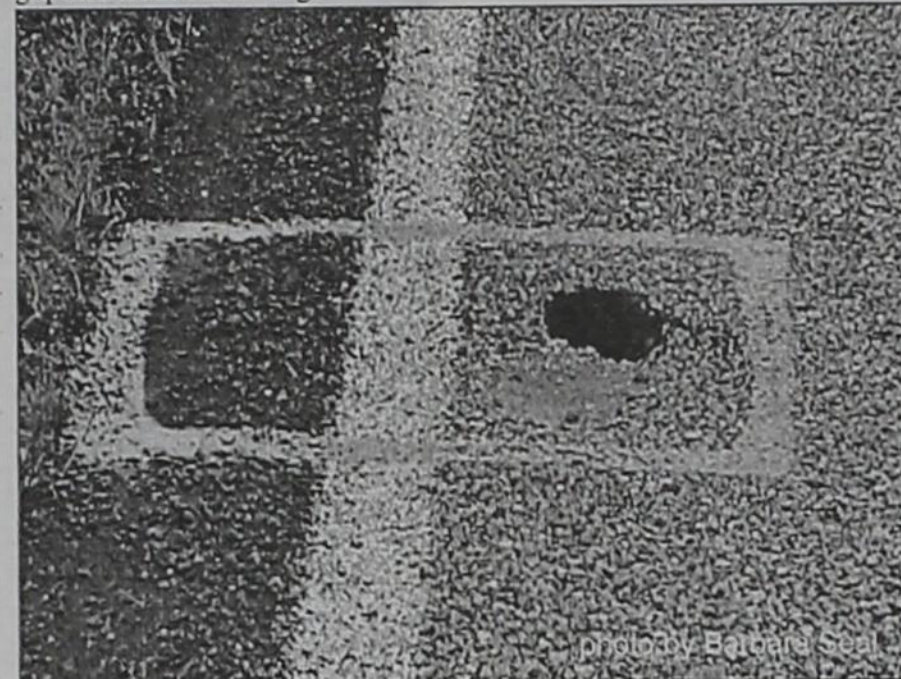


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THANK YOU

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OBITUARIES

Krista Findley

Krista Findley, 54, of Whitney passed away on March 6, 2008. Services were held on Sunday, March 9 at White Bluff Chapel with Rev. Maurice Martin officiating. Interment followed at Fort Graham Cemetery.

Krista was born on September 16, 1953 in Matador, TX to James and Earle (Brooks) Price. She grew up in Matador and graduated from Monterrey High School in Lubbock. She received a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree in history from UT at Permian Basin. She received a Masters Degree in Education from Region XII in Waco. She married Wayne Findley on November 15, 1974. She raised her family in Andrews before moving to Whitney five years ago. She taught school for fifteen years and was an Assistant Principal for the last two years. Krista was a member of the White Bluff Chapel in Whitney and DAR.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne of Whitney; parents, James and Earle Price



of Lubbock; children, Wade Findley and wife, Courtney of Fort Worth, Mitch Findley and wife, Simone of Katy; brothers, Morris Price and Andrea of Lubbock, Paul Price and wife Jana of Denver, CO., Scotty Price and wife Liz of Austin.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Krista Findley Memorial Scholarship Fund, First National Bank, PO Box 547, Whitney, TX 76692

Local and state fire resources remain on alert

Proactive attack saves lives and homes

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - When Texas Forest Service (TFS) and the National Weather Service began forecasting extreme fire weather danger earlier this week, TFS wasted no time activating preparedness measures and pre-positioning firefighting personnel and equipment to areas of the state predicted to be at highest risk. As it turns out, this preparation paid off.

The highest fire danger this year occurred on Monday (Feb. 25), and fire behavior was extreme. All available Texas Forest Service resources were committed to the fire fighting effort, including resources from east Texas and all available aircraft from the Texas Air National Guard. At the height of the fight, 1,000 gallon water drops from helitankers did little to slow advancing flame fronts. Tactics switched from offensive suppression efforts to the direct protection of homes and other assets on that day.

T.K. Kennedy, a helicopter manager in Abilene, summarized the day's events, "We dropped 38,000 gallons of water today, mostly in people's backyards." "Five communities were evacuated," said James Hull, state forester and director of TFS. "Luckily, everyone was able to return to their homes that night."

The severity of this year's fire season is one of the worst seasons on record. Since January 2008, fires have consumed over 500,000 acres and destroyed 300 structures; however, an estimated 5,622 structures were saved. Governor Perry has issued state disaster proclamations for 216 of the state's 254 counties in response to the fire danger.

No significant relief is in sight. Little or no rain is expected across far west Texas. Drier, cooler air will spread over all of the state by Tuesday, remaining in place through the end of the week. Fire risk will remain elevated west of Interstate 35 and critical in the Trans Pecos area. Therefore, local and

state resources remain on alert.

"The local fire departments are our first line of defense," said Mark Stanford, fire operations chief for Texas Forest Service. "They have reported to us that they responded to 3,060 fires so far this year for a total of 148,310 acres of the overall acres burned."

Cooperating and assisting state agencies during the fire season include: Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety, TX Air National Guard, TX State Fire Marshall's Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas AgriLife Extension.

Out-of-state resources from Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana and Virginia are providing relief and additional support. Assisting federal resources include the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Citizens are urged to be extremely cautious during this period of critical fire danger. Some precautions suggested by Texas Forest Service include:

- Check with local authorities for Outdoor Burning Bans
 - Your vehicle can start a fire if parked or driven in dry grass. ATVs and farming equipment can also start a fire if parked on the grass.
 - Store flammable liquids properly.
 - Remove dry vegetation from under electric fences.
 - When welding, use a spotter, clear the area of dry vegetation, and have a water source handy.
 - Be sure tow chains are secure and don't drag on the roadway.
 - When grilling, place your barbecue over cement; be sure coals are dead out when you're through (douse them thoroughly with water).
- For more information on fire weather danger and advisories, go to <http://tfnews.tamu.edu> and click on Wildfire Information.

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a.m. Saturday at the Northwest corner of the Courthouse to help stake red flags on the race track. Current community non-profits participating consist of the EMS Ambulance Service, Senior Citizens, Hackberry Creek Care Center, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, Roaring Springs Community Volunteers and Foothills Family Development Council.

The Senior Citizens will have a concession, selling rodeo wraps and drinks; Hackberry Creek concessions will consist of grilled hamburgers, drinks, and dessert; Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will sell hot-dogs; and the Catholic Church will sell smoked turkey legs. First Baptist Church will hand out free bottles of water to the public and the riders.

The race is a win-win situation for Matador, Shane Jones said. "This is a chance for non-profit organizations to make money to help out (their organizations) for the rest of the year," she said. "This is a family event," Jones added, "it gives our kids a chance to see motorcycle racing as a sport."

The Chamber of Commerce estimates that conces-

sions along with the riders and their support groups, and about 1,000 out-of-town guests will leave about \$10,000 in the city.

And when the race is over? "The town is usually cleaner than when they came," Jones said. The West Texas Boondockers clean up the area before they leave. It is a matter of pride for the group, Murphy said.

The size of the bike engine determines what class the rider is qualified to race. Three to five-year-olds start at 9:00 a.m. and race for 30 minutes; followed by 7- to 11-year-olds at 10:30 a.m. for 45 minutes; the large motorcycles, ages 40 and over, begin at 1:30 p.m. for 60 minutes; followed by novice, small, at 3:00 p.m. The expert riders, over 30 years old, begin their races at 4:30 p.m. for 60 minutes.

Starbucks in the boondocks? Never. But this little city is the perfect location for the sport of motorcycle racing. So, who needs a latte or cappuccino in the big city? Just bring a lawn chair and a thermos, come to the Courthouse square, grab a burger, turkey leg, or rodeo wrap and watch the action. Volunteer to help a non-profit.

Thank You

I would like to thank the citizens of Motley County for all their support during the primary election. It is my honor to serve you as you Motley County sheriff.

Michael. K. Crutchley

High fertilizer prices worry producers

COLLEGE STATION – High fertilizer prices have many producers worried, said Clint Perkins, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Wood County. Armon Hewitt, AgriLife Extension agent in Trinity County, reported "... fertilizer prices will be extremely high this year, which has ranchers scrambling for alternative ways to improve forage growth at a cheaper price. ... Input costs will definitely affect profit margins for next year's hay crop."

In order to address high fertilizer costs, Texas AgriLife Research scientists and AgriLife Extension specialists are planning an April 18 workshop in Overton to discuss alternatives to traditional fertility programs.

"With nitrogen selling for 55 cents a pound last year and now selling for 70 cents a pound, we have to adjust our fertilizer recommendations," said Dr. Gerald Evers, AgriLife Research forage expert. "Specialists and researchers here at Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton will deal with different aspects of pasture and livestock management."

Evers said foremost among the speakers will be Dr. Vincent Haby, AgriLife Research soils scientist, who will discuss the finer points of liming and fertilizing – and even if producers can afford to fertilize pastures at all. Other speakers will discuss using legumes to capture nitrogen from the atmosphere and grazing management.

Another focus, Evers said, will be "nutrient recycling."

"Whenever livestock graze pastures, over 90 percent of the nitrogen, phosphorus and potash in the forage they consume is excreted back on the soil in a year in the feces," he said. "So we are recycling the nutrients."

More information on the meeting will be soon available on the AgriLife Communications and Marketing Web site at <http://agnews.tamu.edu/>.

Events Calendar

- March**
- 12 Ladies Golf Meeting, Library, 5pm
 - 12 4-H Meeting 5-5:30. Courtroom
 - 12 MCHS Boys Golf, Tahoka
 - 13 Matador City Council Water Hearing, 5:15 Public Hearing, 6:15
 - 13 MC JH Track, Jayton
 - 14 MC HS Track, Jayton
 - 14 Writing Workshop, Library, noon
 - 15-22 MCISD Spring Break
 - 16 Boondockers/Matador Grand Prix
 - 17-21 Houston Stock Show
 - 18 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
 - 19 Historical Comm Meeting, Library, 10am
 - 20 MC Appraisal Board, Courthouse, 6:30
 - 21 First United Methodist Church, Matador, Good Friday Service, 7pm
 - 23 First Baptist Church,, Matador, Easter Cantata, *In Christ Alone*, 11am
 - 24 MCISD School Board Meeting, 6pm
 - 24 MCHS Track, Lorenzo, TBA
 - 24 American Legion Post 337 Meeting, 7pm
 - 25 MCHS Girls Golf, Roaring Springs
 - 26 MCHS Boys Golf, Roaring Springs
 - 27 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30pm
 - 27 MC JH Track, Aspermont
 - 28 Cheerleading Tryouts
 - 29 Master Gardener Nell Rains, Library, 2pm
 - 30 First Baptist Church,, Matador, Fifth Sunday Noon fellowship meal and Missions Fair
 - 31 District Tennis, Lubbock Tennis Center

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to join the association, it looks favorable for Motley County," Edwards said.

Discussion centered on the possible tax abatement issue. "If abatements aren't forthcoming (by counties), they go somewhere else," Edwards said. "Counties and school districts come out ahead if they are done right."

A general briefing and update was made by Judge Smith on the arrest of persons who may be stopped for minor traffic violations in Motley County and are arrested due to outstanding Blue Warrants. A Blue Warrant is a warrant that instructs law enforcement officers to arrest persons who have violated probation or parole to go before a judge for a revocation hearing.

"Sometimes things happen in the county that you cannot predict and it costs the county money," Smith said. The county has had a prisoner in custody in Dickens County since November, 2007. This inmate has effectively cost the county about \$5,000, about half of Motley County's jail and prisoner upkeep budget for the year. While peace officers are required by law to arrest persons on warrants, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) is required to pick the inmate up for state prison system within 45 days. Because of an initial identity problem with the inmate, which took several weeks, the state has now decided the inmate

has "lived out" his sentence, and withdrew the revocation. Motley County becomes responsible for the entire bill.

"This is another example of how justice is determined by economics," Smith said. "And the county gets stuck." Edwards said when the county has the total bill from Dickens County; he will contact the state and attempt to work out payment. But he is "not hopeful" that the state will honor their commitment.

Grant writer Carol Campbell reported to the court that the total cash match shortage on the jail restoration project has been met by the Diekemper Foundation. "I sent Friends of the Jail newsletters to Lou Dunn Diekemper, thanking her for her past support," Campbell said. "In an amazing gesture, Mrs. Diekemper sent a check for the total cash match shortage in the amount of \$3,261.80."

Campbell read a letter to the court from Mrs. Diekemper, stating in part, "You are so close to reaching your goal for the grant request to the Texas Historical Commission that I wanted to complete it for you so work could begin," she said. "We found (the newsletters) very interesting," she added, "they made me wish that I had had the opportunity to talk to my grandfather more about it before his death." Mrs. Diekemper's grandfather, the Rev. Robert Dunn, was an early day Methodist minister in Matador. Her father, Sam Dunn, was a distinguished

doctor in Lubbock, and a nationally known surgeon.

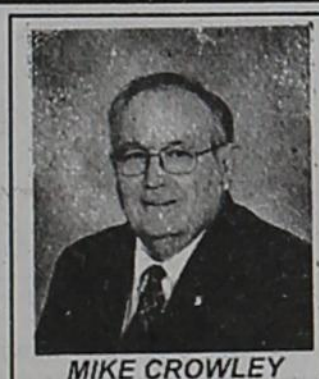
Campbell announced the start date for the jail project was February 19, 2008, and that the bid for roofing, masonry, and window restoration has been posted in the newspaper. The receipt of bids is set for March 20. "I encourage Commissioner's to talk to their precinct constituents about submitting bids for this work," Campbell said. "I would really like to see a local response," she said.

County Clerk Kate Hurt announced to the Court that there will be a runoff election in the Democratic Railroad Commissioner's race between Dale Henry and Mark Thompson on April 8.

Hurt announced that she would seek clearance from the Department of Justice to move the runoff election to the Courthouse for all precincts.

In other business, the county burn ban was renewed for another 30 days; and the Court opened bids on the 1980 dump truck and the F250 pickup. The dump truck bid was rejected by the court and will be re-advertised.

An Inter-local Governmental Cooperation Contract on the water grant between Motley County and the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) was signed by the Judge to allow SPAG to administer the water grant in Flomot.



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Modern man is like that when he severs his ties to God and imagines himself to be self-sufficient. God is always the source of our strength and our security.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Roaring Springs has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Roaring Springs City Hall, 209 Broadway, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256-0247 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency dis-

agreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of the Mayor. The local comment period begins on 3/14/2008 and ends on 3/28/2008. All comments received by 3/28/2008 will be considered by the City of Roaring Springs prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

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NOTICE

BID NOTICE
The Matador Water District, City of Matador, is accepting sealed bids for the leasing of 97 acres of grassland adjoining the Matador City Wells, located 1 mile East of Roaring Springs. The lease will be on a yearly basis and USDA payments will go to Lessee. Water is available at the Lessee's expense. Over grazing will be grounds for the cancellation of the contract. All bids should be submitted to the City Hall, City of Matador, P O Box 367, Matador Texas 79244, 706 Dundee, Phone 806-347-2255 by Thursday, March 13, 2008 by 5:00 pm. Bid opening will be 6:00 pm the same day. For additional information contact City Hall.

The Water District reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET
The Water District, City of Matador will hold a meeting on March 13, 2008 at 5:15 pm for the purpose of a Public Hearing on the 2008/09 Budget. The Hearing will be conducted at City Hall, 706 Dundee, in the City of Matador.

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Hackberry Creek Care Center needs homemade treats for the concession stand at the Matador Grand Prix race, Sunday, March 16. If you would like to donate a batch of brownies or other treats please bring to the concession stand Sunday morning, March 16 or deliver to Dianne Washington's office on Friday, March 14 or Saturday, March 15. Call Dianne 347-2636 or Shane Jones 347-2820 for more information.


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